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## Open Verdict Returned In Milton Man's Death

In an open verdict the coroner's jury assembled to enquire into the death of Neil Charles MacNeill, 48, of Milton, last night made no recommendations regarding the construction of gravel hoppers and their subsequent inspection.

The jury found, "that he came to his death by severe crushing of the chest, abdomen and limbs when a gravel hopper collapsed on top of him at the plant operated by Curran and Briggs at Milton, P.E.I. on Oct. 1, 1962, between 2:30 and 2:45 p.m. A.D."

The verdict continued, "we the jury from evidence heard feel that a hopper of this nature should be erected on a larger base and secured by lag screws rather than by railway spikes; these lag screws to be 10 inches in length.

"We also recommend that a plant of this nature should be inspected by a qualified independent engineer periodically during the operating season and reports made to proper authorities.

Six witnesses were heard, the first being Cast. Norman Harris, Charlottetown, RCMP, who told of being called to the plant at Milton at about 2:45 p.m. on Oct. 1, and of his subsequent investigation.

Camille Joseph Bourque, foreman at the plant, could shed little light on what had occurred as at the time he was one distance away from a building. He stated that he was the one that put in the call for the police.

The report of the pathologist, Dr. John Craig, was read by the jury by the coroner, Dr. L. F. Prowse, which gave a full outline of the extent of the crushing, which had occurred over almost the whole of MacNeill's body.

The witness said that he had heard the hopper give a couple of cracks, but hadn't said anything to MacNeill, although he

started to move away himself. Frederick Alfred Arsenault, Howland, shovel operator at the plant, stated that he was looking into the hopper at the time it collapsed, and he estimated it to be about three-quarters full. He said he received no indication that the hopper was about to fall.

The witness stated that the hopper was the second time the hopper had fallen, the first time was about a year ago, at that time nobody was hurt.

Joseph Robert Arsenault, Howland, burner operator at the plant, said that he first saw the hopper give a lurch and then seem to stop. He said that he saw MacNeill step out from under the hopper as it started to fall, and then he appeared to go back under.

This witness said that to him there appeared that the steel braces struck MacNeill first and then the hopper fell on him.

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Members of the jury were: William Walter Burhoe, former mayor of North Scotia, and Kenneth Douglas Carlyle Moore; James Ralph MacInnis; Reoulston Clair Johnston, all of Charlottetown; Ronald William MacLean, Parkdale, and Clarence Elliott Macdonald, St. Peter's.

## Dr. Henry Hicks To Address P.E.I. Dalhousie Alumni Oct. 18

Dr. Henry D. Hicks, dean of the faculty of arts and science and vice-president of Dalhousie University, will address alumni of the university at an informal dinner in Charlottetown Oct. 18. The title of Dr. Hicks' addresses will be "University Education in the Twentieth Century".

The dinner, which will be held in Montgomery Hall, will be preceded by an informal reception at 6:30 p.m. In attendance will be about 200 Dalhousians living on the island.

Dr. Hicks, the 1937 Rhodes Scholar for Nova Scotia, was educated at Mount Allison, Dalhousie and Oxford Universities. He served overseas in the Canadian Army in the Second World War and has been active on the Nova Scotia political scene serving as premier from 1954 to 1956.

He was appointed dean of arts and science at Dalhousie in November 1959 and became vice-president in September 1961. In this present capacity he is well acquainted with the problems of education at university level and has pleased audiences in many parts of Canada with his interesting and thought-provoking observations on this very important subject.

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He stated that it was a steel hopper supported by legs of angle iron, and that the legs were secured by two 12 by 12 inch by 12 foot crosswooden stiffs, by means of four railway spikes through a tie-plate at the base of each leg.

Mr. Scott said that he found the stiffs to be in good condition, and thought a provoking observation he made was that they were not resting evenly on the ground. He considered that two stiffs of this nature were not sufficient.

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## QUEENS LIBERALS NOMINATE

Liberal Leader A.W. Macdonald (centre), Ira Lewis, York, (left) and Allison Gillis, Charlottetown, listen as nominations are read at last night's nomination convention for the Queens County Liberals. The meeting was held at the Community Centre and resulted in Mr. Lewis and Mr. Gillis being named as candidates for Queens County in the next federal election. Both candidates contested the dual riding of Queens in the last election, June 18, but were defeated.

## United Fund Receipts Top 10% In Four Days

Roy MacGillivray, vice-chairman of the P.E.I. United Fund campaign, last night announced that the total receipts for the first four days, stood at \$23,271.00, or 10.2 per cent of the amount being sought \$227,468.

Mr. MacGillivray noted that the advance gifts section had 50.9 per cent of its objective of \$14,000. The payroll division in the area was reported 10 per cent or \$4,658 of its objective has been reached so, and the executive of the division are related with the response given on their calls.

## Marshfield H & S Being Organized

First steps in organizing a Home and School Association at Marshfield were taken Thursday night at a meeting at Marshfield.

As a result of discussion Roger Johnson, school principal, was named chairman of a nominating committee, that will bring in a slate of officers at the next meeting scheduled in early November.

The meeting was attended by Mrs. Hagan, vice-president of the P.E.I. Federation of Home and School Associations, and John Martin, chairman of the community life committee.

Mr. Hagan outlined the aims of home and school associations.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

**FOR SURGERY**  
Mrs. Ralph D. MacPadden, North River, has entered the P.E.I. Hospital where she will undergo surgery on Friday.

**RECEIVES BSc**  
Norman James Beaton, Summerside, received his Bachelor of Science (Agr) degree last week at McGill University's Founder's Day Convocation.

**CITY POLICE COURT**  
Magistrate James A. Haslam had a clear docket in city police court yesterday. Two cases were heard by Mr. Haslam but neither was open to the public. One was a juvenile case.

**TO ARMPIROR**  
The province's director of emergency welfare for civil defence, Eugene MacDonald, Charlottetown, will attend a three-day federal provincial conference on emergency planning at the Canada Civil Defence College, Armprior, Ont.

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## Rochford Sq. H & S Meets

The regular meeting of the Rochford Square Home and School Association was held Thursday.

The president, Leo Callaghan, spoke of the aims of Home and School and read the article "Problem Solving" from the October issue of the National Magazine.

The principal in her remarks, welcomed the parents and told of the changes in the school this year; the main alterations being the accommodation of 110 boys in grades one and two and the making of a library out of the former grade one classroom.

Mrs. Chisney gave an account of the Red Cross swimming classes held last summer. Five dilettantes were named to attend the semi-annual convention on Wednesday Nov. 21 at Morell. The general session was followed by a visit to the classrooms.

## PM Declares U.S. Informed On Lumber Issue

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker said Friday Canadian government has left the United States in no doubt about the "necessity" of maintaining traditional Canadian exports of softwood to the U.S., currently worth about \$250,000,000 a year.

He made the statement in a second meeting which will be held here Oct. 16-17 of officials of the two governments which have been discussing the softwood exports. The American industry has been asked for its views and has been invited to send representatives to the capital for consultation at the time of the meeting with the U.S. officials.

**PRODUCTION OWN JETS**  
WARAW (Reuters) — Gen. Jerry Borkowski, Polish army chief of general staff, said Thursday Poland now is producing its own jet aircraft, tanks and other highly specialized armed services equipment. He said "anti-aircraft guns are being replaced by remote-control rockets of the air-bour type."

On the first charge, of driving while his licence was suspended, the accused was fined \$50 and costs or 10 days in jail, and on the second of failing to report an accident he was fined \$10 and costs or five days.

For permitting an unlicensed person to drive a motor vehicle, Vernon Walter MacLean, Stanley Bridge, was fined \$10 and costs or five days.

The case of James Angus MacLean, Acadia, Cross, charged with driving while impaired, was remanded to Nov. 2.

Allan MacCoubrey, Covehead, facing a charge of causing a disturbance, was remanded to Nov. 2.

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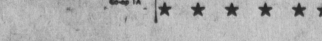
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## Marine Scientists Director Is Named

Malcolm MacKenzie of Charlottetown will preside at the dinner as chairman and David Jardine is in charge of reservations. Other representatives on the organizing committee are Miss Dorothy Cullen and Douglas Pierce.

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