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FRANCE'S ELDEST CITIZEN 106 years!
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France's eldest citizen seems to be
Mr. Séraphin PRUVOST, who is celebrating his 106th birthday in the small
village of **SIRACOURT** near Arras (Pas de Calais), where he was born on
September 9th. 1849.

Mr. Pruvost who was an orphan at 8, who
brought up his orphaned sisters before getting married himself back in
1879 (after being a soldier in the 1870 war with Germany), had three
daughters and to-day is celebrating his 106th birthday among his
grand, grand, grand, grand children, in all around 60 persons, the youngest
Régis being 11 months old.

The entire village was destroyed in World War II
and **Mr. Pruvost** who had fled the invasion and bombing, was among the first
to come back and begin reconstruction. The village is now entirely rebuilt
and for this 106th birthday, **Mr. Pruvost** who still lives in his native
community with his daughter (64) goes with all his fellow-citizens to the
brand new church before celebrating his birthday with his family and a
106 candlelight cake...