Federal Agriculture Minister Whelan
To Speak at WLU Boar's Head Dinner

Eugene Whelan, the federal minister of agriculture, will speak at the annual Boar's Head Dinner at Wilfrid Laurier University Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

The dinner, to be served in the university's theatre-auditorium, re-creates a 600-year-old ritual first enacted at Oxford University in England. Tradition has it that a student, who repaired to the woods for quiet study, was suddenly confronted with a wild boar. The student thrust his book on Aristotle down the animal's throat and it, having no taste for the classics, strangled to death.

The student bore the boar back to the Great Hall where it was cooked and served amidst much jollity and celebration.

At the WLU dinner, Mr. Whelan and other guests will witness the ancient ritual as a prancing jester, followed by six chefs bearing a boar's head, lead a parade into the auditorium. The University Choir will sing the ancient Boar's Head carol. Student waiters pride themselves on serving traditional Christmas turkey dinners to the 1,000 in attendance in about 18 minutes, a feat that entrances the diners each year.