

## *Garnet Trevithick*

Garnet Trevithick began to teach high school in Kingsville, where he met and married his wife Jean. He was still a young man when he came to the St. Thomas Collegiate Institute (S.T.C.I.) as a teacher of the sciences. Garnet advanced very rapidly from classroom teacher to being a principal. He was not only principal of S.T.C.I. but was also in charge of the new Central Elgin High School (C.E.C.I.) at a similar time. What a colossal undertaking!

After retirement Garnet Trevithick became involved with Elgin Unit S.T.O. and accepted the presidency in 1975-76. Since there was a mail strike in the fall of 1975 it was impossible to send out information about the annual meeting or collect fees for dinners and memberships. This resulted in the cancellation of the 1975 meeting. In February of 1976 at a public meeting of the Elgin Unit of S.T.O. members, they were informed that District 8 of S.T.O. had approximately 1200 paid up members (second largest in the province). Therefore, with such an unwieldy number of members, consideration should be given to reducing the size of the district. These were the first rumblings of Elgin and Oxford Units of S.T.O. perhaps becoming a new district 37. At that time, this possible change was disturbing to the two executives.

Garnet and Mrs. Trevithick, after retirement, enjoyed their gardening on their farm in the country. Many of our members will recall how tasty those delicious strawberries were at our S.T.O. picnics. The Trevithick family, of one son and two daughters, have contributed so much in the education field as professor, high school teacher, and chartered accountant.