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# Samuel Leask Sr. Honored By City Council On His 90th Birthday

Samuel Leask Sr., prominent merchant and civic leader, celebrated his 90th birthday yesterday, and the city council, meeting in regular session, recognized the event by passing a resolution in Leask's honor.

The nonagenarian was feted at his home, 120 Green street, by a gathering of 27 family members, including three of his sons, Sam J. Leask, Haswell T. Leask, and James B. Leask; his daughter, Margaret; seven grandchildren, and five of his great-grandchildren.

In recognition of his outstanding services to this community, the city council last night passed the following resolution in his honor:

"Whereas Samuel Leask, former freeholder, long-time member of the library board, lead-

ing merchant and civic leader has this 26th day of December, 1951, reached his 90th birthday,

Be it therefore resolved by the council of the city of Santa Cruz that the best wishes and greetings of said city, its citizens, officials, and employees be and they are hereby extended to Samuel Leask upon this happy occasion."

The council ordered a copy of the resolution transmitted to the celebrant.

Leask was born at Tarves, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and became an apprentice draper in Aberdeen at the age of 13. He went to London at the age of 19, and came to the United States by way of Antwerp in the spring of 1883. After working in Boston, New York, Memphis, and Abilene, he arrived in San Francisco in 1884. A year later, he entered the employ of Charles Ford & Co. at Watsonville and on incorporation of that firm some years later he became a stockholder and director. In 1892 he engaged in business in Santa Cruz, where his home has been ever since.

## State Suggests Improvements At County Hospital

Supervisors received a letter from the state department of pub-

## Chester Rippy