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Meet One Of The Millers

The Dorothy Kilgallen Of Jarvis

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"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.



Mrs. R. A. (Jessie) Miller, a reporter for the Record for 20 years, celebrated her eightieth birthday Monday. (Staff Photo)

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 us members of the West Haldimand's Women's Institute because today is our annual meeting, but also because today is the birthday of a woman who has been a member of the Institute for the past 60 years."

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Celebrates 80th

Continued From Page 1 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."

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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 N' 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."

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"Greatest Day In My Life" Says Old-Timer ---Expresses Sentiments Of Majority At Centennial Celebration Here Monday-1950



The distinction of being the oldest old boy and the oldest old girl to Mr. William Parkinson, of St. Thomas, who is Ninety-four and of Walpole, who is in her Ninetieth year. The Chairman for the day obviously is enjoying the privilege of having his picture taken with guests.

When Charles Evans, of Weyburn, Sask., spoke over the loud speaker during the Centennial program on Monday afternoon, he said: "This has been the greatest day of my life", and it was very evident that this old timer, who went west more than Fifty years ago, expressed the sentiments held by the majority of the three thousand, or more, people who were present in Jarvis on Monday for the first day in the week of celebrations marking the Haldimand County Centennial.

A Wonderful Success

The general Chairman, Arthur B. Blight, and his committees, were able on Monday night to reflect on the success of the day with much satisfaction. Threatening weather from early morning held off until almost ten o'clock in the evening when the skies let loose and the second half of the garden party program had to be suspended. But spirits were only dampened on the outside and more than four hundred quickly filled the arena to dance until the early hours of the morning.

Enjoyed Old Pictures

The visitors started to arrive last Saturday, some even before, and Saturday and Sunday the display of pictures and other historical relics in the show windows of the places of business held the interest of not only old timers but local citizens as well. Mr. Norman C. Colbert, the historical Committee Chairman, spent many hours in making these displays possible and the significance of his work became amply evident through the great interest shown.

On Sunday special services were held in the local churches in the morning and in the afternoon the majority attended the inaugural ceremonies at Court House Park, in Cayuga.

Good Old School Daze

It was estimated that nearly five hundred visited the Jarvis School on Monday morning. Among those present was Mrs. C. S. McCarter, the former Agnes Williamson, who had her first teaching assignment at the Jarvis school Fifty-eight years ago. She taught in Jarvis from 1892 until 1903. Another teacher on hand to welcome former pupils was Mrs. Harry W. Agnew, the former Leona Allen. She taught in Jarvis from 1900 to 1902, and was back in later years to give teaching instruction. L. E. Holmes and Wray Hagerman, the present Principal of the school, completed the reception committee. Mrs. N. R. Pond, also a former teacher, met many former pupils. It was a glorious reunion as the crowd toured the rooms and reflected in memories eye on the changes that took place when the school was rebuilt in 1936. Mrs. Bruce Hair, the former Ida Rodgers, was overheard making the following observation—"My" she said, "I thought I would have to wait until I reached heaven before I would be able to see so many of my old friends, and now I am meeting them all here today." That seemed to reflect the general spirit of the occasion.

Best Meal Ever!

The ladies of the community, under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Newton Marshall, did a magnificent job in serving meals at noon and again at the supper hour. During the two periods about twelve hundred people were served. Many fine comments were heard about the quality of the food and the tasty way it was served. The ladies of the community provided ample amounts of cakes and pies and in the making the culinary art was practiced at its best.

The Grand Parade moved off from the C.N.R. yards at the north end of town promptly at 1.30 o'clock. There was a total of nearly forty floats and almost without exception depicting the progress of the past one hundred years. The five period floats entered by the four Villages and one town in the county formed the basis of the parade. The Municipal Councils of Walpole, Dunn, Moulton and Rainham also had outstanding entries. There was also a covered wagon and a horse and buggy with one of the bearded men as driver. These two entries added colour. Comic relief was provided by the entry of Bert MacDonald, Hagersville, whose dancing automobile with five steering wheels brought much laughter from the crowd.

In the lead in the parade was an open car carrying Civic Officials who later extended an official welcome to the guests. Then came the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry Band, under the leadership of Mr. Harold Patterson. Also included in the parade was an entry from The Monarch Knit, the Dominion Fabrics and Lundy Fence, from Dunnville, with the latter carrying a replica of the new Haldimand War Memorial Hospital. Allan Lundy's 1902 Oldsmobile followed by a 1950 futuristic porridge by a striking contrast in the automotive industry. S. J. Church also had an old and new entry in the Studebaker car line and the lead car was also provided by this firm. The Rebekah Lodge, Federation of Agriculture, Dunnville Dairy and The G. W. Robinson Co. all had entries that added much to the parade. Robert Bourne, of Grimsby and formerly of Jarvis attracted considerable attention as he rode his grandfather's old high wheeler. Hector Varrin exhibited his balancing abilities by riding one wheel bicycle.

An outstanding entry was that of Jarvis Hereford Farms, operated by W. Reichel & Son. It told the story of the several farms and the names of the former owners (continued on page eight)

Jarvis was the only center that suffered from rainfall and it held off here until ten o'clock at night forcing the cancellation of the last half of the stage performance. It was disappointing to the crowd but the committee was thankful for the fine weather up to that time.