



Mrs. Sarah Whitney of Salem, who will observe her 100th birthday Thursday.

## Mrs. Sarah Whitney Is 100 Years Old Next Thursday

Next Thursday, February 9, marks the 100th birthday anniversary for Mrs. Sarah Whitney, 1405 Fir street, and the century observance is occasion for the elderly resident to look back on a varied, interesting and useful span of life.

Mrs. Whitney enjoys writing letters and the picture of her is a typical pose with her paper and pencil in hand. Were she to write notes to family members inviting them to come for the gala birthday party on Thursday they would go to 10 living children, 25 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. Quite a clan, all assembled!

And the majority of the family will be on hand for the birthday observance.

First there will be a family dinner at 12 o'clock noon at the home of Mrs. Whitney's eldest daughter, Mrs. W. J. Hagedorn, with whom she makes her home, some 50 to be present for the gathering.

### Open House in Evening

Between 2 and 5 p.m. and again in the evening between 7:30 and 9:30 o'clock there will be an open house at the Fir street residence of Mrs. Whitney with all friends of Mrs. Whitney and the family invited to call during those hours.

Mrs. Whitney was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, near the town of Newport. She was the eldest child of George B. and Mary Ann (Goodman) Warner and one of a family of 10. Today, she is the only living member of the family. During the Civil war Mrs. Whitney lived in Ohio, the family home having a large stone fireplace in each room as the only means of heating the house. In those younger days she helped her father with the farm work as well as her mother in the log house.

She helped to spin the grain, shear the sheep, cradle the yarn to knit into stockings and socks, and to spin a fine wool thread to weave into a material then called linsey cloth for the nicer dresses of the women folk—those were the days of no machinery to lighten many of the tasks. And there was no sewing machine so the women and girls cut and sewed their own dresses by hand as well as making all the clothing for the younger members of the family.

### Make Candles at Home

Any free evening was spent in knitting or sewing by the light of the tallow candles, which were made in molds and called grease lamps. They had to be snuffed by a handmade instrument that was used to pinch off the burning wick, then they were relighted in order to give a brighter light.

In the spring of 1856, Mr. Warner went to Iowa and purchased 165 acres of land, but he returned to Ohio, the family continuing to live there for 12 years before venturing "so far west" on the prairie. In 1868 the family moved to the Winthrop county farm in Iowa and it was there that the daughter, Sarah, met and married Charles E. Whitney on October 25, 1868, Mr. Whitney having a position with a stock company in Marion county, Iowa.

In 1876 the Whitneys went to O'Brien county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming. Mrs. Whitney recalls the first year was a disastrous one because of a scourge of grasshoppers which destroyed the crops, then followed a cholera epidemic to kill the hogs.

**Came Here in 1906**  
Next move of the Whitneys was to Cherokee county, Iowa, and in 1877 the family finances improved and a farm of 160 acres was bought. The family remained on the farm until 1901 when they moved to Washington state, locating in what was then called the Big Bend coun-

## Bear's Owner Will Bare Bear Story

Chicago, Feb. 6 (AP)—A 400-pound bear came through the traffic mishap with barely a scratch. But the city dog pound was hit hard.

The pound's grocery bill is the casualty. The bear-came-to-dinner is a glut and you don't argue with a hungry black bear.

Police found the bear Saturday. It was chained to a light truck they found wrecked on the west side when they answered an accident call.

They took the bear to the dog pound, and began looking for his owner.

They never found him, but he found them. Gust Stevens, 51, telephoned that he drove his truck into a safety island to avoid hitting another car, and that he fled because he was panic-stricken.

He bought the eight-year-old bear Jan. 2 in Canfield, Ohio, and has had it on an exhibition tour in southern states.

Stevens promised to bare the whole bear story in safety court Feb. 27. He was charged with leaving the scene of an accident and freed on \$200 bond.

## Admiral Denfeld Offered Boston Job

Boston, Mass., Feb. 6 (AP)—Admiral Louis E. Denfeld says he will accept the job as director of the Port of Boston authority only if he is given "a free post."

The post was offered to the former chief of naval operations by Gov. Paul A. Dever. It pays \$15,000 yearly with \$5,000 more for expenses.

"It's a big job and a very needed one," Denfeld told a press conference yesterday. "I feel I could do it, but only if I had the proper authority and backing. But I won't be tackling anything until March 1, when I leave the navy."

Grand Coulee Dam, in Oregon, is the world's largest hydroelectric plant.

## All-Out Fight Against River Basin Authorities Pledged

St. Louis, Feb. 6 (AP)—A call for an all-out fight against proposed river basin authorities such as the existing Tennessee valley authority was made today at the Mississippi Valley association convention.

Lachlan MacLeay, president of the association, said in a speech prepared for the opening session of a two-day meeting: "The association's fight against regional authorities 'is in the ultimate analysis a fight against socialism and totalitarianism in this country.'"

MacLeay expressed the belief that his organization's efforts to defeat proposed regional authorities can be won. He added: "All signs point to 1950 as an epochal year in the regional authority fight. It now appears certain that determined efforts will be made to enact legislation for a Columbia Valley authority as well as a Missouri Valley authority."

"There will be another well organized attempt to secure approval for the St. Lawrence seaway."

In a pre-convention meeting, the association's water resources committee urged that flood control and similar responsibilities be left to the U. S. corps of Engineers.



'I Didn't Do It'—Answering an accident call, Chicago Patrolman Claude Connelly found a 400-pound bear chained inside the rear of a panel truck wrecked on a safety island. What to do with the bear stumped Connelly so he wrote out a ticket. The bear, who seems to be saying "I didn't do it" as Connelly writes up the citation, refused to leave the truck. The truck's driver, believed to be only slightly injured, could not be found at the time. (Acme Telephoto)

## 25th Anniversary Week Calls for Eagle Celebration

The silver anniversary of the Willamette aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles will be observed this week with the 25th birthday dance and floor show scheduled for Wednesday night and the auxiliary holding an anniversary card party Friday according to S. L. Griffin, president.

Initiation of a large class will be held at the hall on North high street, purchased two years ago, Tuesday night and followed by a stag show. Games will be held Thursday night and a silver celebration dance Saturday night.

The Salem aerie was instituted February 1, 1925 with 129 charter members, Charles Shaw, president and S. N. Willett, secretary. Membership last June was 2115. Eight charter mem-

bers are still active, Shaw, Cash Roberts, Lester Jones, O. J. Lewis, William Clements, Lewis Swift, A. A. Priem and Floyd Smity.

Presidents in order of their term have been Shaw, Lester Jones, Claude Seagrove, Ed Stewart, Sam Eshleman, Reynolds Ohmart, H. B. Scofield, Earl Filsinger, H. G. Coursey, Cecil Lantz, A. Warren Jones, Frank Marshall, Ralph Emmons, Sid Stevens, L. W. DuBois, A. C. Friesen, Lloyd Moore, Mark Capps, Dr. F. L. Utter, E. E. Gettman, the late L. T. Wallace, Emory Sanders, James Jim and J. Wayne Sipe.

L. A. Hamilton, who has served as secretary since 1939 and state secretary for the last three years, was given the rank of honorary past worthy president by the grand aerie last year. Other secretaries prior to Hamilton were S. N. Willett and Louis Tumbleson.

Three members have served as state presidents, Lester Jones, A. Warren Jones and Friesen. Other state officers have been Utter, conductor and vice president and W. W. Doss, trustee. Salem officers this year are President Griffin; Ed Gregson, vice president; Merle Main, chaplain; Y. M. Zahare, treasurer; Victor L. Withrow, conductor; C. D. Carver, inside guard; Lawrence Zielinski, outside guard; W. H. Porter, Charles Gruver, Arthur Martin, trustees and Dr. M. K. Crothers, physician.

### Smoker Dies in Fire

Portland, Feb. 6 (AP)—A clothing fire was fatal yesterday to a hotel guest identified as Harry Arnold, 44, address unknown. Firemen blamed carelessness while smoking.

## Seek Billion Cut In Excise Taxes

Washington, Feb. 6 (AP)—Proposals to cut excise taxes as much as \$1,000,000,000 instead of the \$655,000,000 recommended by the administration drew expanding democratic support in the house Saturday.

Some of President Truman's most constant followers joined in a drive for more and deeper reduction in the wartime levies. They included some democratic members of the tax-writing ways and means committee and a quick check indicated that the bloc, with republicans expected to vote solidly for larger cuts, may take control and write their own ticket.

They proposed to add \$325,000,000 or more to the proposed specified reductions by cutting the taxes on such things as theater tickets, local telephone bills, and cameras and other photographic equipment.

In outlining the administration's tax program in detail yesterday, Secretary of the Treasury Snyder called for higher taxes on corporations, estates and gifts, and the plugging of what he called loopholes in the present tax law. Snyder figures those increases would offset the proposed excise reductions and bring in net additional revenue of about \$1,000,000,000.

The lawmakers showed more immediate interest in the proposed excise cuts than they did in the tax-boosting features of the administration's program.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has found benzene hexachloride may be used to control chicken lice without making meat or eggs taste "musty."

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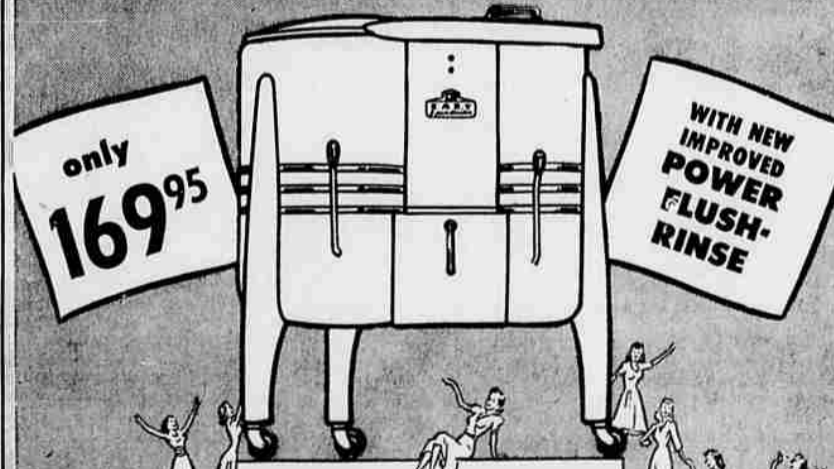


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## 20,000-Gallon Tank Pours Contents Into Warehouse

Damage to merchandise stored in a warehouse of the Capital City Transfer company at Front and Trade was kept to a minimum Sunday when a frozen water pipe broke and released a flood of water from a tank on the roof-top.

Firemen were called to handle the situation by Ed Cherrington, employed of the company, who heard the pipe burst with a report like a gun. The tank holds about 20,000 gallons, according to Russell Pratt, owner of the company, and is used as an auxiliary supply to the automatic sprinkler system.

The water poured down the elevator shaft and spread on the floors, but wall openings allowed it to escape before serious damage had been done. Firemen used canvas to arrest most of the water before it escaped from the tank and used squeegees in the mop-up. They were highly commended by Pratt.

Some bales of hops in the building got a wetting but damage was not heavy. Damage was covered by insurance.

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