

GRANT GUYMON

How we gathered Fast Offerings when I was a Deacon

Lund Leonard was President of our Deacons Quorum and I was his first co. We gathered Fast Offerings together. Our beat was half of the town of Huntington south of Center street, including the people who lived on farms south of town.

In those days, the 1920's and 30's, the people had no spare money, so they gave no money, instead they gave produce such as wheat, flour and potatoes for offerings.

This is how we gathered them. Our fathers had horses and buggies in which to transport their families, Lund would furnish one horse and I would furnish a horse. We would hook them on their buggy or ours, which ever was not in use, and gather the fast offerings. It would take us a good half a day. We always did this on a Saturday which was not a school day.

When we finished gathering the produce we took it to Sister Relies, a widow lady who lived alone across the street from the tithing office. She had no other means of support, so she lived off the fast offerings.

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Grant Guymon

Grant Guymon is a veteran Forest Service employee of 24 years. He was born and raised in Huntington. As a young man, he moved to Idaho to go to college, and worked for the Forest Service as a summer job. He manned a fire-lookout in an area where there were around 200 fires a year. He kept his eye on lightening bolts and headed to where they struck with an axe and a shovel to put the fires out.

Grant's college days were interrupted by WWII. He served in Panama, guarding the Locks of the Panama Canal. He was chosen for that assignment because he spoke Spanish, a language learned as he served a Spanish-American mission for the L.D.S. church. In Panama, Puerto Rican troops were stationed at the Locks; Grant was the commanding officer over these Spanish speaking soldiers. While stationed in Panama, he was able to take his new wife along with him. He had met his first wife, Elizabeth, while in the Service. They married in 1943, and eventually had a family of five children.

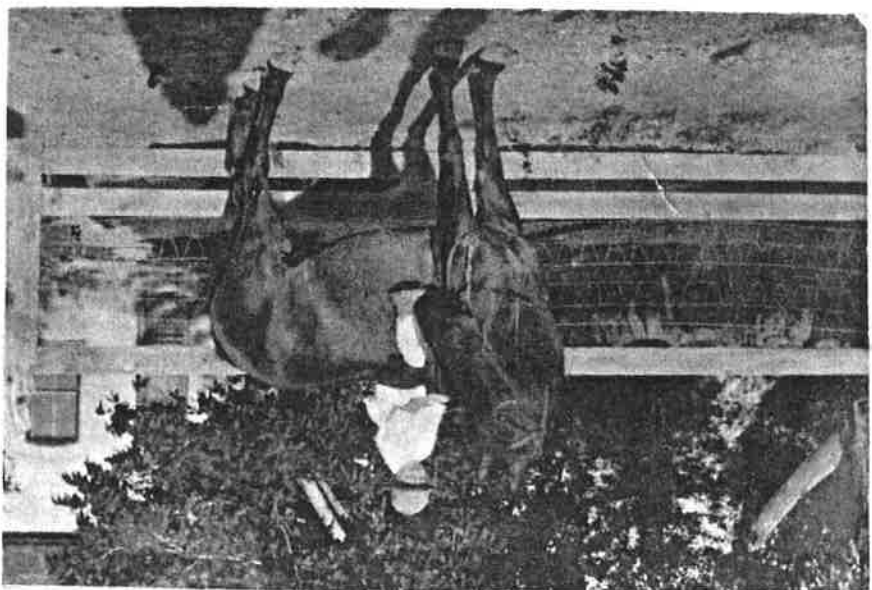
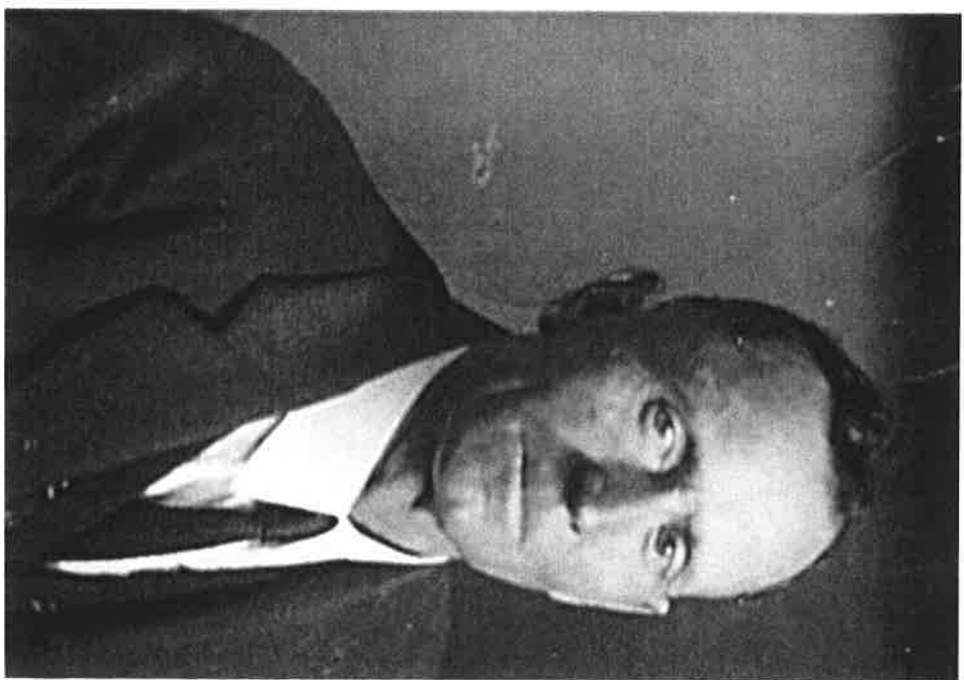
After the war, Grant and his family lived in Oregon, and then in Orem where he got his experience as a purchasing agent for Geneva Steel.

After many years with Geneva, he then was hired by the Forest Service in Salt Lake as a purchasing agent and later and transferred to Price, Utah. He moved back home to Huntington in 1963 and married Stella Geary.

As purchasing agent, he purchased everything the Forest Service used from paperclips and pencils to large mechanized equipment and even any animals used by the Forest such as horses. He was purchasing agent for several areas: Carbon, Emery, and San Pete Counties and Moab and

Monicello.

When Rangers needed anything, they sent requisitions to Grant. If it was anything over \$100.00, it had to be put on a contract and put out for bids. He often went out into the field to get a better understanding of the need. Although it was very demanding work, he says, "It was a great job; I really enjoyed it!"



GRANT on "Old Blue"



