

William Simpson, Oldest Salem Resident, Passes at 101 Years

WILLIAM SIMPSON, 2302 N. Union st., died Tuesday morning at a local hospital after an illness of several months. A resident until recently of 725 Union st., Simpson was believed to be the oldest resident of the city. He celebrated his 101st birthday February 16.

Simpson was born and spent his boyhood in Jackson county, Illinois. When 18 he migrated with his family to Kansas and saw some service with the Kansas state militia in a number of skirmishes with the Indians.

In 1868 Simpson filed a homestead claim near Beloit, Kas., and after building first a dugout house with a brush roof, he later erected a house made from cottonwood trees found on the place. In 1871 he married Sarah Carlson. She lived to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

He later married Anna Nicholas Rice, and they moved to Salem in 1933. After her death he made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rice at 930 Garnet st. until special care became necessary. He then moved to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Edmunds at 725 Union st.

The occasion of Simpson's 100th birthday in 1946 was highlighted by a birthday celebration that included a cake with 100 candles, and visits from Gov. Earl Snell, Mayor I. M. Doughton, E. Burr Miller, president, and Clay Cochran, manager, of the Salem Chamber of Commerce. Helping him celebrate at that time were his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Hoag, San Marino, Calif., and his son, Ray Simpson, Phoenix, Ariz., all of whom survive.

Simpson was a member of the Methodist church, a republican and a prohibitionist.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of the W. T. Rigdon company.

The Pueblo Bonito Indian ruins in New Mexico are believed to have formed the largest apartment house ever built in the world before 1887.

G. W. Clymer To Begin 94th Year in Valley

By Don Dill
Staff Writer, The Statesman

George Washington Clymer, 1349 Mission st., will mark his 93rd birthday Thursday, August 28, and will start the 94th year of his life in the Willamette valley where he was born and raised.

Born in 1854 near Lebanon in Lin county of pioneer parents who crossed the plains in 1846, Clymer has spent most of his life in Salem.

His parents did not know each other at the time of their pioneer trek across the midwest in different wagon trains. They met when the trains stopped to camp together. Clymer's father went on with his train through northern California and then came on to Lebanon where the Clymers were married and settled. He once lived in Canada for a while, but upon returning to Salem decided that there was no other place to live but here.

In recalling the early days of his life and the valley, Clymer tells about moving to the McAlpin school area in 1863. Salem was a main-street town, centered on Commercial street. At that time there were only two brick buildings in town, but Clymer isn't certain which ones they were.

Among his acquaintances at that time were some of the men who voted at the memorable Champoug meeting to determine whether Oregon would be British or American, and Dr. John McLoughlin, founder of Oregon City in 1842.

Clymer was a guard at the old state penitentiary, was superintendent of the Marion county poor farm which was located on North River road, and helped dig the basement for the Salem city hall. While on the latter job Clymer and his co-workers found traces of gold, but not enough to get excited about, he explained. He was also present for the laying of the corner stones for both the old and new capitol buildings.

Early Oregon towns held much different positions on the scale of importance during Clymer's youth than they do now. Oregon City was most prominent, but Portland was growing fast. Aurora was another town which seemed to be outpacing Salem, and there was once a town near Lake Labadie, but it is non-existent today, Clymer recalled.

Stock raising was the main source of income in the Waldo hills area because ranchers didn't think that wheat and other crops would grow on the hills. As an added thought, Clymer told of how Indians used to have a camp at the present site of the Southern Pacific depot here.

MURDER CHARGE CUT
SUMMERVILLE, Ga., Aug. 26.—(AP)—A murder charge against the Rev. Gordon Miller was reduced to manslaughter today, and a brother of a member of the preacher's flock who died following a rural poisoning-drinking religious ceremony offered bond for Miller's release from jail.

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Elected by Sheepmen
SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 26 (AP)—James Laidlaw, Muldoon, Idaho, was elected president of the American Suffolk Sheep society today at an annual meeting in conjunction with the national ram sale.

Other officers included Dave Waddell, Amity, Ore., past director.

93 Thursday



George Washington Clymer, Salem resident who will be 93 Thursday and who has been development of the Willamette valley area since his birth near Lebanon in 1854.

Ship Company To Quit Bay

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 26.—(AP)—The Luckenbach Steamship Co. quit stevedoring operations for good in the San Francisco bay area today, rather than sign a union contract with its striking CIO Longshore walking bosses.

The new Taft-Hartley labor law provides that companies need not sign such contracts with supervisory employees unless they desire to do so.

The Longshore walking bosses remained on the picket line at Luckenbach terminals in the meantime—a strike that the union leaders insist has now become a "lockout," because the company "is telling the bosses that their jobs are abolished."

Truck Safety Program Set

A long-range program directed at the reduction of frequency of log truck transportation accidents in Oregon is to be inaugurated by the accident prevention division of the state industrial accident commission at a statewide safety conference in Salem September 11 to 13, Paul E. Gurske, commission chairman, announced Tuesday.

Delegates will include log operators, log truck drivers, truck manufacturers, equipment dealers, representatives of trade associations, labor organizations and state agencies interested in accident programs.

Safe methods of loading and unloading as well as transportation of logs will be discussed.

Eleanor 'Grieved' By Farley Remarks

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt said today she had been "deeply grieved" by James A. Farley's recent articles about the late president and denied having said that the former postmaster general was not her husband's "social equal."

Mrs. Roosevelt, writing in her question and answer column in the Ladies Home Journal, referred to Farley's series titled "Why I Broke with Roosevelt," published in Collier's magazine.

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Dorau Asserts Security Needs Higher Return

Charging that telephone service has been a bargain counter item in recent years in a world of greatly increased prices for almost all non-utility goods and services, Dr. Herbert B. Dorau, professor of economics at New York university, argued in behalf of the proposed \$2,249,000 rate increase by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, as the hearing continued here Tuesday.

Dorau will be cross-examined at a future hearing tentatively set for October 1.

The witness said the present trend for telephones is in the direction of greater market saturation which will result in greater instability in telephone revenue since in general it is the less stable and economically secure customers who are being added.

"A prospective rate of return of less than 6.75 per cent would not serve the purposes of protecting the credit of the company and providing an assured basis for commanding all the additional capital needed to give adequate service," Dorau testified.

"It is my opinion," Dorau stated, "that the hazard of equity investment in the Pacific company is greater than that to which the common stock investors in several of the larger electric utilities are exposed." Common stock investors in the Pacific Telephone company now find themselves out of a limb as the result of the higher rate of expenses to revenues, while the bondholders are demanding security, Dorau charged.

Flying Farmers Close Conclave, Talk Time-Saving

CORVALLIS, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Oregon's Flying Farmers hopped off for their homes today after their association's annual convention at which all officers were re-elected. Delegates discussed farm uses for planes and had their contention of the time-saving feature illustrated by Irving Lettler, Newberg. He stayed through yesterday afternoon's session, flew home and did his chores, then was back in time for the 7 p. m. banquet.

Week's Capitol Crowd Sets Summer Record

More than 1,000 persons, mostly tourists, inspected the state capitol last week, James McGilchrist, official guide, reported Monday. He said this was the largest number of persons to inspect the building in any one week this summer.

Obituary

HEITMAN
In this city, August 26, Clarence Heitman, late resident of Salem route 3, box 774, at the age of 47 years. Funeral announcement later by the W. T. Rigdon company.

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Statesman Carrier Group Has Picnic

Seventy-two Statesman carrier boys and enough supervisors and their families to run the total to

94 persons enjoyed their annual picnic at Paradise Island Tuesday afternoon. In the evening the picnicers were guests of The Statesman at a downtown theatre.

Mrs. William Shafer prepared the food for the group. Six hundred dixie cups were consumed in

addition to a full lunch. The suburban carriers defeated the city carriers 11 to 10 in a ball game that highlighted the afternoon's program, with Circulation Manager Hunt Clark scoring the winning run.

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