

picious isolation, nor smug superiority, but is marked by friendly cooperation for common ends with frank recognition and cordial acceptance of national differences of tradition and life. Only a Canadianism that serves these high ends can justify itself whether we think in terms of the welfare of our Dominion, of our Empire-Commonwealth, of the English-speaking world, or of that larger community which we call mankind."

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*Newspaper Birthday*

On December 10, 1933, the Seattle *Post-Intelligencer* celebrated its seventieth birthday. There were no ceremonies but the paper's issue of that date carried a fine historical story by J. Willis Sayre. The article stresses the fact that some of the first readers are still with us. One of the illustrations shows Mrs. Susannah Mercer Graham reading a faded copy of the *Post-Intelligencer* with plans for rebuilding the city after the great fire of 1889, and another shows Mr. Rolland H. Denny, last survivor of the city's first colony of settlers, reading a present day issue. The article is worth saving for its history values.

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*The Widow of Allen Weir Passes*

Hon. R. W. Condon sends a clipping from the Port Townsend *Leader* of December 14, 1933, conveying the information that Mrs. Allen Weir had died in Oakland, California, on December 6. She was born Ellen Davis at Ontario, Canada, in July, 1856. Her father, Hall Davis, settled at Dungeness in 1873 and became one of the leading dairymen in the Territory of Washington. On November 12, 1877, she was married to Allen Weir, publisher of the Port Townsend *Argus*. Mr. Weir was a Delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1889, and was elected first Secretary of State when that Constitution became effective. Olympia became the family home. Mr. Weir died there on October 31, 1916.

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*National Archive Building*

When the American Historical Association meets for its semi-centennial celebration at Washington, D. C., in December, 1934, the National Archive Building will be ready for at least an inspection. The cornerstone was laid by President Hoover in February, 1933, and construction work is proceeding. Professor J. Franklin Jameson, Chief of the Division of Manuscripts in the Library of Congress,

writes that it is going to be a beautiful building and well arranged for all its proper uses.

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*Parson Smith*

Acting Forest Supervisor Ed. E. Birkmaier at Okanogan has sent a copy of an old inscription. It was formerly reported by Forest Supervisor P. T. Harris who had sent a copy to the Regional Forester at Portland, asking for identifying information. The tree bearing the inscription stands near International Boundary Monument 86, not far from Pasayten River. The inscription is as follows: "I have roamed in foreign parts my boys and many lands have seen, but Columbia is idol yet of all she is the queen. Parson Smith, June 8, '86."

No identification of Parson Smith has appeared. The famous pioneer Hiram F. ("Okanogan") Smith had an orchard about fifty miles from there but he is not known to have been called "Parson." The Foresters think that Parson Smith may have been with one of the parties that surveyed or marked the boundary line.

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*Death of John Armstrong*

The Bremerton *News-Searchlight* for December 13, 1933, carries an obituary of John Armstrong by August Toellner, showing that he was a pioneer on Puget Sound since 1879. He had a remarkable career whaling, Arctic sailing, working in logging camps, the Navy Yard and elsewhere. He was born in New York. His great grandfather signed the Declaration of Independence and his grandfather was a carpenter on "Old Ironsides." When the restored frigate *Constitution* was at Seattle last summer, Armstrong trod her decks and said he was ready to die has his childhood dream had been realized.

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*Echoes From Missionary Days*

Mrs. Ella J. De Bell of West Point, Nebraska, has written some interesting facts about her aunt, Mrs. S. R. Beggs, formerly Mrs. J. H. Frost, one of the Methodist Missionaries at Fort Clatsop in 1841. In the issue of this Quarterly for October, 1907, (Vol. II., No. 1) there was published an extended interview with Mrs. Beggs who was then the last survivor of that missionary group. The recent letters from Mrs. De Bell are along the line of the memories then recorded.