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SANTA COMES TO TOWN: Mr Claus forsook his sleigh Sunday afternoon for a fire truck and siren. It helped him arrive on time at Victoria Hall for the city's annual party for employees' children. The jolly elf is **Fernand Gauthier**, uncle of clown **Claudette Gauthier**, a fire dispatcher and one of the party's organizers along with Beverly Adams, Percy and Dora George and Linda Meloche. Lending a helping hand are firefighters **Gary Greenwood**, **William Osborne**, whose family also attended the party, and **Brian Walsh**.

Upper Westmount may have chilly hours:

City forced to cut power to prevent peak overloads

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's electric utility began cutting power Monday night in selected parts of the upper levels of the city to prevent a prolonged blackout caused by record-setting consumption during the cold spell.

Such load-shedding operations can be expected to continue this winter until updating of electrical supply equipment at the King George Park substation is completed next year, city officials said.

Soaring demands for power in the area are the result in large part of increasing use of electric heating.

Citizens are being urged to conserve electricity between the hours of 4:30 and 7 pm to avoid overloading of the system (see separate stories).

An information flyer explaining the situation is being prepared by Westmount's light and power department for distribution to all households by Christmas.

The load shedding means buildings throughout the city may experience blackouts lasting about an hour from time to time as circuits are shut down to prevent overloading and major circuit failure.

The sudden need to load shed Monday, early in the season, caught city officials by surprise. About 75 residents called the power house for information.

The plan is not related to Hydro-Québec's problems in the Montreal area, Councillor Rhoda Vineberg assured Monday night's city council meeting.

"There is a tremendous load on the Park substation which we are addressing," she said, announcing that load shedding had begun that evening.

"We knew the load shedding would happen this winter, but not

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Bank held up by quiet man

A lone man quietly held up a cashier at the Bank of Montreal, 5003 Sherbrooke street, Friday, police said. He is believed to have made off with less than $500.

The robbery took place about 12:45 pm after the man had waited his turn in line. As he arrived at the teller, he put his hand in a pocket as if holding a gun, and asked for money. He then walked out of the bank and began running east on Sherbrooke.

The robber is described as a white man, speaking English, aged about 25. He wore jeans, running shoes and a jacket of different colors with the crest of Brooks Team International on the back.

Small hike in tax rate for next year

Taxpayers can expect only a small increase in the mill rate for 1990, Mayor May Cutler said Tuesday.

City council members finalized the municipal budget for the coming year at their general committee meeting the night before, she said. She had previously announced that council has been working to keep budget increases in line with the cost of living.

"All the work is done. It's a good budget with a very small increase in the mill rate."

The budget is to be presented at a special meeting Dec 18.

City had to wait till Tuesday noon:

Shaking off trusteeship not as simple as paying up

By CHARLES MAPPIN

"This has been an incredible fiasco," Mayor May Cutler said Tuesday afternoon moments after Westmount was finally released from trusteeship.

"The Quebec Municipal Commission should never have monkeyed around with this."

Mrs Cutler said Westmount has "the courage and the money" to continue the fight to the end through the damages suit it has launched.

From the Nov 29 Superior Court decision declaring Westmount in default until noon Tuesday, the city was unable to pay bills or to have council conduct any official business.

Worst of all, Mrs Cutler said, was the chaos. "We did not receive a single word in writing from the commission until Tuesday's fax releasing us from their grips. They never even officially notified us that we were in trusteeship."

The city had expected to be released late Wednesday last week, as QMC chairman Jean-Charles Lafond had told THE EXAMINER. But it didn't happen so smoothly.

Mr Lafond ruled that last week's emergency city council meeting was called without proper notice and therefore he could not accept as legal the council's resolution to pay the Montreal Urban Community the outstanding $512,706 portion of its 1988 tax bill.

The city was never notified, however, and only discovered this when the QMC official expected to come and countersign the cheque never showed up. The city called him and was told to go ahead and deliver the cheque anyway.

"There was terrible confusion. We could issue no cheques without a countersignature, yet at the same time they refused to countersign our cheque to the MUC," the exasperated mayor said, adding that Westmount could have paid the disputed bill

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City and CUPE local at an impasse:

Arena open, library closed: white-collars to strike at last

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's library is expected to be shut down tomorrow at 4 pm when 100 city white-collar workers walk off the job in a strike of weekend services, union officials confirmed yesterday.

The Saturday hockey program will be maintained using management personnel, and blue-collar workers are expected to keep the arena open for general skating, recreation officials said.

Only a last-minute return to the bargaining table could call off the strike at this point, union president Michael Crouch told THE EXAMINER yesterday.

But city council remains firmly behind its position that negotiations are finished, Mayor May Cutler said. The city has gone as far as it can in its offer.

"Strikes in the public service should not be allowed," she stated. "It is the citizens who are being held up."

But Mr Crouch said he hopes the citizens "stand up and take notice and know who to vote for at the next election." He said the union negotiated with city officials in good faith and put its cards on the table.

"They feel it's finished but they can't give us good reasons.

The white-collar workers, local 2987 of Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), have been without a contract since last Dec 31. They

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'Hunting jacket' robber gets eight-year sentence

A 27-YEAR-OLD man was sentenced to eight years in jail Monday after pleading guilty in Sessions Court to 17 robberies, three involving Westmount merchants, police said.

The man, identified as Richard Wakeling, is reported to have a police dossier for armed robbery. He was arrested Sept 15 (see story Sept 21).

The three Westmount robberies took place at Pour une Chanson, 388 Victoria avenue, on Aug 23; at Levi pour elle, 4920 Sherbrooke street, on Aug 25; and at a travel agency, 4123 St Catherine street, Aug 31.

On these occasions, merchants described the robber as wearing a colorful hunting jacket.

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Next Scheduled City Council Meeting
Thursday, December 7, 5:30 pm

Date de la prochaine séance du conseil municipal
Le jeudi 7 décembre, 17h30

SPECIAL SITTING: RE 1990 BUDGET
Monday, December 18, 8 pm

SÉANCE SPÉCIALE: BUDGET 1990
Le jeudi 18 décembre, 20h

VILLE DE WESTMOUNT
RÔLE DE VALEUR LOCATIVE POUR 1989-1990-1991

AVIS PUBLIC est par la présente donné par le soussigné, Greffier de la corporation municipale de Westmount, conformément aux exigences de l'article 74.1 de la Loi sur la fiscalité municipale (L.R.Q., chapitre F-2.1), que toute plainte concernant le rôle de la valeur locative triennal de ladite corporation municipale pour les années 1989-1990-1991, au motif que l'évaluateur n'a pas effectué une modification qu'il aurait dû y apporter en vertu de l'article 174 de ladite Loi, doit être déposée au cours de l'exercice pendant lequel survient l'événement justifiant la modification ou du suivant;

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Les personnes intéressées peuvent se procurer une formule de plainte en s'adressant au bureau du Greffier à l'Hôtel de Ville, 4333, rue Sherbrooke, Westmount, Québec, H3Z 1E2.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 30ième jour de novembre 1989.

Robert C. Wilkins
Greffier de la Ville

CITY OF WESTMOUNT
RENTAL VALUE ROLL FOR 1989-1990-1991

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, City Clerk of the municipal corporation of Westmount, in accordance with the provisions of Section 74.1 of the Act Respecting Municipal Taxation (R.S.Q., chapter F-2.1), that any complaint relating to the Rental Value Roll of the said City for the three years 1989-1990-1991, based on the ground that the assessor has failed to make an alteration to the said Roll pursuant to Section 174 of the said Act, must be filed in the course of the fiscal year in which the event justifying the alteration occurs or in the following fiscal year;

THAT, on pain of being dismissed, such a complaint must be filed on the prescribed form at the office of the Small Claims Court.

The persons interested may obtain a complaint form at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke, Westmount, Quebec, H3Z 1E2.

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this 30th day of November 1989.

Robert C. Wilkins
Town Clerk

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CITY OF WESTMOUNT
REAL ESTATE VALUATION ROLL FOR 1989-1990-1991

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Robert C. Wilkins
Town Clerk

BUDGET 1990 — PROGRAMME TRIENNAL D'IMMOBILISATIONS 1990/91/92

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné par le soussigné, greffier de la Ville de Westmount:

QUE le budget d'exploitation de ladite ville pour l'exercice financier 1990 ainsi que le programme triennal d'immobilisations de ladite ville pour les exercices financiers 1990, 1991 et 1992, seront déposés pour adoption à une séance spéciale du conseil municipal de la ville de Westmount qui se tiendra le lundi, 18 décembre 1989, à 20h, dans la Salle du conseil de l'Hôtel de ville, 4333, rue Sherbrooke, Westmount, Québec; et

QUE, lors de ladite séance spéciale, les délibérations dudit conseil et la période de questions porteront exclusivement sur ledit budget d'exploitation et ledit programme triennal d'immobilisations.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 5ième jour de décembre 1989.

Robert C. Wilkins
Greffier de la Ville

BUDGET 1990 — CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM 1990/91/92

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, Clerk of the City of Westmount:

THAT the operating budget of the said City for the fiscal year 1990, and the three-year capital expenditure program of the said City for the fiscal years 1990, 1991 and 1992, will be tabled for adoption at the special sitting of the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount, to be held on Monday, 18th December 1989 at 8 pm, in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke, Westmount, Quebec; and

THAT, at the said special sitting, the deliberations of the said Council and the question period shall deal exclusively with the said operating budget and the said three-year capital expenditure program.

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this 5th day of December 1989.

Robert C. Wilkins
City Clerk

CITY OF WESTMOUNT BY-ELECTION — ELECTORAL DISTRICT NO. 2 4th FEBRUARY 1990
PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTION

I, Robert C. Wilkins, Returning Officer of the City of Westmount, give to the electors of the City of Westmount, the following notice:

1. The following office is open for nominations:

   The office of **Councillor for Electoral District No. 2** of the said City.

2. Any nomination paper for this office shall be filed at the office of the Returning Officer (4333 Sherbrooke west, Westmount, Quebec), on the following days and hours:

   DAYS: from 8 December 1989 to 12 January 1990, Monday to Friday
   HOURS: from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

   The Office of the Returning Officer will be closed from the 23rd December 1989 to the 2nd January 1990, both inclusive. It will re-open on the 3rd January 1990 at 8:30 am.

3. If more than one candidate is nominated for the said office of Councillor,

   — **a *poll* will be held on Sunday, 4th February 1990, from 9 am to 7 pm;**

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WESTMOUNT *Community Calendar*

Today, Dec 7

Toy fair: sponsored by Place Kensington and KIDS Westmount at 4430 St Catherine street west from 3:30 to 6:30 pm.
Book fair: at Roslyn School, 4699 Westmount avenue, selling children's books from 8 am to 1 pm.
Poetry performance: *Having fun with poetry*, favorite poems dramatized by members of Dramatis Personae at the Lodge Room of Victoria Hall, 7:30 pm. Your favorite can be performed if you bring 10 copies along. 937-1606.
Global bazaar: a collection of art and crafts at Galerie des 5 Continents, 1225 Greene avenue, until Jan 6.
Christmas fair: at Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria avenue, Tuesday to Saturday until Dec 30.
Watercolor exhibit: Work by John Collins at Dan Delaney's Artlenders Gallery, 318 Victoria avenue, until Dec 12.
Oil paintings by Pram Arbu Kerr at the Westmount library to Dec 10.

Saturday, Dec 9

Children's open house: at Visual Arts Centre from 1 to 4 pm.
Holiday sing-along: for youngsters at the Greene Avenue Community Centre, 1090 Greene, from 10 to 11:30 am. Admission $1.
Christmas bazaar: at Westmount Park Church from 11 am to 3 pm. Lunch 11:30 am to 2 pm. 935-0678.
Children's reading: Santa will read his own stories about Rudolph and Frosty at 10 am at Oink Oink!, 1361 Greene avenue.

Monday, Dec 11

CAMMAC sight reading of Handel's *Messiah* at St Matthias' Church hall, 12 Church Hill, from 3 to 5 pm. Amateur vocalists and instrumentalists invited. 352-7499 or 486-5440.

Tuesday, Dec 12

Children's Christmas concert by those who participated in community choir, drama classes and/or dance classes through the recreation department at 7 pm at Victoria Hall.

Wednesday, Dec 13

Story hour: Today and every Wednesday, a 20-minute story hour for two- and three-year-olds, followed by a 20-minute storytime for children four to six years old and, after that, 20 minutes of story-telling in French. Readings begin at 10:30 am and 3 pm at Westmount Library.

More salt needed for windy corner

A call for better salting and sanding of the sidewalks at the corner of Greene avenue and St Catherine street came from a resident of the area during question period at Monday's short council meeting.

The new Château Westmount Square condominium building creates "terrible, horrendous winds" at the corner making walking difficult, Greene resident Christiane van[illegible]nesse said.

Councillor Stuart Robertson said he recognized the problem when he was at the corner earlier in the day and that it would be looked after.

Controls removed in rental fight

An apartment burglary at 4123 de Maisonneuve Wednesday last week was attributed to a dispute between a tenant and landlord, police said.

The tenant, whose rent was overdue, reported that controls for her TV and VCR had been taken. Jewelry was also discovered missing. The matter is reported to be under investigation and tied in with a rental board hearing. Police said it was not known if charges would be laid.

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The following calls were answered by the Westmount Fire Brigade during the past week:

Nov 28

10:15 am: 95 Côte St Antoine, Selwyn House School, code 3 automatic mutual aid from St Laurent and Outremont cancelled at 10:22 and 11:01 am respectively, fire in third floor junior lab (see story last week);
9:08 pm: Lane at rear of 110 Columbia, car on fire (see story last week);
9:21 pm: Rear of 4262 Dorchester, car on fire (second car in above);

Nov 29

1:19 pm: 336 Metcalfe, Goodwin House nursing home, first responder unit;
2:25 pm: 5555 Trent, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 2:29 pm;
7:10 pm: 4060 St Catherine, code 3 automatic mutual from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 7:22 pm, garage sprinkler system accidentally activated when struck by van;
9:23 pm: 6595 Côte St Luc, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 9:29 pm;

Nov 30

8:11 am: 7461 Kingsley, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 8:16 am;
2:14 pm: 4849 Sherbrooke, strange odor, dissipated;
2:30 pm: 4646 Sherbrooke, Manoir Westmount, code 3 automatic mutual aid cancelled at 2:39 pm, smoke detector activated;
2:36 pm: 556 Claremont, burglar alarm;

Dec 1

12:56 pm: 4860 Sherbrooke, unnecessary call, odor from furnace;
9:08 pm: 215 Redfern, Readers Digest, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 9:17 pm, alarm set off when Halon extinguishing system partially activated in computer room after struck by lift truck;

Dec 2

2:36 am: 7905 Côte St Luc, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 2:44 am;
3:06 pm: 416 Clarke, strange odor, dusty humidifier;

Dec 3

Nil;

Dec 4

7:37 am: Front of 4319 Montrose, water leak in street;
10:02 am: 64 Aberdeen, strange odor from furnace;
2:37 pm: 4039 Tupper, Reddy Memorial Hospital, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 2:46 pm, heat detector set off by heat from hot water tap leaking in small enclosed area;
3:25 pm: 450 Kensington, Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 3:32 pm, fire alarm activated by power surge;
4:09 pm: Westmount Square concourse level, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont, alarm set off when sprinkler head froze in Métro store;
5:53 pm: 6687 Côte St Luc, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 5:57 pm;
6:03 pm: Front of 4319 Montrose, water leak in street;
7:33 pm: 5795 Caldwell, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 7:42 pm;
9:43 pm: 4643 Sherbrooke, first responder unit.



AND THE TOWER CAME TUMBLING DOWN: The controversial Ridgewood avenue communications tower knocked over a street lamp and broke windows in a nearby apartment building when it fell to the ground during its dismantling Wednesday last week. The crane (the light-colored structure) snapped during the operation causing both it and the section of tower being removed to crash to the ground. No injuries were reported. Half the tower remained standing until earlier this week when it was finally removed. *Photo: PETER KADELBACH*

Landlord appeals ruling on eviction of tenants

Westmount landlord Laurent Lemire seems bent on having the largest single-family home on Sherbrooke street.

Mr Lemire has launched an appeal in Provincial Court of the recent rental board ruling rejecting his attempt to evict the tenants of his 12-unit apartment building at 4435 Sherbrooke.

At the rental board hearing, Mr Lemire said he wanted to restore the building to its original state as a single-family home, but commissioner Michael Lackstone called the project "improbable" (see story last week).

The appeal contends that the commissioner made a subjective decision about the sincerity of Mr Lemire's intentions and that he interpreted his arguments erroneously. A date for the appeal has not yet been set.

Silent Golf

An Alpine radio was stolen from a car parked in front of 4341 Westmount avenue last Thursday night, police said. Entry to the grey 1986 Volkswagen Golf caused $400 damage by breaking a door window.

Consultant back for more study of city structure

Consultant George Cuff, who has been hired by the city to delve deeper into its administrative structure, is in town again.

Mr Cuff, former mayor of Spruce Grove, near Edmonton, and an assistant are here to interview department directors, Mayor May Cutler reports. He is a past president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

His initial report on the upper management structure of the city was submitted last month, resulting in the naming of two senior managers to replace the positions of assistant directors-general. Mr Cuff now has a mandate to look into the organization of departments.

Stoned car

Rocks hidden in snowballs were thrown down from the railway bridge over Glen road onto a car Tuesday last week, police said. The white MUCTC vehicle had been driving north from the St Henri garage about 9:55 pm when its windshield was broken in three places and its hood dented. Damage is estimated at $500.

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We Say

Trusteeship

IT IS easy to make light of the City of Westmount being under trusteeship.

It is not so easy to understand why one of the most prestigious cities in the country found itself in this situation.

We do not call it a predicament. It was easily solvable and our municipality at noon Tuesday regained its freedom from the thralldom of the Quebec Municipal Commission.

The mechanics are quite simple — which itself gives rise to the plain question: why?

Why did Westmount, a local government not known for corruption, find itself in the same limbo as from time to time have other cities and towns of the province which have not played the game? Why, when accepted morality, rules and procedures established for municipal councils or, plainly, fundamental respect for law and order had not been breached?

The Cities and Towns Act is quite clear regarding the obligations of citizens, individual and corporate, and other bodies including local governments: disputed taxes and other levies must nonetheless be paid when due and adjustment, if not reached before, pursued afterward.

It is a sensible requirement. There would be anarchy if anyone who disagreed with a tax bill — such persons are legion — could thereby simply not pay it.

The City of Westmount itself would find its finances and its other business in parlous state if its own citizens in any numbers behaved, with or without cause, as has the city itself toward the MUC.

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IN the present Westmount case, it is well known that errors in the valuation roll for 1988, so far as local real estate is concerned, resulted in a $500,000 overcharge in the year's assessment against the city for its share of the expenses of the Montreal Urban Community.

It is the result of huge and proven errors acknowledged by the MUC appraisers regarding Westmount properties. While some variations occur every year and everywhere — that is why there is an appeal mechanism which frequently decides in the property owner's favor — these mistakes were horrendous, suggesting incompetence in that MUC department.

It is right that not only should the individual ratepayers concerned receive adjustments but that the City of Westmount, in turn, should have had the assessment against it and based on the original error-ridden roll revised.

The same kind of slip-shod approach to business demonstrated by the assessors appears to permeate the upper echelons of the MUC bureaucracy and leadership. Instead of prompt correction, Westmount has been treated to delay, stonewalling and cynical hiding behind the law in the matter.

And that law, from the beginning, has been on the side of the MUC.

* * *

THE mystery is: Why was this plain fact not recognized by the Westmount management, its legally trained officials both staff and elected, to say nothing of the city's attorneys and an otherwise sensible city council?

If they did, then worse: Why was the law deliberately flouted, specially with no chance of the city ending up (barring an unlikely settlement beforehand) anywhere except on the wrong side of any judgment?

Just how wrong the city's position was is demonstrated by the alacrity with which the court threw out its case, without even caring to hear its argument.

Someone at city hall is guilty of bad advice and others of following it. Or perhaps there was good advice but, headstrongly, not followed.

In any event, the city had a clearcut, legitimate case for a half-million-dollar refund from the MUC but botched it by itself breaking clearly-established law by not meanwhile paying up as required.

Now it has been forced to do so.

The city even botched that: by calling a special meeting of council last week to approve the payment without benefit of proper notice and/or waivers of same! The necessary resolution had to await this week's statutory monthly council meeting Monday evening to be passed again.

* * *

ONE has to ask how much this farce has cost the City of Westmount and its taxpayers. Certainly there will be interest on months of withheld payment of over $500,000, legal expenses, and time of staff and city council which more profitably could have been spent on other matters.

The hidden cost is to the stature, the image of stability and competence, of the municipal regime. Trusteeship is a cumbersome remedy which probably was not appropriate in this instance (it was designed for cases of bankruptcy, malfeasance, proven graft and other criminal activity in local governments) but was applied according to law. The city deliberately courted an image in the popular mind associated with crooks, fraud artists and incompetents.

Under the city-manager form of government, which has served us well in the past, the hallmark is supposed to be well-informed, far-seeing, thorough staff work advising and guiding mayor and councillors to approval of right policies and actions and rejection of wrong ones.

The city has launched a suit for $1.5 million against the MUC and now upped it to $2.5 millions. In all the circumstances the wisdom, in terms of chances of success and added cost if it fails, is questionable.

We don't love the MUC any more than the next citizen subjected to its arbitrariness, enormous cost and continual empire-building.

But the answers to this monstrosity, if any, are political. Not bullheadedness. Not legal.

You Say

City plays Santa Claus with generosity to PSU

Sir: The council has done it again! In the settlement of the collective agreement with the PSU (EXAMINER, Nov 23), it has again disregarded budgetary restraints and sent a strong signal to other unions and suppliers that we know how to play Santa Claus, all year long.

The Westmount Finance Action Committee has repeatedly pointed out that the cost of our auxiliary police force is more than double that of Town of Mount Royal's and more than three times that of Côte St Luc's. Moreover, we presented a brief on this matter to the councillors. Mr Rolland Benard, the chairman of WFAC, and I had a personal meeting with Councillor Fortin during which we expressed our concerns about the fact that the PSU is grossly overstaffed.

What was the result? We were told that our figures for manning patrol cars were too low, which was true. All our other comments were disregarded, and by the settlement described in THE EXAMINER, ridiculed by actions rather than words.

It is absolutely preposterous to pay an unarmed auxiliary force which is required by its own regulations to call in the MUC police in case of violence or serious crime, comparable salaries to regular police. The MUC police, with all its faults (and there are many), has to confront violent brawlers, family violence, armed drug pushers, industrial disputes, robberies, murders, suicides and the like.

Whenever the subject of the PSU comes up, one gets a stock reply: "They are doing a fine job." The reason for this attitude is the fact that the men who compose the unit are, to the best of my knowledge, all polite and decent people. Because our society is considerably more lawless than only some years ago, the presence of friendly, uniformed people is appreciated by most residents. However, someone can be appreciated without being paid at a rate which is totally out of line with what is paid elsewhere, unless one is rich.

If I were asked whether the PSU is doing a good job, I would answer: In those areas where their services are required, yes; in other areas, they are wasting our time and money.

Item: Last summer I returned from work and saw a fire engine in front of an apartment at the corner of St Catherine street and Lewis avenue. There was a PSU vehicle behind the fire equipment, presumably to direct traffic. To my surprise I saw another PSU vehicle on Lewis. There was no fire. If it takes two PSU vehicles to assist at a non-fire, how many does a real emergency require?

Item: Last summer a child fell off a bicycle and injured himself in the lane running parallel to St Catherine and perpendicular to Lewis, Irvine and Abbott avenues. As a result, Urgences Santé arrived and Westmount's own first responder unit, manned by the fire brigade, as well as the PSU. I watched the three vehicles from the balcony of our house to see how long all of these people would stay at the scene, but was unable to wait them out. The point is that only one team of trained people can help an injured person. The PSU regularly duplicates the work done by the first responder unit as is documented by the PSU's own statistics.

Item: Last winter I received a parking ticket while legally parked in the Lewis avenue parking lot because ice had formed on my back windshield overnight and the patrol assumed I had no sticker.

Item: When purchasing my parking sticker for 1989 I was told to make sure to put the sticker on the upper left hand corner of the windshield so the patrol would know "where to scrape the windshield." Apparently taxpayers are paying city employees to scrape ice off windshields of private cars during the night or early morning hours.

Why do I spend hours writing letters to the editor, going to council meetings etc, all apparently in vain? The answer is on pages six and seven of THE EXAMINER, in the same issue. Sale prices of homes in Westmount exceed the MUC valuation on the average by more than 40 percent! Valuations have been frozen through 1991. When the "vacation" is over, assessments are going to go up by about 30 percent.

With the spending mood of the council, this means that retired people, academics and other middle-class taxpayers will have to sell out because they cannot afford the taxes. I am not protesting only for you, readers of THE EXAMINER. I will retire in 1992 and hope myself to survive on Lewis avenue. When the council awards *cumulative* raises of six percent, 10.8 percent and 4.5 percent to employees who are already very well paid, that survival is at issue.

John H. Lehnert

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our M.N.A. says...

Richard B. Holden



Help from Logirente

THERE is a provincial government program which provides financial assistance to low-income individuals 60 and over. It is called Logirente. It subsidizes 75 percent of housing costs in excess of 30 percent of the household's total income.

Here is an example of how it works, for someone (or a couple) paying rent of $300 a month and having annual income of $9,600:

Total annual rent is $3,600, less 30 percent of income ($2,880) for a difference of $720. Logirente subsidizes 75 percent of this amount or $540. Less a tax credit of $60, the total annual housing allowance is $480, which would be paid in monthly cheques of $40 each.

There are quite a few other details which are contained in a brochure titled "Logirente 1989-1990." It can be obtained at my office (5165 Sherbrooke street west, Suite 101) or at the offices of the revenue department (Complexe Desjardins). Attached to the brochure is an application form. For more information call my executive assistant, Jill Bauch, at 483-2060.

This week the minister of municipal affairs spoke to me about the lifting of the trusteeship imposed on Westmount last week. He compared it to a traffic ticket. I assured him that the mayor and I consider it unacceptable for the Municipal Commission to act as a collection agency for the MUC.

It is and was ludicrous to pretend that Westmount could be the object of a tutorship. That status is reserved for municipalities which are either bankrupt or dishonestly administered. As I said in the National Assembly on Monday, Westmount is one of the best run and most solvent cities in Canada.

The dispute is now before the courts and I will not comment on the outcome. Suffice it to say that if Westmount wins, I hope the MUC will be condemned to pay damages for the insults and injury it has done to our fair city.

I Say!

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Forty-five Years Ago
December 8, 1944

"A mistake in the spelling of the word 'demobilization' in a report presented to the Montreal Protestant Central School Board gave to Councillor Dr J. Stanley Allen an opportunity to perpetrate an excellent pun last week. The report, dealing with the preferences extended by law to returned soldiers formerly employed as school teachers, spelled the word repeatedly as 'demobolize.' 'I hope they will be demobilized with two i's,' commented Dr Allen, when he detected the error in spelling."

Thirty-five Years Ago
December 10, 1954

"For the first time in almost a quarter of a century Westmount is threatened with a civic election. The threat comes from the Westmount Property Owners Association, who may decide to oppose nominees to council selected Tuesday by the Westmount Municipal Association. The proprietors will decide after hearing the nominees at a meeting Monday... Elphege Menard, president of the Property Owners Association... said that a program favored by his association would be distributed in printed form to the municipal slate, who would be asked their opinions on the subject. 'Any of the nominees not in favor of our program will be opposed in the election,' Mr Menard promised."

Twenty-five Years Ago
December 4, 1964

"Tenders have been called for the renovation of the interior of city hall. The work involved would transform the inside of the 40-year-old structure into completely modern office quarters. City officials stress that no change at all is contemplated for the outside of the building. Plans for the renovation show that the main floor office space would be relocated so that offices of the mayor, the city manager and the aldermen would be located in the north end of the building. Council chambers would be enlarged by about five feet. In the south wing would be placed the offices of the city clerk, comptroller, purchasing, finance and light departments... It is rumored that the departments in the building would have to move out during the period of construction — unofficially estimated to be four months."

Ten Years Ago
December 6, 1979

"Electrical wiring in the basement ceiling is believed to have caused the tragic fire early Friday morning in a vacant 16-room house at 482 Mount Pleasant avenue which claimed the life of one Westmount fireman, injured three others and caused more than $100,000 damage. Fireman Eric Hart, 28, died when he became trapped after falling into the burning basement of the house. The second Westmount fireman to die in action since the brigade was founded in 1902, Fmn Hart was given a civic funeral Monday from his church, Our Lady of Fatima, in St Laurent."

One Year Ago
December 8, 1988

"Whether it has its basis in truth or is merely an elaborate publicity stunt, rumor of Imelda Marcos buying a condominium in Château Westmount Square has given the building a great deal more publicity than the owners could ever have paid for. The hoopla began Tuesday after news was 'leaked' that Mrs Marcos and her husband, Ferdinand, the deposed president of the Philippines, had purchased a two-storey penthouse in the building for over $2 million. Project developer Angelo Trimarchi has provided no evidence to prove Mrs Marcos has made the purchase... He was quick to agree that the attention is good for Château Westmount Square. 'We closed four sales today from people who have been thinking about buying a condominium but hadn't yet signed,' he said."





our Mayor
Her Worship May Cutler
says...

The library, Victoria Hall and the greenhouse (Part 3)

WHAT'S wrong with our library?

Our library is like a dear old house. We've lived in it so long, been so comfortable there, or so we felt, we just don't see how sad it is. How brave, touching, frayed, patched and Band-Aided. Until outsiders come to call and we see it through their eyes.

As a book publisher I have visited hundreds of libraries throughout North America, so I have long been aware of how delapidated the building is and how inadequate the service compared with what citizens expect and get in the modern public library. But when I complained — as I had been doing long before I became mayor — I was considered insensitive to traditional values, disloyal to our city and a trouble-maker. "I love our library as it is. Why should we change anything?" was the attitude.

It took the arrival on the scene of Albert Bowran, Canada's leading library planner, and his summarial evaluation of the library as "shabby" and its services far below standard to give the appropriate shock therapy.

Surprising? No. For 30 years not a thing has been done to it. And what was done way back in 1959 — the addition of the shoebox to house the children's library and stacks — was a travesty of such dimensions I wonder caring citizens did not insist it be pulled down immediately. My view, only. The architecture critic for *La Presse*, writing on some of the beautiful qualities of the old library, described that addition as *sans âme*.

If he had analyzed the building from the inside, he might have screamed his despair. Especially if he had seen how beautiful the old building and the early additions were. The western room (now closed off behind the filing-card drawers) once housed the children's collection. It was as beautiful as the reference room, with its cut-glass windows, the charming fireplace and the open inviting areas it presented to anyone entering the building. It is now walled up into hallways, cubicles and offices.

The desecrating hands did not rest there. As if trying to further deprive us of the memory of charm and elegance, they removed a two-sided fireplace from the reference room, moved the plaques adorning it to outside the entrance where the weather has almost obliterated their sweet little messages. The marvellous murals over the arches were further partitioned off into virtual invisibility. The total is the incoherent mess we have today. To study the old drawings and photographs is indeed to weep.

As for the comfort of the users, how anyone can observe the eight chairs in the periodical room requiring readers to fold themselves along with newspapers to sit in them and still call our library "comfortable," I don't know. Is this some Puritan streak that holds that since reading is a pleasurable activity, one should not be at ease doing it?

As for appearances, does art stuck around on the top of bookcases show respect for artists? (I ask this question deliberately. One of the reasons given by a council member who led the council in voting against showing original art in the council chamber along with the mayors' portraits was that "it did not show respect for the artists"! Has he ever been to the library?)

And if you don't care about the esthetics, perhaps you care about the following:

1. The inability to control theft. With four exits and no security control at any of them, the library loses books at a rate we can only guess. We will know a little more when the present inventory is completed. But we do know that when volumes of *Encyclopedia Brittanica* disappear, we're moving toward a point where the only books left will be what nobody wants to read because even the thieves did not think them worth stealing.

2. The need to keep magazines behind the desk to be doled out like cookies to children because these too would disappear. Think of the time wasted by staffers controlling periodicals as if they were rare books.

3. Stacks are not only a security problem. They are also irrelevant. In the modern public library, shelves are open, inviting readers to browse. Our present stacks in the shoebox instead invite loiterers and others whose main purpose has nothing to do with legitimate library use. This is a major problem for *all* libraries. Each handles it in the way it thinks best. In Dallas last summer I found that the ground floor of its $40 million (that's nearly $50 million Canadian) library did not have a single chair in order not to convenience drifters. Access to the other floors was all by elevator.

Security is needed. So's a cloakroom. So is a periodical room that offers invitingly the picking up and fingering through of magazines. (This is the great age of periodicals. Our library subscribes to hundreds. But most citizens do not even know they are available.)

We need automation. We need additional computer access to information. We need a 200-seat room for lectures, readings, discussions, with walls to serve as a gallery for paintings and photographs.

Finally, there is the nightmare for the staff, the difficulties caused by the bits and pieces of office work space scattered all over the building.

So we have to do something. I hope that even the most parsimonious of citizens of the "change nothing, let things disintegrate" stamp finally recognize that much.

What I insist is that we *not* do another patchy, tasteless and inefficient set of alterations such as this once-lovely building has been subjected to.

Let's try and do something right. We can't change the past 30 years. But we can create something for ourselves now and the next 30.

(Next week: More on the library. I am turning this space over to Michele Kilburn, chairman of the library committee, for her comments.)



our M.P.
David Berger
says...

What's in store for NDP?

WILL the NDP, which still prides itself as being the conscience of political parties in Canada, once more take the kind of principled positions which in the past earned it the respect of the Canadian electorate? "What are they going to do about minorities? What will Audrey McLaughlin says when she is in Chambly?" asks Maria Paluso.

Ms Paluso was a "star" candidate for the NDP in the riding of N.D.G. in the 1988 federal election. She brought with her impeccable credentials. She had been executive director of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews in the four years prior to the election. Before that she had held a number of senior positions with the federal department of consumer and corporate affairs. For 10 years she has lectured at Concordia University in women's studies and political science. She has been president of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Montreal and is currently president of Chez Doris, a women's drop-in centre.

Her dad introduced her to the NDP, or the CCF as it was known in those days. An immigrant from Italy with only a Grade 5 education, he had gotten involved with the CCF in Conservative Ontario. He introduced her to David Lewis and Tommy Douglas. "Those were the days when the party could stand proud." When her father died several years ago, she decided to run in a federal election.

During the 1988 election campaign, seven francophone NDP candidates in Quebec held a press conference to announce that

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Demolition decisions top agenda:

Displaced council session to take place this evening

A special public meeting of city council takes place tonight at 5:30 to make a second stab at the agenda proposed for Monday night's regular session.

The agenda had to be aborted after its publication last Thursday when the city remained under trusteeship. It was replaced by the simple resolution to pay the MUC the controversial $512,706 (see separate story).

Tonight's business will deal with a modified agenda in which some items have been deferred to the Dec 18 meeting while several others have been added (see separate story).

Highlighting tonight's business are decisions of council in the two appeals of demolition committee rulings regarding the heritage property at 22 Summit Circle and the commercial row 1259-71 Greene.

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Most of the citizens attending Monday night's meeting were unaware of the last-minute agenda change. The abbreviated business session allowed for more leisurely discussion during the two regular question periods.

The mayor and councillors also took advantage of the added time to present reports on certain areas of interest.

A lengthy discussion of garbage disposal and recycling ensued from a report by Councillor Peter Duffield. The city's commissioner of public works outlined the suburban mayors' decision to opt for incineration of garbage in 1993 through a contract with the firm of Foster-Wheeler. The contract has been approved but is yet to be signed, he said.

This is being undertaken through the Régie intermunicipale de gestion des déchets as a result of the closure of landfill sites in 1990 at the Miron quarry and in Kirkland.

Councillor Rhoda Vineberg announced the city's decision to load shed electricity this winter when overloading of circuits appears imminent (see separate stories).

Questions by some of the 16 citizens present included the issues of load shedding and possible rental of two vacant railway cottages on St Catherine west of Victoria avenue.

The proposed $6 million updating of the library-Victoria Hall-greenhouse complex also was raised as well as recently increased public safety officer salaries (see separate stories).

Busy agenda faces council tonight

Tonight's special meeting of city council will consider the following agenda items after a question period starting at 5:30 pm in city hall:

- Demolition committee appeal decisions;
- Approval of the 1990 Municipal Housing Bureau budget;
- Tenders for: renewal of UTLAS automated cataloging service for the library as well as work to extend the power substation in King George Park and provide new grounding system;
- Purchases of photocopy paper and one microfilm reader printer;
- Cadastral operation for extension of house at 49 Oakland;
- A notarial deed of renunciation concerning property at 344 Kitchener;
- Notice of motion to change electricity rates for dual-energy users;
- Resolution to authorize the city to conclude an agreement with Hydro-Québec to compensate owners of 13 large buildings in Westmount for additional costs if they agree to heat with fossil fuels for the period of one year starting Dec 31;
- Annual declarations of financial interests of council members;
- Notice of motion for by-law to levy assessments to meet the financial expenses of the city for 1990 in accordance with the proposed budget to be presented Dec 18;
- Traffic control items: 30-minute citizen parking on Stanton street and extended reserved parking for MUC personnel and PSOs on Argyle (see separate story).

Citizens query council on PSOs' salary increases

Substantial salary increases recently awarded to public safety officers came under fire during the question period at Monday night's city council meeting.

Citizens Stanley Baker and John Lehnert asked why the pay had been raised 21 percent over three years, far exceeding wage increases being given in other public service contracts.

They also asked why the upgrading of wages had been carried out using internal comparisons with the city's firefighters and blue-collar drivers.

Ed McCavour, the city's manager of corporate services, answered with a simple "Why not?"

Councillor Peter Duffield said the matter would be looked into and a comparison of services with Hampstead public safety officers would be carried out. He suggested that maybe Hampstead was paying too little or that their salaries were in line with their internal scales.

Mr Duffield also said the Westmount men had been evaluated on a point system and given a certain number of points for working outside etc.

According to information obtained by THE EXAMINER, Hampstead firefighters receive comparable pay to their Westmount colleagues whereas first-class PSOs are expected to earn about 30 percent less in 1988 compared with Westmount's $34,671.

The Westmount wages are expected to reach $39,574 by 1991 based on minimum 4.5 percent cost of living increases (see stories Nov 23).

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without a resolution but that it was Mr Lafond himself who suggested the emergency meeting.

Though the cheque was cashed, Westmount had to wait until its regular Monday council meeting to readopt its resolution. As a result of still being under trusteeship, all other business was put off until a special council meeting called for tonight.

"Since we are under trusteeship we can carry on no business that is not subject to outside approval," Mrs Cutler told residents who showed up for Monday's meeting. "If it seems academic to you it seems even more academic to us. The money was paid and the cheque cashed several days ago."

Pay got through

While the city could not issue any other cheques during the week, its employees did not have to go without their paycheques. The payroll is handled through an outside company and the money had already been approved.

The city was able to collect traffic fines and permit fees as usual because the QMC did not require it to set up a special bank account for incoming funds.

"They're running a third world bureaucracy. It's a provincial disgrace," Mrs Cutler said. "They knew from the beginning there was never a problem with Westmount's financial position."

At the Superior Court hearing last week, the judge refused to accept Westmount's bank letter of guarantee, saying there was no question of the city's ability to pay.

Mrs Cutler called the behavior of the executive of the MUC and Conference of Suburban Mayors throughout the dispute disgraceful.

"They have allowed individual cities to fall by the wayside, callously and irresponsibly. This year, 1988, it was the time of Montreal West and Westmount suffering from the abusive errors.

"The assumption is that most cities are too poor to pay for the long court battles to get the money back. Montreal West paid $100,000 in taxes resulting from the MUC's errors because they didn't want to pay to fight it.

Money and guts

"In the case of Westmount we have the money and the courage to pursue this matter to the end on behalf of every municipality. We will not give up," the mayor said.

Westmount's $1.5 million damages suit filed in Superior Court Nov 20 will be adjusted to take into account the time spent by city staff, the costs incurred, the indignation and the effect on Westmount's credit and bond ratings, Mrs Cutler said. The new suit, expected to be in the range of $2.5 million, will probably be filed in January.

Westmount MNA Richard Holden raised the issue of the trusteeship in his maiden speech in the National Assembly Monday, saying it is a disgrace the MUC uses the municipal commission as a collection agency. Such a measure should be used only when a municipality is bankrupt or corrupt, Mr Holden said.

What happens to a city when it's under trusteeship

What are the ins and outs of trusteeship?

When a municipality becomes insolvent or refuses to pay an overdue bill, the Quebec Municipal Commission can petition the Superior Court to have the municipality declared in default.

In Westmount's case, that's what the Superior Court did Tuesday morning of last week after the city held out on a disputed portion of its 1988 tax bill to the Montreal Urban Community.

Once declared in default, a municipality effectively falls under the trusteeship of the QMC. Section VIII of the QMC Act explains in detail what happens. The city administration necessarily loses certain powers, while others are at the discretion of the trustee.

From issuing contracts to collecting taxes and paying bills, virtually no aspect of the running of the municipality is untouched. All official business requires approval of the QMC. In Westmount's recent ordeal, little of this happened because the city was not bankrupt.

Following are some of the main effects of being under trusteeship for a prolonged period:

- All municipal work must be done under the control and direction of the QMC and no contract for work can be given out without its prior approval;
- All moneys collected for the municipality must be deposited in a special bank account in the name of the QMC in trust and may only be withdrawn by a cheque countersigned by the QMC;
- The QMC fixes the rates for taxes, permits and licences;
- The budget of the municipality must be submitted to the QMC which may approve it with or without amendment.

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All moves are chaotic, even for city's PSU

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The Public Security Unit moved into its new quarters at 15 Stanton street Tuesday before the paint was even dry.

"We had painters working around us and boxes from floor to ceiling," reports Dir Richard McEnroe.

It was a typical move, he said. Pictures and bulletin boards were still in the original building at 4 Hillside avenue and no one could find the log sheets.

Anyone trying to reach the unit during the day may have discovered even phone service was discontinued for a while during a transfer period. But business is now almost as usual.

The same phone numbers are in service.

The unit is located on the second floor of the city hall annex adjoining the fire department. It was forced out of its Hillside building to make way for construction of the long-planned *centre d'accueil* housing St Margaret's home and the Good Shepherd Mission.

The building is being turned over to the provincial government next week for the start of construction.

Though plans called for the PSU move to be undertaken by the city's public works department, Dir McEnroe said, it was finally contracted out to Snooks moving firm.

"This turned out to be more cost-efficient than taking men off of snow removal." The change set the Monday move back one day, he explained.

Provision has been made to park all public security vehicles off the street on city property, Dir McEnroe said. It is up to employees to find on-street parking for their personal cars (see separate story).

The yellow sergeant's car will park at the door of the annex and two patrol vans will park either side of the fire department's pad. The dog catcher's van will take over the small garage at the north end of the complex beyond the police station. Another patrol vehicle will park in front of the garage.

Parking changes at Stanton/Argyle

On-street parking space for three cars has been proposed for Stanton street to allow citizens greater accessibility to MUC police station 23 and now to the Public Security Unit.

The idea is to be submitted for approval by city council at tonight's special meeting. The zone is slated for 30 minutes and is located on the east side 150 feet north of Côte St Antoine road, city officials said.

Reserved parking for the private cars of MUC police personnel is to be extended further north on the west side of Argyle to accommodate the personal cars of PSOs. This change also is on tonight's agenda.

Parking permits now at annex

Anyone intending to pick up parking permits should be aware that the office is now located in the new PSU quarters at 15 Stanton street. The new permits office is on the second floor of the city hall annex.

Information regarding parking can be obtain as usual by calling Miss G. Lunas at 935-8531, local 225.

The bare fax

Two fax machines were stolen from offices at 4143 and 4145 Sherbrooke street over the weekend Nov 25-27, police report. One was taken from Royal LePage, the other from Royal Trust which also lost a VCR. No signs of forced entry could be found at either location.

When Meech dies, then what? MNA Holden asks in speech

WESTMOUNT MNA Richard Holden wants to know what Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa plans to do when the inevitable happens and the Meech Lake Accord dies.

In his maiden speech in the National Assembly Monday, Mr Holden said the deal will inevitably fail to be ratified by New Brunswick and Manitoba before the June 1990 deadline if Quebec refuses to accept changes to it.

"What can we expect after Meech Lake is dead?" Mr Holden asked in the legislature. "Can we expect a referendum asking the people, yes or no, whether the government should negotiate again? Will the government sulk at all future constitutional conferences? Will it support the idea of independence?"

Mr Holden told THE EXAMINER he thinks Quebecers have a right to know what the government has planned and that the Equality Party will continue to press for answers.

"If nobody's going to make a gesture, from Bourassa's side or from the other side, Meech Lake will die. We have a right to know what will happen then," he said.

Official time sometimes well behind unofficial

The City of Westmount only received *official* notice that white-collar workers had called off their Nov 9 strike one day before it was to take place, reports city lawyer John Donovan.

He told THE EXAMINER this week he wanted to clarify for the record the exact time the city had legal notification of the postponement.

This is important, Mr Donovan said, since he had cited the threat of a strike as one reason why the Quebec Municipal Commission should set aside its hearing Nov 9 into the case of fired employee James Martin.

Mr Donovan had argued the proposed strike left insufficient time for preparation. The city, he stated, had received notice of the strike's cancellation only at 4 pm the previous day.

The strike had been called off Tuesday afternoon, Nov 7, after white-collar president Michael Crouch received a subpoena to testify. Mayor May Cutler informed THE EXAMINER of the cancellation the next morning (see story Nov 16).

It was not until 4 pm that day, however, that the city received official notice of the strike change, according to Mr Donovan. "I didn't want there to be any confusion. We have to go by the legal time."

Members of city council and city staff who had been subpoenaed did not show up for the Martin hearing.

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held a one-day strike Oct 27 and subsequently cancelled two other strike dates.

Though they are boycotting city-administered events such as Christmas parties, white-collar organizers of last Saturday's children's party carried on as planned.

"We don't mix politics with children," said an organizer, Claudette Gauthier.

Mayor Cutler told THE EXAMINER she was very saddened the city was going into the Christmas season without resolution of the white-collar contract.

"I have tried personally to intervene a bit but I have not succeeded. I'm unhappy to have failed before Christmas so back pay could not be given out."

She said she had had a long talk with Mr Crouch Sunday morning but the union was asking for too many items in addition to its demand for job security.

"The great assumption had been when Peter Duffield and I went to council (six weeks ago) and argued for job security after 10 years that this would be the item that would make them happy since it was a major breakthrough."

The union has said it will accept job security after five years along with several "non-monetary" items.

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Commission has jurisdiction in fired employee's hearing

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The trusteeship of Westmount by the Quebec Municipal Commission appears not to affect the commission's jurisdiction in the reinstatement hearing of fired city personnel officer James Martin, says his former lawyer William I. Miller.

The Nov 9 hearing before the administrative tribunal was delayed when city attorney John Donovan challenged the commission's impartiality should it place the city under tutelage.

Though Mr Miller told THE EXAMINER Monday he had found precedent to continue the proceedings, they are now further stalled by a change of attorneys in the case.

"We parted ways on Friday," Mr Miller explained. "I am in the process of turning over the files to someone else."

He offered no reason for the change, saying only that Mr Martin now would be represented by the law firm of Stikeman, Elliott. (This is the same firm with which city councillor Paul Fortin was associated before setting up his own firm five years ago).

Seek ways to continue

After Mr Martin's hearing before the municipal commission had been set aside, Mr Miller said he would seeks ways to continue the proceedings (see story Nov 16).

"We had actually determined that as far as we were concerned the Quebec Court of Appeal has indicated that the fact the commission has placed the city under tutelage does not deprive it of its jurisdiction," Mr Miller said Monday.

Mr Martin was dismissed last July as personnel officer after 29 years of service. The position was eliminated by city council in a resolution Mr Martin has asked the commission to overturn.

Mr Martin is one of those named to receive a 30-year honor at last night's Quarter Century Club banquet (see separate story). It was not known by press time if he would attend.

In asking that the commission set aside the action, city lawyer Donovan stated the city had had insufficient time to prepare for the case owing to a pending strike of white collar workers called for that same day (see separate story).

The strike had been called off Tuesday afternoon Nov 7 after white collar president Michael Crouch received a subpoena to testify. The city, however, received official notice of its postponement at 4 pm Wednesday, according to Mr Donovan.

Members of city council and city staff who had been subpoenaed did not appear for the hearing.

Trio of boys rob another on Melville

Three teenage boys grabbed a schoolbag away from another Tuesday last week at Melville avenue and St Catherine street, police said. The victim, a 13-year-old Westmount resident, ran away when the trio hung around frightening him.

The bag contained school books belonging to Selwyn House as well as a calculator.

The theft took place about 8:30 pm as the boy had just left the Perrette store on St Catherine and was walking north. The trio came up behind him and grabbed the bag. They were described as white boys, aged about 15 and English-speaking. One wore a beige coat with dark pants; another wore a black ski jacket and red pants while the third sported a blue nylon jacket and white running shoes.

Unyielding turn ends in crash

Two cars collided Monday last week at about 8:15 pm at Dorchester boulevard and Greene avenue, police report.

One of the drivers, a 22-year-old man from Thornhill, Ont., was ticketed for failing to yield the right of way while making a left turn off southbound Greene. The other car was going north.

Both vehicles sustained more than $500 damage and the northbound driver suffered slight injury to the left hand. The victim, a Beaconsfield man, was reported to have refused treatment at the scene.

Felonied Ford

A white 1987 Ford was reported stolen from in front of 499 Lansdowne avenue Sunday, police said. It had been parked there Friday night. The vehicle is valued at $6,000.



The following building permits were issued at Westmount city hall recently:

Nov 27

47 Holton: for Aris Salvatore by self, demolition (interior alterations), $15,000;
356 Elm: for P. Spies by Fitzpatrick Plumbing, plumbing, 16 fixtures, $3,000;
241 Kensington: for Mr Ludvack by Plomberie Vida, plumbing, three fixtures, $1,700;

Nov 29

59 Thornhill: for R. Verdon and Y. Marcoux by Meubles de Québec, alterations, $3,000;
1 Bellevue: for C. Ronci Holdings by self, alterations to garage, $40,000;
463 Strathcona: for M. Menard by Bertrand Leblanc, plumbing, six fixtures, $4,000;
82 Summit crescent: for Mr Schuchmann by Moupa Construction, renovations, $41,000;
589 Côte St Antoine: for Karel Rohlicek by self, windows, $2,000;
61 Columbia: for L. Shatilla by self, alterations, $30,000;

Nov 30

349 Melville: for the Serbian Orthodox Church by James Griffin & Son, water entrance, one fixture, $5,000;
1 Westmount Square, No C21: for Charles of Westmount by self, renovations, $150,000;
64 Rosemount crescent: for J. Abenaim by self, heat pump, $25,000;

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Upper city feels the chill during Monday's load shedding

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmounters set a new record for consumption of electricity Monday when demand peaked at 70,260 kilowatts.

It was 4:30 pm when all over the city, residents were turning on lights, stoves, furnaces and hot water to compensate for a wind chill factor of -37 degrees Celsius outside.

The city's electrical system has never borne such a load. Last winter's record-breaking peak was 68,800 kilowatts on Jan 4.

"Loads were getting so hot that we had to start load shedding," said power director Daniel Ponzo. "We had no choice."

The main concern was for one of two main transformers at the substation in King George Park which was overloading. Though it is rated for 6,500 kVa in short-term overload conditions, its load was reaching 6,800 kVa and rising.

"At 5:30 pm we made the decision to load shed. We called in two linemen and opened circuit 30P, one of its four primary circuits, at 5:45 pm," he said.

This cut power supply to five large blocks of homes up the west side of Victoria from Westmount avenue north to the city limits beyond Sunnyside and north of The Boulevard between Victoria and Upper Belmont.

Loads didn't drop

An hour later, in restoring power, service was cut briefly to homes on circuit 32P, a nine-block area north of Westmount avenue, to avoid a power surge.

At that point it was noticed that loads were not going down as anticipated and it was decided to shut down other circuits one block at a time and redistribute the loads.

Though it was intended to shut down blocks for up to 20 to 30 minutes at a time, Mr Ponzo said, the procedure took longer than expected since linemen had to open and close circuits from the poles.

Power was out between 7:52 and 9 pm in the block north of Sunnyside between Gordon crescent and Upper Bellevue.

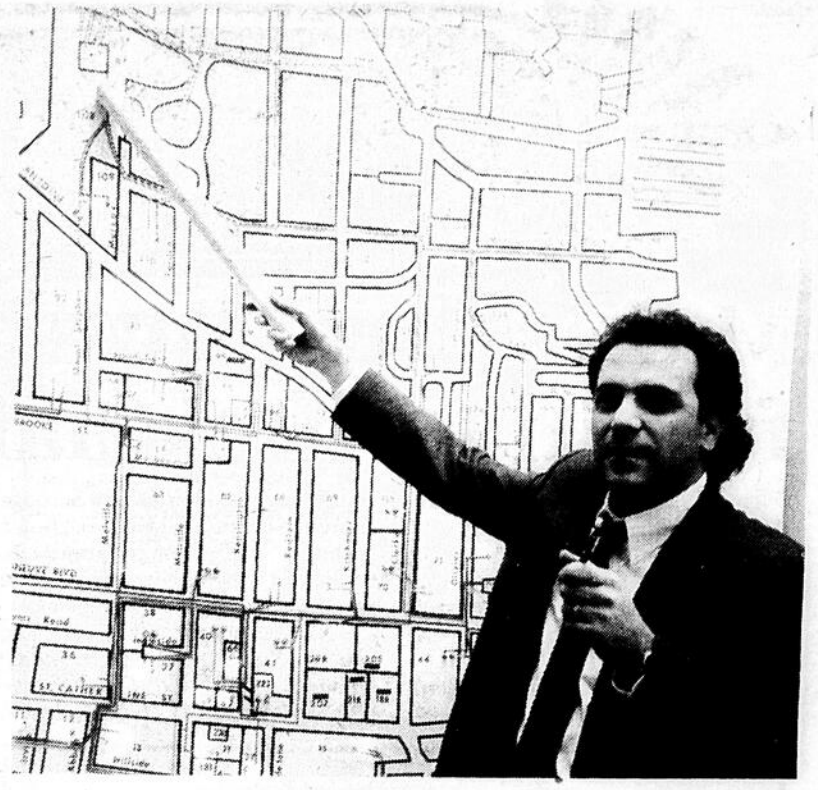
It was off between 7:52 and 8:22 pm and again from 8:35 to 9:35 for residents bounded by Gordon, Summit crescent, Summit Circle and Surrey Gardens.

Blackouts also were experienced off Belvedere road and Summit Circle between 8:52 and 9:46 pm and between The Boulevard and Edgehill from 9:20 to 10:13 pm.

At that point all power was restored.

Tuesday, workers transferred some of the electrical load on the Park substation to the city's other substations in efforts to balance the system, Mr Ponzo said.

As a result, future load shedding will not always hit the same areas.



Explaining load shedding operations from the Glen power house is Westmount's newly-appointed light and power director **Daniel Ponzo**. Extensive upgrading of the utility's capacity is underway.

City hall sets an example by keeping Yule lights off

The city is practising what it preaches.

Since citizens are being urged to conserve electricity between 4:30 and 7 pm, Christmas lights outlining Westmount city hall will not be turned on until 7 o'clock.

This is a gesture symbolizing the need to conserve electricity during the peak hours, explains Councillor Rhoda Vineberg.

Colored lights on the tree outside city hall are connected to the street light system, however, so cannot be regulated to this schedule.

"It's critical that citizens refrain from doing laundry and leaving lights on unnecessarily over this period," says Westmount power director Daniel Ponso.

Not only will the conservation practice reduce the likelihood of overloading, but it will also reduce the city's bill from Hydro-Québec since the city pays less for lower peak consumption.

Residents are also asked to turn off all appliances and light switches during a blackout to prevent a surge when power is restored. Such a surge might trip the circuit again.

POWER . . .

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this soon," she explained. "It reflects the extreme cold temperatures tonight and the wind chill factor."

She said the electrical load on one of the transformers had reached the point of overload.

Two citizens attending the council meeting asked that advance notice be given when load shedding is to start. They were told this would not be possible since the need arises suddenly depending on demand.

The load-shedding announcement came soon after a new record had been set by the city for peak consumption of electricity at 70,260 kilowatts. The peak was recorded at 4:30 pm. By comparison, last year's record-breaking peak set Jan 4 was 68,800 kilowatts (see separate story).

Monday's load shedding occurred between 5:45 and 10:13 pm. It affected mainly residents north of The Boulevard.

Most of those who called the power house seemed relieved to learn the reasons. They had feared they might be in for prolonged outages as have been experienced recently in Montreal, said Westmount power director Daniel Ponzo.

The city buys its electricity from Hydro-Québec and is one of handful of Quebec municipalities to operate its own distribution utility.

Tin tools taken

Tools were stolen from a tinsmith at Château Westmount overnight Monday-Tuesday last week, police report. The equipment had been locked in a plywood shack in the basement of the Carex seniors' residence under construction at Victoria avenue and de Maisonneuve boulevard.

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Make Christmas shopping fun in Pointe Claire

There are two ways to approach the task of Christmas shopping.

Okay, three. But the idea of not giving anyone anything is not well accepted in social circles. Besides, it's not the best way to ensure the receipt of gifts.

Anyway, the two methods of actually shopping for the holiday season could be described as the Scrooge approach or the Santa approach.

Under the Scrooge approach, Christmas shopping is a chore. One trudges (or flies) from store to store, scowling at people who bump into you and at surly clerks, grabbing whatever boring and unimaginative gifts you happen to come across. If you're lucky, the shopping gets finished before your patience and your temper.

The Santa approach is a little more in keeping with the spirit of Christmas. It involves finding a pleasant place to shop, moving leisurely from one interesting and different store to another with helpful clerks ready to show you gifts that are just right for the special people on your list. You end the day relaxed and content that you'll be able to watch with pride as the gifts get opened.

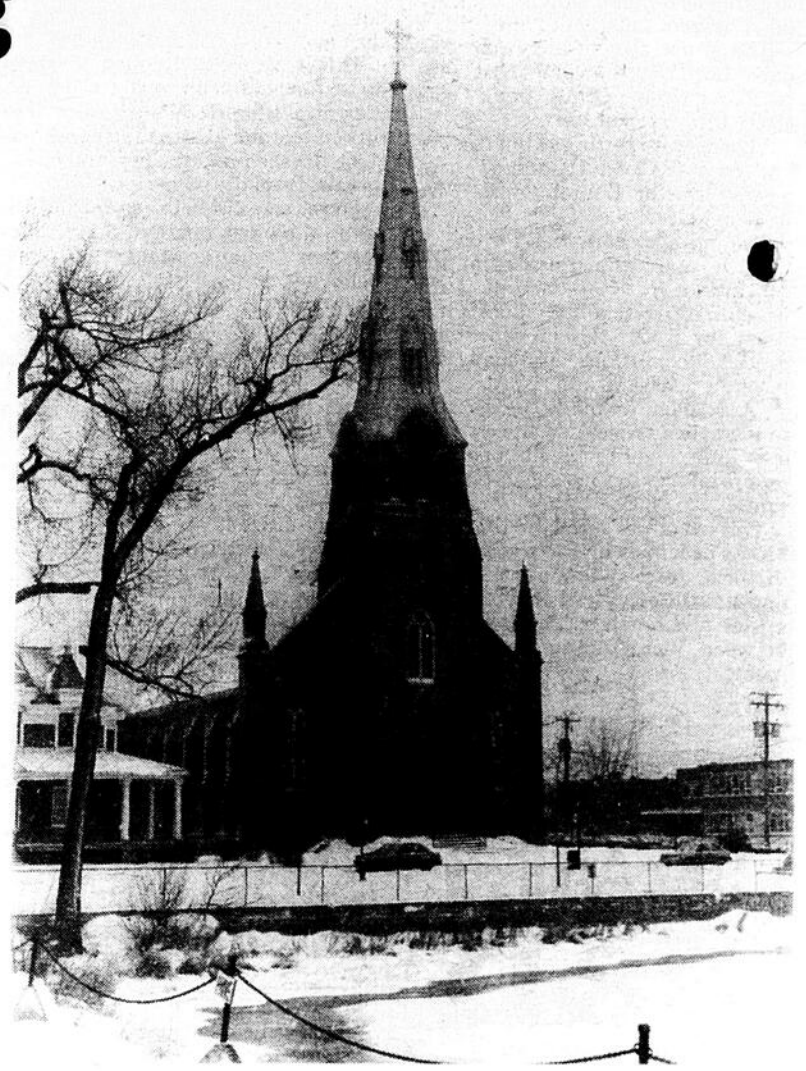
The key to taking the Santa approach instead of the Scrooge route is, of course, finding the right place to shop. Pointe Claire Village is the perfect place for a Santa experience.

The many small shops offer a wide variety of interesting and unique items, some difficult or impossible to find elsewhere. Because most of the "clerks" are actually the store owners, you are assured of friendly and knowledgeable service.

Pointe Claire Village is a short, pleasant drive from Westmount or Town of Mount Royal, a drive that becomes part of the fun Christmas shopping experience, specially if you stay in the afternoon until after dark and drive back along the brightly lit and decorated streets of the West Island.

Pointe Claire Village is easily accessible from either highway 40 or highway 20 west. From either, exit south on St John's boulevard (boulevard St-Jean) and take St John's all the way south to Lakeshore road. Turn right and you're at the start of the Village. (There's construction under way on highway 20 west of St John's which has closed the exit at Cartier avenue, contrary to what is shown on the accompanying map.)

If you have the time, the best way to approach Pointe Claire is by following the route of the voyageurs, along the shoreline. Pick up the route anywhere in LaSalle, Lachine or Dorval and enjoy a scenic and pleasant trip by the many parks, homes and businesses which dot the route along the water.



Christmas concert at Église St-Joachim:

The point from which Pointe Claire takes its name is dominated by the Pointe Claire village parish church, Église St-Joachim, a West Island landmark. The historic building is a wonderful location for a Christmas concert to be presented Sunday at 8 pm by the Paul Marcotte Brass Ensemble and Hélène Panneton, organist. The concert is presented by the Pointe Claire Cultural Centre of Stewart Hall. Tickets are $7. For information, call 630-1220. The church is at 2 rue Ste-Anne, south off Lakeshore road to the water's edge.

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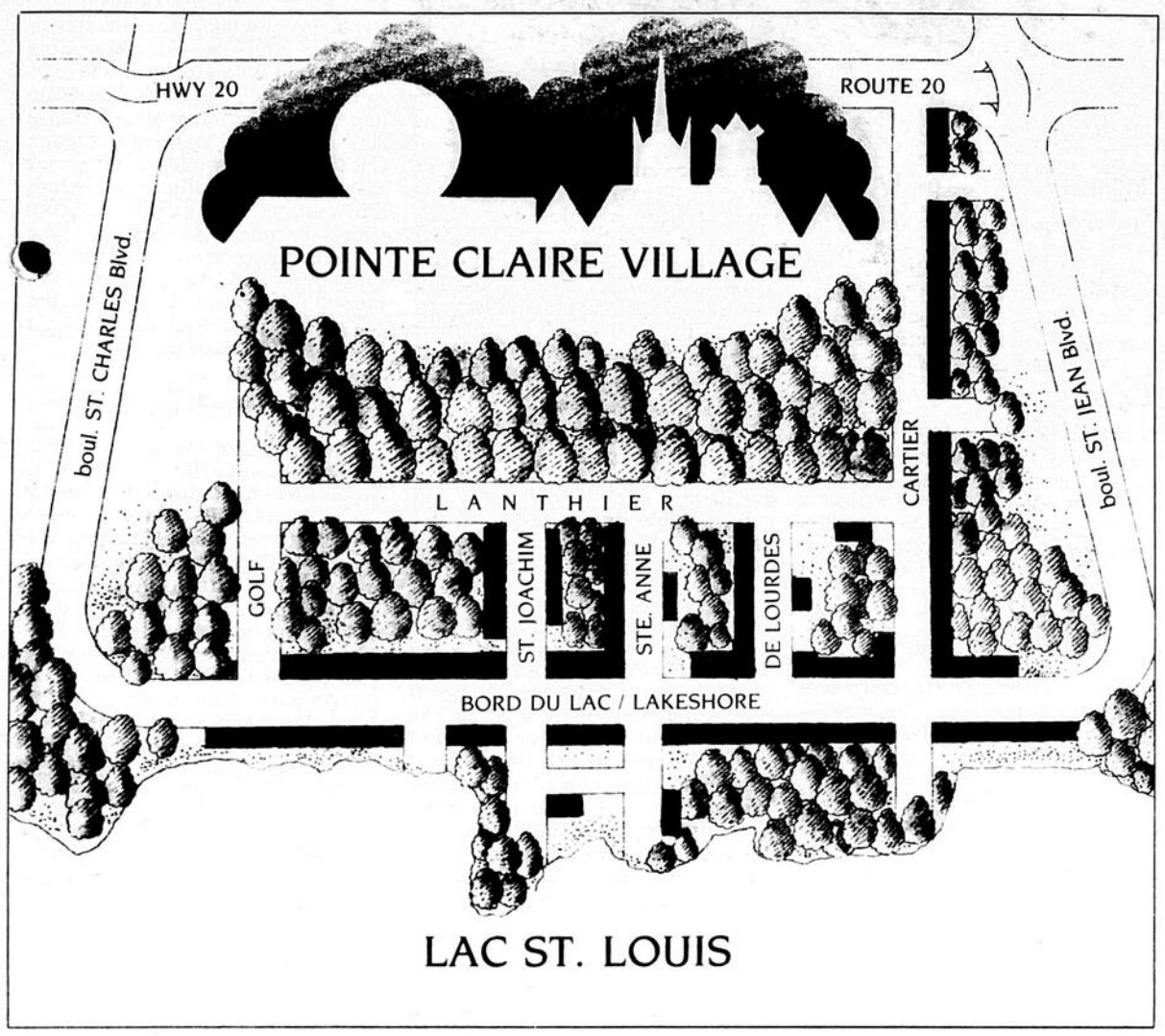
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Puppets, music in Sunday shows

A series of Sunday events at the Pointe Claire Cultural Centre, Stewart Hall, continues this weekend and next, concluding a season-long program called "Sunday Rendez-vous."

The series is one of numerous programs, exhibitions and events which take place all year round at Stewart Hall, located on Lakeshore road just east of St John's boulevard.

This Sunday at 3 pm the Puppet Theatre Claire & René will present a bilingual performance for children of *Father Christmas*. Seating is limited and free passes should be picked up in advance. Children must be 5 or older.

The following Sunday, Dec 17, also at 3 pm, a musical matinée of Christmas songs and music from around the world will be presented by Trio Arabesque.

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Soprano Barbara Lewis, who recently gave a children's ecology concert at Victoria Hall, will sing original Christmas songs, traditional songs in nine languages, including Chinese and Welsh, and traditional carols in French and English.

Ms Lewis will be accompanied by Ruth Neufield on piano and a musical trio with Beverly McGuire singing back-up vocals, Michelle Hamelin on guitar and Eric Lagacé on double bass.

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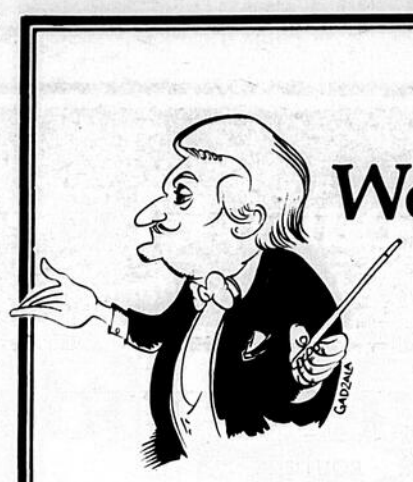
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Beyond Westmount's Borders

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

By JANET COUTTS

Singles Christmas party

Du O'Club is an organization for singles who want to make new acquaintances while participating in group activities. It is not mandatory to join to participate, but membership gets discounts on activities and in a number of business establishments, according to principals. Single Westmounters can check it out for themselves at a Christmas party Friday, Dec 22, at Alexandre, 1454 Peel street. Champagne will be served from 7 to 8 pm and there will be a buffet meal and drawings to follow. Entry fee is $50. Or you can call for more information at 769-5343 or 285-8884.

St Stephen's Ball coming

The Hungarian St Stephen's Ball organizing committee is now registering participants: debutantes, escorts and Palotos dancers. This year the ball will be held on Saturday, March 31, at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel. Registration will close by Dec 15. For further information or registration call 276-2912 or 738-3010.

Hanukkah in Nicolet

The Museum of Religions in Nicolet and the Montreal Holocaust Centre present an exhibition called *Hanoucca, fête des lumières* in Nicolet until March 19. The Museum of Religions promotes understanding about the universal nature of religious experience and documents specific religious traditions. Its aim is to inspire visitors with a desire to reflect, understand and accept "the other." This exhibition has Hanukkah lamps, used to commemorate the Maccabean rebellion against religious persecution. Some of the lamps were crafted centuries ago by unknown artists and others by contemporary Canadian silversmiths. Complementing the display are simple lamps made by school children. Family and communal festivities are documented in photos and paintings from around the world. Brochures explaining the history of Hanukkah are available, and lectures, films and special programs are planned in conjunction with the exhibit. For information call (819) 293-6148 or (514) 345-2605.

Christmas at Christ Church

Every church across the country has its own special traditional and unforgettable events for Advent and Christmas. But for many a visit to the majesty of Christ Church Cathedral during the holidays is part of their family tradition. Special events there start Dec 16 at 5 pm when the Cathedral Singers will celebrate in words and music, liturgical dance and the giving of gifts. The audience will share in the singing of carols and the "Hallelujah Chorus." There is no charge for admission, but during the service you will be invited to present a gift of non-perishable food, new toys, new warm clothing or adult gifts for the 200 families the cathedral will give Christmas baskets. If you can't make it to the carol service, you can leave your gift in the special container provided in Les Promenades de la Cathédrale near the information desk. Wednesday, Dec 20 there will be a service of lessons and carols at 5:15 pm with the Cathedral Choir of Men and Children. On Christmas Eve at 11 pm a choral eucharist will be celebrated by Archbishop Reginald Hollis. And families with children too young to attend the Christmas Eve service are especially invited to attend the choral eucharist at 10 am Christmas morning. 843-6577.... There's more: this Monday evening the McGill Chamber Orchestra, directed by Alexander Brott, will present a free concert at the cathedral at 8:30 pm. The soloist will be Ludovic de San, baritone, performing the *Canary Cantata* by Telemann. Other works on the program include *Christmas concertos* by Corelli and Manfridini and *Adagio* by Albinoni.

. . . and at the Museum

The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts is displaying Christmas trees decorated by 17 ethnic groups and Montreal associations; they will remain until Jan 7. There is also a series of 3 pm Christmas concerts. This Sunday it's the Donovan and Orpheus Choir under the direction of Fred Stoltzfus. Dec 16 the Ensemble international de Montréal will perform; Dec 17 Le Choeur de Blainville under the direction of Michel Hansé sing. Jan 7 the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St Sophie Choir under the direction of William Woloschuk will remind us that Christmas continues. Entrance fees are those of the museum's permanent collection except for Dec 16, which is free. The museum also reminds readers that the museum boutique has excellent gifts for sale. 285-1600.

Québécois tradition

La société pour la promotion de la danse traditionnelle québécoise is presenting an evening of traditional dance Saturday, Dec 16 from 8:30 pm at 4805 Christophe-Colomb at the corner of St Joseph boulevard. Traditional music will be by the group Tradi-Son, comprising Luc Laroche, caller; Richard Forest, fiddler; Daniel Poirier, accordionist; Benoit Legault, pianist and Luc Lavalée, bassist. As part of the tradition of the event, those who arrive in traditional costume will be especially welcomed. For more information call 598-8295.

Pop life goes on

A group called Zola is a pop band that quite a number of people think is on the way to big things. They will be showcased by CHOM-FM, *Preview Montreal* and Swann Presentation at Chez Swann, 57 Prince Arthur, Dec 15, from 9 to 10 pm. Doors open at 8 pm, and one assumes this early there won't be the usual lineup. Personnel are lead singer Harry Ziff, bassist Pascal Danon, drummer Francis Lord, keyboardist André Lepine, guitarist Philou Aveline and guitarist Joe Jammer. Their music is described as timeless and accessible with catchy melodies and solid rhythms, with lyrics that are storytelling at its best. Admission is free; for reservations and invitations call 766-1796.

Funny faces for kids

The Norman Berman Children's Library of the Jewish Public Library will present the Funny Face Trio, a musical puppet fantasy for children, Sunday at 2 pm in the Joseph and Ida Berman Auditorium, 5151 Côte St Catherine road. The entertainers include Sanda, singer and musician; Roni, artist and puppeteer and Yael, actor. Children under the age of seven must be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments will be available at the door. Tickets and information: 345-2628.

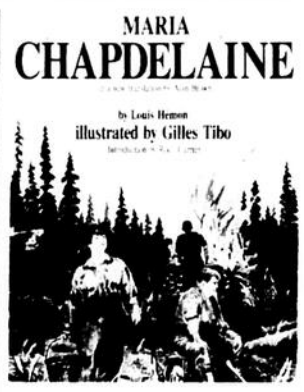
CBC sing-in

If you need more Christmas carolling to carry you happily through the cold weather and crowded shops, the 10th annual CBC Radio sing-in takes place Sunday at 3 pm at the Church of St Andrew and St Paul at the corner of Sherbooke and Bishop streets. Admission is free and no tickets are required, but a free will offering will be collected at the door for the Park Extension Youth Organization. The sing-in will be recorded for broadcast on Arts National at 8 pm Christmas Day, and on the Canadian Armed Forces Network from West Germany on Christmas. The sing-in will feature the church's own choir under the direction of Patrick Wedd and the FACE Senior Treble Choir conducted by Iwan Edwards.

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One cold Sunday night at Victoria Hall:

Oliver Jones spellbinding at jazz association gala

The Jazz Association of Montreal held a gala at Victoria Hall Sunday night that made some money for the organization and left the 230-plus people who braved the cold to attend eager for the next JAM gala.

JAM was celebrating its first year of existence with a concert by jazz pianist Oliver Jones and a dance with Vic Vogel's big band. An intermission between the two had folks blissfully stuffing themselves with desserts by René Pankalla.

Mr Jones started his set with *Getting sentimental over you*. From the outset his command of the instrument and sharp, clear fingering that transcends mere piano playing were obvious. There are moments when you expect the grand piano to get up and walk, because it certainly speaks.

Mr Jones, who is rarely at home in Montreal — he has travelled as far as Africa in the past year as a sort of Canadian cultural ambassador — remarked that there is always a snowstorm when he arrives. He promised not to come back again until June or July.

Most of his devoted fans would gladly put up with weekly blizzards. The music keeps them warm.



Bassist **Steve Wallace** and the redoubtable **Oliver Jones** at the JAM gala held at Victoria Hall Sunday. *Photo by OWEN EGAN*

Memento music

Mr Jones introduced saxophonist/composer Richard Paris from the audience, and remarked that Mr Paris is one of his oldest friends. Their mothers, he said, used to take them to the market when they were only a few months old. In memory of his old neighborhood, he played *Fulford Street*.

Mr Jones was so spellbinding that I kept on forgetting to listen to his sidemen to know how good they were. But whenever I listened less selectively, they were *good*. Torontonians Steve Wallace on bass and Archie Alleyne on drums were having a wonderful time and playing wonderful music.

At one point they left the stage to Mr Jones who soloed his way through a medley of standard ballads: *Can't get started, Polkadots and moonbeams, Rainy Days* and *Body and Soul*.

The sidemen came back for a final romp through *Blues for Hélène*.

The audience was having none of that. They came to their feet and demanded more, and they got it — a hot gospel version of *Just a closer walk with Thee*. I could swear there was an angel chorus singing backup.

This section of the evening's events was recorded by CBC for later broadcast on *Jazz Beat*.

During intermission, sales were brisk of Mr Jones's tapes, records and CDs. These are available on the Justin Time label, from Westmounter Jim West.

JAM also did well selling colorful sweatshirts and T-shirts with their now-familiar logo. Stocks of Vehicule Press's *Swinging in Paradise* by John Gilmore sold out, though a few copies of his *Who's who in jazz* remained. And a jazz cruise to the West Indies gave out lots of pamphlets.

Back to the band

Eventually the audience, laden with purchases and desserts, returned to the ballroom.

Vic Vogel attracted a few determined couples to the dance floor. But most of the audience was sated with food and drink (in addition to the free wine there was a cash bar) and perhaps overcome by the excitement of Mr Jones's concert. Most seemed willing to sit and listen to Mr Vogel's wonderfully skillful arrangements of standards, and to admire the skill of the musicians he got together to play with him Sunday night. Almost everyone in the band was a well-known name in Montreal jazz circles.

When Mr Vogel's band took a break, most of the crowd remembered the cold and the fact that they would be returning to work in the morning. People drifted off to the coat check room, stopping to congratulate the JAM organizers, and consider buying just one more record.

— Janet Coutts

Poetry provides grist for local troupe's mill

An evening of *Our favorite poems* or *Having fun with poetry* will be held by Dramatis Personae Sunday at 10 pm in the Lodge Room of Victoria Hall. Members of the audience will have an opportunity to contribute to the fun.

This is the theatre group's first presentation of the season, and is planned as one of many Sundays of readings.

For this event, the actors, all Westmounters, have chosen their favorite poems and dramatised them.

Audience members may bring along 10 copies of *their* favorite poems. After a coffee intermission following the cast's reading of their favorites, they will dramatise audience offerings on the spot.

Dramatis Personae members have chosen poems from such diverse writers as Lewis Carroll, Leonard Cohen, Piet Hein, Robert Service, Al Purdy, D.H. Lawrence, Ogden Nash, Sir Henry Newbolt and Henry Reed. They are directed by Ann Page.

The event, part of the recreation department's socio-cultural program, is free and open to all. For information call 937-1606.

Westmounters among exhibitors at Salon des Métiers d'Art

Westmounter Karin Marks, who makes shoe bags, is one of the more than 300 artisans from around the world displaying their wares at the 34th annual Salon des Métiers d'Art du Québec at Place Bonaventure until Dec 17.

The Visual Arts Centre is also participating, and will give daily demonstrations at the salon.

All exhibiting artists are competing for the Prix Jean-Marie Gauvreau-Molson, a $5,000 grant presented by Molson Breweries for excellence in craftsmanship. Other prizes include the Prix de la Relève for artisans starting out; the Prix International, awarded to a non-Canadian craftsman; and the Prix de l'Enfant, presented to a child with the best drawing.

Visitors to the salon will have a chance to win a southern vacation and to buy raffle tickets on art objects.

The salon is open from 11 am to 9 pm Monday to Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 6 pm. For information call 270-7770.

Residents in Ballet Ouest production of Nutcracker

There are a number of Westmount young people in Ballet Ouest's *The Nutcracker* at West Hill High School, 5851 Somerled avenue, Saturday at 2 and 8 pm and Sunday at 2 pm.

Leah Russell Brunhoff, 14, and Alexandra London-Thompson, 13, are lieutenants. Ms London-Thompson is also an Arab. Cameron Cornell, 13, is the Prince, and Lee Cornell, 9, is in the party scene. Tamar Kozlov, 9, and Natasha London-Thompson, 10, are mice. Molly Newborn, 8, and Lily Russell, 7, take double roles as chefs and hobby horses (see photo last week).

The Nutcracker is two hours long, including intermission. Tickets are $8, and there is no reserved seating. For ticket information, call 695-1832.

Messiah time with CAMMAC

CAMMAC (Canadian Amateur Musicians) invites all amateurs vocalists and instrumentalists to join in a sight-reading of Handel's *Messiah*, directed by Gordon White.

The reading will be at St Matthias' Church Hall, 12 Church Hill, Sunday from 3 to 5 pm. Parts are provided, but instrumentalists are asked to bring music stands. For information call 352-7499 or 486-5440.

The CAMMAC Orchestra of Montreal, under the direction of Véronique Lacroix, will give a free concert next Wednesday, Dec 13, at 8 pm in the auditorium of CEGEP Ahuntsic, 9155 St Hubert street.

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Christmas musicale at the Pentecostal

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For the fifth year the singing Christmas tree will be presented by more than 100 church musicians. The tree is 40 feet high, nearly as wide, and is decorated with more than 2,000 lights. The sanctuary choir is accompanied by a 25-piece orchestra.

The musicale is called *Noël, Jesus is born*. Concert times are 7 pm on Saturday and Monday, 6 pm on Sunday. Admission is free, but an offering will be collected on Monday for the benefit of Welcome Hall Mission.

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Les paroissiens de St-Léon ont l'embarras du choix pour manifester leur générosité à l'occasion des fêtes de Noël qui viennent. Ils sont invités à donner beaucoup puisqu'ils ont reçu beaucoup; cela correspond à une parole d'Évangile: Celui qui sème en abondance, récolte en abondance, celui qui sème pas de la matière, on sème de la vie par des gestes d'amour. Tous les Westmontais peuvent se joindre s'ils le désirent aux membres de la communauté de St-Léon s'ils veulent récolter "en abondance."

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• Deux paroisses voisines St-Charles et St-Gabriel de Pointe-St-Charles, ont une population de 80 pourcent d'assistés sociaux et de familles qui connaissent de grandes difficultés matérielles. Les responsables ont 600 paniers de Noël à préparer. Vous pouvez apporter boîtes de conserves ou denrées non périssables et nous ferons parvenir ces cadeaux chaque semaine jusqu'au 17 décembre. S.V.P. apporter ces offrandes à l'offertoire, pendant la messe, ou au presbytère.

• Vitaminisation: Depuis sept ans, vous aidez des enfants des Barrios Unidos de Choluteca (Honduras) à survivre et même à vivre en leur offrant un surcroît de vitamines. Plus de 50 pourcent des enfants meurent chaque année au Honduras à cause de la malnutrition et du manque de vitamines, d'autres se développent beaucoup plus lentement qu'un enfant normal à cause du même manque. Vous pouvez remettre votre "cadeau à l'enfant Jésus" en vous servant des enveloppes marquées "Comité Choluteca," et faire les chèques à l'ordre du Comité Choluteca.

Vous déposerez vos enveloppes ou offrandes au presbytère ou avec les offrandes dominicales. Sr Jeannine et Sr Albert, s.f.j. des Barrios Unidos reçoivent vos dons sans aucun frais d'administration, tous les dons parviennent sans intermédiaire à Choluteca.

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Élections de trois marguilliers: Les paroissiens sont tous convoqués à une réunion du Conseil de Fabrique de la paroisse St-Léon-de-Westmount, qui se tiendra dans l'église, le dimanche 10 décembre 1989, après la messe de 11h15, soit vers midi. Cette assemblée des paroissiens a pour but d'élire deux marguilliers pour un terme de trois ans, à compter du premier janvier prochain, et d'un autre marguiller pour terminer le terme d'un an, d'un marguillier qui se retire et qui n'est pas sur le territoire de la paroisse.

OUR MP SAYS . . .

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they believed that the notwithstanding clause should be used under all circumstances to protect the French language in Quebec. Furthermore, the Official Languages Act should apply to the rest of Canada but not to Quebec.

"Broadbent never once reprimanded them," Ms Paluso says. She even believes that Broadbent's office was aware of the initiative and gave its blessing. Ms Paluso called Broadbent's office to remind the party that these statements were not in keeping with policies adopted by the NDP at national conventions.

Broadbent would not move. Indeed, when asked what he thought about Bill 101, Broadbent replied that it was a provincial matter, that he was a stranger to Quebec and that it didn't concern him. Later on Broadbent's office issued a letter restating the party's position.

According to Ms Paluso, it was too inconsistent and confusing. These incidents devastated her campaign. Voters who had agreed to put up lawn signs brought them back to her office. "I was the only candidate in Quebec who had signs up in English, French and Italian. I was sponsoring an event commemorating 'Kristallnacht' at the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue. People told me I was a racist." Ms Paluso today says that she would never have run in the election if she had known that Broadbent would change policies on such a fundamental question as minority rights.

Ms Paluso has not renewed her membership in the NDP. She says that she is in a political wilderness. She's waiting to see what the new leader, Audrey McLaughlin, will do. She has her doubts about Phil Edmonston, who was running for the NDP in Chambly: "He says one thing to anglophones and another thing to francophones."

Choir concert at Adventist church

Everyone is invited to spend the evening of Saturday, Dec 16, with the Westmount Seventh Day Adventist church choir at the annual year-end concert.

Jesus, He shall be great will be presented at 7 pm at the church, 571 Victoria avenue.

Guest performers include the Montreal Inter-Hospital Choir, the Forde sisters and other local artists. An offering will be taken in aid of the church renovation fund. For information call 739-0706 or 486-9915.

Calligraphers hold workshop

La Société des Calligraphes de Montréal will hold a workshop in calligraphy for beginners Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm at CEGEP Ahuntsic, 9155 St Hubert street.

Kathy Feig will teach the workshop. Fees are $70 for members and $80 for non-members. For information or to register call 487-2653.

Crelinsten speaks at Shaar meeting

Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington avenue, will host a Men's Association meeting Wednesday at 8 pm.

Guest speaker will be Dr Gordon Crelinsten, cardiologist and chair of clinical ethical committee of the Royal Victoria Hospital and Jewish General Hospital on *Tragic choices*.

The meeting will be held in the Kiddush room. Wine and cheese will be served.

New neighbor in neighborhood

Dianne Stevenson gave birth to her first child, son Serge Alexander, last week.

The young man was born on Nov 27 at 6:58 pm in St Mary's Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces. Mother and son are home now and are reported, by Ms Stevenson's colleague Anne McLean, to be doing very well indeed, as is father Serge.

Ms Stevenson and Ms McLean work at Cantor's on St Catherine street. They were featured in an EXAMINER "In the Neighborhood" profile February this year.

Yelin to read Monday at Temple

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom Entre-Nous group is presenting a program of Hanukkah stories, gleanings from literature, *Erev Chanukah* with Shulamis Yelin, noted Montreal poet, author and educator.

The reading is Monday, Dec 11, at 1 pm at 395 Elm avenue. Everyone is welcome, there is no admission charge. For information call 937-3575.

Yule bazaar

Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve boulevard at Lansdowne avenue will hold a Christmas bazaar Saturday, Dec 9, from 11 am to 3 pm. Assorted gifts, knitted goods, white elephant items, preserves, pickles and baked goodies will be for sale. Lunch will be served from 11:30 am to 2 pm and everyone is welcome. For information call 937-1146.

Poets at Temple

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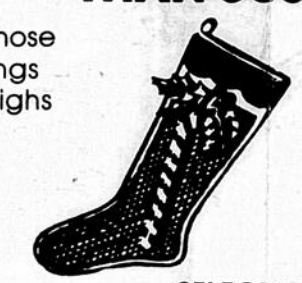
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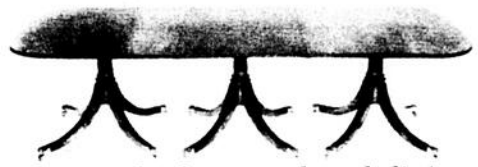
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Toy & Book Fair

Organized by Place Kensington Seniors' Residence and K.I.D.S. Westmount Daycare, Thursday, Dec 7, 3:30-6:30 pm, at 4430 St Catherine street west. Featuring "Discovery Toys", educational toys, moderately priced. All profits donated to Montreal Children's Hospital.

Coffee House

St Augustine's Church, corner Côte St Antoine & Marcil, N.D.G. Saturday, Dec 9, 7:30 pm. Admission $3. Music and live entertainment, proceeds for renovations and programs at Waseskun House, a residential centre for native ex-offenders in need of community support.

Bon Marché — Thrift Shop

Trinity Memorial Church, 2146 Marlowe avenue, corner Sherbrooke street west, every Wednesday, 10 am-3 pm. Good winter things & bargain basement, plus Christmas gift corner.

Samedi Greene — Square Dance & Cookie Exchange

At the Greene Avenue Community Centre, 1090 Greene avenue, Westmount, Saturday, Dec 16, 10-11:30 am. Bring 20 of the same kind of cookie & trade for an assortment. Admission $1. Children 6 & under must be accompanied by an adult.



SNOWBALL SISTERHOOD: Among the members of the committee planning the fourth annual Bal des Neiges to benefit the Montreal Association of the Blind are, from left: Westmounters **Judith Webster** and **Nikola Reford**, chair **Thea Drummond**, and Westmount residents **Thea Lindsay, Jill Price** and **Valerie Laidley**. The ball will be held at the Bonaventure Hotel at 7 pm on Wednesday, Dec 20. Music will be provided by the Perry Carmen Orchestra. Tickets are $100 for those 18 to 29 years of age, $130 for 30 years and older. For further information, call Susanne Bilodeau at 489-8201.

Ireland Fund holds gala

The second annual gala dinner of the Montreal chapter of the Ireland Fund of Canada took place last month at Château Champlain. Former Westmount mayor Brian O'Neill Gallery has announced the proceeds of the dinner at $40,000.

Monies will go to community level self-help projects in Ireland.

Mr Gallery said continuing support "demonstrates the positive interest of people of goodwill in the Montreal area for the objectives of the Ireland Fund — the pursuit of peace, culture and charity in Ireland, north and south."

Guests at the dinner viewed a video report on projects supported by the fund. Entertainment included a song recital by Barbara Canella Ennis, accompanied by Theresa Courville, harpist, and a dance by the Mackinaw Folkloric Group.

Ireland Fund groups are found in the U.S.A., Australia, France and Great Britain. For more information on the local chapter, call 488-6970 or 595-8130.

Women's Centre seeks food gifts

The Women's Centre of Montreal has received many toys, books and gifts to be distributed to more than 700 families during the holiday season. However, there is still an urgent need for food; and they would like to provide a turkey to each family.

Baskets will be distributed between Dec 15 and noon on Dec 23.

Workers request that donations of food be brought to 3585 St Urbain street before Dec 23. The centre is open daily from 9 am to 5 pm and from 9 am to 9 pm on Tuesdays. The centre will be open Saturday Dec 16 and Sunday Dec 17 from 9:30 am and 5 pm.

For information call 842-4785.

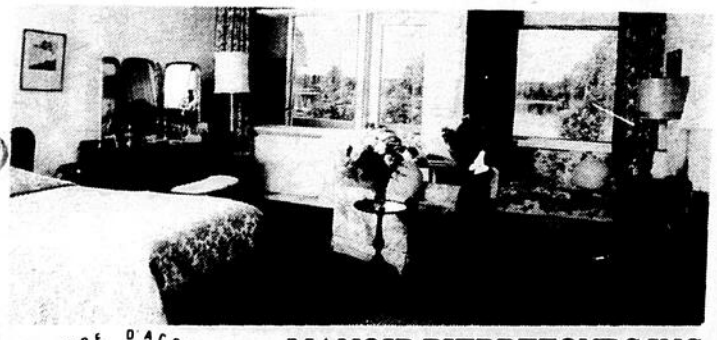
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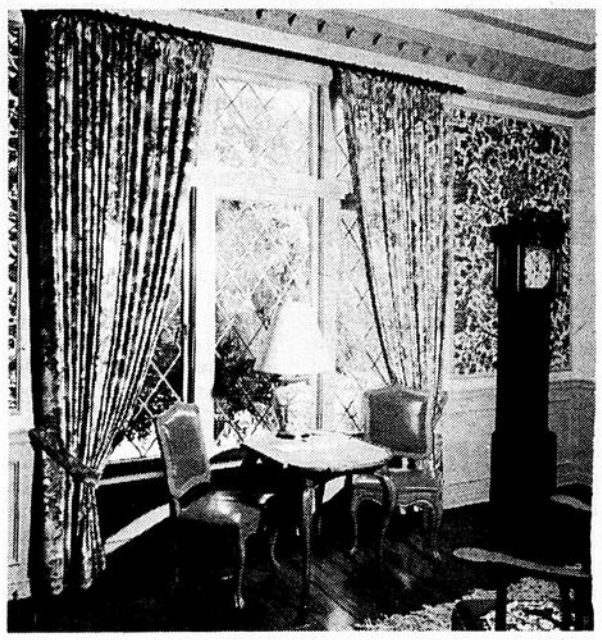
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Waseskun House, still a dream, is to be a community residential centre for male Inuit, Indian and Métis ex-offenders on conditional release from federal or provincial prisons.

A coffee house to raise funds for renovations and program development will be held Saturday at 7:30 pm at St Augustine's Church, at the corner of Côte St Antoine road and Marcil avenue in N.D.G. The entrance to the event is on Marcil.

Admission to the coffee house is $3. Live entertainment and door prizes will be featured.

A feasibility study commissioned by the board of Waseskun House shows that some native inmates in Quebec do not apply for parole even when it becomes available because there is so little support for them on the outside. Many would welcome a group home with programs designed by other native people, especially those relating to drugs and alcohol.

Programs of the halfway house are to include counselling, workshops, life-skills training, literacy training, job training and referral, and sport and recreational facilities.

Most of the native men who will come to Waseskun House are under 30, without high school education or employment training. Their offenses generally were drug and/or alcohol related.

Those who would like to make further contribution towards the $60,000 Waseskun House must raise to augment government grants can send them to 1295 Laprairie, Montreal, H3K 2W1. Volunteers, particularly members of the native community in Montreal, are also sought to help in fundraising efforts. For information call 363-0043 or 932-1424.

Re/Max collecting food for baskets

For the third year, Re/Max Westmount is a drop-off centre for the Sun Youth annual food drive.

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Toy fair at KIDS daycare

There will be a toy fair today from 3:30 to 6:30 pm at 4430 St Catherine street west organized by Place Kensington Seniors Residence and KIDS Westmount Daycare.

Discovery Toys educational toys will be featured and all profits will be donated to Montreal Children's Hospital. For information call 935-1212.

Parkinson group has annual party

The Montreal chapter of the Parkinson Foundation English self-help group will hold its annual Christmas party Monday at 7:30 pm at the Constance-Lethbridge Rehabilitation Centre, 7005 de Maisonneuve boulevard west.

The square-dance group Circles and Squares will perform with audience participation.

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At the presentation of the Elizabeth Mrazik-Cleaver award, from left, award-winner **Ken Nutt**, judges **Irene Aubrey** and **Maria Vavarikos**, and children's librarian **Joanne Stanbridge**.
Photo by OWEN EGAN

Ken Nutt given annual prize for children's book illustration

Ken Nutt is this year's recipient of the Elizabeth Mrazik-Cleaver Canadian Picture Book Award.

Mr Nutt illustrated, under the pseudonym Eric Beddows, the book *Night Cars* by Teddy Jam. It is for this work he received the award.

The presentation was made Monday evening at the Westmount Children's Library making it the second time Westmount has hosted the event.

Ms Mrazik-Cleaver was a Westmount resident and award-winning illustrator of Canadian books. Among books she illustrated are *The Wind has Wings*, *Petrouchka* and *The Loon's Necklace*. Large reproductions of two of her drawings in *Petrouchka* hang in the main room of the children's library. Ms Mrazik-Cleaver died at the age of 45 in 1985. The award in her name has been given annually since that time.

Mr Nutt is perhaps best known for his illustrations of the Tim Wynne-Jones books about Zoom: *Zoom at Sea* and *Zoom Away*. These were the first children's books he illustrated. *Zoom at Sea* won the Amelia Frances Howard-Gibbon Illustrator's Award.

Mr Nutt was selected winner of the Mrazik-Cleaver award by a panel of three judges including two former Westmount children's librarians, Irene Aubrey and Maria Vavarikos. Ms Aubrey is now head of the children's literature service at the National Library of Canada.

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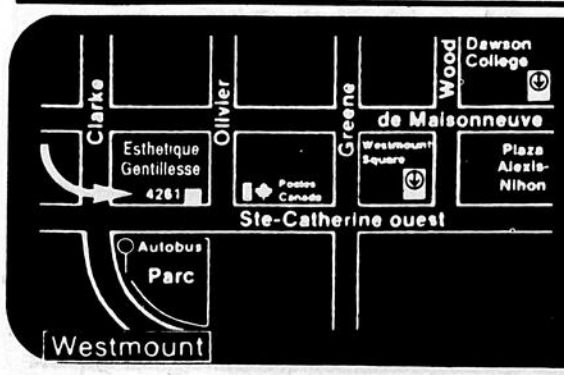
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"It was the Depression. We were all unemployed," Mr Labelle, 69, says. "It was for adventure."

"A lot of fellas joined up from the first war," Mr Standring, 71, adds. "In 1936, when the Spanish war was going, we just hoped it would get bigger."

The two are volleying memories back and forth in the basement of the Royal Montreal Regiment. It is Saturday night, Dec 2. These men are among the members of 'A' Company (overseas), RMR, attending their 41st annual reunion. The reunion also marks, almost to the day, the 50th anniversary of the regiment's Second World War departure for Over There.

The long low-ceiling dark-panelled dimly-lit room is full of laughter, reminiscences, smoke and music from a combo playing old favorites. Every so often a tune stirs the gathering and they lift their voices to the lilt of the accordion. there is a nonstop flow to and from the bar.

Blizzard-bound

Seated at the tables around the room are ten members of the 'A' Company (overseas) Association with their wives and other family members. Of the five other remaining members of the association, one is in hospital and those living in Brockville, Cornwall and one from near Ormstown haven't been able to make it. There is, after all, a blizzard blowing outside.

John McConachie has found the association's Roll Book which dates back to 1949. There is a pair of pages for each letter of the alphabet. Names are neatly listed on the left. Ruled columns give the years. The initials of, presumably, whoever called the roll, indicate attendance. Present and accounted for are those who returned year after year. The neat initials are their proof.

After many names, at different points across the pages, DECEASED is printed, in bold black capital letters. Other men just stopped showing up and no initials mark their boxes for later years. Like truants whom the teacher now ignores.

Mr McConachie says they don't bother with calling the roll anymore.

The association was formed in 1948.

"I *think* we're the only company association in Canada," Mr Standring says.

"If not the only, then the oldest," asserts Mr McConachie.

The beginning, says Mr McConachie, was not terribly promising. "The first reunion of 'A' Company we had only about 12 people because the word hadn't got out."

A good party

Mr Labelle remembers that reunion. "The first reunion started Friday night and ended Monday morning!"

But word did get out. "We had somewhere up to 112 in 1949 or '50 and through to the '60s," Mr McConachie says.

Then age, moving and death started to affect the numbers. "Now we're about 15 trying to maintain the association."

Jim Stiebel confesses to being slightly stunned by the realization he has known these men 50 years and more. "It's really been that long," he says with wonder.

It was 50 years ago that the roughly 150 men of 'A' Company with the other members of the RMR took the train to Halifax, Dec 6, 1939. There they boarded the *SS Bedford* for the crossing to England.

"We went over in a convoy," says Mr Labelle. "We were in the first contingent from Canada."

Mr Stiebel, 74 this Saturday, went even earlier. "I arrived in England Dec 1, 1939, with the advance party. When they're sending a regiment somewhere, someone's got to be there to map out plans and get things ready." He was not yet 24 when he arrived.

Mr Labelle was 19 when he went over. John McConachie was 17. Mr Standring was 20. They were all under age when they joined the regiment.

"I signed up three times as 18," laughs Mr Labelle.

Younger yet

Mr Standring tops him. "I've been in the regiment since 1934. I joined when I was 15."

He was drummer boy for a time.

All of them shrug. "We lied," they admit without shame.

"Twenty-one of us joined from Point St Charles at the same time," Mr McConachie says. Some were old enough, others weren't — but they weren't going to be separated in this grand adventure.

Mr Labelle remembers the voyage to England. "We crossed the ocean in style... with white tablecloths, silver cutlery and purser service." They were introduced to Planters Punch at 6p (about 10 cents) each.

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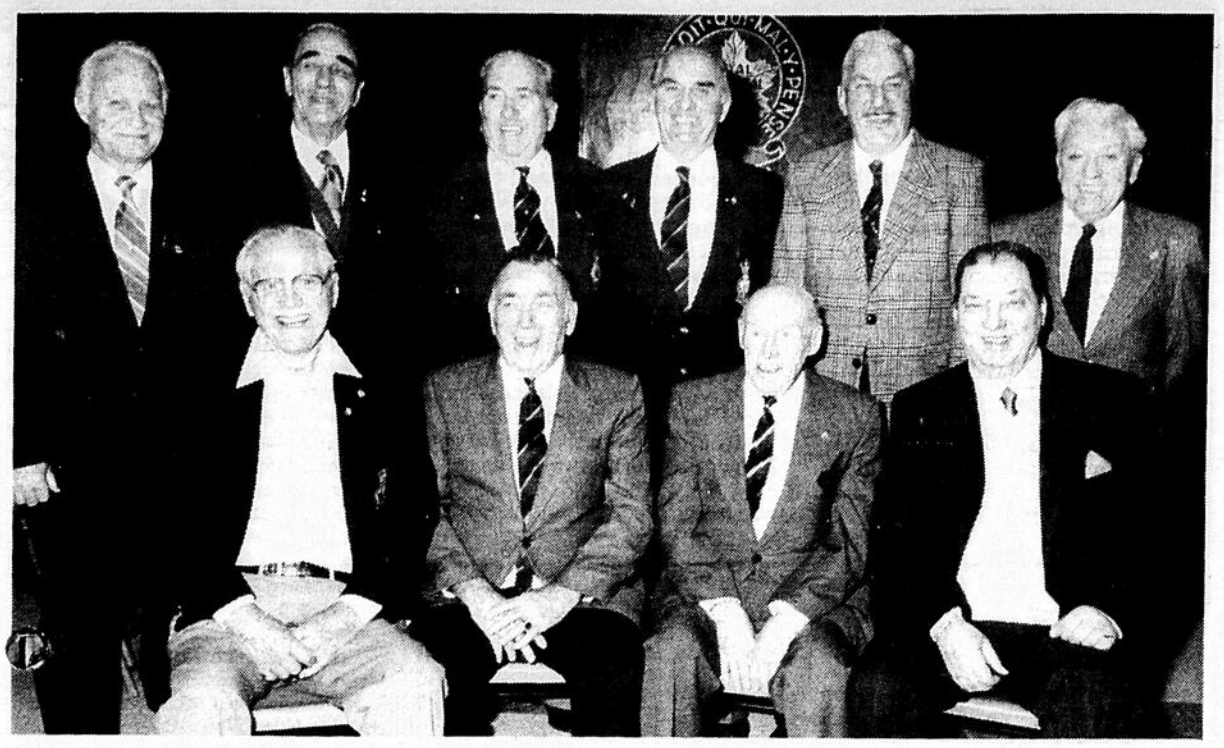
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The members of the 'A' Company (overseas) Association, RMR: in back from left, **J. McConachie, P. Kirkman, E. Howard, W. Standring, L. Crawshaw** and **J.A. Stiebel**; in front from left, **B. Labelle, R. Inglis, J. Hodkinson** and **A.R. Meunier.** Absent are W.H. Mann, W. Marshall, S. Stone, W.J. Stiebel and J.B. Simms. *Photo by OWEN EGAN.*

on two different occasions."

Despite the phantom sinkings, the detachment arrived at Clyde and headed immediately for Aldershot. Then began months of training. The regiment trained near Camberly for most of 1940 and was eventually moved, late in the year, to Sutton, Surrey.

"I met him in a pub in Sutton," says Meg Standring.

Was it love at first sight?

"No, not particularly. But it was soon after and it's been that way ever since."

Course of true love...

Mr Standring was sent home in 1944 because of medical problems.

"I never thought he'd come back, but he did," Mrs Standring says. "Before he left we knew we loved each other and wanted to spend our life together."

He was "demobbed," then joined the merchant marines. "I served on three tankers and got back to England. I stayed three years, 1944 to '47, to get married," he says.

Mrs Standring says the move to Canada, after the war, was tough. "I left my mother and father and seven brothers and sisters... I was just homesick for my parents."

When the couple arrived here, their first son was already two years old. They later had two more children.

Almost immediately, Mrs Standring found a job. Ever since, she seems to have kept too busy to be homesick — and the couple tries to visit England every three years. At 68 she is still very involved with the regiment. "I'm going to be president of the RMR Legion," she says. "I work for the veterans all the time."

The other members of 'A' Company remained in England until 1944 when it was announced that the RMR was to be disbanded. The men were dispersed to other units.

Split up

"I went to the B.C. Tank Corps," says Mr McConachie. He was moved to France.

Mr Labelle was sent to the South Alberta Regiment and continued in England.

Mr Stiebel fought in France, Belgium and Holland. "Then I was asked if I wanted to go home on leave, and I said 'yes'."

The RMR was reformed, first as a defence company and later as a battalion. The battalion returned from the continent to England in September 1945 and embarked for Canada Sept 15, 1945.

A fashionably late dinner hour is approaching here in the bowels of the RMR armory. The members of the 'A' Company (overseas) Association are going to enjoy a chicken dinner soon. And there's a special cake lurking in the wings. It is decorated with a 50.

Mr Labelle ducks into the corridor. "Look at this," he says, holding out a small jeweler's box, "I couldn't show you in there."

He casts a furtive glance over his shoulder, then deftly removes the lid from the box.

It is a tiny silver lapel pin. The RMR crest with a 50 overlying it.

"They're all going to get one," he says, nodding back toward 'A' Company.

Purse found

A stolen purse was recovered Wednesday last week beside 4026 Dorchester boulevard, police said. It had been taken from the office of a worker at 6 Weredale Park the previous afternoon. Missing was $5. It is not known what else the bag had contained.

Unseasonal find

A blue Raleigh bicycle was found Sunday at Metcalfe avenue and Côte St Antoine road Sunday, according to police. It was taken to local MUC police station 23.

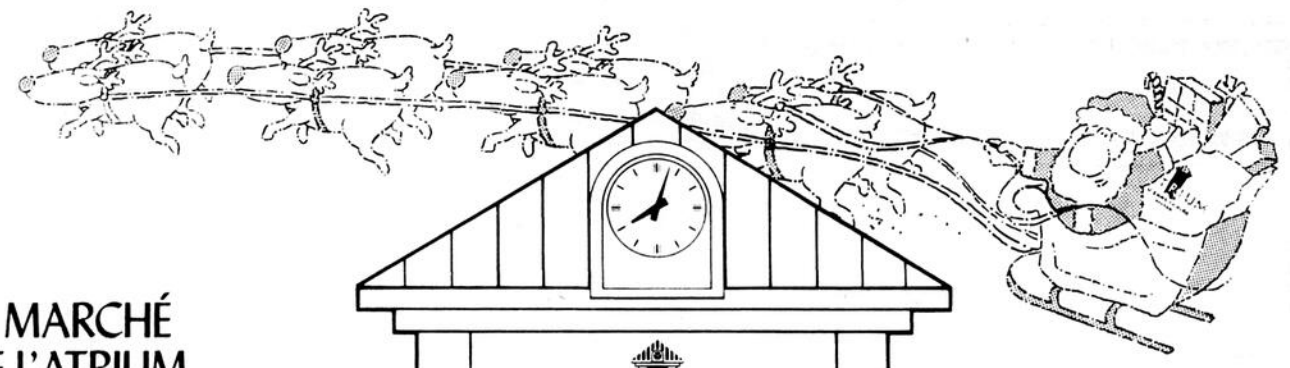
Man with knife robs Greene shop

A knife-wielding man robbed two shopkeepers at La Vie Jolie Monday of cash, wallets and a scarf, police said. He managed to get only a small amount of money.

The robber entered the store at 1216 Greene about 4:15 pm. He looked around and then took a white acrylic scarf to the cash. Instead of paying he produced a knife, forcing the two women to the back where he searched their purses. He then ran off with the loot.

The robber is described as an English-speaking black man, aged about 24, wearing a dark-colored jacket and hat. The victims are identified as the shop's owner and its manager.

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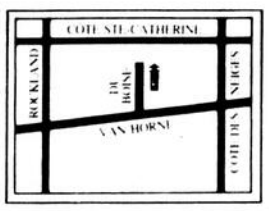
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Brittain named award-winner; friends to establish memorial

The late Westmount filmmaker Donald Brittain was the posthumous recipient of the Margaret Collier Award at Monday's presentation of the Geminis in Toronto. The award is given for an outstanding body of work by a television writer.

Mr Brittain's friends and colleagues announced recently they are establishing a memorial in his name, probably a scholarship.

"Our governing objective is to extend and encourage in the field of Don Brittain's work: journalistic documentary," said Paul Wright, a retired CBC current affairs executive producer and a resident of Prince Albert avenue.

Mr Wright and Chesterfield avenue resident Adam Symansky, a National Film Board producer, would like anyone interested in helping with the memorial to contact Mr Wright at 475 Prince Albert avenue, Westmount, H3Y 2P7.

They hope to establish the memorial scholarship in conjunction with a Quebec or Ontario university. It would be an annual award chosen by a jury, Mr Wright said, adding that Mr Brittain "had an extremely elegant skill."

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Course sign-up taking place at Visual Arts

Registration for winter courses at Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria avenue, is under way.

The textiles department offers courses in weaving, knitting, painting and printing. Ceramics offers courses in raku, wheel and handbuilding. The sculpture department has classes in clay figure and spatial exploration.

The drawing and painting department has classes in portraiture, life drawing and figure painting.

There are, as well, classes in calligraphy, art history, computer art, graphic design and design.

Classes for children are also offered.

Fourteen-week classes will start the week of Jan 15, and 10-week classes start Feb 5. To reserve space, call 488-9588 or drop in at the centre.

Open house for kids set at Visual Arts

The Visual Arts Centre will have a children's open house Saturday from 1 to 4 pm at the centre's school, 350 Victoria avenue.

Children will be able to try their hand at making stuffed animals, designing offbeat hats and creating in clay. Children younger than six should be accompanied by an adult. There is no charge for the event.

Registration for children's winter courses in painting, drawing and ceramics will be ongoing during the day. For information call 488-9559.

Santa is coming to Oink Oink!

Oink Oink! children's bookstore is holding Christmas events at the shop, 1361 Greene avenue, for children of all ages.

This Saturday Santa Claus reads his own stories about Randolph and Frosty. Dec 16 *The apple tree Christmas* by Trinka Hale Noble will be read.

Dec 22 will have a celebration of kids' Christmas carols. Everyone is invited to listen.

All events take place at 10 am.

Jan 7, with a reading from Ann Turnbull's *The sand horse* and other horse tails, the store will revert to its usual schedule of readings every second Saturday.

For information call 939-2634.

Goldbloom speaks at Greene centre

Victor Goldbloom will speak in Westmount Tuesday, Dec 12, on "The challenge of multi-culturalism in Quebec." A former Quebec cabinet minister and longtime Westmount resident, Mr Goldbloom is president of the International Council of Christians and Jews.

His talk takes place at the Greene Avenue Community Centre, 1090 Greene avenue, beginning at 7:30 pm. The centre is located one block south of Dorchester boulevard. Admission is free and all are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. Call the centre at 921-6202 for more information.

Alliance Quebec has Yule party

Alliance Quebec will have its annual Chrismas party with a roast of immediate past chair Peter Blaikie on Monday at 5:30 pm at the Delta Hotel, 475 President Kennedy avenue west, Salon Opus II.

There will be a cash bar and buffet. Those planning to attend should reserve at 865-2771.

Man struck by car, injured, while crossing Victoria

A MAN was taken to hospital Tuesday last week after being hit by a car in front of 632 Victoria avenue. He was thrown onto a parked car, police report.

The victim is reported to have been crossing from east to west in front of a parked car about 10:40 am when he was struck by a southbound Pontiac. The man, a LaSalle resident, was transported to Queen Elizabeth Hospital by Urgences Santé. He was suffering undetermined injuries.

The driver of the car, a Pierrefonds man, was issued a 48-hour ticket for not having proof of insurance.

The traffic accident was the second in two days at the location. On Monday, Nov 27, a southbound car slipped on the snowy hill and struck a parked car. No one was injured.

EMO meeting to update personnel

A meeting of Westmount's Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) has been called for next Friday morning, Dec 15, by its director of operations, fire chief William Timmons.

The meeting will include representatives of St John Ambulance Brigade which has officially been included under the plan's social services section headed by Mamadou Diop.

"Though this is a regular meeting, we intend to update our personnel following recent appointments of city staff," Dir Timmons said.

The city's disaster management plan was approved by Quebec's Civil Protection Bureau last August. It was then submitted to city council which has yet to adopt it.

Wounded window

Someone broke the window in the door of Pacini restaurant, 4050 St Catherine street, early Sunday, police said. The $300 damage was spotted by a patrolling constable at 6:10 am.


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WMA calls for task force on plans for CP yards

Westmount city council should establish a task force to review plans for CP Rail's development of the vacant Glen Yards, the Westmount Municipal Association board of directors urged at its meeting Monday.

"We feel that a committee is needed with representatives from different interested groups — competent people from within the community — to make certain any development is done in the best interest of Westmount," WMA president Thomas Thompson said.

Issues of particular concern, Mr Thompson said, are the costs associated with the project, the keeping of land for parks and recreational facilities, access to the area and ensuring a mixed land use through zoning.

Also discussed at Monday's meeting was a second WMA members' survey planned for early in the new year. Following up on the survey undertaken this year, the WMA will continue to seek its members' opinions on municipal matters. Mr Thompson said city councillors will be invited to suggest one or two questions to be included on the survey.

There was some discussion, but no consensus, on the need for a city by-law that would cover "out-buildings or unusual structures which interfere with neighbors' enjoyment of their properties."

This came in response to the construction this year of the controversial "accessory building" on Lexington avenue. The matter is still before the courts.

Mr Thompson said a second ward committee meeting is slated for March to encourage WMA members and other residents to meet with their councillors to discuss issues of local concern.

If more than one candidate decides to run in the Feb 4 by-election for the vacant ward 2 seat on council, then the WMA will hold an all-candidates meeting in January. Mr Thompson said he is pleased that the only person to come forward to date, Peter Trent, is experienced both in municipal politics and in the running of a business.

Perfect crime

A purse containing a wallet and two pairs of eyeglasses was stolen from a receptionist at Perfection Rugs, 4221 St Catherine street, Tuesday last week, according to police. The woman had left the bag unattended at her desk over lunch.

WMA wants to know more about development plans

The Westmount Municipal Association wants more details about the city's plans for the Victoria Hall, greenhouse and library complex so it can survey residents about them early in the New Year.

WMA board member Stanley Baker asked council at its meeting Monday when it was going to release more details of its proposed alterations to the popular public facilities. The WMA wants to include questions on the subject when it sends out another survey on municipal issues to its members. A survey last spring was well-received.

The mayor said details are being released when possible but that for the time being there would be little more than what was discussed at last month's information meeting (see story Nov 16).

Councillor Sally Aitken suggested the WMA ask residents what they would think of a public fund-raising campaign to help finance the estimated $6 million plan.

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City honors long service at annual awards banquet

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The workers are among 38 men and women named to receive long-service awards for 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years. Membership to the club is granted only after a quarter-century of service for which employees receive a gold watch from the city.

The event, which takes place each year in Victoria Hall, is attended by those receiving awards as well as those who previously attained 25 years, many now retired.

Gold watches were earned this year by: Fireman Patrick McLaughlin; Fire Captain Gerald Gauthier; MUC police Cst Patrick Sheehan; Henry Neblett, of the services department; Douglas Gavin, recreation; and Clement Guerin, Cornelio Paveglio, Royal Cormier, Maurice Remillard and Terrence Hadden, all of public works.

Since formation of the club in 1944, 387 employees have qualified for membership.

Other long-service awards for this year are:

15 years' service

Lapel pins to: Elvio Masucci, Jean Martin and Michel Poulin, all of public works; Terry Stubbs, recreation; Lieut Barry Coates, fire brigade; John Berry, light and power; Philomena McLoughlin, city nurse; and Kevin Dawson, inspector with services department.

20 years' service

Pewter tankards to: public works employees Richard Bessette, Alain Bourassa and George Harris; fire brigade members David Cobb, Kenneth Ellis, Hugh Clarke, Marcel Brassard, Capt Gary Watson, Lieut Antonio Testa, and clerk Percy George; light and power workers Raymond Trudel and Gilles Audette; as well as city plumbing inspector Robert Burriss.

30 years' service

Anniversary clocks to: Robert Goyette, light and power; Edwin McCavour, city manager of corporate service; James Martin, human resources; and David Gales of finance.

35 years' service

Gold rings to: Julien Poirier, Orlando Puglia and Wilfrid Monette, all from public works.

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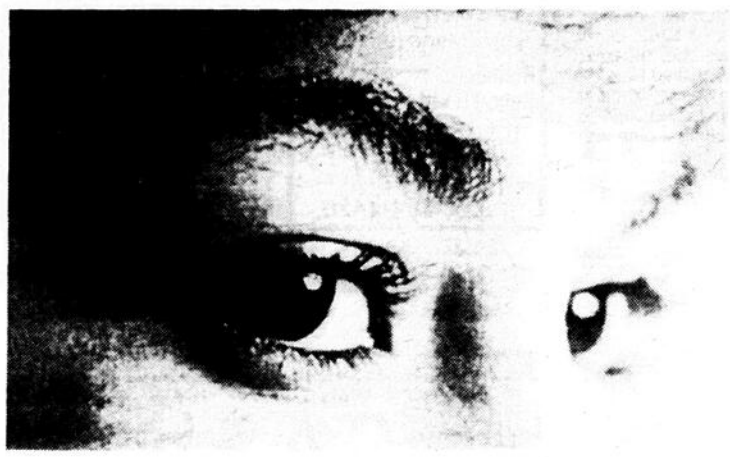
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By RAJDEEP GILL

Westmount High School held its open house Wednesday last week. The event gave parents of WHS students and of Grade 6 students interested in attending WHS a chance to view the school.

The open house took place from 9 am to 2:45 pm, at which time parents and Grade 6 students were welcome to visit regular classes in session. It then picked up in the evening from 7 to 9.

"During the morning we had 16 Grade 6 students from Westmount Park and three youngsters from Confederation in the school," says WHS principal Richard Meades. "In addition to that we had both parents of kids who are actually attending WHS and potential Grade 7 parents tour the school."

The greatest response was in the evening. At this time parents and students could go into different classes and observe WHS students give presentations, carry out experiments in different labs and explain different displays.

"This year there were so many students involved," Mr Meades says. "We had the prefects who traditionally have been involved in these things, but in addition this year we had a volleyball team, a basketball team, Grade 7 and 8 drama students, music students etc. There were students from every level of walk of life from this school involved."

One of the things the parents and students enjoyed and were impressed by was the choir, which gave a half-hour show.

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Choir member Valerie Snell says, "It was hard work but it paid off. I was nervous and before one of the songs I asked my friend, 'How does it go? How does it go?' 'cause I couldn't remember the words."

Poonam Bharwani, also in the choir, says, "The number of people was incredible. We didn't know so many people would show up to watch us."

Another of many presentations was four students reading about the Youth Protection Act.

"It was a question and answer sort of thing," says one of the participating students, Sulya Fenichel. "There were questions such as 'What is the Youth Protection Act?' and 'Does it work?' There were also questions as to what you should do in certain situations and we read about the effects these situations have on youths."

At this same time Mr Meades was running one of two different workshops. "The first one on learning styles theory was meant to be from 7:30 to 8, and the next one on WHS, the Challenge program, was meant to be 8:30 to 9," says Mr Meades.

"I know I went to my room at 7:30 and I stayed right through to 9:30 and the room was full all the time with people coming and going.

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According to most of the WHS students who took part in open house it was a success, though they felt that after having worked hard from 7 in the morning to 10 at night they deserved a professional day the following day.

Incidentally, Mr Meades agreed.

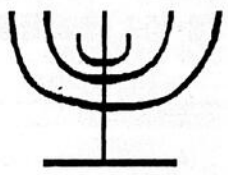
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In reporting the accident, police said the middle car sustained more than $500 damage. It belongs to a Hampstead woman. The two other cars were driven by Westmounters. The mishap occurred about 4:50 pm.

Plowed

A sidewalk plow collided with a car while spreading sand outside 596 Belmont avenue Monday, Nov 27, police said. The car, a 1985 Oldsmobile, sustained more than $500 damage. None was reported to the Bombardier. The mishap occurred about 9:50 am.

Wheel heist

Someone stole a Mag wheel and snow tire from a car parked overnight Wednesday-Thursday last week in front of 188 Selby street, according to police. The wheel was taken from the right rear of the red 1989 Toyota between 11 pm and 8:30 am.

New oven gone

A new microwave oven was discovered missing Sunday from a locker in the apartment building at 388 Olivier avenue, police report. The oven had been won and was still in its original packaging. A wooden high chair also was stolen. The locker had been entered by forcing open the padlock.

Snowballed

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Recreation groups schedule holiday concerts

As the holiday season approaches, the Westmount recreation department is getting into the spirit with some traditional performances.

Youngsters who have participated in the city's dance, theatre and music programs will perform in a Christmas concert at Victoria Hall Tuesday at 7 pm. Parents and family are specifically invited to attend, but all are welcome. Admission is free.

The Westmount community choir will perform Christmas carols in a private concert Monday evening for the residents of Manoir Westmount.

Another hour of hockey opens

An additional hockey time slot has opened at the Westmount arena for 16- and 17-year-olds on Thursday evenings from 8:30 to 9:30 pm.

The hour is available for general hockey for that age group. Full hockey equipment including face mask and neck protector are required. For more information, call the recreation department at 935-8531, local 212.

HOCKEY STANDINGS

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal hockey leagues as of Saturday, December 2:

	GP	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
NOVICE							
Canadiens	9	8	1	0	70	15	16
Dragons	8	3	3	2	20	27	8
Bears	10	2	5	3	30	48	7
Guards	9	2	6	1	23	53	5
ATOM							
Penguins	10	7	2	1	37	22	15
Nordiques	10	4	4	2	37	30	10
Canucks	10	4	6	0	33	43	8
Canadiens	10	3	6	1	36	48	7
PEEWEE							
Canadiens	8	5	2	1	37	29	11
Capitals	9	5	3	1	40	40	11
Seals	9	2	7	0	38	46	4
SENIOR A							
Stars	13	11	2	0	63	31	22
Wanderers	13	7	4	2	54	27	16
Flames	13	5	5	3	43	37	13
Sabres	13	5	7	1	45	52	11
Bruins	12	1	11	0	23	81	2
SENIOR B							
Hawks	12	9	3	0	64	43	18
Devils	10	6	2	2	37	22	14
Flyers	11	6	4	1	33	32	13
Aces	11	4	4	3	29	31	11
Fathers	12	3	6	3	48	65	9
Kings	10	2	6	2	35	49	6
Oilers	10	2	7	1	43	47	5

Questo gymnast Rasminsky takes home gold and silver

Westmounter Abigail Rasminsky, 12, of the Questo Rhythmics Club, captured a gold and a silver at the Ninth Questo Invitational Competition in rhythmic gymnastics Nov 25 and 26 at the Confederation Sports Centre in N.D.G.

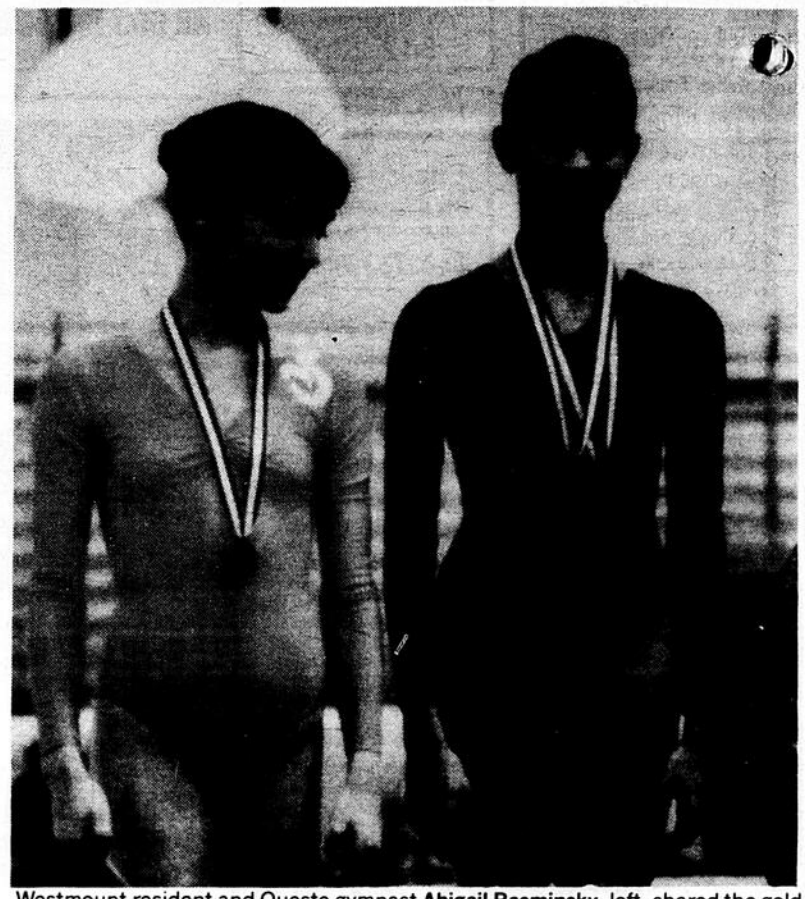
Competing as a junior for the first time, Ms Rasminsky took second place in the all-around competition and tied for first with her club routine.

Questo teammate Paola Wong, 12, came third all-around, won the junior rope event, came second in ribbon, and tied for second in hoop.

Erin Tedford, 13, who also trains at Questo, came second in junior rope. Joyce Bernas, 12, took the fourth all-around, a fourth in hoop and a fifth in ribbon, while teammate Estelle Coppens, also 12, secured sixth in hoop and eighth in ribbon. Anne-Marie Bodroghkozy, 12, was sixth in ribbon, and Melanie Laporte, 14, came ninth in both rope and ball.

The presence of several Ontario clubs and a strong team from Miami, Florida, made the competition on the junior level especially fierce.

The silver medal in the all-around in the senior division went to Ontario veteran Ilona Hurikova, 17, who also took home a silver and three bronzes in individual events.



Westmount resident and Questo gymnast **Abigail Rasminsky**, left, shared the gold medal with **Heather Lovell** of the Miami Twisters at the Questo Invitational Competition in rhythmic gymnastics.

In the novice category, Questo's Tami Erdos, 10, tied for first in ribbon and finished fourth in rope. Karen Roden, 11, came fourth all-around, tied for third in hoop, came eighth in rope, and fifth in ribbon.

Questo also runs recreational classes for girls seven to 12 at the Confederation Sports Centre gym, 5320 Kensington avenue. For information call 488-1205.

HOCKEY STANDINGS

Following are the standings in the inter-community leagues as of Wednesday, November 29:

	GP	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
NOVICE							
Ville St Pierre	9	9	0	0	68	19	18
Mtl West	10	3	4	3	24	31	9
Westmount	11	3	6	2	28	47	8
Côte St Luc	8	1	6	1	15	38	3

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Oldtimers' hockey tournament nets $10,000 and pizza dough

By CHARLES MAPPIN

Dorval may have won the Westmount oldtimers hockey tournament held last weekend at the local arena, but the real winners of the event are the Montreal Children's and St Justine's Hospitals.

Organizer Claude Bismuth estimates the proceeds from the eight-team tournament at close to $10,000 — including $96 from the auctioning of a slice of pizza. This handily exceeds the $4,000 the organizing committee had hoped to raise for the two hospitals.

More than 80 companies and individuals sponsored the event, paying for space in the program or donating food and services. Mr Bismuth hopes the tournament will be an annual event and raise even more money in the coming years.

Dorval took Sunday afternoon's final match by beating T.M.R. 4-3. Each team earned a spot in the final earlier in the day. Dorval beat Greenfield Park 6-4 in one semi-final game and T.M.R. edged Kirkland 3-2 in the other.

Councillor Joan Rothman dropped the puck at Friday's opening face-off. Both Mrs Rothman and Mayor May Cutler presented the trophy and individual medals to the two finalists.

The Westmount SWAT team succeeded as hosts of the tournament, but fell short of expectations on the ice. The local squad opened with a 2-1 win over Pointe Claire, but later lost 5-2 to Greenfield Park and 6-0 to Dorval.



Mayor May Cutler and **Councillor Joan Rothman** present the tournament trophy to **Bill Shuttleworth** of the winning team from Dorval.

A legend... y pizza slice

One story from the tournament was circulating Sunday afternoon and is already becoming a legend. It's the one about the $96 slice of pizza.

The eight participating teams had a whole slew of games to play on Saturday afternoon and evening. Between games, the players headed over to the RMR armory for food and drink and to warm up.

By about 10:30 pm, after the games were over and the players had done considerable damage to the supply of beer, according to Westmount centre William Marsden and defenceman Howard Hoppenheim, the pizza supply dwindled to a single slice.

"Mike's had been sending us pizza all weekend, about 26 extra-large ones in all, but the guys were hungry and we were left with just one piece," Mr Hoppenheim recounted. "Then Marsden here suggested we auction it off."

Players were left from five teams — Greenfield Park, Pointe Claire, Dorval, Beaconsfield and Kirkland.

"The bidding began at 25 cents," Mr Marsden picked up the story, "then it went up to 50 cents... $1... $2... $5 and so on. The players were all pooling their money. Only Beaconsfield and Dorval were still in it at the end and Beaconsfield won with a high bid of $25.

"The Beaconsfield players threw in another $15. And then, under peer pressure, the other teams donated their last highest bids."

The total collected was $96 which added to the pot raised for the hospitals. The Last Slice of Pizza Auction will likely be an annual fundraising feature at the tournament.

Slide slip

Slippery streets last Thursday resulted in a parked car sustaining less than $500 damage when it was hit by a westbound car in front of 26 Ramezay road, police said. The mishap occurred about 8:10 am.

Awards night at Vic Hall on Monday

It's awards time at Victoria Hall Monday evening.

Participants of Westmount's fall and winter recreational programs are invited to a supper and awards presentation in the main hall beginning at 6 pm. Special trophies will be presented to winning teams and certificates will be presented to all who took part.

Samedis Greene offer song, dance, cookies

Ding dong merrily on high, the children will be singing.

A cappella, in rounds and in unison, the voices will be heard at Saturday's sing-along at the Greene Avenue Community Centre. Choral director Margie Stubington will lead youngsters who attend through seasonal favorites.

The following Saturday the centre will put on a square dance and cookie exchange. Youngsters are invited to bring 20 cookies and trade them with the others.

Both events run from 10 to 11:30 am at 1090 Greene avenue. Admission is $1. The Samedis Greene series will then take a break until Jan 13 when a first-aid workshop is sched-

Two more skaters reached 100 laps

Two more participants in the annual Boy Scout Skate-a-thon Nov 18 managed to obtain the sought-after score of 100 laps in 50 minutes, organizers report. The names were not included in a list compiled by THE EXAMINER.

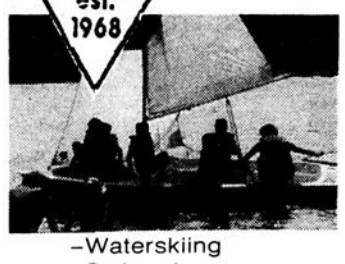
Both Andrew Smith, 10, and 11-year-old Djata Weaver were among some 20 skaters to break the 100-mark.

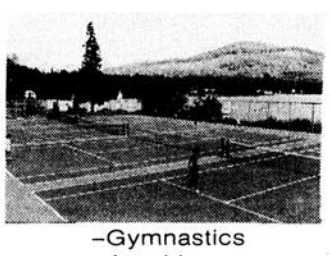
The event, held by Westmount Scouting members, raised $8,400 in pledges for the Telethon of Stars (medical research at the Montreal Children's and Ste Justine's hospitals) and for district Scouting projects.

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