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## Hubrey School Holds Reunion

HUBREY, Dec. 9 — Childhood memories were reviewed and relived as ex-pupils and teachers of Hubrey School held a grand reunion at the old schoolhouse, Hubrey School (SS No. 10, Westminster Township.)

Two former pupils, whose student days go back to 1876, were present. They are John W. Laidlaw, of Wilton Grove, former township reeve and school trustee; and Robert Kirk, of RR 2, Glanworth.

In a program supplied by the ex-teachers and pupils of other years, the old schoolhouse once again became the centre of social activity that it has been in the past. Wilson Laidlaw, of Wilton Grove, ex-pupil and former trustee, was chairman.

The welcoming address was given by Robert Elliott, of Glanworth, who reviewed the school's history, and the snowball fights between the North, South, East and West portions of the section. Henry Anderson quoted from the reminiscences of Samuel Baker, who came from England in 1886 to teach at Hubrey. Mr. Baker became city clerk of London in 1904. He was succeeded by Miss Flora McColl, who was noted for the modern methods of teaching introduced in rural schools.

Among the large crowd were, in addition to those mentioned, Mrs. William Beattie, a pupil in 1880; and Mrs. F. W. Nichol, who started school in 1881; Mrs. Harry (Bilyea) Duffin, ex-teacher; Mrs. Muriel (Phair) Shepherd, ex-teacher; Mrs. Vera (Jones) Foster, ex-teacher; and a number of ex-pupils whose school-days go back to the 1890's.

## Farm Post Office At Wilton Grove

WILTON GROVE is a nebulous community which ranges over nearly half of Westminster Township and includes the new Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission switching station at Pond Mills where nearly 500 workmen, many of them displaced persons from Europe, are employed; hundreds of farms, many of them worked by descendants of the first settlers; more than 100 homes in the new Veterans' Land Act subdivisions occupied by ambitious young veterans of World War II; and dozens of modernistic new suburban homes of wealthy Londoners.

### Over Four Concessions

It is almost impossible to point to any building or group of buildings and say "This is Wilton Grove" for the community stretches from Lambeth to Belmont over Concessions 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Westminster Township.

But the acknowledged nucleus is the century-old rambling brick farmhouse on Concession 3, a quarter-mile from the Wilton Grove, London and Port Stanley Railway station, where the post office has been located ever since its organization 80 years ago with Peter Murray as postmaster.

### Mail Heavy

Although Wilton Grove has the only farmhouse-post office in Middlesex County and is rated as a "small rural post office" there is nothing small about the amount of mail handled.

The growth of Wilton Grove since the war has been little short of phenomenal. The number of mail boxes served by the post office is an indication. Ten years ago there were 130 on R.R. 1 which is now one of the largest rural routes in the vicinity of London, many of the boxes serve two or three families, and permits for about 70 new houses in the V.L.A. subdivisions have already been granted.