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Helen Case of Boonville reads her 100-year-old mother, Gussie Moore, an account of world events occurring during the year of her birth. (Daily News photo by Marge Wilson)

## Woman turns 100

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Gussie Moore, who reached the age of 100 yesterday, said the biggest change in the world since she was a girl is in morals.

"We used to call sin, sin. Now there is no sin. People accept everything," she said.

Mrs. Moore attributes her long life to her religion, which keeps her happy.

She said she has lived as long as she has "through the goodness of the Lord - trying to live close to Him all these years." Her daughter,

Helen Case of Boonville, said her mother attends church every Sunday "if she's not sick."

The lifestyle Case's mother follows probably also has helped her live this long. She always cooks herself a full meal - "no snacking around, like I do," Case said. In addition, she does all her own work including the laundry. An exception is housekeeping at her neat home in Village Meadows in Boonville.

"She has a lady come in to do cleaning because she can't see to do that," her daughter said.

Before living in Boonville, Mrs. Moore and her husband, Beverly Moore, a country schoolteacher and farmer, lived near Mt. Herman Baptist Church about 5 miles south of Boonville. Beverly Moore died 34 years ago.

Other than trouble with her eyes, Mrs. Moore seems perfectly healthy. Although she can't embroider as she used to, she enjoys listening to gospel songs and Southern Baptist Sunday School tapes. Besides leaving her home to attend church, she visits her other child, Dorothy Oswald of near Warsaw, Mo. and her granddaughters in DeSoto, Kan., and Clinton, Mo.

Almost all her progeny - her two daughters, seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren - were present at a pre-birthday dinner for her at Santa Fe Baptist Church in Boonville this past Sunday.

Following her celebration yesterday, she is ready to start on another 100 years, Case said.