



Connie attended the Skelding Public School on the 13 conc. of Yarmouth. her teacher was Mrs. Ardath Millard for her 8 grades.

She attended Arthur Voaden Secondary school for 4 years Graduating from Grade 12 with 75.5 average in June 1970

Connie Jenken

Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Hiram Jenken, R. R. 1 Belmont she is a member of the Kingsmill-Mapleton 4 H Homemaking Club and received her Provincial Honours in May 1970. She is a member of the Belmont Junior Farmers. and the Belmont Calf Club for 4 years. She was married to Michael John Stevens of R. R. 2 Dorchester on August 1, 1970.

July 7 attended the Dairy Princess contest. 1970.



Connie and Michael
August 1st, 1970



John George Carter was born Feb. 1th, 1906, son of William and Susan Carter, on the farm of his grandfather Frederick Carter concession 11, township of South Dorchester near Mapleton. On Dec. 21st. 1912 the family moved to their new home in the village of Belmont, situated on Dyer St. formerly owned by John and Jane Doan, was used for a hog yard, who raised the porkers for family use. At that time the property was in Westminister township, Middlesex County. But on Nov. 3rd 1947 the village trustees voted in favour of annexation to South Dorchester Township, County of Elgin, which came effective in 1947. Since then they incorporated village in all situated in County of Elgin, formerly composed of 4 townships Westminister, Yarmouth, North and South Dorchester. Have always lived in the same residence since 1912. Correspondent for the St. Thomas Times Journal for over 47 yrs.

1976 Aylmer fair flower exhibit
 Made by Mrs. Hiram Jenken, and
 Mrs. Sadie Mitchell, Mrs. Mitchell
 and her husband moved to England
 in June, 1977 to retire.



Elaine Davies
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daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Davies
 R. 1 Belmont, received her Bachelor
 of Arts degree in Sociology at
 the fall convocation at the Univ.
 of Western Ont. Oct. 30, 1976.
 Miss Davies is employed in the
 Special Service department of the
 Oxford County Board of Education,
 and lives in Woodstock. Following
 convocation a graduation party was
 held at the home of her parents.
 Summer of 1977 she took her last,
 possible education course, Psychology
 of Learning Disabilities at Western
 Later toured Ecuador, Peru, Galapagos
 Islands & Panama.





AWARDS PRESENTED — Three members of the St. Thomas St. John Ambulance were awarded the St. John Priory Vote of Thanks at the quarterly meeting held Monday night at the home of former mayor Vincent A. Barrie on Stanley Street. The award is given for valuable assistance in furthering the work of the Order. From left are, Chester Smith, honorary chairman of the local branch, Mrs. Gordon Campbell, of 16 Lydia Street, member of Nursing Division 30; Robert Heil, Division officer for Division 66, St. Thomas, and Mrs. Charles Farquhar, of RR 1, Belmont, also a member of Nursing Division 30. (T.-J. Photo) *June 15/70*



MRS. CHARLES FARQUHAR

Mrs. Charles Farquhar.

of the 14th con. yarmouth, a member of the St. John's Ambulance Nursing Division received a honor by being presented with priory votes of thanks at an investiture in Toronto to Lieutenant Govener of Ontario, and a Garden party. July 13, 1970 .

History of the Tin House by. Mrs. Grey Fuller

Many fond memories are associated with the house now occupied by Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Jenkins & Family north of the former Crossley Hunter School & Church. Lot 18, Concession 8 of South Dorchester.

From Earliest childhood we called it the 'Tin House' an appropriate name, as its early days, the ^{exterior} extension was covered with small rectangular sheets of sculptured metal & the ^{interior} extension walls and ceilings of the four original rooms & hallways were similarly finished in nicely painted squares of tin sculptured in wreaths, scrolls & flowers each room a different colour.

The house was originally built on the farm now occupied by Lewis Thompson Lot 23 & 24 10th concession of South Dorchester.

The farm was then owned by John R. Charleton.

About 1904-05 John R. Charlton had this house built as a second house on his farm for his son, Rev. W. G. Charleton, who was not too well & come home here for a rest. Its first occupants were Rev. Will. G. Charlton his wife Mattie & their little girl Eva born in (1902) just a small child when they came here to live.

Later after Rev. Charlton & family left, the house was occupied by Hector Stewart & Family. Duncan Taylor (lot 21 conc. 9 of S. Dor.) purchased the house from Ansel Charlton & moved it to his farm lot 21 Con. 9 as a second house. This was probably before 1914. Glen Taylor, born 1904, remembers a small barn or granary being moved to another location to make a good site for the new house in a small field to the east of the Taylor house. It was, I believe, moved by a steam engine & built. teams of horses may have been on its journey through the windmill field.

(so-called because of the deep well & windmill near the place where the house was finally located.

While in this location a new one story home addition was added. (leanto). These rooms were plastered and papered with a pretty ^{flower} narrow pantry with pine shelves the full length of the pantry. The kitchen extended beyond the house as shown so had a door opening on ~~to the~~ verandah as well as a back door opening into a small wood shed or shanty as we called it when playing, "ants-ante-i-over."

Hired help who lived in this house & assisted with the farm work were ' Frank Weaver, Carrie (Evert) Weaver, & their two small children Jean & Anna (later had a son).

2- Dennis Laur & Ethel (Betterley) Laur & daughter Mabel Laur.

3- Walt Goodwin & Jennie (Taylor) Goodwin (Mrs. Fuller's Aunt)

4- Edwin Coventry & Nelle Coventry & a son Willie Coventry.

The house was heated by wood stoves. These were circular tin-lined & Jacketed holes through the ceiling of the dining room and living rooms., and through the floor of the bedrooms up above. This permitted either a stove pipe to pass through or an opening to let heat up from below. In the metal jackets were regularly spaced small holes just large enough to get a finger stuck in them if you tried this. This metal shield was painted to match each room. The dining room was pink colour, walls & ceiling, the living room was pale green, the hallways a blue shade and the upstairs bedrooms yellow and pink. The pantry was a dark blue.

When the farm was rented to Hiram Peer (single) and no one was living in the tin house, it became our summer play house the envy of the neighbourhood children whom we often invited for the afternoon.

Sometime after 1923 the house was sold to Victor Learn after he suffered the loss of his house by fire. IT was again moved this time to its present location. The new occupants were Victor Learn, his wife Isa Jane Learn, daughter Grace Learn and another Mrs. Jane Learn.

Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Wood recall the fire of Learn's house as being early in the morning while the Learns were at the barn doing chores.

Clair Appleford's & Dennis Laurs ^{steam} engines were used to move the house all at once.

Later the house was sold to John Coleman 1933-34 who made a few changes. He moved the staircase to the wall between the bedroom and living room, then a stairway was put down to the basement. The house was divided for his son William and his wife Marian and daughter Caroline.

Ernest Jenkins bought the house from Mrs. Coleman in 1958. A bathroom was put in the pantry. The house was rented until he married in 1963 when it was rent^{ed}ivated. The kitchen was made 3 ft. smaller which added to the bathroom and bedroom. The bathtub was taken out and made a clothes closet. A complete bathroom was put up stairs hall. The brick chimney as taken out and oil furance was put in. Gyprock was put over the tin in upstairs bedrooms and over plaster in downstair's bedroom. In 1967 a built in verandah was put where the original one was. Aluminium siding was put on over the tin. In 1982 a family room was built over the kitchen which was the leanto. The next year a 100 amp hydro service was installed because of the additional use of electricity.



Mr. Wilson McGredie of 73 Highway built the barn in 1911 Story in scrap book.

Area Landmark Facing Destruction

Round barn
near Lyons
faces slow
death because
of weather
and old age.
torn down
Aug. 22, 1980
Built 1911





Old round barn near Lyons was demolished by bulldozers Friday Aug. 22, 1980. 70 yrs. old. the bricks were dumped in an old irrigation pond across the highway from the barn's former site. Its final resting place is the same site where the bricks were originally made.

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The Passing Of The Round Barn

Warren Faw gave me this poem about the round barn. I would like to share it with your readers if possible.

My late husband Russell Moore was the last owner and operator of the Tile Manufacturing Plant at Lyons. Founded by his grandfather Willson McCreadie.

Warren Faw was a valued and faithful employee and his memories are authentic and interesting.



Warren Faw

Sincerely,
Mrs. Jane Moore
10 Chestnut Street
Aylmer, Ontario

Time was when strangers - friends and foes- the way to Faw's would learn

We'd tell them: "Follow 73 and at the Round Barn turn."
Directions more precise and true no one could ever seek
For that Round Barn was verily a landmark quite unique!
Some 70 years ago 'twas built of bricks made on the spot:
60 feet wide; 54 feet high, it surely took a lot!
'Twas patterned from a kiln that burned the brick and tile of clay.

For saving time this barn was built in an efficient way:
A silo high of well-laid brick was built right up the centre.
From which the cows around the edge were fed throughout the winter.

The mows were very handy, too, around the silo stout,
And just below the cattle stood, their tails a-facing out.
'Twas built by one of Scotch descent, by name Willson McCredie

Who had the fortune good to wed a very famous lady:
An Ellen Crossley, sister of a preacher of renown,
Who for his faithfulness will have a bright soulwinner's crown.

For years the barn housed dairy cows and subsequently hogs.

While time and dampness took their toll on inside wooden logs. (I sold some cows there years ago at Farmer's Auction sale.

And viewed the inside of the barn in all its grand detail.)
And when Crop Farming came in vogue it was not used at all;

Deterioration quickened pace from coming Fall to Fall.
The barn unused and useless now began to creak and sigh.
And so with no more will to live it soon began to die!
The mortar loosened from the bricks; leaks showed there in the roof.

And those who might have sensed decay politely stayed aloof.

It's rotting roof began to sag and at long last caved in.
And it was now too far, far gone to restoration win.
It's lofty top which pierced the sky like some cathedral spire
Dropped through the gaping roof-(it felt it was time to retire)

The busy owner of the barn no hope for it could see;
Bulldozed it down to put it out of it's long misery
'Twas sad to see this landmark gone, but such is Nature's way.

Just like our fragile human frame - this crumblin house of clay.

Its bricks were buried in a pond where mud was excavated;
It's wooden parts - so I am told - were reverently cremated!
I'm sure if this old barn could speak full many a tale would tell

Of all it's inmates doings, and it's neighbour's lives as well.
No doubt it watched the men at work off there across the road

A-wheeling buggies of green tile which made a heavy load.
(I worked one summer there myself and freely did perspire)
When taking tile from the kiln still hot almost as fire!

No doubt the barn saw many a change in it's full 70 years,
Rejoicing in the hopes of men and moaning for their tears.
It lived through horse and buggy days; through farming done by team;

The threshing of the oats and wheat by engine run by steam.
It saw the trucks and cars emerge and gather pow'r and speed,

Replacing in a few short years the farmer's faithful steed.
It saw the tractors run by gas; the modern grain combine
Which saved the farmer heavy toil and soaring price of twine.

The Old Round Barn has witnessed life - the old - the modern way -

But now it has been razed - its gone - for it has had its day.
So when directing people here, be they a child or spouse,
I can't say "Turn at The Round Barn, but the lonely square brick house!"

Warren W. Faw

News Items for 1980-81

1. April 29 - May 1 Officers Conference Waterloo, College
President Mrs/ Orrie Ostrander attended.
2. May 14- 68 th, District Annual Aylmer Baptist Church.
3. June 2-6 Ontario week at the Erland Lee, home with Elgin
East W. I. 's as hostess/
4. June 5 with hoastess Mrs. J. Hiepleh entertained the
Representatives and Leaders for our three clubs.
Emily Faw showed her picturers ~~of~~ her 17 days
Carribbean Cruise.
5. June 22 W. I. Elgin County Rallyheld at Elgin County
Museun. St. Thomas, Ont.
6. June 25-
Elgin County Museum Tea.
7. June 24-28 F. W. I. Canada Convention, Saskateen, Sask.
8. July 3 K. M. Picnic at Pinafore Park, Pot Luck dinner at
12;30 Boxall Twin sister were absent. 30 attended/
9. July 16 Area Bus trip to Grand Bend Play House,
- 10 24 K. M/ work day for pies for Aylmer fair meals at
Dicile church.
- 11 Aug. 13-16 K. M. W. I. catered for meal at Aylmer fair
2 meals a day for 4 days 4.00 each.
cleared around-~~15,00~~ 1500.00 dollars.
- 12 Nov. 1-2 Area Convention in St. Mary's, Ont.

Extra News Items, 1979/80.

Sept. 15, 1979-- Mr. & Mrs. Max. Zavitz held a "Camp Out" Guests from, Toronto, Norwood, Arkona, Ward Village, Listowel, Thedford, Parkhill and Belmont.

Feb. 4, 1980- Mabel Flora Brown, R. R. # Aylmer, & later Sunnyside Manor, died at St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital. Daughter of John and Sarah (Fowler) Thompson. Born in North Yarmouth Township Member of the Church of Christ Disciples, Mapleton, Ont. and a Life member of the Mission Circle. Predeceased by her husband since 1969 and a son, John in 1941.

Survived by 2 sons, Lewis of R, 7 Aylmer, George of Ingersol. Three grandchildren and 5 Great- Grandchildren. Resting at H. A. Kebble Funeral Home Aylmer for Service at 2.30 p.m. *Thursday* with Rev. Thomas Ruthford of the church of Christ Disciples of Mapleton. officiating Interment in Necropolis Cemetery, Mapleton, Ont.

Feb. 27, 1980

Winter Picnic Aylmer Baptist Church,
March 18, 1980 1.30 Executive meeting, Elgin County Pioneer Muse,

Mar. 20. 1980 Hobby and Craft Show at the hall from 2-4:30

March 24, 1980 At 8. p. m. Achivement day for senior course
Indoor Gardening and Macrami at Memorial Arena.
First of 4-H Homemaking club Project "Food for Friends"

News or Interest for 1969

Jean Jenkins -- Received the Elgin County Dairy Princess award at Lockes Fair Aug. 1969 .

She competed at Toronto and on the first night of judging stood first but was defeated the second night as the Ontario princess.

At The Belmont Calf Club awards night Oct. 1968 she received The I. O. O. F. trophy for Highest aggregate score. The Bank of Nova Scotia trophy for top showman. The D. G. Van Der Spank trophy for highest total score for care, feeding and showmanship.

Aug. 21, 1969 Beverley Jenken was in a Motor bike accident and received hand and leg injuries. Son of Mrs. and Mr. Hiram Jenken.

Sept. 1969 Connie Mathews, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Walt Mathews Married Een Foster son of Mr. & Mrs. Don. Foster.

1970

Kingsmill-Mapleton W. I. Hosted the District Annual in May at the Disiples Church.

Miss Connie Jenken on Aug. 1st was married to Mr. Michael John Stevens of Dorchester.

Miss Lorna Ruth Orris was married at the Mapleton church on Thanksgiving week in October.

On April 2, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Free Sr. celebrated their 50th Anniversary with an open house.

Sept. 1 Mrs. & Mr. Wm. Free Jr. celebrated their 20th Anniversary.

Philip
Phillip Zavitz son of Mr. & Mrs. Max Zavitz.

On Nov. 7, 1969 at the Commencement of East Elgin Secondary school received:

\$5.00 for Machine Shop Practice highest Grade 12

Student from E. L. Dopp.

\$100.00 Scholarship in memory of the late Michael Rochus, donor anonymous.

Graduated from Grade 12 and is now attending Fanshaw College, Woodstock. Farm Management Course.



On Nov. 1, 1969 Mrs. & Mrs. Hiram Jenken received at the Belmont Calf Club awards night a Agricultural Service Diploma for Meritorious Service to Agriculture. Fair & Community Services.

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NEWS ITEMS 1970-71

- Sept. 21, 1970, Jan. 4, 1971, Apr. 19, 1971, June 21, 1971, Nov. 15, 1971 - catered to the Lions Club Suppers.
1. August 6th, 1970- The Kingsmill and Mapleton Women's Institute held a Bakeless Sale.
 2. October 16th, 1970- April, 1971- Messrs. Helen Widner, Marjorie Orris, Mrs. Hiram Jenken and Mrs. W.J. Free (Sr.) catered to Elgin Manor Auxiliary and Mrs. Grace Free, Mrs. H. Jenken again in October, 1971.
 3. December 3rd., 1970- Owing to the illness of Mrs. W.J. Free, Mrs. Russell Lunn kindly accepted Mrs. Free's January 7th. Women's Institute Meeting.
 4. February 1st. 1971- Mrs. Wayne Foster and children, Timothy, Jo-Anne and Stephen of Halifax, Nova Scotia, arrived by plane in London Saturday Night. Ian Foster had to battle snow-drifts in order to meet the plane and get them to the Don Foster Home.
 5. February 4th, 1971- Our W.I. Meeting was cancelled until Feb. 17th, on account of the blustering storm.
 6. February 6th, 1971- Mrs. Grace Free, Mrs. W.J. Free and Mrs. Madeline Jenkins, Mrs. Russell Lunn helped at the "Baby Clinic" in Aylmer, Ontario.
 7. February 24th, 1971- The Women's Institute Winter Picnic was held at Yarmouth Centre United Church.
 8. March 20th, 1971- Mr. Herb Coulter passed away.
 9. April 19th, 1971- The Executive Programming was held at Mrs. Helen Widner's
 10. April 27th, 1971- The Officers Conference was held at Guelph, Ontario. No one attended.
 11. May 5th, 1971- Messrs. Mrs. Grace Free, Mrs. W.J. Free, Mrs. Helen Widner, Mrs. C. Hoover, Mrs. Keith Hiepleh, attended the Spring Tea at the Elgin Manor.
 12. May 11th, 1971- "The Craft Spring Tea", at Elgin Manor.
 13. May 14th, 1971- District Annual in the Baptist Church, Eden, Ontario.
 14. May 15th, 1971- Achievement Day - 4H Homemaking Clubs, at Central United Church, St. Thomas, Ontario.
 15. June 5th, 1971- "The Museum Tea"- 2.00 - 5.00 P.M. (Spring Tea)
 16. September 30 and October 1, 1971- The London Area Convention, held in Clinton Church, Ontario.
 17. October 7th, 1971- Hobby & Craft Show, 2.00 - 9.00 P.M. at Grace United Church, St. Thomas, Ontario.
 18. November 17th, 1971- Elgin Manor Auxiliary Dinner.
 19. November 26th, 1971- Friday, the "Coffee Break" at Elgin Co. Pioneer Museum.

News of Interest for 1970- 1971

In July the Kingsmill Post Office was closed.

Mrs. Keith Hiepleh was President of the East Elgin W. I.

In July Miss Connie Jenken and Jean Jenkins competed in the Elgin County Dairy Princess competition, Jean became the princess.



CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

—Keith Carter, son of Mrs. Marjorie Carter, RR 3, St. Thomas, and the late H. Carter, received his certificate as a member of Chartered Accountants of Ontario at the convocation ceremony held recently at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto. He is a graduate of East Elgin Secondary School, Aylmer, and of the University of Western Ontario, where he received his BA. He is presently on the staff of Clarkson and Gordon, Chartered Accountants, Ltd., London, Ont. Mr. Carter, and his wife, the former Barbara Robertson of Aylmer, reside at 276 Broadway Avenue, Tillsonburg, where Mrs. Carter is on School. Mrs. Marjorie Carter, RR 3, St. Thomas, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Keith Carter of Tillsonburg, to witness the convocation.