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# Mayor Emeritus Carlson Is 92 Years Old Today

LAKEWOOD — Mayor Emeritus Samuel A. Carlson, one of Jamestown's grand old men of politics, is quietly observing his 92d birthday today at his home, 115 West Summit Avenue, Lakewood. The occasion was celebrated earlier in the month at a family dinner party, when his son, Wendell L. Carlson, and Mrs. Carlson of Princeton, N.J., were weekend guests here.

Mr. Carlson, who is in good health and "up and around every day" still retains his keen interest in politics and the progress of the city he served so faithfully for 26 years as mayor.

Mayor Carlson was born in Jamestown Oct. 26, 1868, son of John F. and Louise Carlson, who were immigrants from Sweden. After leaving High School he engaged in furniture manufacturing and acquired ownership of the Vart Land Publishing Company, which published a Swedish language weekly newspaper until Swedish immigration decreased.

Mr. Carlson entered politics in 1893 when he was elected Fourth Ward councilman. Upon becoming mayor in 1908, Mr. Carlson initiated many innovations in city government. His greatest pride came from his work in bringing to realization the Municipal Light Plant and the Jamestown General Hospital, both of which were innovations and later copied by other communities.

He served 11 two-year terms and one four-year term as mayor, and the title of "Mayor Emeritus" was conferred on him by the City Council on his retirement in 1938.