

Family Dinner Given For Mrs. McLaughlin



* REPRESENTATIVES OF FIVE GENERATIONS celebrate with the attractive white-haired birthday girl, (center), Mrs. Ellen (Aunt Nell) McLaughlin, on the occasion of her 95th birthday. Pictured at a party in her honor, Tuesday, at the home of her grand-nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Kelly, Yacht Harbor Estates, Riviera Beach, the group, left to right includes: Miss Katherine Morrissey, Miss McLaughlin's niece, her grand-nephew, Emmett Kelley, her great, great niece, Mrs. Robert E. Kenney, with her three great-nephew, three-month-old Stephen Kenney.

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Mrs. Ellen McLaughlin, (Aunt Nell), who was celebrating her 95th birthday, was honored at a family dinner last night given by her grand-nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Kelly at the Yacht Harbor Estates, Riviera Beach. A new comer to this area, arriving by plane just nine months ago in Chicago, Ill., and accompanied by her two nieces, the Misses Katherine and Laura Morrissey, McLaughlin (every one calls Aunt Nell), can't give Florida's dry breezes and generous sunshine and happiness. But it helps her for her nearly a century of life and happiness. But it helps her like her new home, with coconut's loss of the Emmett's, she said:

"It's wonderful, and I'm enjoying every minute of it. It's so fun to walk out of your door into a garden where you see flowers that you never saw before in the windows of a florist's store in Illinois, where the windows are rugged, and the snow is high, Aunt Nell McLaughlin. I didn't mind that either. It's life is what you make it. It feels like it tonight, I'll do a little walking. But I tell you this, my living in a Chicago apartment for 25 years, I appreciate the open spaces, and big blue air."

An enormous birthday cake, complete with 95 candles, added to the birthday celebration, which was attended by five generations, from 95-year-old Aunt Nell, to three-month-old Stephen Kenney, to her great-great-grandson, Stephen, the young son of Mrs. Robert E. Kenney. Mrs. Kenney being the former Mrs. Kelly and her father, Emmett Kelly, owner and developer of Yacht Harbor Estates, who invited Aunt Nell to come to dinner. She said, "I can tell you she's good," and added "Aunt Nell

has the best disposition in the world, and never wants for wit. But she does get irritated when 60-year olds refuse to skip rope, while she still trips off a walk."

"She tells us her recipe for keeping young is keeping alert and active, and abreast of what's going on. I have known many a sharpie to be bested by her when in a discussion of politics. She makes it her business to know the platform of candidates, no matter where she happens to be, and registering, in order to be able to vote, is as important to her as being the first one out every morning to get the Post-Times from the front lawn."

With the greater part of her immediate family around her last night, Aunt Nell was in fine fettle. "Just wish Emmett's brother, Judge Harry F. Kelly of the Supreme Court of Michigan, at Detroit, might be here, and my niece, Mrs. Leon Walsh, who lives there."

But present, and enjoying every minute of the festivities, were, besides Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, and the Kenneds and baby Stephen, a grand niece, Katherine Kelly, and three other grand nephews, Walter, Lawrence, and Jerome Kelly, and a niece, Mrs. Charles Singelyn.