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Anniversary Section



Chicago Tribune
THE WORLD'S GREATEST NEWSPAPER

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ON June 10, 1847, the Chicago Tribune made its first appearance. Its first issue, printed on a small hand-press, consisted of 400 copies. All the activities connected with its publication, editorial, advertising and mechanical, were housed in a single room.

When the Tribune was born Chicago was in the tenth year of its existence as a city. Population was 16,000. Most of its houses were of wood. All of its streets were unpaved. Chicago had yet to see its first train, receive its first telegram, light its first gas lamp.

In the columns of the Tribune four generations of Chicagoans have read the news of four major American conflicts—the Mexican, Civil, Spanish and World wars.

Through its columns they have followed the course of the community and the nation through eight depressions and twenty-three presidential campaigns.

Together, the Tribune and its readers have seen the frontiers disappear and Chicago grow to be the fourth largest city in the world.

Through ninety years of continuous publication the Tribune has marched with progress, Chicago's oldest newspaper and its youngest.

Set out on the following pages is a pictorial history, a vivid record, of these ninety eventful years during which the Tribune printed the news—and on many occasions made it.