

"Corpse" Plans For Observing Century Mark

Jim Gernhart, the "Corpse" of Burlington, will be celebrating his 100th birthday Sunday, Sept. 12, with a big parade down main street. The parade will start at 2:30 p.m. at the city clerk's office and proceed south down main street.

Everyone is welcome to enter the parade, which will be led by Gernhart riding in an old truck. It is expected that several antique vehicles will join in the fun.

Gernhart said yesterday that his casket, which has been on display in several parades, will not be used this year. Gernhart stored the casket in the basement of his home until he moved to the rest home.

"Now the casket is at my 'muslem' at Goodland," Gernhart reported.

Originally Gernhart held his "funeral" June 3, 1951, receiving world-wide attention at the time. Since then he has celebrated his funeral and birthday several times.

Gernhart maintained his own home until several months ago when he moved into Burlington Rest Home. 1976