



J.W. SINGLETON

BIG MAN WITH A BIG TASK

1 Staff KP to Grade 13 In 3 Years: Singleton

"There is neither vice nor virtue in bigness. It's what you organize into it that makes it good," said J.W. Singleton, a big man, faced with a big task and earning a big salary.

Halton County is sparing nothing to provide the county's new director of education with the incentive to organize the existing school systems into one large regional board with its \$30 million budget.

Singleton will receive an annual salary of \$31,500 from the county, thus becoming the highest paid civil servant in the county.

Big Job

He is faced, however, with re-organizing school systems into a streamlined regional unit.

The main job of reorganiz-

ation will be to establish a uniform type of system throughout Halton County.

An integrated structure as pioneered by Burlington and North York has been chosen by the Halton County Board of Education.

In this system, a breakdown of the old separate elementary and secondary school systems is replaced by a program operating on a kindergarten through grade 13 basis.

"Instead of separate staffs, we will have one staff in charge of all affairs from kindergarten through grade 13" said Singleton.

"It will take about three years to change over, but when we are through we will be keeping in close touch with each student right through his elementary and secondary education."

Assisting Singleton in reorganization is Douglas S. Lawless. The two were director and assistant director of the Burlington Board of Education before assuming similar posts on the new county board.

Another problem resulting from the bigness of the new board is the problem of communication between the board and the students, teachers and parents.

"A board of our size tends to get too far away from the students and staffs" said Singleton, "so here again we must organize for better communication."

The local functions of the board must therefore be served as well as the highly centralized function.

"A central administrative centre will be necessary to accommodate the senior officials of the board, but by no means will this be a large imposing building" he said.

"Instead it will be just big enough to accommodate the central staff. Service centres in the other areas of the county will also be important."

The board's central administrative offices are housed temporarily in the premises of the former Oakville Board of Education, and education service centres will be established in the north east and west of the county.

Students, parents and teachers in these areas will therefore be able to approach board officials for advice or information without having to travel long distances to the central administrative offices.

City Areas

Singleton and Lawless cited the large central offices of the Toronto and Hamilton boards of education as examples of impracticality.

"If we were to have a big central office as in those two cities, we will inevitably neglect areas like north Halton where the growth of the towns and the schools has not been as fast as in the south," Singleton pointed out.

This rapid growth of the county in population and development is the third major problem facing Singleton, Lawless and the new board.

The county's school enrollment, at present 45,000, is expected to be 48,000 in September 1969, and is expected to grow by 3,000 each year.

"This means we will have to build the equivalent of a full-scale high school each year to cope with this growth," said Singleton.

"However, we're lucky be-

cause here in Halton County we have the room and opportunity for growth. Also, the county is extremely fortunate because leadership roles have already been established by the Oakville and Burlington boards of education."

Of extreme importance is the use of new design concepts for "middle schools," such as the open plan concept whereby

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