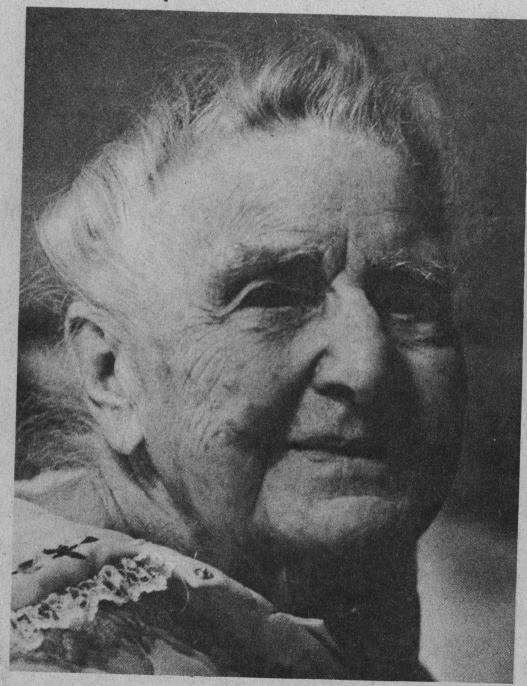
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DAISY COX — She baked her own birthday cake.

## Valencia resident leads busy life

By CANDACE ATKINS

on Monday. For the occasion (celebrated with relatives the week before), she baked her own cake and served it with coffee to her guests.

year-old woman still bakes cakes. It is even more so when room. one considers she is nearly blind and, due to several broken bones in recent years, has difficulty standing for any length of time. According to Mrs. Cox, her son copied the directions in large black letters so she was able to follow the instructions and turn out a moist chocolate cake with homemade fudge icing. "They said it was pretty good," she commented.

In addition to being quite a baker in her time, ("I think my middle name was pie," she said), Mrs. Cox ran a farm remembered. with her husband, raised three charter member, you know."

tion, among them secretary Daisy Cox was 96 years old for 13 years, and in the financial department for ten years. She was honored by the Bureau for her service twice, once at the county level and another time at the state level. It is admirable to think a 96- Certificates of appreciation are displayed in her living

Mrs. Cox still lives on the Cox Road property to which she and her husband moved to from Hayward in 1910.

She is a life member of the Valencia Farm Bureau Women, and last week addressed members in a meeting held in a neighboring home.

Mrs. Cox, until recent years kept a garden which contained, among other things, beets, turnips, squash, "magnificent lettuces," asparagus and rhubarb. "Oh, I had a beautiful garden!" she

sons, and was very active in did not stop Mrs. Cox from the Farm Bureau. "I was a other endeavors. She is a published poet and story- much." Mrs. Cox served in several writer, and continues to comcapacities for the organiza- pose, although she must dic-

tate her works because her other way around. She prefers "My husband was so proud of Paso Robles newspaper. Part on a chair to stand upright. of it read, "Begging to be Her hasband died in 1961, She has broken her arm, legs spared, the rascally neighbor they had been married 53 and back. The most recent inpromised to send a key the years. "We never had any- jury confined her to a rest next day. The key was brought thing but contentment and home for nearly a year. She by his daughters, riding horse- love," she remembered. He was very happy to come back. Though I was the was an invalid the last seven home, she said. "Hard work is youngest child, I was born years of his life, and Mrs. Cox what has kept me going," she before the unpleasantness was nursed him herself. settled, and I remember how my parents."

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Mrs. Cox said she finds it others. quite frustrating to be without much of her sight. "I struggle Being interested in the land along and do my best," she

sight will no longer allow her a cane. In spite of her difficul- my stories," she noted. to write. One of her recent ties in sight and movement, Mrs. Cox was never robust. stories about her homestead- she is as acitve as she can In her 96 years, she battled ing parents, resulted in her possibly be. "I push very being awarded \$20 from the hard," she said as she leaned ulcers, heart trouble, bron-

Her husband was not the piest while doing things for her special day.

she carries it, rather than the was published in Outdoor Life. life.'

phlebitis, hepatitis, typhoid, chitis and kidney ailments.

Although her days of garthis unkind neighbor disturbed only one she cared for. She dening, baking and caring for opened her home many times others are over, Mrs. Cox is According to Mrs. Cox, she to friends and relatives who still able to enjoy her friends. delayed writing this story un- were unable to live alone, and "I have so many wonderful, according to Mrs. Cox, "I fed dear friends," she said, poinrelatives were either dead or them, bathed them and took ting to a huge assortment of living elsewhere so as not to care of them." She was hap- birthday cards and gifts for

She continues to bring joy to She wrote stories for her others through her stories and grandchildren, one entitled poetry, as well as visits. Mrs. "The Land of Sage and Cox readily accepts people said, "but I need to be free to Honey," which is about her and willingly shares her exsee. I have never been idle hometown of Bee Rock. periences. "I've had my Another story, "How I killed sorrows and my joys," she She has a walker, but feels Two Coons Second Hand," said, "I have had such a good

## Firm voice, steady eye are psychologist's tools

By JANICE FUHRMAN If you were a third grader

faced with the prospect of a discipline, like raising one's "It simply never happens in of the nasty task? Probably a occurred and only for the 80 percent of negative peer

powerful things this technique "Traditional forms of accomplishes, Jones says.

long afternoon filled with voice or even physical punish- this system that one kid loses multiplication tables, how ment, are all designed to stop time for the whole class," says much would you do to get out disruptions after they've Jones, "So it also eliminates

