



**EXPLAINING THE LAYOUT** of the Leadership Training-Camp for the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations is the camp director, Mrs. W. H. Crown of Hamilton. Mrs. Crown and other chairmen from the Federation attended the Acton Home and School Association meeting on Monday night in the Robert Little Public School auditorium. Pictured left to right, viewing a model of the camp are Mrs. G. Boocock, publicity chairman of the Federation; Miss Alice Sides, kindergarten teacher at the Robert Little School; Mrs. J. H. Hurst, Mrs. Crown, Mrs. E. G. Schafer, Visual Aids chairman and Mrs. W. Sprouton. A large crowd of parents was present for the evening's program held in an informal manner in the form of camp life.

### New Officers, Conduct Meeting Of United Missionary Society

The Woman's Missionary Society of the United church met at the home of Miss M. Mainprize last week with the president, Mrs. R. Force, presiding. The meeting opened with prayer by the president, a welcome to those in attendance and the aims and objects of the W.M.S.

Annual reports were presented at this meeting. Community friendship secretary Mrs. Cleave had made 201 calls at hospitals, newcomers and those who were ill. 63 pieces of mail were sent out to sick and shut-ins, to hospitals, parents of new babies, condolences, wedding anniversaries and birthdays. Several birthday parties were held for senior church people. Mrs. A. Shoemaker will be the senior assistant to Mrs. Cleave in this work.

The allocation was reached.

**Worship Service**  
The worship service was taken by Mrs. A. Shoemaker and her group. The service of worship was from the World's Day of Prayer. Scripture was read by Mrs. Hart and prayer was given by Mrs. Shoemaker.

The study book was read by Mrs. Force on Neighbors of Canada, dealing with the work of the church in the Caribbean area and the problems of that area, where there are so many religious to contend with.

Mrs. T. Ironside gave a good report on the mission band. Fees were paid for expenses for the year.

Several ladies attended the annual meetings at Oakville and Hornby. Invitations were received to a local church and to Rockwood.

Mrs. H. R. Force, the newly elected president, very ably presided at her first meeting. The slate of officers was presented at the December meeting and installed by Rev. Gordon Adams, who wished all success during the coming year.

Lunch was served by the executive. A vote of thanks was given to Miss Mainprize for her home, also to the program and lunch conveners.

**New Officers**  
Officers of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United church for 1959 are: honorary president, Miss M. Z. Bennett; president, Mrs. H. R. Force; first vice-president, Mrs. E. Ladkes; second vice-president, Miss M. Mainprize; third vice-president, Mrs. A. Shoemaker; treasurer, Mrs. J. Lambert; assistant treasurer, Mrs. J. McGee; recording secretary, Miss E. Hawthorne; corresponding secretary, Miss E. Hawthorne; press secretary, Miss E. Hawthorne.

Secretaries of departments: as-

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR Association Says Thanks for Coverage

Mr. Dave Dills, Editor, Acton Free Press, Acton.  
Dear Sir:  
This is written on behalf of the 1958 Executives of the Milton and District Association for Retarded Children to say "Thank you" for the wonderful coverage you gave our work last November.

This started our Education Week off with a bang and gave your readers "first hand" information of the work being done locally.

To date (and donations are still coming in) the contributions are slightly over \$1,800.00.

Please take credit for some of this success and we will be looking forward to a bigger and much more comprehensive canvass in 1959.

On behalf of those who cannot say it themselves, the retarded of our area, we again say "Thank you".

Sincerely,  
G. G. Addison, 1958 President, Milton and District Association for Retarded Children.

### Woodworkers' Dance

The woodworking club sponsored the regular dance at the Y.M.C.A. last Friday evening. This week the dance is cancelled due to the highlight of the high school's social year—the At Home.

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### Typical Day at Home and School Camp Depicted, Special-Guests Act as Leaders

A unique setting in the form of a day at Home and School camp attracted a large attendance at the regular January meeting of Acton Home and School Association, Monday evening. Members and their guests arrived attired in slacks, sweaters and what have you, to give an authentic camp atmosphere to the Robert Little school auditorium, which was arranged to resemble the dining room of the Home and School camp on the shores of Lake Couchiching.

Chaired by Mrs. Gwen Crown, general director of the Ontario camp, and also vice-president of the Ontario Federation of Home and School, the meeting took the form of an actual day at camp.

It started with introduction of head table guests who included: Mrs. Nancy Day, leadership training chairman; Galt; Mrs. Boocock, publicity chairman, Hamilton; Mrs. Sheaffer, visual aids chairman; John Newson, assistant regional supervisor, National Film Board; John Woods, Toronto, National Film Board.

**Singing, History.**  
Like all days at camp, a short devotional preceded a sing, led by John Woods, who despite an attack of laryngitis, kept the camp songs rolling with the aid of hand signs.

Mrs. Crown told something of the history of the Home and School camp, explaining that the campsite has been loaned to the Home and School Ontario Federation by the Ontario Leadership Training Camp. In co-operation with the National Film Board and the Community Programs Branch of the Ontario Department of Education, the object of the camp has been to give leadership training to Home and School members. There are now 141,000 members in Home and School.

"It is most important to find hidden talent among members in order to obtain leadership among Home and School associations," she said.

Inviting active participation from Acton members, Mrs. Crown included the contacts made at camp, indicating camps were for men as well as women.

**"Keep Fit" Exercises**  
At this point, Mrs. R. Buckner, with the assistance of Mrs. P. White, Mrs. J. Pope, Mrs. T. Fleming, Mrs. P. Vandevail, Mrs. W. Sprouton, Mrs. J. Dowling and Mrs. J. Hurst, demonstrated how, in a series of exercises to music, they kept fit. She invited audience participation in the less difficult exercises.

A brief procedure workshop explanation was given by Mrs. Boocock in the first seminar of the evening. She had several samples of books available with many helpful suggestions.

Nancy Day conducted a short parent education session, inviting members to suggest answers on the definitions of discipline and maturity, comparing them later to the same answers by experts. She congratulated members on defining the words.

Two skits, presented by six ladies from Hamilton, lampooning a home and school meeting and later a state of address at camp, entertained the meeting. Their performance was followed by a brief talk by Jack Newson on visual education at meetings and Mrs. Sheaffer, visual aids chairman, gave information on the proper use of films.

R. R. Parker thanked the visitors for an interesting evening.

**Have 119 Members**  
Earlier in the evening, at the business session, presided over by president Charles Landsborough, the treasurer, G. Lee, announced 119 members had been signed by Acton Home and School. Mrs. W. Sprouton reported on the Fun-

### Mothers are Guests Of Girls' Auxiliary

The Ellen Anderson Girls' Auxiliary held their monthly meeting Monday evening, January 12, at 7:30 p.m. In the absence of the president and vice-president, Mrs. Moran conducted the meeting.

After the opening hymn, Miss Ann Watkins sang a solo. Following this, Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Buchanan showed pictures of the Scandinavian countries and the World's Fair in Brussels. These were greatly enjoyed by the girls and their mothers, who were invited to the meeting.

Mrs. Ellerby read the secretary's annual report. On behalf of Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. Moran thanked the girls for the stuffed toys donated for the baby sitting service at the name. The treasurer's report was read by Beverly Smith.

The business session was conducted by Mrs. Moran, followed by the roll call. "Did you make any New Year's resolutions?" Carol Hansen led in prayer. Janice Weavers read the scripture, lesson.

The meeting closed with a hymn and the Mizpah benediction. A social period followed.

### Native of Esqueving Daniel-Ritchie Dies

Daniel Ritchie, a native of Esqueving township, passed away in Queens' Hospital, Jamaica, New York, on Monday, January 12. He died suddenly as the result of an accident.

Funeral service was held at the Lians Funeral Parlors, conducted by Rev. A. Scott, minister of Holles Presbyterian church, Hollis, N.Y. Interment was in Cypress Hills cemetery.

Mr. Ritchie was predeceased by his wife, former Valerie Winterbourne; a daughter, Mrs. H. Maddocks (Valerie) of Hollis, N.Y., and two brothers, George and Herbert of Acton.

He was born in Esqueving township, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. Ritchie. He moved to Acton in 1898 and lived here until 1925 when he moved to Brooklyn, N.Y.

### New York District Pictures Feature Church Men's Meet

The monthly meeting of the Men's Club of the United church was held last Wednesday evening in the Sunday school room. The president, Gordon Harris, called the meeting to order with a hymn, "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" with George Day at the piano, followed by Stanley Harris leading in prayer.

Lloyd Marsten read the minutes of the last meeting and Ross Gordon gave the financial report. It was decided to carry on with the same officers for the year.

A feature of the meeting was a number of Kodachrome slides shown by Rev. G. A. B. Moore, dealing with scenery in the New York district. Before showing the slides, Rev. Moore spoke at some length dealing with the pictures.

Despite unfavorable weather conditions there was a full attendance. Refreshments were served by a committee and a social time was enjoyed.

**Long-time Resident**  
Following an illness, Mrs. Joel Leslie passed away in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, last Thursday. The former Ina Seymour was one of a family who lived in Rockwood over 50 years ago, and her father, Samuel Seymour, was a foreman in the former Harris and Company Ltd. Woolen Mills.

Mrs. Leslie leaves to mourn her loss, a son Gordon and daughter, Mrs. M. Wardlaw, Brampton; one brother, Murton of Guelph, and three sisters, Mrs. L. Whitlock of Burlington, Mrs. L. Pooock and Mrs. R. P. Public of Vancouver, B.C.

The funeral took place Saturday with service in the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home, Acton. Rev. Gordon Adams of Acton United church officiated. Interment took place in Fairview cemetery, Acton. A number of floral wreaths bore silent tribute to her memory.

**Buried Recently**  
During the week-end, Mrs. Samuel Petty passed away at the home of her daughter, and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Flewelling, Mimosa.

Mrs. Petty leaves to mourn her loss, two sons, Clarence and Garnet of Rockwood and two daughters, Mrs. W. Flewelling, Mimosa and Mrs. M. Slack, Kingston.

The funeral took place Monday under the direction of Lorne C. Pattison of Fergus who brought the remains from Fergus and had the casket open an hour before the service. Rev. G. A. B. Moore conducted the service and Mr. Harry Aslett contributed a vocal number with Mrs. Gordon Harris accom-

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### Rockwood

Control. He also reappointed members with the County Weed Control Act.

A number of the Home and School camp, presented to the Acton association by Mrs. J. Hetherington, was on display in the auditorium.

Interment took place in Rockwood cemetery beside her late husband.

**Skating Prominent**  
With recent snowfalls and Monday's snowstorm, the young folks of the village are having a busy time keeping ice on the rink clear for skating. With the new highway bridge in operation, more labor is entailed in clearing snow off the length of the sidewalk.

Much regret is felt in the village and community at the mishap of Mr. Arch McNabb, who fell last Thursday on the ice and broke his hip. He is in Guelph General Hospital at present.

Sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. David Armstrong, principal of Rockwood public school, in the passing of his mother, Mrs. Lillian E. Armstrong, of Guelph Memorial Community Hospital, Fergus, during the week-end.

She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, sons David, George and John, and daughters Mrs. Clifford Bott and Mrs. David Ewan. Funeral was held Tuesday from the Lorne C. Pattison funeral home, with interment in Belside cemetery.

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