

# Coil celebrates centennial

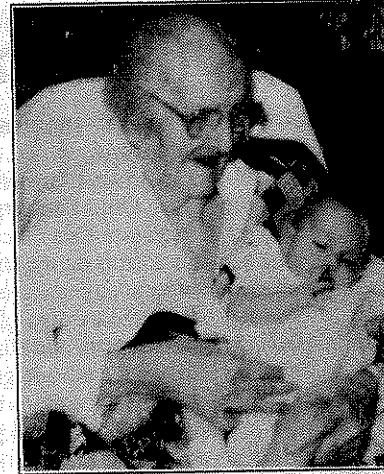
Stella Coil, a resident of Vancrest Health Care Center, celebrated her 100th birthday on Sunday.

She was born on June 11, 1895, in Mercer County, the daughter of George and Lida Swoveland, and has two sisters, Pauline Riley of Van Wert and Rowena Johnson of Florida.

She grew up in the Mendon-Ohio City area, and married John L. Coil, a railroad worker, in 1917. The couple had eight children, four girls and four boys. Their firstborn twins, George and Matilda, died a few months after they were born. John Jr. and Carl are also deceased. The four still living are Vivian Meuther of Celina, June Wagner of Delphos, Bob of Van Wert and Phyllis of Piqua.

Stella has 21 grandchildren, 59 great-grandchildren and 26 great-great-grandchildren, the newest, a girl, was born just this year, 100 years from the date of the birth of her great-great grandmother.

Stella worked as a telephone operator at phone companies in Ohio City, Willshire and Venedocia. Her hobbies were crocheting, knit-



**Stella Coil and Haley Stemen**

ting, reading and jigsaw puzzle. After her husband's death she went to the senior citizen's center every day until she fell in 1991.

She now resides at Vancres which will honor her 100th birthday at their monthly birthday party held June 13.

For those wishing to send card her address is: Vancrest Health Care Center, 10357 Van Wert Decatur Road, Van Wert, O 45891.