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Harland Eastwood

From his upstairs office of his great grandparents' house, renowned historian and local author Harland Eastwood, Jr., ponders a dilemma - what to do with the history he's collected over more than 40 years? During that time Harland collected newspaper clippings, books, guides to bottles and where they came from, old photographs, and city directories. He even obtained information from the ground itself using metal detectors.

He started unraveling the tangled web of local history with his first mass-produced piece, *Ritzville Auto History* in 2004. Since then Harland has published *Ritzville Trading Co. 1904-1968*, *Wild West Saloons of Adams County 1885-1915*, *Herr Kanzler's Kinder*, *Here Comes the Judge*, *Mercantile Memories*, *Barracks Buddies of the 249th*, *Pioneer Picnic Days on Crab Creek*, *Ritzville Round-Up and Fair*, *A Sacrifice not Forgotten*, and more.

His first foray into publishing occurred in 1986. *The Kanzler Scrapbook* consisted of a collection of family photos and recollections, which he bound by hand.

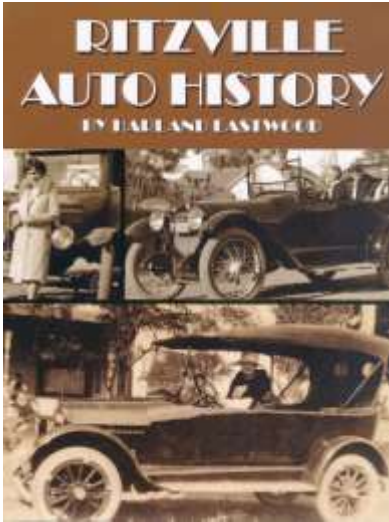
Since then, Harland has spent countless hours researching the history he has already collected while continuing to add more information. Each time something is discovered, it opens the door for more questions.

Harland grew up in Seattle, and it is the quest for knowledge, and urge to answer questions that keeps him going. He and his wife Donna now live in Moses Lake, Washington.

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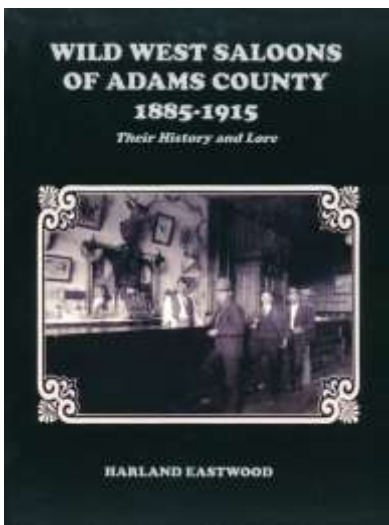
Ritzville Auto History



This is a lighthearted look at the automotive history of early day motoring in and around Ritzville, Washington. This work contains early advertisements of all known auto dealers, gas stations and repair shops from 1910 thru 1940. Included are many interesting pictures and stories of the misadventures of local residents and their newfangled horseless carriages.

This unique book was originally written to document to author's grandfather, John Peter Koch, who started selling the Maxwell car in Ritzville in 1915 and went on to form Big Bend Motors Company. At its peak the Big Bend Motors Company was the largest automobile sales company in Adams County, both in terms of the number of employees, number of different makes sold and total sales. Cars sold included Hupmobiles, Chalmers, Chandler, Haynes, Paige, Cleveland, Cadillac, Star, Chevrolet, Stephens, and others. After several additional printings Ritzville Auto History was expanded and revised. It was also given a new cover and an index was added. The current cover is depicted here. The book contains 148 pages with 356 photos and advertisements and has 22 color photos. A fun read for anyone interested in automotive history.

Wild West Saloons of Adams County



This is the story of the pre-prohibition saloons in Adams County prior to the start of Washington State Prohibition on January 1st, 1916. From the earliest watering hole that opened in the 1880's to their decline prior to and at the outset of Washington State Prohibition, join the author as he opens the doors of each saloon, from Bengo to Washtucna. These true stories are ripped from pages of Adams County newspapers and compiled into a complete history of the *Wild West Saloons of Adams County*. Be a silent observer to barroom brawls and shootings at less than respectable drink emporiums. Learn how robbers used nitro-glycerin to blast open the safe at Angell Bros. Saloon in Ritzville. Read about bootleggers of that day and their attempts to elude the law. Relive history when a railcar load of drunken Italian railroad workers shot up the town of

Lind. Read how the author's grandmother marched down Main Street in Ritzville with the Anti-Saloon League, who opposed the local saloon and were finally successful in ending the *Wild West Saloons of Adams County*.

Included are histories of organizations opposed to or in favor of Prohibition. There are also detailed saloon histories for many of the towns in Adams County, along with background sketches concerning local and regional breweries. Readers may be surprised at the prominent role breweries played in the success or demise of the local saloon.

The author spent over forty years looking for and digging up old bottles in and around mining camps, logging camps, ghost town sites, and old homesteads. He found and dug up many of the old whiskey, beer and soda bottles depicted in this work. It has 200 pages with index, bibliography and over 300 photographs, advertisements and illustrations.

Sixteen Missions over Germany

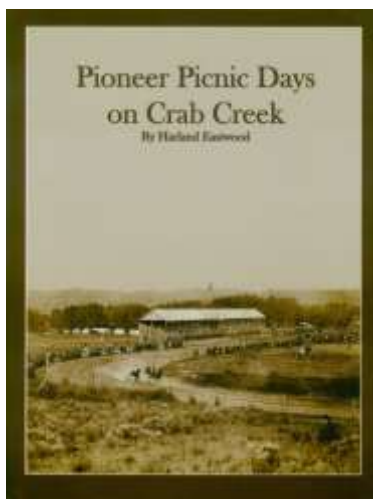


Ralph Danekas, a brave, young, and patriotic Ritzville man enlisted in the Army Air Corps shortly after Pearl Harbor. He applied for flight school, hoping to fly one of the big bombers he often saw flying over Ritzville while in high school. Flying a four-engine bomber was a tough job, but there was a war on, and the Army needed pilots. Ralph was told many enlistees washed out during the rigorous training, but he was determined to see it through. He chose the almost indestructible B-17 or “Flying Fortress” as it was affectionately known and quickly advanced through the program. After graduation from the training schools, Ralph was sent to the European Theater of Operations and assigned to the 401st Bomb Squadron of the 91st Bomb Group, based at Bassingbourne,

England.

Ralph flew a B-17G named “The Peacemaker”, on fifteen missions through flak-filled skies and against some of the best fighter pilots Germany had to offer. (“The Peacemaker” was the name painted the nose of his Flying Fortress and was known as *nose art*.) Each time the famous “Flying Fortress” had returned to Bassingbourne without serious damage, but the sixteenth mission was different. Lt. Ralph Danekas’ final mission earned him the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and a Purple Heart. This is a fascinating read for students of: World War II history, History of Ritzville, Washington, and the B-17 Flying Fortress. The book includes numerous photos, an index and bibliography.

Pioneer Picnic Days on Crab Creek



For fifty years folks from far and wide gathered each June for a week-long celebration of horse racing, baseball games, socializing, dancing, and camping along the banks of Crab Creek in Lincoln County, Washington. The event was wildly successful and attracted crowds in excess of 10,000 people by 1910.

The next decade saw unprecedented growth. Eye witnesses stated there were more than 1,100 people on the floor of the Dance Pavilion, 500 tents, and nearly 2,000 cars parked around the grounds. The fastest horses in the region competed for cash prizes and the coveted annual Derby Day trophy. Rival towns assembled their best baseball teams hoping to win bragging rights of having the best team. Kids enjoyed the big steam powered merry-go-round and competed in foot races. There was also good fishing along the banks of Crab Creek which meandered through the picnic grounds. There was something for the entire family at the

Pioneer Picnics on Crab Creek. Families could listen to rousing brass bands from the grandstand during morning hours, and later visiting dignitaries, including Washington Governors and local mayors would address the large crowds. The picnic drew crowds from far and wide.

The book is a must for anyone interested in local and regional history of that area and includes information about several local towns and counties. It has 193 pages, 192 historic photographs and other advertisements with a bibliography

Ritzville's Mercantile Memories

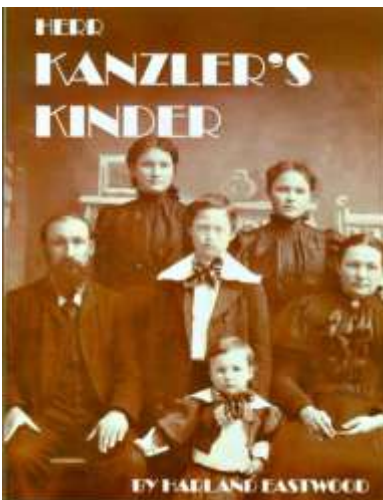


Many mercantile businesses thrived along Ritzville's streets when this town was a prosperous wheat shipping center. The Ritzville Trading Company was the largest store and largest employer in Adams County, and at one time had branch stores in Lind and Cunningham. Competitors included: Myers-Shepley Co., Adams County Mercantile, King Mercantile Co., Matheson's, and many more.

The book also records many of the supporting businesses, including drug stores, bakeries, restaurants, furniture stores, tailors, jewelry stores, meat markets, hardware stores, grocery stores and others.

This work is loaded with factual histories of many of the early Ritzville merchants and provides a good overview of western mercantile history during the early 1900s. The book contains a whopping 272 pages, 525 photos, illustrations and advertisements. It is complete with bibliography and index. The old advertisements may well be worth the price of the entire book!

Herr Kanzler's Kinder

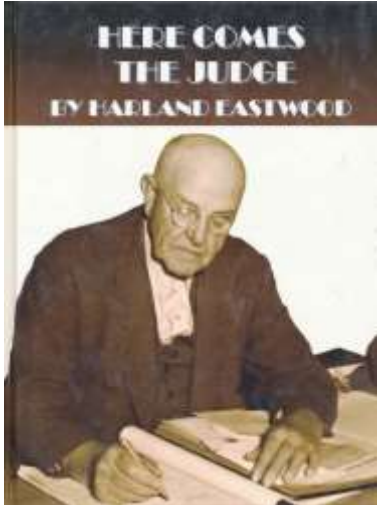


This work deals with the life of the author's great-grandfather, George Kanzler, who was included with the first group of people to leave the small Russian village of Kolb and relocate in the United States. The story starts in Kolb, Russia with George and his family who were wheat farmers of German descent. After suffering religious persecution, dwindling tillable land, and with George facing mandatory military service in the Russian Army, the family joins other families leaving Kolb looking for a better life in America. The family first settles in Nebraska, but they are not satisfied. After several moves in Nebraska, the Kanzlers and other Volga German families are forced to move still further west. The journey starts with the railroad taking them to Utah. The remainder of the trip by to the new settlement of Ritzville, Washington Territory is covered wagon.

Once George Kanzler arrives in Ritzville, he farms, serves as a politician, and also becomes a successful business man. In the following years Ritzville and Adams County become home to many other Volga German families. Today many of these Volga German surnames still can be

found in and around Ritzville. Readers will discover interesting information on local Ritzville businesses, Kolb, Russia, Volga Germans, family and local history. The book has 250 pages with bibliography, index and 332 photos and other illustrations.

Here Comes the Judge

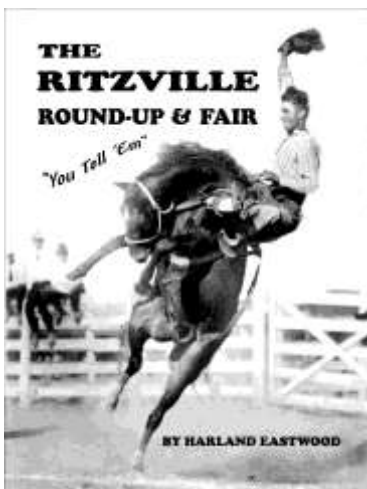


This is an interesting story of the author's grandfather, John Peter Koch, who was also from Kolb, Russia. He came to America with his family in 1878 settling for a time in western Nebraska. While in Nebraska his parents died, and his grandparents returned to Russia. "Pete" was left an orphan living with his older brother. Henry Koch, their uncle, took them to Portland, Oregon, to live with his family. Pete and his brother worked at odd jobs for a few years and in the summer of 1890 left for Ritzville, Washington, to work during the wheat harvest. In 1900 he married Lydia Kanzler and farmed west of Ritzville for a few years. Pete did not like farming and in 1907 moved to town and went to work for the Ritzville Trading Co. He sold cars and later life insurance. In 1928 he was appointed to fill an unexpired term as Justice of the peace. Pete

distinguished himself in this capacity for the next 35 years.

The book contains 155 pages and includes a bibliography, index and 239 photographs and illustrations. There is a wealth of information about early families, pioneering businesses, and local Ritzville and Adams County history.

Ritzville Round-Up and Fair

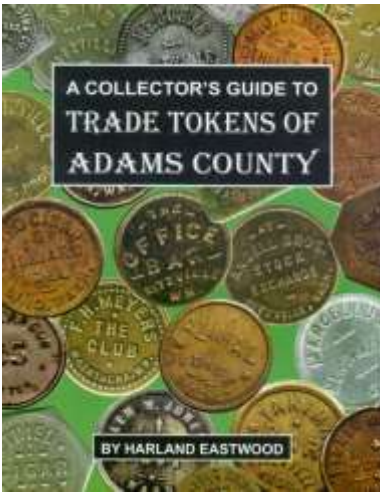


Big, western style rodeos were a part of the Adams County Fair from 1921 to 1929. The Ritzville Round-Up was no small event and rivaled great rodeos such as the Pendleton Round-Up, Frontier Days of Cheyenne, and the Ellensburg Rodeo. Nationally known buckaroos such as Yakima Canutt, Frank Smith, Howard Tegland, Bob Hall, Hugo Strickland, and others competed with local cowboys in bucking bronc events, bareback riding, bulldogging, and other rodeo contests. Additionally famous cowgirls such as Kitty Canutt, Marie Hall and Mabel Strickland competed in trick riding and roping events. Several hundred Indians set up their teepees at the west end of the rodeo grounds.

Crowds of up to 10,000 people enjoyed reliving the round-ups of the old west. Also included was a good old fashioned county fair and horse show. *Ritzville Round-Up and Fair* contains nostalgic tales and information about the Ritzville Round-Up, the Ritzville Horse Show, the Adams County Fair, and famous rodeo riders,

The book contains over 200 pages and includes an index, bibliography and about 210 pictures.

A Collector's Guide to Trade Tokens of Adams County

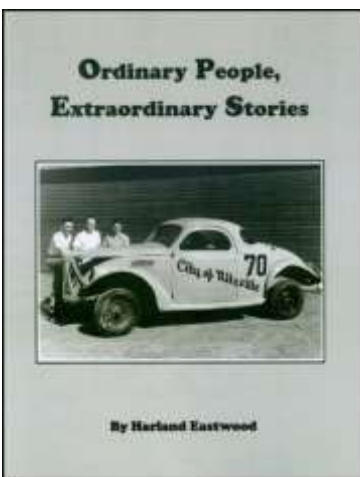


This work catalogs each known token from the once thriving towns of Adams County. Included are tokens from Ritzville, Lind, Washtucna, Othello, and smaller towns such as Paha, Cunningham, Hatton, Benga and Ralston. There was even a token from the diminutive burg of Marcellus. Readers will find a brief history of each town and interesting historic photographs. The tokens are listed alphabetically and include brief histories of the companies represented, and in many cases, actual photographs of both the obverse and reverse sides of the tokens. Early ads and photographs accompany many of them. Occasionally tokens can be found at estate sales, in the bottom of an old cigar box at your grandparents, or at an antique store. While these tokens can still be found at estate sales it is, perhaps, more common to find with a metal detector.

There are also photographs of some very unique items that were found by the author using his *Whites* metal detector.

This work will provide interesting and historical information on many Adams County communities, and metal detecting. It has 102 pages, listings of over 150 tokens, an index and includes a bibliography.

Ordinary People, Extraordinary Stories

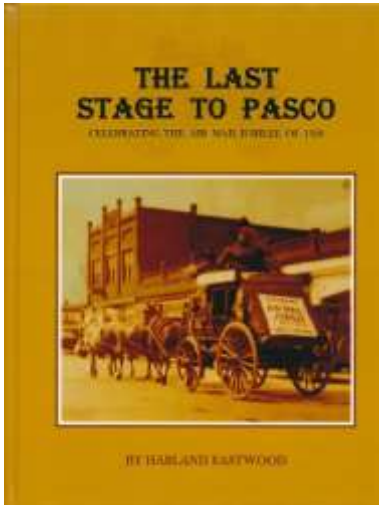


This is a collection of the most asked for stories about people and incidents that took place in Adams County over the last 110 years. Subject matter varies widely with stories about the sensational murder at the Chatterbox Café, the Harder Bombing Range and its sudden demise, the Ritzville chapter of the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s, the great Ritzville stock-car from the 1950s, that received the nick-name of the “Chartreuse” Monster, the story of the locally famous *Circle “T”* restaurant, a history of the early Ritzville studio photographers, a colorful Ritzville attorney who was later disbarred, a story about an early airship built at Lind, Washington in 1909, and other stories. The last chapter, entitled *Cops and Robbers*, profiles the comical misdeeds of local law enforcement officers and those who matched wits against

them.

This work contains eleven chapters full of historic photos and other graphics with a total of 195 pages.

The Last Stage to Pasco



Airmail service to the Inland Northwest was initiated in 1926, when pioneer aviation entrepreneur Walter Varney was awarded the contract to carry mail from Pasco to Elko, Nevada. The first plane lifted off the Pasco, Washington airfield on the morning of April 6th of that same year. To celebrate the event, known as the Airmail Jubilee, promoters arranged for an old bullet-scarred stagecoach to retrace many of the original mail routes of earlier days. One of the region's most well-known stage drivers, Felix Warren, was selected to drive the old coach from Spokane to Pasco and back to Spokane. The coach stopped at many Post Offices in towns along the way and picked up mail for that historic flight.

The story of that 4459 mile stagecoach journey, and the inauguration of airmail service with its many twists and turns is the subject of this work. *The Last Stage to Pasco* contains information on nearly all the small towns of Eastern Washington, has 159 pages and includes a bibliography and index.

Welcome to Ritzville



One hundred years ago Ritzville was the largest single wheat shipping point in the entire United States and was known as the “Bread Basket of the World.” During the next fifty years, the downtown business area was bustling with activity, especially during harvest. In addition to being one of the most productive dry land wheat producing areas of the country, Ritzville was, and still is, the county seat of Adams County.

It was after the Northern Pacific Railroad was completed through Adams County (then Whitman County) in 1881 that the first Volga German immigrants arrived by covered wagon and started homesteading in the surrounding area. By 1900 these Volga German immigrants and other settlers were engaged in business endeavors and many erected fine brick buildings on Ritzville's Main Street.

Local author Harland Eastwood has assembled a collection of 220 historic photographs that document this period of growth and prosperity. Each photo has a descriptive caption and date. The photos range from 1885 through 1960. Many of these photographs have never been published before and have been gleaned from both public and private photo collections.

Welcome to Ritzville contains historic photos of historic Ritzville businesses, schools, churches, prominent residences, activities, and more. This work contains 200 pages and 220 historic photographs with descriptive captions.

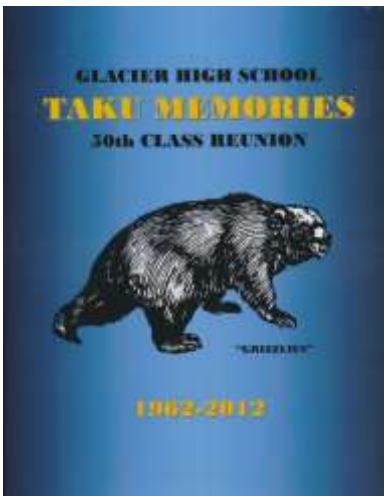
Welcome to Ritzville, Vol. II



After nearly ten years of planning, the Columbia Basin Highway finally opened through Ritzville in 1939. This highway was later known as US-10, and today as I-90. This cross-state highway brought numerous business opportunities to area residents and entrepreneurs. One of the most prolific business upstarts was the service station. This was in an era when the cleanliness of your restrooms or your selection of automotive accessories might make the difference between making a sale or seeing a potential customer pull into the gas station across the street or on either side of you. Reports of a gas station on every corner still flourish among the older generation.

Other business opportunities included café's, restaurants, roadside diners, hotels, motels, auto courts, tire stores and others. A great collection of historic and nostalgic photos have been assembled to depict these businesses and more. They will provide the reader with a pictorial overview of one of Ritzville's most interesting periods of growth and history.

Taku Memories



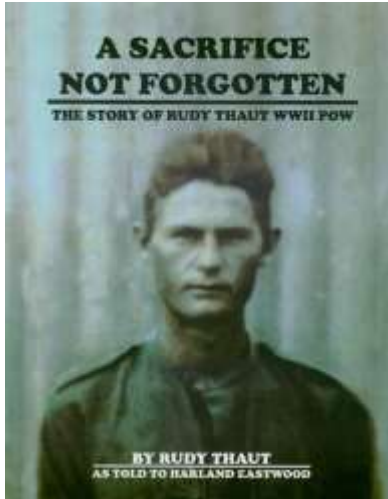
This book is dedicated to the 1962 graduating class of Glacier High School in Seattle. It includes many early class pictures of students at Boulevard Park, Riverton Heights, Cedarhurst, Sunnydale, and Beverly Park Elementary Schools. It also has historical information about Puget Sound and Sunset Junior High Schools as well as Highline and Evergreen High Schools.

Featured are photos of each member of the Class of 1962, along with photos of many of them 50 years later. Also included are vintage pictures taken in and around the school and during various activities. There are also selected articles taken from the *New Avalanche Newsletter* which the author produced for several years prior to the 50 Year Reunion of his Glacier High School class. The work contains biographies and current pictures of many of the class members.

In 2017, it was noted that Glacier High School first opened its doors in September of 1960 and operated until 1979. Having sat vacant since, Glacier High School was scheduled for demolition in July of 2017. Boulevard Park Elementary, Puget Sound Junior High, and Sunset Junior High School had already been torn down. This book may well be one of the best records of Glacier High School and the other schools that have already disappeared.

The work contains 216 pages, an index and has over 500 photos, many in full color. Available in softcover only and quantities are limited.

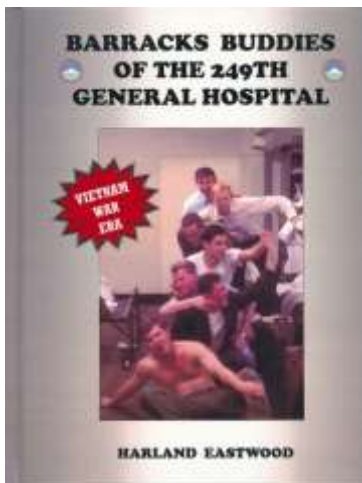
A Sacrifice Not Forgotten



In May of 1942, the Island of Corregidor fell to Japanese forces, and at that time Ritzville native, Rudy Thaut was taken prisoner. He spent time in three prison camps near Manila, in the Philippines, including the infamous Cabanatuan prison camp. In November of 1942, Rudy was put aboard a filthy Japanese transport ship and taken to mainland Japan, where he spent time in three additional camps. Statistics show that four of every six U. S. prisoners in Japanese prison camps did not survive to the end of the war. Many of those who did died a few years after returning home. Rudy not only survived but celebrated his ninety-second birthday in 2010. This is not only a story of remarkable courage in the face of unspeakable treatment, but a story of forgiveness. Not only has Rudy lived a productive life but is one of the nicest people you will

ever meet. Mentioned in the volume are World War II POWs, various Japanese Prisoner of War Camps, battle locations, Rudy's fellow prisoners of war, prisoner transport ships, and a look at key to the story locations in the United States.

Barracks Buddies of the 249th



An interesting account of the author's time in the Army while assigned to the 249th General Hospital, located at North Camp Drake on the outskirts of Tokyo, Japan. The 249th was designated as a 1000 bed general hospital but seldom saw less than 2000 patients. This covers the author's deployment to Japan in early December, 1965, and details his inclusion with the advance party, and the conversion of old warehouses into a fully operational medical facility.

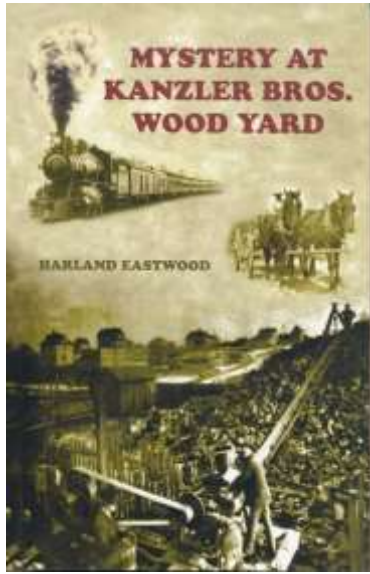
While assigned to the 249th General Hospital, the author was not a medic, but was one of two maintenance carpenters. Once the medical facility was up and running, Harland and Dwight Joellenbeck, the other carpenter, were often without enough work.

Soon the two men were tasked with burning huge amounts of medical waste in an oil fired incinerator. Eventually, Japanese Nationals were hired for this task. While their replacements were welcomed, this once again left the two men with little carpentry work. Their problem was solved by going into Tokyo to see the sights and sample Japanese cuisine.

This book deals largely with sightseeing in Japan, life in the army barracks with men who became life-long buddies, and the inspiration that led to writing this book. It is a must read for anyone who deployed to Japan during the Vietnam War. It includes many color photos.

It should also be noted that inspiration for this book came after the author viewed a three quarter size Vietnam Memorial Wall at the Grant County Fairgrounds in 2008. His many memories of his time in Japan with the 249th General Hospital came flooding back.

Mystery at Kanzler Bros. Woodyard



The events of 1909-1910 were ones that Dan Kanzler would never forget, even if he wanted to. It all started when the train he and his father were riding to Spokane, was held up by a gang of desperado's, followed by two strangers who rode into town one morning on a west-bound train. Wondering where they were headed, Dan followed them down an alley to the back door of the Germania, one of Ritzville's toughest saloons.

These strange goings-ons came to an unexpected conclusion when Dan and his cousin solved the mystery that took place in the summer of 1909/1910 at the Kanzler Bros. Woodyard.

The characters are actual people that lived at that time, except the saloon keeper, Fritz Lang. While Fritz's name has been changed, the name of the saloon, Germania, has not. The central character, Dan Kanzler, was the author's great uncle, and Elmer Miller was actually Dan's cousin. George and Maria Kanzler were the author's great grandparents, and Pete and Lydia Koch were the author's grandparents. Incidents such as the dance pavilion at the Pioneer Picnic grounds burning down under mysterious circumstances in 1910 actually occurred. Ritzville residents got their long awaited new brick depot in 1910 and the Adams County Fair made its debut in that same year. George and John Kanzler actually opened their new wood yard that year as well. A quick search of Ritzville history will reveal that Klaus Clodius was the president of the German American State Bank. In short, this work is loaded from cover to cover with actual events, places, and people of that day.

This historical novel is a fast-paced adventure based on actual events of the day. *Mystery At Kanzler Bros. Woodyard*, with 257 pages, is available in both soft cover and hard cover and is a nostalgic read for those interested in Ritzville and Adams County history.

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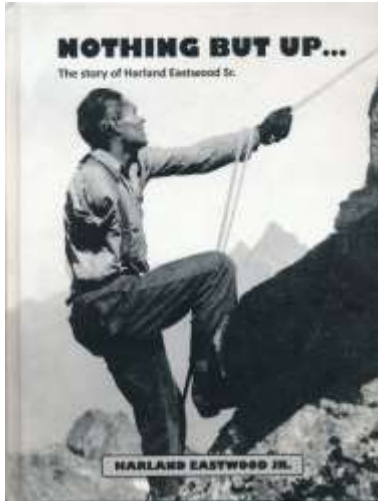


With his life in shambles, Harland Eastwood contemplated suicide with the loaded gun he gripped in his hand. He knew he had nothing to live for but was afraid to die. Before he pulled the trigger, he cried out to God that he was so sorry for the mess he had made of his life, and if God could just give him another chance, he would never go the same way again. This is the true story of how God gave Harland another chance. The story is fast moving and compelling.

Perhaps you are facing problems that have you considering suicide, and perhaps you are thinking that no one can save you. Before you go a step further, you need to know that God loves you and is waiting for you to cry out to Him. He can turn your life around. He can give you life abundantly, here and now, and He can give you eternal life just as He did for the author.

This impelling story includes Personal Christian testimony, being Born Again, Salvation, and serves as the author's biography.

Nothing But Up

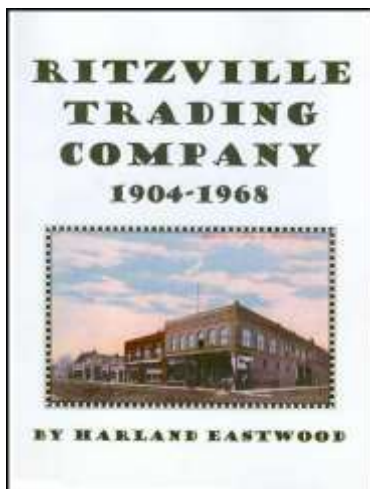


Harland Eastwood Sr. was pretty much like any other kid while he was growing up. That is, until he lost his right arm in a duck hunting accident at age sixteen. Faced with the overwhelming challenge of living with only one arm, Harland was not satisfied with just getting by. Instead of getting sympathy from his friends and family, he earned their respect and admiration. Harland had many interests and talents and managed to excel in almost every endeavor he chose. These included things such as mountain climbing, skiing, woodworking, fighting forest fires, or simply managing his daily routine. If you think anyone could accomplish these things with one arm, try tying your shoelaces in a bow or hanging on a ladder and starting a 16d nail a foot above you — all with just one hand. It is not as easy as you might imagine. If you are having trouble just thinking

about such things, perhaps this book will help you appreciate Harland's courage and determination!

The book has 236 pages and comes with an index, numerous photos and other images.

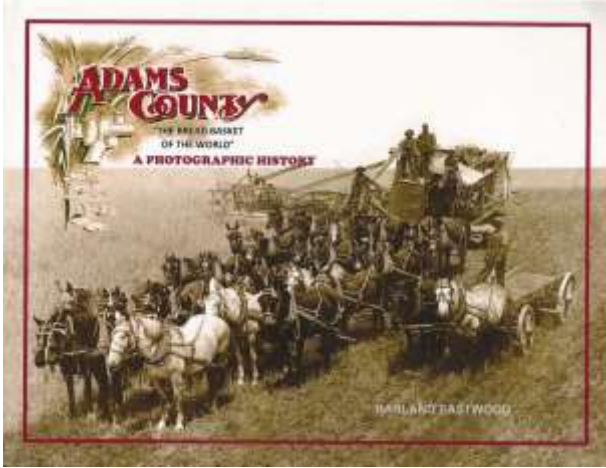
Ritzville Trading Company 1904 - 1968



The Ritzville Trading Company was known as the "Real Store of Adams County." The parent company began as a general merchandise store about 1885. The business continued to grow until 1904 when several other companies merged and formed the Ritzville Trading Company. This book covers the history and final demise of the Real Store of Adams County. This was one of the author's earliest works. It was printed and bound in Ritzville with less than 100 copies sold

This book is now out of print.

Adams County “The Bread Basket of the World” A Photographic History



The first crop of wheat was harvested in Adams County in 1880. By the early 1900s, Ritzville (the county seat) was advertising itself as the largest single wheat shipping point in the world, claiming more than 2,000,000 bushels being dispatched in a good year. A few years later, in 1910, Adams County was billing itself as the Bread Basket of the World. This was in a day when wheat production was achieved by manpower and horsepower. A typical harvest day started at 4:30 a.m. Most harvest days were long and hot. The early stationary threshing machines were nothing but work, work, work. Time and work were

reduced with the advent of "ground-powered" combines, which required anywhere from 15 to 20 men to bring in the crop. In addition, it should also be noted that one or more women spent long hours in front of a

hot stove preparing meals for the hungry workers. The author tells the story with a collection of over 230 original, countywide, historic photographs covering a timespan from the late 1890's to about 1940.

This work includes an index and bibliography. A must for anyone interested in early wheat farming.



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