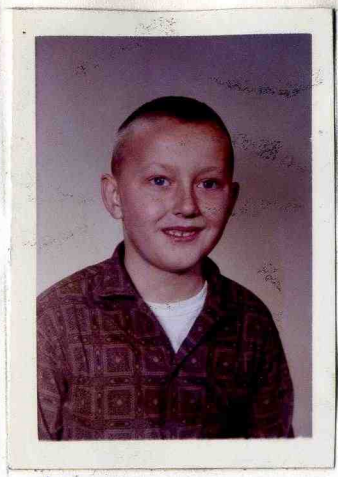


VILLAGE HISTORY AND CURRENT EVENTS

ACHIEVEMENTS IN MUSIC (ACCORDIAN)



From the Ontario Conservatory of Music,  
Kenny Graves has won the Superior Achievement  
Award, for two consecutive years 1962-1963.

*Kenny  
son of Warren Graves.*

From the Ontario Conservatory of Music  
Shirley Graves has won the following:  
Excellent Award  
3rd Award  
Championship Medal (for playing in a band)  
Also 2 ribbons.

From the Ontario Conservatory of Music  
Eddie Koteles has won:  
Excellent Award  
Superior Award  
Ribbons

Kenneth Snows continued to win Superior Achievement awards in 1964. Missed 1965 due to his father having a heart attack. Won in 1966 1967- 1968. (Six) (6) Superior awards in all - 1962-1963-1964-1966-1967-1968. A Superior Achievement award is a mark from between 92% to 100%. Ken got 1 gold medal for competing in a band.

These event took place in Hamilton then in Toronto. Competition was for all of Ontario. Ken played in our community at many events. Plus many over places in south western Ontario.

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## VILLAGE HISTORY AND CURRENT EVENTS

### ORIGIN OF CAMP ONONDAGA.

supplied by Mrs. Lilly James, March, 1964.

Camp Onondaga is situated a mile north of Calton on the Stanley James farm.

It originated in 1961 when Mr. James, a member of Calton Baptist Church offered this pretty valley by the Big Otter Creek, as a free campsite for use by the Baptist Association of Elgin. The creek had an excellent swimming hole and gas, hydro and pure drinking water utilities were available close by, so the offer was gratefully accepted.

The campsite comprises a 6 acre grassy field enclosed on the south east side by a lovely weeded hill; it is bounded on the north by the Big Otter Creek and a public road borders the west side.

Many willing workers gave volunteer labor and the first year a main building (or "Longhouse") was built. In the two succeeding years three sleeping cabins have been added. An additional cabin is planned for construction this year. A number of tents have also been in service each summer.

The camp is open to young people from the 16 Baptist churches in the county as well as to children from other churches.

Sunday evening church service is held in the Longhouse just prior to opening the camp for the summer. Last year 250 attended this service. Then a young People's Week End is held during the July 1 holiday period. The first week in July is for children ranging from 9-11 years. Last year over 40 attended. The second week of July older children from 12-15 enjoy the activities.

The camp program consists of Vesper services held every evening and devotional periods held every afternoon. Then of course there are camp-fire stories, hikes, cook-outs, swimming lessons, games and crafts and the children love them. An efficient voluntary staff of counsellors, teachers and cooks serve faithfully each week. Several retired missionaries have given valuable help.

Other groups enjoy this lovely camp through out the summer. Among these have been two groups of cubscouts from St. Thomas, a troupe of Boy Scouts, Sunrise Baptist teenagers, and the Calvinist Club for boys and girls, all from London. Some Elgin Regiment soldiers have had a couple of week-ends there. Last fall thirty men patients from the Ontario Mental Hospital came for a week. This last mentioned outing proved so satisfactory and beneficial that camp directors have already booked a reservation from the O.M.H. for this year.

*P.S. The name of this camp was later changed to Elba Broca.*

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CENTENARIAN JOHN KENNEDY *Dec. 10, 1965*

# John Kennedy To Mark 100th Birthday

AYLMER — The town's oldest resident, John Kennedy, of 41 Victoria Street, will probably start celebrations of his 100th birthday tomorrow — as he begins most days — with a brisk walk around the block.

Mr. Kennedy was married to Minnie Wilson on Christmas Day 1893. She died some years ago.

Born in Bayham Township he was raised at Maple Grove near Eden.

With members of his family, Mr. Kennedy will welcome guests at his home tomorrow afternoon. To be with him at the reception are daughters Mrs. Harold Holditch and Mrs. Russell McKibbin, both of Aylmer; Mrs. Will McKibbin, of Springfield; Mrs. Earl Simons, of RR 4, Aylmer and one son, Robert Kennedy, of Calton.

In quite good health, Mr. Kennedy believes in clean living and attaining plenty of sleep.

He regularly attends church and Sunday School at the Aylmer Baptist Church and sometimes evening service.

A retired farmer, he worked land in the Calton area for more than 60 years and moved to Aylmer when he was 89. He is a former member of the Masonic lodge at Tillsonburg, served on the Calton Public School Board and was a deacon at the Calton Baptist Church.

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## VILLAGE HISTORY AND CURRENT EVENTS

### CURRENT EVENTS, 1965

During the summer and fall of 1965, the road known as concession 3 of Malahide was torn up between Calton and Mt. Salem. Road was widened and built up high in readiness to be surfaced next season. Many trees were taken out.

1965 tobacco brought the highest price ever, some being sold for over \$1.00 per lb.

Direct long distance dialing came into effect here on October 17, 1965.

Power disturbance causing blackout affecting 30 million people - November 9, 1965.

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### CURRENT EVENTS, 1966

During August the road between Calton and M t. Salem was finished by hard top with white markings down the centre. The cost of this road was \$160,000. This includes all work done on it such as grading it up, culverts, etc., plus paving.

On November 17th Calton General store changed hands. Glen Willson bought it from Robert Kennedy.

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### CURRENT EVENTS, 1967

Quite a number from these parts visited Expo '67 (The World's Fair) in Montreal.

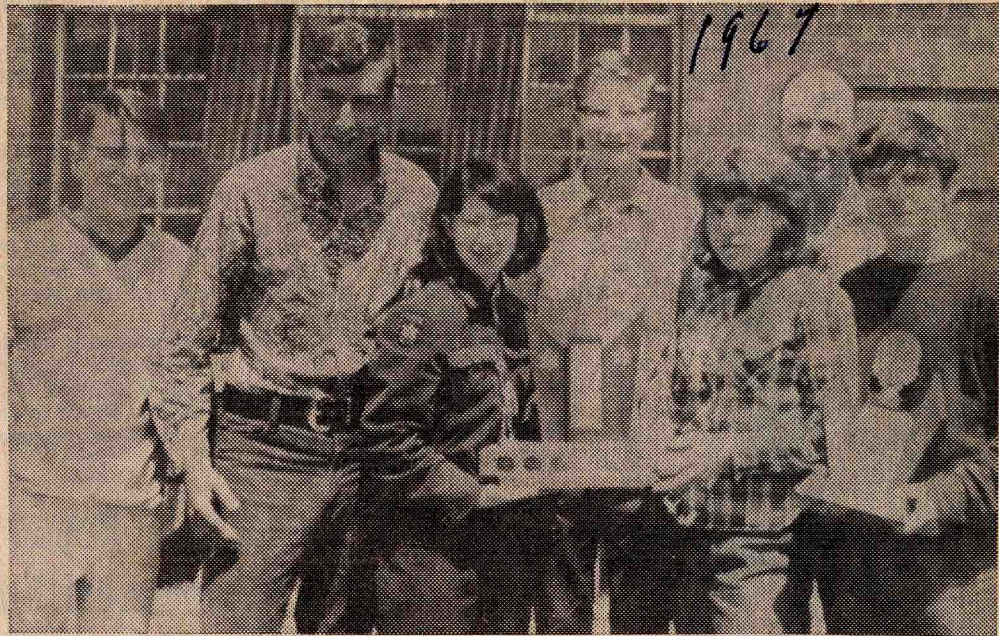
Several persons in this community planted Centennial trees. The Red Almy was spoken of as the Centennial tree.

As a Centennial project, the interior of the Community Hall was decorated.

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### CURRENT EVENTS, 1968

The worst ice storm in years took place in J anuary. Owing to hydro failure and ice on wires, many people were without heat and light and telephone for days. Due to this storm, London was declared a disaster area.



**WINNING RIFLE TEAM**—Aylmer Optimist Club's rifle team is shown with Mahlon Hale (second from right) after winning both trophies in the Southern Ontario Optimist District annual shoot-off in Toronto. Members of the team are (from left): Douglas Ethelston, Allan McDowell, Valerie Liddle, Norman Stansell, Heather Howe and Charles Connor.



Store



School and Church.



Garage



Garage

## VILLAGE HISTORY AND CURRENT EVENTS

1970 Has been coldest winter in 41 years with a great deal of snow. Snowmobiles are a common sight around here now.

Some of our W.I. members' homes have been sold to a steel Company by name of Defasce with purpose of setting up a big Industry along Lake Erie.

As of March 30th, the following is a price list of a few staple articles:

Sugar	-	\$ .13 per lb.
Bread	-	.27 per loaf
Butter	-	.69 per lb.
Milk	-	.36 per qt.
120 tea bags	-	1.19
Instant coffee, 10 ozs.	-	1.59
Red Salmon	- 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ozs.	.65
Ice Cream, $\frac{1}{2}$ Gal.	-	.79
Cheese slices 8 ozs.	-	1.00
Weiners	-	.55 per lb.
Loin Perk Chops	-	.75 per lb.
Perk Shoulders	-	.63 per lb.
Bacon	-	.89 per lb.
Beef Steak	-	1.00 plus per lb.

Calton Store was purchased from Mr. Glen Willison by Mr. D. Bates. Mr. Bates took over in December.

1971 - Snowmobiles are prevalent around here now.

Several families now enjoy coloured T.V.

Beginning on Jan. 26, one of the worst blizzards in 25 years struck Ontario. Thousands of school children were kept at school houses overnight and again on the following night. Cars were stranded and buried in snow. Some farm houses took in as many as 60 and 70 persons. Snowmobiles played a very important part in relieving the situation.

2 new aluminum doors - one front and one back - were placed on the community hall, also 1 new front door, new step at back, roof and shed repaired.

1972 - Frost on June 10th destroyed tobacco, melons, tomatoes, potato and bean crops and some fruit.

Calton store closed at the end of 1972

### LIST OF PRICES FOR 1973

Sirloin steak	\$1.38 per lb.	Ground Coffee 1 lb.	\$ .79
Prime rib roast	\$1.08 per lb.	Tea bags (60)	.79
Fully cooked ham	.79 per lb.	Margarine (1 lb.)	.38
Rindless bacon	.98 per lb.	Butter (1 lb.)	.76
Utility grade chickens	.42 per lb.	White bread (24 oz.)	.34
Utility grade turkeys	.48 per lb.	Milk (1 qt.)	.40
Sausages	.89 per lb.	White sugar (5 lb.)	.71
Weiners	.74 per lb.	Eggs (1 doz.)	.70
Pork Chops	.98 per lb.	Flour (10 lbs.)	1.21
Lamb Chops	.57 per lb.	Bananas (1 lb.)	.13