

Hammonds Plains Historical Society

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Hammonds Plains News From the Past – The Halifax Chronicle Herald – March 3, 1958

The Women's Missionary Society held a meeting in the vestry of the Baptist Church, with the president, Mrs. Edwin Haverstock, presiding. A short play 'Do You Know', on churches for new communities directed by Mrs. Raymond Smith, was presented. Those taking part were Mrs. Clifford Haverstock, Mrs. Carl Morash, and Mrs. T. Tingley. Scripture was read by Mrs. Stewart Mason and prayer by Miss Edna Haverstock. Plans were made for next year's program. The next meeting will be held on April 14, when Mrs. May Bartlett of Wolfville will be guest speaker.

There were 22 members at the Baptist Sewing Circle meeting held in church. Hostesses were Mrs. T. Tingley and Mrs. John Bouillier. This week they will be entertained by Mrs. Arthur Smith and Mrs. Frank Haverstock. St. Nicholas Sewing Circle was entertained at the home of Mrs. Charles Harris and Mrs. Eric Eisenhauer. This week they will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Jim Dunbar.

Members of the Admiral Provo Wallis Chapter, I. O. D. E., held their meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles Harris. Mrs. Harris was appointed by delegates to attend the Provincial meeting of the chapter, to be held in Halifax April 8, 9 and 10. It was decided to hold a pantry sale in the community hall on Friday March 21 at 7:30pm.

Miss Mae Wright, in charge of the canvass for the Canadian March of Dimes, reports the sum of \$85 collected in this district.

The H. P. Home & School will hold a card social in the community hall on Saturday March 15. Proceeds will be for transportation of children taking part in coming music festival.



Upcoming General Meetings:

January 28th – 'A History of Nova Scotia – A historical perspective reflecting Nova Scotia's communities and peoples' - by local author Leo Deveau

Cornerstone Wesleyan Church – 7pm)

An Exciting Community Art Project

The Hammonds Plains Community Center recently received a grant to have a painted mural done, focusing on the history of the Hammonds Plains area. The mural will be put up on one of the walls at the center.

The Historical Society has been involved in the planning of the mural. The painting will be done by local artist, Jacquie Boucher. The painting will be a large mural depicting the Hammonds Plains and Pockwock Roads, mixing scenes of the present with buildings and historical events of the past. The mural will focus on the lumbering heritage of the past, but will do it in a way that takes in the ethnic influence of the European, African and First Nations cultures. A neat aspect to the project is that school children in the community will have the opportunity to be part of the project.

At the present time, the goal is to have an official unveiling of the mural at the center in early 2019.

Becoming a HPHS Member:

You can become a member of the Hammonds Plains Historical Society by filling out a registration form and e-mailing it to Dave Haverstock (haverstockdave@gmail.com) or mailing to 1541 Hammonds Plains Road, Hammonds Plains, Nova Scotia B4B 1P6. **Annual fee is \$10.** Renewals don't need new forms.

Registration forms are available during one of our general meetings or by copying from our web site.

Do you recognize these Hammonds Plains Homes from 1955?



Homes from 1955

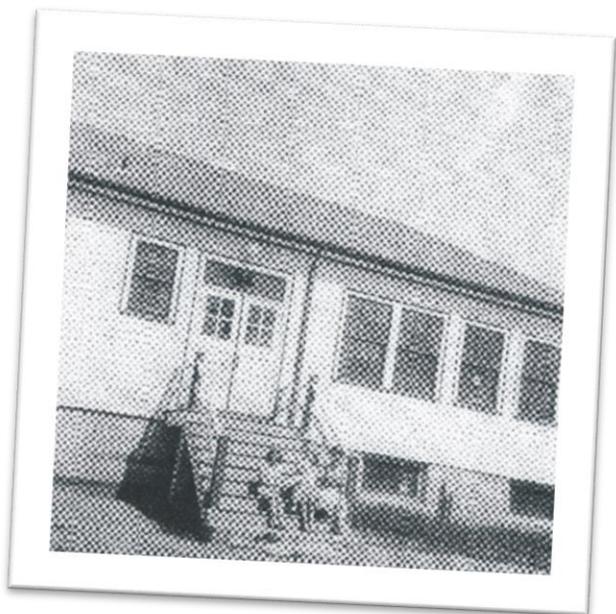


Hammonds Plains of the 1950's

What was Hammonds Plains like 60 years ago? Here were some of the things that highlighted the community during the decade.

- A one road village with most of the homes along the main road, either Hammonds Plains Road, Yankeetown Road or Pockwock Road.
- Life was still very simple within the community. Children provide their own entertainment, mostly associated with outdoor life. Work and household chores are the prominent adult activity.
- Hammonds Plains Road is upgraded (1955-56) and paved in 1957-58.
- Population grows as the 'baby boomer' effect from the post WW2 takes hold. School population balloons.
- Main industry still the forestry trade, as the 1950's begin. Many businesses operating relating to the forestry trade. By the end of the decade, the industry has declined to a level where many of the businesses that were operating in 1950 had closed.
- Many of the residents make the transition to working outside the village. Cars become a family norm in the community.
- The youth are staying in school longer and as such more of the youth attend high school outside of Hammonds Plains.
- Hammonds Plains homes get introduced to the TV set. Television becomes a mainstream family entertainment tool by the end of the decade.
- The Forrester's Community Hall is the center of community social life with dances, movies, card games, concerts, community suppers forming the basis of social life in the community.
- Community groups such as IODE, sewing circles (St. Nicholas, H P Baptist, Yankeetown Baptist), various church groups and Home & School Committee support social interaction and fund raising within the community.
- Hammonds Plains feels the effects of the cold war with Department of National Defence building communication transmitting and receiving towers in the community to provide warning in case of a nuclear attack.

Hammonds Plains of the 1950's in Pictures



Sitting on the front steps of Hammonds Plains School - 1956



The Airplane Crash of 1951



Hammonds Plains Road before Paving-1955



Hammonds Plains Road after Paving - 1959