

# Promises School Windup At Final North Halton Board Meet

The final meeting of the North Halton High School District Board Monday night in Acton saw members deal with the windup of school construction and other business pertaining to Acton, Milton and Georgetown schools.

The North Halton High School District Board has been disbanded in favor of three separate district boards and all business in each school has been turned over to the respective boards.

Present at the meeting were E. Barnett, architect for the new additions at the three schools in the area, and K. Boston, field representative, as well as contractors for Acton and Georgetown schools.

Georgetown members of the board required regarding the rate of completion of their addition and pointed out a long list of deficiencies in the construction.

Mr. Barnett informed the Georgetown members he and the contractor, Q. Lafranco, were aware of the deficiencies and hoped the building would be completed in three weeks' time.

The architect told the board the biggest problem seemed to be with sub-contractors and noted that if the job was not completed soon, other sub-contractors would be called in to do the job promptly.

**Money Invested**  
Mr. Barnett informed the board members that Mr. Lafranco had considerable money involved in the Georgetown project and would like to see completion of the addition in order to receive his money.

Mrs. Dick, who accompanied the contractor to the meeting, noted that her associates were quite anxious to have the job in Georgetown completed within three weeks' time.

Col. G. O. Brown, secretary of the board, pointed out that the kitchen stands for the Georgetown gymnasium has been purchased separately by the board and the contractor to date had not made any deduction from the original contract price.

Ernie Allen, representing the Aaden Construction Company, contractors for the addition to Acton high school, and the architect were asked several questions by Bill Coon of Acton.

Mr. Coon informed the architect, Acton high school was short one oil burner which had been bought and paid for.

Pleading innocence, the architect enquired about the situation and was informed by Mr. Coon that at the time the boiler had been ordered, there had been a verbal agreement to switch to natural gas. When the boiler arrived, it had not been accompanied by the burner. He also pointed out that the price of the boiler.

"Someone either owes us an oil burner or a credit," emphasized the Acton representative.

**Leak in Ceiling**  
Mr. Coon also pointed out that the ceiling had sprung a leak from a faulty union in one of the pipes. He was told by the architect the pipe had been installed in the event of future expansion to the heating system but had never been tested until the lines were connected and the ceiling installed.

Mr. Allen was told the price for renewing approximately 100 bricks in the old chimney at the school was \$111, and was informed by Mr. Coon the price was outrageous.

A further enquiry by the Acton representative puzzled the contractor's representative. He was asked about a double account for clearing trees and jumps off the property. Mr. Allen promised to take the problem up with his employers and give a prompt reply.

**Not Punctual**  
Roy Carbert, representative for Engineering on the Milton board, asked the contractor what the situation at the new addition to the Milton high school was. He was told by Mr. Barnett that the quality of workmanship was good but the delivery date for completion was not punctual but they were pushing the contractor to finish the job.

At the conclusion of the meeting, chairman M. M. Coles thanked the board members for their cooperation during the existence of the North Halton High School District Board and wished each town every success in the formation of individual school boards.

## MERRY MENAGERIE By Walt Disney



"Now, after I jump up on this thing we'll know where she is!"

## Fred J. McCutcheon Former Acton Reeve

Acton mourns the loss of a former municipal servant Fred J. McCutcheon who passed away quietly at his home 147 Mill Street, on Wednesday morning in his 70th year.

Born in Exton Township to the former John McCutcheon and Annie Lacey he married the former Annie Downing and lived for the best of years. While here he established a cartage business until his retirement a number of years ago.

Mr. McCutcheon served the town of Acton well, having been on council for many years. He also represented the town at county council and gave much of his time serving on the Acton Public Light Commission.

During his years on council he was always ready to assist and was instrumental in the installation of water works and many other local improvements. He was well liked by the ratepayers and fellow councillors.

Following his retirement he was a familiar figure on the street always ready to chat with young and old alike. He also worked for the Department of Highways for a few years.

In recent years Mr. McCutcheon joined with the sports fans and cheered the intermediate hockey team to victory many times as well as taking his seat at the ball park in the summer time.

A member of Knox Presbyterian Church he also belonged to Walker Lodge in town.

Besides his wife he leaves to mourn his loss three sons, Harvey of London and Gordon and Jack of Acton. Two brothers also share in the loss of a loved one. They are Alvin of Guelph and Wilbert of Kitchener. A number of friends here will miss the kindness of their grandfather as well.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. H. McKeen of Acton from the Roney's Shoemaker Funeral Home Saturday at 2 p.m.

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## Ice Melting Experiment Successful For Hydro

Power lines sizzled between Barrie and Kitchener last week as Ontario Hydro completed an experiment to melt about 600 tons of ice from high-voltage lines.

It worked perfectly. Hydro poured in 1,200 amperes of electric current — twice the average normal load — from its Deser-Joachim generating station on the Ottawa River.

Heat in the line melted a pear-shaped ice coating from two to three inches thick over part of a 70-mile circuit between Barrie and Kitchener in about 45 minutes. A similar operation was carried out successfully on a parallel circuit early Thursday.

Unfortunately the experiment never before attempted in Ontario, was only feasible on these two lines which bore the brunt of high-voltage trouble in last week's ice storm.

Hydro customers couldn't notice any change in electrical service since the lines were isolated from the system and replaced by alternate sources of supply.

But this was a unique case where the critical current required was available as well as a line which could be removed from the system. The test couldn't be repeated on low-voltage lines the type most severely affected by ice during the storm — without interrupting service to customers.

On the other hand, engineers said, the experiment produced vital information for use in the future.

It could be attempted only after Hydro's main job was done — restoring power to some 35,000 customers who had been blacked out for six hours or more. Even then, it took two days of careful calculation and preparation to put the heat on.

The eight units at Hydro's 372,000 kilowatt Deser-Joachim station were isolated from the Southern Ontario System. Their output was carried at 230,000 volts over 93 miles on four circuits to Minden, then compressed into two circuits for 76 miles to the Esca transformer station near Barrie. At Esca, the 1,300 amperes were fed into the single ice-laden circuit.

## Son Was Liberal Candidate in Halton

Mrs. Charles McPhail, formerly Catherine Ann Lowrie of the village of Campbellville, passed away after a lengthy illness at the Milton District Hospital on Tuesday evening, January 5, in her 86th year. She was the mother of one time Liberal candidate for Halton County, Murray McPhail, also of Campbellville.

Her husband predeceased her nine years ago, but together they had farmed 50 years on the McPhail homestead before his death. Mrs. McPhail was a member of St. David's Presbyterian Church and the W.M.S.

She also leaves a daughter, Mrs. George Goldstraw (Anna), grandchildren Glen Goldstraw, Larry and Margaret McPhail, and one sister-in-law Miss Jean McPhail, all of Campbellville.

Mrs. McPhail is resting at the G. W. Goldstraw residence. Funeral services were held in St. David's Presbyterian Church on Friday, Jan. 8th at 2:00 p.m. with interment in the adjoining cemetery.

# FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE ANNUAL MEETING IN TORONTO

When delegates from farm groups all across Canada meet in Toronto on January 26, 27, and 28th, for the 24th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, they will be moulding the program of farm policy to be followed by the CFA throughout 1960. These delegates, elected by their own provincial member bodies, represent a typical cross-section of the Canadian agriculture. Fruit farmers and poultry producers from British Columbia; cattle-men and grain growers from the prairies; mixed farmers and cash crop men from Ontario and Quebec; potato growers; apple growers and hog producers from the Maritimes; dairy farmers from coast to coast, they are all represented in the official delegate body, which for three days will consider the problems of agriculture.

Most of the discussions will be triggered by the resolutions which will come before the meeting. These are the fruit of ideas, complaints and suggestions that originate in the farm forums, the township federations, the country elevator associations, and the commodity groups where farm people meet to discuss their problems. At the 23rd Annual Meeting in Saskatoon last year, nearly a hundred of these resolutions were dealt with by the meeting, and there is reason to believe that by Annual Meeting time, this year, at least that many more will be in the hands of the Resolutions Committee.

"We, as farm people," said CFA President, H. H. Hannam, "need to continue our search for answers to our own problems, and this meeting provides Canadian agriculture with an opportunity to assess our present situation, and set our sights on a positive program for the future. We have seen progress in 1959," he said, "but there have also been disappointments, and the overall picture has not brightened for our farmers. Farm incomes have not kept pace with the rest of the economy, and the situation for many of our small farmers has become critical. As the national farm organization we must join with governments, and other agencies in finding answers to this serious social and economic crisis facing farm people."

Speakers at the meetings will include Hon. Douglas S. Harkness, Federal Minister of Agriculture, Hon. W. E. Goodfellow, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, and Dr. Andrew Stewart, Chairman of the Board of Broad-based Governors and Chairman of the Royal Commission on Price Spreads of Food Products. Special luncheon speaker on Wednesday will be Howard Cowden, President of the Consumer's Co-operative Association in Kansas City, Missouri, one of the foremost co-operators in this hemisphere. Premier Leslie Frost of Ontario will bring greetings from the province of Ontario, during the official luncheon. Dr. H. H. Hannam, will deliver his presidential address Tuesday afternoon.

The 24th Annual Meeting of the CFA will be held in the Concert Hall of Toronto's Royal York Hotel, and the public sessions, open to all, are scheduled for Tuesday, January 26th; Wednesday, January 27th, and Thursday, January 28th.

## Hon. Dana Porter is Waterloo Chancellor

The Hon. Dana Porter, Chief Justice of Ontario, has been appointed Chancellor of the new University of Waterloo, Ira G. Needles, Chairman of the Board of Governors, announced last week.

A former Ontario Cabinet minister and a member of the legal profession before his appointment to the bench, the Hon. Dana Porter becomes the first Chancellor to serve in this academic role at the University of Waterloo which received its university charter early this year. The appointment is for six years.

"We are fortunate at the University of Waterloo in securing a man of such stature to serve as our first Chancellor," said Mr. Needles. "As a member of the judiciary, with a distinguished record of public service, especially in the field of education, the Hon. Mr. Porter will make a substantial contribution to the academic welfare of the university."

"The appointment of the Hon. Dana Porter to this academic post symbolizes another forward step in the evolution of the University of Waterloo," he observed.

The newly-appointed Chancellor was born in Toronto where he graduated from the University of Toronto in 1921. In 1928 he obtained his B.A. from Oxford University. He began practising law in Toronto in 1926 and entered the provincial political field as a Conservative member for St. George's riding in Toronto in 1943.

As the first provincial Minister of Planning and Development, 1944-48, he instituted the historic air lift that flew 10,000 British immigrants to the province. He was briefly Provincial

## HUGE PHONE BILL IN CALEDON'S LAP

The big question in Caledon these days is whether or not the taxpayers are going to have to pay the \$25,000 bill for putting the telephones back in action after the havoc caused by the recent ice storm.

Last year they voted to sell the telephone system to the Bell Telephone Co. for \$36,000 but the Bell doesn't take over till February of next year. Until that time it is Caledon's responsibility to run and maintain the system.

Caledon had hoped to use the \$36,000 from the sale of the phone system to reduce taxes. Now it looks as if a big chunk will have to be used for repairs.

Dr. J. G. Hageny is president and Vice-Chancellor of the University, which is located on a 250-acre campus in Waterloo, Ontario. Present facilities include two large teaching buildings, a gymnasium and stadium and several temporary buildings. There are more than 600 students enrolled in science and engineering courses at the University of Waterloo but the first undergraduate degrees in science and engineering will not be awarded until 1962.

The University of Waterloo Act, passed in March of this year, provides for the federation of the church-related colleges of Waterloo and St. Jerome's with the University. There are some 700 students enrolled in arts courses at these colleges.

An announcement will be made later regarding the date for the official installation of Chancellor Dana Porter.



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