

# House Parties Cutting into Business Of Night Clubs

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
The high cost of living high comes out like a popping champagne cork to meet those planning to celebrate New Year's Eve in Canada's night spots Monday night.

Prices in ritzy nightclubs in Canadian cities are generally up from last year, one of the most expensive New Year's eves ever celebrated, a Canadian Press survey shows.

Although Maritime and Prairie centres report house parties becoming more popular than ever, night clubs generally expect capacity crowds.

**CLUBS ARE EXPENSIVE**

In larger cities, clubs have lined up high-priced floorshow talent, much of it imported from the United States to bolster their evening's entertainment.

Vancouver's celebrants can expect their evenings to cost up to \$50 a couple. One hotel has set a price of \$16.50 a couple for admission and supper. Drinks, taxis, corsages and other trimmings could boost the evening's total expenditure to \$50 a couple.

Another night spot is charging \$11 a couple with dinner starting at \$2.50.

Reservations there are reported lighter than last year, with house parties cutting into business.

In Alberta, hotels and service clubs have parties arranged with prices ranging from \$10 to \$15 a couple. One Edmonton hotel expects 500 customers with a \$15.50 price tag on its entertainment.

At Lethbridge an evening of dinner, drinks, favors, dancing and the trimmings is being offered for \$20 a couple.

Regina reports house parties are going to be the favored way of celebrating. Outside entertainment will cost up to \$15 a couple, with favors thrown in.

Service clubs and smaller entertainment centres in Saskatchewan have party plans starting at \$2 a person.

Prices in Winnipeg range from \$1.50 a person at small dances to \$15 a couple at large hotels.

**TORONTO HIGHEST PRICED**

Toronto has some of the highest prices, ranging from \$20 a couple at one hotel for dinner and favors, with drinks extra, to \$6.50 a person cover charge at another. Private clubs have parties planned with costs going up to \$16 a couple.

One nightclub has set a \$2 cover charge, \$3.50 a person minimum food bill and added 10 per cent to all prices to cover the cost of giving out favors.

House parties are the rule in Ottawa also, where only one hotel is sponsoring any sort of New Year's entertainment—a special dinner dance at \$9 a couple New Year's Eve, and another New Year's night at \$4 a couple. On the Quebec side, hotels serving liquor will be closing at 9:30 p.m.

The Ottawa Firefighters' Association is throwing a New Year's



**BUSINESS VENTURE ENDS**

Marle Dionne, one of the four surviving Dionne Quintuplets, has closed a florist shop which she opened in Montreal in May, 1956.

She said the decision to close was taken for personal reasons. Here passersby look in the windows of the shop, named for Emilie Dionne, the quint who died in 1954 during an epileptic seizure. (CP Photo)

# C.N.R. Year End Review Is Given By Donald Gordon

MONTREAL, December 29—The year 1956 marked the completion of an important phase of Canadian National Railways' dieselization plans. A five-year plan initiated in 1952 was based on dieselization of those specific services which would yield the greatest return on the investment made. The \$220 millions spent thus far have resulted in the substantial economies anticipated.

A new phase has already been introduced. It contemplates further development of the program on a territorial basis commencing at the eastern and western extremities of the railway.

Our earnings, \$711 millions to the end of November, indicate the high level of business activity that has prevailed throughout 1956. Canadian National has shared in the growth of Canada and, in turn, has made its own contribution to that growth.

**NORTHWARD**

The post-war years have seen new rails push northward into such areas as Lynn Lake and Kitimat. This year was no exception. We are now well under way with construction of a 290-mile line between Beattyville, Quebec and St. Felicien, Quebec, which cuts through the Chibougamau mining fields. By the time this report is printed we should have track in usable condition as far as Opemiska, in the western part of the Chibougamau area. Further east we have cleared and graded a 22-mile line through the New Brunswick forest to reach a new mine site. To the west, Canadian National forces have surveyed a route far up the Hudson Bay railway

## EASTERN GUARDIAN

**NEW YEARS** Dance, Lower Montague hall. Good music.

**SKATE THE OLD** year out, the new year in. Montague Rink.

**MIDNIGHT DANCE** in All Saints parish hall, Cardigan. New Year's night. Webster's Orchestra.

**INTERMEDIATE "C"** Hockey meeting, Montague Rink Saturday at 9 p.m.

**MONTAGUE SKATING** Rink open. Skating from 10:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. New Year's Eve.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Mr. Lloyd MacKinnon, the artificial inseminator for Montague and district, Phone 190-14 instead of 121-24.

**DUNDAS** — Annandale United Church Circuit, Sunday, Dec. 30 S.A. Custance, Pastor. Dundas Afternoon worship, 2:30 p.m. The Annandale Service 7:30 p.m. The Y.P.U. of Fortune United Church will present a Christmas Pageant.

**THE PRESBYTERIAN** Church in Canada Services Sunday, December 30th. Cardigan Divine worship 11 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Lorne Valley afternoon service, 2:30 p.m. Montague evening service, 7:30 p.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. A cordial welcome to all. Rev. D. A. Campbell, Minister.

**PERSONALS**

Mr. Gordon MacNeill, auditor for the Canadian Bank of Commerce, has returned to Halifax, N.S., after spending Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur MacNeill, Montague.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Phillips and son Gwyn, Montague, motored to Parraboro, N.S., to spend Christmas with Mrs. Phillips' sister, Mr. Phillips returned last Wednesday, and expects to rejoin his family for the New Year's holiday, after which they will return home.

Cfn. W. H. Gardiner, R.C.E.M.E. spent a few days embarking leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gardiner, Cardigan. He left on Christmas eve, to return to Montreal, and from there he goes to Halifax to sail for Egypt on the Magnificent.

# Cyrus Eaton Urges Canadians To Pay More Heed To North

LAC-BEAUPORT, Que., (CP)—Steel magnate Cyrus Eaton thinks Canadian politicians, engrossed in local problems, should work on the Cornwallis now constructed and will be ready for operation next summer. The abandoned section will be flooded by the power reservoir in the International Rapids section of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Mr. Eaton said research now is being carried out on vast tracts of land above Fyne River near Hopes Advance Bay, on Ungava Bay, 350 miles north of present mining operations of the Iron Ore Company of Canada at Knob Lake. While deposits of ore there were low in iron content, they were enormous.

Good headway had been made toward finding an economical method of grinding out the high silicon content in Ungava's low-grade ores.

The nearest and obvious market for iron ore concentrates from Ungava would be Europe, Mr. Eaton said.

His son said the fact that the shipping season is open only four months a year would probably require transport of the product in 65,000-ton vessels to a transfer point, probably in Greenland about 550 miles to the east. The concentrates would move from there to European markets.

# Australian Aboriginal Artist Gives Up Depicting City Life

SYDNEY (CP) — In this big Australian city of 2,000,000 population, a large black man with a Texas hat on his head and unaccustomed shoes on his feet set up an easel in the street and began to paint what he saw. Police kept back the crowds.

This was Namatjira, Australia's most remarkable painter, and an elder of the Aranda tribe of Aborigines which lives by hunting in the desert heart of the continent.

Sydney gave Namatjira the kind of welcome it usually reserves for visiting dignitaries.

But Namatjira, who paints the fierce reds, blues and whites of central Australia, found that the city defeated him.

**METES DEFEAT**

After trying to paint traffic for 10 minutes, with autograph hunters clustered round him, he put away his easel and said sadly: "The city means nothing to me. Perhaps a greater painter can paint it. But I cannot."

The story of Namatjira is one of the strangest in modern Australian history. Like other members of his tribe he is a ward of the Commonwealth, still living a largely primitive life, unable to vote and forbidden liquor.

About 15 years ago he saw an artist from Melbourne painting in water colors near Alice Springs, the main township in the so-called "dead heart" of Australia. He asked permission to try himself. The result so startled the artist that he offered to teach the quiet Aboriginal everything he knew.

Within three months Namatjira was selling everything he could paint. Today every picture he makes is snapped up by art collectors and brings him from \$150 to \$400.

He would be rich now—he is reputed to make \$10,000 a year—except that his tribe regards Namatjira's earnings as communal property.

# Bear River Man Wins Saw Draw

Charles McCloskey of Bear River, Canada has won a D-44 direct-drive chain saw in the McCulloch Saw Draw contest, it was announced today by McCulloch Company of Canada, Ltd. Twenty-five winners were selected today, and 100 more will be picked before the contest closes February 8th.

Drawings also take place December 29, January 11, January 25, and February 8.

To enter the Saw Draw, a contestant need only secure an official entry blank from his local McCulloch dealer, fill it out, and mail to McCulloch's home office 220 W. 1st Ave., Vancouver 10, B.C. For each drawing period, a contestant may submit one entry blank.

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# QUEEN ELIZABETH

Construction of the new Queen Elizabeth Hotel located in the CNR terminal area in downtown Montreal is proceeding on schedule toward opening in the spring of 1958. The steel structure is almost completely closed in so that interior work can progress rapidly during the winter.

It was gratifying to the CNR management that an agreement contemplating early development of more than four acres of very valuable real estate in the terminal area was concluded with Webb and Knapp (Canada) Limited in October. The property involved flanks on "Place Ville Marie" which the railway will build in front of the Queen Elizabeth Hotel joining Dorchester and Cathcart Streets. Below the Y-Place substantial parking space for automobiles will be provided in the heart of Montreal.

# MAKARIOS WON'T TALK

NICOSIA, Cyprus (Reuters)—Exiled Archbishop Makarios was reported Friday to have refused to talk with two British colonial office envoys about a proposed constitution for this troubled Mediterranean island.

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# Hungarians In Rush For Passports To Emigrate

By RICHARD R. KASISCHKE  
BUDAPEST (AP) — More than 500 Hungarians stormed a small passport office here at its reopening Monday to make applications for passports to emigrate.

The office reopened after being closed for several weeks and the government promised a new liberal policy for considering applications. This started an immediate rush by the only people with any chance of obtaining passports—the middle-aged and the aged.

In past years it was possible to apply for such passports, but with little, if any, chance of getting one. Now all men over 35 may apply for emigration and even men 10 years younger, if they have medical proof that they are incapable of military service. The provisions are even more liberal for women.

All applicants must present pre-views, guaranteeing entry to the country they want to emigrate to and certificates proving they are without public or private debts.

Budapest appeared to have had one of its quietest days since the revolution.

**FACTORIES OPERATING**

All factories appeared to be in at least partial production. Severe coal shortages still hampered many.

Reports persisted that negotiations were in the offing to broaden the government by taking in some non-Communists.

The Socialist Workers (Communist) party newspaper Nép Szabad

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