



Mrs. Jack Widner
1979 - 1981

Mrs. Jack Widner, the former Helen White, was born at Dunboyne to Estella and Lorne White. During her school years she studied piano and eventually went on to take the Supervisor's course in music for public schools. She taught music in schools for a number of years, and in 1952 married Jack Widner of R. R. 4, Aylmer. They have two children, Kathryn - Mrs. David Brandon of Tillsonburg, and Mark Widner of R. R. 2, Springfield.

Helen joined the Kingsmill-Mapleton branch in 1964, and held various offices, being President in 1970 - 71. In 1979 she was elected President of Elgin East District and at present is the Resolutions convener of the District.

She is a member of St. Paul's United Church, Aylmer, and a member of the Mary and Martha unit of the U.C.W. of that church.

Acknowledgement: Information and picture from Mrs. J. Widner.



Mrs. Leo Pressey
1983 - 1986

Mrs. Leo Pressey, the former Mary Brown, daughter of Elizabeth and Pat Brown, was born near Brownsville, on the 11th concession of Dereham Township. She attended Brownsville Public and Continuation School, and worked as a store clerk. On August 1st, 1946, she married Leo Pressey and has lived on Number Three Highway at Lots 3 and 4, North Gore, concession 7, Bayham Township. Mary has been a busy farm wife helping with their dairy, beef and cash crop enterprises. Mary and Leo have seven children, four boys and three girls, all married and living nearby. They have twenty-one grandchildren.

Mary attended meetings of the Corinth Women's Institute before joining in 1964. She has held all offices and been a 4H leader for thirty-two clubs during seventeen years. Mary is also an active church worker, is a member of Rebecca Lodge Springfield, Ladies' Encampment Auxiliary, Aylmer, and helps with the Health Clinic. Her other interests include quilting.

Acknowledgement: Information and picture from Mrs. Leo Pressey.

EAST ELGIN DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTES - SECRETARIES

1907 - 1908	Mrs. Isaac Pritchard	Springfield W. I.
1908 - 1909	Mrs. M. E. Lyons	Aylmer W. I.
1909 - 1911	Mrs. Mahlon Turrill	Aylmer W. I.
1911 - 1915	Mrs. T. G. Winder	Lyons W. I.
1915 - 1921	Mrs. W. J. Dunn	Luton W. I.
1921 - 1931	Mrs. T. G. Winder	Lyons W. I.
1931 - 1936	Miss Myrtle Paddon	North Yarmouth W. I.
1936 - 1941	Mrs. Carleton Dance	Kingsmill-Mapleton W. I.
1941 - 1947	Mrs. S. B. Simpson	Bayham W. I.
1947 - 1950	Mrs. Audrey Faulds	Kingsmill-Mapleton W. I.
1950 - 1952	Mrs. W. C. Wheaton	Port Stanley W. I.
1952 - 1958	Mrs. J. Gowan Young	Central Yarmouth W. I.
1958 - 1964	Mrs. William Holmes	Aylmer W. I.
1964 - 1969	Mrs. Marjorie Carter	Kingsmill-Mapleton W. I.
1969 - 1973	Miss Catharine McDowell	Eden W. I.
1973 - 1975	Mrs. R. J. Ferguson	North Yarmouth W. I.
1975 - 1981	Mrs. Joseph Bechard	Yarmouth Glen W.I.
1981- 1985	Mrs. Robert Van Patter	Yarmouth Glen W. I.
1985 -1988	Mrs. Roy Gardner	Kingsmill-Mapleton W. I.
1988 -	Mrs; Joseph Bechard	Yarmouth Glen W. I.

MRS GRACE BLEWETT

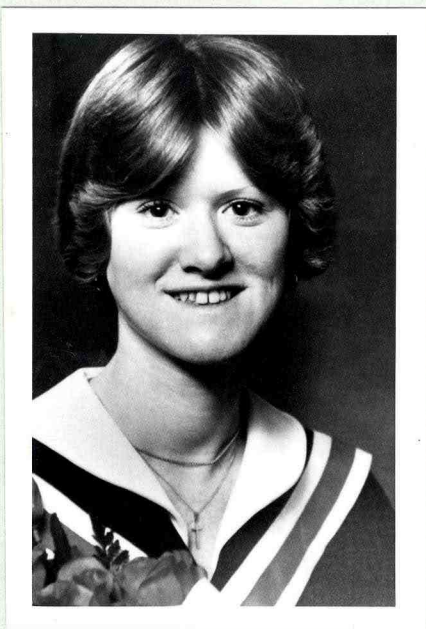


Mrs. G. Wilfrid Faulds.

Mrs. Faulds (Jean Audrey Roher) was the daughter of Mrs. May Agnes Cline and Bruce Roher, and was born on the 10th Concession of Yarmouth Township. She attended Crossley Hunter and Kingsmill Public Schools, Walkerville Collegiate Institute; London Normal School; University of Western Ontario, and Queen University Summer School.

She taught Public School in Windsor, Mapleton, Lyons, Glen Gladstone, and Lambeth. She is a member of Church of Christ Disciples, Mapleton, Carnation Chapter 135, Order of the Eastern Star, Springfield, and Kingsmill Mapleton W.I.

Mrs. Faulds has held the offices of Branch President, and Secretary of the branch as well as Secretary Treasurer of the District.



DEBRA ELLEN GRAY

Debra Ellen Gray was the 1980 winner of the Elgin Women's Institute Rally Centennial Scholarship Award, which is presented annually to a member of the 4-H Homemaking Club.

The younger daughter of Elmer and Pauline Gray of 172 Centennial Avenue, St. Thomas, Debra graduated in June from Arthur Voaden Secondary School, year V, with honours and was an Ontario Scholar.

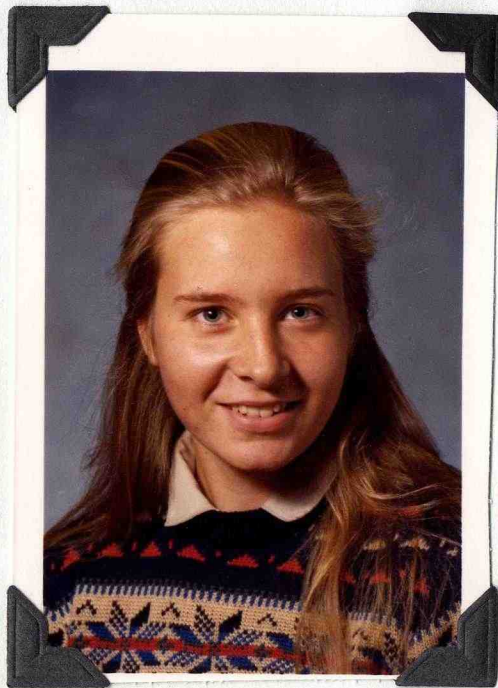
During her five years at Voaden, she received girls' high standing in Year II, III and IIII and a Scholarship Award in Grade XIII for second high girls' standing.

Debra also played field hockey for five years at A.V.S.S. and was a choir member three years, and on the Year Book one year.

The past two years, Debra has worked part-time and during the summers as a cashier at Canadian Tire, and has also been a volunteer in the Occupational Therapy Department at the Psychiatric Hospital, and has been a 4-H member since the age of twelve in the Centennial 4-H Club.

In September she will begin her four year course in Occupational Therapy at the University of Western Ontario and will be living in residence there.

Acknowledgement: Picture and write-up by Miss Debra Gray
(July 1980)



SHARON DIANE PARKER

Sharon Diane Parker received the Elgin County Women's Institute Rally Centennial Scholarship Award for her high calibre of 4-H Club work and her leadership abilities, June 18, 1982.

Sharon is the eldest of the three children of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Parker of R. R. 1, Union, having a younger brother and sister, and was born July 24, 1963. She attended Sparta-Union Public School, then Parkside Collegiate Institute, St. Thomas, where she was active in the Gymnastics Club, the Girls Athletic Society, and fund raising projects. She was also on the Track and Field Team, and took part in two drama presentations.

In June 1982 Sharon was one of four girls chosen to attend the Provincial 4-H Conference in Guelph. She had completed 13 Clubs, and received Provincial Honours. Music is also an important part of her life, and she has studied Theory and has her Grade 9 in piano. Sharon is active in community projects and affairs, and has taught a Sunday School class as well. Her hobbies are playing the piano, sports, and crafts. When help is needed on the farm she is very capable in filling in on the potato grader, the greenhouse, the tobacco table, planting or driving tractor or truck, as necessary.

Sharon is now in first year Science at Western University, London. She hopes to get into Physiotherapy or the Degree Nursing course.

Acknowledgement: Picture and write-up by Mrs. Clifton Parker, November 1982.



MISS CHARLOTTE ANN DAVIS

Charlotte is the younger daughter of Mr. Harold R and Maxine (Blackburn) Davis, R R # 3, Belmont.

She was born August 20, 1944, and attended school at S. S. # 27 Yarmouth, Skeldings School. She graduated in 1961 with honours from the Arthur Voaden Secondary School. She is presently employed (1966) at the Head Office of the London Life Insurance Co., London Ont.

Charlotte has her County Honours, took four 4H. Homemaking Clubs with North Yarmouth Club, and One with Central Elgin Junior Institute, and one with South Yarmouth 4H. club. She was a member of the Belmont 4 H Dairy Calf Club for three years.

Charlotte is an enthusiastic member of Central Elgin Junior Institute and Elgin County Junior Farmers. She has held various offices among them; President, Central Elgin Junior Institute, and Secretary, President and Past-President of Elgin County Junior Farmers. At the present time she is the Editor of "Elcofain" the Elgin County Junior Farmer newsletter.

She attended Junior Farmer Provincial Leadership Camp in 1963, and took part in the Eastern Ontario-Quebec Bustrip in 1964. She attended the Rural Leadership Forum in 1965 and was chosen to attend the Extension Conference for Young Adults in the Pocono Mountains, Pennsylvania, which is one of the Provincial Junior Farmers travelling scholarships, in the same year.

Charlotte was a member of the 1966 Elgin County Debating team, which won the finals of the Provincial Debating competition at the annual Guelph Conference in March.

In 1965-1966 she served a two year term as Junior Board Director of F.W.I.O and sat on the Provincial Board of the F.W.I.O, and the Provincial Junior Farmers Association of Ontario

In 1966 she attended the R.Y.U.S.A. conference at Waseca, Minnesota. From May 12 to July 28, 1967 she visited the United Kingdom as one of four delegates from the Junior Farmers Association of Ontario. She is Jr. Farmer director for Elgin County (1967)/



East Elgin District Tweedsmuir Tea
Committee - April 19, 1967.

Mrs C. McDowell, Mrs M. Carter, Mrs Sowan
Young, Mrs W. Rogers, Mrs R. Ferguson
Mrs H. Nichols, Mrs W. Anderson and
Mrs H. Davis.
Tea held in Sparta Forge and Arril.

East Elgin District Tweedsmuir Tea April 19, 1967

— Up Old Forge and Anvil — Sparta —

Ethel Lanning.
Inez Parker
Marjorie Lanning
Mrs C. R. Eldon
Jean Parker
Freda Phillimore
Mary Matthews
Joyce Anderson
Lela Carter
Mae Van Patter
Dora Gibson
Kathleen Hindley
Louise Taylor Belmont
Aleta Matthews Belmont
Mrs Clara Welden Belmont
Mabel Martin
Mrs Fred Ball. Straffordville
Mrs Kenneth C. Russ, Union
May McPhail
Mrs H. Gordon Smith "
Mrs D. Baundrecht
Mrs K. Baundrecht Dexter
Mrs Reg. Goldthorp, Straffordville
Miss Edith Goldthorp, Straffordville
Mrs Mary Nelson Corinth.
Mrs Dorothy Curren Corinth

Jessie H. Ferguson
Jessie Anderson
Mrs. Goodsee Wilson Eden
Mrs W. H. Free Jr
Mrs W. J. Free Jr
Mrs Avery Hepburn New Sarum
Mrs H D Campbell Riverview
Mrs Tessa Silverthorn
Mrs Lantz Campbell River R.
Mrs Wallace Carter River R.
Mrs E Mae Lanning
Mrs W. Phillips Belmont
Mrs J. Millman Sparta.
Mrs Irene Smith Dexter
Mrs Hazel Jacklin Lyons
Mrs. Grace Forrest.
Mrs. Clarence McCallum - Lyons
Mrs. Leo Nagle Mt Elgin
Institute.
Lunice Caffyn - Ingersoll.
Mrs C. Holmes Ingersoll
Mrs Geo. Wallace Salford.
Mrs Leonard Caffyn. South Ingersoll
Opal Talbins Corinth
Marie Tansley Sparta