

Marie Branstad

honored on

90th birthday 1975

On Sunday, September 7, approximately 175 friends and relatives attended an Open House at the home of Mrs. Newton Branstad in honor of her 90th birthday.

Seven of her eight children attended. They were Dr. Wm. Branstad of St. Paul, Byron, Laurette (Mrs. George) Revne, Audrey Maier (Mrs. J.A.) and Dr. Goodwin Branstad of Grantsburg, Ortell (Mrs. Dean P.) Arnold of Afton, MN., and Bevan of Grantsburg. Marcella (Mrs. Paul Gibbs of Santa Barbara, Calif., was unable to attend. Eleven of her sixteen grandchildren and her 2 great grandchildren were also present.

Out of town guests included: Dr. Quentin Paulson of Madison, Wis., Mr. and Mrs. John Roback, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Horan, Mrs. James Restine and Mrs. and Mrs. Helmer Peterson of St. Paul, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Jim Anderson of Duluth, Minn., Mrs. Bill Brandes of Columbus, Ohio., Mrs. Katie Kortt of Sioux Falls, So. Dakota, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson of New Brighton, MN., Mrs. Katherine Mason and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Mason of Rush City, Minn.



Marie Branstad f. Paulsen

Newton Branstad, County Pioneer, Dies At Age 83

Newton O. Branstad passed away at the Grantsburg hospital Thursday, Dec. 5, in his 83rd year, after being hospitalized six weeks.

Mr. Branstad was the son of pioneer residents Mr. and Mrs. Ole C. Branstad and was born August 21, 1875. He spent his entire life on the farm south of Grantsburg, which was purchased by his father, a Civil War Veteran, in 1866.

On Oct. 30, 1906, Newton was married to Marie Emille Paulson. Eight children were born to this union.

He is survived by his widow Marie; four sons, William of St. Paul, Byron, Goodwin and Bevan of Grantsburg; four daughters, Mrs. George Revne (Laurette), St. James, Minn., Mrs. J. A. Maier (Audrey), Grantsburg, Mrs. D. P. Arnold (Ortell), Lake Elmo, Minnesota, and Mrs. Paul Gibbs (Marcella), Siren; and 14 grandchildren.

Other survivors are two sisters, Mrs. E. A. Tyler (Rhoda), Minneapolis, Mrs. Eli Pederson (Edna), St. Paul, and a brother, Benjamin Branstad, Grantsburg.

Mr. Branstad was always interested and active in community affairs. He was on the original Community Hospital board of directors for many years, served as president and director of the Burnett County Fair Ass'n for about 35 years, was on the county draft board during World War II, was one of the founders and served as president of the Wood Lake Shipping Ass'n for many years. He was also a member of the Home Guard during World War I, served on the Branstad school board at various times through the years and was always active in affairs of the Branstad creamery as its president or director until recent years.

Funeral services were held from Central Methodist Church Monday, Dec. 9, with Rev. Keith Hanley officiating. Mr. Stanley Mattson sang two selections with Mrs. Mertice Anderson at the organ.

Casket bearers were S. Elme Hanson, Lewis Knutson, Orre Larson, Raymond L. Johnson, Alfred Thoreson and Roy G. Larson. Interment was at Riverside cemetery in the village. Taylor and Son were in charge of arrangements.

Audrey Maier

Audrey Maier, 83, Grantsburg, died Monday, Jan. 11, 1999. A complete obituary will be published next week.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 16, 1999 at Central United Methodist Church in Grantsburg.

She was a director of nurses at the Grantsburg Hospital for 22 years.

Memorials are preferred to C.U.M.C. in lieu of flowers.

Visitation will be at 1 p.m. at the church.

Audrey S. Maier

A memorial service was held at Central United Methodist Church, Grantsburg, Saturday, Jan. 16, 1999 with Pastor Amy DeLong officiating. Music was provided by Linda Bengé, organist and vocalists, Robert and Julie Branstad.

She was born in Grantsburg, on Sept. 15, 1915 to Newton and Marie Branstad. She graduated from Grantsburg High School in 1934. She attended DeGuile School of Beauty Culture in Minneapolis, MN and worked a year in Minneapolis, MN before entering the Hamline Asbury School of Nursing. She graduated in 1941 from a three-year diploma program.

Audrey married Elwood Swanberg on June 25, 1941. Elwood reported to Ft. Sheridan, IL for service in the Army on June 1, 1943. Audrey went to Highland Park, IL and practiced nursing at the Highland Park Hospital to be near Elwood. Elwood was moved to Camp Davis, NC for more training before going overseas. Audrey stayed in Highland Park, IL. Elwood died on Jan. 14, 1944. Audrey moved to the south side of Chicago where she enrolled at the University of Chicago and received her B.S. in Public Health Nursing. After graduation, she worked at Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Company as one of their industrial nurses.

She married Joseph Alexander Maier on Nov. 10, 1949. Al was a Krementz salesman in the Chicago area. He died on Oct. 17, 1963. Audrey accepted the position of Director of Nursing at the Burnett General Hospital and enjoyed that position for 22 years. She retired to care for her sister Laurette who was in the L.T.C. Unit. Audrey was very active in the Central United Methodist Church. She served on many committees and was in the United Methodist Women.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, Elwood and Al; brother, William Branstad and wife Jeanette; brothers, Byron and Goodwin Branstad; sisters, Laurette Revne and husband, George, Ortell Arnold and husband, Dean; two nephews, Paul Branstad and Jeff Gibbs.

She is survived by sister, Marcella (Robert) Griep, Santa Maria, CA; brother, Bevan (Audrey) Branstad, Grantsburg; sisters-in-law, Eleanor, Elizabeth and Caroline Branstad and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Cremation Society of Minnesota.

Eleanor Marcella Branstad

Eleanor Marcella Branstad died January 10, 2002 at Burnett County Medical Center.

A memorial service was held January 14 at Central United Methodist Church in Grantsburg with Rev. Amy DeLong officiating. Music was provided by David and Carol Ahlquist and Linda Bengé.

Eleanor was born April 11, 1918 to Peter and Tena Pederson in St. Paul, MN.

She attended Branstad School and Grantsburg High School. After graduating she worked in Minneapolis.

On June 10, 1939 she was united in marriage to Byron Branstad. Four children were born to this union, Bruce, Robert, Judy and Julie. After her marriage Eleanor was a homemaker and later assisted Byron in his New York Life Insurance business.

Eleanor loved cooking and baking, traveling, toile painting, being a mother and grandmother and her family and friends.

She is survived by sons, Bruce (Marcella) Branstad and Robert Branstad; daughters, Judy (Duane) Lien and Julie Branstad; four grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Byron; her parents; sister, Evangeline; brother, Joseph; two grandchildren.

The Edling-Taylor Funeral Home and Cremation Society of Minnesota assisted the family with arrangements.

OBITUARIES

rites for William Branstad

William Branstad, 84, a longtime St. Paul dentist and professor at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, died of cancer Saturday in the extended care unit at Burnett General Hospital in Grantsburg, WI.

Branstad, of St. Paul, was born in Grantsburg and graduated from high school there. He earned a dental degree from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry in 1930. He was a dentist at Carleton College in Northfield, MN, for several years before opening a practice in the Lowry Medical Arts Building in St. Paul in 1933.

He was a member of ROTC and was in the Army during World War II. He started teaching at the university in 1940. He specialized in restorative dentistry, jaw function, dysfunction, diagnosis, treatment planning and occlusion. He retired from the university in 1976 and his



practice in 1985.

He wrote several articles and received the university dental school's Ambert B. Hall Award in 1974 for his work in restorative dentistry.

Branstad was past president and longtime secretary of the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry, and a

member of the American Academy of Periodontology, International Association for Dental Research, G.V. Black Dental Club, Minnesota Prosthodontic Society, American Interprofessional Institute and Psi Omega fraternity. He was widely known as a clinician, lecturer and author.

He is survived by his wife, Caroline; a stepson, Mark Strang, of Orlando, FL; two sisters, Audrey Maier, of Grantsburg and Marcella Griep, of Carpinteria, CA, and two brothers, Goodwin and Bevan, both of Grantsburg.

A memorial service was held October 10, 1991 at Central Methodist Church, Grantsburg. Memorials to the church or donor's choice are suggested. Arrangements are by the Cremation Society of Minnesota.

Byron Branstad

Byron Branstad passed away Thursday, March 15, 1990 at United Hospital, St. Paul, at the age of 78 years.

Byron was born and raised in the Branstad community south of Grantsburg, one of eight children, with three brothers and four sisters. He graduated from Grantsburg High School in 1929 and attended the Hoffman Business College in Milwaukee.

He was married to Eleanor Peterson on June 10, 1939.

He worked for six years for Larson Supply and as a temporary mail carrier in Grantsburg. He also worked at Grantsburg Motors for six years before joining the New York Life Insurance Company on October 1, 1951. He retired from New York Life after 31 years of dedicated service.

Byron was very active in the community. He was a past Master of Masons, a Past Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star, and a member of the Zor Temple of Madison. He served for eleven years on the Village Council, was County Heart Fund Chairman for many years, served on the Grantsburg and Burnett County Housing Authorities, on the Grantsburg Hospital Board, and was a member of the Fire Department and the Chamber of Commerce. He was an active and dedicated member of the Central United Methodist Church. In 1975 he was honored as Grantsburg's "Man of the Year."

He and his wife Eleanor have lived in Hudson the past three years, being residents of Wintergreen Apartments.

Byron was preceded in death by his parents, Newton and Marie Branstad; two infant grandchildren, and sisters, Laurette Revenue and Ortell Arnold.

He is survived by his wife Eleanor, son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Marcella, son Robert, daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Duane Lien, daughter Julie; brothers: Dr. William Branstad, Dr. Goodwin Branstad, Bevan Branstad, and sisters: Audrey Maier, Marcella Griep; grandchildren: Mrs. Joel (Tracy) Finch, Shane and Nicole Lien; other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held on March 18, 1990 at Central United Methodist Church, in Grantsburg, with Pastor William Shepherd officiating. Soloists were Lawrence Anderson and Lisa Walters. The organist was Janet Hyatt.

Dr. Goodwin Branstad *PH*

Dr. Goodwin Bennett Branstad, also known as "Goody" to many people, died May 29, 1996, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis. He was 77 years old.

Goody was born to Newton and Marie Branstad on August 18, 1918, the fifth oldest of eight children. They resided in Branstad on the family homestead. Goody graduated from high school in Grantsburg in 1936 and later attended Kansas State University for a year. He then moved to St. Paul, Minn., where he worked in the veterinary clinic of Dr. Arnold Fiest. This experience became invaluable later in his own practice.

In 1942 he enlisted in the Army, serving four years in veterinary service.

After the war, he returned to St. Paul, Minn., and took classes at the University of Minnesota. He and a handful of others interested in veterinary medicine formed a preveterinary club to put pressure on the school administration and the State Legislature to create a school of veterinary medicine. Finally in 1947, thanks to Goody and his club, the University of Minnesota Veterinary School opened its doors to a class of 24 students.

In 1951, Goody graduated from the first class at the College of Veterinary Medicine with honors. Upon graduation he associated himself with Dr. E. N. Liljeberg and together they built the first veterinary clinic in Grantsburg in 1954. They practiced together for nine years until the death of Dr. Liljeberg.

In 1953, he married Elizabeth Larson, also of Grantsburg. Together they raised three daughters, Jennifer, Mary and Karla. Goody was a wonderful husband and father and tried very hard to balance family with his profession.

Goody practiced in his clinic for 34 years. Anyone who knew him knew he had a gift of gab. It was an important part of his practice. He was so dedicated to his profession that it wasn't just a matter of treating the animals; the owner was of equal concern. His practice was always a family oriented operation that through the years involved Liz, his daughters and his in-laws, Milton and Ellen Jensen. There were many rewards from his work as evidenced in his long-term working relationships and friendships with clients in Grantsburg as well as many surrounding communities.

In 1984 Goody retired. However, three years later he was back doing what he loved. He practiced with his daughter, Karla, at her dog grooming business in Siren until Tuesday of last week, May 28.

Goody was preceded in death by his parents; brothers William and Byron; sisters Ortell and Laurette; brothers-in-law George Revne, Al Maier and Walter Larson; sister-in-law Jeanette Branstad; nephews Paul Branstad and Jeffrey Gibbs.

Memorial service was held at Faith Lutheran Church, Grantsburg, May 31. Honorary pallbearers were Dr. Glen Nelson, Dr. James Wilson, Dr. Richard Hartzel, Clayton Retzer, Alwin Christopherson, and Vernon Lundequam.

Paul N. Branstad

Paul Newton Branstad was born on August 3, 1957, in Grantsburg, Wisconsin to Bevan and Audrey Branstad. He was baptized and confirmed in the Methodist Faith. He was a Senior in Grantsburg High School.

He passed away suddenly on October 28, 1975 at Grantsburg, Wisconsin, at the age of 18 years, 2 months and 25 days.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his parents, Bevan and Audrey Branstad, his twin brother, Peter, and an older brother, Terry, of Grantsburg, his grandmothers, Mrs. Ruby Anderson, Frederic, and Mrs. Marie Branstad, Grantsburg, in addition to many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 1, at Central United Methodist Church in Grantsburg with Reverend Alan Hagstrom officiating. Miss Mary Young and Mr. David Meyer sang and Mrs. Mertice Anderson was organist. Those serving as pallbearers were Doyle Christian, Bill Anderson, Tony Kozumplik, Rick Leffelman, Brian Swenson, and Roger Corty.

Interment was in Riverside Cemetery in Grantsburg. Taylor Funeral Home, Grantsburg, was in charge of arrangements.

SERVICE HELD FOR EMILY ANN BRANSTAD

Emily Ann was born March 5, 1990 at Burnett General Hospital in Grantsburg, WI.

Emily was baptized at Minneapolis Children's Medical Center. Emily passed away on March 10, 1990 in Minneapolis, MN at the age of 5 days.

Emily is survived by her parents, Peter and Kayleen Branstad, sister Allison Marie and twin sister Megan Kay, grandparents Audrey and Bevan Branstad, Virginia Dahl and Dale Dahl and great grandmother Edith Anderson, all of Grantsburg.

Funeral services were held at Central United Methodist Church on March 13, 1990 with Rev. Wm. Shepherd officiating. The organ music was provided by Linda Odegard.

Casketbearers were Doyle Christian and Billie Ray Anderson.

Interment was at Riverside Cemetery with arrangements by Edling Funeral Home of Grantsburg.

Dr. Goodwin Branstad retires after 33 years as Veterinarian

After 33 years of veterinary service to Burnett county Dr. Goodwin Branstad and his wife Elizabeth are calling it quits and are in the process of handing their clinic over to another Vet.

Dr. Greg Palmquist, who had practiced in Centuria, will be taking over the clinic soon giving the Branstads a long awaited chance for some time off.

"We've been confined recently, tied down with boarding pets, now we'd just like to do a little traveling," Branstad said.

"Goodie" Branstad is a native of the area, born and raised in the tiny community of Branstad, founded by his pioneer grandfather after the civil war. Always interested in animals and animal care, Branstad wanted to be a vet for as long as he can remember. He attended Kansas State University for his undergraduate degree and then moved to St. Paul where he worked in the veterinary office of Dr. Fiest.

"That experience handling pets turned out to be valuable later in my practice," he noted.

Branstad entered the veterinary service of the Army in 1942 to serve in World War II "But the only animals I ever saw were the horses they used to pull dead officials in Washington," Branstad noted, "we mostly did food inspection."

After the war Branstad returned to St. Paul and took classes at the University of Minnesota where he and a handful of others interested in veterinary medicine formed a pre-veterinary club to put pressure on the school administration and the state legislature to create a school of veterinary medicine.

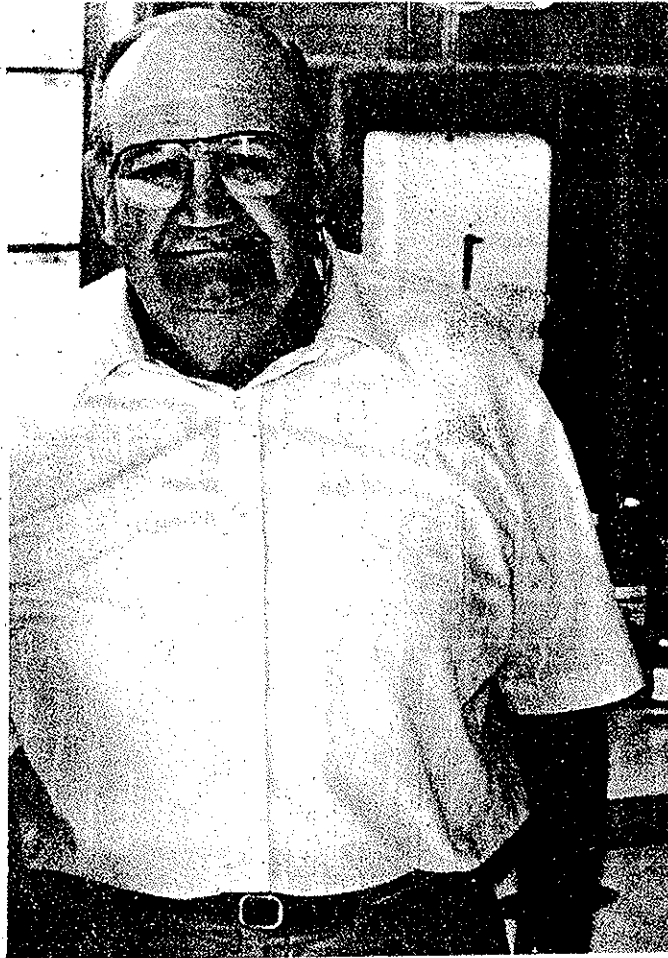
Finally, in 1947, and thanks to Branstad and his club, the University of Minnesota Veterinary School opened its doors to a class of 24 students. And in 1951, Branstad was a member of the first graduating class.

"I had lots of options after that, but I got an offer to come to Grantsburg to practice with Dr. Liljeberg and I took it."

The two Vets practiced together until Liljeberg's death nine years later and Branstad has operated the clinic as a family business ever since. He married "Liz" two years after his return to Grantsburg and she has been his trusty technician to this day.

"She's the best technician you could have...I guess we get along, we've been married for 31 years," he commented.

Over the many years he's been



Dr. Goodwin Branstad

weeks, it was all large animals then," Branstad said, "now it's 95% small animals."

Branstad isn't sure why there has been such a decline in "house calls" to farms or why there has been such an increase in pets in the area, but most of his work is now centered around dogs and cats.

"There's less farm work now because vets do a lot of herd health...work on breeding problems, vaccinating and such...we do a lot of preventive medicine that has helped the dairy farmer."

Branstad has had his share of strange occurrences besides the day to day clinic work and the middle-of-the-night house calls. Anyone who's been in his office has seen the two-headed calf he delivered at the Lawrence Tyberg farm. The strange animal lived for a few hours and is now stuffed. And Branstad's strange stories aren't limited to farm animals either. He told a story about a tame deer that got a little too "wild" for its owner.

"Orin Thompson (Minneapolis

now."

Branstad noted his biggest problem as a Vet came shortly after coming back to Grantsburg when the epidemic of Bangs Disease (contagious abortion) broke out in 1951. Adjuvant Fever was also a big problem in the 50's when every cow in the state had to be checked and either OK'd or slaughtered. The biggest problem he faces now seems to be heartworm in dogs. Branstad said some areas of the county are having serious heartworm problems.

Branstad will probably miss helping dogs and cats, but he isn't quitting cold turkey. He plans to stay around and help the new vet take over smoothly. One of Branstads three daughters, Karla is staying in the field and is going to school to become a veterinary technician, so it's not likely the Branstads will ever be too far from veterinary medicine.

"It's tough to have a solo practice. You're vulnerable to long hours, but I guess it's worth it...we had a good practice here."

Branstad noted it was family