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**IN SONG** - Janice Forman and Ray Hathaway share songbook to accompaniment of Mrs. Elaine Brown during annual harmony night. — (Dianne Purcell Photo).

Janice Foreman and her father Mr. Ray Hathaway who are no strangers to the people of this area, also performed during the evening. Mrs. Elaine Brown accompanied them on the piano. Their singing as always was throughly enjoyed by everyone.



**NEW QUEEN CROWNED** — Becky Smith, 17, of RR 4, Iona Station, was chosen as the new Queen of the Shedden Fair, Friday night, at a ceremony at the Shedden Country Club. During her reign, she will compete in next year's Sweetheart of the Fair competition at the Canadian National Exhibition. Here, Miss Smith, right, a Grade 12 student at Central Elgin Collegiate Institute, receives her tiara from Mary van den Broek, last year's queen. (T.-J. Photo).

## Shedden Fair Queen chosen

**SHEDDEN** — A new Queen was chosen last night to reign over next year's Shedden Fair.

Becky Smith, 17, of RR 4, Iona Station was picked by a panel of four judges from a list of three contestants for the title at a ceremony at the Country Club.

As Queen, she receives a number of cash prizes as well as merchandise donated by the fair board and private individuals and concerns.

She will also compete in next year's Sweetheart of the Fair competition at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto.

The new queen, a Grade 12 student at Central Elgin Collegiate Institute, was chosen on her appearance, poise, and personality.

Each contestant also had an interview with the judges and had to deliver a speech.

As Queen, Miss Smith gave her speech, entitled Let's think it over, at the ceremony last night.

The new Queen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of RR 4, Iona Station. She is also Miss Iona Station and was sponsored by the Iona Women's Institute.

The other contestants, who also recieved prizes, were Miss Shedden, Janice Emery, of RR 3, Shedden, sponsored by the Shedden WI; and Miss Frome, Joan Silcox, 17, of RR 3, Shedden, sponsored by the Shedden United Church Women.

Judges were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hanley of St. Thomas; Mrs. Elysee Oliver, and Murray Cosens, both of London.

Shedden Fair will be held this year on Aug. 30 and 31.

### GORE ROAD

Miss Catherine McIntyre is improving after her recent illness.

Mrs. Trott, of Niagara Falls, is visiting her niece, Mrs. Dugald Leitch.

Mr. and Mrs. Manley Campbell, of Ridgetown, were callers on Monday at Mrs. R. N. McLellan's.

Miss Muriel Gosnell, of St. Thomas, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Gosnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble Carr, of Detroit, spent the week-end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Flem Carr.

Mrs. E. McFarlane and Mrs. Wm. Patterson, of St. Thomas, spent a day recently with Mr. and Mrs. Flem Carr.

A number from here attended the musical festival held in Dutton last week under the direction of Mrs. N. Welch.

### IONA STATION

The May meeting of the Iona Station Women's Institute was held in the hall on Thursday, Mrs. Peter McIntyre presiding. The roll call was answered by naming a centre of a Canadian industry by 15 members. Twelve members paid their yearly dues. It was decided that Mrs. Harold Dell be secretary and Mrs. Russell Kerr be treasurer without pay for the duration of the war. The next meeting is to be in the form of a picnic at the schoolgrounds with Mrs. Leigh Rycroft as lunch convener and Mrs. James Pyatt and Mrs. Harold Dundas a sports committee. Mrs. R. N. McLellan and Mrs. Roy Piper were named delegates to the district annual in Dutton on Thursday, May 28. Mrs. A. Kendall and Mrs. Roy Piper were to make arrangements for transportation. There is to be another salvage campaign with Mrs. F. Carr, Mrs. R. N. McLellan, and Mrs. Sam. Hathaway as a committee to make arrangements for collecting and selling. It was decided to help furnish the ribbons for prizes for the field day for school children sometime in the near future. Mrs. Chester Crawford, of Dutton, gave a very instructive talk on the Red Cross work of Dutton and the Township of Dunwich. Mrs. Harold Dundas gave a reading on "Rubber Saving." Mrs. W. R. Pollard, of Iona, gave a talk on first aid war work sponsored by the Red Cross. She encouraged organizing of a class as soon as possible. Mrs. Russell Kerr was winner in the bean muffin contest. A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. James Pyatt and Mrs. H. Dundas from which \$2.15 was realized for fund for soldiers' boxes.



**SHEELAGH CARROLL**

Sheelagh Lynn Carroll, daughter of Don and Marg Carroll, R.R. 3, Iona Station, graduated from Queen's University, Kingston, with a Bachelor of Education degree. She received her Honours Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Toronto.



**SYLVIA SMITH**

Sylvia Elizabeth Smith graduated from McMaster University, Hamilton, on May 30, 1986, with a Bachelor of Commerce degree. She is employed by the United Steele Workers of America in Brampton. Sylvia is the daughter of George and Betty Smith, Iona Station.

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**DAWN SMITH**

Dawn Marie Smith graduated from Fanshawe College School of Nursing, St. Thomas Campus, on July 19th. She has accepted a position with the St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital. Dawn is the daughter of George and Betty Smith, Iona Station.





**CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY**—Members of the Iona Station Women's Institute celebrated the group's 50th anniversary recently at the Iona Station Baptist Church when a program was held in recognition of the anniversary. Standing before the

anniversary cake are from left: Helen Beecroft, president; Ida Galbraith, one of four charter members of the Institute; Marg Cowell, life member and Emma Pyatt, curator of the Tweedsmuir History Book. (T-J Photo)

## Iona Station Women's Institute observes 50th anniversary

On Thursday, October 19th, the Iona Station Women's Institute met in the Baptist Church on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.

Neighboring Women's Institutes, members of Elgin West District Women's Institute, F.W.I.O. board member and executive were guests, also our twin institute, Springfield.

Mrs. Ivan Beecroft, the president, welcomed all and the meet-

ing opened with the Ode and Lord's Prayer. Roll call was answered by 65 ladies. A memorial service followed with Mrs. D. E. Carroll and Mrs. Stan Rivers taking part and Mrs. Bruce McMillan singing "The Lord is My Shepherd."

Greetings were brought from Mrs. Russell Campbell, Cowal, on behalf of Elgin West District Women's Institute; Mrs. Earl Morden, Rodney, from the executive of the F.W.I.O.; Mrs. Bruce McMillan, R.R. 2, Dutton, secretary-treasurer of Elgin West District, from Cowal Women's Institute; Mrs. Elias Reck, R.R. 5, St. Thomas, past president of Elgin West District, wished Iona Station members more years of success; Mrs. Ivan MacAdam, R.R. 4, Iona Station, president of Women's Institute Rally, from all of Elgin County; Mrs. Keith Hiepleh, R.R. 2, Springfield, provincial board member, from the province. Iona Station members were fortunate to have two members from F.W.I.O., Toronto, with them on their 50th anniversary.

The Iona Station Women's Institute have four charter members, Mrs. J. D. Galbraith, Mrs. Clifford Morrison, Mrs. Leigh Rycroft and Mrs. Gordon Smith.

Mrs. Duncan Galbraith, the only charter member present, had spent 40 years in the community. She wished present members more years of success and said

she keeps in touch with the branch's activities.

Mrs. Garnet Cowell conducted a draw on numbers as they arrived with Miss Edna Howe, Lawrence Station, and Mrs. Garfield Stride, St. Thomas, as winners. Mrs. J. D. Galbraith was presented with the floral centrepiece.

Mrs. John Smith favored with a reading "Betty at the Baseball Game". Iona Station's twin Women's Institute, Springfield, were also guests and Mrs. Muriel Carrel had a story "A Rich Life for the Young". At this time a plaque was presented to Springfield Women's Institute in recognition of its members attending the 50th anniversary.

A song about the branch's work during the 50 years was composed and sung by Mrs. Alex McCallum, Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. Jack Milligan, Mrs. Basil Harris and Mrs. Ivan Beecroft.

A sing song was enjoyed and the meeting closed by repeating the Mary Stewart Collect.

The ladies went to the basement where a three-tiered birthday cake was the centrepiece, decorated in the Women's

Institute colors, by Mrs. Garnet Cowell, life member. A light lunch was enjoyed by all with Mrs. Donald Carroll and Mrs. George Smith as conveners.

