

# Free Press Headlines Review Events During 1959

## Rev. Adams Installs Officers Of United W.M.S. at Meeting

The December meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Acton United Church met at the home of Mrs. C. L. Poole, with the president in charge. Following a brief business session, which included some of the year end reports and the completion of plans for Christmas mail, Mrs. Force asked Mr. Adams to conduct an installation service for the executive for 1960.

The officers are as follows: honorary president, Miss M. Z. Bennett; president, Mrs. H. R. Force; vice-presidents, Mrs. E. Lidkea, Miss M. Mainprize, Mrs. A. Shoemaker; treasurer, Mrs. J. Lambert; assist. treasurer, Mrs. J. McGeachie; Record and Press secretary, Mrs. R. Hart; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. R. Force.

Associate members, Mrs. B. Veldhuis; Christian Citizenship sec., Miss D. Simmons; Christian Stewardship, Mrs. G. Johnston; Missionary Monthly, Mrs. C. L. Poole; pianists, Mrs. M. Burns, Mrs. Wm. Sterritt, Mrs. Roy.

Seasonal Scripture Mrs. Lidkea and Miss Mainprize took charge of the devotional service and shared with the meeting readings from the Old and New Testaments leading to the birth of Christ. Two Christmas poems were read by Mrs. Lidkea and a chapter of the study book "Africa Disturbed" given by Mrs. Force. Carols were sung and the meeting closed with prayer by Mr. Adams.

Although the workmen reported the tree blitz this year did not surmount that of last year they believe quite a number of the trees have not been put out on the garbage for collection. Load upon load of the best drying trees were transported to the town dump on Tuesday and Wednesday and were stacked high awaiting their doom. When the last dying ember is out, Christmas will finally be over.

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The Free Press this week reprints some of these headlines that recall happenings in town and district during the past year.

January 8: Mayor forecasts busy year in 1959, charges 1959 council to find contamination cause; Building permits more than double those of last year.

January 15: 1959 board proceeds with planning for 10 room public school addition; High school board approves plan for proposed 12 room Milton school; J. J. Stewart will be last P.U.C. chairman.

January 22: \$84,250 Churchill Road water supply turned into municipal system Monday; Nassagaweya Reeve John Milne chosen 1959 warden of county; Consultant stresses need for future town planning; W. Stanley, C.N.E. representative, urges support of eye bank.

January 29: Committee of adjustment allows by-law alteration; Churchill Road spring main water supply; \$13,000 fire at local store; Refer \$200,000 public school for more study by council's finance committee.

February 5: Caucus closes council chamber; C. Bishop escapes death as car crushed by train; County sells debentures bid at \$98.10; Helfy faces evident as 46 New Canadians receive citizenship papers.

February 12: Council committee; school board probe proposed room school addition; Committee to test homes in Lakeview subdivision; Committee to investigate artificial ice in Acton; Halton fire prevention gets national acclaim.

February 19: Crowds jam school auditorium as 345 children stage opera; County to pay Acton's share for C.N.R. crossing signals; Limehouse girl scratched by rabid cat, gets antibiotics shots.

February 26: Unemployed call mass meeting as Avro cut hits Acton; Public meeting supports artificial ice plant; Nearly 1,000 people brave cold to enjoy Booster Night.

March 5: Form self-help employment bureau as over 100 unemployed workers meet; Debate salaries 90 minutes; high school board buys desks; Rev. G. Adams library board chairman; Stanley Fulton receives plaque for long service.

March 12: \$150,000 addition to school receives council approval; Service station robbed Friday of cash, goods; Architect gets board's okay for new school addition, plan April start.

March 19: Possible solution to sewage problems; Beardmore official informs meeting; Gale damage extensive; new high school addition wall falls; Board to request by-law to establish Community Centre for Prospect Park; Begin search for Dairy Princess to represent Halton at C.N.E.

March 26: Universities show great interest in Bruce Andrews, Acton athlete; Acton Junior Farmers place third in drama festival; Over 70 leaders attend Cub course here; Council gives first two readings to school construction by-law.

April 2: Forecaster T2 mill rate increase, budget still subject to revision; Family left homeless as fire guts farm home; Local ladies named to board at Children's Aid Society meeting; Halton Junior Farmers 25 years old; Install telephone system at Acton C.N.R. station.

April 9: Develop 289 acres near Acton as stone quarry; Limestone's job attracts 18 applications to P.U.C.; Elizabeth Force makes Guelph skating history; Ice breaks up at dam, firemen pump cellars in Rockwood.

April 16: Hike town tax rate six-mills; Name Amos Mason citizen of the year; Milton man hospitalized following car accident.

April 23: Bishop dedicates Luxon Memorial Hall; Engage hydro linesman; Thermoid of Canada plant begins operations here.

April 30: Approve \$16,280 wig-wag system installation for Main Street North crossing; Boys

May 7: Invite five municipalities to seek solution to high school board dissolution; Cancer campaign raises \$1,000 in Acton; Halton election machine in gear for provincial contest June 11; Arrest forger who cashed cheque at Acton bank.

May 14: \$154,026 school contract awarded to Battaglia Co.; 176 boys register to play ball in Legion Minor Sports; Safety check 225 cars, tape 153 bicycles during C. of C. program.

May 21: Fashion review recalls 1900's as Hi-Y club model clothes; Demolition expert says school was a hazard; Hire teachers for high school.

May 28: J. T. Hurst hired as town bookkeeper, council gap to be filled by J. Hargrave; 112 association members tour Beardmore plant; Ambulance brings Dr. Dunk home to watch third sons being baptized; Three minor sports teams enter Halton County O.B.A.

June 4: To decorate graves, honor dead during decoration day service; Parks board engages gate, park attendants, review liegurd situation at park; C. K. Browne holds 89th birthday.

June 11: Estimate loss close to \$10,000 in Appleyard barn fire Monday; 20-year employee, G. Clifford feted by Acton council; 40 years teaching at Acton public school, Miss Isobel Anderson honored.

June 18: Historical articles uncovered as school cornerstone removed; Elect Stanley Hall for sixth term; 300 Tans see decisive 105 Lacrosse win over Orillia.

June 25: Councilor sparks heated discussion as Glenlea project comes under fire; Report indicates tannery waste similar to disposal plant effluent; G. Barbeau's prompt action averts possible drowning; Seven receive Queen's Scout badges.

July 2: Israeli international delegate visits Acton; Grade 13 students hold graduation dinner.

July 9: Jack Coyle is Ontario singles dart champion; D. C. Maplesden received Ph.D.; Fair board reveals plans for regional cattle show.

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