



S.S. #8 REUNION: The class of Dublin School circa 1957 is invited to a reunion in September. The class included, back from left: Tina Vos, Shirley Langevin, Dennis Kelly, Beppy Nap, John Koetsier, Maxine Gough, John Kranendonk, and Ericka Koetsier. Third row: Susan Perry, Charlene Gough, Lois Kirkwood, Greg Gibbens, Christine Foyers, Rex Appleyard, David Brown, Lyn Perry and Marie Frank. Second row: Janice Leyland, Janet Hofstede, Leroy McIsaac, Murry Koetsier, Vicky Newton, Chris Kranendonk, Colin Elliott and Keith McDonald. Front row: Brenda Elliott, David Black, Roy Rognvaldson, Martin Van der Veen, Pat Gibbens and Kenneth Elliott. – Submitted photo

Dublin School reunion planned

June 2010 marked the 50th anniversary of the closing of S.S. #8 Esquesing, better known to most former students as Dublin School. Prior to the building of the bigger schools, Esquesing was divided into School Sections (S.S.) and each section had a one room school for the pupils in the area. Some larger communities had two room schools.

Although there was a log school serving the Dublin community for several years, the building familiar to many of us as Dublin schoolhouse was built about 1874. Family

names such as Kennedy, McCann, McDonald, Gibbens, among others, appear early and often in the Minute Records as taking an active part in the decisions concerning their local school.

Earliest records show that William Campbell, was hired as teacher for the year 1858, at a salary of 73 pounds 10 shillings per year (\$250), by the trustees of School Section No. 8 Esquesing Township. The first female teacher was Miss Mary Robertson who taught 1870 and 1871 at a salary of \$200 per year. It was 1905 be-

fore another woman, Miss Bessie McKeown, was hired for the job.

In the 1950's, Grades seven and eight pupils were bussed to Stewarttown School. The last teacher to serve the pupils from Grades one through six in the Dublin community was the late Helen (Mrs. Gordon) Rognvaldson who also lived in the community. Another former teacher, Marjorie Steeper, married Ross Britton and remained in the Dublin community for many years before moving to Acton.

A reunion of former students and friends of the Dublin community is planned for Saturday,

September 25 from 1 to 5 pm in the Dufferin Rural Heritage Community Centre in Prospect Park, Acton. Please bring along any memorabilia you may have from the school to display. Please pass this information along to

those who live out of the area now. There is a Facebook page, Dublin School Reunion, and an email address to share memories or to make inquiries, dublinschoolreunion@gmail.com or call 905-876-3322.

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