

A few days became a few decades when 'Duck' took over Prince Albert Park

By ANDY DODGE

One early spring day in 1946 a comfort-station keeper in Prince Albert Park asked a neighbor of hers to take over her duties for several days as she had to go to British Columbia. After some hesitation, the neighbor agreed. A week later, the comfort-station keeper had not returned. Soon afterwards, the neighbor learned the city employee had died while away. City

officials, when notified of the tragedy, asked the neighbor to stay on for a while. Again hesitation. Again consent. Soon thereafter, the neighbor's husband died. Strapped for funds, with a son going through college, she asked to join the city staff permanently. Hesitation this time from the city, since she was too old to be allowed on the pension program (at 48). But again, consent.

Stayed over 30 years

Martha Brereton — or "Duck," as most have known her — stayed on the city payroll until April 9 of this year when, at age 78, she was released. She did her duties day in, day out, in all seasons and types of weather, taking no more than 14 days sick leave over 30 years.

She watched children grow up, move out of Westmount and move back with their own children. She kept her eye on the children, using a stern approach when she had to, offering love when she could. She kept the station clean and the park in order, falling back on her own abilities and finding it necessary to call police only twice in those many years.

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Trudeau to attend service

A service to the memory of the Israeli athletes slain in the 1972 Olympics is to be held at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue on Monday, July 12, at 7 pm.

The service, sponsored by a joint committee which comprises members of nearly every Jewish organization in Canada, is expected to draw numerous dignitaries including Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau and Chief Justice Bora Laskin.

Invitations to high government officials were sent out on Monday night, so by yesterday officials could not be certain who would be able to attend. A report, however, indicated the prime minister would attend.

The service follows numerous requests by Jewish and sports groups to the International Olympic Committee to hold a memorial event for the slain athletes this year. Though the IOC had held a memorial service immediately after the tragic events in Munich in 1972, they refused to hold a special service this year.

A one-hour program, including a flag parade by Israeli youth, will be led by Rabbi Gunther Plaut of the Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto. The "very dramatic" event, as one source described it, has been planned to draw many people who might be in the Montreal area for the Olympics, but not to interfere with the actual games.

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Ian MacNeill:

Local author wins award



WINS LITERARY AWARD: Westmount author Ian MacNeill, centre, receives congratulations for winning the Gibson Literary Award from Gibson Distillery officials, D. W. McNaughton, left, president and chief executive officer, and W. R. Prizeman, vice-president and general manager.

Westmount author Ian MacNeill, 527 Prince Albert avenue, has been awarded the first Gibson Literary Award in recognition of his first novel, *The Battle for Salt-Bucket Beach*.

The author was presented with a cash prize of \$1,000 and a leather bound copy of his book by D. W. McNaughton, president and chief executive officer of the Canadian Gibson Distillery Ltd. at a dinner culminating the 55th annual conference of the Canadian Authors Association in collaboration with La Societe des Ecrivains Canadiens.

Mr. MacNeill's satirical novel, reviewed in *The Examiner* Feb. 19, focuses on a confrontation between a wheeler-dealer type Toronto real estate developer, his

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Agenda big for council Monday

Five loan by-laws, a zoning by-law and notice of motion for a nuisance by-law are among the items city council will be considering at its July statutory meeting Monday night at 8 pm, the first council session since June 7.

The city solons will confront an agenda at least 20 items long, almost as long as the 23-item agenda they confronted after a month's absence at their last meeting.

The zoning by-law, for which notice of motion was given last month, involves the rezoning of the area bounded by Greene and Gladstone avenues, St. Catherine street and Dorchester boulevard, which is not included in zone C-15, the property owned by First Quebec Corporation, on which development is planned. It is believed council intends to rezone the residual area for six-storey apartments and offices.

A related resolution will involve the resubdivision of some of the lots in the area, so that the city at some future date can widen the laneway running

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Three youths nabbed

A sharp-eyed neighbor and quick police action resulted in the arrest of three juveniles who allegedly broke a window of a Clarke avenue home north of Sherbrooke street just after midnight on Monday.

The witness, who heard the noise of breaking glass, went to investigate and asked three youths what they were doing near the house. The three drifted slowly out to the street without answering, so the neighbor called police.

Within moments Csts. Graham Tomalty and Doug Lemm arrived at the scene and apprehended three juveniles, who were taken to the station. They were turned over to MUC Police night patrol for booking downtown.

TODAY'S WORLD



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Mrs. Martha Brereton

Duck . . .

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Duck was as much a family counsellor and adviser—by her own admission—as a civil servant for the city. She found several times that children refused to listen to their parents until they had consulted her. She helped one child with her spelling. Several times she told another youngster not to do

naughty things; he would listen, but then get caught doing something else naughty. Duck always knew which teenagers threw snow at the windows, which ones tracked snow into the station. The teenagers knew she knew.

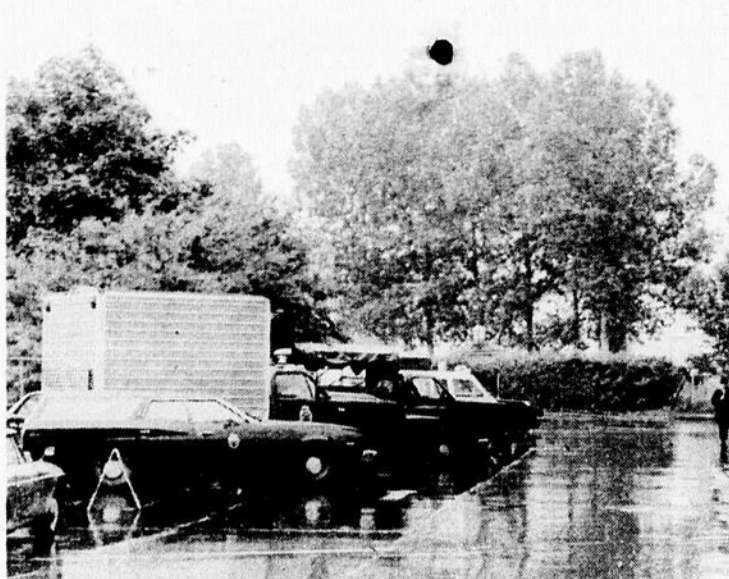
"It's surprising in a place like that how the children come up to you," she reminisces. "They need this and that. When I left, they said 'you can't go, you're part of us!'"

Duck was the sole keeper of the Prince Albert Park station. Larger areas—King George and Westmount Parks—had park rangers, who handled communication with the children. Mrs. Brereton was in charge of both keeping order and taking care of the station in the small park. She did, at times, move to the other parks as needed, including a 2½-year stint in King George Park, but she liked her own little domain better.

Her times at the larger parks brought memorable calamities: once she turned to wave goodbye to a friend at the King George station, and disappeared—in a matter of seconds she was sitting on a very cold derriere, facing Cote St. Antoine road. Another time she was brushed aside by a park ranger—and found herself trapped in an open catch-basin.

Born in England

Mrs. Brereton was born in England, but since her parents



'MILITARY INSTALLATION': A little shy on pictures this week, our photographer returning from lunch yesterday afternoon stopped for this shot of Hillside lane, outside the Hillside Armory—showing the building heavily defended by no-parking signs, on the right, with a row of military vehicles on the left pre-empting the scarce public parking in the area. (Do they get tickets for over-staying and overnight infractions?) It is not a very exciting shot, but one of the young soldiers seen in centre of street was upon our man within seconds. What for? "You're photographing a military installation, sir." After identification-showing and explanation to both the sentry and his officer, summoned from indoors by radio, our fearless cameraman was let go—apparently no threat to Olympic security!

died when she was very young, her married sister brought her to Canada to stay with her. At age 17 she moved to Westmount and has lived here most of her life since. Though she grew up in a family with seven of her sister's children, Mrs. Brereton had only one, Ross.

She kept several jobs during her early career, but she was not employed when her husband died in the late 1940s, forcing both herself and her son to work for the city (he was employed by the parks department during summers) while Ross got through college.

She received the name "Duck" by fluke. It seems Bill Adams, another city employee, once found a toy duck in the park and asked someone else to "take it in to duck." Within days the name was used to tease the spirited lady, and soon the public grew accustomed to it. Now, she accepts the nickname as fact.

Duck was never noted for her sternness, though she commanded respect among the youngsters. She would turn her back, for example, on older

children using the baby swings—for about two minutes. Once the thrill was over, the children would get off when she asked.

"I never really had any problems with any of them," she says. "There was the odd one, sure, but never anything really drastic."

Moonlighting as babysitter

Her way with children was so good, in fact, that families often asked her to babysit after hours. She even accepted a request to take over a house for 10 days or so, getting the children off to school in the morning, then going to work and returning to the house at 5 pm.

"It was a little rough," Duck says of that job, "but I did OK."

Children would be raised in the Prince Albert-Clairemont-Windsor-Chesterfield avenues area and feel a deep attachment not only to the City of Westmount but to the tiny west-end area, she noted. Names she can recall who had used the park throughout her 30-year career include Mrs. Morton, at 485 Prince Albert,



Mrs. Morrison on Windsor avenue, and Mrs. Ellen Wiegand, 56 Windsor avenue, who as Mayor Michael Tucker's daughter, "grew up in the park."

"They were always very nice to me" she says of the city staff she worked under, claiming "no complaints about Westmount in any way."

Left quietly

Mrs. Brereton had planned to leave the city payroll on June 1, 30 years after she started, but apparently the city's apprehension about her age and non-pensioned status caught up with her a bit too soon. In January she received a letter warning her that she was about to be released, and in April the final notice was sent to her. While city staff gave her a fitting retirement party, she chose to leave the park quietly, letting residents find out for themselves about her quick departure.

"I've never stayed home like this," she says of her rooming-house life at 4833 de Maisonneuve boulevard, from where she used to walk daily to her park. "I find that the days are long."

Since her retirement, however, she had done some travelling, including spending two weeks with her son's family in Toronto. She has now resolved to get some type of employment or activity and to keep up her chipper attitude.

"You'd be surprised," she says, "the fun you can get out of life."

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- June 21**
10:34 am: 11 de Casson, auto fire;
11:00 am: Claremont and Cote St. Antoine, auto fire (see story last week);
- June 22**
Nil;
- June 23**
6:43 pm: 379 Olivier, ambulance transport to RMH;
6:44 pm: 770 Upper Belmont, service call;
7:09 pm: 147 Abbott, service call;
- June 24**
3:04 am: 4334 Westmount avenue, ambulance transport to QEH;
9:05 am: 4162 St. Catherine, strange odor;
8:15 pm: 2 Forde, burnt fluorescent ballast;
8:29 pm: 100 Summit circle, fire alarm ringing;
- June 25**
1:40 am: Corner Olivier and Sherbrooke, overturned flarepot;
11:04 am: 3055 Sherbrooke, apt. 22, electrical fixture trouble;
2:30 pm: rear of 51 Hillside, leaking acid;
3:05 pm: Somerville Park, fire in rubbish;
- June 26**
8:43 pm: 358 Kitchener, ambulance call;
- June 27**
Nil.

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For senior citizens:

Lancer group gets grant

The Lancer Senior Citizens Industries Foundation has received an \$11,751 18-month New Horizons grant to provide for art and handicraft work for senior citizens, Lancer President Al Fisher announced Monday. The grant will allow the organization to provide a further benefit for seniors in the Westmount area and throughout Montreal.

Mr. Fisher calls the grant a "third finger" or project of five he intends to establish with the year-old organization, headquartered at 360 Victoria avenue. The organization has grown from a one-office establishment last spring to the point where it now occupies a three-room suite on the third floor of the building, and has taken over two other rooms as well.

The Lancer Foundation is beginning to have some success with its various projects of providing job-work and minimal income for the seniors, as well as selling handicrafts made by shut-ins.

Next steps, according to Mr. Fisher, are to provide transportation for the handicapped and to work on the establishment of a senior citizen's residence in Westmount, perhaps in conjunction with the already initiated Rotary Club endeavor.

Five-year effort

Construction of a senior citizens' residence should take up to five years, claims Mr. Fisher, who bases this on his experience in getting the Hillside Place public housing project constructed here to accommodate expropriated residents of Selby street. He had originally suggested the public housing might take ten years to materialize — it took nine. Thus, he is sure his prediction of five years for the senior citizens project will become a reality, given his energy.

Recognition of the foundation and funding of the program by the federal government is a definite breakthrough, Mr. Fisher feels, since he had considerable difficulty getting his organization off the ground. Initially, the government would not recognize the non-profit status of the registered company, since it included contracts for sale of handiwork through retail outlets and for handling of bulk-mailing jobs.

The work was designed mainly to keep seniors active and involved, and to provide them with a minimal salary to add to their fixed incomes. Once the company was changed to a foundation the federal government granted a non-profit charter for the same types of work, and grants and donations have begun to come in.

Mail strike hurt

Another stumbling-block, regarding the bulk mailings which form a solid base from which to work, was last fall's postal strike, which forced cancellation of five contracts.

Mr. Fisher has had to pay a considerable amount of his own money to keep the operation alive, but feels the results are well worth it.

The \$11,751 federal grant will be used to purchase art and handiwork supplies for the seniors, as well as to maintain an office within the 360 Victoria "empire." Seniors can come to the office for instruction, though shut-ins will be able to work out of

Motorcycle driver hurt in crash

A motorcycle and an auto, both being driven by Westmounters, collided at the corner of Lansdowne and Westmount avenues just after midnight on Friday, causing serious injury to 19-year-old Marc Valois, 649 Grosvenor avenue, driver of the motorcycle.

The accident occurred while Margaret Sheramata, 42, of 4800 de Maisonneuve boulevard, was travelling west on Westmount avenue in a 1974 Datsun, preparing to turn south onto Lansdowne. She put on her direction signal, according to witnesses, and moved to the left side of the lane. Her car was struck on the left side by the motorcycle, causing damage between \$200 and \$500 to the car and between \$100 and \$200 to the motorcycle.

Mr. Valois received a blow to the head as well as hand injuries, and was reportedly in severe shock. Police took him by ambulance to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for treatment.

their homes. Craftwork produced can, if the seniors wish, be sold back to Lancer, which would then re-sell it.

Mr. Fisher has been working in other ways with all levels of government and citizen groups to represent seniors, including pressing for tax exempt status for pensioners. At present he is holding back on his drive for a senior citizens' residence, since he claims governments "are having a tough enough time dealing with the Olympics."

Power rate hiked despite legal battle

Westmount will pay substantially higher rates for bulk loads of electricity this year than ever before, following negotiation of a contract which was approved by city council recently.

Ald. David Carruthers, the city's power and communications commissioner, reported that the new rates imposed for all users were well above guidelines established by the anti-inflation board.

The matter had been fought in court, he said, but it was determined that Hydro-Quebec was bound by the federal edict only in terms of salaries to employees, and not rates to customers.

Homeowners are not affected directly by the rates, Ald. Carruthers pointed out, since Westmounters have been paying according to individual-consumer rates set down by Hydro-Quebec, though payments have been coming into the city coffers.

CITY OF WESTMOUNT



The following building permits were issued at city hall during the past week:

- June 21**
247 Melville: for V. P. Skinner by Miller-Price Co. Ltd. and Brandt Plumbing Co., alterations and plumbing, \$4,500;
700 Grosvenor: for D. Ezagui by self, repairs to front gallery, \$650;
4107-4275 Richelieu: for H & H Warehousing by Montrelle Renovations, alterations, \$3,000;
- June 22**
351 Olivier: for K. C. Kahanna by Les Entreprises Charta Inc. and R. Campeau Plomberie Inc., alterations and plumbing, \$2,000;
329 Grosvenor: for P. Birks by J. Cordner, repairs to brick, \$2,350.

Didn't start

Someone apparently fooled with the ignition of a car parked in the parking lot at the corner of Greene avenue and Selby street between 11 pm Sunday and 8 am Monday. When apparent attempts to steal the car failed, they searched through the glove compartment and stole the registration to the vehicle. The car had been left unlocked; the only damage was to the ignition switch.

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We Say

Short shrift for law, order

DISAPPOINTING is a mild comment on the long-awaited police act changes introduced in the National Assembly a fortnight ago by the solicitor-general, Hon. Fernand Lalonde.

His Bill No. 41 proves, on closer examination, to be a damp squib insofar as local policing on the Island of Montreal is concerned.

Obviously there has been no one here or in Quebec with the courage, the volition or even the political wallop to grasp the patent shortcomings of the rushed and patchwork National Union legislation which created the Montreal Urban Community police six and a half years ago and suffered with since.

One step may be termed an improvement. The six-member MUC public security council is stepped up to seven, at least two of whom must now represent the

municipalities other than the City of Montreal. With Quebec appointees remaining at three, it could be said that the balance of control is returned to the island's citizens.

But it isn't. The security council remains virtually autonomous; it can prepare any spending budget it likes, which the taxpayers of the MUC territory must meet; it can provide the most inadequate or inappropriate police services it chooses, and the citizens still have no avenue of input or recourse.

There is little else either new or constructive in the bill, save administrative housekeeping.

Responsible local self-government and its main concomitant, the maintenance of local law and order, continues to get short shrift from Quebec's so-called liberals.

Coercion unacceptable

IT is ironic that on the eve of Canada Day, our country's 109th birthday, the federal authority has found that it has had to bend to coercion on the principle of language—one of the main props of national unity—from the very people whose jobs provide the principal modern-day physical communication across the land, supposedly to bind us ever closer together.

The irony runs deeper: the pilots and controllers are the extension, in their role today, of the hardy breed who operated the early railway link which was one of the keys to confederation and our nationhood.

Undoubtedly there were contentions in the locomotive cabs and the signal towers, almost certainly feelings could run high between English- and French-speaking men thrust together in their work. It probably was said on occasion that it was "unsafe" to have two languages spoken in the critical work of train despatching.

There even may be railway buffs or historians who can tell us that angry men walked off the job, refused to work and stopped the trains over such an issue.

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IT is quite clear that the mess into which the country was thrown last week was not merely a technical matter, nor just a grievance over working conditions or even wages, (surely not for the spoiled darlings, the commercial pilots) nor even a failure to reach, or a break of, any labor contract.

Rather one must look at a disquieting trend afflicting the nation in which

people bound together in a group—notably, and in this case, trade unions—have discovered that with increasing ease they can challenge authority by the applications of militant pressure, to any purpose and sometimes no purpose, and almost always at great cost and inconvenience to their fellow citizens.

Sometimes it is a selfish end. In this case it was to press a point of view—which is all that the case against limited bilingualism in the air remains at this juncture.

But with what effect! National unity probably can survive some of the blatant racial animosity expressed in the past 10 days. More damaging is the compounded economic effect on the country of this costly, senseless strike.

In the longer term, however, is the damage to our democratic institutions. It has become old-hat blatantly to ignore orders of the courts. The newest thing is to skewer government itself, defy its ministers, pose as more authoritative than responsible superiors.

Most scary of all to come out of this dispute was to hear the controllers demanding the right of veto over technical decisions and, in the settlement, to see them being granted a promise of a free vote in Parliament on the outcome of the inquiry they have been granted—and even then not being bound by the decision of the representatives of the people.

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JUST who in hell are these air controllers and these airline pilots.

All very nice guys, probably: loving husbands and fathers, sober fellows

You Say

Greene-Prospect house: some observations

Sir: The article in last week's Examiner, "Construction controversy solved," about the house being built on the corner of Prospect and Greene, I think confused rather than clarified the situation. I do not know which city sources said that the "flap over the construction . . . had little justification." If they believe that the neighbors were asking that the house not be built or that it "resemble exactly those already built on the street (which) were built at least 40 years ago," it is no wonder they thought this was unjustified. However, I do not believe any such requests were made.

The main requests which various neighbors made to the architectural and planning commission, and to council were:

1) that the house harmonize with the other houses in the area. This is one of the most intact areas of Victorian town houses in Canada, and a list of criteria of compatibility was submitted for judging the extent to which the new building harmonized;

2) that no large concrete retaining wall be built, especially in front of the building line;

3) that no garage entrance be allowed on Prospect (there are none now because all entrances are from the lane);

4) the neighbor to the immediate north of the property questioned council's right to allow the owner of the property to build past the building line without asking her permission, since this would result in more shade in her garden than permitted in law.

It seems to me that these were reasonable requests. They were ignored, however, when the plans were received (with the garage, the retaining wall, the extension past the building line, etc.), passed by the architectural and planning commission and passed by council, all in one day.

Fortunately Mr. Cash, the owner, has offered to meet privately with the neighbors and has promised to do what he can to use landscaping and detailing to make his house as compatible as possible (by using old garage doors for example). The City of

(perhaps they take themselves and their own importance a mite too seriously) who have worked hard to gain their qualifications. They may even pay their fair shares of taxes and occasionally get out and vote.

Yet, are they any different from a host of their fellow citizens who can claim excellence in their work, devotion to the duties at hand, possessing bodies of expertise in their chosen fields?

We get frightfully suspicious when any group of persons gets so carried away with its own importance to betray, in fact, abject ignorance of the broader issues while posing as the oracles of the moment.

Bilingualism, for example, is a matter of very widespread social and political significance in Canada. Most Canadians, French or English, are not about to accept the qualifications of air-ground talkers and airplane drivers to decide the nation's policy on language.

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THE professional point of view of aviation people is welcome in the issue, particularly as it affects aviation. Though even here the rights of Francophones to use the air in their own province in the security and relative safety of their own language seems to be cavalierly disregarded.

It is an imperfect world to which we all must make accommodations of all kinds, particularly to the rights of others. Our parliamentary government and judicial institutions are there to assure that those accommodations are made.

It is intolerable enough that any group should refuse to adapt to the broader considerations necessary in any society, in pursuit of its own narrower view.

But coercion of the rest of the population, as represented by the authorities placed there by the people, is totally unacceptable.

Westmount deserves no credit for Mr. Cash's co-operativeness.

To me this is another example of the fact that the present system of controlling development in the City of Westmount is clearly inadequate, and must be changed.

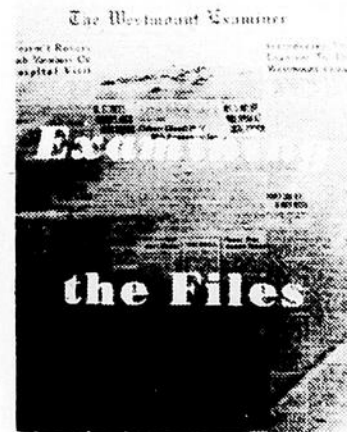
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Intention to demolish should be notified

Sir: I am sure that many Westmounters were profoundly surprised and saddened at the sudden destruction of the "Gingerbread" house at 177 Metcalfe avenue. This house was perhaps the most unusual and enjoyable building in south Westmount, and it had appeared

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Thirty-five Years Ago
July 3, 1941

"A proclamation urging men of military age to enlist in the Canadian Active Army, was to have been read from the steps of the Westmount City Hall by pro-Mayor C. Kirkland McLeod this afternoon and tomorrow. Similar proclamations will be read from the steps of city and town halls across Canada on those two days. They will be delivered by military couriers to civic officials throughout the Dominion 'in an up-to-date adaptation of an old-time custom.' Military dispatch riders mounted on motorcycles will deliver the proclamation to mayors and reeves of all cities, towns and villages in Canada."

Twenty-five Years Ago
June 29, 1951

"History was made on Sunday when for the first time in Quebec politics a woman was located as head of a political party. Mme Pierre Casgrain, OBE, of 246 Elm avenue, Westmount, was named leader of the CCF party in the province. Mme Casgrain has long been identified with politics and has also interested herself in welfare work, being active in many local and national welfare organizations. Her name was the only one submitted for the party leadership, her election being unanimous."

Fifteen Years Ago
June 30, 1961

"City hall says the petition to install traffic lights at Park Place and St. Catherine street mentioned in a column last week will be of considerable interest. The need for traffic lights at this intersection was not made known to the city until some of its employees read about it in The Examiner."

Five Years Ago
July 1, 1971

"Dawson College's first 'graduation'—some 400 students of the 1,800 who opened Quebec's first English-language CEGEP here in Westmount nearly two years ago—blazed a new trail in commencements Tuesday evening. Gratefully escaping the city heat on a treed and breeze-swept picnic ground on St. Helen's Island, variously and intriguingly attired for the season and not for the traditional occasion, graduates clutching cans of cold Molson's picked through cardboard cartons to find their collegial diplomas. Nary a cap, gown or speech marred the occasion."

Two entries win local prizes

LAST Friday's deadline came for our national essay contest (announced in our June 10 issue) with only two local entries on the theme "What The Examiner means to me." Perhaps the flurry of the end of school and getting organized for summer holidays distracted some from sitting down and writing their thoughts on their local newspaper—and a chance at the Canadian Community Newspapers Association award, donated by Dominion Textile Limited, of a gold medal and \$400.

However, two young Westmount ladies put their minds and their pens to it, and the results follow. We like both, widely differing in style and approach. And both are being forwarded for the national judging, results of which are to be announced at the CCNA national convention in Halifax early in August. We wish both entries the best of luck.

Meanwhile, The Examiner offered its own prize of \$25 for what we judged would be the best entry. A difficult choice between the two. After considerable weighing, we find the contribution of Nancy Weston comes the closer to the objective of the national contest and therefore deserves the local prize.

However, Karen Tsuk was so close behind that we think she deserves a prize, too. Therefore, our additional cheque for \$10 goes to her.

With our thanks to both.

THE FUNCTION OF THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER

By NANCY WESTON

In the following essay, I will be comparing the mass media to the local paper, in order to emphasize the important differences in quality which are found in these two types of communication. I am not giving specific praise to The Examiner; I am making a general statement about the value of local papers within their communities. Although I am judging The Examiner in this way, I believe that it has all the qualities expressed in the following paragraphs.

The media, which represent a variety of forms of communication, certainly benefit the public by their information and sometimes, their editorials which reflect

some humor and, often, very important viewpoints. We learn about the world we live in and its conditions, which influences our changing values toward other people, other countries, and even toward our own environment. If these mass media, designed to just inform us on a city- or world-wide basis have such an effect on us, think of the beneficiary qualities and significance a local paper, designed to inform and "bring together" a relatively small community, such as The Examiner represents.

While most forms of media (especially newspapers) have an informative and more formal format, The Examiner, like most local newspapers, is written on no specific one at all. In this paper information, points of interest, community activities, as well as other topics are all rolled into one on an informal, more closely related basis. This type of format provides a more interesting and more personal kind of paper which often evokes a greater sense of involvement and/or concern in the reader, because the news deals greatly with the public opinion of the community he lives in. Because it deals with his immediate surroundings, he realizes it can affect him and his lifestyle.

As a result, The Examiner almost encourages some sort of direct involvement and/or communication in the community, whether you are in a club or even shopping in your district; a quality which makes a community what it is—because people are the contributing and deciding factor in any group. Any other type of media cannot bring out this attitude because it is not so specific and in-depth and because of the larger area of news covered. This is why there is a lack of interest in general news—

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WHAT THE EXAMINER MEANS TO ME

By KAREN TSUK

There is one interesting piece of mail, that I can look forward to every week: The Westmount Examiner. It means a break in the usual pile of bills for Dad, and magazines or letters for Mom. It's something for the whole family. It means 15 or 20 minutes with something to do. I can find out the local news from small theft articles to big, headlined news about the mayor's decision on the bicycle route or a milkman leaving after 50 years in Westmount. Or else I can find out about any new events at school, in the Westmount High section.

Not only is The Examiner something to read. It is something to do. There is a "You Say" section where one can write a letter about anything one feels strongly about in the city. Therefore, in reading this newspaper, we are seeing many different people's viewpoint.

A fun thing to do is to search for mentions or pictures of people I know. Or else, to look through "babysitters wanted" advertisements, near the end. Even though I am not old enough for most of them, I like to read about exciting summers in the country, looking after some young kids. In the same section, I find ads for basement sales, where one can discover all kinds of paraphernalia. Also, I like to read the lost, reward section, in case something had been lost in my vicinity, or the found section. If I am in a hopelessly bored mood, I even read the numerous advertisements.

If I were an old lady, The Examiner might mean a lot in the way of showing me how Westmount is changing since the good old days. If I were a busybody woman, I might read only the letters, and write many of my own. But since I am just a 13-year-old girl, to me it means that I can keep up to date on the local news and have something interesting to read.

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You Say . . .

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prominently in the Montreal press and in a recent book as one of the best examples of its singular style.

Press reports did not indicate that there was any real discussion on the matter before the demolition permit was issued, despite the many promises we heard at the last municipal election about "being responsive to the needs of Westmount." The reasons quoted by Reader's Digest were tortuous and unsatisfying, without any mention of possible alternatives.

It is obviously too late to save this house but I would like to make a plea through your columns that the method of issuing demolition permits be changed making it mandatory to post the request for demolition in a local newspaper at least one week before the permit can be issued. The realities of modern life mean that most people cannot be aware on a day-to-day basis of the workings of city hall but, by taking this approach, the various factors in any case can be raised by discussion and we will not have the reported situation of the city manager not being aware that there was any interest in this house.

P. J. W. Thomas
222 Prince Albert avenue
WESTMOUNT H3Z 2N6

Historical group applauds editorial

Sir: The executive of the Westmount Historical Association applauds your editorial of last week entitled "Save Westmount!"

Those of us who discovered by accident that 177 Metcalfe avenue was threatened, and who tried privately to persuade Reader's Digest to change their plans, feel we should have had recourse also to some appeal structure within the framework of city government. The six-month-old Cultural Properties Advisory Committee, a citizens' body which includes representatives of the Municipal and Historical associations, was not asked if it had any opinion about 177 Metcalfe, so private are the processes surrounding demolition.

Your readers will be interested to know that no less than three lists or maps of valuable buildings have been available to the chairman of the Cultural Properties Advisory Committee: one from the Ar-

chitectural and Planning Commission, one from the members of his committee who have been methodically surveying the exteriors of buildings in each ward, and one from the Westmount Historical Association in two parts a) centennial houses and b) later structures.

It must be emphasized that we are all pioneering. No inventory of Westmount's older buildings was ever attempted before Mrs. Connell and The Examiner launched the idea with a series of photographs begun in 1974. Of course, a tremendous amount of research remains to be done.

I am sorry that, having no warning about the danger to 177 Metcalfe, we did not make public our tentative list. It was a unique house and well built, too—so much so that the demolition foreman said that he had never had to deal with a more solidly built structure, after working on more than a hundred houses!

Such houses don't come along anymore. Too often they go, and forever. Once gone, the craftsmanship of Victorian carpenters cannot be recaptured. It's not exactly "history"; it's not exactly "architecture"; it is culture.

This is what the debate is all about, and we are grateful for your interest in it.

Sally Hooff
for the Westmount
Historical Association
4620 Sherbrooke street west
WESTMOUNT H3Z 1G1

Ban the dealers from bicycle auctions

Sir: Last week I attended the public auction for bicycles for the first time.

The thing I objected to was that dealers were permitted to bid. I think it would have been better if they were excluded because they have the means to outbid the average person who comes to this auction with a set amount of money.

There were several of us who had picked out bikes which we thought we would like to bid on, but each time the dealers would outbid us and any person who finally did get a bike paid a lot more than he or she wanted to. This happened on several occasions to fathers and mothers with young children.

In future it should be specified that dealers be excluded from the auction and I think more residents would attend.

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DAILY SERVICES

Morning Services: Sunday, July 4, 8:45 am; Monday-Friday, July 5-9, 7:30 am.
Evening Services: Sunday-Thursday, July 4-8, 8:00 pm.

Single parents form chapter in Westmount

A new, Westmount-Hampstead chapter of the One Parent Families Association of Canada is being formed and will hold its first meeting at Temple Emanuel, 395 Elm Avenue entrance, on Monday evening at 8 pm.

The OPFA has drawn more than 2,500 members to chapters throughout Quebec and Ontario, offering educational and social services and activities to single parents and their children.

A chapter in Notre Dame de Grace, meeting at Le Manoir, has had little success in drawing single parents from Westmount and Hampstead, however; numbers of such families in both communities has precipitated the establishment of a separate chapter in Westmount.


Parents attending the meeting included those who may have been separated, widowed, divorced or never married, who wish a social outlet and common recognition of their way of life.

Further information can be obtained from Allan Raymond, 489-8741, or Ellen Hill, 768-4464.

Receives fellowship

Katherine McCuaig, 3769 The Boulevard, recently received a McConnell Graduate Fellowship to pursue studies in history and English at McGill University.

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Hon. C. M. Drury

Fisheries limit

Canada will extend its fisheries jurisdiction from 12 miles out to 200 miles from the coast by January 1, 1977. This decision was announced on June 4 by my colleagues, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Hon. Allan MacEachen, and the Minister of State - Fisheries, Romeo LeBlanc.

It had become increasingly clear in recent years that the intensive fishing by foreign fleets off Canada's coasts needed to be reduced. Fish stocks which were once in great abundance have been depleted to dangerously low levels, and the livelihood of the communities in Canada which depend on the fisheries was being threatened.

Over one year ago, the federal government began a course of action to attain the control of the 200 miles fishing zone without confrontation. Bilateral agreements were negotiated with the USSR, Norway, Poland, Spain and Portugal, outlining the future relations between Canada and these countries when the fisheries zone was extended.

These various agreements, when they are all in place, will cover the major foreign fisheries off Canada's Pacific coast. As well, they will apply to more than 88 percent of the foreign catch in the parts of the ICNF Convention area which fall within Canada's 200 mile zone on the east coast.

The ICNF, or International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries is a multi-national organization which determines the quotas of fish which individual nations may take in the northwest Atlantic.

Smooth transition

Because of the agreements we have reached with these countries, there is every expectation of a smooth transition to the new regime of extended Canadian fisheries jurisdiction.

The need for continuing multi-lateral cooperation in fisheries jurisdiction still remains. Canada will also continue to work at the UN Conference on the Law of the Sea to reach agreement not only on fisheries matters, but on other vital issues concerning control and management of the oceans' resources.

As well, steps have been taken to upgrade Canada's capability of policing an extended area of jurisdiction, with plans during the current year to double the amount of fisheries patrols.

Canada's decision to manage the renewable resources within the 200-mile offshore zone will call for an intensified research effort to obtain more information on the condition of the fish stocks and their habits. Budgets are being revised to meet this new challenge, although a tight rein is being kept on expenditures.

Many of us in Westmount perhaps do not realize the importance of the fisheries in our economy. The oceans are rich if properly managed. In this respect, the new 200 mile zone constitutes a challenge for the future so that our fishermen may become part of that process.

Sporting

A ski rack and a baseball glove were stolen from a car parked in the city's Tupper street lot sometime during the past week. The auto had been left unlocked between Sunday, June 20, and this Monday. The glove was worth \$25, the ski rack \$30.

New books at the Westmount Public Library

Following is a list of some books on the current book list of the Westmount Public Library:

SUMMERTIME

- Blackstock, Brian: Camp counsellor's handbook; considers all aspects from the counsellor's own preparation to guiding campers in practical or social skills.
- Dalton, Stephen: Borne on the wind; the extraordinary world of insects in flight with incredible colour close-ups.
- Eisner, Vivienne: The newspaper everything book; how to make 150 useful objects from old newspapers.
- Evans, Charles: New plants from old; pruning and propagating for the indoor gardener.
- Flugum, Charles: Birding from a tractor seat; unique essays by a working farmer from Minnesota, whose life-long hobby has been birdwatching.
- Gardner, Martin: Mathematical carnival; a new round-up of tantalizing penny puzzles, card shuffles and tricks from Scientific American.
- Hirnschall, Helmut: Eyes on the wilderness; gifted artist captures the habits and behaviour of birds and animals.
- Kurelek, William: Fields; 12 paintings reflect the artist's

feelings about the Prairies that held him as a child.

Line, Les: The pleasure of birds; selections from Audubon magazine for serious ornithologists, casual bird-watchers and nature lovers alike.

Lloyd, Ambrose: Making and flying kites; shows how to make 16 kites and explains the aerodynamic principles involved in flying them.

Olendorff, Richard: Golden eagle country; the author describes two years of work to uncover the complex life cycle and habits of a great bird of prey.

Potvin, Albert: A panorama of Canadian forests, this informative work with its beautiful photos is a reminder that the forest is still an appealing and stimulating environment.

Rae, William: A treasury of outdoor life, the best stories and articles from Outdoor Life magazine (founded 1898) with covers, illustrations and old ads.

Roxborough, Henry: Canada at the Olympics, 3d ed.; very timely look at the past performance of Canadian athletes.

Schaefer, Jack: An American bestiary; warm, whimsical account of a variety of mammals—their oddities and their marvels.

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Five local residents elected to hospitals

Five Westmounters and two near-Westmounters are among the 14 "user" representatives on the boards of directors of hospitals in and around Westmount. They were chosen last month by elections held during the midst of the province-wide hospital labor disputes. In only two hospitals were there more than two candidates standing for

election, thus forcing a vote by ballot.

At St. Mary's Hospital, on Lacombe street in the Cote des Neiges area, over 600 users of the hospital turned out to elect A. P. Wickham, 16 de Casson road, and Mrs. John George of the Town of Mount Royal over two other candidates. Officials of the hospital could not attribute the large turnout to any specific issue, though it was reported to The Examiner that the administration of the Roman Catholic facility had been in some turmoil previous to the election.

A mere 84 users turned out for the election at the Royal Victoria Hospital (the legal quorum, changed since the last elections in 1974, is now 50) to choose between four candidates. Those elected include N. L. Rappaport, 3060 St. Sulpice road in Montreal, and Mrs. V. J. Spence of the Town of Mount Royal.

Those candidates at other hospitals, all elected by acclamation, include, at the Reddy Memorial Hospital, Mrs. Margaret Levine, an incumbent representative from 4651 Victoria avenue in Montreal, and Mrs. Zita Grossbaum of Hampstead; at the Montreal General Hospital, Miss Barbara Whitley, 4339 Westmount avenue, also an incumbent, and James A. Wright, QC, 3164 The Boulevard; at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, T. E. Price, 4449 Montrose avenue, and T. S. Dobson of TMR; at the Jewish General Hospital, Austin Beutel, 4141 Sherbrooke street, and Sheila Zitrer of Hampstead. Mrs. Inger Slater, an incumbent representative from

Notre Dame de Grace, was returned to the board at the Montreal Children's Hospital, along with Thomas G. M. McDade of Chateaugay.

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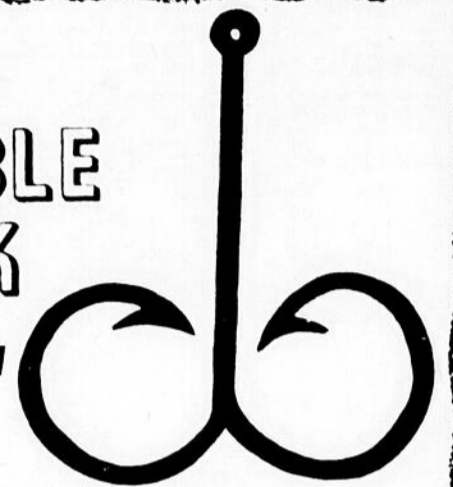
A Chargex card disappeared from a Pontiac station wagon belonging to a family on Metcalfe avenue sometime between 11 am last Thursday and 10 am Saturday. The family had driven the car in the interim; it had been parked both on the street and in the driveway during that time, sometimes locked and sometimes unlocked. Police could not discern any signs of a forced entry.

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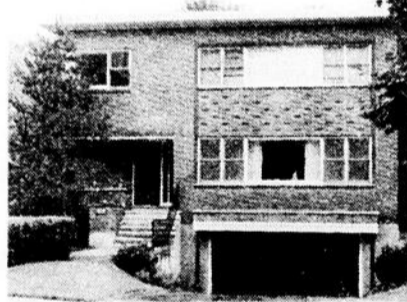
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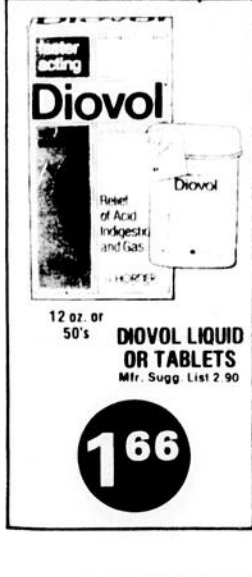
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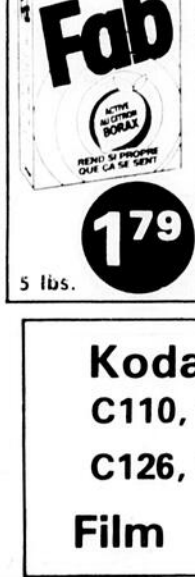
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"Images of Sport in Early Canada," an exhibit of sporting and athletic artifacts at McGill University's McCord Museum, opens tomorrow and will run through the Montreal Summer Olympics and on into the fall season, giving Canadians an opportunity to glance at their own particular athletic heritage.

The exhibit was designed by three Westmount women, Mrs. Harriet Campbell, 20 Anwoth road, interim director of the museum, Mrs. Nancy Dunbar, 488 Strathcona avenue, curator of collections, and Mrs. Cynthia Eberts, 106 Columbia avenue, curator of costumes, in con-

junction with a consultative committee made up of members from McGill University and the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, which jointly run the museum.

Mrs. Dunbar has also compiled a catalogue-guide, showing photographs of the various artifacts in the exhibit and offering a description of each one.

The exhibit gives Canadians valuable insight into the Olympics, if only by showing them the sports as they developed or gained acceptance in their country, with an emphasis on those sports (such as hockey and lacrosse) which are distinctly Canadian.

The exhibit also offers some items on feats of strength, for example, and less-organized sports such as cycling and swimming. Clothing, utensils, costumes and medals are on display; photographs show the precursors of some modern-day sports, and the successors of some early Canadian sports.

Surprise input

"Once you start something like this you keep getting input you didn't have before," Mrs. Eberts told *The Examiner* of her work in collecting items for the show. Stanley Triggs, curator of the Notman Archives, has been most helpful in supplying early photographs of Canadian sports.

Other items include a curling hat belonging to a Mr. Hodson, one-time Canadian curling champion, compliments of Norah Hodson Macdowell, 354 Cote St. Antoine road.

The museum is open to the public on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, though it will stay open to the public daily except Monday during the Olympics, between July 17 and Aug. 1. The exhibit will remain in Montreal until December, then go on tour through eastern Canada. The catalogue is available at the museum and in bookstores.



SPORTS PAST: Included in the many items covered by the McCord Museum's exhibit of Canada's sporting past is the blanket toss, demonstrated in this 1902 photo. This toss was made by members of the Snow Shoe Club on the frozen St. Lawrence River.

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Recreation program:

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Summer program under way; tennis to start tomorrow

By NICK KASIRER

Youngsters between the ages of six and sixteen got together at Prince Albert and Westmount Parks Monday to start this season's summer playground program. The theme of this year's activities will be "games children play."

The program operates between 9 am and noon; and 1 pm and 4:30 in the afternoon. The children have a varied selection of activities ranging from arts and crafts to sports to square dancing. Easy accessibility to the pool will be a great asset on hot summer days.

Again this year there will be weekly excursions which are also very popular, highlighted by the trip to the Tamaracouta Scout Camp later in the summer.

Each park will be working on a continuing project in conjunction with this year's theme. Some time each week will go into the preparation of these projects, which will be presented later in

the season along with a show of handicrafts and square dancing.

Young Westmounters who won't be in town all summer are welcome to join the program as daily participation is not mandatory. Whether for one week or all summer, youngsters are invited to take part at either Prince Albert or Westmount Parks. The program will continue until late August.

Tennis instruction for those child beginners who registered with the recreation department starts tomorrow, July 1, and will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer.

Lady beginners' classes, for those who have registered with the recreation department, will start on Monday, July 5, at 10 am

at the adult tennis courts. Both groups are filled to capacity and therefore no new registrations are being taken at this time.

No fireworks

City hall yesterday issued a reminder to citizens that the use and/or sale of fireworks, holiday season or not, is strictly prohibited within the city limits.

Some concern has apparently been expressed about the use of fireworks, though city officials did not hear any reports of their employ during the rainy St. Jean Baptiste Day holiday.

Council . . .

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between Greene and Gladstone avenues.

The loan by-laws, notices of motion for which were also given last meeting, involve funds to complete construction of Selby Park, to purchase equipment for the public safety department, to tidy up the financing of the Hillside Place public housing project, to purchase equipment

for the light and power department, and to repair roads and sidewalks. The total sum mentioned when notice was given last month was \$687,800.

The nuisance by-law for which notice is expected to be given involves diseased elm trees owned privately in Westmount. Further details are not available, however.

A council resolution redividing land around 171 Metcalfe avenue, site of a controversial demolition two weeks ago, is also expected to allow construction of a third storey to the Reader's Digest annex.

New court clerk

Council is also expected to appoint a new clerk of court, to assume the position vacated by the recent retirement of O. J. Arsenault. The city fathers might also approve the early retirement of three other city employees. A financial statement for the year 1975 is also expected, along with the list of city accounts for the month of May, a report on the opening of tenders for fuel oil and commitment of funds for repairs to the Westmount Lookout and the city incinerator.

Another resolution which may be passed will recommend the re-imposition of 12-gauge shotguns in Montreal Urban Community Police vehicles. The recommendation for adoption of a practice once carried out by Westmount Police has already been approved by other suburban city councils, who have felt policemen were relatively unprotected without the heavy arms.

Mayor Donald MacCallum may also give reports on the recent activities of the MUC and of the Conference of Montreal Suburban Mayors.

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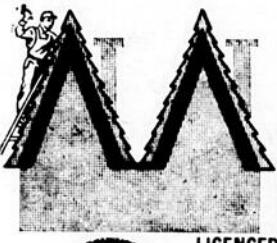
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Charming

Two yellow-gold charm bracelets, worth a total of some \$1,200, disappeared from an apartment on de Maisonneuve boulevard in east-end Westmount between 7 pm last Wednesday and 7:30 pm Thursday. Six or seven dollars in cash was also stolen, though police report seeing no signs of a forced entry to the apartment.

Summer Safety Tip: For poor swimmers and hesitant boaters, help is at the other end of a phone call to the Red Cross Water Safety Service. Be prepared. Yell to us!

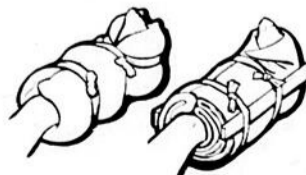
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Treatment of fracture of the ankle by pillow or blanket splint.

Elm disease said average

The problem of Dutch Elm disease among Westmount's stately trees is "about average this year," though not as bad as two years ago, city parks officials report. They will watch both city and private trees throughout the summer to ensure the situation does not get out of hand.

Buddy Selby, general foreman of the parks and recreation department will attend a conference in Sault Ste. Marie later this summer to learn new methods of saving diseased elms.

Essay . . .

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the public wants direct answers with opinions; so their scope of understanding is widened, but without any ignorance or narrowing of mind. In other words, the public wants to think about what it is reading; it wants a challenge.

I must admit that the editorials and special columns found in some larger papers are quite good, but still the person is not made aware of the opinions and information within his own community—which is more important since a person must develop an interest in his immediate surroundings (i.e., recognizing your own surroundings before going on to farther horizons).

Also, if a newspaper or any other type of media is to be worth something in the area it is serving, it must have a purpose or a spirit, other than as a dispensary for plain facts. The Examiner is worth something in Westmount because it maintains a certain spirit and pride in its community which, I am sure, is reflected in the people that read it. This pride is clearly witnessed in the weekly articles concerning historical places. Even in the manner in which all articles are written, the paper addresses itself to the people of Westmount.

So far, I have discussed the most important function of The Examiner. Other more minor functions which contribute to the overall are convenience (through ads and notices) which provides a more efficient method of communication; and entertainment, which creates interest and a relief of tension in the reader—a quality needed so much today in this world of worry.

Even though local papers have a particular function within their own communities, they have value to the country itself. By making people aware and participate in their own community's activities, these same people could and probably would expand their interests to include the country in which they live. Just like cancer, which can only be cured if we examine the smallest part affected, the cell, so must people understand the political and social factors within their own community, before going on to larger and more complicated subjects which can be found only in the country as a whole. The local paper, in a sense, helps people to understand their country either by preparing them (by looking at the type of systems in their community first) or by indirectly comparing these two structurally similar systems.

In summary, The Examiner is meant to serve the community in the most efficient but effective way—by bringing the people together, and helping the community stay intact. That is, spiritually, (with sometimes an end result to be actually seen) since it is the politicians' job and sometimes the residents' themselves to do the actual work!

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Technique, substance combined well in Michael Drummond's photographs

By RICK KERRIGAN

From the soft, poetic images of the Quebec countryside to the sharp black and white tones of Jerusalem, Westmounter Michael Drummond's photographs on exhibit at the recently renovated Montreal Museum of Fine Arts reveal that rare combination of technical excellence and thoughtful substance.

However, the emphasis of the show is on his color work and that is unfortunate because it is in black and white that Drummond works most naturally and unselfconsciously, using his technical skills to make the viewer feel the presence of the subject. Only occasionally does the immaculate quality of his prints overshadow the content.

In his black and white portrait, "Mr. Court, North Rustico, P.E.I.," the rich print quality is so startling that the tendency is to overlook the subject and the strength of his face. Drummond strikes a very intricate balance in his photograph but finally must succeed by the sheer strength of his subject.

His portrait of a clown is one of the strongest photographs in the show. Drummond has captured the winsome engaging look of the female clown in what must be a radical departure from the bulk of pictures of circus and carnival performers depicting hardened and weary people beneath the glitter of costumes and make-up. Drummond's clown is warm and appealing.

Pictures from Israel

Of the 18 black and white photographs in the 61 print show, the majority are from Drummond's 1968 trip to Israel sponsored by the Israeli Ministry of Tourism. Each print can stand on its own merits but the effect is greater when they are all seen together and one can feel the heat and dust and see the blending of ancient culture with modern reality in custom and dress.

The Israel pictures were part of an exhibition entitled "Faces of Israel" shown at the Arts Club and the Saidye Bronfman Centre in Montreal and at the Goodway Communication Academy in Philadelphia. The few prints in the current show don't adequately represent the depth of that body of work.

Undoubtedly one of the most effective pictures in the exhibit and the one that demonstrates Drummond's strength as a photographer is called "Conversation." This black and white print shows ten empty rocking chairs on the porch of what is probably a guest house. One can



Conversation by Michael Drummond on display at Museum of Fine Arts

feel the presence of the elderly ladies and gentlemen sipping lemonade or sherry in the cool shade of the porch more surely than if they were in the picture. The strong design composition and subtle tonal quality of the print bring the spirit of the people into the photograph. It's a case of suggestion being stronger than reality.

Color seems contrived

In contrast to the straightforward approach of the black and white prints, Drummond's color work tends to be self-conscious and a trifle contrived. He seems to be trying too hard to achieve a lyrical effect in his subdued Quebec landscape pictures. He photographs in color under an overcast sky to soften the colors. The result is often a pleasing, almost monochromatic scene, specially in the winter landscapes.

A conflict between his strong sense of design and composition and his conscious attempt to achieve a certain effect with the colors appears in several of his

photographs of Montreal, most notably those of children playing in the streets. This conflict produces a weakened picture which seems to be neither here nor there in terms of effect. The viewer is left wondering not so much why Drummond took the picture in the first place, but rather why it is being exhibited beside some obviously much stronger images.

When Drummond narrows his scope down to design and detail, his ability to find the essence of an object is uncanny. One can almost feel the powdery roughness of the rusted anchor in one color photograph and his picture of reflections in the glass walls of a skyscraper, although a cliché subject, is fresh and original. The more Drummond tries to be poetic, the more he

Author . . .

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Worked down ladder
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obsures the subject. When he lets the subject speak for itself, he is able to find for us the most revealing traits of the person or object.

Generally, the exhibition demonstrates several aspects of Michael Drummond the photographer, but the stronger material tends to be diluted by the inclusion of weaker material that is not, I think, representative of Drummond's abilities.

Location not right

A brief note on the location of the exhibit: photography is the most democratic of art forms—it is everyman's art.

Its chief virtue is that it is available to the masses. The push to have it accepted by the established museums as art is a move in the wrong direction. There is nothing sacred about a photograph and most of them are infinitely reproducible.

Michael Drummond's show is cloistered away in one of the Montreal Museum's tomb-like rooms and will only be seen by people who frequent the museum regularly. To get to the exhibition from the museum entrance is like trying to penetrate the sanctum sanctorum of the Canadian mint. The first barrier is a cash register, beside which a sign explains that while there is no admission fee you won't be allowed in unless you make a donation.

After being relieved of as little cash as your conscience will allow, all your coats and bags and purses must be checked before proceeding into the exhibition area. Seldom is one outside the watchful eye of a uniformed guard.

Michael Drummond's photography and photography in general deserves better than this. Photographs belong where people can see them and talk about them and criticize them: in shopping centres and small galleries where people won't attach importance to the photographs because of their surroundings. Photography should communicate not pontificate.

Go to the museum and see Michael Drummond's photographs but take a few friends, make some noise and pretend you're in a shopping mall.

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New officers take over at Westmount Rotary

It is to be changing of the presidents at The Rotary Club of Westmount today.

Robert E. J. Layton is to complete 12 months at the helm of the local service club with a review of the 1975-76 Rotary year at the regular weekly luncheon meeting in Victoria Hall, followed by the installation of William R. Rutherford as his successor.

Last Wednesday the club marked the beginning of Canada Week with an address by Mrs. Louise Stuart, a member of the board of directors of the Council for Canadian Unity. She also has been extensively involved in

In the act

A witness noticed someone trying to break into a car at the corner of Greene avenue and St. Catherine street Sunday evening at about 8:30. The potential thief left the scene within moments, thus not allowing the witness to get a good description for police.

work for the retarded, in inter-faith organizations, the YMCA and Expo '67. She was awarded the Order of Canada in 1974.

Mrs. Stuart said there were many misconceptions about Canada, not least of which is that there are only two founding races. Freedom has been found here by people of many national origins, lending Canada an unusual quality and making it "a very special place."

There are many frustrations, she agreed, but insufficient to break up the nation—specially when we compare our problems with those of many other countries, she said. "This country has everything going for it."

She urged all to participate in some way in Canada Week and Canada Day and thus exhibit faith and pride in the country.

Oliver Retallack introduced Mrs. Stuart and she was thanked, in song, by Leslie Griffiths. There were visiting Rotarians from California and West Germany. Mr. Layton presided.



Mrs. Louise Stuart
At Rotary, last week

New Y courses help socializing, parents

Two new programs, "What do you say after you say hello" and "Between parent and child," are being offered at the Westmount Family YMCA this summer. They focus on a different dimension of health, emotional fulfillment.

"What do you say after you say hello," is an eight-week program that looks at ways of improving personal social skills. If you sometimes wonder about how other people perceive you, how to increase your satisfaction in relationships, how to be more open and spontaneous, or even how to make friends, then you will probably find this program to be quite useful and enjoyable.

The second program, "Between parent and child," concentrates specifically on the dilemmas of parenthood. It is common knowledge that although parenting is one of the oldest and most important of all societal roles, parents, on the whole, are not given any training or recognition for their work.

Unless you have been around children a lot before you have any of your own, you are more or less left to fight or puzzle your way through all the complex stages of child development, hoping that you are doing "the right thing."

"Between parent and child" will look at ways to improve satisfaction and effectiveness in parenting and consequently reduce tension in the household. Both "What do you say after you say hello" and "Between parent and child" begin the first week in July and end the last week in August. Participants may have their choice of either day or evening sessions.

Rambled

Two aging cars disappeared from Westmount streets late last Thursday or early Friday, including a 1964 Rambler stolen from Lansdowne avenue north of Sherbrooke street between 11:30 pm and 8 am, and a 1965 Valiant from Dorchester boulevard between 1:30 and 9:30 am. In both cases the cars had been securely locked.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?: Thirty-two years ago Sgt. Wally Wilkins of Westmount (standing, right) was overseas helping rear gunner Sgt. Ralph Syer of Hamilton do pre-takeoff checks on a Halifax bomber before a daylight raid. In the plane is bomb aimer Warrant Officer Jean Pierre Brochu of Montreal, checking the bomb sight in the nose. The Wartime Pilots' and Observers' Association, P.O. Box 1702, Winnipeg, is wondering where these and other members of wartime aircrews of the British Commonwealth have got to, and are planning a reunion for them September 9 to 12 in Winnipeg. The three day event is designed as a social get-together of all aircrew who served in any war with the air services of the British Commonwealth, regardless of rank, trade or nationality.

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