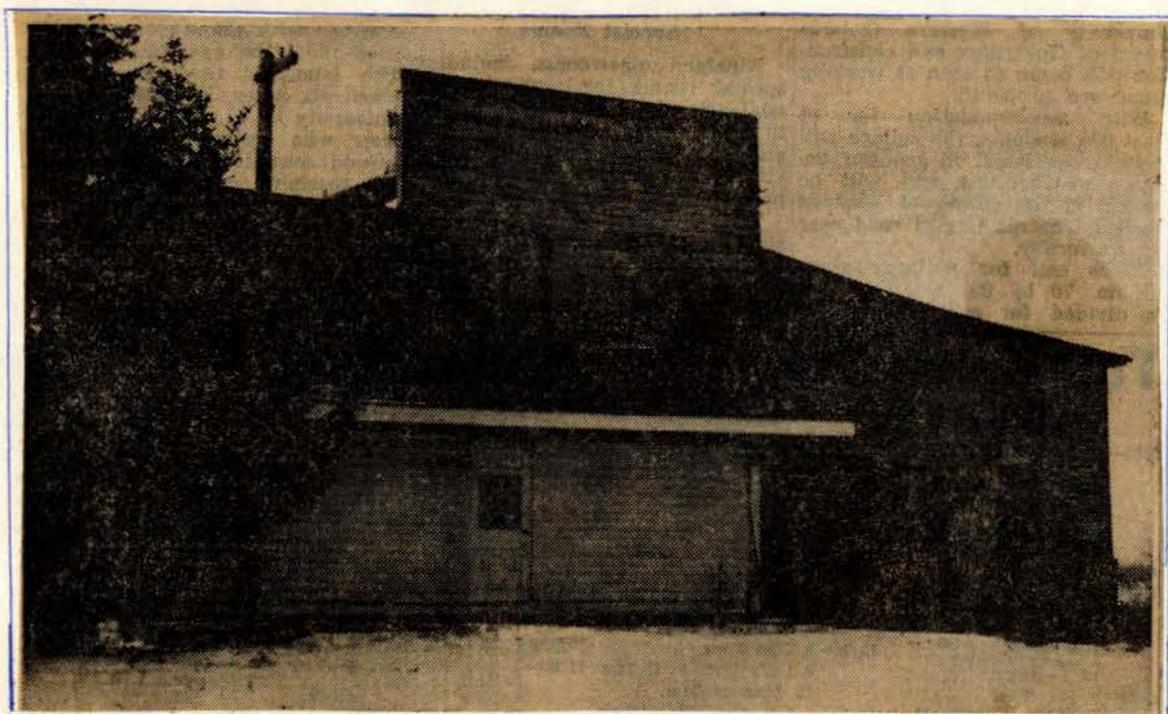


K I N G S M I L L

This was the Kingsmill Store, early in 1900, with James Mc. Cauley the proprietor standing in front. Practically every line of goods were kept in stock or could be ordered on short notice. Two daily mails came in, and before there was rural mail delivery, it was a common sight to see a long line of horses, hitched to buggies or cutters tied to the tie posts along the main street, as people came for their mail and to do their shopping.

1959 - Today Kingsmill has become a ghost town. Here is a picture of the same general store, once so prosperous, windows boarded up and carrying a look of desertion. After it ceased to be a store, it was used for some time as a community hall. Now it is seldom used for any purpose.





Another view of the Kingsmill Store, in the early days.

90-Year-Old Active, Happy

Mrs. Bessie Annabell Condon, daughter of John and Adaliza Foy, was born Dec. 6, 1873, at Springfield. Her father came to Canada from Ireland when he was four, settling in Ingersoll and later moving to Springfield. Mrs. Condon attended public school in Springfield, attending school in Vienna, Ont., for her final two years of study.

She has lived in her present home for the last 54 years, preferring the quiet of the area to the uncertainties of travel. At one time Mrs. Condon did a great deal of knitting and crochet work for the Woman's Institute, and she completed a crocheted table cloth after she was 80. She still enjoys reading, and talking to the youngsters who pass by on their way home from school.



NINETY TODAY — Mrs. Bessie Annabell Condon, of Kingsmill, today quietly celebrated her ninetieth birthday with relatives and neighbors who dropped in to wish her well. Mrs. Condon lives with her daughter, Mrs. Wilfred Woolley, Times-Journal correspondent for Kingsmill. — (T.-J. Photo)

Mrs. Condon has two daughters, Mrs. Wilfred Woolley, the eldest with whom she resides and Mrs. T. McCully of Pontiac, Mich.; two sons, Kenneth, of London, Ont., and Albert, of Willowdale; ten grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. Her sister, Miss Ethel Lou Foy, is 81 and lives in Tacoma, Washington, and her brother Arnold, 83, lives in Aylmer. She was married on her birthday in 1893, and ten years ago celebrated her diamond wedding anniversary.

As for the future, Mrs. Condon intends to remain quietly at home with her daughter, and maybe do a little more crocheting and reading. (1964)

On March 21st, 1967, Mrs. Condon passed away and was laid to rest beside her husband in the Cemetery south of Orwell.



POSTOFFICE STILL BUSY —

Mrs. Lorne Orris, who assists her postmaster husband with the mail, finds there is still lots to do in the busy little Kingsmill office located in the Orris home. She is seen above sorting the afternoon mail. Mr. and Mrs. Orris have had charge of the postoffice for the past three years, taking over from the late Charles Pettit who was also Kingsmill's last general store operator.

The Railway station also is gone. Mail still comes in daily by truck. The picture shows Mrs. Lorne Orris, who assists her postmaster husband with the care of the mail. Besides the local mail which we see in the picture, two Rural routes go out from here. The Post Office is in a part of the Orris home.

Like so many other centres, the rise and fall of the community may be traced in some degree to Canada's early Rail road building.

Founded about 1840, this infant community struggled for existence in an isolated and rugged environment for about 30 years. Suddenly they found themselves 'on the line'. The Canada Southern Railway had cut a path right through the middle of it.

A boom period of fevered activity followed. In a single year an almost unbelievable amount of construction took

place.

Two stores, an elevator, a harness shop, a saw mill, a grist mill and a large hotel literally sprang into being.

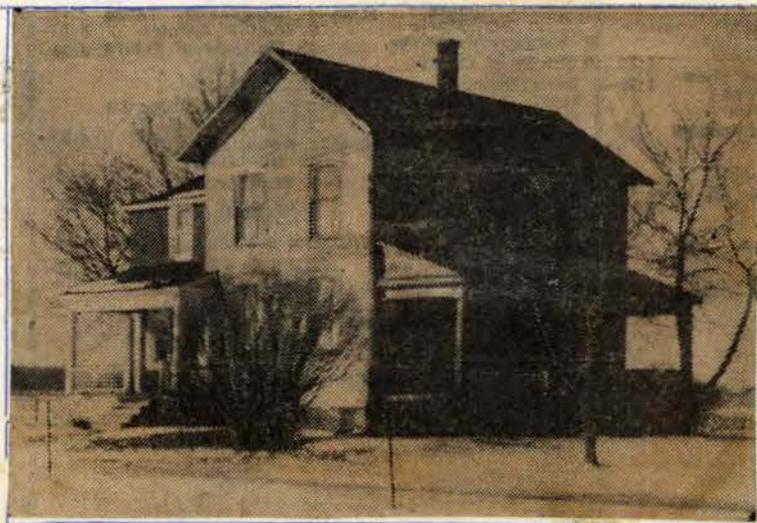
The name "Kingsmill" was chosen for the village, after one of the engineers who had been in charge of the construction of the Railway.

As the community declined, the hotel also had its day and was moved away in two sections. One of these

stands a short distance south of the village and was remodeled into a farm house. It is now the home of Melbourne Ashton.



Part of what was once the Kingsmill Hotel — Now the home of Melbourne Ashton.





A prize winning exhibit at the Aylmer Fair in 1958.



An Institute Meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Leidlaw
Around 1920.

Northwood Cheese Factory.



This picture was taken around 1900, of The Northwood Cheese Factory, situated on the 9th Concession of Malahide, which is north one road and east one road from Kingsmill village. The owner at the time was G.G.Hopkins. Before Mr.Hopkins, Frank Boyes had owned it and before him, John Winder.

Mr.Hopkins rebuilt and enlarged the plant. Large waggons drawn by teams of horses hauled milk for miles around. Five or six large vats were processed into cheese every day. Ninety pound Cheese was the standard size for cheese at that time. Wallace Baker was the last cheesemaker to make cheese here before it was demolished.

With the coming to Aylmer of a Branch of the Carnation Company many of the cheese factories were bought up and stripped of machinery. Northwood was one of them. J.C.Dance bought the factory and tore it down and sold the brick and lumber, except the east end which was made into a dwelling house and was bought by Andrew Davis.

October 31st, 1966. some Hallowe'eners set fire to this sturdy little house and it burned down. No one was living it it at the time.

Austin Charlton.

In April, 1964, only three days after happily celebrating his ninetieth birthday with his family, Austin E. Charlton passed away.

His grandparents were pioneers in the Mapleton area, coming here from Kingston with a team, a wagon, a plough and little else.

Austin's father, Abram was born where they settled north of the village and in time, Abram's two sons, Austin and Roy were also born there.

When Austin married Flossie Allen, they bought a farm west and north of Kingsmill. Their son Clarke still lives there.

Austin told some interesting side lights of their early days, when going was hard. Eggs sold for 16 cents a dozen. Weanling pigs for a dollar a piece and all farm produce in proportion.



Although a graduate of St. Thomas Business College, he preferred farming to a white collar job.

He was a devoted member of the Disciple Church at Mapleton. For many years he was superintendent of a Sunday School, held in the Kingsmill School house, as many of the local children could attend there but were not getting to Sunday School anywhere else.

The above photograph was taken by a Times Journal Photographer on his ninetieth birthday.

Elgin's First Dairy Princess.

In 1957 (Mrs. Raymond) Betty Dance was selected the Dairy Princess of Elgin County. Since this date, competing for this honour has become an annual event.

To win this coveted honour, the contestants must put a milking machine on a cow, milk it and wash up and put away the machine. Points are also given for personal appearance.

Betty won the top honour in Elgin County and went on to compete against 48 other County Princesses, at the Canadian National Exhibition, in Toronto. Here again she stood highest in her group, but in the Finals another was chosen as first.

It was a proud moment, not only for Betty but for her Elgin friends, who were pulling for her

when Professor Hamilton of the O.A.C., Guelph, who was one of the Judges, at the C.N.E. event, pinned Betty's semi finalist ribbon on her.

In the above picture, Betty holds the cup awarded her as Elgin County's First Dairy Princess.



Paul Faulds

Paul Faulds received his Bachelor of Science Degree at the University of Waterloo in May 1966 and began teaching Science in a Hamilton Secondary School in September. He is the son of Wilfred and Audrey (Roher) Faulds. Mrs. Faulds is of pioneer parentage in this locality being a granddaughter of Randall Cline and daughter of Agnes (Cline) Roher.



J. P. Brown, of Kingsmill, Ont., a student at the Ontario Veterinary College, Guelph, was awarded the Oxford and District Cattle Breeding Association Bursary of \$800, spread over the first two years at the O.V.C. The award was presented by Dr. R. J. McDonald, general manager of the association at a banquet given in honour of outstanding students at the colleges this week.

In the spring of 1966, John graduated as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at the Convocation of the University of Guelph and went at once to practice with Dr. L. C. Hall of Lucan.



RECEIVES DEGREE—Dr. John P. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Brown, of R.R. 1, Kingsmill, received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree at the convocation held at the University of Guelph last week. He is a graduate of the East Elgin Secondary School, and is now practising with Dr. L. C. Hall at Lucan.

Anne Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Smith of R.R.#4, Aylmer. Mrs. Smith, her mother, is a past president of The Kingsmill Mapleton Women's Institute. On the occasion when this photo was taken, Anne was crowned Queen of the Prom at The East Elgin District High School.

At this time, Anne was a Grade 13 student. She has been prominent in 4 H Club work and has been the Secretary Treasurer of The East Elgin Junior Institute.



Anne Smith



Mae Carter

Mae and Keith Carter, children of Mrs. Marjorie and the late *Harry* Carter, were keenly interested in 4 H work. Mae won the trophy for highest points in 1955 - 56, at the age of 16. She graduated, highest in her class from Grade 12, Special Commercial with 82 average.

Besides Keith's awards in 4 H work, he excelled in both scholastic and athletic fields. Upon graduating from Aylmer High School, he was Valedictorian, being winner of the \$ 400 Dr. Leopold and Mae Brown Scholarship, \$ 400 Royal Canadian Legion Bursary, \$ 500 Dominion Provincial Bursary and \$ 50 Gary Mc Connell Memorial bursary. He received special recognition from the London Free Press and The University of Western Ontario for his skill in athletics and in recognition of his all round leadership. He is now taking the Economics Course at University of Western Ontario, (1965)

June 1967, Keith received his B.A. degree and joined the staff of Clarkson, Gordon and Company, Chartered Accountants, London.



Keith Carter

London, June 28, 1867.

PROCLAMATION!

CITY OF LONDON, CANADA WEST



INCORPORATED 1855.

WHEREAS,

IN PURSUANCE OF

An Act of Parliament,

Passed on the 29th day of March, 1867,
Instituted an "Act for the

UNION OF CANADA,

NOVA SCOTIA

AND

NEW BRUNSWICK

And the government thereof, and for the
purposes connected therewith,"

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

Doth, by Royal Proclamation bearing date
the 29th day of March, 1867, ordained,
declared and commanded, that on
and after the

First Day of July 1867.

The said Provinces of CANADA, NOVA SCOTIA
and NEW BRUNSWICK, should form and be

ONE DOMINION!

Under the name of

CANADA:

AND WHEREAS, at a Public Meeting held at the
City Hall on the 28th inst., it was resolved that the
day should be kept as a day of General Rejoicing:—
Therefore, I, F. SMITH, Mayor of the City of London,
do hereby request that the Citizens thereof do observe
and keep the said

1ST DAY OF JULY NEXT AS A

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

By closing all places of business, Hoisting
Flags and other Decorations, and
doing all in their power to aid
and assist in inaugurating

THE NEW DOMINION.

Given under my hand, at the City of London,
this 27th day of June, A.D. 1867.

F. SMITH,
MAYOR.

Mayor's Office, London,
June 27th, 1867.

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Canada's 100th Birthday

The year was a momentous year and enthusiastically observed. The World's Fair, called Expo-67 was held at Montreal with the theme 'Man and His World'. Millions of people visited it and who didn't attend it, had splendid coverage of it on T.V.

Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip came and spent six days, over the July 1st weekend.

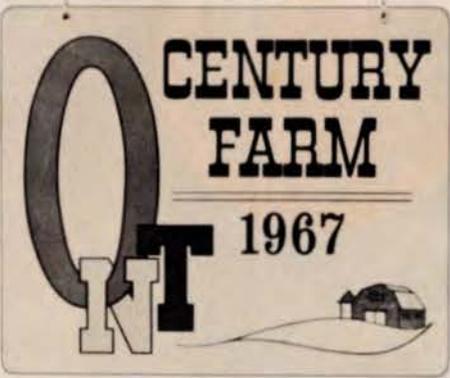
Cities, Townships, Counties, organisations of all kinds worked on 'Confederation projects' Buildings, bridges etc. Families did likewise, adding a perch, a tree or something to remember the year.

Women dressed in pioneer dresses for meetings and parties.

This symbol was used on everything during the year. The eleven triangles represents the ten provinces of Canada, plus the north west territories. There was a special Centennial flag with this symbol on blue ground. It was on postage stamps, in the corner of documents. People wore it as a lapel pin.



It was a prosperous year for Canada. The tourist trade boomed. People came from all over the world.



CENTURY FARM
1967

Recognize 100-year family farms

An impressive number of families in Canada can take pride in having owned their farm 100 years or more. Well over 5,000 such farms throughout Ontario are posted by a "Century Farm" sign (above). As a Centennial project, the provincial Junior Farmers Association promoted this recognition of farms owned in Ontario since Confederation by direct descendants of the same family.

A very fine project was undertaken by the Provincial Junior Farmers Association. For a fee of \$ 5.00, anyone whose family had lived on the farm for a hundred years was awarded a nice plaque with a wrought iron bracket. The plaque is like this picture and the name of the owner of the farm is on it.

In this day and age when people are moving to cities and trying other occupations, it is amazing how many farms in the Kingsmill area have been in the same family to the fourth generation.

- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Millard (Ardath Cline) Lot 19, Concession 11, S. Dorchester.
- Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Faulds (Audrey Reher, daughter of Agnes Cline Reher) Lot 19, Con 11, S. Dorchester.
- Raymond Dance, great grandson of Zedekiah Dance, Lot 19, Con 12, S. Der.

- Maud and Melba Sweet, Lot 6, Con 8, Malahide.
- Jack Widner, Lot 8, Con 8, Malahide.
- Mrs. Andrew Davis & Sons, Lot 6, Concession 9, Malahide.
- Claude Heever, Lot 20, Concession 12 S. Dorchester

Century Farms in the Mapleton and Cressley Hunter areas are listed in these sections.



Attractive Postage stamps during Centennial year.



65th Anniversary of The Crossley Hunter Church.



Advance Publicity :

Back in the early 90's, religious revival meetings were not held in arenas as they are today, when some powerful evangelist takes over. The custom of that bygone day was a camp meeting in the great out doors, usually a wooded spot, with the congregation sitting on raised planks, horses tied to trees and coal oil lanterns hanging from the tree branches

Of such a nature was the camp meeting, held in the Township of South Dorchester in 1890, with the famed evangelists Crossley and Hunter in charge.

Immediately afterward, a church was erected close to the camp meeting site and named ' Crossley Hunter' Methodist Church. Not only the Church but the community has borne the name ever since.

On Sunday September 2nd at 2 P.M. the Crossley Hunter Church will observe its 65th anniversary, with Dr. Ernest Crossley Hunter of Toronto, son of its founder, as guest preacher.

The guest soloist will be Gordon Smith of Belmont. He will also lead the congregation in the singing of hymns from the old Crossley Hunter Hymnal used during the 1890 Camp meetings.

Mrs. Gordon Smith will be accompanist for the service. Arrangements are being made for an overflow congregation.

65th Anniversary (Continued)



E.L.Sweet, Chairman of the anniversary planning committee, Dr.Ernest Crossley Hunter of Toronto and Homer Lyons, an old resident of S.Dorchester, now a member of Dr.Hunter's Church in Toronto and who helped arrange for Dr. Hunter to be at this service.

September 2nd, 1956.

The much anticipated 65th anniversary of The Crossley Hunter United Church was observed on Sunday at 2 P.M. A loud speaker system had been set up and there was a much larger congregation, sitting in cars, listening to the service, than were seated in the Church.

Dr.Ernest Crossley Hunter of Trinity United Church, Toronto was the guest speaker. Dr.Hunter is a son of Rev.John Hunter, who with Rev.Hugh Crossley, back in 1890, held a camp meeting in the woods near where the Church now stands.The Church was built as an outcome of the camp meeting.

Many of Sunday's congregation had come long distances. Some had worshipped here in bygone days.Some were relatives of the Hunter family. Some had even attended the camp meeting or had sat under Rev.John Hunter's preaching.

Rev.George Shields, pastor of the Church presided for the service. Mrs.Gordon Smith was accompanist. At the beginning of the service, Gordon Smith led the congregation in the singing of three familiar hymns taken from the hymnal used at the Camp meeting in 1890. Mr.Smith also contributed two very fine solos - 'Building' and 'The Lord's Prayer'.

Dr.Hunter began with some happy reminiscences of his father's experience as a minister and evangelist, later of his own and still later of his two sons, who also are United Church ministers.For his sermon,Dr.Hunter chose the text - 'Adorn the doctrine',which was Paul's charge to Titus.

Early in the service,Mr.Shields accepted on behalf of the Crossley Hunter Church from Miss Erma Rutherford of Toronto, a family Bible, which had been presented to her grandfather, Henry Brown and his family by RevHunter and Rev Crossley in 1890. in appreciation of having held the camp meeting on their land. At the same time, she presented a prized keepsake, a framed photograph of the first choir.

Dr.Hunter was accompanied from Toronto by Mrs.Hunter and Mr.and Mrs.Homer Lyons.

FAREWELL ANNIVERSARY SERVICE
Crossley Hunter United Church
Sunday Sept. 13, 1964 2:30 P.M.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Call to Worship
Doxology
Invocation
Hymn 402
Scripture
Prayer
Springfield Choir
History of the Church by Mr. Walter Matthews
Offering
Offertory
Springfield Choir
Greetings from Elgin Presbytery by the
Chairman, Rev. Wm. Shaver of Dutton
Hymn 164
Introduction of Guest Speaker by Rev. Geo. A. Shields
Sermon - Rev. Crossley Hunter B.A., D.D.
Hymn 166
Benediction - Dr. Crossley Hunter

Our special thanks to Dr. Crossley Hunter, Rev. Wm. Shaver, Chairman of Elgin Presbytery and the Springfield United Church Choir.

Students who served Crossley Hunter United Church were:

The Late Rev. Burton Robinson
Dr. A. M. Stuart
Rev. E. Matthews
Rev. Clayton Searle
Rev. Steven Mathers

The names of former ministers are:

Rev. S. R. Vittie from Sparta about 1910
Rev. John Veale till 1912
Rev. Joseph Jones
Rev. G. W. Butt
Rev. Cools
Rev. Clayton Searle
Rev. Q. C. Wilkinson
Dr. Sheldon Bartlett
Rev. H. N. Wright
Rev. P. R. Connor
Rev. A. M. Grant
Rev. R. W. Langdon
Rev. W. A. Finlay 1929
Rev. D. A. Armstrong
Rev. A. C. Moorehouse
Rev. C. W. Morrow
Rev. J. T. White
Rev. Charles Vickerson
Rev. R. C. Copeland
Rev. M. G. Cook
Rev. Geo. A. Shields
Rev. G. G. Heffelfinger
Rev. Jean Donaldson
From March to July Mr. John Brown and Mr. Don Parsons

With gratitude to all
Crossley Hunter United Church
Trustees, Elders and Stewards