

HAPPY BIRTHDAY. Mrs. Carrie Knowles Cook, a daughter of George Osborn and Georgia Dyer Knowles, one of Provincetown's most prominent families, is 100 years old today. With a string of distinguished Cape Cod names like that, there is no doubt that Mrs. Knowles is a true Cape Codder.

But we are told an interesting yarn about Mrs. Knowles. Her father owned seven whalers that sailed from **Knowles Wharf** at the foot of Pearl Street. They lived, appropriately, in a white house on Commercial Street with green shutters and a front lawn surrounded by a tidy white picket fence.

Mr. Knowles named one of his whalers for Carrie, the **Carrie D. Knowles**. It went on a cruise south, but was not heard of at the Barbadoes. Later one of the crewmen showed up in Trinidad with the story that the ship had been taken by pirates.

He claimed that the vessel had been blown off course and he and the rest of the crew thrown into a dungeon from which only he escaped. He disappeared before the authorities arrived to question him. Nothing more was ever heard of the **Carrie D. Knowles**.

Mrs. Cook, we are told, is a keen, happy, beautiful woman whose long life has treated her well. She married **Irving Winthrop Cook** of Provincetown and moved to Hyannis where her husband became president of the First National Bank. They had four daughters: **Georgia Ferguson, Hilda Swift, Barbara Henry and Katherine Howland**; nine grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Happy birthday, Carrie. We hope to meet you soon to record an oral history.



Drying Fish on **J. D. Hilliard Wharf** in 1909. Building with cupola, the **George O. Knowles Wharf**. Note part of a card on right with 2 horses coming down a wharf.