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The picture tacked on the to. J. C. Horvat, B.A., O.D.

• PRESCRIPTIONS FILLED picture of that time, plus the to many visitors. panoramic picture of the GLASSES MADE & REPAIRED guests centennial year.

Ross Knight of Concord played back the tape recording made at the time of the Centennial

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Attended By 125, Oldest "Pupil" 98 BY TOBY SHORE It was perhaps a smaller but just as enthusiatic a group as

had met for former reunions when 125 ex-pupils, teachers, their families and friends met for the 110th anniversary of S.S. No. 11 Purpleville along the Seventh Concession, Vaugh-Now 10 years later, having year, to the delight of all those

the guest book and if former school - recently enlarged to

The picture tacked on the Of particular interest to ex- wall of Mr. Kennedy and his pupils was the old school pupils of school section num- for the guests memories of his

> Greeted with an enthusiastic and affectionate round of applause, the oldest ex-pupil Mrs. Wesley Peterman, 98, residing now in York Manor, Newmarket, raised her arm and said "Here I am, hale and hearty!" To prove her nimble memory she named off without hesitation, three of her teachers, Thomas Moore, Cunningham Moore and Peter McMurchy. According to records there were only two teachers before these named, Mr. McCartney and John Morrow.

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reunion in 1953. Included Oldest Ex-Teacher on this tape was the singing of "School Days" by the school children of 1953. Their teacher in that centennial year was Ross Kennedy with about 28

Mrs. Ed Harris, nee Ella taught at Purpleville from present, five of his former McIntyre, and Frank Robson, 1950-56, Mr. Kennedy is the pupils responded. They were who worked together to make principal at George Bailey Pub- Lizzie Ireland (Mrs. Norman this a memorable day are lie School, Maple, that had an Brison); Ada Sloan (Mrs. former pupils and had arrang-ed to have a group picture girls included in the two kind-tree and his sister Myra Rowntaken with a panoramic ergarten classes and grades one to eight this year. He has a staff of 15 teachers in this minister. pupils to give their pres- provide nine classrooms and interesting brief outline of his

Then Mr. McKenzie gave an

With equal pleasure, the

oldest ex-teacher to attend.

Mr. Douglas McKenzie, was

warmly greeted. Now of Toron-

to Mr. McKenzie taught at

Purpleville in 1912-13 and

when he called the roll from

the old school register of that

Rev. Warden Stump recalled register of 1906-32 and class ber 11 was of special delight school days in this one roomed teachers. At that time he had lived with his grandmother, Mrs. Jane Stump who kept the Purpleville post office and store and was known as the grand old lady of the community.' As a minister, Mr. Stump is now assisting in the church at Walkerton following years of service at Whitefish Falls, south of Sudbury.

Because of the cool wind, the pienic supper was held in the old classroom where much laughter mingled with shouted greetings and the odd brief momentary sadness, as former joys and sorrows were remem-The committee had arrang-

ed for gifts to be presented to

commemorate the anniversary.

An engraved brooch was

presented to Mrs. Peterman as she was the oldest ex-pupil in attendance. To the oldest ex-teacher preent, a small clock went to

Mr. McKenzie.

Gifts were presented to the ex-pupils who had come the longest distance, and that was Rev. Stump and to the youngest child present, at time of presentation - Glen Higgs, the seven-and-a-half month son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Higgs Coaches for all Occasions nee Catherine Bryson, former pupil. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bryson.

Appreciative thanks was extended to Mr. Percy Jones, genial local resident, for his thoughtfulness in supplying watermelon and candies to the children.

General consensus was that indeed this reunion, on Purpleville School's 110th anniversary, was most enjoyable and all voted to meet again in similar manner in 1968 - if the school, now closed, still stands. On behalf of all, Frank Robson, expressed thanks to those who had attended and especially for the assistance given by so many to make

this grand old occasion such a tremendous success."

Postscripts The two people - both expupils who were most responsible for the details and arrangements, which amounted to the success of the reunion, Ella Harris and Frank Robson, are both very active and interested in the life and history of our community, its past, pres-

ent and future.

As a member of Maple Women's Institute Mrs. Harris, now living in King City and a RICHMOND HILL, ONT. postal clerk in the Maple Post Office is compiling a detailed history of Vaughan Township. Frank's offices and interests in and around our area are too numerous and varied to write Call Any Time - Free Estimates Herbert and Joan Goodhoofd up here and at this time he is

serving in his second term of

office as trustee of the Police Village of Maple. His late father, Jas. H. Robson was born on the Robson farm across from the school (originally bought in 1887 by Samuel Robson -Frank's grandfather) he received all his education at Purpleville School, married and raised a family, who in turn attended SS No. 11 - and main-

until his death in May 1962. At the centennial anniversary in 1953 Mr. Robson attended as the "oldest pupil that was born in the Purpleville school section and still living there, that attended this school," Frank's aunt Tillie Robson,

and service in the community

now Mrs. Robert Kerr had been 10 years old when her family moved to this new farm. Attending the school for a short time she remembers that Robert J. Ross was her teacher. She is the only surviving member of Samuel Robson's family.

Further proof of her community interest was evisioned when Mrs. Peterman stayed overnight with her daughter Mrs. Art Avery, in order to attend the 16th anniversary of Teston Sunday School, on

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