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**Notice to Creditors**

In the Estate of **CECILIA MARY McHARDIE**, late of the Town of Brampton, in the County of Peel, deceased.

All persons having any claims against the Estate of the above named deceased, who died on or about the 12th day of August, 1966, are required to send notice of the same to the undersigned Solicitor on or before the 30th day of January, 1967, after which date the distribution of the estate will be made with regard only to claims or notice.

Dated at Milton, this 19th day of December, 1966.

**HAROLD C. FUNK**,  
P.O. Box 35,  
Milton, Ontario.  
Solicitor for the Executor.

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**Notice to creditors AND OTHERS**

In the matter of the Estate of **RHEA MILDRED McEACHERN**, late of 15 Bronte St. N., in the Town of Milton, in the County of Halton, Widow, deceased.

All persons having claims against the Estate of RHEA MILDRED McEACHERN, late of 15 Bronte Street North, in the Town of Milton, in the County of Halton, Widow, deceased, who died on or about the 21st day of July, 1966, are requested to send particulars of their claims to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of February, 1967, after which date the said Estate will be distributed among the parties entitled thereto, and the Executor will not be liable for any claims of which it has not then received notice.

Dated this 9th day of January, 1967.

**HALTON & PEEL TRUST & SAVINGS COMPANY**,  
282 Lakeshore Rd. E.,  
Oakville, Ontario.  
Executor.

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**20 AUCTION SALES**

**CLEARING AUCTION SALE**

For **ROY ELLENTON**

R.R. 6, Milton, lot 7, concession 6, Burlington, on the Appleby Line between No. 10 and No. 5 Sideroad, 5 miles south of Milton, 5 miles north of No. 5 Hwy.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1967**  
At 12 noon sharp.

**HOLSTEINS** — 6 pure bred cows; 5 pure bred yearling heifers, open; 2 pure bred heifer calves, 2 mos. old; 3 grade cows; 2 grade heifers, due or fresh by time of sale; 1 yearling heifer; 10 Holstein heifers and bull calves, 1 to 3 mos. old. Age and breeding dates given on day of sale.

**HAY, STRAW, GRAIN**—5,000 bales of good mixed hay; 1,500 bales of oat straw; 800 bus. of Rodney oats; 10 bus. of red clover (clean).

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Wetmore hammer mill with bagger and hopper; Int. 1-way disc, 10-blade; Minneapolis double disc; double land packer, 8 ft.; Int. 4-section drag cultivator, new; 3 section of drag cultivator; New Idea 7 ft. mower, like new; Int. 13-run hoe drill, power lift; Int. side rake, 4-bar, on rubber; 3-point hitch cultivator, like new; 4-section harrows; set of tractor chains for Int. tractor; 14 ft. ladder; 1957 Chev. for scrap or parts; rubber tire wheelbarrow; some new and used cedar fence posts; some new and used lumber; 1 large coal or wood heater; wagon load of small articles too numerous to mention.

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**Murder trial starts here**

A Hamilton man faces a charge of murder in a Supreme Court Assizes trial opening in Milton at the Halton Court House this week. It is the first murder trial to be held in Milton in recent years.

The man is charged with the September shooting of a Burlington girl on Highway 403. About 25 witnesses are being called in the case.

Several Hornby and Milton area members of the Four Corners Square Dance Club welcomed in 1967 when they attended the club's New Year's eve dance, featuring a special salute to the centennial of Canada. The party was held in the Lions Hall, Port Credit, and Nick and Dot Redekop of Hornby were on the committee organizing the event.

**North Burlington landowners protest 1967 assessments**

Over 75 landowners from the rural northern portion of the Town of Burlington met in the auditorium of Fairview school, Lowville, to discuss what they termed unjust 1967 assessments being levied on their properties, Thursday evening.

Several dignitaries from the urban area or "front" of Burlington were invited to attend. Of these, two explained they were engaged in other meetings. Those who did come included the chief assessor for the town, Ernest Williams, who was bombarded with questions concerning assessment, taxation and land values — not all of them appearing readily answerable. Throughout the inquiries, Mr. Williams often ended his reply with the suggestion the questioner could visit his office for further detailed discussion.

**Mayor Lloyd Berryman** and Councillor Bill Green of Ward Two, the area largely in question, attended the meeting as spectators. Also on hand were Denzil Lawrence, president of the Halton Federation of Agriculture, and chairman of the meeting Roy Coulter.

Assessor Williams in his opening address gave a basic grounding in northern assessment, then began answering questions.

The majority of questioners wanted to know why their assessment had increased up to 146 per cent in one year, or why nearly identical property in the same neighborhood experienced radically different assessment, or why property perched on the escarpment (where police, road maintenance and even fire service is understandably tardy and school bus drivers dread winter days) is taxed with the same formula used on farms edging the urban area of the town.

Brian Best, who owns land on the escarpment, reminded the assessor of the inconvenience caused to those of the

northern extremities of the town and suggested that some location allowance should be made.

He was told that consideration now given to location is being dropped steadily and by next year, the geographical situation of land will not be counted in the assessment.

This will up assessment taxation by 10 or 15 per cent, it was predicted.

The controversial matter of meeting deadlines with assessment appeals was also given plenty of discussion. Mr. Williams stated that only two appeals arrived in the Town Hall security box slightly past the deadline and both were forwarded to the court with recommendations that they be heard.

A number of the landowners present denied the probability of the statement, tending to rely more on the word of their associates who had told them the appeals were in the box the Friday afternoon before the deadline, and were not received by Mr. Williams before Monday morning, the time when Mr. Williams claims he forwarded the only two he received.

The chief assessor indicated

he would sign an affidavit stating only two were received by him. He also admitted that 137 appeals were turned back for tardiness, one as much as one month late.

A. H. Libby, one of the most frequent interrogators of the assessor, wondered why the taxpayer should have to spend his time having property reassessed through appeals or personal investigation such as asking a neighbor with comparable layout.

Mr. Williams replied that anyone who asked questions concerning his assessment, would receive a straight, unbiased answer, even if it would lower assessment; but those who accepted their taxation would not be voluntarily advised.

Some speculators who have purchased farms for non-agricultural purposes grow minimal crops to provide a front and receive agricultural assessment. The beneficiaries of this legal back alley are those who know about it, and the assessor's office seems reluctant to point it out to the uninitiated, it was agreed.

The most enthusiastic ovation of the evening went to the gentleman who pointed out

that in a town where 800 appeals of assessment annually is par, something must be wrong.

Assessors are allowed a 10 per cent leeway in their work, either over or under.

Other suggestions included one that the previous year's assessment figure be included on the notice sent out by the assessor's office for comparison.

Many felt a more effective means of informing people of the basis for assessment computing should be used.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mayor Berryman wished his disgruntled northern subjects a Happy New Year, and the meeting broke up into small groups of three to 10 people earnestly discussing and comparing problems.



DISSATISFIED NORTHERN LANDOWNERS challenged Burlington's Chief Assessor Ernest Williams to explain the considerably increased assessments on their land Thursday evening in the auditorium of Fairview School, Lowville. Over 75 men from the agricultural area attended the meeting. Here Mayor Lloyd Berryman, Denzil Lawrence, president of the Halton Federation of Agriculture, who came only as a spectator, and chairman of the meeting Roy Coulter, talk things over.

**Assessment up \$10,445 on one N. Burlington farm**

During the question and answer period hosted by over 75 north Burlington landowners and attended by Ernest Williams, chief assessor for Burlington, Thursday, the general picture of the northland's skyrocketing assessment was given.

The seriousness of the situation is more readily understood, however, when a typical case is cited. One agricultural property owner consented to show The Champion the assessment figures for 1966 and 1967.

Assessment on the 175 acre

block of land was \$17,075 during 1966. The addition of aluminum siding to some of the buildings on the farm, considered to be the equivalent of one coat of paint to the same buildings, would have brought an expected increase of \$650 in assessment.

The 1967 assessment on the same farm, including the improvements, has jumped \$11,093 to \$28,168. This increase over 1966's \$17,075 assessment for the property leaves an unexplained increase from one year to the following year of \$10,443.

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**Girls' Pipe Band elects officers**

Milton Girls' Pipe Band launched 1967 with election of its new officers and issued an invitation for more girls to join up. The band is seeking ladies 12 years and over to add to the ranks.

The new president is Marsha Wilson, with Sandra Miller vice-president and Lynda Watson secretary-treasurer. Committee chairladies include sick committee, Barb Lemon; dance, Bertha Powell; Barbara Lemon; quartermaster, Merna Wilson; scrapbook, Patricia Powell. The band performs frequently through the year and practices Tuesday evenings at the Union Hall. New recruits should contact pipe major Marsha Wilson at 878-9979.

**FALSE ALARMS**

The fire department had just one fire call in the past week—a false alarm Monday night. A child spotted what he thought was a fire at the home of Willis Day, John St., and turned in the alarm. It turned out to be just reflections in a window. It was the town's second fire call this year and both reports were false alarms.



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