

## *Doris J. McNaughton*

Doris Imlay was born in Belmont (Middlesex County side) in 1922. At age six weeks she moved with her parents to Southwold Township, where her dad Andrew was proprietor of West Magdala Creamery.

She attended S.S. 3 Southwold, and graduated in 1940, from Glencoe High School. Why Glencoe? A Wabash local train ran daily from St. Thomas to Chatham which provided transportation for the "train kids" - no school buses then.

Doris graduated from London Normal School in 1941 and began her teaching career at S.S. 8 and 20, Dunwich - Southwold and then a second two year stint teaching Grade 5 - 8 at S.S. 3 Southwold.

At this point a detour occurred. She married John McNaughton in August 1945 and became a farm-wife; daughters, Ann (1948) and Jeanie (1951) were born. When the girls were six and three, Doris returned to teaching and would remain active until June of 1983, when she retired with thirty-four year and five months of teaching service. This second segment would cover six schools, including repeats at her first two schools, finishing with fifteen years (1968 - 1983) as Special Reading teacher at Lynhurst Public School.

In 1977 she and John moved to their present home on Alma Street in St. Thomas. They are the proud recipients of three Trillium awards for their front yard and garden.

She has been an active member of both O.A.S.W.T. and STO since her retirement. She has been Social Convenor, Secretary and President of O.A.S.W.T. In STO, Doris has demonstrated her versatility serving on the Telephone Committee, the Travel Committee, where she was convenor for two years, and is currently chair of the Constitution Committee. In addition she has been both Secretary and President (1987 - 1988), and is the District's resident artist.

How else has she KEPT BUSY? She has taken several calligraphy courses, which she puts to good use; for seven years was a member and secretary of the Board of the Elgin County Pioneer Museum; ten plus years a member of the Women's Volunteer Committee at the Art Gallery; a member of the Lawrence Station Kensington Club, and of the Bethany (Shedden) U.C.W. At present she is proof reader from Our Community Press, St. Thomas, and does the layout for the St. Thomas Senior's Centre Newsletter.

In the summers she and John spend a lot of time in their garden and visiting their daughters in Sarnia (two grandchildren) and Oakville (one grandchild) and hope to continue for a long time. TRAVEL - They participate in nearly all of the STO - Elgin bus trips and travel extensively on their own.

Doris still wants to visit Newfoundland!!