

EASTERN BRIEFS

Catering Service Probed By Ass'n

Sharply conflicting views were expressed here yesterday on charges that a catering service at government-owned Montgomery Hall is offering unfair competition to hotels, restaurants and similar commercial catering units as it became known the P.E.I. Tourist Association is about to investigate the matter.

"We are not offering serious competition to hotel or restaurant catering services," Reuben Cross, manager for Industrial Foods Services, which is doing the catering, said yesterday. "And," he added, "the charge that we are catering to wedding services is completely ridiculous. We have never catered to a wedding reception," he stated emphatically. Mr. Cross was referring to a story in a newspaper published outside Charlottetown.

But, elsewhere, it was learned that commercial people here are seriously concerned about what they consider to be "un-

fair competition" coming from a building that is owned by the provincial government. A Charlottetown restaurant proprietor told the Guardian-Patriot he had sent a young man to FWC a week ago to buy five 40-cent tickets, which he prepared. The man went in, ate his meal in the cafeteria that day, and went back again Wednesday with two friends, and they were all served, added the restaurateur who is a member of a three-man committee named by the P.E.I. Tourist Association to investigate the charges.

Several committee members said yesterday that they have not had time to look further into the problem. The 40-cent tickets are available to students at the College office. College staff members also eat at the cafeteria. A student can bring a guest along for 75 cents, it was stated, but no tickets are sold at Montgomery Hall.

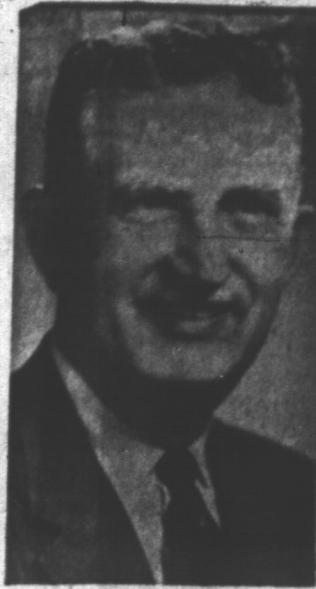
Neither Mr. Cross nor a member of the college office staff could see yesterday how it was possible for outsiders to get tickets. Other complaints state that small conventions and other groups are being catered to by the hall and "this competition from a government-owned building is considered unfair."

From the Charlottetown Hotel management, it was learned that the competition is damaging, as it tends to take away some of the business that normally goes there.

Mr. Cross said "we are taking the odd small functions but I don't think we're offering any competition to the hotels and other commercial places."

"The whole thing is so small, so petty — the little things we have been having". He added that he couldn't see basis for "unfair competition" complaints.

Meanwhile, the probe by the Tourist Association is continuing. Dr. Frank MacKinnon, principal of Prince of Wales College, was not available for comment.



PRESIDENT

J. Douglas Small, Kitchener, Ont., was this week elected president of the Meat Packers Council of Canada at the annual meeting held in the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Montreal.

No Plans Yet For Removal Of Offices

A department of public works official said yesterday that there has been no discussion among officials of his department regarding the finding of office space for government employees who are now housed in the Cabot Building.

It has been suggested that the Cabot Building will have to be torn down to make room for the Confederation memorial building and that the proposed provincial building, now under study by a government committee, will take some years to build.

There have also been suggestion that soon-to-be vacant city schools would be used as government offices.

The public works officials said it is the job of his department to look for buildings when they are needed. "So far there have been no plans made along this line," he said.

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Fancy Dress Ball Is Staged Before 400 At Kensington

KENSINGTON — Upwards of 400 persons attended the annual Kensington rink fancy dress carnival Wednesday night in spite of below zero temperatures.

Donald Woods was master of ceremonies for the event which was judged by Mrs. Maurice Cassey, Kelvin Grove; Mrs. Colin Waugh, Wilnot Valley; and John Murphy, of Summerside.

The ice secretary was Andrew Johnston of Margate, and ice patrols were Elmer Birth and Billy Thibea.

Winners in the carnival competition were as follows:

Girls, six years and under: 1. Jinx the cat, Debbie Gallant; 2. Pappose, Shannon Johnston.

Boys, six years and under: 1. Cat, Craig Foy; 2. Peter the Rabbit, Terry Mayhew.

Girls, seven to 10: 1. Miss Zero, Karen Miller; 2. Chinese, Barbara K. Mills.

Boys, seven to 10: 1. Gypsy Erwin Johnston; 2. Zebra, Donny Boyle.

Girls, 11 to 14: 1. Miss Perfection, Carol Trowsdale; 2. Springs, Elaine Huestis.

Boys, 11 to 14: 1. Sea Hunt, Garry Gray; 2. Absentminded professor, George Brimmer.

Girls, 15 to 18: 1. P. E. I. tourist industry, Florence Kennedy; 2. 4-H club, Charlene Wright.

Most original: 1. Chinese family, Mr. and Mrs. Allison Reeves and Barbara; 2. Church

and manse, Mrs. Duncan Pickett and Judy Pickett.

Most comical: 1. Mr. and Mrs. Hillbilly, Mrs. Elsworth Mann and Mrs. James Clark; 2. The old maids, Mrs. Shirley Chappell and Mrs. Joseph Harding.

Ladies' single: 1. Corner drug store, Mrs. George MacLeod; 2. Wedding bells, Mrs. Garnet Tremere.

Men's single: 1. Mother Goose, David Gray; 2. High Diddle Diddle, Don Burt.

Junior best couple: 1. Teen age ghost, Marjorie Paynter and Nancy Clark.

Senior best couple: 1. church and manse, Mrs. Duncan Pickett and Judy Pickett.

Most graceful skater: 1. Wedding Bells, Mrs. Garnet Tremere; 2. Clown, Lynnwood Gill.

School Dedicated To Its Teachers

MONTAGUE — An interesting feature in connection with the new elementary school which was officially opened Wednesday afternoon at Montague, is the following inscription on the corner stone: 1961 Erected for our children and dedicated to our teachers, without whose guidance this building would be but wood and stone.

Zion Men Hear Speaker

At the monthly supper meeting of Zion Presbyterian Men the guest speaker was Hugh Lowery of the Marshfield pastoral charge. Mr. Lowery, a native of Northern Ireland where he served as a missionary until coming to Canada in 1949, had as his topic "Spreading the Faith."

His message based on the life of St. Paul was very interesting and thought provoking. Among other things, he mentioned that people cannot believe the gospel

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and know the saving knowledge of God unless they hear and they cannot hear unless missionaries proclaim it to them in their own tongue. The speaker was introduced and thanked by the president, William F. Campbell, who presided. The devotional period was conducted by J. Malcolm MacFenzie with Wendell Phillips as song leader. A sum of \$100 was voted for the purchase of Bibles for the church pews. W. Blair MacDonald, president of the Maritime Synod Council, advised that the synod conference would be held at Truro, Sept. 7-9 and urged as many as possible to make an effort to attend. Stanley Staver spoke of the Bible study period the men were conducting each Sunday evening and of its success. Guests introduced were Athol MacBerth, Cecil Stetson, Scott MacArthur and Alexander MacGregor.



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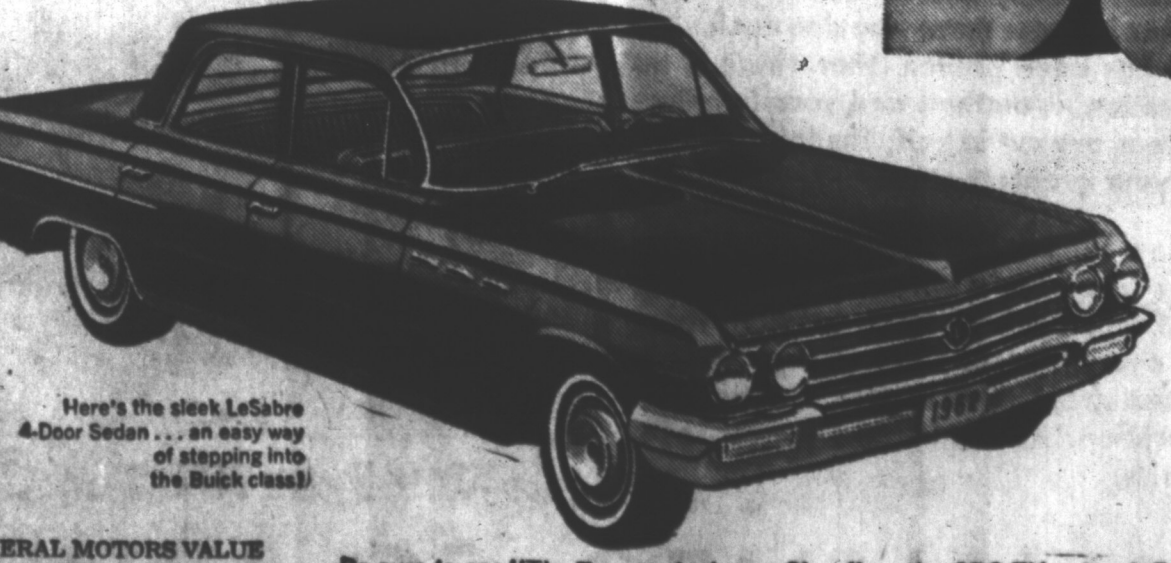
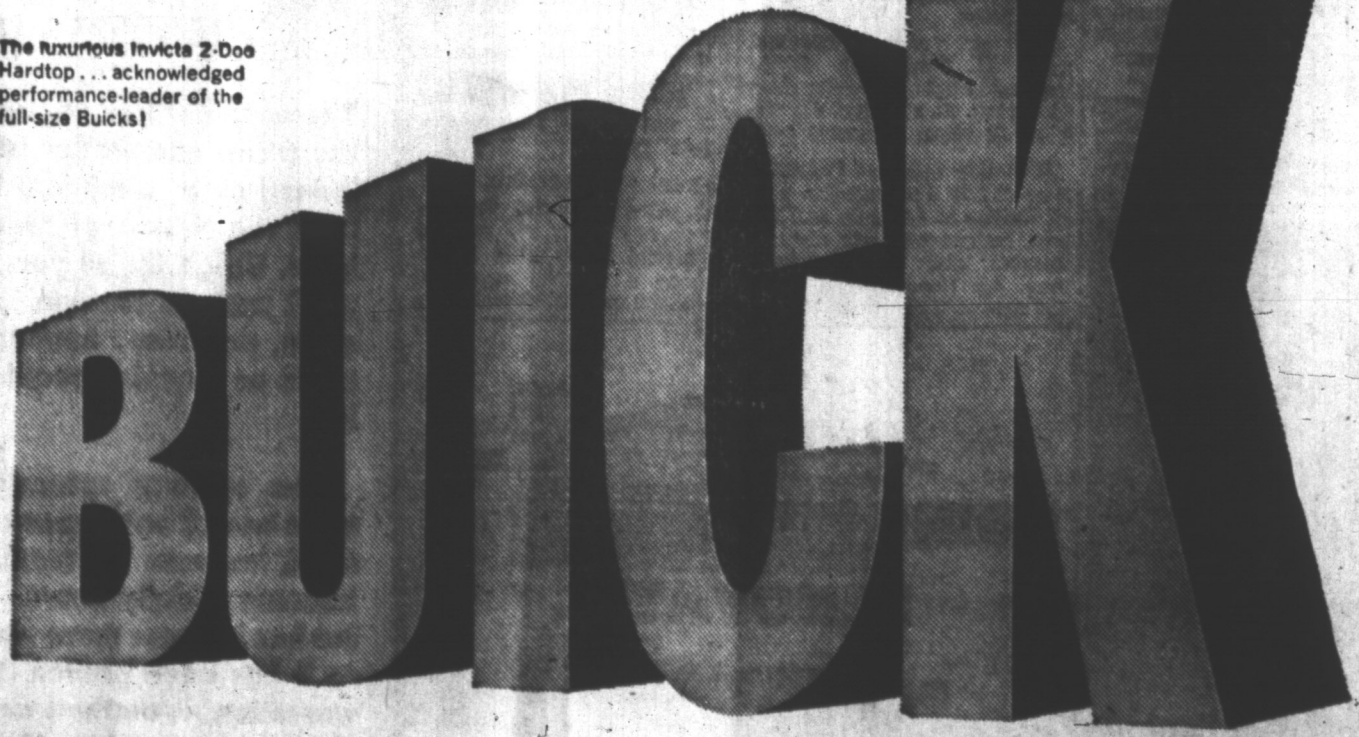


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