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Mrs. R. A. (Jessie) Miller, a reporter with the Jarvis Record for 20 years, celebrated her 80th birthday Monday, May 28.

Also on Monday, members of the West Haldimand Women's Institute paid tribute to her as a faithful and hard working member of the Institute for the past 60 years.

The following is an address given by Mrs. James Nichol in honour of Mrs. Miller that afternoon.

"Not only is today, May 28, 1973 important to we members of the West Haldimand's Women's Institute because today is our annual meeting, but also because today is the birth-

*Passed away at Grandview Lodge,
Dunnville 1974*

Celebrates 80th

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day of one of the most faithful and hard working members of the W.I. in Haldimand County for the past 60 years.

"Mrs. R.A. Miller is today celebrating her 80th birthday and we are pleased to be able to acknowledge the event and pay a small tribute to this outstanding citizen of Jarvis.

"This Saturday, June 2 is another important date in Mrs. Miller's life. On June 2, 1913, the Varence Branch of the W.I. was organized with Miss Jessie Killins acting as secretary. At that time, Mrs. Miller was a young school teacher in the Varence District, where she met her future husband and married.

"Mrs. Miller has four sons and sixteen grandchildren.

"There was a history book of the Institute of Haldimand County published in 1938. Mrs. Miller was one of the five ladies on the editing committee.

"When the history of the West Haldimand Institute was published in 1962, Mrs. Miller was on that committee and we can say that she provided a very sizable contribution to all the work involved in the formation of this book.

"When the historical Society was formed in Haldimand in 1926, county council cooperated with the W.I. to bring this about. A splendid collection of antiques

and relics were gathered in a room in the County Courthouse. Mrs. R. A. Miller was one of the seven people given much credit for making the society a realized fact.

"She has taken an active part in the Children Aid work, served on the executive and is a life member.

Always an active church member, she has been Treasurer in the Presbyterian Church, superintendent of the Sunday School and president of groups in the church.

"Her Friends' Neighbours column in the West Haldimand Record makes this weekly paper unique. So few weeklies have such a folksy column about the happenings of the local people anymore. She has a distinct flair for words and an excellent memory. She also writes other material for the paper.

Mrs. Miller was the first District President for West Haldimand Institute, organized in 1949 when county memberships became too large. Mrs. R. Hunt was secretary treasurer and together they came to Garnet on March 29, 1950 to organize our branch. We had never attended a District Annual until 1950 and we were inspired by her businesslike procedure in conducting that meeting. She has always been a person to get things organized and make them work.

"Once again this spring, we noticed in the paper she has gone out collecting for the Community Chest in Jarvis. For many years she was chairman of this worthwhile project and always worked on their behalf.

"For someone with so much zest for living and doing for others, she can never grow older. She contributes so much to the community and surrounding district without a thought of remuneration."

The Members of the W.I. presented Mrs. Miller with a gift and sang Happy Birthday. We, at the Record also extend our best wishes to Mrs. Miller.