

Mrs. Frederica Smith

Frederica Smith (nee Beecroft) was raised in the Lawrence area of Elgin County. Her teaching career began in the Hamilton district but she returned to teach in St. Thomas. Frederica retired from the teaching staff of Elgin Court school in St. Thomas.

Frederica Smith became president of the Elgin Unit of S.T.O. for the 1978-79 years. At the request of the District 8 S.T.O. executive, our Elgin Unit executive of S.T.O. made arrangements to change its business year from June to June rather than from November to November. The June annual meeting became the enjoyable picnic meeting of our unit. Another change during Frederica's presidency was that the local unit membership fee was voted to be raised to \$2.00 per annum from the original \$1.00 fee. This certainly helped out the slim treasury budget.

Frederica and her husband Melvin enjoyed retirement in their lovely suburban home south of St. Thomas. They were both excellent gardeners and enjoyed singing in their First United Church choir. They did some travelling as well after retirement.