

# Josie Nixdorf celebrates 95th.

## birthday

Mrs. Josephine Nixdorf, one of Miller County's oldest Senior Citizens, celebrated her 95th birthday last Tuesday, November 12, at her rural farm home some three miles northeast of Ulman. She had a very happy and enjoyable day. Josie is very fortunate in that at her age of 95 her health is very good. Her mind is as clear as a bell and as active as the wheels of a watch. She remembers everybody and her memory vividly recalls the past of her long, eventful life.

Shortly after 8:00 a.m. on the day of her celebration Flowers by Faith of Iberia arrived with a beautiful flower arrangement telegraphed in by her granddaughter, Sue Strasser, of Towanda, New York. On the

previous day a huge natural Anthurium flower arrangement arrived from Hawaii shipped in by air express to Columbia, Mo., and then delivered in the normal way to her postoffice. A nephew, Homer Nixdorf, who lives in Jacksonville, Florida, was taking his fall vacation in Hawaii and had the beautiful floral arrangement flown in from that far-away state. That flower group was almost unbelievable in its structure and color arrangement. Josie was more than pleased with these two flower remembrances.

A few minutes before ten o'clock the staff photographer for The New Iberian arrived to shoot pictures of her 95th birthday. He was followed in a few minutes by the arrival of Sammy and Iris Burks who came to spend the day with

Josie and Jessie and Louise. According to our Ulman correspondent, Mrs. Grace Hix, friends, relatives and well-wishers began arriving throughout the remainder of the day.

This photographer-reporter, after shooting pictures, remained for an extra hour's visit with Josie and those then present. Shortly before he made ready to leave, Miss Jessie Nixdorf took off her lovely kitchen apron, passed it to Iris Burks and said "Here it is, Iris; you're to cut up the chicken." Whereupon Iris dutifully donned the apron, marched out to the kitchen and began wielding the big butcher knife.

On November 12, 1879, Josephine Burks was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Burks who lived in a small cottage in the field a short distance above the present Barron Fork bridge on Highway 17 about four miles north of Iberia. Here Josie began to grow up and discover more and more new things about the world. Later she would attend school at Hickory Point which then was the center of a thriving community. By this time the family had moved from the place of her birth and settled anew in the Hickory Point area.

On February 12, 1902, at the age of 23, Josie married Wm. Carroll Nixdorf and they settled in what is now known as the Pleasant Farm Community. Within time three children came to live in the Nixdorf home. They are now Mrs. N.F. (Cleo) Carnes of Camdenton, Mo.; Miss Jessie Nixdorf and Miss Louise Nixdorf of the home. Josie has two granddaughters—daughters of the Carnes family. By those granddaughters she has seven great grandchildren.

Josie has two half-sisters: Mrs. Tracy McDonald and Mrs. Dorothy Burris, both of Eldon.

The death of Wm. Carroll Nixdorf on June 15, 1961, left Josie a widow. She and daughters, Jessie and Louise, have continued to live on the Nixdorf farm which the Nixdorf family first acquired back on 1907.

Miss Jessie Nixdorf had baked her mother a birthday cake but the big formal one for the grand occasion was baked by Beth Myers of Ulman.

Yes, Happy Birthday greetings to you, Josie, throughout the whole next year from The New Iberian.



with her big birthday cake and the natural Anthurium flower sent to her from Hawaii.