

Mt. Lake's Oldest Resident cont'd

She has 11 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

In 1905 the family left the farm and moved to Mt. Lake. Here Mr. Schroeder was engaged in various businesses. He had a furniture store and elevator. He passed away in 1924 and Mrs. Schroeder remained in Mt. Lake. "I kept busy as I had roomers, many of them teachers," She said.

It will be 12 years in May since she moved to Eventide home. Her health in general has been good. Until she was 76 she needed no medical care. Midwives delivered her children and she remembers no illness where a doctor was needed.

Her medical history is amazing. At the age of 76 she had her gallbladder removed. Her eyesight began failing when she reached 90 and a cataract was removed which helped her vision. At the age of 95 she received a complete set of dentures. She had her own teeth until this age. And she walked from Eventide to the dentist's office for her appointments. She was fitted with a hearing aid at the age of 97.

She is a member of Bethel church and in her "younger" days was active in its organizations. Until recently she has enjoyed Sunday morning service broadcasts from Bethel church and listening to her radio. But her hearing is fast failing and she does not care to wear her hearing aid. Also it is a bit harder for her to recall incidents of her early childhood.

Truly the Lord has been kind to this sweet little lady, who is being honored at a party at Eventide on her 100th birthday. Her daughter and son-in-law came from Florida for the occasion.

Because of weather conditions her son who resides in Washington postponed his visit. He will come later.

Mrs. Schroeder is remaining calm and serene through all the activities and excitement that surround this important event. Beautiful flowers and plants decorate her room; daily the mail brings greetings and cards from well-wishers including congressmen. Also radio stations and a TV program dedicated songs to her on this her 100th birthday.