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<u>Lieutenant-Governor</u> to preside

at WLU luncheon and convocation

The Hon. John Black Aird, lieutenant-governor of Ontario, will preside at the chancellor's luncheon preceding the fall convocation of Wilfrid Laurier University on Sunday, Nov. 2.

The Hon. John Black Aird is chancellor of the university—the only post he retained from among his many responsibilities when he was named the Queen's representative in the province this fall.

Honored guest at the luncheon is Ross Munro, twice president of The Canadian Press, war-time CP correspondent for the national newsgathering agency and later publisher of more newspapers than probably any other Canadian. He will be honored and speak at the convocation following the luncheon.

Mr. Munro accompanied the Canadian army on all their sea-borne landings at Dieppe, Sicilly, Italy and Normandy, and covered the campaign throughout the European theatre of war, from Paris to Moscow. For his wartime service he was awarded the Order of the British Empire.

In the early 1950s he moved to the management side of the news business. He became, in sequence, editor and assistant publisher of The Province in Vancouver, publisher of the Winnipeg Tribune, publisher of the Canadian Magazine in Toronto, and publisher of the Gazette in Montreal from 1975 to 1979 when he retired.

He will receive an honorary doctor of letters (D. Litt.) degree at the fall convocation of Wilfrid Laurier University at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 2 with Mr. Aird awarding the degree. The ceremony will be held in the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium.

Also attending the chancellor's luncheon on campus in the Paul Martin Centre, in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Munro, are Mrs. Ann Purdy of Toronto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Munro; Dr. Neale H. Tayler, president of the university; Sandy Baird, publisher of the Kitchener-Waterloo Record; Robert McIntosh of Brantford, chairman of the university's board of governors; their wives, Paul Motz, president of the Record; and others from the university community.