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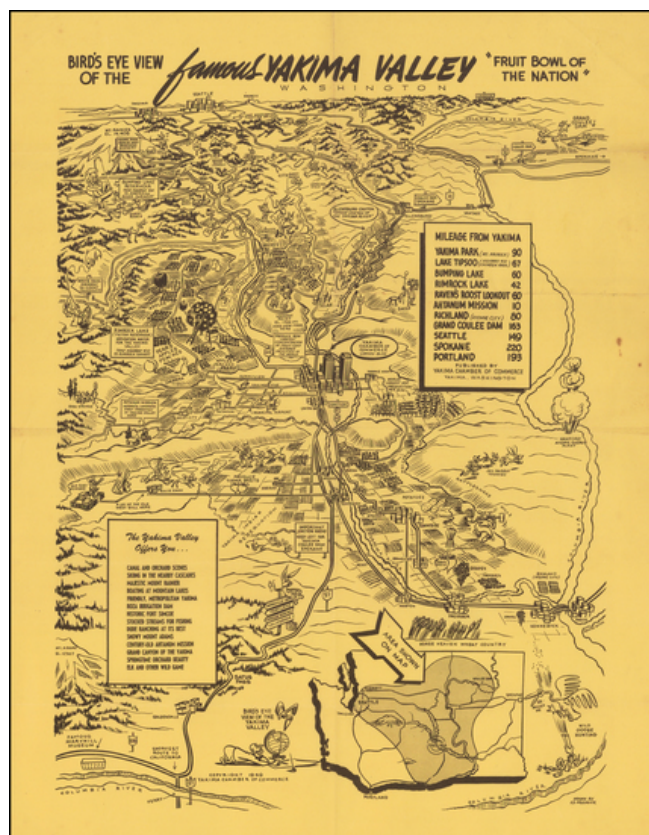
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Birds Eye View of the famous Yakima Valley Washington "Fruit Basket of the Nation"

Stock#: 45584
Map Maker: Pranger
Date: 1949
Place: Yakima
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 17 x 21.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine pictorial map of Yakima Valley, Washington, drawn by Ed Pranger for the Yakima Chamber of Commerce.

The map provides a lively view of the Valley, extending on the distant horizon to Seattle and Canada.

Ed Pranger

Ed Pranger (1912-2012) was in Hillsboro, Oregon. Ed grew up in Hillsboro during the Depression. Pranger worked as a wood cutter, cannery worker, sign painter, navy cartoonist, and commercial artist.

Even as a child, Pranger was a gifted artist. As a young man, Ed and most of his family moved to Yakima, to work in the canneries. His artistic talent led him to work in a sign shop, painting signs on trucks, buildings and billboards. When the owner retired, he and his friend, Carl Fenner, bought the sign shop.



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Pranger joined the Navy in 1942, and spent 4 years in the service during WWII. He was stationed in San Diego, working for the Recruit Training Command. He was a Navy artist and cartoonist, receiving Letters of Commendation for his work on bulletins, operations charts, training and propaganda posters, and illustrations. His cartoons were published in *The Hoist*, *Wing Tips*, and civilian newspapers. They were copied by other publications, sometimes used in official Navy training publications, and were applauded for "maintaining the morale of all hands at a high level".

After the war, Pranger returned to Yakima, and re-opened the Fenner and Pranger sign shop, branching out into drawing advertising for early television.

The family lived in Yakima until moving to Los Gatos, California in 1956. Ed opened a commercial art and silk screen printing business in San Jose, spending the rest of his life in the area.

Detailed Condition: