



Store at Kingsmill where the first Post Office was housed.



AUGUST 4th, 1970

Window on left of house-(Post Office,) Kingsmill, Ontario.



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Lucille, twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne H. Orris holding the First Sign under the Last Sign on day of closing the Post Office at Kingsmill, Ontario.

Lorne Haynes Orris was appointed Postmaster on April 8th, 1952, officially taking office September 3rd., 1952, his wife Marjorie was his assistant as he was only a part time Postmaster being fully employed at the Carnation Company, Aylmer, Ontario.

The office was situated at the north west corner of their place of residence in the village. Over the period of years mail volume increased as well as the rates of postage, first class rates was 4¢, second class 2¢ and at the time of closing, first class rate 8¢ and second class rate 6¢.

Over the years the community enlarged with an increased of boxholders and householders as well as mileage for courier Donald W. Pettit, which was appointed courier in the early fifties continued until its closing. It was then changed to R.R.#7, Aylmer, Ontario.

Our family grew up and in the later years helped in sorting especially at Christmas when mail was so heavy.

Mail at first was received and dispatched by Postmaster meeting the N.Y.C. train at crossing at 9 A.M. and again at 2:30 P.M. each day. When the train ceased to operate mail was then delivered by truck coming from Brantford at 9 A.M. going to London, Ontario and returning 2:40 P.M. Service very good and fast.

In the sixties, service was changed again by truck leaving Aylmer at 7:30 A.M. calling at Kingsmill, Springfield, Brownsville, Corinth and back to Aylmer by 9 A.M. This duty was performed by a local contractor.

The office was officially closed on August 4th, 1970 at 5 P.M. by Postmaster John Vermey, Aylmer. The last patrons purchasing stamps were Mrs. Melbourne Ashton and Miss Lorna Ruth Orris purchasing stamps for her wedding invitations, thus ending another era.



Old Kingsmill School built in 1860



The remodelled Kingsmill School is closed, Picture taken Sept. 2nd, 1974 shortly after being closed.



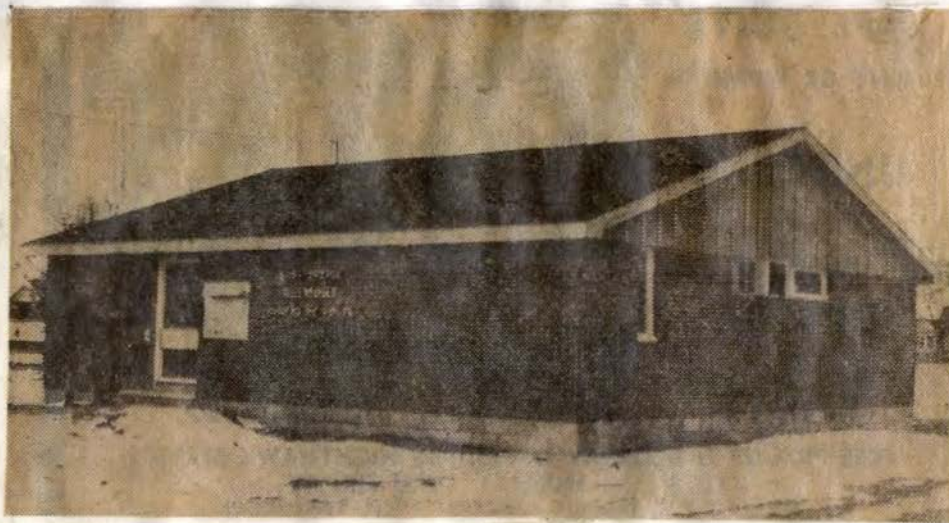
May 21, 1970

Car destroys Gas Pumps.

A. Cardriven by James Darus Appleford, 30, of R. R. 1 Kingsmill, veered out of control on Talbot St. late yesterday afternoon and clipped off two gasoline pumps and a light standard at Laur's Supertest station St. Thomas. Appleford was uninjured in the \$2,500 accident.



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The residents of Belmont can boast of a spanking new \$22,500 post office building. Going into its second week of operation, the post office was constructed by Nordark Holding Ltd., industrial contractors for the Department of Public Works. Construction began in October, 1970 and was opened on March 15th 1971 which was recently built on the old hotel property, of Fred Dodgson selling for the new post office.



Feb. 28th, 1970

U. C. W. Project

The friendship dinner given by Belmont United Church Women for senior residents of the community is an eagerly-anticipated annual event. Held in the church, this year 60 guests attended, 16 of them being former residents of the community still residing in Elgin. Front, (left to right) are Mrs. Byron Murray, Belmont, who celebrated her 85th birthday on the day of the dinner; Mrs. Sam Legg and Mr. Legg; standing, (left to right) Mrs. Ralph Taylor, Belmont, U. C. W. President and William Wakeley, student minister who is pastor of the church.



Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Legg moved to Belmont, Ontario on February 4th, 1970 with the assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Jenken, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jenkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Scanlan, remaining three weeks with their son and daughter-in-law, Milton Legg's, hence next door to Cornelius Huigenbos house until moving in their new home on the corner of Union and College Street, Saturday, December 5th, 1970.

Mr. Samuel Legg, 182 Union Street, Belmont, Ontario- passed away on Monday, January 10th, 1972.

Mrs. Samuel Legg and the late Sam W. Legg had the misfortune to lose their Centennial farm house E. Half, Lot 23, Concession No. 8, South Dorchester by an unknown fire on Monday, April 17th, 1972.



Victory Lodge Belmont. Installation

Victory Lodge of the International Order of Oddfellows held the annual installation of officers, Wednesday night in Belmont. Carried out by the Ingersoll Lodge, all most 20 members took office. during the installation service. Seen here at the installation are, from L. to R. Russell Lunn, incoming vice-grand; Bill Grawburg noble grand; Hiram Jenken, District Deputy Grand Master of Elgin District 16 (also of the Belmont Lodge) Stan Duncanson of Dutton District Deputy Grand Master of Erie District 15; Norman Muma of Thorndale, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Ontario; George Vanstone of St.Mary's Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ontario; and Doug Rabbets of Springfield, District Deputy Grand Warden of Elgin District 16.

Oct. 13, 1971



Belmont Lions Club 1971

Television donation The Belmont Lions Club made a visit to Valleyview Home for the Aged Wednesday afternoon with a television set which they donated to the Senior Citizen's Drop-In Centre, President of the Drop-In Centre, James Galbraith, is seated at the left awaiting the two representatives of the Belmont Lions Club to adjust the set. Centre is Hugh McKellar, past-president of the Belmont Club and at right is W. C. Barons, carter member of the club.



Shepherd of his flock

HIRAM

Hiram Jenken, Yarmouth farmer of R. 1 Belmont, Ont. worries for the Belmont Sewage Lagoons may be opened for Waterfowl hunting. His private sanctuary where birds have flocked for 30 yrs. is little more than 600 metres from the Area.



Aug. 20, 1980 Chow Time

Fifty seven Canada Geese scuttle to Hiram Jenken as he prepares their dinner of corn and seed. The private bird sanctuary, adjacent to the Belmont lagoons presently has 250 beaks to feed. The Canada Geese are flying in every day, as they prepare for their fall migration south.

Would discourage wildfowl from nesting near lagoons

May I take up a little space in your valuable paper to express my views on the environment and the pollution situation in the Belmont area.

The village installed a sanitary sewer system during the year 1976, and during the spring and summer months is making hook ups, which eventually lead to the lagoons, in the country nearby.

The local Borden Company plant installed a sprinkler system and small lagoons previously. Wild ducks and a wild goose, so I am told took up permanent residence on Borden's lagoon.

Now since the village lagoons are in operation a much larger number of wild ducks reside there, rearing their young.

In my opinion I would suggest that some preventive measure should be taken to discourage any wild life from making the lagoons their home. For instance adding some liquid bad taste to the body of water, or pouring a very large quantity of waste oil over the surface to help prevent the ducks from swimming on the clear water at the top.

In the first place when any lagoon's are constructed it would be far more sanitary if they could have a cover on top to keep everything out. Less than two years ago in a local newspaper an item stated that during the hunting season ducks at the town of Aylmers lagoon's could be shot and eaten. But the sad part of it was that the ducks had worms in their intestines. from residing on the water at the lagoons.

When anyone dresses fowl and finds any disease the fowl is disposed of, so why eat lagoon ducks.

Also it has been in the newspaper that at various times it may be necessary for a run off from the lagoons to a creek.

Would it not be much more healthier for human beings, farm stock, and the wildlife too, if this runoff could only be filtered through the adjacent land near the lagoons, using field tile, sand and gravel, like is used for a weeping bed?

I am for a better environment and hope you are of the same opinion.

J. G. Darter, Belmont. Ontario.

Belmont Water sewer Lagoons

In 1975 the sewer lagoon were built on the farm of Hiram Jenken south side of concession 15 Yarmouth Township for the purpose of the village of Belmont. They were completed in Sept. 1975 on 35 acres. Two were built the second one to drain into Kettle creek on the west side of them twice a year when the creek was high.