

Official 'Well done!'

# Public Security Unit is now one year old

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

WHEN Westmount's Public Security Unit came off the drawing boards and into the streets last summer, it was with little pomp or circumstance. This week, the force marks its first anniversary with the same lack of ceremony, but commended by officials for a job well done.

"They seem to be proud of us and we're proud of them," states Pro-mayor David Carruthers, who says the unit is considered a success.

The 17-man force, which started training here last July 21, was to be "the eyes and ears of the community" and bring to residents an immediate response to "the little things," reminiscent of old community police forces.

Establishment of the unit is "the best thing that's ever happened in this city in recent years," says Ald. Brian Gallery, commissioner of services. "It complements the MUC police in their efforts to give the citi-

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## Insulation 'time bomb:'

# Westmount homes at risk with urea formaldehyde

By ANDY DODGE

Some Westmount residents are sitting on time bombs.

There are an unknown number of homes here whose walls are filled with urea formaldehyde foam insulation (UFFI). The material could decompose under certain conditions, say some experts, specially during the hot and humid summer months, causing gases which attack the lungs and respiratory system.

And there is little, as yet, they can do about it.

News about the material and its dangers shocked homeowners late in April, but even then the severity of the problem was not understood entirely. There is little way a person can tell when or whether the material will decompose, or

how serious its effects might be.

Nobody has figured out a safe chemical to neutralize the substance, and there is little way short of ripping out the interior walls of a house to get it out. Even then, it reportedly penetrates wood studs and beams, remaining as a type of fungus which cannot be removed.

The federal government, which initially approved the insulation and even offered grants to homeowners who installed it, is taking names and preparing tests of 2,400 houses across Canada which are insulated with UFFI, using a scientific approach to the situation. It also will be examining the legal aspects, to determine who should be liable for damages.

An information and referral centre, at 800-567-6870, takes names and provides information for some 200 callers a day who are uncertain what insulation they have, what they should do if they have UFFI, and how to treat its effects.

In Montreal, an organization called the Formaldehyde Insulation Victims Organization (FIVO), at 272-6557, has been established to help locally. Last week it made an agreement with Warnock Hersey Professional Services Ltd. to analyze the air in homes for formaldehyde gases.

FIVO also is assisting in class-action suits against Rapco Foam and Borden Chemicals, the major producers of UFFI, and taking names of concerned homeowners with a view to providing them with further information.

Political action is planned for the fall, according to FIVO spokesman Roxanne Menard, who says the federal government thus far has been less than helpful.

"Everybody is trying to run away," she claimed. "The only certain fact in this whole case is that the foam is not stable."

### A demurrer

(On the other hand, a physician who has the material insulating his home told THE EXAMINER he is confident that UFFI is safe if it was mixed and applied properly. He is more

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## \$190 dispursed

The manager of a lingerie shop on Sherbrooke street near Victoria avenue told police last Thursday her wallet containing \$190 had been taken from her purse after it had been left on a table that afternoon between 2 and 3 pm. Police said she noticed the wallet missing after two women customers had been in the store. The victim lives in Ville d'Anjou.

## \$160 dispursed

A sales clerk in a Westmount Square boutique told police last Thursday someone stole her purse that afternoon from behind the counter. It contained \$160. The victim was a resident of Clarke avenue.

## Recovered

A wallet containing personal papers was found Friday by a citizen at the corner of Sherbrooke street and Clarke avenue, according to police. It has since been returned to its owner, a Longueuil resident.

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## Wilful damage: pleads guilty to six charges

A young local man pleaded guilty last Wednesday in Westmount Municipal Court to six charges of wilful damage and one charge of theft. Sentence was postponed until Oct. 14.

The attorney for Martin Lemaitre, 18, 485 Grosvenor avenue, asked for the delay in the sentence until details could be prepared and submitted to presiding Judge George Gould.

Local police arrested and charged Lemaitre and a 15-year-old youth, also a Westmount resident, June 12 following an alleged early morning painting spree of slogans on six Westmount residential and commercial establishments (see story June 18).

Theft of two lion statues missing from a home on Edgehill avenue was also added to the charges.

## Young bandits get \$190

Two bandits described as about 17 years old took \$190 from a shop on Sherbrooke street near Prince Albert avenue Wednesday last week, police report.

A sales clerk told police the two young men, one white and one black, entered the store about 6 pm and said in English, "This is a robbery." They showed a revolver carried in a plastic bag, took the money and fled.

## Itchy?

A 1973 Pontiac parked in Weredale Park was reported Monday to have been scratched on the sides causing \$400 damage.



WHAT'S OUT THERE? Skinny, the fat (and deaf) cat of Mrs. Rosemary Doyle, and friend look out a back window of 368 Kit-chener avenue (above). What do they see? The neighborhood raccoon, that's all (left). The bushy-tailed carnivore with the bandit's mask over his eyes in fact is well-known in the area and quite a scrounger. Below he is seen on the Doyle back porch picking up some morsels. Mrs. Doyle says the visitor is quite friendly and has eaten from her hand.



## \$1,200 radio in 1969 car

A car radio and speakers valued at \$1,200 were reported stolen from a 1969 Dodge parked in a garage at 4780 Dor-

chester boulevard overnight Monday last week.

Police said the car was broken into through the vent window on the driver's side.

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By Capt. Eric Neal

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<b>Regular collection day:</b>	<b>Will be collected:</b>
Monday, August 3, 1981	Tuesday, August 4, 1981
Tuesday, August 4, 1981	Wednesday, August 5, 1981

These households that are collected by contractors will be collected on their regular day.

There will be no special pickups on August 5, 1981.

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zens the security they desire."  
"We have achieved our goals for the first year," says the unit's commanding officer, Dir. Sidney Ashford, who made it clear at the outset his force should not be labelled "para-police," a term coined in some municipalities for such departments.

First-year goals included the organization of the unit, the acquisition of uniforms and equipment, renovation of the building at 4 Hillside avenue as a headquarters, the tackling of the parking problem, protection of people and property in the parks and the familiarizing of the men with the needs of the



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Dir. Ashford cites the actual setting up of the unit, in particular, as a singular achievement for the year, "especially when you consider the men were recruited from all walks of civilian life."

"They have blended well into the community and work well as a team," he feels.

The public safety officers are most visible to the public as they carry out their duties 24 hours a day on parks surveillance or in ticketing numerous vehicles each month for parking infractions. Those functions are, however, only the tip of the iceberg, notes the director, as he considers some of the many incident reports recorded by the unit in its first year of operation.

They range from the recovery of stolen vehicles to lost and found animals and articles, assistance to injured persons and help in a variety of circumstances.

What lies ahead now for the second year?

Advanced training and a continuation of the first year's low-key approach with continued patrolling of streets and parks. "I can't see us taking on any extra duties since we haven't any increased powers," Dir. Ashford explains.

#### Local by-laws only

The unit's mandate is restricted to enforcement of municipal by-laws.

Although the city's four parking inspectors previously filled some of the same functions, they worked only from 8 am to 4 pm, five days a week. They were retained as part of the unit in addition to the 16 PSOs.

The city's original plans to create the unit were announced in February 1980 by Ald. André Gervais, public safety commissioner, and the force was authorized by by-law in June.

Dir. Ashford was brought back to Westmount to form the unit. A Westmount policeman

for 27 years, he had been deputy chief of police here and later an MUC police director.

One of many incidents logged by the unit in the past year concerns a Westmount woman whose house had been without heat for several hours during a cold spell over the Christmas holidays. She had tried unsuccessfully to get oil, and decided in the early hours of the morning to call the security unit. A public safety officer finally was able to get her oil company to make a delivery.

#### Conservative, low-key

The new force took shape with the hiring and training of the men, always in keeping with the conservative, low-key approach favored by Westmount's administrators.

Four recruits who had police experience were appointed as supervisors.

Sgt. Walter Richardson retired from the MUC police to join the new unit after policing Westmount for 34 years. Another former Westmount cop and ex-RCMP man, Cpl. Richard McEnroe, also joined up. Cpl. Richard Clyde, a former MUC policeman from LaSalle, was recruited along with Sgt. Dan Casey who was completing 14 years of service in the military police.

By early August the men took to the streets in four new dark blue cruisers, marked only with the city crest on their front doors and indistinguishable



**CHECKING REPORTS:** At Hillside avenue headquarters of the Public Security Unit, an incident is checked out by Cpl. Richard Clyde, right, one of the unit's four supervisors, Public Safety Officer (PSO) Chayne Barnes and secretary Catherine Swift.

from other city cars. They were to familiarize themselves with the community and it was not until the arrival of the uniforms late in September that the unit became officially operational.

Residents soon came to recognize the distinctive navy blue uniform with red stripe down the pant leg and around the hat.

The unit then moved from temporary quarters in Victoria Hall to the renovated building on Hillside avenue formerly owned by Merchants Fuels adjacent to the Westmount athletic grounds. A year later, the headquarters of the Public Security Unit still is marked only by the civic number 4.

Furniture and other equipment arrived slowly and it was not until November that the unit was prepared to receive calls for assistance. Its emer-

gency phone number was issued and citizens were encouraged to call the unit. When calls related to police matters, they were referred to MUC police with whom Dir. Ashford had pledged "100 percent co-operation."

After city council decided to end toleration of widespread infractions of the city's four-hour parking limit March 9 this year, the task of enforcement fell to the unit.

Until city parking tickets were printed and arrived in April, the unit used MUC ones. With receipt of the city tickets, a new computer system was put into operation to provide print-outs and follow-up of data concerning parking violations.

Flexibility has been one of the characteristics of the unit since its start, according to Dir. Ashford.



HOUSE OF COMMONS

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

### SUB-COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION PROGRAMMES (QUEBEC)

The Sub-Committee on DREE Programmes (Quebec) of the Standing Committee on Regional Development will hold public hearings on Monday, September 28, 1981, and Tuesday, September 29, 1981, in Sherbrooke and, on Thursday, October 1, 1981 and Friday, October 2, 1981, in Percé.

The intent of these meetings will be to examine the impact of DREE policies and programmes in Quebec with a view to modifying them to better fulfil the department's objective of developing economically weak regions.

Individuals, provincial and municipal governments, organizations, and the industrial and business sector appearing before the Sub-Committee will be selected from among those who submit a written brief before Wednesday, August 26, 1981.

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7:02 pm: 6 Weredale Park, child taken to MCH;

#### July 15

1:25 am: 4000 de Maisonneuve, Apt. 709, burnt food;  
11:00 am: 4574 Sherbrooke, alarm ringing;  
12:44 pm: Wood and St. Catherine, man taken to RMH;  
1:45 pm: 19 Stanton, man taken to RMH;  
6:02 pm: 43 Holton, woman taken to RMH;

#### July 16

6:34 am: 490 Côte St. Antoine, woman taken to JGH;  
9:00 am: Front of 680 Victoria, motor vehicle fire;  
11:10 am: 1267 Greene, flood;  
4:41 pm: 4039 Tupper, oil heating;  
11:59 pm: 4646 Sherbrooke, alarm ringing;

#### July 17

1:11 am: 4646 Sherbrooke, alarm ringing;  
3:27 am: 5010 Sherbrooke, man to MGH;  
Noon: 335 Clarke, flood;  
11:00 pm: 4215 de Maisonneuve, spilled flammable liquid;

#### July 18

2:31 pm: 4338 Westmount, man to QEH;

#### July 19

3:35 am: 54 Columbia, man taken to QEH;  
7:20 am: 55 Hillside, alarm ringing;  
2:48 pm: 4203 St. Catherine, service call;  
8:51 pm: 535 Prince Albert, electrical wiring;  
9:48 pm: Front of 460 Claremont, spilled flammable liquid;

#### July 20

11:00 am: 4 Grove Park, man taken to MGH;  
3:13 pm: 434 Montrose, electrical appliance;  
8:14 pm: Côte St. Luc road and Westbourne, mutual aid assistance in road accident;  
10:45 pm: 4328 Sherbrooke, Apt. 19, ambulance call;  
11:25 pm: 1259 Greene, burst plumbing;

#### July 21

12:10 am: Rear of 658 Lansdowne, electrical wiring;  
5:05 am: Rear of 3249 St. Antoine, motor vehicle fire.

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## Dr. Wang back, tells Rotarians of camps in East

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Dr. Wang, who has returned to Westmount for a brief break, said he has convinced camp administrators to institute language and orientation programs for refugees, has helped in the procurement of X-ray cameras and dental chairs for the camps. He also has convinced local dentists in Hong Kong and Macao to volunteer their services to the refugees.

His greatest concern now involves the mental health of the refugees, but he said efforts are under way to alleviate the problem.

## \$1,000 model heads the list of stolen bikes

Leading the list in value of 10 bicycles reported stolen in Westmount during the past week is a 15-speed silver Centurion, model valued by its owner at \$1,000. It apparently disappeared last Thursday from the bicycle room in the apartment building at 4000 de Maisonneuve boulevard where it had been locked, police said.

A red Peugeot bike was found by a Roslyn avenue resident Friday at the rear of the property. After police verification, it was found to belong to a neighbor two doors up the street.

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## We Say

### Irresponsible government

IF you have thought government remote, impersonal and of little direct concern, think again.

Set aside international summitry, the Canadian constitutional debate, even the renewed Lévesque rumblings about Quebec independence. These eventually may be felt, but in the long term and with a generality which rarely can excite us.

Get close to home, where we have real and almost palpable government. Here on Montreal island and in our own City of Westmount.

Two events of the past week demonstrate just how important government can be in our daily lives — and how interventions which distort true representation can make mockery of vital decision making.

First came the leak of the yet-to-be-released annual report on operations of the Montreal Urban Community police. We learned just how much further the efficiency and effectiveness of the island constabulary sank in the past year. Crime rates continued to rise and solution rates drop. Prevention of crime, in the first place, is hardly mentioned.

If you don't believe government is your direct concern, try and tell it to anyone who has been robbed, mugged, bilked or otherwise been the victim in 1980 of the MUC police's growing inability and seeming unwillingness to do its job.

Then came the announcement that bus and Métro fares are to leap to 75 cents a ride at the end of next week.

If you don't believe government is your direct concern, try and tell it to any of the tens of thousands of persons who use public transport every day for their livelihoods or even only occasionally to visit, to shop, to see a doctor, or for any number of good reasons.

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WHAT have these two bombshells got in common?

Both are major, far-reaching matters in the realm of local government, yet both — police and transportation — are quite outside the control of our local government, certainly of our Westmount city council and, incredibly enough, of that monstrosity, the MUC council and even its executive committee, upon which our own mayor happens to sit.

Police and transportation: they absorb

the lion's share of our local taxes. Yet both are in the hands of appointed bodies which, if they owe any allegiance, is more to Quebec functionaries than to any local elected authority.

The MUC Public Security Council.

The MUC Transportation Commission.

Both were created by the Union Nationale government when the MUC was brought into being. None was the result of any popular wish of the directly affected nor of their solons. Indeed, both the security council and the transportation commission have been major worries of the main MUC body from the outset, their constantly mounting budgets being effectively beyond control of the taxed.

What's worse, the social effects of police and transportation policies into which there can be, as constituted, no popular input have been all but totally ignored. Policemen barely accountable to officers unaccountable to the elected has made for growing instability in the maintenance of law and order. This is no mere feeling or surmise; the bald figures paint the resulting dismal and alarming picture.

Public transportation fares which ignore effects on the population served represent irresponsibility. This is not to say rates should not go up. But perhaps there is a case, also, for lowering them in propounding public policy when it bears on so many related questions such as private vehicular traffic, mobility of the poor and disadvantaged, inflation, pollution, urban planning for growth and redevelopment, and even the province's own long-term provisions for regional rail integration. Transportation simply is too important to be left to commissioners to make decisions on their own.

THE fault lies, ultimately, at Quebec, where the NU's successors, Liberal and Parti Québécois alike, never have faced up to the gross impracticality, let alone undemocratic nature, of the Montreal Urban Community created by provincial legislation a decade ago. There has been minor tinkering with the MUC structure, but never have the inherent weaknesses been tackled honestly and forthrightly.

There is more than a suspicion that the

## You Say

### Johnston's resignation in postal strike urged

Sir: Further to my letter recommending Mr. Don Johnston's resignation, I was gratified to learn that seven companies in the 295-member Canadian Direct Mail Marketing Association are suing the federal government for damages resulting from the postal strike.

The group is losing an estimated \$2.9 million each day of the strike and their legal counsel has advised them that the government is in dereliction of a duty imposed on it by the Post Office Act to provide postal services.

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business with 60,000 members employing 1 million Canadians has deplored the actions of the union and government.

It's unfortunate that all business concerns could not withhold payment of their monthly tax remittances until such time as this government faces up to its responsibilities. The government's breezy, indifferent attitude would be quickly changed to one of action if their own source of funds was shut off.

The *Financial Times of Canada* editorial of July 13 attributes the strike to the government's approach and the cavalier attitude of Donald Johnston: "from the performance of Donald Johnston, the President of Treasury Board, bungling may be the correct explanation though."

Mr. Johnston's resignation would be a signal to other government officials that no one can disregard the legitimate concerns of the taxpaying public and still keep their own job. Canada's economy is too fragile to support this type of irresponsible behavior by a minister of the crown and the honorable course of action would be resignation and reassignment to less onerous duties for the duration of this government's term in office.

W. A. Sullivan

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### All artists invited to 'Art in the Park'

Sir: Regarding your article of July 16, permit me to redefine the nature of Art in the Park.

This event is organized by a volunteer committee which invites professional artists and new artists, and encourages the Sunday painter and the amateur, to participate.

It is our conviction that contact and communication among creative persons is enriching for all concerned and of definite interest to the public. Seldom do galleries and art shows offer a spectrum of the creative expression in a community. Our ultimate aim would be to provide a scene for such a spectrum.

This year's fall Art in the Park will be held Saturday, Sept. 26, 10 am till 7 pm. Artists and craftspeople are invited to participate. Mmes. Sally Hooff, Gaetane Kerr, Lorraine Stiefenhofer, Irene McLearn, Esmé McNeill and myself are signing up participants.

Edythe Germain

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Quebec bureaucracy has been able to balk any meaningful reform, it being unthinkable to it that below the level of provincial administration there should be any level of government enjoying its own responsibility and which might be a challenge to the entrenched provincial machine.

Such a challenge could be real, considering that Montreal island is the motor of the province. It provides most of the tax money. The trouble is that, while the people of the MUC do not control the key functions of their territorial government, neither does Quebec. Policy regarding island police and transportation simply receives no popular input either locally or through the provincial capital.

Who's in charge?  
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## OUR M.P.

Hon. Donald J. Johnston

says . . .



### Need for identity

IN the July 16 editorial on "Symbolic Ottawa," the editor began by saying that he didn't want to appear to be dumping on me with his comments and questions regarding the federal identity program. Rest assured, it was not perceived as such—I took it as a signal that some further explanation of the program's purpose was in order.

By way of background information, a 1969 task force on government information concluded that the visual communications of the federal government were in urgent need of improvement. At that time, each federal organization was free to choose its own symbol to identify its programs and services. In many cases the symbols were poorly designed and costs tended to be high because of duplicated design efforts. The result was a great variety of symbols and the public was unable to distinguish federal government services from those of other levels of government or the private sector.

The federal identity program was developed in an effort to overcome these problems. By adopting a uniform federal symbol, we are trying to achieve greater awareness of the federal presence in Canada. We want Canadians to know what we do and, more importantly, what we can do for them.

In my travels across Canada, I never cease to be amazed at the scope of federal activities—whether it is a construction project, a native health clinic or an employment office. A consistently applied symbol reminds Canadians it is all part of the federal government. In the absence of such symbols, there would again be a hodge-podge of identities which, in fact, would be more expensive than the federal identity program and much less effective in establishing the federal presence.

Basically, the government needed an identity program for some of the same reasons a private organization needs one—consistency in the identification of its product. The program enables people to recognize clearly federal programs and services and thereby gain access to them.

## OUR M.N.A.

Richard D. French

says . . .



### PQ's new low

THE government of Quebec's relations with the native people of the province have hit a low reminiscent of the Sûreté du Québec's infamous visit to Fort Chimo to implement Bill 101 ( . . . those weren't machine guns the police were armed with; they were henceforth to be known as "mitrailleuses").

On the more recent occasion, the PQ once again mistook a legitimate objective—the protection of the salmon fishery—as the occasion for a show of force.

Native people, their rights and their role in the community are a continuing embarrassment to a party self-appointed to the defence of minority language and culture. One of the PQ's greatest challenges is to move beyond its status as an ethnically homogeneous movement, to the expression of and respect for principles respecting all minority languages and cultures. Their relations with native people are perhaps the most spectacular example of their failure to do so.

The invocation of force, the clumsy insensitivity of the responsible minister, and the chronic incapacity to extend to this minority the same kind of recognition that all parties in Quebec rightly seek for Francophones in Canada, illustrate perfectly the PQ's incapacity.

The charming Gerald Godin notwithstanding, the government party remains intolerant and inward-looking with its major moral direction the vindication of the status of one among a whole mosaic of minorities.

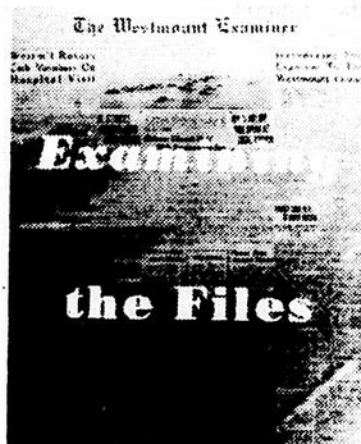
There is no place for native people in the vision of Quebec promoted by the Parti Québécois.

# Man of many parts

By JOAN CAPREOL

GERALD Gordon Symons, C.I.B., is a handsome, 59-year-old man of many parts. He is chairman, chief executive or agent of six insurance companies in Canada, the United States and Bermuda with assets in excess of \$150,000,000. He is a sportsman, pilot, painter, and humanitarian interested in health care.

"If you have a desire to succeed, it can be applied equally to sports or business," said Mr. Symons during an



**Thirty-five Years Ago**  
July 26, 1946

"Westmount got its first taste of beer bought in local stores over the weekend and by last night, after heavy raids by summer-thirsty customers, grocers were contemplating shelves picked clean of their first supply of the long green bottles. After last month's hotly-contested plebiscite, in which Westmount voted to allow six grocers to dispense ale in the hitherto bone dry community, there had been several weeks of anxious waiting. Finally, licences came through from the Quebec Liquor Commission, beer was delivered and land-office business got under way almost immediately."

**Twenty-five Years Ago**  
July 20, 1956

"It isn't often that people take kindly to inconvenience, but local residents were quick to praise the City of Westmount this week for the speedy repaving job done on the old No. 14 streetcar route. The area repaved included Claremont avenue from Sherbrooke street to Westmount avenue, Westmount avenue to Lansdowne avenue, Lansdowne to The Boulevard, and The Boulevard to the east limits of the city at Belvedere road. The job was started Thursday, July 5, and finished the following Friday."

**Fifteen Years Ago**  
July 21, 1966

"Official notice was given to city council on Monday evening by Ald. Peter M. McEntyre that the city will indeed have a Centennial Project and that the project will be an addition to the present Westmount Library. Asked after the meeting about the project, City Manager Norman Dawe said: 'We had decided to add an extension to the present Westmount Library but that is as far as we have gone.' There are no details at the moment concerning the project."

**Five Years Ago**  
July 22, 1976

"'Vindication' has been the extravagant term used for the extravagant Mayor Jean Drapeau of Montreal upon the triumphal opening and the breath-taking progression of the Olympic Games. 'Vision,' 'determination,' 'drive,' 'imagination' — few would deny these attributes and others to the man. But, without taking away one iota from this and his other accomplishments, vindicated he is not. And amidst the excitement, preoccupation and euphoria in being the centre of attention of the world, we should not forget basic facts. The Drapeau success grew out of a colossal failure of the democratic process of responsible government and a huge cost yet untallied."



G. Gordon Symons

interview in his luxurious suite of offices in Westmount. He was wearing a Lloyd's of London tie, being a member of the famed British firm.

"It is interesting that here I am in Montreal the leading insurer of major professional sports organizations in the United States," he said. He insures the Toronto Blue Jays, the Montreal Expos, Vancouver Whitecaps, San Francisco Forty-Niners and Giants, Philadelphia Flyers and Eagles, Los Angeles Lakers and Kings, New York Islanders and Arrows, Chicago Bears, Boston Celtics, Colorado Rockies, Atlanta Falcons and Phoenix Inferno.

"My involvement in Canadian activities comes under two federal holding companies with head offices in Edmonton," said Mr. Symons.

Mr. Symons, who looks 10 years younger than he is, has fair hair, blue eyes and a genial manner. He is very trim.

**Flies for pleasure**

A Royal Canadian Air Force pilot serving overseas in the Second World War from 1941-45, retiring with the rank of flight lieutenant, Mr. Symons today flies a small Cessna for pleasure. On one wall of his office are photographs his navigators took of Beaufighter attacks on convoys off the Dutch coast, the North Sea and Frisian Islands and Mosquito attacks in Norway in 1944.

"My last trip was an attack on the Kattegat on May 4, 1945," smiled Mr. Symons. "My two brothers were also RCAF pilots who came back unscathed, too. My father, who served in the First World War, went overseas with the Royal Regiment of Canada and because of his age later became supervisor of the Canadian Legion."

Mr. Symons is a member of the Canadian Schizophrenia Foundation and a director of the Society for Emotional Development in the Child.

How did he get interested in these or-

ganizations?

"I had to make a reassessment of my own activities because of a health problem in 1959," Mr. Symons replied. "I had developed a condition known as hypoglycemia or low blood sugar. At that time there was very little known about this illness which is also described as anti-diabetic reaction. I spent a lot of time determining what was the cause of the problem. As a result I became interested in this subject and related problems of an orthomolecular nature."

"I found that diet and some vitamin supplements resolved my problem. It helped me to the degree that I thought the orthomolecular approach must be helpful to many other conditions."

"Canada has led the way in a great degree in the treatment of schizophrenia. Doctors A. Hoffer and Humphrey Osmond came up with the niacin B3 approach in the early '50s. This has been highly refined since then but it's an accepted tool now in the treatment of schizophrenia."

"As a result I got involved with the Society for Emotionally Disturbed Children and was instrumental in changing the name to the Society For Emotional Development in the Child."

**Help parents diagnose**

"We help parents to diagnose such things as cerebral allergies and other manifestations as a result of diet and other allergies."

Mr. Symons is a life governor of the Montreal General Hospital and a director of the Lakeshore General Hospital.

While the curling or golf club now provide Mr. Symons with most of his sporting activities, he was at one time active in several areas. He won the Quebec singles squash championship in 1956 and teamed up with another man to win the Canadian squash doubles championship three times. He rowed with the Lachine Rowing Club to win the Eastern Rowing Association championship in '39, '40, '41

and '46. He participated in soccer, rugby and hockey.

Mr. Symons is the current Quebec senior golf champion with a handicap of four. He started playing golf in 1947 on the day he was to start his first job in the insurance business, and won the 10-and-over handicap of the Quebec Golf Association championship, posting a 77.

On July 1 he played in the Peter Jackson Ladies' Professional Golf Association Pro Am tournament with Susie McAllister, Jaime Robertson and Leigh Ronalds at the Summerlea Golf Club.

He curled a lot with Clarence Campbell and with him won the prestigious Boston Broomstones in 1975. With two of his sons and Rolph Hoppe, he won the Stockton Trophy in Boston in three tournaments from 1975-77.

After the war he started his insurance career with Stewart, Smith (Canada) Limited, specializing at first in aviation insurance, "an interest developed during my stay in the air force."

**Spent time in Toronto**

He worked for a time in Toronto and then returned to Montreal. In 1953, he joined Morgan Insurance Services Limited. He was named a director in 1956 and appointed vice-president in 1958. He left Morgan's in 1964 to set up his own company.

He was born in Montreal, the son of the late Wilfred G. Symons, a businessman who was a soloist at Christ Church Cathedral, and Nellie Shaw Symons who worked as stationary engineer of Distillers Corporation until she died in 1962 at the age of 72. She was a president of the Canadian Legion Auxiliary.

Mr. Symons' two brothers are Randy, who is the vice-president of a Vancouver real estate company, and John, who has his master's in social work and does social work in Vancouver.

Mr. Symons was educated at Lachine High School and attended Sir George Williams University.

In 1946 Mr. Symons married Norma Helen McElligot of Lachine, who graduated as a nurse from the Homeopathic (now the Queen Elizabeth) Hospital.

The Symons have five children. Alan, 34, is president of IMG Insurance Management Group Limited in Toronto. Robert, 33, is president of Insura Data Limited, a Toronto computer company. Kirk, 30, an honors graduate in electrical engineering from Sir George Williams University, got a master's degree in Christian studies from the University of British Columbia. When he graduated he went to Zambia to build a radio station. He is now an engineer with a Vancouver firm.

**A McDonald's manager**

Karen, 25, is manager of the Côte Veru McDonald's. She joined the restaurant chain at the age of 16. She opened their Atwater restaurant and was manager for a time of their Peel street branch. Elizabeth, 22, is a super athlete. She played on both the Quebec softball and soccer teams. In her teens she was three times finalist at the Beaconsfield Club. Four years ago she was runner-up in the Montreal and district ladies' golf tournament. She now is taking her B.Comm. at the University of Windsor and wants to do business administration.

Mr. Symons is a member of the Mid-Ocean Club, Bermuda, the Canadian & Metropolitan Club of New York, the Kanawaki Golf Club, Caughnawaga, the Royal Montreal Curling Club and the Montreal Badminton and Squash Club.

He travels three weeks of the month, a quarter of a million miles a year, predominantly in the United States, Canada and Britain.

When in Montreal the Symons reside in an apartment in Westmount Square. Their beautiful home is called Belle Cove in Tucker's Town, Bermuda.

Mr. Symons paints and gives his works to friends. He also builds model boats.

"It takes 500 hours to build one boat," he finished.

**Next Week's Profile**

Henrietta Antony

## 'New Wine' performs in park

The third in a series of outdoor worship services sponsored by Westmount Baptist Church will be held in the lagoon area of Westmount Park on Sunday at 7.

"New Wine," a well known contemporary folk gospel

group from the Montreal area, will provide a mini-concert of Christian music assisted by musical groups from the Quebec Association of Baptist Youth.

The program, with music and scriptures in English and French, will include duets by Heather Ragg and Adele Stevens of Westmount Baptist, and the girls' quartet composed of Andrea and Julia Gilmour, Debbie Bedard and Susan Hartman of St. Lambert Baptist Church.

The congregation is invited to Westmount Baptist Church following the park service to celebrate the birthday of the minister, Dr. Walter Ellis. All are welcome.

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ing to celebrate the 75th anniversary of their religious organization, established by Mrs. Tracy Ludington, a one-time Elm avenue resident who died some time ago in her late 90s. The site for the church, on Ludington's Point, and the pavilion on it, were provided by her husband.

On the death of Mr. Ludington, a clause in his will set up the all-denomination church in perpetuity and the land on which it stands, provided services are held each year.

Minister for the occasion was Rev. R. Stuart Johnston. The organist was Paul Webb and the benediction was given by Rev. Emile Masse.

An all points tribute was paid to Mrs. Ludington for establishing the place of worship. The church over the years has donated generously to the Chapleau Fresh Air Fund, Montreal Children's Hospital, Old Brewery Mission, All People Mission, Grace Dart Home, Salvation Army, Bible Society, Red Cross, VON, Big Sisters, Mater-

nity Hospital, School for Crippled Children, Sailors Institute and the Boys' Farm and Training School.

Following the special service, a luncheon was held at the club of the local fishing organization.

Presidents of the congregation, from its founding in 1906, have been Mrs. G. Dalpe, Mrs. W. Cunningham, Mrs. W. Vipond, Mrs. Therrien, Miss A. Loudon, Mrs. R. T. Stackhouse, Mrs. Ogden, Mrs. Hawthorne, Mrs. E. Reid, Mrs. Calder, Mrs. J. Patterson, Mrs. W. H. McManus, Mrs. G., Thompson, Mrs. W. S. Jeffrey, Mrs. H. Reid, Mrs. J. S. Cook, Mrs. J. Gibson, Mrs. H. Lockhart, Mrs. C. Day, Mrs. E. Cushing, Mrs. W. Coupland, Mrs. J. H. Greig, Mrs. E. Mundy.

Mrs. J. Gardner, Mrs. W. P. Reid, Mrs. A. Newell, Mrs. T. M. Dick, Miss J. Hawthorne, Mrs. E. G. Hinds, Miss D. Flower, Rev. E. Masse, C. J. Campbell, Mrs. R. Harbert, L. Whyte, K. J. Cook, H. Calder, P. Webb, B. R. Brown and Philip Hamilton.

## Culture clash leads to picture run upside down

A clash of cultures found its way into THE EXAMINER last week.

Unbeknownst to our layout experts, it seems the Chinese writing (indeed, the whole painting) on a watercolor from the collection of Andrew Lui was upside down.

Our best linguists, meanwhile, could not read the script, which says, "There are fish in the painting." That appears to contradict the "Flowers" title given THE EXAMINER when the watercolor was brought in.

Readers who want to get a more accurate appreciation of Chinese art should drop by the Westmount Public Library, where Mr. Lui's paintings are on display.

## Unstole?

A \$2,000 mink stole belonging to a Kensington avenue woman was reported missing Monday. Police said the 75-year-old woman did not believe it had been stolen.

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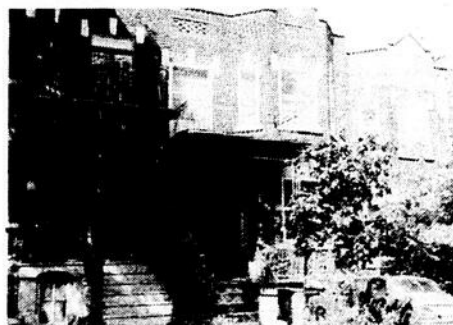
**Westmount**

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**Westmount**

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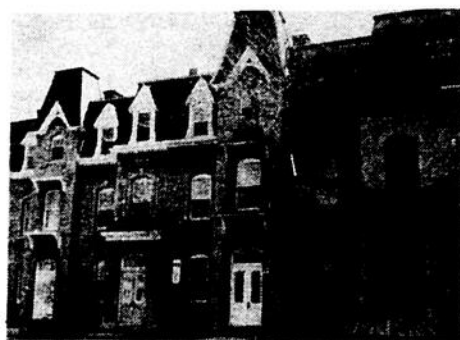
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# New construction leads boom; building permits near record

By **ANDY DODGE**

A staggering \$8-million-plus worth of building permits were handed out by city hall during the first half of 1981, surpassing the total amount of permits

handed out all of last year and almost reaching the mark for record-setting 1977.

Almost all of this year's amount so far is made up of new

construction, extensions and conversions of buildings, however, and the amount spent in regular alteration and plumb-

ing permits actually is down from comparable figures of the past two years.

It should be noted, though, that the size of the permits is not necessarily indicative of new construction starts in Westmount. The proposed office building at 4160 Sherbrooke street west, for which a \$1,200,000 permit was handed out in February, has not started to rise, nor has there been much activity around the burned-out structure at 4026 Dorchester boulevard west, which obtained a \$170,000 rebuilding permit on March 3.

Those facts notwithstanding, the construction of apartment-condominiums at 4855 de Maisonneuve boulevard west, single-family dwellings and duplexes further west between Victoria and Prince Albert avenues, homes on either side of The Boulevard east of Clarke avenue and others in various parts of Westmount are indicative of a "boom" construction year for the city.

building at 4005 Richelieu street, all the work is on smaller dwellings. Five one-family houses and two duplexes between 4875 and 4895 de Maisonneuve make up the largest project, followed by the six homes being constructed between Trafalgar and Belvedere roads. Nearby on The Boulevard, three houses are under construction in front of the Braemar mansion, while across the street foundations are being poured for two semi-detached dwellings.

Other homes to get the city nod this year include one at 19 Lansdowne Ridge and another at 4356 Westmount avenue, near Forde. Another house at 509 Roslyn avenue still is under construction.

**Rosemount conversion**

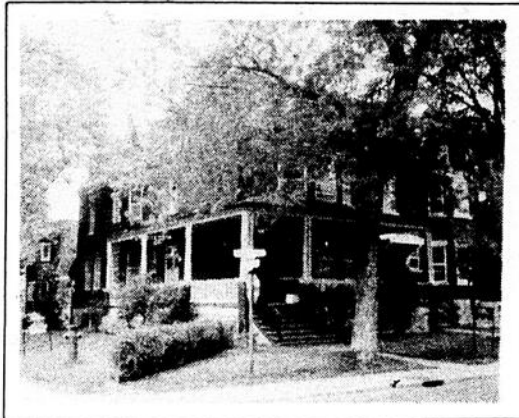
No. 28 Rosemount was converted this year to two single-  
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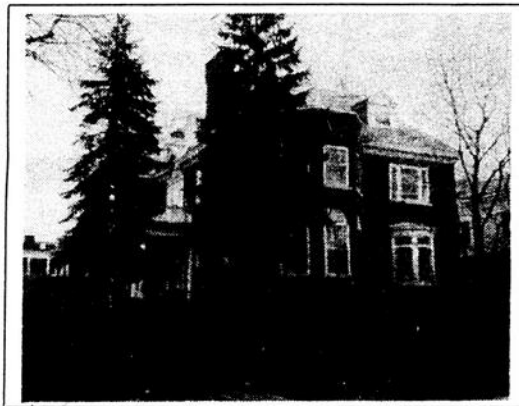
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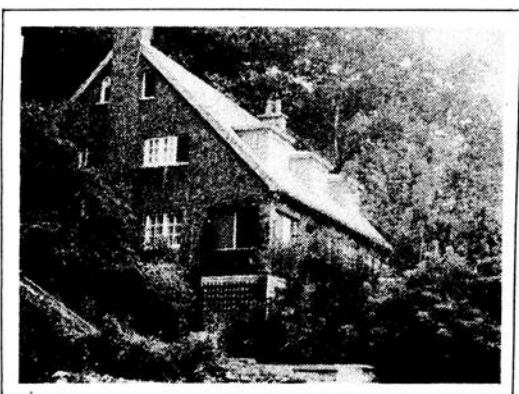


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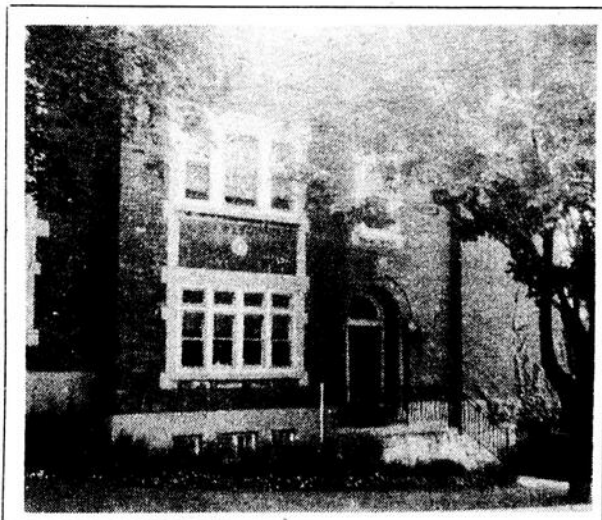
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## HOMES OF DISTINCTION

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Even with the two inactive sites taken out, Westmount can boast some \$5,156,500 worth of new construction, extensions, additions and conversions during the first six months of 1981, a higher amount than in any full year since 1977.

With the year only half over, there is a strong likelihood of further new construction to buttress the permits list: Only this month Garoh, Ltd. took out permits for three new houses on Belvedere road, and another two are planned there; an office building is being designed for the former Quinlan apartments site on St. Catherine street west at the foot of Kensington avenue; there is talk of a fourth tower for Westmount Square and of a major building across the street on Greene avenue at de Maisonneuve.

For the time being, house construction appears to be the main point of interest in Westmount. Except for the 4855 de Maisonneuve building, dominated by its huge red boom, and an extension to the industrial

**CITY OF WESTMOUNT**



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

**July 14**

376 Roslyn: for C. Thomson by self and G. R. Perreault, alterations, \$4,000;

**July 15**

65 Summit Crescent: for D. Reich by self, enclosure of sundeck, \$3,500;

**July 16**

4914 Sherbrooke: for Bernard Clarke by S. Douglas, extension, \$150,000;

**July 17**

1165 Greene: for Henrietta Antony by Constructions Schippers, to re-structure partition and install cupboard, \$700.

**Westmount - 479 Strathcona**



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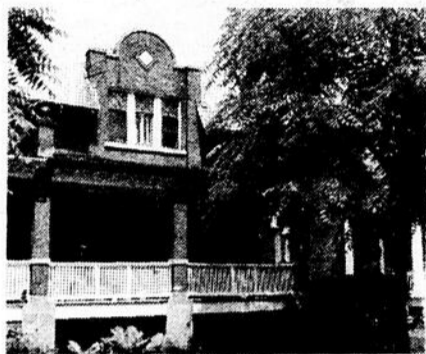
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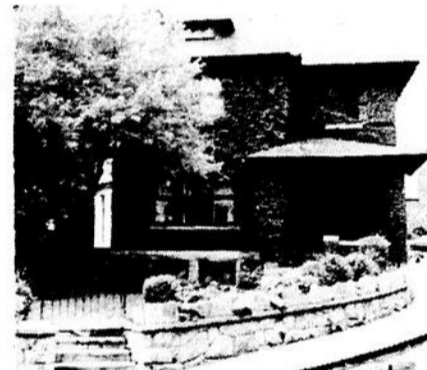


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family dwellings, and an extension was added to No. 26, the southerly product of the division. Extensions also were approved to 41 Forde avenue and 202 Côte St. Antoine road, while more minor additions were made to four other

buildings.

In terms of general alterations and plumbing permits for existing dwellings, the first half of 1981 was somewhat disappointing. Both January and February—relatively dry months this year—were up substantially over the same months in 1980, but the numbers and size of permits dropped off sharply in March and stayed below par

in the following three months.

It might be suggested, of course, that so much euphoria surrounded the sovereignty-association referendum last year that many homeowners decided then to go ahead with long-awaited improvements. In fact, however, the total of \$1,497,270 in estimated contracts for work during the first half of 1979 was not matched this year (\$1,404,297), though the number of permits was slightly higher.

Within the figures, two points stand out. Conversions of oil furnaces to gas were down substantially from last year, thanks to the inaction of the federal government and Gaz Métropolitain to come up with the promised grants for such conversions. In the first half of 1981, only 31 such permits totalled \$69,764 in work done. The first six months of last year saw 48 conversions totalling \$100,930, while the second half-year had 69, for an estimated \$143,965.

### Concentrate on exteriors

Also, many homeowners this year appear to be concentrating on the exterior of their houses: new decks, patios and walls accounted for 16 permits worth \$53,300.

(Another rather "trendy" alteration which appears to be taking place this year is the installation of saunas, whirlpools and hot tubs, though the extent cannot be easily discerned on the basis of the city permits list.)

There is little doubt more building permits will be issued during the second half of 1981 than in the first half, but it also is likely that they will be smaller, on average, than those already issued. In the first half of 1979, 173 alteration and plumbing permits averaged \$8,655 each, while the 253 issued in the second half-year averaged \$6,015. Last year, 219 in the first half averaged \$7,870, and 267 in the second half averaged \$5,438 each.

One might also expect interest rates to have a bearing on the number and size of permits in the coming months, in one of two ways. While many families might hesitate to take out loans for home improvements, the prospect of moving to another, nicer Westmount home diminishes, and often citizens will feel obliged instead to make improvements to their existing homes.

## Two scofflaws picked up here

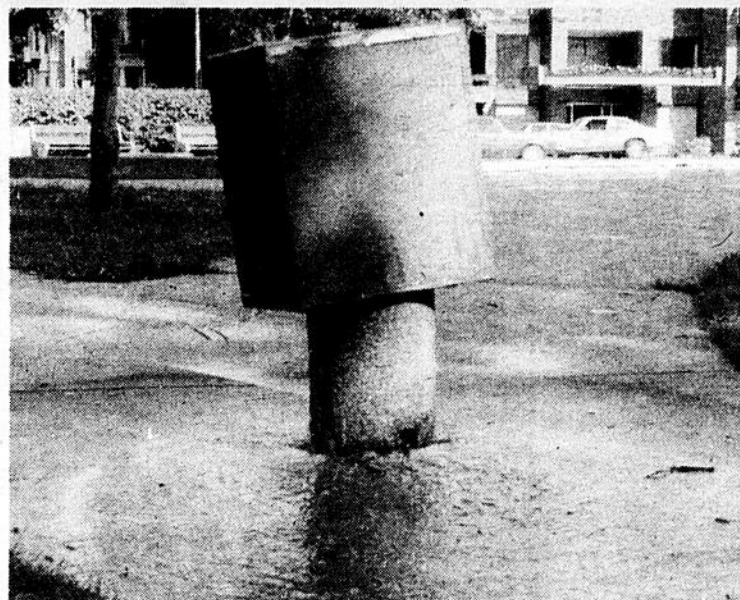
Two non-residents of Westmount were caught for more than \$600 worth of unpaid traffic tickets when they drove through this community in the past week, police report.

The first driver was stopped last Tuesday morning on Dorchester boulevard and was found to owe \$208.50 in unpaid warrants after computer verification. Another man, checked Sunday at Sherbrooke street and Wood avenue, was found to be owing \$406.90 in outstanding tickets.

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**FOUNTAIN FURY:** The drinking fountain near Melville Pond in Westmount Park came off its moorings last Thursday, causing masses of water to pour out the bottom of the fixture and make a virtual river out of nearby sidewalks. The box, apparently, was placed over the top of the fountain to indicate that it was not to be used.

## Suspicious

A 17-year-old youth was picked up by police Monday on suspicion of breaking into cars, but was later released, police said. He apparently was in possession of a flashlight and cutter-pliers when he was spotted near 4200 Dorchester boulevard west in the early hours.

## Put on 'Hold'

Someone must feel holiday time should mean no phone is needed. A repair man from Bell Canada told police last Tuesday someone had pulled the telephone wires out of Westmount Park School at the rear of the building causing some \$500 damage.

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## All ages in YMCA programs

When the Westmount YMCA's assistant program director, Jacqueline Blomfield, says that people of all ages take part in the Westmount Y's programs, she isn't kidding.

"We've got exercise classes that have children younger than a year and others that

By IAN STALKER  
have people who are over 80," she said.

And what exactly does a nine-month-old child or an 82-year-old do?

"In the classes for the very young children we're trying mostly to develop their co-ordination. There are a number of exercises which can improve it," she explained.

"The older people take part in the adult physical fitness classes. We have a group of women, all of whom are over 80, who come up from Verdun for our classes. Obviously, they won't have the stamina that younger women will, but they manage."

The YMCA has changed a lot from the organization that Sir George Williams founded. No longer are women barred from working out at Ys. Members no longer enrol just to become

physically fit but may be attracted by courses on bicycle maintenance, cooking or how to become a responsible babysitter.

### Friday evening program

For example, the Westmount YMCA's "Friday Night's All Right" program allows teenagers to spend three hours every Friday evening taking part in traditional Y activities such as basketball or volleyball, or in nontraditional ones such as theatre, chess, backgammon or music crafts for only 75 cents an evening.

The belief that the Y offers only physical activities is simply incorrect, Blomfield says.

She says that when the YMCA was founded in London, England, last century, its aim was to improve the "mind, body and spirit" of members.

In fact, physical activities weren't even offered when the first Y opened. It began with members getting together for Bible and prayer meetings and only later were physical facilities added.

Today, the Westmount Y, as do the 10 other branches in the Montreal area, offers a wide range of activities for its 500 members and more than 2,000 others have signed up for individual programs.

One example of the Y's efforts to serve the community is its day camp program where instructors supervise activities in the pool and gymnasium, and instruct them in arts and crafts, science, music and field trips.

### Wilderness training

As well, city children can escape the sun or heat by enrolling in the YMCA-run Camp Weredale in the Laurentians where they are given wilderness training.

All of that, the Y says, will help young Westmounters learn and develop in a healthy environment.

For those who simply are interested in working themselves into shape, a year-long fitness course is available.

It is, says the director of physical education, Steve Garwood, a good deal.

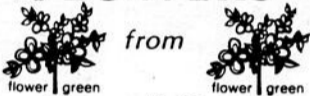
"There's no comparison between what we're offering and what other fitness clubs offer," he said.

"Other places may allow members to use their facilities



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**Fitness bandwagon**

Enrolments in programs such as fitness, swimming and karate are increasing steadily as Westmounters join other Canadians in jumping on the physical fitness bandwagon, Garwood says. Particularly popular are the dance classes. Introduced several years ago,

**Metcalf entry**

Nothing touched, nothing taken, police report following a break-in over the weekend at a house on Metcalfe avenue between de Maisonneuve boulevard and St. Catherine street. The house apparently was broken into through a rear window left unlocked when occupants left Friday. They reported certain lights had been turned on before they returned Sunday.

**Notice of Annual General Meeting of the VISUAL ARTS CENTRE**

The annual general meeting of the Visual Arts Centre will be held at 350 Victoria Avenue, Westmount, Quebec on Thursday, July 30, 1981 at 6 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. approval of the minutes of the previous general meeting;
2. presentation of financial statements;
3. election of Directors;
4. appointment of auditors;
5. other business

dated July 21, 1981  
Patrick Martin, President

they are both an entertaining and effective way of becoming fit.

However, more than the local community is served by the Westmount Y. Keeping in tune with the YMCA's spirit of international brotherhood, it began a fund raising program this spring for refugees in the West African nation of Cameroon. So far, \$5,400 has been pledged and

the Canadian International Development Agency has agreed to donate three dollars for every dollar that the Y raises.

But above all, the Westmount Y wants to provide enjoyable forms of recreation for the community.

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# Eva Prager visits Man and His World

Westmount artist Eva Prager, 333 Lansdowne avenue, last year was enchanted by the flowers at Floralties and gave EXAMINER readers a fine overview from an artist's eye. This summer she has returned to the Man and His World islands and couldn't resist making what she calls "walking sketches" of the sights which caught her fancy. She has put these together in accompanying montage. Here is her own commentary:

More beautiful than ever. There is a little Garden of Paradise in a pool by the former Japanese pavilion. In that garden was a "mermaid" clad in a tiny bikini, with her baby in nappies, unperturbed by other visitors, while papa-mermaid rested at a little picnic table set up in the bushes.

Nearby, the India pavilion invites you to taste delicious tea.

Italy, apart from a lovely film of Italy set up in a mockup of an Alitalia plane interior, has reproductions of magnificent drawings by Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci, and also a replica of the head of the famous statue of David. Like last year, when you could look the famous horse's head from Venice right in the eye, you can now study David's head at close range, which is rarely possible as the originals are standing too high for close observation.

There are fascinating films in the various other pavilions, too, like the Olympic film from the U.S.S.R. or the haunting music with the show of Egypt, or the dances in the India pavilion, to mention just a few.

Where else can you enjoy the food of many nations, being surrounded by the glorious flowers of Floralties and the majestic St. Lawrence river. There is a free ride to Floralties on the "Balade," which is a great enjoyment on its own.

Even driving to the site along the harbor with its colorful containers and flowerbeds, past Habitat '67, is a special treat.

These are walking drawings of but a few of the great delights awaiting you. Porchetta, a crunchy roll with roast pork, eaten in a little cafe outside the Italian pavilion, is sheer delight, unless you want to eat elegantly in the Zurich restaurant. My own delight is the pizza—to be eaten while sitting on an embankment overlooking the St. Lawrence and, in the distance, Montreal.



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# Beyond Westmount's Borders

*A random sampler of things to see or do in the bigger city surrounding us*

by RICK KERRIGAN

## Summer is time for relaxing

If God had wanted us to work in the summertime he wouldn't have given us imaginations with which to daydream of sunny beaches, cool mountains and

inviting lakes and rivers. In fact, He probably wouldn't have given us those realities if He hadn't meant us to go out and appreciate them. Surely in our supposed advanced state of civilization it should be possible to make work voluntary during the summer months. The

next best thing, of course, is to have a job which pays the rent, and puts food on the table but requires a minimum of time input.

A friend of mine has just such a job. As the founder of an outdoor club, he is required only during the weekend trips. Weekly organization requires a few hours per week of telephone calls and research involves hiking the various trails in advance. This may be a simplified view of the work required, but the fact remains that he has found time each summer weekday for what sounds like a perfect summer activity in the city.

From his Wilson avenue apartment in N.D.G. he walks to Westmount Park where he then spends an hour or two relaxing in the cool shade of the trees, whereupon he walks home. What could be more civilized?

I wonder how many Westmounters make such good use of their park. Indeed, I suspect that many of the park's summer users are persons from beyond Westmount's borders who know a good park when they relax in it. One could consider it Westmount's contribution to a civilized summer in the city.

## Spaghetti shootout at Loyola

While summer still has a way to go, the Loyola Summer Film Series is winding to a close with "My Name Is Nobody" on Friday and Saturday, 8 pm, and "The Long Riders" July 31 and Aug. 1, 8 pm. The former film is supposed to be the ultimate spaghetti western and stars Henry Fonda and Terence Hill. It also features, according to the billing, one of the most incredible shootouts in screen history wherein an old gunfighter takes on the 150-member "Wild

Bunch." Screenings are in the F. C. Smith Auditorium of Concordia University, 7141 Sherbrooke street west.

## Last chance for "Deathtrap"

You have until Saturday to see Ira Levin's "Deathtrap" at the Piggery Theatre in North Hatley and don't forget the country suppers served at the theatre before the performances. It's best to call ahead for reservations. Curtain time is 8:30 pm on weekdays and 6 and 9:30 Saturdays. A new play, George Feydeau's "Monsieur Ribadier's System," opens July 30.

## MSO series ends Tuesday

If you've been to all the concerts in the Montreal Symphony Orchestra's Mozart-Brahms series, you've probably had your fill of those two composers for a while. Or perhaps you just can't get enough of their music. In that case you will be disappointed that the concert to be held Tuesday at 7:30 pm at Notre Dame Church will be the last in the series. The Mozart work will be "Ave verum corpus, K. 618" and the soloist will be soprano Lois Marsh. The Brahms work will be "Requiem allemand" with Ms. Marsh again and baritone Allan Monk and the orchestra choir under Wayne Riddell.

## Hydro-Quebec offers power trip

Hydro-Québec is offering tours of their various hydroelectric installations around the city of Montreal and throughout the province, and of the windmill at Iles-de-la-Madeleine. The plants near Montreal are Beauharnois, Carillon and Rivière-des-Prairies,

## P. H. Bélanger shows drawings

An exhibition of pen and ink drawings titled "Landmarks of Westmount" by Pierre H. Bélanger is to open in the Westmount Public Library on Monday, Aug. 3, running until Aug. 14. The exhibit will be on view during regular summer library hours: Wednesdays 10 am to 6 pm and other days 10 am to 9:30 pm. (Closed Saturdays and Sundays.)

## Chair taken

An antique chair valued at \$250 was taken from a store recently on Greene avenue, according to police. It had apparently been placed near the door.

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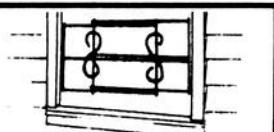
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worried about the resale value of his property as a result of the adverse publicity than he is of danger to his and his family's health.)

Thus one of the most serious considerations, specially for Westmounters, is resale value of homes insulated with the material. Even if there is no decomposition, no one with UFFI in his walls can guarantee the life of the material, and few buyers may be willing to take the chance.

Though in all probability a majority of homes are likely never to experience decomposition, "it's too high a risk to take," Ms. Menard points out.

The material is "like shaving foam," installed using water which is supposed to dry out once poured into the walls. High humidity, hot weather or inadequate ventilation all can lead to decomposition, she suggests. Once it decomposes, small children, older persons and those with breathing difficulties or allergies are the first to be affected.

The only thing she and government officials can do — for the moment — is to ask homeowners to check their insulation contracts, to find out if they are affected. The product probably will be identified as urea formaldehyde, or by its brand names: Rapco Foam, Borden Insol-Spray or, in a few cases, Blue Interfoam. Federal government insulating numbers for the Rapco and Borden products are 8209 and 8211; others might be applicable, too, so it is best to check with the government information service or FIVO if there is any uncertainty.

(In the case of recently-purchased homes, one would be wise to ask the former owner if new insulation was installed



Roxanne Menard

and, if so, what it is. General contractors might be able to identify samples of the product by removing it from the wall to examine it.)

**'Sit tight'**

Ms. Menard says the government and universities are working "full time" to find an antidote for the substance, and suggests homeowners sit tight until one is discovered. Sodium bisulfate, which at one time was thought to be a good neutralizing agent, has made some victims even sicker than they were with the UFFI gas.

Urea formaldehyde is hardly a new product, Ms. Menard points out; indeed, it has been used in plywood, paint and wall coverings for the past 90 years but does not decompose in those forms. The foam insulation has been around for about 15 years, she says, but was not used extensively until about 1977, when it became a part of the federal government's repertoire of materials eligible for grants under the Canadian Home Insulating Program.

Now, she believes, some 100,000 Canadian homes contain UFFI, and 50,000 of those are in Quebec. Probably 50 percent or more of all the blown-in insulation between 1977 and last year was urea formaldehyde, meaning there are likely to be numerous Westmount homes which contain it.

The product was banned from home use on Dec. 19 last year, and from commercial buildings on June 22 this year.

Ms. Menard, a recent political science graduate from the University of Montreal, works with one secretary alongside Lawyers Guy Blouin and Serge Joly, who are handling the class-action suit.

In early May the city took its only step in the situation, when Mayor Donald MacCallum announced in city council that the city might be willing to help citizens find contractors willing to analyze the air in their homes. There have been few requests for such information, apparently, and officials have been suggesting that citizens call the toll-free number in Hull (above) for details.

The city has no control over the type of insulation installed in homes, one official pointed out, and keeps no records on the subject so does not know the extent of UFFI installations locally.

The provincial government, meanwhile, is reported to have established its own task force to examine the problem. Ms. Menard suggests they are "very interested" in the situation, but basically powerless to do much about it.

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**ARCHITECTURAL ART:** The first Montreal exhibition of architectural models and drawings opened last Thursday at the Galerie Sarah McCutcheon in the Old Post Office on Greene avenue. The display featured the work of Westmount Architect Peter Rose and his associates. Taking an interest in the work was Ald. JoAnn Issenman, Westmount's commissioner of planning and redevelopment.

## Volunteers backbone of recreation work

By GARY ROUSE

The success of the City of Westmount in its various sporting leagues and community activities has a great deal to do with a commodity Westmount has been blessed with, volunteers.

The volunteers range from young children to older adults. They are involved in a wide range of activities and, without their help, all the leagues and activities could not exist.

Volunteers are used in the soccer program as well as

hockey, softball and touch football. They are also very much present in many of the girls' activities such as dancing, figure skating and drama.

Volunteers also are involved this summer in tennis and swimming instruction, going on now at the pool and courts next to the arena.

There are over 130 volunteers actively taking part in the various activities of the recreation department.

Not enough emphasis can be

## Bowlers 'Triples' victors

The Provincial Ladies Lawn Bowling Association "Triples Competition" was played Friday evening at the Mount Royal Country Club with the Westmount team of Peggy Reid, skip; Marg Ross, vice-skip, and Doris Marshall, lead, defeating the team from Lachine skipped by Lena Franklin with Mary Sanford, vice skip, and Gert McElligott, lead.

At the same time the Quebec Lawn Bowling Federation were playing "Men's Fours." The Lachine rink—Ted Franklin, skip; Bill Tait, third; Jim Macaulay, second, and Bill Ogilvie, lead, defeated a rink from St. Lambert skipped by Frank Yule.

Both winning teams will represent Quebec at the Canadian Championship games in Vancouver, Aug. 23 - 27.

placed on the importance of these volunteers to the City of Westmount. Unlike so many other districts of Montreal, Westmount has been blessed.

Westmount is always seeking new volunteers. If you are interested in devoting a little of your time, get in touch with the recreation department at 932-4293.

## Playground program to Tamaracouta

The summer playground program is in full swing. This week the youngsters will be visiting Camp Tamaracouta, the oldest Scout camp in the world. It covers over 1,000 acres. Participants will be swimming, rowing, canoeing, roasting marshmallows over a camp fire. And wherever there's a camp fire there always are old-fashioned songs. The trip will take place rain or shine so kids are advised to bring a coat and boots if the weather looks threatening. It is not too late to register for the program, at either Prince Albert or Westmount park.

The playground program had its annual scavenger hunt this past week with the winners being the Yellow Team, consisting of Mark Cameron, Cathy Evans, Jane Stevenson, Abby Gross and Matthew Swan.

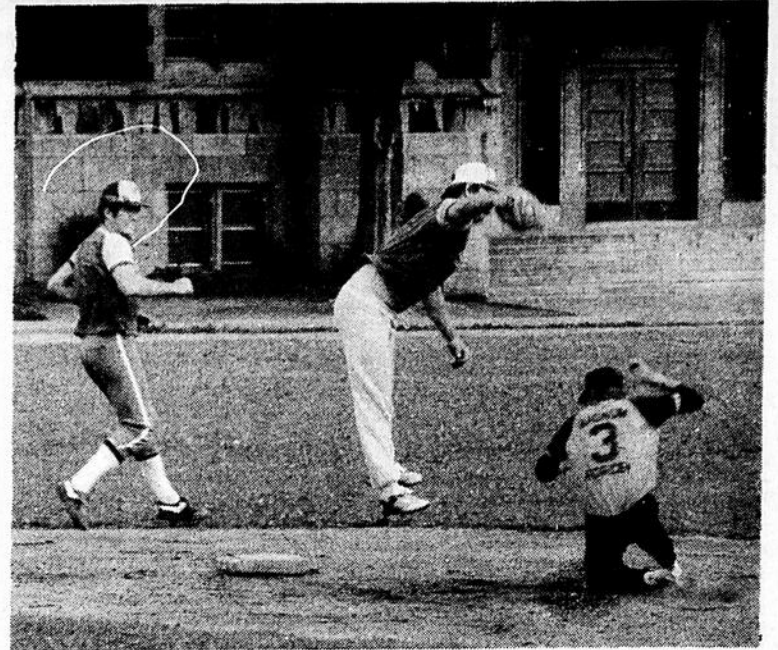
## Only two games, rains hit schedule

Last week in Senior League action only one game was played by each team due to rain.

On diamond 2, Magnum Force knocked P.C. out of a possible play-off spot with an 8-3 win. The superb pitching of Deegan Stubbs enabled Magnum to come from behind to pull this one out, as Stubbs was holding the opposition off the board.

In the other game, between the Wanderers and the Stars, it took some extra-inning heroics by the Stars to enable them to stay tied atop the league standings with Magnum.

The Stars, after blowing a 7-0 lead, eventually scored two eight-inning runs to stymie the Wanderers' comeback attempt. The Wanderers, who were trailing 7-0 early and fought back to tie it, had a golden opportunity to win with a man on third and only one out in the last half of the seventh. However, he was left stranded and the Stars took advantage of their good fortune by scoring two runs in the first half of the initial extra inning, and won 9-7.



**COSTLY OVERTHROW:** The throw to Wanderers' second baseman André Caron sailed into the outfield despite his leap and Magnum Force's Gary Rouse slides safely for the steal in senior league baseball action Tuesday evening at Westmount Park. The runner then took the opportunity to score in the 11-5 MF victory.

## Probe probed

The superintendent of an office building at 4150 St. Catherine street west told police an amp-probe and a carrying case had been taken from the premises sometime over the weekend. The brown leather case contained 30 construction cards and was valued along with the amp-probe at \$75.

## Watch lost

An 82-year-old Westmount woman lost a watch in the vicinity of Sherbrooke street west and Prince Albert avenue Monday while out for a walk, police report. The gold Ebro man's watch with nylon bracelet was valued at \$200 by the resident of de Maisonneuve boulevard.



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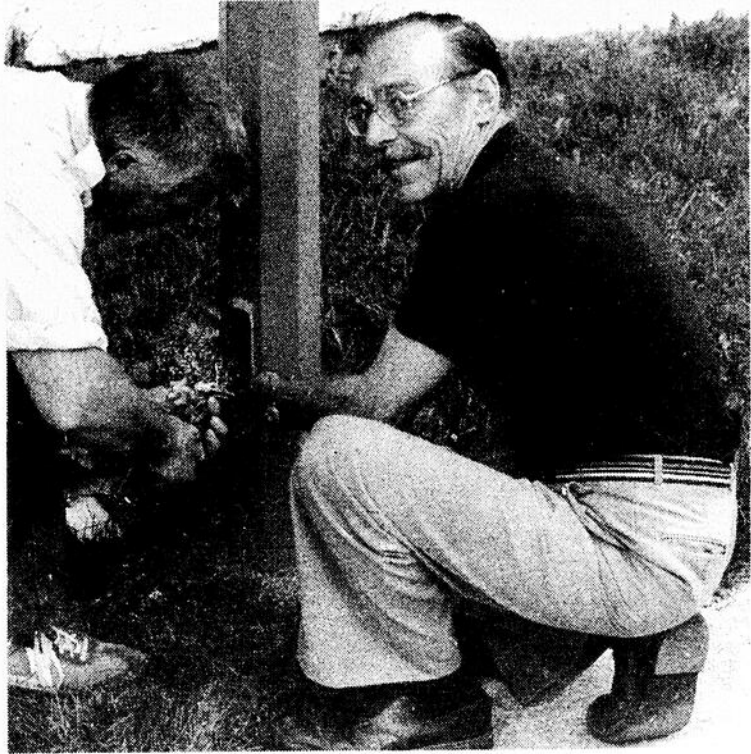


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**STILL ON THE JOB:** Val Bujold, at right, helps Lineman Milton Bond repair cables in a city lamp standard.



## Val Bujold, light-power, 61, retires

If you never learned his real name in the past 32 years, you're like most of us.

So here it is, as a parting shot:

Valère Bujold is leaving the city's light and power department on Tuesday, moving off to the Gaspé as he begins his pre-retirement leave.

Mr. Bujold, known to everyone just as "Val," probably has been in almost every house and under every street in Westmount since he started to work for the city in 1949.

He has seen Westmount's power demand rise from less than 8,000 kW to almost 50,000 kW while he himself rose from lineman to line foreman to general foreman, mainly taking care of the city's external power lines.

"I enjoyed every bit of it here," Mr. Bujold said this week. "I always got along good with everybody."

That includes Power and Communications Director Alex deF. Heron who, having joined city staff one year earlier, was always close to Mr. Bujold. Mr. Heron recognized that his easy-going, devoted style has been exemplary for both the department and the city generally.

Mr. Bujold, now 61, is married with three daughters, a son, a granddaughter and a grandson. He has built his own house in Carleton, Quebec, and plans to spend summers there,

**'EXTRA' INITIATIVE:** A Montreal newspaper column two Saturdays ago mentioned in passing that a film company was looking for "extras" to work in the movie, "The Neighbors," starring Peter O'Toole and Irene Cara, which is to be shot in Montreal during the coming months. The result was a massive line-up last Thursday outside the Crystal Agency offices on Sherbrooke street at Victoria avenue, which was being borrowed by Les Productions Claude Léger to photograph, talk to and ultimately choose the "extras." During the day, some 800 hopefuls of all ages and most walks of life showed up to apply for 350 openings. The Crystal Agency is representing candidates for acting roles in the movie, which is being directed by Westmounter Max Fischer.

returning to his regular home in Châteauguay for the winters.

Within the power department, his duties will be assigned to 25-year veteran Raymond Beausoleil.

THE EXAMINER is unabashedly parochial. However, "Beyond Westmount's Borders," a weekly column by Rick Kerrigan, tells you what is going on in the greater metropolis around us.

## Amanda's Run-ins



*A dog's-eye look at life on the run*

As many of our readers may recall, this column began as a parody of certain human gossip columnists, and while we won't name names (and what kind of gossip mongrel are we, not naming names?) everyone knows who we mean. Scurrilous journalism, to be sure, but avidly read, even by those who won't admit it.

In fact, our initial inspiration was derived from a social column that regularly appeared in the *Stowe Reporter*, chronicling the important details of who had tea with whom, what sort of cookies were served, and which design was printed on the paper napkins gracing the table around which the miraculous event occurred. We could hardly believe it was for such things that the good Lord gave us ink.

Therefore, we were mildly surprised at the popularity of our mock gossip column. In fact, certain of our canine readers have been clamoring for a return to the days when (gulp) we named names.

Ever obliging, we herewith offer the latest...

### Local dog news

There are some new puppies in the neighborhood. **The Beaner** is black and moves like a living, breathing cartoon. He is lots of fun, as is fluffy young **Fergus**, a 12-week-old grey and white bearded collie. Fergus had a grand old time wrestling with our son **Michael**, who came to visit for a few days recently. We were pleased to see that Michael is growing up to be a fine boy and is not yet into drugs or punk rock. However, if the day arrives when he wishes to put safety pins through his ears he should have no trouble finding the rabbit-style targets.

A big welcome is also extended to puppies **Sally** and **Mid-**

**night. Chico**, while still technically a tad, seems to quadruple in size every week.

**Mimi** and **Camilla** reported seeing a family of six raccoons on Springfield avenue. Birthday greetings to **Camilla** who was 10 years old last week.

More new pups have arrived in the persons of **Oona** and **Decsi**. They are a matching pair of Irish Terriers, very beautiful and, as far as we know, unique in Westmount.

Anyone desiring a newt and some goldfish should contact **Tango** and **Tulip**.

**Cassiopiea**, our favorite Basenji, recently won a prize at the Valleyfield Dog Show, where she was judged to be the best puppy in the hound category.

**Skipper Jo** and **Tyrie** both report unpleasant confrontations with the new and temporary dog catcher. The fellow seems to be carried away with youthful zeal and kicks dogs off the run behind the swimming pool the moment the clock strikes nine. Even the permanent catcher has the good sense and discretion not to do that, as the area in question is almost never used by anyone but running dogs and certainly not at that hour of the morning.

Following last week's report on mysterious disappearances within the Westmount triangle, **Skipper Jo** told us that a large pile of cut shrubbery and an extremely heavy lawn roller vanished from his back yard. Anyone hearing a five-note musical theme emanating from nowhere is asked to contact Station 23 immediately.

**Muffet** sends word from London (Ont.) that he is having a good time and will be home soon, unless he decides to run off and join the Picadilly (Ont.) circus.

We offer our humble thanks for the ink.

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