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QPC makes changes:

POLICE PLAN BRIGHTENS

The recently-released report of the Quebec Police Commission concerning reorganization of integrated police forces in the Montreal Urban Community seems mostly to augur well for the complaints of municipal mayors about the reorganization, Mayor Donald MacCallum told city council Monday night.

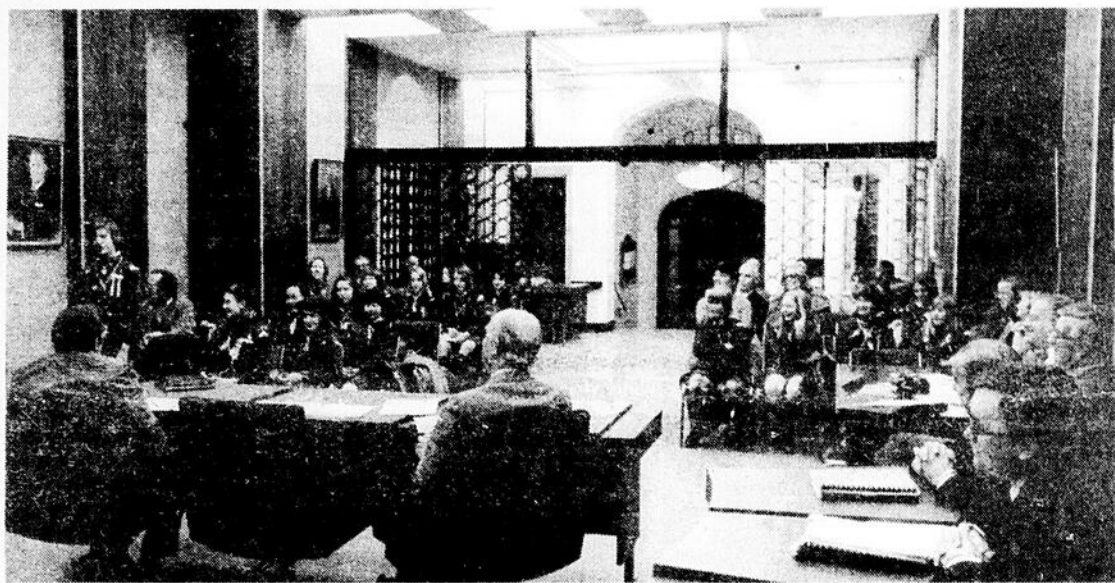
Admitting he had only briefly scanned the report, released Friday, before the meeting, the

mayor suggested it proposes a reorganization which would bring Westmount into a police division with Notre Dame de Grace, and into a district including most of the central-west region of Montreal.

Police Director Rene Daigneault originally had proposed that Westmount be joined with St. Henri, Ville Emard and Ville LaSalle, communities which have limited access to Westmount.

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Girls quiz city council:



CITY COUNCIL ONLOOKERS: Girl Guides from three Westmount companies, working on citizenship badges, dominated the audience at Monday evening's city council meeting.

Guides' questions focus on traffic

Some 22 local Girl Guides bombarded city council Monday evening with important questions on civic matters, mostly related to traffic, at the December statutory council meeting in city hall.

The girls, members of the 7th (Westmount Park Church), 34th (Dominion-Douglas) and 66th (St. Matthias) Girl Guide companies, seemed specially concerned about the closing of de Maisonneuve boulevard in their

questions to their aldermen during a 34-minute question period which followed by 19-minute formal council session.

A Miss Lacolle, for example, wanted to know when the street would be re-opened through Westmount Park. The query forced Mayor Donald MacCallum to admit that council had not had a chance to discuss the question but that he and his colleagues would be dealing with it later that evening in closed session.

Why of closing

Jenny Crow later asked the mayor to justify the closing. He responded that petitions and letters to council from citizens had pointed out the danger of the strip of thoroughfare to the many children and senior citizens crossing it, though he again pointed out that the entire matter was up for review this month.

Miss Crow wanted to know, also, why Westmount "did not have its own police station."

The mayor noted that Westmount did, indeed, have its own station, though he regretted the fact that the city did not still have control over the police officers now patrolling the city.

The mayor was stymied when asked by Leslie Levinson when the new Metro extension would be in operation, so asked Assistant General Manager John McIver for an answer.

Present estimates put the opening in early 1978, Mr. McIver suggested, despite the fact that

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Purse snatched

A woman walking on the north side of Sherbrooke street near Vignal street at 10:15 pm Saturday had her purse snatched by two boys who came up behind her. The purse later was found at the rear of 27 Barat road, though the wallet and \$20 cash were missing.

'Out of our depth . . .'

Local share of MUC cost rises 62%

—Mayor MacCallum

Montreal Urban Community spending could triple by 1980 over 1975, Mayor Donald MacCallum warned Monday night, and the amount of Westmount's share may go up 62 percent in the coming year alone.

He and other municipal mayors are sinking their teeth into the MUC budget, trying their hardest to reorganize what is already an "untenable situation," he added.

In reporting on the activities of the MUC council to his local aldermen and the public Monday night, Mayor MacCallum suggested that the \$287,000,000 budget for the coming year, some 27.6 percent above 1975's, might be nothing compared to the \$682,000,000 he has heard mentioned for 1980.

And for next year, Westmount might be billed some \$6,800,000 — the figure was about \$4,300,000 in 1975 — if the provincial government provides only as much in direct grants as it did this year.

'No way of coping'

"Clearly we already are out of our depth in a rising tide with which we have no present way of coping," he declared.

The Conference of Montreal Suburban Mayors has started to react strenuously, he reported, and the gears have been set in motion to ensure that "the amounts involved cannot and must not be derived from further increases in property taxes, particularly on single-family houses."

Mayor MacCallum described the activities of the suburban mayors during the evenings of MUC council debate on the budget, including his own par-

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\$1,000 haul

A thief or thieves found their way into a filing cabinet at Sherman's Music Store in Alexis Nihon Plaza between 12:30 and 1:30 pm Saturday. Inside the cabinet they found a box; inside the box they found \$1,000 cash, which they promptly removed. Police learned of the theft Monday.

Burglars rampage once more

Break-and-entries and attempted break-ins rocked Westmount again during the past week, perhaps bringing to mind the rash of break-ins during the fall which was stopped following several arrests.

The arrest on Saturday of two young men inside 26 Ramezay road at 4 am does not seem to have cleared up the immediate problem, police report, and to date the two have not been connected with other Westmount break-ins.

At 4 pm last Wednesday police received two calls, including one from 319 Redfern avenue that the house had been broken into sometime after 9 o'clock that morning; the other was from 69 Clandeboye avenue, which had been entered after the premises were vacated at 10 am. In both cases windows had been open a crack to allow thieves entry; and in both cases nothing appeared to have been stolen.

A try that failed

An attempt seems to have

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Datsunono —nine cars damaged

Bumper-car rides seemed to the "in" thing twice during the past week on the roof of Downtown Datsun Ltd.

Nine brand-new cars were damaged over the weekend, between 6 pm Friday and 9 am Monday, by a person or persons who apparently drove them into each other. Total damage was estimated at \$7,000.

Between 11 pm last Tuesday and 3 o'clock next morning another Datsun, parked on the roof, received some \$400 worth of damage to its right front fender and grill.

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A pleasant although changeable week with evening heat fogs and morning hoar frosts as ponds and lakes commence to freeze over. As is usual when the coming Easter arrives late, April 18 in 1976, we have a warm period between two cold spells. Some days as high as 18 degrees Celsius downtown, and 12 in the mountains.

Five inches of snow and a quarter to half an inch of freezing rain towards the end of the week. Some 20 to 25 inches of wet snow for Vermont and Maine would be normal. Skiing, doubtful. Blustery, cold winds during the weekend.

Real estate transfers:

Volume held, prices slid during July

Prices of residential property slid in July of this year, and several anomalies marked a month which had a continuing high volume of real estate transfers.

Lifting of the urban renewal designation on that area of the city south of St. Catherine street did little to boost the sale value of the two lots of land on which were situated the former Desjardins Service Station and parking lot at 4084 St. Catherine, street west. The lots, with a total Montreal Urban Community assessment of \$307,050, were sold to Devon Estates Ltd. for only 29 percent more than that, some \$396,000.

One lot of land on Summit Circle sold for more than five times its assessed value, while an adjoining lot sold for almost as high a markup, bringing into question the decision by the MUC valuation department to raise the land assessment of properties in the area by only 10 to 15 percent.

A duplex at 4325-27 de Maisonneuve boulevard was sold

for a mere 33.2 percent markup, the lowest residential markup of the month. That sale, along with two other "bargain" sales, (53.8 percent and 66.1 percent) brought the average residential markup in July down to 93.1 percent, some 20 points below the average recorded in June.

More than double

"More-than-double" seemed the norm for residential property sales registered during July, though no real estate (besides the two Summit Circle lots) sold for triple its MUC assessment, as two properties had been the previous month. Highest markup was registered at 420 Cote St. Antoine road, which went for 174.5 percent more than its tax value.

A considerable markdown—if it can be considered as such—was recorded for one of the two service station lots. According to the official roll, one of the lots sold for \$46,000, 71.3 percent below its MUC valuation of \$160,000, while the other sold for \$350,000, some 138 percent above the valuation of \$147,050. Both sales were registered the same day, however, and both were transferred from Champlain Oil Products Ltd. to Devon Estates Ltd., so for practical purposes can be considered as one sale.

Some 46 properties changed hands during July, including 23 priced transfers in which \$1,013,050 of assessed value changed hands for \$1,891,500, representing an overall markup of 86.7 percent. Another nine buildings and one vacant lot sold for "a dollar and other con-



630 Carleton avenue
Highest residential, \$150,000

siderations," property which was assessed at \$447,280; information was not available on 12 other transfers which had a total assessment of \$1,157,620, and another home which was evaluated at \$40,000 changed hands following the death of its owner.

Details of transfers

Details of the July real estate transfers are as follows:

748 Upper Belmont: from James Grant Shannon to Samuel W. Wiseman, sale price \$1 and other considerations (MUC valuation, \$47,430);
462 Claremont: Geoffrey H. Lipman to Ms. Hilary Carr, \$58,500 (\$22,500);
14 Forden: David Day and Ms. Hilary Carr to Graham Strachan, \$98,000 (\$43,270);
87 Holton: Mrs. Richard W. Pound to Ian H. McGillis, \$1 and cons. (\$35,060);
630 Carleton: Harry W. MacDonell to Mrs. Ivan Bisailon, \$150,000 (\$77,550);
359-61 Melville: Mrs. Vernon Alexander Murray to Mr. Murray, \$1 and cons. (\$42,280);
60 Bruce: Peter Geoffrey Whitby to Andre Stern, \$45,000 (\$16,850);
77 Staynor: Michael Mark McManus and Philippe Tatartcheff to Yves Namy, \$45,000 (\$18,630);
804 Upper Lansdowne: Mrs. Thomas C. Brainerd to Harold C. Lehrer, \$87,000 (\$39,520);
462 Strathcona: Mrs. Lucius Henry Packard to Mrs. Andrew Howick, \$80,000 (\$37,800);
420 Cote St. Antoine: Mrs. Francis Spencer Skelton to Mr. and Mrs. John D. Bodrug, \$115,000 (\$41,890);
4325-27 de Maisonneuve: La Societe

des Missions Etrangeres de la Province de Quebec to Roland Lamothe, \$48,000 (\$36,030);
655 Cote St. Antoine: William Michael Flanagan to Mrs. Christopher W. Harten-Greaven, \$76,000 (\$35,000);
64 St. Sulpice: Mrs. Terence R. Gibson to Mrs. Irving Braverman, \$1 and cons. (\$104,500);
1 Anwoth: Russel Joseph Henderson to Brian Smith, \$1 and cons. (\$65,360);
617 Roslyn: Estate Louisa Houlston to Mrs. William Goldenstein, \$80,000 (\$37,150);
3733 The Boulevard: George Christopher Willis to Matthias H.

Kunheim, \$1 and cons. (\$54,200);
4540-42-44 St. Catherine: Mrs. Paul Franklin and Mrs. Louis Perley Fickett to Miss Beatrice Dicks, \$1 and cons. (\$21,560);
Lot—St. Catherine: Champlain Oil Products Ltd. to Devon Estates Ltd., \$350,000 (\$147,050);
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511 Grosvenor: Mark Clement Boudry to Mrs. Joseph Schmidt, \$70,000 (\$33,500);
466 Claremont: John Heslop Rutherford to Mrs. William I. Campbell, \$66,500 (\$25,500);
329 Victoria: Mr. and Mrs. I. Mayer to Miss Susan McPhee, \$1 and cons. (\$16,980);
4489 Sherbrooke: J. N. Laurent Dupras to Jean-Pierre Falet, \$50,000 (\$32,510);
4495 Sherbrooke: J. N. Laurent Dupras to Jean-Pierre Falet, \$53,500 (\$25,500);
338 Wood: Leslie Henderson Gault to I.W.F. of Canada Corp. Ltd., \$127,000 (\$48,210);
4754 The Boulevard: Mrs. William Campbell to Mrs. Philip I. Johnson, \$80,000 (\$38,900);
464 Argyle: Mr. and Mrs. John Michael Ashton to Mrs. Richard Aylmer, \$58,000 (\$34,910);
Lot—Summit Circle: Les Entreprises Estgol Ltée. to Jean Claude Fournier, \$105,000 (\$19,500);
Lot—Summit Circle: Les Entreprises Estgol Ltée. to Mrs. Paul Godin, \$95,000 (\$20,350);
Lot—Victoria: The Imperial Life Assurance Co. of Canada to Steinberg's Ltd., \$1 and cons. (\$38,350);
338 Metcalfe: Mrs. Philip Durnford Pemberton Smith to William S. Lalor, \$43,000 (\$23,480), and
4540-42-44 St. Catherine: Miss Beatrice Dicks to Mrs. D. Laurie Bennett, \$1 and cons. (\$21,650).



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

Nov. 23

7:35 pm: corner Claremont and de Maisonneuve, strange odor;
8:45 pm: 328 Kensington, leaking hot water tank;

Nov. 24

Nil;

Nov. 25

12:16 pm: 4508 St. Catherine, service call;
5:58 pm: 1381 Greene, smoke from burnt paper in lobby;
7:00 pm: 12 de Casson, defective oil furnace;
8:55 pm: 4168 Sherbrooke, burnt paper on apartment lobby floor;
11:12 pm: 340 Grosvenor, ambulance call (see story last week);

Nov. 26

5:22 pm: 3147 St. Antoine, rubbish fire in shed;

Nov. 27

5:46 pm: 345 Victoria, burnt paper in toilet;

Nov. 28

Nil;

Nov. 29

9:36 am: 4610 St. Catherine, ambulance call (see story);
1:50 pm: 4000 de Maisonneuve, apt. 2214, pot of grease on stove;
2:38 pm: 4115 Sherbrooke, defective oil furnace;

Nov. 30

3:07 pm: 5025 Sherbrooke, smoke scare;
7:40 pm: 10 Weredale, false alarm;
10:34 pm: 21 Springfield, flooded roof;

Dec. 1

2:44 pm: 4350 St. Catherine, Westmount High School, fire in student's locker;
3:30 pm: 4300 de Maisonneuve, apt. 1010, strange odor;
5:50 pm: City of St. Laurent, mutual aid;
6:31 pm: 3 Westmount Square, apt. 1816, strange odor;
9:47 pm: Academy and Melville, false alarm.

Dog law is being studied

The newly-elected city council got its first taste of the dog lobby Monday night as Mrs. Glenda Scott, unable to appear at the November sessions of council, warned the five new aldermen she was "not about to let the matter rest."

Mrs. Scott, who had developed a considerable rapport with the former city council during the year in numerous appearances at meetings to complain about dogs, congratulated the new members on their election and formally introduced herself before presenting again her requests on the subject.

Westmount was the only small city in the MUC, she pointed out, that had still not approved a year-round leash law. More responsible dog-ownership and tighter enforcement of existing laws controlling dogs would be needed to complement this.

"I have full respect for dog-owners," she pointed out, "and I hope they will respect us."

Mayor Donald MacCallum, who presided over the previous council and was well aware of Mrs. Scott's complaints, told her he had wanted to surprise her, but was forced by her presence to announce that the new council was already discussing the entire situation.

Hedge okayed

City council gave permission Monday evening for a hedge to be planted at 4715 The Boulevard, along the east side of the city steps and five feet behind the Edgehill road sidewalk, by resolution of council. Ald. Mel Nixon, commissioner of planning and redevelopment, said the architectural and planning commission was convinced the hedge would not interfere with the view for traffic in the area, so did not object to the hedge. Owner of the property is J. W. Kempthorne.

Council meet on Wednesday to clear deck

City council is expected to hold a special meeting Wednesday at 6 pm to hurry some business along before the year ends.

Notices of motion concerning the closing of de Maisonneuve boulevard and concerning the renting of electrical meters are expected, along with passage of a by-law (for which notice was given Monday) accepting the City of Cote St. Luc into the five-city mutual aid fire pact.

City hall officials, who mentioned the possibility of the meeting yesterday, were uncertain what council would decide to do about the de Maisonneuve closing through Westmount Park, which was approved last June for a test period of six months. Alternatives include keeping it closed for another six-month test period, closing it permanently, or reopening the street. Council reportedly spent considerable time discussing the situation following their statutory session this Monday night.

The two notices of motion—along with other business, perhaps—will allow council to approve new by-laws at the regular mid-month session still scheduled for a week from Monday. That meeting also will include presentation of the 1976 city budget, for which notice of motion was given this week.

Following the meeting council members are to attend the annual Quarter-Century Club banquet for city employees, also scheduled for Wednesday evening.

Bernard M. Bloomfield, 3180 St. Sulpice road, has been elected national president of the Canadian Technion Society.

Juveniles charged in arsons

Burning of paper in numerous buildings around Westmount last week may have been snuffed out yesterday morning when a juvenile was arrested in connection with the first such call, at 1381 Greene avenue last Tuesday.

Another youth was arrested Tuesday evening, suspected of lighting a small fire at the Westmount Public Library just before 5 pm.

Other calls which kept firemen busy included one in the lobby of 4168 Sherbrooke street at 8:55 pm last Tuesday; a small rubbish fire in a shed behind 3147 St. Antoine street, at 5:22 pm last Wednesday; burnt paper in a toilet at 345 Victoria avenue at 5:46 pm last Thursday, and a fire in a student's locker at Westmount High School at 2:44 pm this Tuesday.

CITY OF WESTMOUNT



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

Nov. 25

454 Elm: for T. R. Carsley by J. H. MacIntyre Ltd., new water entrance, \$120;

Nov. 28

512 Clarke: for P. M. Miller by Morin et Frere Inc., to install a gas burner on furnace, \$1,000;
4255 de Maisonneuve: for A. Husick by self, alterations for new windows, \$3,000;
18 Springfield: for M. Smith by Centre de Restorations, alterations and plumbing, \$9,500;

Dec. 1

4002-06 St. Catherine: for McDonald's Restaurant by Stephen Sura Inc., demolition, no estimate given.

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We Say

Teachers:

Sympathy and ill-will

ALL the sympathy in the world with the teachers, including those in Westmount's public school system, does not balance the ill-will to be created by actions against the pupils. We say the teachers need some public relations advice.

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Let us agree that values are topsy-turvy when grocery clerks arranging cans on shelves, MUCTC bus drivers, even MUC policemen—making allowances for atrocious hours and occasional danger—receive more from the industrial or public purse than the men and women educating our future citizens, hopefully to be "more than" clerks, drivers or cops.

Or let us even admit of the possibility that values have or will change, that society's better rewards perhaps should go to those willing to do society's more miserable jobs: physically back-breaking, mentally stultifying, drudgingly routine, disruptive of family life or outright hazardous to health.

Perhaps we, and even the teachers, can accept that working with young people, participation in the joy of learning, the satisfaction of helping others in their formative years toward the good life are their own rewards not measurable in salary scales or hours.

Just possibly we might accept that we are moving into a new era where to have taken advantage of the opportunities given for one's own education, to have amassed credits and degrees at publicly-subsidized institutions and "years of scholarship" is not necessarily to have enhanced one's claims to material career benefits.

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IF, on the other hand, we reject the foregoing line of thought we then must seek another reason for the teachers' low performance in the latest handicaps in the provincial salary and wage stakes. We are not so sure any more that the an-

swer for the teachers' discontent lies in how much better their fellow professionals do elsewhere. In Toronto, that benchmark in recent demands of Montreal policemen, firemen, transit employees, other municipal labor and a whole spectrum of Quebec's working force, the teachers continue a devastating strike despite an economic offer of ludicrously generous proportions.

We don't believe it is either need nor greed.

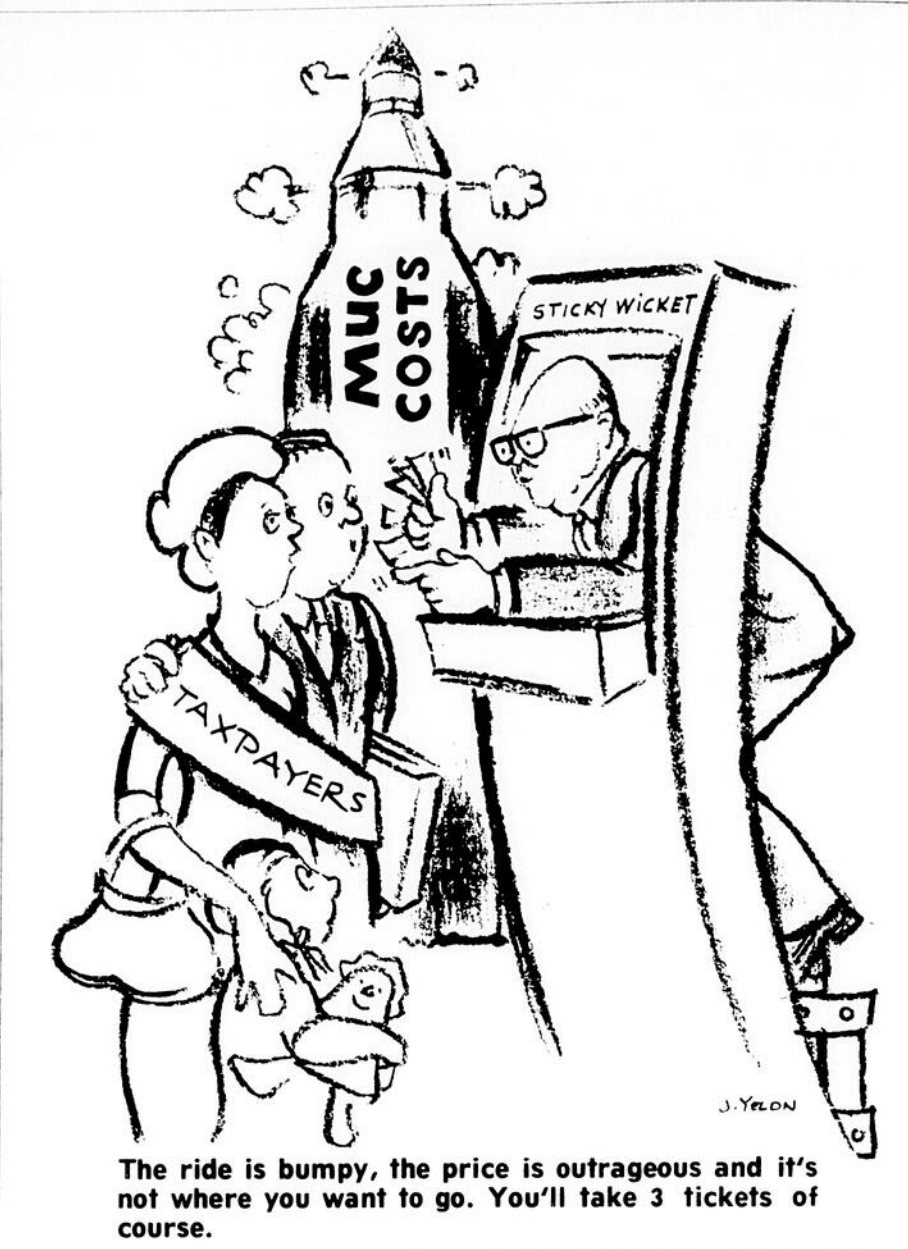
Last month we had the spectacle at Westmount High School of the teachers downing pointers and chalk and, in effect, walking off the job because, due simply to a snafu, their pay had not been deposited in their banks on time. It was even suggested that some teachers' families might, as a result, have gone hungry that weekend because of lack of grocery money!

Likewise, there never has been much evidence that men and women go into teaching for the money—else they would have chosen fields more patently lucrative such as medicine, dentistry, law or some entrepreneurial pursuit. No, hardly need or greed.

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IT has got to be still something else. Over some time now we have been struck by a theme running through many statements of teachers, frequently in that most public of places, letters-to-the-editor columns of large newspapers. It is a love-hate relationship with parents. The love part comes through courting the support of parents in the teachers' dispute with the government over salaries, hours, class sizes, etc. It comes in emphasis placed on the partnership between parents and teachers in producing the well-rounded child.

The hate part emerges in almost the same breath in condemning the parent for allegedly not doing his or her share in instilling in children discipline, cleanliness, politeness and other good habits; for regarding schools as baby-



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sitting services; for all manner of omissions.

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PARENTS, as such and as taxpayers paying for the educational system, are becoming increasingly bewildered.

They are beginning to detect that teachers' onetime authority, knowledge, learning, pedagogical skills, sensitivity to social needs and issues, devotion to their calling are being drained away by ever-increasing preoccupation with corporate concerns having less and less to do with professionalism and more and more with outright trade unionism of the most militant kind.

Teachers as a group are becoming schizophrenic. They are abandoning their traditional high role in society without having found sure ground in a new one. They are uncertain and fearful. And they are lashing out.

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NO better example of teachers' confusion is that at one and the same time they should plead for support of parents while they take action against them.

The hit-and-run tactics of closing schools or withdrawing services is irrational. It

is directed against their pupils and just as directly against the parents. And only slightly less directly is such action against the parents as taxpayers, and all other taxpayers, who pay dearly for an educational system which they see disrupted and themselves thus short-changed.

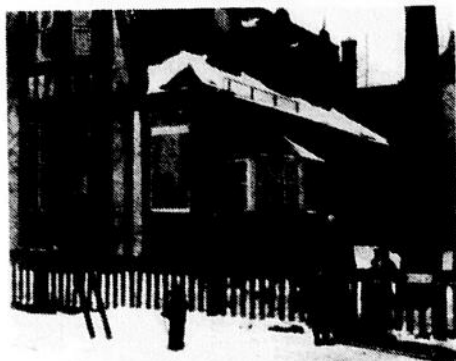
Such "industrial action" is not hitting the government. The minister of education, the premier, the cabinet, the Quebec civil service is hardly affected by these walkouts. Indeed, it is in the government's interest simply to await an inevitable rising tide of parental and taxpayer resentment to provide political support for its inevitable imposition, on this course, of another decreed settlement.

The public relations advice the teachers need is to abandon forthwith using the pupil and the parent as the instrument of expression of their discontent.

And instead to pursue energetically those who are designated their bargaining opposites, every school commissioner, every MNA, every cabinet minister, the premier himself, harassing them if they must; publicly reporting every instance of avoidance, of delay, of double-talk. Build your case, teachers. Fight it. But in the name of decency, don't fight it on the backs of your pupils.

You Say

World War I era echo on centennial house



Sir: On returning from holiday, I found a letter from my cousin, Mrs. Robertson of 3493 Atwater avenue, enclosing a cutting from your paper of June 26, 1975, about "Centennial House No. 8" (Cote St. Antoine road at Argyle avenue).

She knew I should be interested, as it was the first home I knew. My father Lewis A. Robertson, CA, was the tenant there from 1911 to 1916, when he died and my mother returned to Scotland with her children, now three.

I enclose two photos of our home. I thought you might be interested.

(Mrs.) Mary Graham

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However upset the postmen may have been, there is one who evidently kept his sense of humor. One of the items in our first post-strike mail yesterday was a returned Examiner bearing the notation: "Deceased. Address unknown." (Clergy please note.)

Ald. Brian Gallery starts asking questions, to go on asking for four years

By ANDY DODGE

"People who get involved in politics are very good people," says Ald. Brian Gallery, 57 Forden Avenue, a long-time political activist who entered the electoral arena himself this year and won a seat on Westmount's city council by a mere 26 votes.

Ald. Gallery, well-known in the Westmount Progressive Conservative Association and now its vice-president, claims he will stay in his aldermanic post for the full four-year term to which he was elected—and perhaps longer. He has no intention, he says, of getting actively involved in provincial or federal politics despite allegations by some of his opponents.

As the victor in the longest-announced race in the 1975 elections, and as a man who campaigned hard to win the post, Mr. Gallery does not plan to let his efforts go

for naught. Now, he says, is the time to start asking questions and, given his attitude, he will keep asking questions for the next four years.

As commissioner of services, Ald. Gallery is prepared to confront Westmount's dog debate head-on. He already has started asking why Westmount does not prepare the artificial ice rink earlier in the season, and he has studied hard recent arguments that Westmount should sponsor an organized sub-pro hockey league.

Now he is preparing to give a close look at Westmount's involvement in social services. As a member of the city's public information committee he wants more citizen communication and involvement. Victoria Hall and the Westmount Public Library will be carefully scrutinized to see how they fit into the fabric of city services to citizens.

"It was my baby," he says of efforts to have an indoor Olympic-size swimming pool in Westmount, though research he has already conducted shows that Hampstead found a similar project was not economically feasible for that community, and that apartment-dwellers seldom use the pools they have in their own buildings.

In the same way, Ald. Gallery is fearful of the effect which allowing icetime to AA regional hockey teams might have on the overall use of the artificial ice rink. This was sought, he pointed out, by Lawrence Capelovitch, 26 Willow Avenue, at a Sept. 2 city council meeting. The request was made mainly with the interests of Mr. Capelovitch's own son in mind, and Mr. Gallery finds that the number of budding hockey stars in Westmount is far too few to warrant a team.

Sees a 'numbers game'

"Their debate is a little prejudicial," he said of Mr. Capelovitch and others seeking improved sports facilities in this city. "It's their sons or daughters. The responsibility is to the numbers game."

He admitted, however, that city council might somehow pay more recognition to those young athletes, be they hockey players, gymnasts, skaters, swimmers or whatever. His only concession to the facilities question, for the immediate future, is to look into complaints that figure-skaters are squeezed off to one small end of the rink, while the rest is reserved for hockey teams.

In general he agrees with the time-honored city philosophy of appealing to the masses in recreation, a system which he says many other cities reverse.

Ald. Gallery's attitude toward the dog debate, which was burning as he entered the race in July and which has still not ended, has changed since he pronounced during the campaign that dogs might be granted free-running areas in city parks.



Ald. Brian O'N. Gallery

Citizens he met during the campaign, including dog-owners, indicated to him that a year-round leash law would be acceptable, but that free-running areas might not be part of the answer. He is unwilling, at this time, to make any pronouncements on the subject, but is certain the issue will be brought up by council in the near future.

(Mayor MacCallum said Monday night council has, in fact, commenced a study.)

"Something has to be done about it, and soon," he says.

Ald. Gallery plans also to bring up some hard questions about Victoria Hall, including its value to a community like Westmount. The large building costs the city some \$100,000 a year to maintain,

departments and agencies which have a demand.

The government has stated that it accepts the majority report of the board, that 30 such districts be delineated in nine provinces.

It has indicated that it may not totally accept the board's idea of the whole of New Brunswick being delineated as a bilingual district.

And it has totally rejected the board's recommendation that the English minority in Quebec be treated differently than the French minority in the rest of Canada.

The board recommended that there be no bilingual district established in Montreal, on the grounds that good bilingual facilities exist there already and that, in any event, the English do not have it so bad in Quebec as the French minority have had it in other parts of the country.

Prime Minister Trudeau and the government cannot accept such logic. Therefore, in major areas such as Montreal and Sherbrooke and other areas where there is an English-language minority of more than 10 percent, bilingual districts will be created.

The government also has accepted the board's recommendation that federal bilingual services be provided in provincial capitals and in large urban centres where at least 5,000 people speak the official minority language at home.

above and beyond any revenue it generates; that \$100,000 might be considered money down the drain.

In the same way, the city library is "far from self-financing," despite its reputation as one of the Montreal area's better book-lending facilities. The service it provides to citizens of Westmount will be carefully examined during his term of office.

In the area of social services, he plans to meet with the social affairs advisory committee this month before coming to any decisions about the city's direction in this regard.

"I'm going to ask a hell of a lot of questions," he says, however.

The programs put on by the parks department—specially in terms of flower displays and gardens—are excellent, he feels, and probably will require little of his attention.

In general, Ald. Gallery sees himself as a representative of—and responsible to—all the citizens of Westmount, though he must answer for his actions to the citizens of Ward 2, which elected him. He is not a member of any special group of citizens, including the Westmount Municipal Association whose endorsement he shunned when running for the council post.

He is, in fact, one of two non-WMA candidate who succeeded in getting elected, though he had been a director of the citizen organization and chairman of the recreation committee for two successive years.

Small interest groups, he says, are important in bringing to light issues which councillors must confront, but he maintains their activity should stop there.

Decisions for aldermen

"The aldermen should look at an issue, make a decision, and that's it," he argues. "I don't think this council is going to be coerced to take a position. In electing a person, they (the citizens) have given him the right to make his own decisions."

Mr. Gallery is owner of Gallery Publications Ltd., which publishes one monthly magazine, Seaports and Shipping World, along with two special publications.

A graduate of Loyola College, he joined the family firm two years after his graduation in 1957 and has continued, now at 1165 Greene Avenue, in the same business since then, with only one secretary to help him.

His family includes wife Nancy and three daughters aged 6, 4 and 3.

"I just want to be a super alderman," Ald. Gallery says of his new community role. "I'm a people guy."

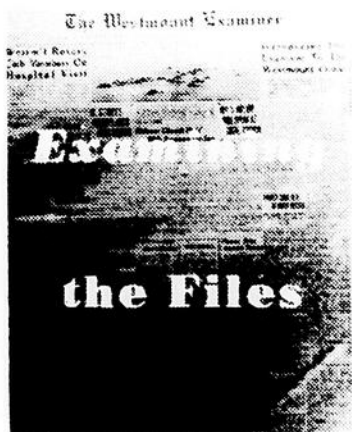
The government will act on the establishment of these federal bilingual districts in the coming year.

It is the extension throughout the country of the principle that the French or English-speaking Canadian has the right to deal with his federal government in his own tongue. Please note that I am talking about the federal government. This policy imposes nothing on provincial or municipal governments. It simply helps to put the federal house in order.

The federal house is in pretty good order in this regard, already. In the great majority of major urban centres, very little more will need to be done to bring in new French or English-speaking civil servants.

For the country as a whole, a very limited number of new civil servants will be required. There has been a great deal of progress in this respect in recent years. What's more, any new costs that will be involved will have to come out of the current budgets of departments and agencies. They will get no additional money for the implementation of this measure.

As a Liberal member of Parliament, I personally am happy that our government now is about to make good on a concept that stems from the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism and from the instincts of that other great Prime Minister, Lester B. Pearson.



Thirty-five Years Ago
December 5, 1940

"The Overseas Parcels League sent another shipment of heavy woollens numbering more than 300 articles, including over 100 sweaters, on its way overseas where it will be distributed to seamen on British minesweepers and trawlers, on Monday. Plans are under way to send another consignment in about two weeks time, when it is hoped a larger quantity of sweaters and sea stockings, both urgently needed, will have been donated."

Twenty-five Years Ago
December 1, 1950

"It is learned by The Examiner that the construction of the super-modern underground garage and other buildings planned for Atwater Baseball Park will not go ahead this year. It will be recalled that this large parcel of land was sold early in the spring, and that an announcement was made at that time that construction would start just as soon as the Atwater Baseball League had finished its schedule."

Fifteen Years Ago
December 2, 1960

"A prominent Westmount resident is responsible for transforming Montreal's Mountain Playhouse into Canada's first mountain-top winter theatre. Douglas Cohen, of 100 Summit Circle, is co-producer of 'The Marriage Go-Round,' opening performance of which was held Thursday in the completely renovated theatre. Mr. Cohen says that several plays are to be held in the theatre during the winter."

Five Years Ago
December 3, 1970

"The former residents of Selby street, scattered throughout the metropolitan region since before Expo by the premature expropriations for the Trans-Canada Highway, remain a Westmount municipal concern which surfaced once more this week. The city has been holding meetings with representatives of groups with any possible interest in public housing and has revealed that the city has an open option on a piece of land owned by the CPR facing on Hillside Avenue."

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Any government worth the name does its best not to have one set of rules for some citizens and another set of rules for others. The government was faced with just such a proposal recently, and turned it down.

The proposal was contained in a report and recommendations made by the second bilingual districts advisory board.

The board was established in 1972 to recommend what bilingual districts should be set up in the country to ensure bilingual federal government services. English and French, to Canadians speaking the minority language. We are talking here of providing a fairly limited capacity to speak English, say, in Sherbrooke, Quebec, or French in Gravelbourg, Sask.—and that only in those federal

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Second storm taken in stride by Westmount

Westmount's second major snowstorm of the winter last Thursday was hardly as devastating to local drivers or public as the first one, it seems, as only one minor accident was reported while the snow fell.

The collision, at the corner of Belvedere road and Belvedere circle, involved two cars, one damaged to the tune of between \$200 and \$500, the other less than \$100.

The first winter snow brought 10 accidents involving 19 vehicles.

Good snow-clearing operations and general traffic preparedness could both be considered to have helped keep problems at a minimum last Thursday. One person who works in Westmount reported having passed an eight-car pile-up at the corner of The Boulevard and Cote des Neiges, in Montreal.

Police reported no other untoward incidents during the snowstorm.

Local girl places high in swimming

Debbie Fuller-Staniforth, 35 Aberdeen avenue, placed sixth among 30 entrants 10 years or younger Saturday in the Hall of Fame International Invitational Diving Tournament in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Ten-year-old Debbie, younger sister of gymnastics star Wendy Fuller-Staniforth, was representing the Pointe Claire Swim Club in the 10-and-under category, diving from a three-meter board to achieve her standing. Off the one-metre board on Friday, her mother told The Examiner she had an "off day" and did not place so well.

The Pointe Claire club is preparing Debbie to dive in the Canadian national tournaments in Winnipeg. Their swimmers, considered among the tops in Canada, took 12 of the 20 events for various ages of swimmers in Fort Lauderdale.

Christmas shoplifting started early by four

Christmas is coming, and it seems some people—but not that many—have decided to do their Christmas shoplifting early.

Police arrested and charged four persons for shoplifting in Westmount last week, taking from them the following goods:

From a 'lifter nabbed last Wednesday at 2:50 pm, four tape cassettes; another one, caught 10 minutes later, had a watch bracelet, two lipsticks, perfume, deodorant and two

pairs of pants. Another who was caught on Saturday at 1:45 pm had a coat for which she had not paid.

The biggest shoplifting list, however, was found on a person arrested on Friday at 1:45 pm. Included were four sets of wine glasses, three pairs of tights, a makeup brush kit, a ring, a bubble bath and a bottle opener, among other goods.

Value of the goods was not immediately determined by police.

Burglars...

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failed at 4453 St. Catherine street last Thursday afternoon, where thieves tried to break in the front door between 1 and 2 pm. Neighbors had seen the suspects working on the door, so called police, but the would-be thieves apparently escaped.

Police were notified by a burglar alarm of the break-in at the 26 Ramezay residence early Saturday morning. Csts. G. Peace and M. Laganeere arrived at the scene, entered the building and found 16-year-old and 24-year-old suspects inside, one in the bathroom and another in the kitchen. They were in possession of two gold coins and a deck of playing-cards, though it was not immediately determined whether these were stolen goods.

The same morning, at 10:40 o'clock police learned that a home at 4 Summit Circle had been entered by burglars who broke a window on the left side of the house sometime after 4:30 the previous afternoon. Fifteen dollars cash was stolen, and the home did not seem to have been otherwise disturbed.

During that day police also learned that an open bedroom window at 540 Roslyn avenue had provided access for thieves, who apparently searched only the one room. They stole a \$125 radio.

A pane of glass was broken in a house at 578 Cote St. Antoine road during the afternoon or evening Saturday, but it seems entry to the building had not been gained.

Sunday, between 12:45 and 10:05 pm, an east-side door at 4386 Montrose avenue had been forced open and the house apparently searched, but residents could not immediately determine what, if anything, had been stolen.

Service station hit

Between 5 pm Sunday and 8 am Monday the Shell service station at 4200 de Maisonneuve boulevard was entered via a window on the roof of the building. Some \$45 cash was stolen.

A resident of Plaza Towers, 4000 de Maisonneuve boulevard, saw two suspects entering a sixth-floor apartment, followed them in (not a good idea, police suggest) and chased them away from the vacant dwelling.

Later that afternoon police learned that an apartment in Chateau Maisonneuve, 4998 de Maisonneuve boulevard, had been entered between 7 am and 5 pm. Though there were no signs of a forced entry to the apartment, it seems it yielded the only substantial haul of the week. Gone from the premises were a fur coat, a briefcase, a pair of binoculars and a gold bracelet.

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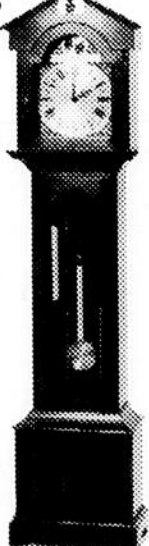
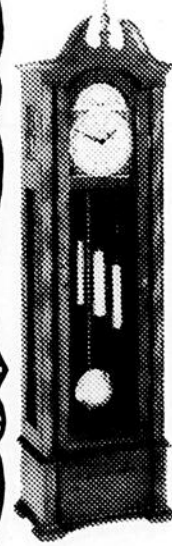
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Activities cut at high school

By VICTOR DONNAY
and ARTHUR HOLDEN

The Montreal Teachers' Association, to which Westmount's staff belongs, cancelled all teacher participation in extracurricular activities last Wednesday. This is in protest against government refusal to make what the teachers consider to be a reasonable salary offer.

This cancellation had many unfavorable results, such as the postponement of last Thursday's planned "Dialogue Night." The MTA would permit teachers to attend only if the sole subject of discussion was their contract

achieving them. With this in mind the council will try to maintain activities by requesting that interested adults help out by acting as club advisors.

Interested parents should contact Arthur Holden at 937-5653 or Victor Donnay at 935-5692. It should be noted that parents' involvement in extra-curricular activities is subject to being taken by the teachers as a sign of non-support for their cause.

A meeting was planned yesterday at lunchtime, in which the principal, representatives of the teachers and of the student council addressed interested students concerning the present situation. Hopefully, by keeping everyone well-informed, rash actions can be avoided.

Westmount High School NEWS



problems. Since this was not the purpose of the event, it had to be postponed.

Other unpleasant aspects of the teachers' boycott of activities include the fact that all school athletic teams, the intramural sports program, and clubs are now without advisors.

Means opposed

The student council has voted unanimously to support the teachers' demands. However, it does not condone their means of

Notice given of motions

Westmount's 1976 budget is due to be announced at an upcoming meeting of city council, probably later this month. Ald. Alwyn Lloyd announced Monday evening in giving notice of motion for the budget by-law. No hints on the budget were given by the freshman alderman, who along with his colleagues is still preparing the coming year's tax levy.

Notice of motion also was given by Ald. J. L. Thom that Westmount will seek an amendment to the city's by-law establishing a mutual aid fire agreement. The amendment, he said, would propose the inclusion of the City of Cote St. Luc fire department in the pact.

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Police . . .

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The police commission recommendations also propose maintaining nearly all of the presently-existing police stations on the island, and of having Westmount's station become the district headquarters for the centre-west district. Added to this, the recommendations propose establishment of seven districts rather than five as in the Daigneault proposals, and to return more local control—including traffic and detectives—to the local headquarters.

"It seems the good news outweighs the bad," Mayor MacCallum reported cautiously. "It seems to have taken into account the recommendations of most municipalities, including Westmount."

He could not be certain of those facts, however, since Westmount might have fewer men and cars patrolling the city. The entire report would have to be carefully examined by himself and his council, along with local police and civilian officials, before a definitive reaction could be brought forward.

WMA to meet

December meeting of the advisory council of the Westmount Municipal Association is scheduled for Tuesday at 8 pm in Victoria Hall.



CLERICAL GARB: Robes and other vestments, along with other items used in regular church services, were on display at St. Matthias' Church on Tuesday as the Diocese of Montreal held a day for altar guilds in the local house of worship. Included in the display for the day-long event were flowers, church linens, needlepoint, chalices and plates for giving communion, and several banners used in churches.

St. Andrew's is marking the Advent

Advent services continue at St. Andrew's this Sunday. The sermon by Rev. E. A. Kirker during the 11 am service is titled "The Book That Reads Us." Church School children will attend the first portion of the service. The monthly Communion takes place in the chapel at 10:15 am.

Sunday evening a number of volunteers will attend the service at the Men's Service Center of the City Mission and provide refreshments for its inner-city congregation.

The conclusion of anniversary celebrations at the Cote St. Antoine road church was marked last Sunday. New members received during the service and welcomed during a social period following were Dr. and Mrs. J. B. R. Cosgrove, Mrs. Sheila De Lafontaine, Mr. and Mrs. George Dingle, Robert Dingle, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Hughes, Stephen Hughes, and T. E. Munford.

Mrs. R. E. Crawford and Mrs. N. C. Wight were received earlier.

Twilight carols at St. George's

The traditional twilight carol service by the men and boys' choir of St. George's Church, Place du Canada, directed by Gordon Phillips, will be given on Friday, Dec. 12, at 5:30 pm and will be preceded by 30 minutes of organ music.

In addition to the carols sung by the choir, the congregation will have the opportunity of joining in the singing of well-known Christmas hymns.

The time of the service is arranged especially for the convenience of Christmas shoppers.

City banquet

The 32nd Quarter Century Club banquet for City of Westmount employees is to be held in Victoria Hall next Wednesday, beginning at 6:45 pm. Long-service awards are to be presented following the dinner.

Music meet

The St. James Literary Society is having a program of Christmas music with Pierre Perron and the Stewart Hall Singers Tuesday at 8 pm at the Faculty Club.

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It's good luck to touch Mr. Paquette

He doesn't wear a top hat, but people of European origin still touch him to bring good luck. Other people call him to clean out their chimneys. That brings even better luck.

Roger Paquette has been providing Westmounters with "the cheapest insurance you can get" for the past 30-plus years, sweeping chimneys throughout the city—as well as in Notre Dame de Grace—and in that way preventing a plethora of fires.

Mr. Paquette does more than stick a brush down each of the 8,000 fireplace and chimney flues in Westmount. He installs screens at the top of chimneys to prevent squirrels from nesting, he unblocks chimneys, repairs dampers—even removes the soot from the basement traps of Westmount buildings.

His yearly visits are not only to houses; he also cleans the stacks on commercial and apartment buildings, all for \$2 apiece.

In the past two weeks the Westmount Fire Brigade has answered one call for a fire in a chimney and another for a blocked chimney. The tally, according to Chief Paul E. Motard, would be much higher were it not for the Westmount chimney-sweep.

Has two assistants

Mr. Paquette and his two assistants, Louis and Michel Hebert (Michel is nephew to Louis) work from November to June cleaning Westmount's chimneys, during good weather only. Under contract with the city, the sweeps notify residents and superintendents they intend to clean their flues. Within days the job is done and the sweeps collect their pay when they come to clean out ash traps.

Often it takes several visits before they can collect the pay and clean the traps; Westmount by-laws demand both that citizens make the once-a-year payment, and that the traps be cleaned.

Mr. Paquette's rounds have taught him much about the residents of the city—specially



Roger Paquette

about those that do or do not know how to use their fireplaces. He seldom gets a chance to talk with the homeowners (except when collecting his pay), unless they call him about furnace trouble.

"So many people have fireplaces and they don't know how to use them," he said, however, and began with tales about fireplaces which had been overloaded with wood when first started, about chimneys where squirrels had built nests, about steel-lined gas furnace flues which had become clogged with soot. When Westmount was in the midst of a construction boom, Mr. Paquette often found tin cans, bottles, cloths and paint tools had been thrown down chimneys by careless workmen,

blocking the chimneys and causing dangerous fire hazards.

During his rounds he also has found that many companies or large apartment buildings will pay professional chimney-cleaning firms some \$700 to unblock a chimney—work which he would offer to do for \$55. The same companies will refuse to repair dampers, work he will do for \$16.

"A company is not interested in sending a man for \$16," he says.

Westmount's chimney regulations are very precise on the work Mr. Paquette must do, as well as the responsibilities of homeowners. The chimney-sweep must clean the chimneys and remove the soot; citizens are required to provide a container for the soot—good fireplaces and furnaces collect very little in a year—and to clean ash-catchers of fireplaces, which are simply the trap doors at the base of some hearths which empty into receptacles one floor down.

The Westmount fire prevention bureau, for its part, has little responsibility in the venture, except to act as intermediary between Mr. Paquette and the citizens, and to supervise the entire operation.

The bureau, in its work as intermediary, has never registered a valid complaint against the chimney-sweep. Often people phone to find out why they must let him in to pick up soot, or to clean a chimney from inside (which he does on sloped-roof homes, with a "fish").

They complain that there is still soot inside the chimney; this turns out to be a hard layer of coal, which is almost a permanent part of any well-used chimney.

They complain that the prices are too high—at \$2 a year that is hardly an argument against having a safe chimney. (Some Westmount houses have as many as 15 chimneys, but Mr. Paquette usually asks which ones are actually used and cleans only those—there are seldom more than four chimneys and one furnace to clean.)

Westmount ahead

Westmount can be proud of its chimney-sweep, and of the laws regulating his activities. In N.D.G. where he works under Montreal contract and by-laws, there is no requirement that he clean out the soot. Often furnace flues have collected so much soot over the years that it collects above the exhaust-stream, thus blocking it or at least causing very poor fuel combustion. Few chimney fires have dotted the page-3 list of fire calls in The Examiner over the years, and most have been caused by citizen neglect.

If citizens have questions about a chimney, they should give the fire prevention bureau a call at 933-3735. If Mr. Paquette's services are needed, they will contact him.

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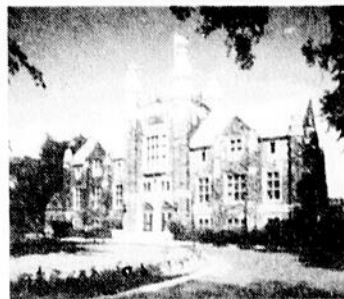
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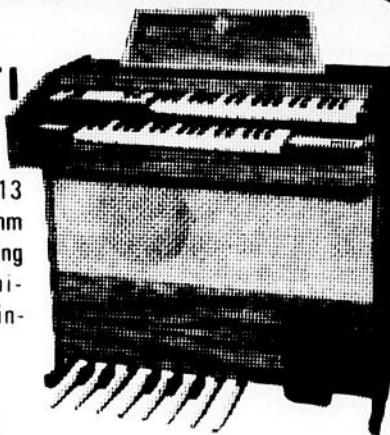
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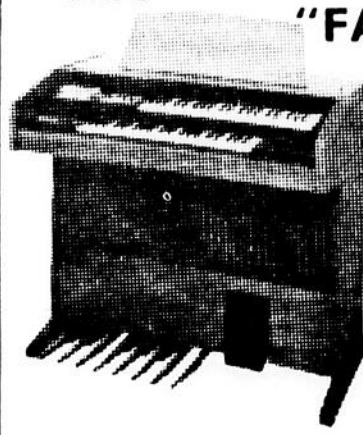
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How Westmount stacks up in Montreal Urban Community

By ANDY DODGE

Westmount's 33-percent increase in taxable valuation for the coming year stands up reasonably well in comparison with other municipalities of the Montreal Urban Community, an Examiner study shows. This city continues, however, to have far and away the highest valuation per square mile of any of the 30 cities and towns of the metropolitan body.

All but two of the municipalities easily topped the 9.9 percent increase in the Central City of Montreal's valuation, with the west island specially hard hit.

The developing Ile Bizard saw a 95 percent increase in its total taxable assessment; three other communities saw valuations upped by more than 60 percent, and all of the west-island communities save western-tip Ste. Anne de Bellevue and Senneville had more than 40 percent increases.

Above average

Westmount was slightly above average for central and west-central cities, though the southwest block of Verdun, LaSalle, Ville St. Pierre and Lachine was evaluated lower than the rest. For some reason, the MUC valuation department saw fit to raise residential and commercial values in Montreal West, which borders that block, by some 41 percent, highest for the west-central core of suburbs.

East of the City of Montreal, valuation increases this year ranged between 12 and 24 percent, with the biggest increases going to Montreal East and, a short way behind, Ville d'Anjou. These might be explained by the expected completion of the Metro line running close to those cities.

To the north, St. Leonard was boosted by some 30 percent in valuation due to the anticipation of three new Metro stations in the near future. Taxable valuation of Montreal North went up only half as much. Westmount compares reasonably, therefore, to nearby Hampstead, Town of Mount Royal, Dorval and St. Leonard among inner municipalities, well below the west-island communities and above the southwest and eastern cities of the MUC. This small community, which represents a mere 0.8 percent of the total area of the island(s), now contains 2.8 percent of the MUC's taxable assessed value, up from 2.5 percent in the previous valuation roll.

The latter fact—that the city's tax assessment is well out of proportion to its size—is amply demonstrated by the fact that in Westmount there now is \$264,549,670 worth of buildings and property per square mile in the 1.53-square-mile city. Hampstead, in second place on the per-square-mile valuation list, has a mere \$155,846,150 of taxable valuation.

(For those who want to have some fun, consider piling all of Hampstead's taxable property on top of Roxboro's—then add everything from Ville St. Pierre. The total taxable valuation of the

POPULATION (1973)		AREA (Square Miles)		TAXABLE 1975 VALUATION (millions of dollars)		TAXABLE 1976 VALUATION (millions of dollars)	
Montreal	1,193,000	Montreal	60.97	Montreal	6,505	Montreal	7,151.8
Montreal North	92,547	St. Laurent	17.87	St. Laurent	677	St. Laurent	820.7
LaSalle	77,000	Pierrefonds	9.45	St. Leonard	420	St. Leonard	547.9
Verdun	75,460	Ile Bizard	8.76	LaSalle	405	LaSalle	483.6
St. Leonard	62,725	Dorval	7.97	Montreal North	402	Montreal North	465.7
St. Laurent	62,565	Pointe Claire	7.40	Lachine	332	T.M.R.	432.3
Lachine	44,513	Lachine	6.71	T.M.R.	322	Pointe Claire	406.5
Pt.-aux-Trembles	37,839	Pt.-aux-Trembles	6.56	Westmount	304	Westmount	404.8
Anjou	35,445	LaSalle	6.34	Pointe Claire	278	Lachine	390.0
Pierrefonds	34,200	Dollard	5.87	Dorval	269	Dorval	353.6
Dollard	32,000	Anjou	5.27	Anjou	247	Dollard	328.3
Pointe Claire	28,012	St. Leonard	4.99	Cote St. Luc	232	Anjou	301.2
Outremont	27,894	Montreal East	4.78	Dollard	227	Cote St. Luc	287.8
Cote St. Luc	25,335	Montreal North	4.26	Verdun	221	Pierrefonds	262.7
Westmount	23,605	Beaconsfield	4.11	Pierrefonds	181	Beaconsfield	258.5
T.M.R.	21,105	Kirkland	3.97	Beaconsfield	159	Verdun	246.4
Ste. Anne	20,731	Ste. Anne	3.96	Outremont	154	Outremont	199.2
Beaconsfield	20,480	Verdun	3.28	Pt.-aux-Trembles	152	Pt.-aux-Trembles	170.3
Roxboro	7,514	Cote St. Luc	2.89	Montreal East	125	Montreal East	155.4
Hampstead	7,210	T.M.R.	2.87	Hampstead	91	Hampstead	121.6
St. Pierre	6,925	Senneville	2.85	Kirkland	64	Kirkland	107.2
Montreal West	6,405	Baie d'Urfe	2.33	Montreal West	47	Montreal West	66.4
Ste. Anne	4,833	Westmount	1.53	Baie d'Urfe	38	Baie d'Urfe	63.6
Montreal East	4,800	Outremont	1.42	Roxboro	38	Roxboro	54.9
Kirkland	4,300	St. Pierre	0.83	St. Pierre	30	Ile Bizard	50.7
Baie d'Urfe	3,850	Roxboro	0.80	Ile Bizard	26	St. Pierre	32.2
St. Genevieve	2,950	Hampstead	0.78	Ste. Anne	24	Ste. Anne	30.3
Ile Bizard	2,884	Montreal West	0.63	Senneville	16	Senneville	20.8
Senneville	1,412	St. Genevieve	0.48	St. Genevieve	10	St. Genevieve	15.7
Dorval Island	7	Dorval Island	0.07	Dorval Island	0.49	Dorval Island	0.49
TOTAL SUBURBAN	774,546	TOTAL SUBURBAN	129.03	TOTAL SUBURBAN	5,461	TOTAL SUBURBAN	7,078.9
TOTAL MUC	1,967,546	TOTAL MUC	190.00	TOTAL MUC	11,966	TOTAL MUC	14,230.7

TAXABLE VALUATION INCREASE, 1975-76 (percent)		TAXABLE VALUATION PER SQUARE MILE (millions)		VALUATION PER CAPITA (real figures)		POPULATION PER SQUARE MILE	
Ile Bizard	94.9	Westmount	264.5	Dorval Island	\$70,571	Verdun	23,006
Kirkland	67.5	Hampstead	155.8	Montreal East	32,369	Montreal North	21,725
Baie d'Urfe	67.3	T.M.R.	150.6	Kirkland	24,934	Outremont	19,644
Beaconsfield	62.6	Outremont	140.3	T.M.R.	20,481	Montreal	19,567
St. Genevieve	57.0	Montreal	117.3	Ile Bizard	17,571	Westmount	15,428
Pointe Claire	46.2	St. Leonard	109.8	Westmount	17,147	St. Leonard	12,570
Dollard	44.6	Montreal North	109.3	Dorval	17,056	LaSalle	12,145
Roxboro	44.6	Montreal West	105.4	Hampstead	16,860	Montreal West	10,167
Pierrefonds	45.1	Cote St. Luc	99.6	Baie d'Urfe	16,512	Roxboro	9,392
Montreal West	41.3	LaSalle	76.3	Senneville	14,727	Hampstead	9,244
T.M.R.	34.2	Verdun	75.1	Pointe Claire	14,511	Cote St. Luc	8,766
Hampstead	33.6	Roxboro	68.7	St. Laurent	13,118	St. Pierre	8,343
Westmount	33.1	Beaconsfield	62.9	Beaconsfield	12,624	T.M.R.	7,354
Dorval	31.4	Lachine	58.1	Cote St. Luc	11,359	Anjou	6,726
St. Leonard	30.5	Anjou	57.1	Montreal West	10,372	Lachine	6,634
Senneville	30.0	Dollard	55.9	Dollard	10,260	St. Genevieve	6,146
Outremont	29.4	Pointe Claire	54.9	Lachine	8,761	Pt.-aux-Trembles	5,768
Ste. Anne	26.4	St. Laurent	45.9	St. Leonard	8,736	Dollard	5,451
Montreal East	24.3	Dorval	44.4	Anjou	8,496	Beaconsfield	4,983
Cote St. Luc	24.0	St. Pierre	38.7	Pierrefonds	7,681	Pointe Claire	3,785
Anjou	21.9	St. Genevieve	32.7	Roxboro	7,311	Pierrefonds	3,619
St. Laurent	21.2	Montreal East	32.5	Outremont	7,141	St. Laurent	3,501
LaSalle	19.4	Pierrefonds	27.8	LaSalle	6,281	Dorval	2,601
Lachine	17.5	Baie d'Urfe	27.3	Ste. Anne	6,276	Baie d'Urfe	1,652
Montreal North	15.8	Kirkland	27.0	Montreal	5,995	Ste. Anne	1,220
Pt.-aux-Trembles	12.1	Pt.-aux-Trembles	26.0	St. Genevieve	5,321	Kirkland	1,083
Verdun	11.5	Ste. Anne	7.7	Montreal North	5,032	Montreal East	1,004
Montreal	9.9	Senneville	7.3	St. Pierre	4,644	Senneville	495
St. Pierre	7.2	Dorval Island	7.1	Pt.-aux-Trembles	4,501	Ile Bizard	329
Dorval Island	0.0	Ile Bizard	5.8	Verdun	3,266	Dorval Island	100

three like-sized cities, put together, is still not as much per square mile as Westmount.)

Six more dense

Six other cities, including Montreal itself, have valuation densities of more than \$100 million per square mile, though the island-wide average for 30 municipalities (including Dorval Island) is \$74.9 million taxable valuation in each square mile.

In real figures, Westmount has the eighth-highest total valuation, behind Montreal, St. Laurent, St. Leonard, LaSalle, Montreal North, the Town of Mount Royal and Pointe Claire. All of the other cities are far greater in size than Westmount, including TMR which is nearly twice our size.

Population figures dated 1973 show that the people-density in Westmount far outranks its 15th-place status of real figures. The 23,605 persons reported to live here represent 15,428 per square mile in a list topped only by Verdun, 23,006; Montreal North, 21,725; Outremont, 19,644, and Montreal 19,567.

Westmount, standing some distance from the overall density of Montreal, is followed by St. Leonard, which contains some

12,570 persons per square mile, LaSalle with 12,145, and Montreal West with 10,167. None of the other municipalities has more than 10,000 residents in each square mile of area.

Montreal in 1973 claimed some 1,193,000 citizens within its bounds, comprising 60.6 percent of the total island population. Next came Montreal North with 92,547. Four other cities have more than 50,000 citizens, including LaSalle, Verdun, St. Leonard, and St. Laurent.

\$17,147 per capita

Westmount's per-capita taxable valuation sets it again among the leaders in the MUC, ranking sixth with a tax value of \$17,147 per resident. Top on the list is tiny Dorval Island, which with only seven permanent residents and a valuation of \$490,000, can claim \$70,000 worth of property per person.

Montreal East, which boasts a large number of refineries and relatively few persons, comes next with \$32,369 per-capita valuation. Third is Kirkland, which has less than one-fifth Westmount's population spread over an area more than two and a half times this city's size. TMR comes fourth with \$20,481 per

person and just ahead of Westmount is the developing Ile Bizard, whose taxable property portions out to \$17,571 for each resident according to 1973 population figures, the latest readily available.

Averages for the island include \$7,233 worth of taxable valuation per resident in the Montreal Urban Community. The City of Montreal hangs well below that average, at \$5,995 per capita of real estate, while the other municipalities have \$9,139 of taxable property for each suburban dweller.



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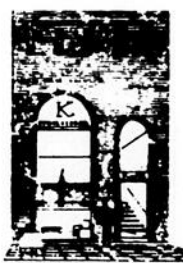
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"Is there any correspondence to report to council, Mr. City Clerk?" Mayor Donald MacCallum asked Ronald Seaman Monday night.

"No, Mr. Mayor, there is none," responded the clerk.

"Of course," recalled the mayor, "there's been no mail!"



FIRST FOR WESTMOUNT: First passengers on the first commercial flight out of Mirabel International Airport Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. John G. Shannon, 10 Grove Park, seen here (left) boarding an Air Canada jet which departed for Antigua, Barbados and Trinidad.

Pauline Mullins



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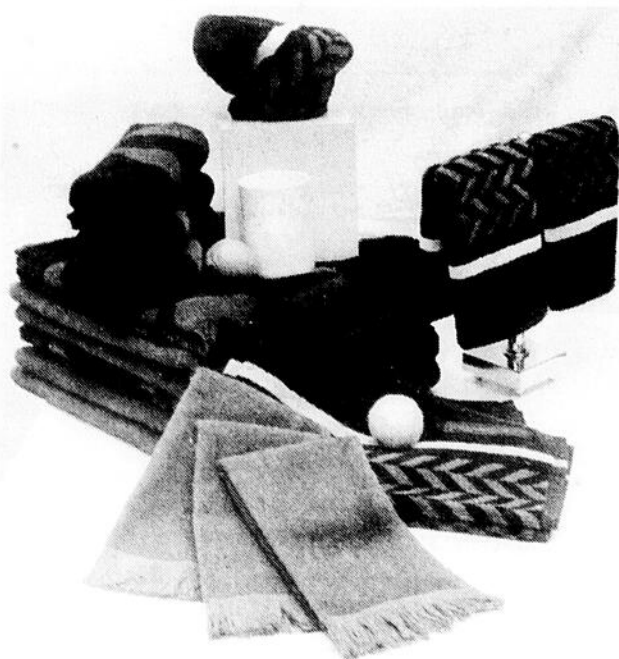
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Mrs. Helen Ekler of the Children's Service Centre, 5 Weredale Park, knows many persons who are in desperate need of work, to get back on their feet again, to be reunited with their children who are now in foster care, or to overcome social calamities which may have befallen them. She is willing to recommend them for worthwhile positions, and generally has found her clients to be reliable, willing and energetic.

Mrs. Ekler was appointed in March as the agency's co-ordinator for youth employment and vocational services, and since then has found positions for about 100 former foster children, single mothers and fathers and others referred to her by social workers at the agency. The people mainly are lacking in skills, ambition or references to be able to acquire positions for themselves, qualities she is able to instill in them or to steer them toward as they try to set out on their own.

Twelve available now

At present she has some 12 employable clients for whom she is seeking positions, mostly single mothers with young children, including some in foster care. She has screened the women carefully, to find out what they are able to do, what sort of setting and work-hours they would be able to tolerate, what languages they speak—even whether they might be in a position to take vocational training programs instead of, or as well as, getting a position.

Mrs. Ekler has scanned newspapers nightly, written to hospitals and large corporations and talked to personnel directors in her continuing search for available jobs. She would like to have the names of as many as possible employers on hand, so she can see her clients employed as quickly as they are referred to her.

One of the largest problems Mrs. Ekler confronts is the language needed for various jobs. Since the Children's Service



Mrs. Helen Ekler

Centre is part of the English division of the Ville Marie Social Service Centre, most of the clients speak only English or else relatively little French. They therefore are not qualified for the many jobs where bilingualism is a requirement, and most such jobs generally go to people whose mother tongue is French.

Nursing assistant

A single mother who arrived in Canada several months ago came to Mrs. Ekler recently, unable to find a permanent job, but with experience as a nursing assistant in the Caribbean, experience which was not recognized officially by Canadian hospitals. Having come on a visitor's visa, she had achieved landed immigrant status and obtained jobs first in a factory and later in an old people's home, but had been laid off in both instances. Mrs. Ekler found her a menial job in a hospital; the young woman took the job, and has since been promised she can go into training as a nurses' aide in February.

Another woman, this time from Ghana, worked for a clothing manufacturer in Montreal, a job which provided minimal income and was not improving her semi-literate status. Her social worker brought her to Mrs. Ekler in the hope she could find a better position; after considerable discussion with the woman and research into the situation, Mrs. Ekler suggested she stay with her

present position for the time being while attending a Protestant school board literacy course, in order to learn to read and write English.

The "success stories" are only examples of several ways the program can help such people improve themselves and their lot. Even temporary positions would be good for Mrs. Ekler's clients, she says, since often the people can get good recommendations for future jobs, can spend the extra time finding something more permanent, or eventually can move into permanent positions with the same firms.

Service phase-out

The Children's Service Centre hopes that such persons, once established in jobs, no longer would need the social services provided by the agency. Mrs. Ekler tries as much as possible to

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stay in the background once one of her clients obtains a position. "I'm not sure that it is a good idea," she notes, "to call an employer and to say, 'I'm her social worker, how is she (he) doing?'"

In the six months the program is running, Mrs. Ekler recalled only one case of a person who could not get along with her supervisor so left the position. She could not think of one who had been fired.

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Rotary Club hears Drury

There was no Westmount Rotary Club luncheon meeting yesterday. Instead, the members were to have a ladies' night meeting last evening at the Montreal Badminton & Squash Club, Atwater avenue.

Regular weekly luncheon meetings resume next Wednesday at Victoria Hall when the speaker is to be Westmount's MP, Hon. C. M. Drury. He is expected to deal with the anti-inflation program of the federal government.



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the extension originally was planned for 1977.

Miss Levinson complained also that cars are still "zooming along at 70 miles an hour" despite new stop signs on Prince Albert avenue at Chesterfield avenue. Both Mayor MacCallum and Ald. J. L. Thom, the city's public safety commissioner, had doubts about the figure she gave, but said the situation would be watched carefully to see if further action need be taken.

Citizen pressure

Katrine Ellison asked why council had decided to close Prince Albert at Sherbrooke street, though she added she was in full support of the move. Citizen pressure from area residents, again, had brought about the action, the mayor reported.

Tory Trim, apparently a student of Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School, joined the traffic bandwagon by asking the mayor why no right turns were allowed from Cedar avenue onto Mt.

Pleasant avenue during school hours, a situation, she said, which made it extremely difficult for her parents to bring her to school.

The restriction is there just because girls are going to or leaving school, Mayor MacCallum told her, to make their journey safer.

Sara Paterson, bringing council down the mountain once more, asked when a traffic light would be installed at the corner of Melville avenue and St. Catherine street, near Westmount Park School. Ald. Thom noted that a school crossing guard covers that intersection during weekdays, and said the guard probably was safer than any traffic light could be. Council had no intention of changing the arrangement, he said.

The only questioner not concerned with traffic among the Girl Guides was Jill Cook, who wanted to know what was being done with the now-vacant lot on St. Catherine near Melville, where once stood the large 4474-78 St. Catherine apartment building. Again, the mayor deferred to Mr. McIver, who reported the city had no idea what was to become of that site.

A doggy park?

Chimed in Glenda Scott, champion of the dog-control lobby in Westmount, "Make it a doggy park!"

Council not only answered questions; aldermen asked them. Rookie Alderman Brian Gallery, perhaps trying to get a "feel" for his constituency, wanted to know how many Girl Guides there were in Westmount. Considerable discussion ensued among the girls until finally their leader, Mrs. Elizabeth Lella, pronounced a rough figure of 300. She was quickly corrected by an authoritative Miss Levinson, who upped the figure to about 360.

House theft

A wallet containing \$10 cash was stolen from an office at Weredale House, 6 Weredale Park, between 3 pm last Wednesday and 4 pm the next day. The wallet had been in a purse, kept in an office cupboard.

\$100 stolen

One hundred dollars cash was stolen from a purse left unattended behind a counter in a store at 4922 Sherbrooke street west at about 4:25 pm Saturday.

New ambulance in second call

The second emergency call for Westmount's new city ambulance came at 9:36 am Saturday, after a man fell down a flight of stairs in his house at 4610 St. Catherine street west, breaking his wrist.

Police were called to the scene in the first instance; they radioed the station for the ambulance, which arrived minutes later.

Trained medic-firemen used a cryo-pac to freeze the victim's wrist and arm in place, then transported him to the Montreal General Hospital.

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ment subsidy, tax citizens to the tune of 82 cents per \$100 of the 1976 MUC valuation. By 1980, moreover, the same figure could rise to \$2.39 per \$100 of the same valuations.

Other suburban mayors made similar organized presentations related to the evaluation procedure, police budget and

other programs under the MUC's jurisdiction in meetings held Nov. 19, 20, 26, 27. More meetings were planned for last evening, tonight and tomorrow night, he said, after which the entire \$287 million budget either will be passed or will become law automatically, despite the protest of suburban mayors or City of Montreal council members.

Already committed

"We cannot really vote against the dollars which already have been committed," Mayor MacCallum told a questioning Ald. David Carruthers, who suggested a protest vote might be the best approach.

"I voted for the police contract, for example," the mayor added, "mainly because the alternative would have been a strike. But I don't know whether or not I will vote against the MUC budget on Friday night."

He pointed out to Mr. Carruthers, also, that nobody would know what size provincial grant—if any—would be forthcoming before the 1976 budget is approved.

Later in the evening Fred Leclaire added his opinion that the mayor should vote against the budget "as a matter of principle, so the onus of the law falls on the proper shoulders."

"Like Alice falling down the rabbit hole," Ald. James L. Thom reflected, "I hope you will keep your head in this example of total financial irresponsibility!"

Westmount paid out less than \$1 million in October, Ald. Alwyn Lloyd reported Monday night in calling for council authorization of the month's accounts. Approved were some \$602,169.72 in accounts payable and \$324,544.75 in payrolls to city staff.

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League hockey in full swing

By NICK KASIRER

The municipal hockey league had all divisions for boys active this past week, with the exception of the Senior and Midget sections which begin play this week.

The eight-team Pee Wee league played four games last week. The Seals won their first of the season, handing the Broncs their first loss, 7-2. The Capitols remain undefeated, narrowly edging the Bulls 3-2. The Scouts and Kings battled to a 4-all tie, while the Huskies beat the Mules by a score of 6-1 to maintain their first-place tie in the standings with their rivals the Capitols.

Players in this category are 11 and 12 years old. All games are

played on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons.

The Bantam division, consisting of boys 13 and 14, has completed the first two in a 15-game schedule. The Bruins won their second game last week 4-3 against the Hawks to stay in a tie for the top spot in the division with the Rangers, who also won their match by a narrow margin. They also won their game by the score of 4-3 against the Flyers. The Flames took their first game of the new season, defeating the Leafs 5-4.

These close scores indicate a well-balanced league, which in turn makes for exciting games

The Bantams have games scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the season.

The Termites and Mosquitoes played full slates of games last Saturday. The Termite section, made up of four teams of eight and nine-year-olds, have a 12-game schedule. In the first matches of the season, the Bears pitted against the Dragons and won 5-0. The Knights beat out the Guards 5-2.

In the Mosquito division, the Broncs defeated the Huskies 3-2 in their first game. The Bulls won over the Mules 8-4. The ten-year-olds have a similar schedule to the Termites. Both leagues have games only on Saturday mornings between 9 am and noon.

The Midget league consists of boys 15 and 16. The first games in this category are this week with the Badgers playing the Hornets, and the Mustangs versus the Spartans.

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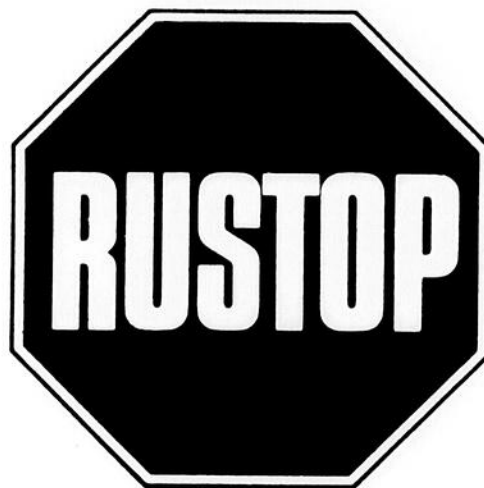
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Zoning change rules amended:

Contiguous zones given protest right but demanding a poll more difficult

The highly contentious issue of contiguous-zone voting rights for zoning by-law amendments seems to have been settled by act of the national assembly, but the result of the complicated bill seems to thwart small interest-groups from blocking zoning changes in Quebec municipalities, including Westmount.

A portion of Bill 42, assented to in July, was held back from implementation pending a declaration of the lieutenant-governor, a declaration which reportedly was made last month. The portion brings into law permission for citizens in zones bordering on one for which an amendment is proposed to demand a poll and to vote in a by-law referendum.

The portion also raises the number of people required to demand a poll, however, in some cases to astronomical proportions.

Local law superseded

Both amendments to the cities and towns act supersede any municipal laws which may cover protests and citizen approval of zoning by-laws.

Included in the new definition of those enfranchised in the case of a zoning by-law is the following:

"The persons who are entered as property-owners on the valuation roll in force with respect to an immovable situated in a zone or sector adjacent to that which is the subject of the by-law, and, in the case of physical persons, who are of full age and are Canadian citizens, shall be qualified to vote, upon presentation to the clerk, within the five days following the date of publication of a public notice addressed to such persons, of a petition signed by at least 12 of such persons or by a majority of them if their number is less than 24."

The clause seems to indicate that residents of adjacent zones would not be allowed to vote in a by-law referendum if they do not present adequate protest—in which case only property-owners of the affected zone would be enfranchised.

In defining the numbers needed to protest a zoning amendment, however, the provincial law declares that numbers are determined by the number of persons (or companies) qualified to vote in the affected zone or, in the case where adequate representation by property-owners in contiguous zones is made, in the affected and contiguous zones, as follows:

"At the end of the second day of registration, (to protest the by-law) the by-law shall be deemed to have been approved by the persons qualified to vote, unless the number of registered persons is:

Numbers required

"(a) not less than the majority, if the number of persons qualified to vote is 25 or less;

"(b) not less than 13, plus 10 percent of the number of the persons qualified to vote in excess of the first 25, when the number of such persons is more than 25;

"(c) not less than 500 if the number of persons qualified to vote is 5,000 or over."

The new law will thus make it extremely difficult to garner enough petitioners to demand a poll in extremely large zones



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Costing Greene revamp

Plans for the redevelopment of Greene avenue are being considered by the city's architectural and planning commission, with costs the foremost consideration at present, Ald. Mel Nixon told city council Monday night.

Mr. Nixon was answering a question from Ald. David Carruthers, following a query to council from Mrs. Joan Blanchard about the progress of plans of both the city and private developers in the area.

He was unable, however, to confirm or deny that plans for development of the south side of St. Catherine street at Greene avenue were in the works, though

(such as Westmount's R-2 zone, which blankets the residential area, generally between Cote St. Antoine road and The Boulevard) or in areas contiguous to such large zones.

If a poll is demanded, it would seem the regulations now in force would generally remain; that is, that one-third of the eligible property-owners would have to vote and that a majority vote of those cast would be needed to uphold a protested amendment.

Prior to last month's declaration by the lieutenant-governor, Westmount was governed by its own regulations, which allowed any 10 elector-proprietors of an affected zone to demand a poll.

High turnout needed

With the high turnout necessary to then legitimize a

Nixon joins housing bureau; Aspler's sub

Westmount's new commissioner of planning and redevelopment, Ald. Mel Nixon, Monday night was appointed a member and director of the Municipal Housing Bureau of Westmount which is charged with overseeing the operation and financing of the Hillside Place public housing.

The motion to strike off the name of the previous planning commissioner, Ald. Charles Aspler, and replace him with Ald. Nixon also gave council the opportunity to extend the terms of all the members and to clear up some ambiguities of the previous membership.

The directors, including two elected councillors and five members of city staff, had their terms extended to three years from Dec. 1.

Mayor Donald MacCallum, who was appointed a director in July following the death of Mayor Paul A. Ouimet, had never been appointed a member of the housing bureau, it seems, so this technicality was righted in the motion.

he said no submissions had been made for purchase or development of what is left of the city's Tupper street parking lot, just off Gladstone avenue.

The city this year left open the possibility of changing the zoning in that area. It is not expected that plans will take shape until a definite decision has been made.

Mayor Donald MacCallum was a little more precise when asked by another resident of lower Westmount to explain what is going on between Tupper street and Dorchester boulevard at Atwater avenue. The building now under construction by The Royal Bank of Canada is to be a six-storey computer data centre, he said.

protested amendment (the city was able to draw only 40 percent of all eligible residents—not just property-owners—to last month's civic elections), it generally was considered that simply demanding a poll was enough to quash it. Now that new numbers are involved, numbers which grow larger as more contiguous-zone areas become interested, it would seem the possibility of having zoning rules changed has turned in favor of those seeking the change.

One city official suggested privately that the new rules might mean Westmount, along with other municipalities, would turn more toward omnibus zoning by-law amendments encapsulating numerous small changes in the city regulations, since keeping track of the numbers involved and the rules involved in small spot-zone amendments would be costly and time-consuming.

Westmount's lawyers are examining carefully the new regulations so that preparations can be made for any possible zoning amendments which might come up in the near future.

Right asked locally

Many citizens asked council last spring, and candidates brought forward the idea during the campaign, that residents of zones bordering on an affected zone be allowed a voice in protesting a by-law amendment. The subject was brought up largely in the fear that Westmount could impose spot-zoning for high-rise office or apartment buildings without the approval of those who might lie in the shadow or line of sight of such a building.

City officials also have suggested they often have been wary in introducing zoning by-law amendments, knowing that a mere handful of people would be able effectively to stop the changes even if a large sector of the population favored them.

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