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Walter and Mary Lawrence Youree run a little antique shop out of their barn on Henrici Rd. here in Oregon City. But, it's not just an antique shop. The Yourees collect, buy, repair, and sell carousel horses and figures.

They started the shop about 22 years ago because "she wanted something to do."

It all began with a wood stove. Mary found a wood stove that she liked that had been made in 1867, and then found more. Eventually, they needed a place just to put her stoves. Then they began the antique store, collecting things from local farms such as oxen yokes and country store cash registers. But Mary had a passion for carousel horses as well.

"She always wanted a merry-go-round horse and we finally found one in Portland on 80th and Glisan and bought it. They had five of them, and we went back and bought the others two weeks later." And so it all began.

