

"Corpse" Marks 94th



"The Corpse of Burlington," Jim Gernhart is shown here with birthday cake which marked his 94th birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Keeler and family entertained Gernhart and a few other friends at their home Friday evening. Gernhart made front page news all over the world when he held his "funeral" 20 years ago. This year The Rocky Mountain News sent photog and reporter down to interview Gernhart about his birthday. Last week KOA-TV sent a two-man crew down to take live photos which were not seen in this area.

Jim Gernhart Has Busy Week

Jim Gernhart reports that dozens of persons called on him last week, some of them professionally and some to greet him on the observance of his 94th birthday.

Two men from KOA, Denver, were here to take pictures of Gernhart and his casket. They photographed the house, taking dozens of photos of Gernhart and his home. They later went to Goodland where they photographed his masoleum at the cemetery.

KLOE, Goodland, took several pictures of Gernhart and his house, along with a fruit basket Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Ebeler had sent him.

On Friday Mrs. Kenneth Keeler and eldest daughter

prepared a 6:30 p.m. dinner, with a big angel food cake and two cherry pies.

Howard Pickerell came to take photographs. Later Rol Hudler took pictures of Jim and the cake and then Mrs. Keeler had Mayor Hudler serve the cherry pie. Gernhart announced he would serve the 20th anniversary of his funeral June 1, 1971.

Other visitors at the Gernhart home were W. T. Collins, Tulsa, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Roger Walters of Colorado Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hester of Texas; Frank Bedford of California; Mr. and Mrs. S. Brandt, Lincoln, Neb.; Mrs. Carol Miller, Ed Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. Ebeler, Ernie Blackburn, Art Boland, Ray Hawley.



Jim Gernhart of Burlington celebrated his 94th birthday last week, and in this photo seems to be enjoying life. Jim says he is planning to have a celebration next June, when he marks the 20th anniversary of his "funeral."