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Birthday Celebrations

Grandma Sesler is 91

Event Celebrated by Open House Sponsored by Children

Born in Virginia in 1856 and a resident of Battle Creek since she came to Nebraska as a young woman, Mrs. Alice Virginia ("Grandma") Sesler reached the age of ninety-one years on Saturday, September 20, and in honor of this venerable old citizen, open house was held at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Carrico. The affair was sponsored by her children all of whom were present to join the many friends who called to offer congratulations.

The children here were the three daughters, Mrs. Alfred Haaland, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Mrs. Jacob Brand, Grinnell, Iowa, and Mrs. Carrico. Grandchildren present were Mrs. F. S. Bailey, Norfolk, Virginia, Edwin and Dorothy Brand, Grinnell, Iowa, Billy Carrico, Fort Crook, and Paul Carrico, Norfolk. Not present were four other grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Grandma Sesler is very active for one of her age and enjoys comparatively good health. Though denied the educational advantages offered the youth of today, she is remarkably well read and she finds nothing more pleasing than to debate leading issues of the day with one not of her political faith. Yes, she's a democrat---and proud of it. She recalls many incidents of the Civil War. Her grandfather, Samuel Philips, came from Wales and eventually became a captain during the war of 1812, and she is well versed in the history of that era.

Many were the gifts and flowers received by Mrs. Sesler, and especially noticeable among the offerings were three magnificent birthday cakes, one ingeniously designed by an Omaha caterer.

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