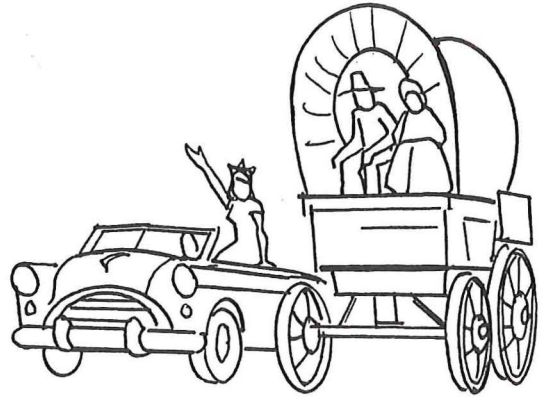


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"Olympians have much to be thankful for as their city enters its second century. But as we celebrate, let us pause long enough to pay tribute to the memories of the pioneers who founded and started the development of a place which is home to 18,000 people- and to reflect that no city grows and improves without intelligent planning- and hard work."

The Daily Olympian May 1, 1950

BLDGS IN VIEW THAT WERE RAZED, MOVED, BURNED OR CHANGED SINCE 1933 PANEL-(n to s)

- 1) Olympia Veneer sold to St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Co. in 1946. Enlarged plant and doubled production by 1950. #170, #171 (pic #50PX4) Old office still stands at 321 Jefferson.
- 2a) Old Schoolhouse/Courthouse/Olympian Bldg moved from Franklin to State and Adams Before 1924 and is gone in 1950 aerial photo #50SS. (in #50Ppic)
- 2b) Olympia Oyster Company (burned but rebuilt on same site. See later)
- 3) Carlton Hotel- (facing Columbia bet. State & 4th)(1873-razed in 1948)(See '74-'33) (check earthquake pic)
- 4) Bettman Block (nw cor 4th & Adams) (blt ? before 1896)(see SCHS pic #18, damage in '49 quake)#144. See pic #50-0X4
- 5) Kneeland Hotel (sw cor 4th & Cap Wy, 107 1/2 4th Ave W.)(Blt 1891, McKenny Block, till 1949 earthquake)(pic #50QX4 shows site under construction during 1950 parade)
- 6) Former United Presbyterian Church (sw cor 4th & Jefferson)(razed_)Not in 1950 aerials.
- 7) Oxford Saloon (n. 4th bet Cap Wy & Wash St just east of the alley-the alley is later filled in to look like part of the Chambers Bldg. Oxford and two story wood front bldg next door east were demolished to make way for the Spar Restaurant in 1935).__
- 8) Old Thurston County Courthouse (ne cor 4th & Wash.)(1900-1934)(site is currently State Theater box office) This bldg was built so sturdily that it was difficult to raze.
- 9) Pacific Building (former Chilberg Bldg) (3 stories)(bet 4th & 5th on Cap Wy, n. of Talcotts, 406 Cap Wy)(Blt before 1896-major damage in '49 quake)
- 10) First Olympia Bldg and Loan Bldg (just south of Crane's Cafe)(Built 1890 till 1949) Replaced by single story Oly Fed bldg pic #161p25. (#2p44 says razed after quake)
- 11) 5th & Water Chinatown dispersed after 1943__ #77
- 12) Oddfellows Building (sw cor 5th & Cap Wy)(blt 1888 burned in 1936 #2p18) (conflict:#23p397 says Jan 1937)
- ?13) Former Dr. Waughop's Office(mid block w Cap Wy bet 5th & 6th)Pic #50P from 1946 seems to show Waughop gone__ (Jean's Sportswear here?)
- 14) Bldg on current Olympia Supply Co. site razed in 1946 when new bldg went in.(pictured in #33MM) Oly Supply Co. moved from Columbia and Legion to Columbia and 7th in summer of 1946 (prob July)

- 15) Stuart Block (ne cor Legion & Cap Wy)(1891 till 1948, to make way for Millers)
?16) Second Sylvester Park bandstand-dedicated Aug 13, 1931 (see 1933 info) Torn down or burned? Cannot find the exact date. But gone by 1950. See pics #33YY and #33HX8

BUILDINGS OUT OF VIEW & TORN DOWN OR BURNED SINCE LAST PANEL- (n to s)

- 1) #148 says Wash. Sch. razed in 1938 when the Armory was built. Conflict: #1Ap67 says Old Wash Sch torn down in 1936 as a WPA project. Conclusion: probably #1A is correct.

HOMES IN VIEW THAT WERE TORN DOWN, MOVED OR BURNED SINCE 1933 PANEL

- 1) Percival Home-(Likely torn down at time of Deschutes Parkway and Cap. Lake projects, probably about 1947.) See pic #50II from 1943 roof in distance. Also #50A from 1946 shows Percival's there. Not in Dec. 1947 Sandborn.

HOMES OUT OF VIEW THAT WERE TORN DOWN SINCE 1933-(n to s)

1)

IMPORTANT BUILDINGS STILL STANDING SINCE 1933 PANEL-(north to south)
NORTH OF STATE AVENUE (west to east)

- 1) See "Mills and Factories" for West Bay bldgs
2) Seven Gables House (1205 Westbay Dr.NW) Built 1893 to present. (too distant to be visible)
3) 2nd Garfield School-(2 blks s. of first school location)Built 1929, opened 1930 till 1989)
?4)Port Pier and small cold storage bldgs. (pier completed Apr 1926. In mid 70s, 50 year old timbers replaced by concrete (see 2001 info)
?5) Olympia Canning Co. (#140 shows one building in 1933, on south half of block bet. A&B & Cap Wy and Columbia)(This will later spread to another bldg across Cap Wy with an aerial walkway bet.)(started in 1913 according to #85p18)(The Cannery will later become Yard Birds)____
?6)Olympia Veneer (which has expanded and become St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Co), Wash. Veneer, and several lumber companies on Westbay Dr. (see Mills)
7) Ziegler's Welding (see 1933)
8) Buckeye Extract (blt 1908-about 1972)See previous info. Where Olympia Center is today.

STATE AVENUE-STILL STANDING (west to east)

- 1) Olympia Fire Hall/ City Hall (nw cor State & Cap Wy)(1912 to present)(currently OCC)
2) Labor Temple (Woodruff Block)(near sw cor Cap Way and State) (1887 to present) This was remodeled in 1950 after the quake. Took off 2nd Floor balcony where Pres. Harrison spoke #6p80)(pic #50UX4)
3) Daily Olympian Bldg. (se cor State & Cap Wy)(1932 to present)(currently Cap. City Press)
4) Knox Building (where Warbass Home was, se cor State & Wash.)(Blt about 1908 till '66) (currently a parking lot)
?5) Hyak Lumber Co. (ne cor State & Adams)('46 Sandborn and pic #33S)Blt 1928, razed____
6) Jefferson Apartments (near se cor State & Jefferson)(1892 to present)

MID BLOCK BET. STATE AND FOURTH AVE-STILL STANDING (west to east)

- 1) Tea Leaf 111-(see 1899)(north of Oly Hdwr Bldg)
2) Olympia Hardware Bldg. (mid blk bet 4th & State on Cap Wy)(1884 to present)(see 1899) (south of Tea Leaf 111)
3) Browser's Books-(see 1899) (south of Oly Hdwr Bldg)
4) Barnes Bank Bldg(mid blk bet. 4th & State on Cap Wy)(1870 to present)

FOURTH AVENUE-STILL STANDING (west to east)

- 1) JJ Brenner Oyster Co. (502 4th Ave W. on n. side of 4th before bridge)(blt____)#161p546
2) Former Olympia Oyster Co (320 4th)(From the 1950 panel on, it is the Olympia Oyster House Restaurant)____ #161p547 &p552. (Burned circa 1946 rebuilt to original design. Wohleb. #135p12)

- 3) Copeland Lumber Co (302 4th Ave W, 4th and Water)(blt___)#143. In 1946 Sandborn(Believe it came down in the 70s and was replaced by Percival Landing Boardwalk)(Was just east of current kissing statue)
- 4) Wright Building (ne cor 4th & Water)(Blt 1908 to present)(Currently Childhood's End)
- 5) Barnes Building (sw cor Columbia & 4th. 211 W 4th. Formerly Good Templars site)(built 1914 to present).
- 6) Angelus Hotel (nw cor 4th & Columbia)(approx. 1897 to present, half story added 1935)
- 7) Mottman Mercantile Co. (nw cor 4th & Cap Wy)(blt 1883 for Toklas & Kaufman. Still standing. 3rd story added 1910)
- 8) Chambers Bldg (ne cor 4th & Cap Wy)(1887 to present)(excellent pic #172, shows part bet. bldg and Spar as smaller than today)
- 9) Capitol National Bank Building (se cor 4th & Capitol Way)(blt 1922 to present)(currently U.S. Bank)Wohleb
- 10) Boardman Bldg (nw cor 4th & Wash.)(blt 1925 to present) (Currently Dancing Goats)___
- 11) Columbia Bldg (sits on Columbia Hall site)(blt 1914 to present)(currently 4th Ave Tav)
- 12) Security Building (se cor 4th & Wash, 203 4th Ave)(built 1926 to present) (Currently numerous businesses and offices such as Euphorium etc.)
- 13) White Building (next bldg east of Security Bldg facing 4th)_ (Currently Discount Red Tag and Mango Chutney stores, with offices upstairs)
- 14) Lemon Bldg (also Safe Deposit Bldg)nw cor 4th & Franklin(see 1933)(There in '72 but gone by 1983 accord. to aerials)
- 15) Rex Building(se cor 4th & Franklin)(Built 1910 to present)(housed the Rex Theater at one time)(Currently Who Dunit? Books)
- 16) Montgomery Ward Building (317-319 E. 4th)(built 1928 to present)(currently Behavioral Heath Resources)Wohleb
- 17) Avalon Theater (blt 1928 to present)(n. side of 4th Ave, w. of alley bet. Franklin & Adams)#6p_
- 18) Cunninghams (sw cor 4th & Adams)(blt 1896 to present)(Last remaining wooden store front from 1800s in downtown)(Currently BHR, 325 E 4th Ave)
- 19) Former Union Pacific Freight Depot (se cor 4th & Adams)(Built Jan 14, 1916 to present, with major alterations to the back, and the lobby facing Fourth completely rebuilt) source__(currently Olympic Outfitters)
- 20) Hale Building (ne cor 4th & Jefferson, facing 4th)(Built 1891 to present)
- 21) Capitol Chevrolet Building(nw cor 4th & Cherry___ 522 E. 4th)(Blt 1920 to present) (Currently Ramblin' Jacks)Wohleb
- 22) Kelley Bldg (later Lynch Paint) (se cor 4th & Jefferson)(built 1925 to present) (currently_)
- 23) Olympia Auto Parts Bldg (see previous) Currently Orca Books, and attached to Johansen Ballet bldg)(Blt 1925)(faces on 4th)

MID-BLOCK BET 4TH & 5TH-STILL STANDING (west to east)

- 1) Clark's Crane Cafe Bldg (407 Cap Wy.)(Crane Cafe was north of the Bldg and Loan Bldg which came down in the quake. Both were north of the alley accord. to '46 Sandborn)(Built in 1891. Damaged in fire of 1961) source___ (Currently Schoenfeld Furniture annex to south of main store)
- 2) Talcotts (mid block bet 4th & 5th on Cap Wy #420)(blt 1872 to present)
- 3) Mills and Mills Funeral Home (mid block on Franklin, just south of Rex Bldg.)(Built 1901 accord to current owners of Mills and Mills)(1915 Jeffers photo shows look of original bldg. Modified about 1950)
- 4) Oly Auto Parts Bldg (faces Jefferson)(Currently Johansen Ballet)Blt 1925. Attached to

Orca Books bldg.

FIFTH AVENUE-STILL STANDING (west to east)

- ?1) Sticklin's Olympia Garage Co. #143 (ne cor 5th & Columbia) Pic #33LL (blt___)
(Currently a parking lot) Probably razed and became city parking lot in 70s?
- 2) Funk-Volland Bldg (nw cor 5th & Capitol Way)(1909-1965)(see info 1972)(new Oly Fed bldg completed in 1967 #19p212)(#19p100 says Geo. Funk had office here.)(Lowman and Hanford there during parade, #19p201pic)(currently Oly Federal Savings) Wohleb
- 3) Olympia National Bank Bldg(Pacific First Federal)(ne cor. 5th & Capitol Way)
(Built 1914, Restored in 1977. Damaged in 2001 earthquake, still standing)
(currently Wa. Fed. Savings)
- 4) Olympia National Bank Bldg Annex (blt 1926 to present)(note this is corrected from pic #50XX which says 1947 blt)(Currently 106-110 5th Ave E, Olympia Downtown Association upstairs, Wovie downstairs)
- ?5) JE Walker Store and Office Bldg. (se cor 5th & Cap. Way. 500 S. Cap. Way) (Built 1916 to present)(Currently Panowicz Jewelers and MSGS Architects)__. Wohleb design
- 6) Captiol Savings & Loan (nw cor 5th & Wash) (Blt___)(Currently being remodeled__)
- 7a) Capitol Theater and office bldg (ne cor 5th & Wash)(opened Oct. 1924)(currently Capitol Theater) (New marquee in 1941 #129)Wohleb design.
- 7b) Pittsburgh Paint Bldg-nw cor 5th and Franklin. (see pic in 1933 file)Replaced in 1963.
- 8) Martin Building (sw cor 5th & Wash)(built 1920 to present)(Currently Wind-Up Here)
- 9) Jeffers Studio (se cor 5th & Wash)(1913 to present)(currently State of the Arts Gallery) Wohleb design.
- 10) Donald Building (just east of Jeffers Studio, facing 5th)(built 1924 to present)
(Currently Bucks Fifth Ave and Darbys)
- 11) Former Olympian Super Service Gas Station-(302 5th)#161. (In 1950 it's Van Dykes Texaco Service)(currently Crystal Opticians etc.) Wohleb design.
- 12) Mann's Seed Store (se cor 5th & Franklin) (prob blt late 20s, see previous)(currently Orthopedic Hospital Thrift Store)#24p95
- 13) Methodist Church (nw cor 5th & Adams facing 5th)(blt 1901-basement added in 1913 and condemned after 1949 quake #39A)(However still standing and used in 1950)(currently parking lot)

MID-BLOCK BET 5TH & LEGION-STILL STANDING (west to east)

- ?1) Capital City Creamery (bet 5th & Legion on Columbia, 509 Columbia)(blt___)(Listed in 1950 as wholesale ice. Olympus Ice Cream manufactured at se cor State & Water__)
- 2) Western Union Telegraph Co-505 Capitol Way__ (Bigelows today) in '47 Sandborn and '50 directory it's telegraph office. Bigelows came in about 1953 (built 1937 I think)
- 3) Household Finance/Meredith's Cards (mission style, blt 1928)(Safeway is at 511 Cap Wy in 1950, north of alley)(grocery and store north today)(historic name is Safeway Bldg)
- 4) Neuffers Block-(w side Cap Wy, south of alley)blt 1906, not remodeled till 1958. (see 1933 info)(In 1950 this is Neuffers and Sanderson's Florist to the south)(next south was Jeans Womens Sportswear in 1950-will become part of new Penneys Bldg)(currently Batdorf and Bronson and Capital Florist next south)
- 5) Jeans Sportswear Bldg-(south of Sandersons, north of Penneys in 1950) This was Waughop I believe, will be part of new Penneys in next panel __
- 6) Former Harris Drygoods Bldg(business was located at 510 Cap. Way bet. Legion and 5th, however I think the company was at the Miller's site in 1949 and sold to Millers)
(blt 1899 to present)#19p87.(currently vacant due to earthquake damage)
- 7) Former Liberty Theater (mid block bet 5th & Legion on e. Wash)(Opened August 1924 as a

- vaudeville house)(Conflict: says Olympic Theater in 1956. #174)(#20p40-41 says remodeled and called Olympic in 1948.)(Conclusion: #20 is correct.)#133, #19p134, #11p40)(Olympian article 9-22-85 says WW2 USO performances broadcast from the stage. Opening night had vaudeville, silent movies, organ. 2,000 attended. Ronald Reagan there in the 40s to publicize a film. (Became Wash. Center for the Performing Arts in Sept 1985 to present)(part of the bldg front was kept)(Liberty Garage was next door)(In 1950 panel it's the Olympic)Wohleb design.
- 8) YMCA (bet 5th & Legion on e. Franklin, 510 Franklin)(north part blt Jan 25, 1910) #143, pic #79p195 (building remodeled '20,'40,'54, '63 accord to pic #01SX3) (Wohleb did 1940 remodel)
 - 9) Gloria Dei Lutheran Church at 505 Adams, behind YMCA. See pic#50ss & #50P. (will move out in 1951. See church booklet. Didn't have info in time for panel. future revision.)
LEGION WAY (SIXTH AVENUE) -STILL STANDING(west to east)
 - 1) American Legion Hall (219 W. Legion Way, se cor Legion & Water)(blt 1920 to present)(currently being renovated for offices)Wohleb
 - ?2) Former Olympia Supply Building (nw cor Columbia & Legion, 525 Columbia)(Built 1928. Oly Supply moved to current location a block south in 1946, as per Jeff Bean) (Became Warren's Quick Print, when?___)(Currently Sofa Gallery)
 - 3) Former Grand Central Grocery Co. (114 W. Legion Wy)(Starting July 28, 1944 this is Ralph's Food Center, with Ralph Stormans mngr., until Nov '56 when moved to Ralphs Thriftway at 1908 E. 4th)(will be torn down by the next panel for the Penney's parking area)(pic #50CX3)
 - 4) JC Penney Bldg (nw cor Legion & Cap Wy, 525-27 Cap Wy)(Blt in 1927. M.M. Morris there before)(looks dif. than 1933 Penneys, they probably added on to the back)(Torn down in 1956. New store completed in 1957 accord. to Olympian 4-13-77) (Currently State Dept of Personnel)___ #23p337.
 - 5) Talcott Apartments (sw cor Legion & Cap Way)(built 1923 to present)(Currently Dean Securites-601 Cap Wy S.)In 1950 it is Keeton Furniture Co., with a corner sign. See pic #50DD & #161 under "Stoves"
 - 6) Hotel Olympian (nw cor Legion and Wash) (opened June 1920 to present) (currently Olympian on the Park, apts.)(no sign at corner due to pic #50L. chk___)
 - 7) Reed Block (ne cor Legion & Wash)(1891 to present)(In 1950 it houses Anna Blom's Bookstore(522 Wash.), Thompson Apts(208 Legion Wy E) and the "O" Cleaners (520 Wash)(some confusion as to when canopy went up on complete south side of bldg. Full canopy shows in 1930 bus station photos #33W & #33EE)(some canopy put back after '49 quake but not to extent of 1986 renovation. see written '50 file and pic #01WX3 (Currently Drees and Thompson Apts)
 - ?8)Former Kaufman-Leonard Co. Furniture (nw cor Legion and Franklin, 525 Franklin in 1950 and business name is Miller-Underwood Furniture Co) (Currently Seldens at 220 Legion) When blt?___
MID BLOCK BET. LEGION AND 7TH STILL STANDING (west to east)
 - 1) Elks Building (mid block Cap Way facing park bet. Legion and 7th)(opened June 1920 to present)(currently Jin Jor, Capitale, and apts.)(In 1950 Capital Stationers (at north 607) and Better Home Finders Real Estate (to south, 611 Cap Wy)#50DDpic
 - 2) Old Courthouse/Capitol Building (bet Legion & 7th & Wash & Franklin)(east addition completed 1905 to present) (Original courthouse blt 1892 to present) (pic justifying drawing of scaffolding on nw cor of old cap in source #144)
a)In 1950 this building houses the following-
 - 1)SPI and other state offices (Sea. Times 4-30-50 article)

SEVENTH AVENUE STILL STANDING(west to east)

- 1) Governor Hotel (nw cor Cap Wy & 7th)(In operation in 1930, the newer section of the old Mitchell Hotel was an annex to it. Fire 4-9-43 modified the roofline)(razed in 1970, see 1933 and 1972 info)(Currently Ramada)

HOMES IN VIEW AND STILL STANDING SINCE 1933 PANEL-

- 1) Bigelow Home (918 Glass Ave NE)(about 1854 to present)
- 2) Ruddell Home (901 Olympia Avenue)(about 1866 to present)
- 3) Giles Home(727 West Bay Dr)(blt 1885 to present)(won't see)

HOMES OUT OF VIEW AND STILL STANDING SINCE 1933 PANEL-

- 1) McElroy Home according to picture from 1950 Seattle Times #50SS (I believe it came down in the 50s)___ (mantle is in Crosby House)
- 2) Hollocraft House-(314 E. Legion Way)(blt 1907 to present)(currently Safeplace)
- 3) Bettman Home-(Blt 1890 to present)Currently apts.
- 4) Mowell House (where Wesleyan Institute first stood)200 E. Union. blt 1910 to present
- 5) Former Kearney House (YWCA bought in 1949. Built 1920)
- 6) Lord Mansion-Built in 1923. After death in 1939, became museum in 1942.#2p74
- 7) Hazard Stevens House- "Cloverfields Farmhouse" (1100 Carlyon Ave. SE) Built 1915 to present) #2p57. Wohleb

BUILDINGS OUT OF VIEW AND STILL STANDING SINCE 1933 PANEL-(n to s)

- 1) St. Martins big brick bldg. completed 1920 to present .NEW_____
- 2) First Lacey City Hall-built 1926. Since moved and is Lacey Museum. 829 1/2 Lacey St. SE
- ?3) Capital Auto Court-2136 4th Ave E. (2104 Pacific Ave address in 1950)_____
- 4) Eagles Hall-blt 1926 to present.
- 5) Second St. Peter's Hospital (on westside at Sherman bet. 4th & 5th)(blt 1924, used as hospital till 1971. Converted to senior residences. Still standing.)(just off left edge of panel)(Current St. Peter Hospital built in 1971. #2p58)
- 6) Olympia Public Library (Carnegie)(Built 1914 to present) Wohleb
- 7) Old Federal Building (801 Cap Wy SE) #2p55. (Blt 1914 to present)(served as Oly Post Office till 1964 when new PO opened at 900 Jefferson St.)
- 8) Former Olympia Knitting Mills (ne cor Legion & Jefferson) (1909-1939- went out of business in '39 but bldg still stands today)#19p102pic. (currently Artesian Wellness, 524 Jefferson, and ___)
- 9)Former Providence Academy (St. Mikes School)(same location as PA, 9th & Columbia) built 1882-1960s. (When in 60s?___)
- 10) Thurston Co. Courthouse on Cap. Way across from campus (built 1930 to present)Wohleb (stepped back top flr was co. jail)(1977 stopped being used as crthse)(pic #2p70-71)
- 11) Second Wm Winlock Miller High School (1919-1960) #2p86. Wohleb.
- 12) Capital Apts (built in '25 or before. Razed in the 1970s. see #23p492 pic)
- 13) THE CAPITOL GROUP
 - a)Legislative Building finished 1927 to present.
 - b) Temple of Justice (Began in 1912, completed 1920)(State Library here before going to Pritchard Bldg in 1959)
 - c) Gov's Mansion (blt 1908, oldest of campus bldgs)
 - d) Insurance Bldg (completed 1920)

NEW BLDGS & BUSINESSES IN VIEW IN 1950-(n to s) * indicates Wohleb design

NEW NORTH OF STATE AVE (west to east)

- 1)Port's cold storage warehouse completed June 1948. (#161p9, drawing #162 shows location.)also #68p18
- 2)*Port Administration Bldg (Wohleb 1944 blt) #68p18

NEW STATE AVE (west to east)

- 1)*Rockway-Leland built 1941 (sw cor State & Wash) art moderne style #2p63 (KGY is there in 1950) See pic #50GX4 plus info (Currently Capitol Travel and MIXX 96)
- 2) Old State Hwy Dept Materials Lab-(nw cor State and Adams)(blt 1939 to present)pic #50Y
- 3) Acme Fuel-(416 State St) State and Jefferson. pic #50YY (blt 1940)

NEW FOURTH AVE (west to east)

- 1)*The Spar-just e. of Chambers Block on n. 4th.(blt in 1935 to present)art moderne, Wohleb #2p64-65 #2p77. (the alley to west became part of Chambers Bldg)
- 2)Baretich Bldg (next door east from Spar) (Not built till after the Spar and Boardman Bldg) ____ pic in source #230 (but almost same time as Spar)
- 3) State Theater (ne cor 4th and Wash.)(built 1949 accord. to #6) Also newspaper ads. (see 2001 re: renovation)(1949 opening was considered one of the finest movie theaters on west coast for acoustics, artistic design, comfort accord. to State Theater pamphlet)

NEW MID-BLOCK BET. 4TH AND 5TH AVE.

- 1) Oly Federal Savings and Loan-(409 Cap Wy) small one story south of Crane's Cafe in 1950.

NEW FIFTH AVE (west to east)

- 1) Memorial Clinic-(bet. 4th & 5th and Simmons and Brenner, just before the bridge)(opened fall of '49)source_
- 2) Watson Rexall Drug Co. in 1950(501 Cap Wy) (Currently Bartels Mens Store)Oddfellows fire was 1936, so blt 1937.
- 3) Capital Plumbing and Heating Co. (ne cor 5th & Jefferson) 424 Jefferson St. SE. Same business since bldg opened in 1946 accord to employee.

NEW LEGION WAY (SIXTH AVE) (west to east)

- 1)*Miller Mercantile Co (520 Cap Way) 3 floors.(Wohleb design)#167p9pic also pic#50J, #50QQ, #50Z (Stuart Bldg razed in 1948 for Millers) Millers opening day?_

NEW 7th AVENUE (west to east)

- 1) New Olympia Supply Bldg. (bet Legion & 7th on w side of Columbia- 625 Columbia St. SW)(blt 1946 to present) See pic #50YX4 (flooding and text)

NEW BUILDINGS AND HOMES NOT IN VIEW, BUT MAY BE REFERRED TO
(*=Wohleb)(n to s)

- 1)PNWBell Bldg (nw cor 7th & Wash)(built 1938)#6 (Currently Fleetwood Apts.)
- 2)North Coast Lines Bus Depot (Greyhound)(107 7th Ave E. se cor 7th & Cap Way.) Built 1937 #2p64.
- 3) Temple Beth Hatfiloh (dedicated June 1938) 802 Jefferson St. accord. to synagogue.
- 3) Brown Derby Restaurant-opened in 1934, closed in 1980. #176. 22 stools, fountain and lunch counter.
- 4) Dairy Queen-(1050 Cap Wy. built_) #161p536
- 5a) THE CAPITOL GROUP
 - a)Public Lands/Social Sec Bldg (WPA blt in 1936, as per Sandborn)#19p186
 - b) State Highway Building (blt 1934 accord. to Sandborn map)
 - c)Engineering Building (blt 1939 accord. to Sandborn)
- 5b) State Cap. Museum at Columbia and 21st since 1942 . Blt for Lords 1922 #19p196.
- 6) Wildwood Shopping Center (circa 1938) #2p71
- 7) Olympia Brewing Co. (modern plant built in 1933. Bet. then and 1953 greatly enlarged. Occupies 2 square blocks in Tumwater.) #166pic.

STRUCTURES NOT YET BUILT IN 1950, BUT SOON

- 1)Tivoli Fountain -#19p204 (dedicated 1953)(out of view)
- 2) Penney's remodel (Wohleb)(new store completed in 1957 accord. to Olympian 4-13-77)
- 3) Goldbergs Furniture-(Wohleb design)#19p200 (boiler inspection May 9, '51)(Should

show as beginning foundation only)(pic #50QX4 & #50UU show construction in 1950)

- 4) G.A. Bldg. #19p200 (out of view)
- 5) State Library #19p200 (out of view)
- 6) Elks Bldg (where fountain on isthmus is now)facing 5th. Built in 1959 and sold in 1994
(accord. to people at Elks office today)
- 7) Ralphs Thriftway on the eastside- Nov 1956 (see previous)

MISC. INFORMATION, OCCURENCES AND LOCATIONS IN 1950

- 1)Tides on May 6-High 7:57AM (13.3 ft). Low 3:27PM (-2.2 ft.) From 5-5-50 newspaper.
(Normal tidal range is about 15 feet #161p9)
- 2) State employees in Oly Oct '48-2,479. #161p9.
- 3) Margaret McKenny talked Bob Chamberlain (the artist of Sylvester's Window) into going to
art school in the early 50s.
- 4) Food prices-see Apr 25, 1950 newspaper

INFRASTRUCTURE 1950

1)WATER TRANSPORTATION-#161p9

- a)Tugboats-#68p22-23pic (Sandman- see 1933)
- b)Reserve Fleet-#68p21pic, p22 info. (Mothball fleet didn't store wheat till 1953
accord. to #19p200. #19p197 has pic.)(Current fleet total in May 1950 is 95.
Will soon be 150 ships. May 7, 1950 Olympian)#1p14 (60 or more federal
ships maintained by U.S. Maritime Commission #164p4)(#186 says fleet
first came in 1946 when Budd Inlet named as storage area. June '72 last ship
towed away)
- c) Virginia V (five)- in harbor for celebration #24p121. (Pic #50RRR)

2)TROLLEYS-gone as of 1933.

3)TRAINS-#161p8 & 9.

- a) Freight service by Northern Pacific and Union Pacific.
- b) Passenger service by Northern Pacific, Union Pacific and Great Northern Railroad
which are operating between Portland and Seattle. Also Northern Pacific
connects Oly with Grays Harbor communities.
- c) Check Milwaukee Road schedule from Tacoma to Spokane (newspaper)
(Also #164p4 action taken by port in 1949 provides freight service for Chicago
Milwaukee and St. Paul and Great Northern.)
- d) #218 N. Pacific Depot on Cap. Lake here till 1966. One passenger train a day to
Seattle till about 1956.

4)BUSES & TAXIS-

- a)(see Paul L. photo #50GGG for taxis even though it is late 40s)
- b)Bus Depot has moved to 7th and Cap Wy. (#169p11 shows Greyhound bus schedule in
April 1950)

5)ROADS, STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND HIGHWAYS-

- a)#78p18-One way on State and Fourth due to earthquake. Never changed back after
that.
- b) I-5 Freeway dedicated in 1958. #19p200
- c) Blvd Rd in 1950 called Grand Blvd. (#164pb8 and see McKinley address)
- d)parking meters on streets in 1942 accord to #123p422 (How much earlier?__)
- e)Streets that are still brick-a)Legion accord. to pic#50ZZ. b)Wash. accord. to pic
#50I. c)Columbia brick accord. to pic #50-0.
- f) Martin Way dedicated in Sept 1937. 4 lane highway to Fort Lewis.

6)BRIDGES, WHARVES, DOCKS, PIERS AND PORT IMPROVEMENTS-

- a) #68p21 pic. also p18-19. date?__

- b) After mouth of Deschutes River dammed, a second concrete 2-lane bridge added at 5th Ave. in 1958. #2p95.
- c) 3 transit sheds and large cold storage bldg at port in 1950. #161p9
- d) In early 1948, 7.5 acres of tidelands next to the East Channel were reclaimed by dredging the East Channel. (This allowed for the building of the sewer treatment plant and expansion of St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber Co. #161p9
- e) Percival Dock now owned by Puget Sound Freight Lines #23p459.

7) LIGHTS AND WATERWORKS, SEWER AND GARBAGE-

- a) Electricity for Olympia supplied by Puget Sound Power & Light. #161p10.
- b) Water system is municipally owned and comes from the McAllister Springs Supply since May of 1948. New water supply less hard, will be chlorinated #161p11.
- c) Sewer- Project approved by city May 24, 1949 for sewer plant on port fill between A & B on Adams. The sewer plant is not completed in the 1950 panel. Until it's finished sewer discharged directly into the bay. Largest pipe is 6 feet wide at State and Chestnut dumping raw sewage into bay. #161p8,9 & 11. (Also #164p a9. pics and diagrams.) See pic #50SX4. Also see LOTT info and history in "written 1972" file. (1949 sewer project came about because of 1941 study by state pollution commission.)
- d) City Dump-For years has been at northern extension of Franklin Street. Will move in the 50s to the Westside near Black Lake 101 interchange. ("Sanitary History of Oly")

8) AIRPORT-

- a) #161p8. One of largest on Pacific Coast. 1,143 acres. Class Four.
- b) #164p4 West Coast Airlines- 8 flights daily winter, 10 daily summer.
- c) 3 runways paved and hangar blt by fed. public wks in 1937 #68p26.

9) PARKS AND TREE PLANTING-

- a) #161p7 & p547. (Capitol Lake swimming pic #24p122)
- b) 6 total parks-(Priest Point Park 249 acres) (Sylvester Park 1.72 acres) (Maple Park 1.92 acres) (Woodruff Park 7.45 acres)(Bigelow Park 2 acres-in 1943 became city park) (Legion Park 1.32 acres- accord. to Oly Parks, this is Harry Fain's Legion Park which was donated in 1933 and improved in about 1987?__)
- c) #161 p547 also lists the following playgrounds-(Lions Club Playground-Frederick bet. 7th & 8th)(Stevens Field- Wash. & 23rd Ave E. This also had a large grandstand for the Olympian Century pageant which later burned down.)(State Capitol Grounds).

10) ACCOMODATING THE AUTOMOBILE, PARKING-

- a) #24p107-109 (Wash in 1934-440,000 cars. Wash in 1950-900,000 cars)
- b) getting ready for I-5-- dedicated in 1958. #19p200
- c) Sylvester Park underground parking issue-#151p3-56.

11) FIRST CITY BOUNDARY CHANGES-

- a) #2p90.

MILLS AND FACTORIES IN 1950-

- 1) General descrip. of industry at the port in May 1950. #164p a4, also p a12.
- 2) #19p200. Record lumber leaving docks in the 50s. (1957 Oly second only to Coos Bay in exporting west coast lumber.)
- 3a) Olympia's veneer plants employed almost 11,000 persons and produced 150,000 feet of plywood (from Oly Hist Soc pamphlet)
- 3b) Mills not operating in 1950-
 - a) Panama Shingle Co. (all bldgs removed. Reliable Welding in area now and listed at 1218 West Bay Dr. Also Westside Log Dump and towing out at 1210 W. Bay Dr.- see ad #164. Also pic #50WX4)
 - b) McCleary Timber Co. (all bldgs removed.)(replaced by Hardel, will open in 1954)

- c) Springer Mill (all bldgs removed. Maybe site used by St. Paul & Tacoma?_)
- 4) Mills and factories operating in 1950 according to Sandborn and directory-
 (also #198 & #200 in "written 1950 file")(n to s)
- A THROUGH F ARE ON WEST BAY DRIVE- -
- a) Buchanan Lumber Co 2000 West Bay Dr. (pic #50X times 4)
- b) Delson Lumber-(1824 West Bay Dr) Yet can't find in directory__
- c) Reliable Welding Works (1218 West Bay Dr.)
- d) Logdump-(1210 West Bay Dr)
- e) Tumwater Lumber Mills Co. (902 West Bay Dr.)
- f) Olympia Harbor Lumber Co. 704 West Bay Dr. (only sawmill listed in 1950 directory)
- g) Olympia Wood Preserving Co. Inc. on port fill at end of Wash. St. and Franklin Sts.
 (When is this Cascade Pole?__)(see #200 for exact location in 1950)
- h) Georgia Pacific- (former Washington Veneer)(Accord. to #170, G.P. took over by late 40s. At time of closing Simpson owned it. See #200 for location) Closed in 1967. Chk 1950 directory_____
- i) Olympia Shingle Mill at N. Wash. St. and corner of B Avenue.(#164p4 write up)
- j) St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber Co. in 1950 (former Olympia Veneer) on State between Jefferson and Chestnut (2 blocks). This was Olympia Veneer until 1946.
 (#169p6 says it employs 350 people in 1950.)(#170 says plant bought by St. Regis in 1957. Operation closed permanently in 1967.)pic #50PX4, #50RX4

SYLVESTER PARK IN 1950-

- 1) 1.72 acres #161p7. Also #151p3-55 Syl. Park retrospective from past 150 yrs from G.A. says shortly after war 50 yr old goldfish pond drained and buried. Uncertain re: gazebo. #172 shows aerial of 1950 park but can't see middle for trees.
- 2) Gov. signed bill Mar 17, 1955 for parking under Syl. Park. McKenny worked with city council to demand a city vote. #151.

LEGISLATURE AND CAPITOL IN 1950-

- 1) Commission form of city govt. #161p7

POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CLIMATE IN 1950-

- 1) McCarthyism. Korean War (cease fire July '53). Post WW2 Baby boom. Moving to suburbia. Cold War. Eisenhower 53-61.
- 2) #66p143-152

EARTHQUAKE APR 13, 1949, 11:56 AM

- 1) #162 map of damaged bldgs. (Reed Block, Labor Temple, Chambers remodeled. Old Cap Bldg repaired. Pacific Apts, Kneeland down.)(pic #33B for Main St. damage. Pic #50R for Old Cap Bldg north side damage)
- 2) Cap. Dome Lantern had to be replaced #19p200. Also #19p203 pics.
- 3) #80- The '49 quake resulted in loss of 10 of the 12 towers on Old Cap Bldg.
- 4) Apr 15, 1949 Seattle PI says Oly had most quake damage-\$2,250,000.
- 5) Vance Horn article- good description 1-20-1986 (in "1950 written" file)
- 6) 1-8-50 newspaper article says Oly sets new bldng record in '49. 503 chimney repair permits issued.
- 7) #176 says 8.0 magnitude. Two people killed. conflict: #144 says 7.1. conclusion: 7.1 from U.S. Geologic Earth Resources from DNR. 60s quake was a 6.5.
- 8) See all pics included in #50-0X4 and ref. #144 (found together in picture file 1950)

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1950 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION-

- 1) Celebration #2p68-70, #19p200-202. (#168- calendar of events in "1950 written"

- file) #167
- 2) #24p121- Virginia V in harbor. Pic #50RRR. Schedule for Saturday-8:30-10:30 AM excursion. Leaves from Puget Sound Freight Lines pier at State and Water. (See 5-4-50 newspaper)(Also Olympian 4-25-50)
 - 3) Beards and costumes-good reference. Bunion Derby #169p1.
 - 4) 30 military planes saluted in formation. (Olympian 5-7-50 front page)
 - 5) Weather- fair with high white clouds. Temp-max temp on Sat-58 degrees. min temp-32. rain-trace. (from newspapers)
 - 6) Parade route on back of Paul L. poster (From Armory, west on 4th, south on Cap Wy, east on 7th, north on Franklin, back to Armory)(see parade description 5-7-50 Olympian)
Parade went 2 hours and began at 11:00 AM
 - 7) Water St. #169p1 (steamed clams from a "teepee", VFW Oyster Stew Cafe)
 - 8) Douglas Greater Shows west of Water St. bet. 4th & 5th #169p1
 - 9) Locals got permission from city to put bark around parking meters, whittling benches in front of stores. Oly News Apr 27, 1950.
 - 10) Late April Elks dedicated a flagpole at Stevens Field (4-25-50 Olympian)
 - 11) See Fireworks article (1950 written file)
 - 12) cabin in Sylvester Park-pic #50E

CAPITOL LAKE PROJECT-(DESCHUTES BASIN PROJECT)

- 1)Construction began in Jan. of 1949. By May 1950, the dam, the fill, the spillway and the gates and fish ladder have been completed. Work is still going on regarding the control house. There are still muddy tide flats which they are hoping will be filled by summer. (#164p a4 tells steps, cost, time and explains project in simple terms- in 1950 newspaper file. Also idea first came up in Jan 3, 1895 accord. to article)
#161p9 says bids opened Dec 15, 1948.
- 2)#164p a4- The Deschutes Parkway is not in use for general traffic in 1950. It is a dirt roadway being used by heavy trucks for the finishing of the project. There is \$400,000 left for filling, grading and paving the rest of Deschutes Parkway.
- 3) Fish Ladder on lower falls in 1950s pgs 113-114 source?__
- 4) #19p207. Holding pens in '61. Deschutes River salmon run constructed along falls in '52.
- 5) By 1953 construction underway on the scenic boulevard along west shore of Cap Lake #24p123.
- 6) Last paragraph Olympian 4-24-50 regarding lake struggle since 1895
- 7) Problems that came up with flooding downtown the next year-pic #50YX4 also text.

POST WORLD WAR II, BABY BOOM ERA FACTS, ISSUES TO SOLVE-

- 1)ISSUES-a)Priest Point Park closed to public swimming due to harbor pollution. When treatment plant is completed they'll reopen. #161p8.
- b)Sylvester Park underground parking plaza issue-#151p3-56.
- c) Traffic- accord. to DOT, I-5 area from exits 102 to 109 opened Dec 1958.

SIGHTS, SOUNDS, SMELLS, TASTES OF 1950-

- 1) Everything to do with a huge parade, air show, and construction of various city projects.
- 2) Three tone whistle at brewery (#41 newspaper file)5 times a day. (installed late 30s or early 40s to replace single tone whistle)
- 3) Rockway-Leland siren-installed Jan 1942. #23p420-421 describes sound
- 4) The contrast of clothing from pioneer times and the present.
- 5) Food booth smells on Street of Yesterday.
- 6) smell of the lumber mills, sawdust, burners, oil cos.

COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN 1950-

1) SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES-

a) Schools-#164p b8 good overall for 1950

1) #161p553- 1 private school-St. Mikes at 817 Cap Wy.
Public schools are-Garfield at 1512 Garfield Ave. since 1930, Lincoln at 2100 Wash. since 1923, McKinley at Grand Blvd, 3/4 mile south Pacific Hwy. since 1908. new one will open fall of 1950, 3rd Roosevelt at 1315 San Francisco Ave NE since Sept 1949, Washington at 1101 Legion Wy E., and Washington Jr. High at 620 Eastside St. since 1924 (the last two shared a campus), Boston Harbor since 1938, M.T. Simmons since 1937. (recheck last two)

2) OHS on Capitol Way (1210 Cap Wy) takes all Oly, Tum and surrounding area students but very overcrowded and plans for new bldg being made. New bldg will open in 1961.

3) #169p7 Junior Day was Thurs. April 27 at OHS.

4) Accord. to Garfield timeline in written '99 file, new teacher salaries doubled in 1949 to \$2,550.

2) ENTERTAINMENT, CLUBS AND SPORTS-

a) Movie Theaters-(#161p556 and p7)(Sat May 6 shows listed below)

1) Avalon-308 4th, (All The King's Men)

2) Capitol Theater-208 5th, (Gene Kelly in The Black Hand)

3) Olympic Theater-506 Wash., (Cary Grant & Irene Dunne in The Awful Truth)

4) State Theater-204 4th Ave E. (Clifton Webb, Jeannie Crain, Myrna Loy in Cheaper By The Dozen- sat. last day)

5) Sunset Drive-In Theater just north of the airport.

(Total seating capacity of 1 through 4 above- 3,500)(Also #174p15 says Liberty had Sat. amateur radio shows in the 50s- must mean Olympic) Also Olympic ticket is 40 cents anytime in 1950.

b) Live Theater-

1) Olympia Little Theater opened in 1939 #23p407

2) Olympia Junior Programs began in the 1940-41 school year at the high school auditorium. (see written 1950 file)

c) Clubs/Sports-

3) BANKS AND BUSINESSES-

a) Banks-#161p7- Two national banks (National Bank of Commerce of Seattle-corner 4th & Cap Wy. Also Seattle First National Bank-424 Cap Way, cor. 5th Ave.) and three savings and loan associations (Capital Savings and Loan-cor 5th & Wash. Also Olympia Federal Savings and Loan-409 Cap Wy. Also Thurs. Co. Fed. Savings and Loan-406 Wash.) Also Olympia State Bank and Trust Co-113 5th Ave W.

b) Businesses-1) Seldens at 506 Cap Wy #169p8. 2) Gillette and Guffey in Chambers Bldg. #161p549. 3) Mann's Seed Store still in 5th & Franklin location #169p7.

4) Watson's Rexall-501 Cap Wy. #169p7. (soda fountain there) 5) Tot & Teen Shop at east corner of Hotel Olympian #161 and pic #50GX3

4) POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS-

a) Police-Accord. to #161p11 there are 20 men, 4 radio equipped patrol cars and two motorcycles. (County Sheriff and State Patrol Hdqtrs are also in Olympia)
Still located at nw cor State and Capitol Way until 1967 when moved to Plum St.
Conflict: #169p7 says 17 policemen and Chief is Roy Kelly. Conclusion- Go with local newspaper account. (see ref. pic #50R)

b) Fire Dept.-22 men, 7 pieces of equipment and a fire boat. #161p11. (Still located at nw cor State and Capitol Way until 1992 #2p54.)

(Pic of 1949 fire truck on street in #144)

5) COMMUNICATIONS-

- a) Newspapers-1 daily & Sunday, 1 weekly paper. #161p7. (The Daily Olympian and the Olympia News) Olympia News at 214 Legion, pub. every Thursday #167p50
- b) Telephone-In late 1948, there were 11,767 telephones in Oly #161p11.
- c) Radio-Seattle radio stations in Apr. 1950-KIRO,KOMO,KJR. #169p10
Olympia radio station-KGY programs listed #169p11 (KGY not at port till 1960.
KGY drive-in broadcasting studio and pic #19p196)

6) POST OFFICE, HOSPITALS AND CHURCHES-

- a) Post Office-Still at 801 Cap Wy S. in the Federal Building. Post Office will move to new location in 1964 #2p55.
- b) Hospitals-#161p7 St. Peter's Hosp. on westside has 100 beds.
- c) Churches-20 bldgs representing 15 denominations. #161p7. Also pgs 523-524.
Churches in view- Methodist, Lutheran, (both on Adams) see #50SS.

7) PUBLIC ART AND MUSEUMS

- a) Downtown still just Rogers statue. Kluh clock
- b) Since 1942 State Capitol Museum at Columbia and 21st. (later Capital Museum)

DIVERSE CULTURES IN OLYMPIA IN 1950-

- a) During WW2 Japanese from Olympia went to Tule Lake, Ore. near Cal. border.
#23p422.

EVENTS AND FACTS AROUND 1950 (local and otherwise)

- 1) Population- (16,300 accord. to #161p7)(Combined Oly and Tumwater pop. in 1950-18,544 accord. to #24p121)(However in 1951 Directory, Oly pop. goes down to 15,708)(#164p4, May 1, 1950 paper says pop exceeding 16,000) (Conflict-#23p460 says about 15,000. Since founded, Oly slipped from first to 12th in pop.)
Conclusion- Oly population in May 1950 is probably a little more than 16,000.
- 2a) Mayor-Ernest Mallory. (Mayor elect is Ralph A. Swanson #169p6) Governor-Arthur B. Langlie. Lt. Governor-Vic Meyer. U.S. President-Harry Truman, democrat. (served from 1945-53, World Book)
- 2b) Oly School Dist. Supt. Leland P. Brown. In 1950 new classrooms for handicapped students, proud of art in schools. (see May 1, 1950 Olympian)
- 3) So Fair A Dwelling Place published 1950 #24p121.
- 4) In 1950 Lacey was an unincorporated crossroads. Had a plywood mill and plans for a drive-in theater. #24p121
- 5) Olympia Chamber of Commerce has hopes for a regular bus line and greater involvement with Fort Lewis. (Olympian May 1, 1950) and need for something like a farmer's market.
- 6) Hanford project begins 1943, reactor starts up in 1944.
- 7) Feb. 1950-McCarthy speaks to a women's group about 205 known communists #163p326
- 8) June 25, 1950-Korean War underway as N. Korea invades Rep. of Korea. #163p326.
- 9) Flood-will be Feb 10, 1951 (see 1950 written file)

BACKGROUND INFO BET. 1933 AND 1950 (U.S. & FOREIGN EVENTS)

- 1) Olympic National Park created 1936
- 2) Japan invades China 1937
- 3) 1939 World War II begins
- 4) Apr 12, 1945 death of FDR
- 5) U.S. drops atomic bombs on Japan in summer 1945. VE Day is May 8. War ends Sept 2, 1945- VJ Day. (World Book)
- 6) 1948 Gandhi assassinated

BACKGROUND INFO BETWEEN 1933 AND 1950 (LOCAL EVENTS)

- 1a) Fort Nisqually moves to Tacoma's Pt. Defiance in 1937 #60pvii
- 1b) Ronald Reagan visits Olympia in 1939. #23p407
- 2) Nov 12, 1939 earthquake. loosened ceiling plaster on old high school auditorium #1Ap72
- 3) Nov 7, 1940- Tacoma Narrows bridge collapse
- 4) 1941-peak production year in Olympia for plywood #170p4
- 2) Zabel's grease matinee in 1942 (#23p421)
- 3) During WW2 USO performances broadcast from Liberty #174p15)
- 4) During WW2 Japanese from Olympia went to Tule Lake, Ore. near Cal. border. #23p422.
- 5) Sylvester Park during WW2 was a collection point for war effort materials. Also mini golf games played there. source___
- 6) Big Blizzard-Jan 13, 1949. Brewery closed on this day and again Jan 25, 1972 accord. to Olympian 1-25-72)
- 7) Acoustics of Cap. dome #23p436-437

PEOPLE 1950 (3 women & 6 men)

- 1) AMANDA BENEK SMITH-(born Dec 7, 1907 Verdun France-Mar 18, 1996 Lacey)#119p17 (mayor from '53-'60) See Whos Who in Wash 1963 pic. (The one block street just south of the Ramada bet. Cap Wy and Columbia is Amanda Smith Way)(#3p23 pic)(obit 3-19-96 pg c1 Olympian)(Mar 16, 1953 Oregonian)(article by Abby Haight, uncertain date, in Oly lib. reference file)
- 2) MARGARET MCKENNY-(born Apr 17, 1885 Olympia-Aug 4, 1969 Olympia)(obit Aug 1969 Olympian)#192 #119p16, (Sylvester Park, Nisqually Delta, Watershed Park. Educator, environmentalist, author)(article from bio file at Oly Timberland Lib.) (#19p204pic explains conservation awards etc.) #24p128. (McKenny Elementary School is named after Margaret)(#23p460)(Also a campsite in Capitol Forest which was called Margaret McKenny Park and was located just n of Littlerock. from Olympian Jan 1, 1974. accord. to Thurston Co Parks, the campground just recently closed. One of main people to argue saving Sylvester Home.(see article 1856 file)(collection of articles and poems re: Margaret)(Olympian Nov 4, 1962)
- 3) WINNIFRED CASTLE OLSEN-(born Olympia July 29, 1916-)See Whos Who in Wash 1963 Good pic. Also YWCA Women of Achievement 2003 booklet. (PTA, KGY Mother Goose, AAUW, instrumental in Bush Family Interpretive Park)(also phone interview)
- 4) G.(GEORGE) NOYES TALCOTT JR.-(Oct 9, 1892 Olympia-Dec 1, 1981 Olympia) jeweler, historian. (see poster #155)(also #176 Talcott article)(Talcott Ave just south of Amanda Smith Way) Geo. Talcott came to Oly in 1873 accord to article in written 1950 file. (#1Ap73 says in Dec 1940 Noyse elected to school board)(also see Whos Who in Wash 1963)(Grant Talcott attended Olympia Collegiate Institute)Pic in #167p45. He was VP of Olympia Centennial Inc.
- 5) RALPH STORMANS-(July 21,1908 Tacoma WA-Mar 8, 2003 Olympia) see obit Mar 14, 2003 Olympian. Grocer, civic activist. Associated Grocers. Ralph's Thriftway, Bayview (Stormans Family says bdate 1908 phone conv.) photo Cascade Photographics.
- 6) PETER G. SCHMIDT-(Feb 13, 1880 Montana-Jan 17, 1957 Seattle)#19p178pic. #3p29 (brewer, Oly/Tum Fnd in 50s, fountain in '53, Tum Falls Park)(Denmark trip in 1949 inspired his idea of Tivoli fountain)(#164 a16-letter from P.G. Schmidt and photo) (Peter G. Schmidt Elementary)(obit in Olympian 1-18-57)
- 7) GEORGE H. FUNK-(Nov 21, 1865 Wisconsin-Feb 6, 1955 Olympia)#119p18-19. In 1890 moved to Oly to practice law. Thurston Co. prosecutor 99-02. 2 terms on Oly City Council. At 87 he fought to keep state agency headquarters in Olympia. (challenged again 20-30 yrs later and court ruled 12-23-87 that state agency headquarters needed to be

in or near Oly city limits.) Also see 1950 written file(his paper on Oly lawyers from Oct 16, 1950) Lived on Puget St. (conflict-#210 says Feb 7 death. Go with newspaper Feb 6 date)(Olympian Oct 23, 1953)(Use pic with Goldie and family from Norma Kinney.)

- 8) GORDON ROY NEWELL-(Jan 31, 1913 Olympia-Feb 18,1991 Olympia)author, historian *Rogues, Buffoons and Statesmen*, maritime specialty. (photo from "Sea Rogues Gallery") bio inside book jacket. obits Seattle Times and Sea. PI, Olympian Feb 19, 1991)(phone conv. with daughter)
- 9) LEONARD HUBER-(June 16, 1917 Elmer, ND- Sept 30, 2005 Olympia)See written 1950 file for notes of interview I had at his home. Huber started community Christmans scenes in 1941. Was in Sylvester Park in a small way in '43 or '44, also Millers windows later. See video. Ran cannery on Friendly Grove Rd. (Also 12-3-01 Olympian)

A few other important people of note during this time

- 1) Anna Blom 2) Fred Goldberg 3) Goldie Funk

STORIES, EPHEMERA ETC 1950-

- 1)1-27-2002 article about man around 1950 who solved his own murder.
- 2) Cub Scouts in cupola during 1949 quake #144
- 3) Dino pic of Art Zabel-(from his collection)
- 4) Poster for centennial celebration from Paul L.
- 5) St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber Co. ad in newspaper 1950. #164 p c13.
- 6) Logo for 100 yr celebration, front page #169 bottom.
- 7) #23p422 horse tied to parking meter.

Want some Olympia area history

by Vicki Gabbard-Williams

"In 1907, when I was 15 years old, they took off the whole front of this building, and I sat out there and cleaned bricks," reminisced Noyes Talcott, second generation of Talcott Jewelry Store owners.

His uncle, Charles Talcott, a watchmaker and clock man, had been in business in Olympia since 1872, and in 1880, after three moves, had finally settled in the Capitol Way location where the store still stands.

Because of that longstanding association with Olympia, Noyes Talcott knows a lot about the area's history.

"In September 1897, I was in the first grade," Talcott remembers. "It was in Washington School and it stood where the armory is now. My home

was kitty corner to where the Washington School offices are now. By 1904 they had all four grades of high school.

Explaining that in those days there was not much medical care available or money to pay for it, Talcott said, "The children I played with were cross-eyed, club-footed, stuttered and most of my male friends had shoes only six months of the year."

He continued, "A man only made a dollar a day. There was no electricity, no water, no phones and in all of Olympia there were no paved streets."

"There were electric street cars that ran from Tumwater to Fourth and Puget streets, but the streets were muddy in the winter and dusty in the summer. They had horse drawn water carts that sprayed the streets.

"The tide came in clear up to the brewery, the old one that is still standing, and it came under a wooden bridge on W. Fourth St. Pillings were put in about 1911 near the present downtown location of Warren's Printing.

Remembering years as a youngster, Talcott said, "We made our own fun. Half of my friends had to work, but we went swimming down East Bay Avenue and we went to Red Creek to fish. It is all covered over now, but you can see it if you know the right places to look. We also tried to make a pond on Fourth Street to put our little boats in and I got caught in the quick sand and was up to my hips before they got me out!"

"In 1902, Dr Carlyon, a dentist in town, was instrumental in setting up

bike paths. We had to pay a license fee to ride bikes back then, and you had to use your feet to stop because bikes did not have wheel brakes yet.

One of the things Talcott and buddies liked to do was play tricks on people with a watch. It seems there was a wooden bridge with slant sides. The bridge slats had spaces between. The youngsters would lay a watch, with a string attached, on the bridge. Then they would hide under the bridge, with one watching for a bicyclist to come by, and the other with his hand on the string.

Since the cyclist could not stop immediately, he would usually leave his bike down the path and run back to the bridge to pick up the watch. "Then just as he grabbed at it," Talcott said, "he was a real word merchant," said Don Clawson, a lobbyist for the Department of Licensing. "He had a caustic touch. He always had time for people. Go on, he was not shrinking violet and he loved his job."

Gordon Newell, author, activist, maritime enthusiast, dies at 78

Politically active, Newell ran for mayor of Seattle and lost, then ran for Seattle port commissioner and won. He wrote more than 20 books and served in many state agencies. Newell also was among those who started the vintage tugboat races that have become a traditional Labor Day feature.

Robert Perry, head of the House tour program, said, "He was fascinating to listen to. He was always a caustic type writer - when he needed a word."

Secretary of State Ralph Munro described the author as "the common man's historian. People loved to read his books because they were so colorful."

He added Newell "had great affection for the must needs of people in respect. He was a true civil rights activist long before it was acceptable or popular to be."

Newell, who was 78, is best remembered for "Rogues, Buffoons and Statesmen," his book about the origins of Washington state government. It all the old-timers read it."

... area historian Noyes Talcott

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chuckled, "we'd pull it out and run through the bushes and he couldn't get us."

The youngsters also played hide 'n' seek, prisoner's base, pom-pom pull-away and fox and geese. At school they played marbles and spun tops.

"The tops were made of wood and we would make a round circle on the clay soil," Talcott said. "Then we would have two or three tops and if a top didn't roll out of the ring, everyone would peg at that top, and sometimes they would split open. And we also played marbles for keeps."

The youngsters also had a baseball team that was backed up by Olympia Brewery. Games were played at a boarded park at 18th and Water streets. Opponents were from Aberdeen, Hoquiam, Centralia and Chehalis.

"We also had 'belladrome' races.

They were bicycle races on wooden floors that slanted and made a circle. Later they used motor bikes. And we had a band concert every week at the park," Talcott remembers.

As for the Talcott jewelry business, "It came with the family," Talcott said. "You see, my uncle, Charles Talcott established the business on Dec. 2, 1872. My father, George N. Talcott, came into the business in 1882 and my uncle, L. Grant Talcott, came in in 1892. They were all brothers."

"I didn't come in until about 1914 after serving part of an apprenticeship in Seattle in goldsmithing. I also went to the University of Washington for a short time. At that time, the dentists didn't have any training, so we made the gold crowns for them. And we did elk tooth mounts and repair work for about six years."

"Then on June 28, 1916, I married Elizabeth in Spokane, and we had one son, Richard N. He now has the store in Tacoma, and his son Richard N. Jr., has the Olympia store."

He noted that both sons do exceptional work in jewelry, adding, "I never was a successful craftsman. I just let them believe I was."

With his son and grandson taking over the craftsmanship, Noyes has used his time for other skills. He started mountain climbing in the 1930's and was still active seven years ago. At the age of 80, Talcott climbed to the top of the 800-foot high Main Pyramid in Mexico City.

Talcott also has been having fun teaching himself how to memorize and has currently memorized all the nations in Africa. He also has a Spanish vocabulary of approximately 7,000 words and is training himself to

memorize part of a Spanish book.

Talcott spends days at his office and walking around town to check his buildings.

Retirement? Obviously not for Noyes Talcott. He is still active, learning and teaching. Noyes Talcott also is a walking historian.

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There Are Reasons for Celebrating

By publishing this Centennial edition, the largest issue of a newspaper ever printed in Olympia or Thurston County, The Daily Olympian hopes it is making a creditable contribution to the observance of this community's one-hundredth birthday.

For this special, commemorative edition the editors endeavored to choose material which would serve two purposes: remind readers that there would be no busy, attractive city here today had it not been for the foresight, fortitude, toil and resourcefulness of the pioneers and their progeny, and help residents to realize that we live in a community which possesses valuable economic assets and potentialities, and offers extraordinary cultural, educational and social advantages.

Contained in this issue are illustrated articles concerning the Capitol, Olympia's industries, its commercial enterprises, its schools and churches, its municipal government, civic and fraternal groups and other organizations, institutions and activities. The preparation of this material was a pleasurable task, and if it is informative and entertaining and assists Olympians to better understand and appreciate the city's constitutive elements, the editors will be gratified.

If there is information in these pages which you think would be of interest to relatives, friends or business acquaintances in other parts of the country, it is suggested that copies of this edition be mailed to them. This issue may further explain why Westerners take so much pride in what has been done on the Pacific Coast in a relatively short space of time.

Olympians have every right to be proud of what has been accomplished here. This city has experienced adversity. It has been confronted by numerous obstacles. It has suffered keen disappointments. It has been badgered by other communities. It has been beset by peculiar problems. But most of the obstacles have been overcome by a patient but persevering people, the disappointments have lost their sting, and solutions to problems are being found.

The city's early-day hope of becoming the terminus of a great transcontinental railway were shattered. For years the city was handicapped by inadequate transportation facilities. It was compelled to fight to prevent the Capitol from being shanghaied by Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma and other covetous settlements. It has experienced an earthquake which, had it lasted but a few seconds longer, would have reduced most of its business buildings to rubble. But modern highways, harbor improvements and efficient air service have done much to compensate for the loss of a railway terminus. Olympia today is easily accessible; communications with other cities is rapid.

The Capitol not only is firmly rooted in Olympia but is one of the most beautiful structures in the country. The water supply is abundant. A freshwater lake which will be an outstanding scenic attraction is being formed in the heart of the city, a project for which hundreds of Olympians have worked for many years. New industries are locating here; new businesses are being formed. Pleasant, comfortable homes are being built in all parts of town; bolstering the contention that Olympia has residential districts which equal or surpass those in other cities of comparable size. New churches are rising; a new school was opened last year, two new ones are under construction. No other city 100-years old has a business district that looks as new as Olympia's. Unwavering faith in the future of this city impelled businessmen to erect handsome new buildings and extensively renovate older establishments after the costly quake of 1949.

Economically, Olympia today is a substantial city. That, to be sure, is a comforting fact. But Olympia has many more things to recommend it. Ours is a clean, friendly community—a city where individuals are willing and eager to cooperate for the common good. It is a place where people may find agreeable employment, and live in congenial, wholesome surroundings. It is a place where children may be decently raised, where families may get the most out of life.

Olympians have much to be thankful for as their city enters its second century. We have ample reasons for celebrating. But as we celebrate, let us pause long enough to pay tribute to the memories of the pioneers who founded and started the development of a place which is home to 18,000 people—and to reflect that no city grows and improves without intelligent planning—and hard work.

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Her love was natural for all on this earth

Sally Turnbull

On a class nature walk through the forest, a young kindergarten student, Charles Wright, was puzzled by his teacher's intense enthusiasm. He asked her, "Do all of these birds and trees and flowers belong to you?"

She replied, "No, Charles, they don't belong to me, they belong to everyone. They are here for all of us to enjoy."

As they walked along, Charles was not entirely satisfied with her response. "But Miss McKenny," he queried, "if you don't own the birds and the trees and the flowers, then why are you so interested in them?"

Young Charles Wright graduated from his Olympia kindergarten class of 1919, and later

became a Washington State Supreme Court Justice. The subject, however, is not about the late Justice Wright, nor is it about kindergarten nature lessons. Rather, the focus of the kindergarten teacher — the Grand 'Ol Lady of Mushrooms — Margaret McKenny.

Margaret McKenny's 100th birthday will be marked April 17. A teacher, poet, ornithologist, author, naturalist and photographer, McKenny also served as an environmental conscience for Thurston County. "She was one of the first to convince the rapidly growing community of Olympia that it ought to attend to the environment," says Mike Contris, Olympian writer and St.

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Photo by John Lucas
A rare find: John Lucas Jr. and Margaret McKenny commune over a mushroom.

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Martin's College faculty member.

Although McKenny died in 1969, she is still vividly remembered for making those conservation gains, for being an authority on mushrooms and for her enthusiasm in teaching the young. To recognize her contributions, a display has been assembled at the State Capital Museum featuring photographs, documents and artifacts about her life. It will be on display the week of April 15.

Although many developers considered McKenny an obstructionist, Thurston County residents probably would include her victories

among the principal reasons they enjoy living here.

For instance, these spring days when you stop at Sylvester Park and sit under an old maple to eat lunch or listen to a jazz quartet, you can thank McKenny. Developers wanted to revitalize downtown Olympia and decided a parking lot was essential where the park now stands. McKenny and her colleagues formed a group called "Citizens for the Future" and took the issue all the way to the Supreme Court. After a 10-month battle, the development was halted.

The group did not stop there, however. It squashed the city's plans to log and sell the 180 acres of Douglas Fir now known as

Watershed Park. Described as a heritage of our native forest, this preserved area now provides a 1½ mile nature trail for public enjoyment.

The list goes on. McKenny fought for the preservation of the Nisqually Delta as early as 1947, and later organized "Washington Citizens' Committee for Outdoor Resources," forerunner of the Nisqually Delta Association. She had a hand in planting the red maples and flowering hawthorns along Capitol Boulevard, preserving acreage at Priest Point Park, forming the local chapter of the Audubon Society.

To many, Margaret McKenny's name is still synonymous with

mushrooms. "The Savory Wild Mushroom," one of the 15 books she authored, is in its 7th edition, and is nationally recognized as a guide for those who study and gather mushrooms. On a tour through Olympia in 1943, Helen Keller visited McKenny for several days at her Water Street home. On their nature walks, Keller was able to identify mushrooms by their feel, remembering their characteristics from McKenny's books. McKenny's story entitled "Infinitely More" describes this excursion in detail.

Gary Carlyle, a county juvenile services worker, knew McKenny during his adolescence. "Her house was always open and we really en-

joyed heading there after school when we had free time," he recalled, adding that she helped him and his friend John Lucas with their ornithology demonstration and told of their delight when she came to their junior high science fair to see the project win first prize.

So intense in her quests, McKenny would often get up before dawn to catch certain lights in photographing a flower or to study a bird. Or she would sit up all night making camera studies of the moon. "She had an unmatched passion for life," recalls Maury Haseltine, an Olympian who learned about mushrooms from McKenny. "Always sensibly dressed with no-nonsense walking shoes, McKenny would

drop anything she was doing indoors to get outdoors."

"She was someone you didn't forget — a genius. People like Margaret McKenny come around once in a lifetime," says John Lucas, an Olympian who accompanied McKenny and her peers on many field trips and whose son, John Jr., was one of her prize pupils.

"Margaret McKenny's whole life was devoted to convincing people that we are living in one of the most beautiful places in the world and that above everything else, we should preserve it," states Gordon Newell, Olympia author and historian.

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