

User-pay, consultation, volunteers:

Recreation has different thrust in area municipalities

AN EXAMINER report three years ago established that the Westmount recreation department offered "a bare minimum of sports and leisure programs compared with other like-sized communities."

That still may be the situation, but Westmount officials appear ready to bring about changes in the way recrea-

tional services are delivered to the community.

Recent interviews with officials in Côte St. Luc, Dorval, Hampstead, Outremont, Pointe Claire and the Town of Mount Royal show a variety of approaches to municipally-organized leisure activities.

By ROB SOUTHCOTT

Côte St. Luc, with a population of about 30,000 people, is the largest of the six cities studied. Its director of recreation, Jacques Bissonnette, sees his department basically as a broker of leisure services.

"We're like Steinberg's," says Mr. Bissonnette.

Although all of the communities contacted by THE EXAMINER work on some system of "user-pay," Côte St. Luc seems most steadfast in running programs based on cost.

"We're agents. We bring the service at a better cost than anyone, but they (the citizens) have to pay for it," says Mr.

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Bank machine client robbed with revolver

A lone robber managed to get \$500 cash from the Instabank system outside 1500 Atwater avenue last Thursday after threatening a customer with a revolver, police said.

The incident took place about 10:48 pm when a 19-year-old student had put his card into the machine to withdraw a small amount of money.

The robber, described as a man in his early 30s, came up from behind, pointed a four-inch barrel at him and demanded that he empty his account.

When the student replied he had nothing in the account, police said, the robber apparently faked an entry, managing to withdraw \$500.

Police said the robber appeared to know how the system worked.

Child freed

A 20-month-old boy was freed from a locked bathroom in a house on Roslyn avenue Tuesday last week by Public Safety Officer Nick Cocca, officials said. The officer reported picking the lock to free the trapped child.



SOMEBODY'S GOTTA DO IT: When no one turned up from the city's public works department Sunday to salt a section of glare ice on the sidewalk on Sherbrooke street between Roslyn and Grosvenor, Public Security Unit officers decided to do it themselves. Sand, used as weight in the trunk of a patrol car, was spread on the ice. Then Public Safety Officer Steve Manktelow went to work with the shovel breaking up a portion of it. One man was reported to have fallen on the ice and three citizens complained about it. Officers, who described the sidewalk as "dangerous," requested public works to salt it at 12:07 pm. When nothing was done by 2:08 pm, the action was ordered by Sgt. Richard Clyde.

Slippery streets cited in 16 traffic mishaps

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

As efforts continued through last week to clean Westmount streets of snow accumulated over New Year's, an unusually high number of traffic accidents was attributed by police to snow-covered and slippery streets.

A pedestrian was taken to hospital last Wednesday when a car skidded onto a sidewalk in one of 16 reported traffic accidents in four days.

Two other mishaps involved ice chunks thrown up by the snow blower and hitting cars. A third accident resulted when a grader turned a corner into the front of a stationary car.

Traffic accidents have been averaging about 10 a week here. The 16 reported mishaps occurred between Monday and Thursday last week.

The injured pedestrian, a 33-year-old St. Laurent resident, was reported struck while standing on the northwest corner of Atwater and Tupper avenues. The driver of the car "lost control on

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WMA lacks quorum, endorses candidate

By JAMES MILLS

TWENTY persons attending a special general meeting of the Westmount Municipal Association in Victoria Hall Wednesday last week gave unanimous approval to a report recommending Rhoda Vineberg for endorsement as a candidate in the Feb. 4 ward 1 by-election.

The legitimacy of the endorsement has been brought into question by low attendance at the meeting.

WMA by-laws establish the presence of 50 members in good standing as a quorum for a special general meeting. More than 600 Westmounters belong to the association.

James Wright, president of the WMA and chairman of the meeting, told THE EXAMINER this week he doesn't feel the absence of a quorum "makes any difference."

He noted the meeting had been held on the "coldest night of the year."

"All of the members were told what the recommendation was going to be and no one objected," Mr. Wright said. "The only practical solution was to proceed with the meeting."

WMA by-laws provide candidates the opportunity to challenge endorsements from the floor of general meetings, such as the one held Wednesday. No other candidate came forward.

'Public death'

Allen Nutik, a candidate who shunned the WMA endorsement procedure from the beginning, told THE EXAMINER that the absence of all but a handful of the association's members from the meeting represented "the public death of the WMA."

"One wonders if they even had a quorum," Mr. Nutik added. A former member of the association, Mr. Nutik did not attend the

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Horn silenced an hour later

A car horn which became stuck Tuesday night last week about 9:30 pm on Ingleside avenue was finally released about an hour later when the owner returned to the car.

Public Security officials said attempts to contact the owner once his identity was determined through MUC police proved unsuccessful. The car was a Buick Riviera.



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Nomination deadline Monday

Monday at 2 pm is the deadline for filing of nomination papers in the Feb. 4 ward 1 by-election, according to the election schedule.

By yesterday afternoon, only one of the three declared candidates, Rhoda Vineberg, had officially filed her papers with the city clerk. Officials said papers had been taken out by Allen Nutik but none, so far, by Gertrude Johnson.

Keith Ham, who told THE EXAMINER in December he might become a candidate, has yet to make an announcement of his decision.

Two other possible candidates, Neil Fernandes and Larry Nadler, both told THE EXAMINER last week that they would not run, each citing limited time as a factor in their decisions.

Silver stolen

Silverware and jewelry valued at about \$3,000 were reported stolen from a house broken into in the 500 block of Roslyn avenue last weekend, police said.

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WHATEVER THE WEATHER SHOP MÉTRO

NEXT WEEK'S WEATHER
By Capt. Eric Neal
January 18 to 25

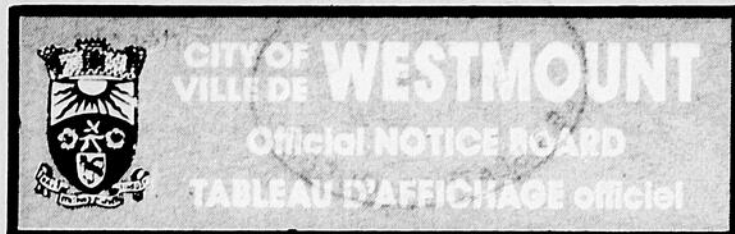
Another stormy week, commencing bright and cold with morning fog or mist. Some light snow or driving cold rains mixed with snow. A partial thaw and ice blocks on streams could cause local floods at this time. Heavy snow follows, 15 to 25 cm. Temperature range from -40 to 2°C in the north and east. A little more clement in the south. More agreeable to end the week but becoming much colder with strong winds and blowing snow.



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Westmount is one of only eleven Quebec municipalities still distributing electrical energy to its citizens; most other electricity users are served directly by Hydro-Quebec.

The City's Light and Power Department was established some eighty years ago to compete with the old Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company. This it did so successfully that the M.L.H. & P. withdrew from Westmount in the early '30s. It was then that the Light Department stopped using steam turbines to generate part of the electrical demand, and began purchasing all of its needs from the M.L.H. & P., which later became Hydro-Quebec.

In 1983, our system provided electricity to 8,060 residential and 1,100 general service customers. The average annual use by residential customers was 9,900 kWh, almost 15% higher than five years before.

With three distribution substations, 72 kilometres of underground cable, and 24 kilometres of pole lines (mostly on rear lot lines and in lanes) the "Light Department," as an electrical utility, represents a substantial enterprise. After all operating and amortization costs have been absorbed, including charges by the city for accounting, computer, communications, administration and other services, its net revenue (almost \$734,000 in 1983) is transferred to the general revenue of the city, where it serves to reduce the taxes required. The profit from their municipal electrical system is thus returned to the citizens.

One of the larger customers is our street-lighting system, also operated by the Light Department. A comprehensive study of Westmount's street-lighting needs, leading to an action plan, will be carried out in 1985.

Westmount est l'une des seules onze municipalités du Québec qui fournissent encore l'électricité à leurs citoyens, Hydro-Québec assurant ces services à la plupart des autres usagers.

Le service de l'Énergie électrique de la ville de Westmount a été créé il y a quelque quatre-vingts ans dans le but de concurrencer l'ancienne société Montreal Light, Heat and Power. Il a si bien atteint cet objectif qu'au début des années '30, la M.L.H. & P. se retirait de Westmount. C'est à partir de ce moment que notre service de l'Énergie électrique a cessé d'employer des turbines à vapeur pour produire une partie de l'électricité requise et a entrepris d'acheter tout le pouvoir dont il avait besoin de la M.L.H. & P. qui devait devenir la société Hydro-Québec.

En 1983, notre système a fourni l'électricité à 8 060 abonnés résidentiels et à 1 100 usagers de catégorie générale. La consommation moyenne annuelle par abonné résidentiel a été de 9 900 kWh, soit près de 15% de plus qu'il y a cinq ans.

Trois sous-stations d'alimentation, 72 kilomètres de câble souterrain, 24 kilomètres de lignes aériennes (installées pour la plupart à la ligne arrière des lots et dans les ruelles) font de notre service de l'Énergie électrique une entreprise importante. Une fois tous les frais d'exploitation et d'amortissement absorbés, y compris le coût des services de comptabilité, d'informatique, de communications, d'administration et autres assurés par la ville, le revenu net de ce service (près de 734 000\$ en 1983) est inscrit au chapitre des revenus généraux de la ville où il sert à réduire les taxes requises. Les profits enregistrés par leur service d'électricité municipal reviennent ainsi aux citoyens.



Ce service de l'Énergie électrique assure aussi le fonctionnement de notre système d'éclairage de rues, l'un des principaux consommateurs d'électricité dans Westmount. Une étude exhaustive des besoins de Westmount en matière d'éclairage de rues sera effectuée en 1985 en vue d'élaborer un plan d'action approprié.



**WESTMOUNT
PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING
RE PARKING**

All Westmount residents are invited to a public consultation meeting on the City's parking policy, to be held at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke, Westmount, Québec, on Tuesday, 26th February 1985, at 7:30 p.m.

P. Patenaude
City Clerk



**WESTMOUNT
ASSEMBLÉE DE
CONSULTATION PUBLIQUE
SUR LE STATIONNEMENT**

Tous les résidents de Westmount sont invités à assister à une assemblée de consultation publique sur les politiques de la Ville en matière de stationnement. Cette assemblée se tiendra au Victoria Hall, 4626, rue Sherbrooke, Westmount, Québec, le mardi, 26 février 1985 à 19h30.

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Next Scheduled City Council Meeting
 Tuesday, February 5, 8 pm
Date de la prochaine séance du conseil municipal
 Le mardi 5 février, 20h00

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FIRE INCENDIE	935-2456	Ambulance	842-4242
Police	934-2121	PUBLIC SECURITY SECURITÉ PUBLIQUE	935-1777

Building smoke detectors alert residents to fires

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Smoke detectors in two apartment buildings here alerted occupants to fire conditions on Monday and Tuesday and are attributed by fire officials with limiting damage and possibly saving lives.

One of the alarms alerted a woman Monday evening to a fire in a grease pot in an apartment at 288 Grosvenor avenue.

The other detector was activated by food left on a stove at 4470 St. Catherine street Tuesday at 1:04 am while the occupant slept.

The first incident, the grease pot fire, occurred about 5:35 pm while the resident was in a front room. She had forgotten about the pot on the stove, fire officials

said.

When she heard the alarm and entered the kitchen, she found the room on fire and managed to extinguish the fire by putting a rug over the pot. She sustained slight burns to the hands.

An estimated \$1,300 damage was reported, mainly to the cupboards and stove.

In the second incident, a smoke detector was triggered in one of the apartments at 4470 St. Catherine, alerting the building superintendent who in turn awakened the occupant.

Côte St. Luc firefighters were called out on both occasions since both apartment buildings are coded for automatic mutual aid response.

Friday robbers hold up neighboring institutions

Two Westmount financial institutions across the street from each other on Sherbrooke street near Victoria avenue were held up Friday, police report.

The first occurred about 12:57 pm when a lone gunman hit the Central Trust at 4825 Sherbrooke street for about \$500.

The second robbery was reported by the City and District Savings Bank at 4848 Sherbrooke about 4:28 pm when some \$1,500 was taken.

Police said it was possible the Central Trust was held up by the same man who made off with \$8,000 from the branch Dec. 27.

"Give me your money. I want big bills," he reportedly told the teller in the latest incident. He apparently did not get the big bills.

The suspect, armed with an automatic revolver, was described as about 20 years old, wearing jeans, a ski jacket and work boots.

The City and District branch was held up by a man aged between 25 and 30 wearing a blue coat and blue tuque.

He was reported to have approached the teller, put a bag on the counter and held up a piece of cardboard on which was written, "Give me all your money. I have a gun in my bag."

The victim did not see the gun.

Frink wins

Frink Canada has been awarded the contract to supply Westmount with one dump body and hoist, at a cost of \$6,390.



The following events are scheduled in Westmount this week:

- Today**
- Montreal Children's Library: annual meeting, Atwater Library auditorium, 10:30 am a←
- Sunday, Jan. 13**
- St. Andrew's - Dominion Douglas United Church: constitution service, 687 Roslyn avenue, 11 am
- Monday, Jan. 21**
- Westmount Historical Association: meeting, Manoir Westmount, 7:30 pm ←
 - Westmount Initiative for Peace: lecture, Victoria Hall, 8 pm m
- Wednesday, Jan. 23**
- Westmount Rotary Club: regular luncheon meeting, Victoria Hall, 12:30 pm w←+
- COMING UP**
- Feb. 4: Ward 1 by-election
 - Feb. 5: City of Westmount, statutory February council meeting, city hall, 8 pm m•
 - Feb. 19: City of Westmount, meeting with residents of Holton avenue, city hall •
 - Feb. 26: City of Westmount, meeting on parking, Victoria Hall, 7:30 pm •
- W Weekly / Monthly m
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MISHAPS . . .

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the snow-covered street," police said.

Cars collided

In another of the seven accidents Wednesday, two cars collided at Claremont and Burton, again on streets described on the police report as snow-covered.

Another collision on Sherbrooke street in front of city hall occurred when a taxi skidded in slush into the rear of another car.

The two snow-blowing incidents took place earlier in the week.

One, Monday last week, took place when a Toyota was beckoned to pass a blower on Belvedere road near the Boulevard. As the car went by, ice "flying up from the sides" of the machine damaged the front bumper of the car.

The following Tuesday, a snow-clearing job in front of 4434 St. Catherine street resulted in a piece of ice falling from the blower onto the roof of a car passing in the opposite direction.

The same day, two cars skidded head-on into each other at The Boulevard and Westmount avenue at 1:45 am on slippery streets, police said.



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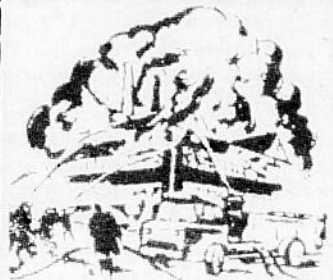


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The following calls were answered by the Westmount Fire Brigade during the past week:

Jan. 8

12:54 pm: 4350 St. Catherine, Westmount High School, first responder unit, youth with eye injury taken to MCH;

3:34 pm: 5795 Caldwell, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled at 3:41 pm;

9:06 pm: 422 Wood, smoke detector activated by possible defective furnace;

Jan. 9

7:31 am: 250 Clarke, first responder unit;

9:08 pm: 4039 Tupper, Reddy Memorial Hospital, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc and Outremont cancelled at 9:30 pm, water leak (see story);

Jan. 10

1:53 pm: 4400 St. Catherine, Apt. 205, service call, electrical problem;

5:15 pm: 4333 Sherbrooke, City Hall, water leak (see story);

6:06 pm: 640 Grosvenor, problem with element in oven;

Jan. 11

2:25 am: 577 Grosvenor, first responder unit;

12:55 pm: 4574 Sherbrooke, Westmount Public Library, firebox 241, false alarm;

1:20 pm: 30 Stanton, person trapped in elevator (see story);

9:02 pm: 4039 Tupper, Reddy Memorial Hospital, automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc and Outremont, committed (see story);

Jan. 12

12:35 am: 30 Sunnyside, water leak from garden hose (see story);

12:45 pm: Sherbrooke and Clarke, strange odor;

1:45 pm: King George Park, first responder unit (see story);

5:43 pm: 66 Forden, fire in house (see story);

6:00 pm: 4505 St. Catherine, smoke detector activated by grease fire in pan (see story);

Jan. 13

9:06 am: 6 Werendale, code 2 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc cancelled at 9:15 am, flood (see story);

1:22 pm: 4501 Sherbrooke, Apt. 6A, code 2 automatic mutual aid cancelled at 1:26 pm, burnt food on stove;

4:00 pm: 28 Edgehill, defective smoke detector;

Jan. 14

4:35 am: Tupper and Atwater, firebox 126, false alarm (see story);

5:35 pm: 288 Grosvenor, Apt. 16, code 2 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc cancelled at 5:41 pm, fire in apartment (see story);

Jan. 15

1:04 am: 4470 St. Catherine, Apt. 302, code 2 automatic mutual aid cancelled (see story);

1:52 pm: 320 Roslyn, defective battery in smoke detector;

9:20 pm: 3461 The Boulevard, fire in house (see story);

The Westmount recreation department has news for Westmounters every week in THE EXAMINER.

Crime rate rises:

Dalzell makes Neighborhood Watch a personal objective for new year

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

As the crime rate soars in Westmount, local MUC police director John Dalzell is out to sell Neighborhood Watch to Westmount in 1985.

"The implementation of a high-profile Neighborhood Watch program in the areas of Westmount where the need is the greatest is one of my personal objectives for 1985," he told THE EXAMINER.

Although the idea still is in the talking stages, he hopes some sort of citizen watch can be started this year in at least some sectors of the city.

"An orchestrated effort by the public can prevent burglaries," Dir. Dalzell said.

"A Neighborhood Watch program elevates the consciousness of the community to their fellow men and their belongings.

"The idea is: you look after my stuff and I'll look after yours," he explained.

The very existence of such a program, if visible and high-profile, is a psychological deterrent, he explained.

'High-risk area'

"There have to be lots of signs up telling crooks this is a high-risk area."

The director already has earmarked the southeast and southwest sections of Westmount, as well as the Arlington area, as pro-

bable locations for such programs.

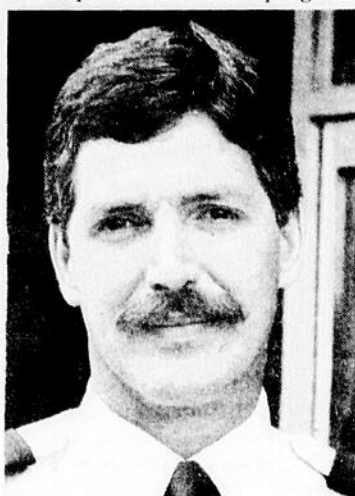
These have been the hardest hit by breaking and entering since the summer, he points out.

Citizens in these areas also tend to be grouped as neighborhoods.

He also sees the ward meetings, such as those recently held by aldermen, as "natural forums" to

sell Neighborhood Watch programs to the community.

The police role in the program,



Dir. John Dalzell

he said, would be to provide information as to how breaking and entering cases are occurring as well as how to elevate the consciousness of the community.

"There are actual cases here where people have seen strange cars in driveways of neighbors they knew were away, saw lights on and never called the cops.

"Policemen love to catch crooks," he says with a smile.

"They're not given the opportunity as much as they should because people don't call when

they see something suspicious. Everyone tries to second-guess everything. They like to play armchair policemen."

He said calls concerning suspicious persons are priority calls.

"Call police for anything out of the ordinary."

Brigade braves steamy case

Firefighters had to force their way into a steam-filled room at 6 Werendale Park Sunday after a broken hot water pipe in a wall triggered the alarm system, fire officials report.

Public safety officers said about one inch of water was found on the main floor and some water was noticed seeping into the basement.

Water damage was reported to the carpet in the pool room, as well as to tiles in the lower basement.

Firemen, called to the scene at 9:06 am, remained until 11:15 am removing the water using two water vacuums as well as squeegees.

Reddy confirms Plante as executive director

By JOAN CAPRÉOL

Réjean Plante officially has been appointed executive director of the Reddy Memorial Hospital.

He joined the hospital as purchasing agent of supplies and equipment in October 1980. He was promoted to director of Auxiliary services in March 1982. He was made associate director in July 1983, and acting executive director in November 1983.

Mr. Plante received his bachelor of commerce degree from Concordia University in 1982.

In private industry before joining the hospital, he worked for the American Hospital Supplies Corporation from 1972, the last year being operations manager.

Mr. Plante said the hospital is awaiting a decision from the judge in the court case of the proposed change of vocation of the hospital from an acute-care institution to a chronic-care facility. It is a 241-bed hospital.



Réjean Plante

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We Say

Citizen participation

THE letter of Mr. Geoffrey Feilding under "You Say" this week provides us with the opportunity to discuss the important, broad subject of citizen participation in democratic government.

Specifically, it might have provided a jumping off point for a Snow Job: III — a follow-up to our two editorials in the wake of the New Year's Day snowstorm. That we resist despite Mr Feilding's references to complaints concerning the clean-up.

Suffice it to say in that respect that complaints were registered by rather more than four citizens: several times that number at our office and it has not been revealed how many were received by the mayor, by the aldermen or by city hall officials.

Evidence that the administration, at one level or another, heard a good deal of commentary on the public works' performance on this occasion may be drawn from the extensive preparation with which Mayor Gallery came armed to the Jan. 7 city council meeting.

His defence of the city's position went considerably beyond the scope of what was put to him by the citizens present. Some thought his response was overkill for, after all, much of what he was asked was, indeed, in the form of questions rather than complaint. In short, His Worship over-reacted.

Another point which should be made here is that much of last week's question period did, in fact, relate to snow removal. The only other significant point raised in the public exchange, and it was a good one, concerned recreation passes for "sitters" attending their charges at recreation facilities.

We do not know if Mr Feilding has ever attended a typical city council meeting. Sadly, few citizens can boast of having done so; most are content to take it that the city is well run and does not require their presence, even occasionally, to show interest, to encourage or, even, to complain.

If he has, he will know that the public image of city council sessions is split: one view is of the formal, statutory, monthly meeting with its generally cut-and-dried set agenda; however important to the operation of the city, it is by and large dull stuff.

The other view, held by citizens who are council meeting "regulars," is that of an open forum of local government where, unlike most other levels of public administration, they may participate. For them the first Monday of every month, plus other occasions for special council meet-

ings, is an item on their personal calendars — something to do, for them something worthwhile.

They may have other motives, such as local political aspirations, particular axes to grind, to be seen or to be heard. There is little doubt that this is how some members of council view some "regulars."

Though one has to wonder why. If council meetings are an attraction, this should be welcomed by the solons. Ideally, perhaps, they would prefer to see a constant (and faster) rotation of new faces replacing the old familiar ones. But that cannot be controlled. The process of change in council audiences is slow, as old faithful attenders of yesteryear drop by the wayside. There have been many such down through the years since council meetings became worth attending, with today's relative openness.

We miss the old ones and are glad to see the new, if only because they represent fresh viewpoints on Westmount's municipal issues. It is they who provide new twists and turns and make interesting copy, both for what they have to say and for the reactions they elicit from the elected councillors and, on occasion, senior members of city staff.

They make interesting copy for those readers who do not attend and, even if some elected representatives of the citizens may not agree, they are in a sense — however self-appointed — representative, too.

Certainly, the people who take the trouble to attend council meetings are deserving of respect for doing so. Solons who are better informed of city affairs by the nature of their offices should exercise patience with these visitors to the council chamber. They are not necessarily "moaners," as characterized by Mr Feilding.

Such participants are a tiny proportion of the population in any jurisdiction. Apart from personal problems brought to them, provincial and federal politicians will attest that few citizens are more than passive onlookers in the process of government. Thus, when someone takes the trouble to comment, ask questions and, yes, even complain, they may have more influence on how their MNA or MP acts on issues than they may realize.

It should be no different at the municipal level. Citizens who take the trouble are deserving of full attention and consideration. And just because they are local citizens, well known to their elected representatives, is no reason to accord them anything else.

The WMA's charade

THE Westmount Municipal Association seems determined to run itself into virtual irrelevancy.

It properly assured itself and the citizens it purports to represent that there were suitable candidates in the field for next month's aldermanic by-election.

Not content with this, however, it proceeded to grill some of them and endorse one. It thus arrogated unto itself the role of a political party, which it isn't, doesn't claim to be and upon which the Quebec electoral law has some stern sanctions.

It also is arrogant of the WMA's elect few to believe that they know better than the electorate who may or not be suitable to sit on city council.

And what of those they rejected? We know of at least two such citizens who might have been prepared to stand in service to the community but apparently have been intimidated by the association's selection nonsense. One such person had it intimated to him that he was "over qualified" which, if so, makes one wonder about the WMA's criteria!

Now this performance has been capped.

Determined that the executive choice should be confirmed by a general meeting — itself a worthy plan — it would appear that the only persons told were the shrunken WMA membership, by letter. No other residents appear to have been given the opportunity in advance to join and thus participate.

The date of last Wednesday evening's meeting does not appear to have been publicly announced. At our office we got wind of it only after the last previous issue, effectively thwarting advance publicity by the community's newspaper.

In the event, only a corporal's guard turned out, mostly elected officers or directors.

In fact, by WMA admission there wasn't even a quorum present under the association's constitution and/or by-laws. Which doesn't seem to worry anyone in the WMA.

Let's face it. The Westmount Municipal Association's role in local municipal affairs has become a charade.

There's nothing p.q. in 'PQ'

OUR front-page announcement last week of new subscribers' labels on this week's papers brought two immediate responses: an advance address correction and an unanticipated, somewhat angry request.

The man wished the "PQ" after "Westmount" on his label to be changed to the old "Que."

Perhaps "PQ" is a distasteful reminder to him of a certain separatist (at least until this weekend) provincial political party of which these are the initials.

On this count we have news for our reader: many Parti Québécois adherents don't like the "PQ" either. We have numerous

pieces of correspondence from Quebec City which attest to a leaning toward "QC," apparently of their own invention and presumably to get rid of the "Province" connotation of "PQ."

We have news for all those who may not be aware of it that there is a Canada-United States agreement of several years' standing which designates all provinces and states by uniform, two-letter abbreviations to be used on mail. Ontario no longer is "Ont.," it's "ON." California long since ceased to be "Calif." or even "Cal.," it is "CA." Even the shorties like Utah and Iowa are "UT" and "IA."

All this, for all its convenience for postal authorities and organizations with computerized mailing lists, sometimes raises doubts which cause reference to the official lists. For instance, there are "MA," "MB," "MD," "ME," "MI," "MN," "MO," "MS," and "MT."

You're not alone if you can't name all these geographical divisions. (In case you give up they are, respectively: Massachusetts, Manitoba, Maryland, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi and Montana.)

The point of all this is that we, and our perhaps upset reader, all are caught up in the unsentimental clutch of technology and uniformity. We are obliged to follow the postal rules to keep our Second Class Mail permit, which makes possible delivery of THE EXAMINER each Thursday, to Westmount addresses anyway, at reasonable cost.

Sorry, all you PQers.



our M.N.A.

Richard D. French

says . . .

Soviet sojourn

LAST week, I returned from a two-week trip to the Soviet Union, newly appreciative, as all Western visitors must be, of the political freedom and economic efficiency of our societies.

To see a great nation of 280 million people in thrall to a decrepit perversion of a brilliant but now outdated social analysis is to recognize the importance of ideas in history.

Whatever their necessarily private views of the communist hierarchy, most Soviets remain not only intensely patriotic but also fully convinced of the virtues of socialism. How tragic that they have been so consistently ill-served by their revolution's reinterpretations of Marx.

A visit to the Soviet Union is not a vacation, it is an education. Intourist does its best to insulate the traveller from the day-to-day reality of Soviet life and to confine him or her to the superb cathedrals and museums of Moscow and Leningrad, or to the comparative isolation of the tour bus.

Impossible to control

It is, however, beyond the realm of the possible to control every visitor, and every Soviet who may come into contact with him or her. A simple walk in the streets generates a rich variety of experiences and impressions: omnipresent black marketeers wanting to change rubles for

dollars at four times the official rate, children wanting to trade pins, long line-ups to purchase foodstuffs, chintzy decorations in the windows of department stores filled with goods that no one wants because of poor workmanship, uninspired design or odd sizes.

The average Soviet does not crave contact with foreign visitors; he knows what is good for him. He does, however, want strangers to take away a favorable impression, and tolerates any amount of low-priority treatment for admission to restaurants and museums, so long as foreigners are the beneficiaries. Perhaps he is equally resigned to the multitude of frustrations and indignities of his own day-to-day life.

For me, the stoicism of the ordinary Soviet is the most extraordinary feature of life in that country.

I Say!

THE Church exists for the sake of those outside it.

— William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury



OUR M.P.
Hon. Donald J. Johnston
says . . .

Media mobilization

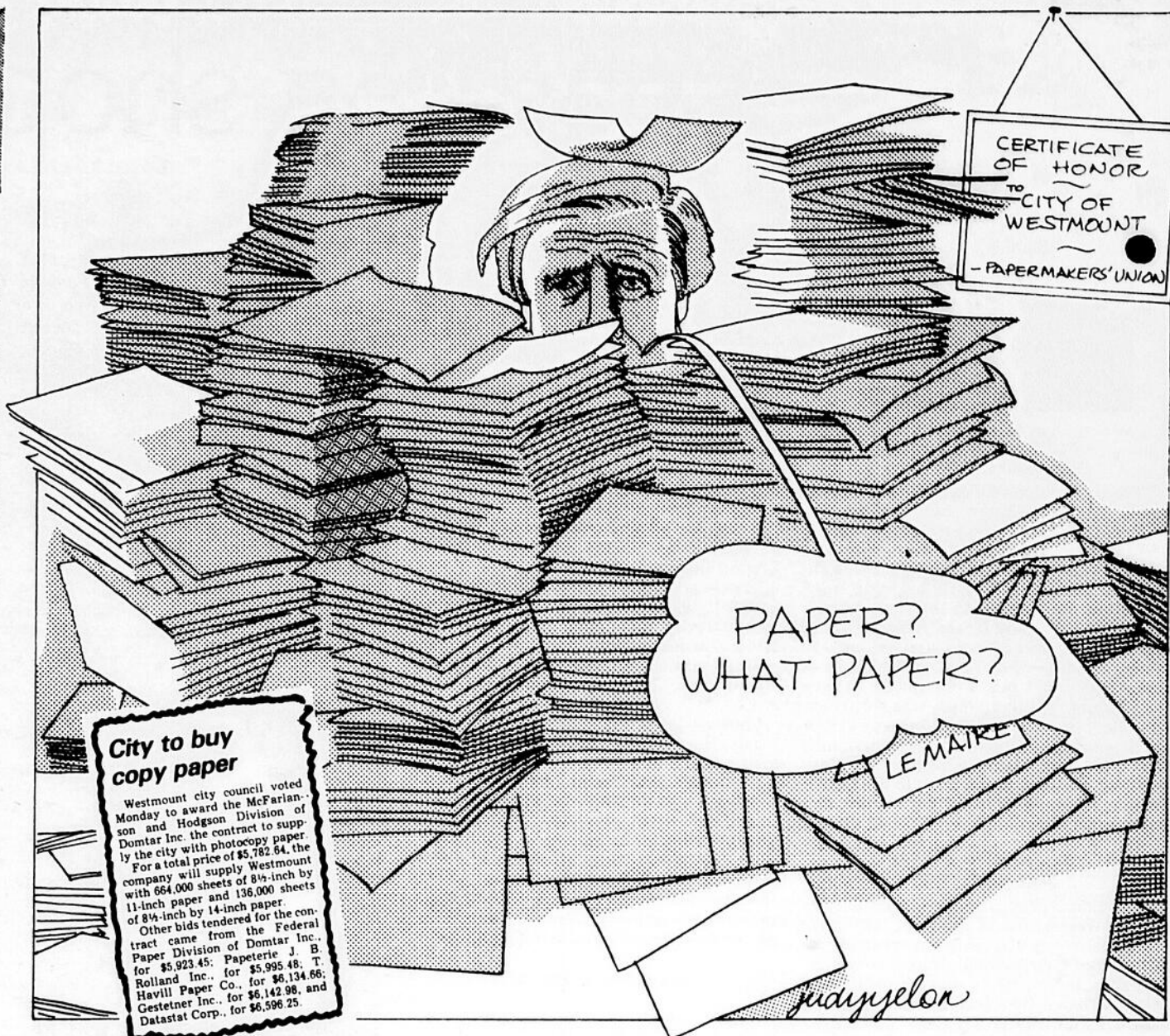
I RECENTLY read a disturbing editorial in a British periodical about the food shortages and starvation in Ethiopia. It pointed out that early in 1983 it was clear that a famine threatened to "devastate Ethiopia's northern provinces." Yet 18 months intervened before the world reacted and only then because of the television coverage that brought the magnitude of the human tragedy into our living rooms. Because of that television coverage, aid is going to Ethiopia — too late to avert the major impact of the famine but helpful nonetheless.

Apparently the head of the country's famine authority, Dawit Walle Giargis, has expressed concern that with no media coverage the generosity of Western countries may suddenly disappear. "Out of sight, out of mind" characterizes our reaction to the plight of many millions around the globe.

The editorial concluded that our governments are profoundly stupid if it takes a few metres of film to make them react to humanitarian causes such as Ethiopia.

Canadians can take some pride in this country's role in Ethiopia. It would appear we have the best record of sustained aid to that country for some years. But that does not mean we have performed as well elsewhere.

The problem in Ethiopia is not unique. People are starving in Chad and elsewhere. It should not take television crews to make us respond.



You Say

Police now accept rape as being sexual crime

Sir: McGill statistics courses taught me that statistics figures should be studied carefully and that it is amazing what they can hide.

The crime in Westmount figures could be used as an example.

We learn that in November 1983, there were 0 murders, 2 sexual crimes and 19 others (rape, theft and vandalism, etc.).

Why are rape figures included with theft and vandalism and not with sexual crimes?

Valerie D'Elboux Miller

4325 Montrose avenue
WESTMOUNT H3Y 2A8

Editor's note: The MUC police have anticipated this question and now tally rapes as sexual crimes. Our report of Jan. 3 was in the old format.

New subscriber likes our 'open-minded policy'

Sir: Enclosed is cheque for \$12 covering a one-year subscription.

Recently introduced to a copy of your excellent paper, I am greatly impressed with your open-minded policy, and look forward to exposure to a full year of free democracy.

T. A. Westcott

302-10th avenue
DEUX MONTAGNES P.Q. J7R 3P4

We're 'unfair, misleading' on snow removal defence

Sir: Your article "Gallery defends snow removal" seemed to me to be both unfair and misleading. Four citizen complaints do not justify that sort of headline. I would presume that of the four who complained, one or two, if not more, are the chronic moaners which every city has. I have noticed that some tend to moan a little louder at election time.

I am sure that the mayor, the council and the city administration would all like to

provide instant snow removal but I am delighted that they are even more conscious of the need to keep civic costs down. Paying overtime wages does not make sense for the sake of faster snow removal. I note that my street was passable for fire and emergency vehicles and that was sufficient.

I presume that those who are so swift to find fault have stated publicly their own master plan for providing these services at no extra cost to the taxpayers of West-

Book review:

Bourassa from hair to feet

From Bourassa to Bourassa: A Pivotal Decade in Canadian History by L. Ian MacDonald (Montreal, Harvest House, 1984) 328 pp. \$19.95 cloth

THIS is a book for political junkies. Stuffed with the kind of insider anecdote that fuels the cocktail chatter of the politically active, it tells readers all they ever wanted to know about who did what to whom among Quebec Liberals during the late 1970s and early 1980s.

To the extent that the book has an overall theme, it involves the rise and fall of Claude Ryan. This subject deserves more systematic and analytic treatment than it receives here, but at least MacDonald begins to explain the failure as a political leader of this remarkable man who many once thought would be the crucial figure in attaining the genuine constitutional settlement Canada still lacks.

Although Robert Bourassa's name forms the book's title, he is not a crucial figure in the main narrative. His resignation as Liberal leader in 1976 and re-emergence in 1983 serve as the chronological boundaries within which are contained descriptions of such crucial events as the Ryan leadership campaign, the referendum debate, and the Trudeau-Ryan disputes about constitutional reform.

MacDonald's concluding discussion of

mount. I wish to express my entire satisfaction with the present arrangement and applaud the stand taken by the administration and council.

Geoffrey T. Feilding

655 Grosvenor avenue
WESTMOUNT H3Y 2S9

Editor's note: See editorial under "We Say."

Dog clean-up rules apply in winter, too

Sir: The opening of parks to dogs during the winter months does not bring with it a

relaxation of the rules regarding picking up after one's dog.

Though it is reasonable to suggest that dog-owners should not have to wade through meter-high snowdrifts to live up to the letter of the law, it is both unsightly and unsafe to have so much excrement left on the edges of — and even in the middle of — public walkways.

The city, too, must take its share of the blame. In Westmount Park, for example, there is only one garbage can accessible from the walkway in which dog-owners can deposit the material. The two cans well off the beaten path in the middle of the dog run

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Bourassa is a dramatic illustration of the book's peculiar structure. On page 292 of a 312-page book entitled *From Bourassa to Bourassa* we read about Robert's birth in 1933 and of the influence of his parents and sisters. This is followed by a few pages of abbreviated biography. There are numerous other points in the book when the chronology is difficult to follow, but nothing as bizarre as this.

Two pairs of rubbers

The concluding section on Bourassa illustrates the book's shortcomings in another way. There is no serious analysis of what the events of the past few years tell us about the Quebec Liberal Party or about the general nature of the political process in Quebec and Canada. Even on the very last page the insignificant anecdotes and details keep flowing. Just before being reminded in the final sentence that Bourassa is now being given a second chance, we are informed that in his first term as premier he once was spotted wearing two pairs of rubbers at once. If readers wonder why the travelling hairdresser couldn't have been in charge of footwear as well, they begin to approach Quebec politics from the MacDonald perspective.

One of the book's virtues is that the author pays lots of attention to the armies

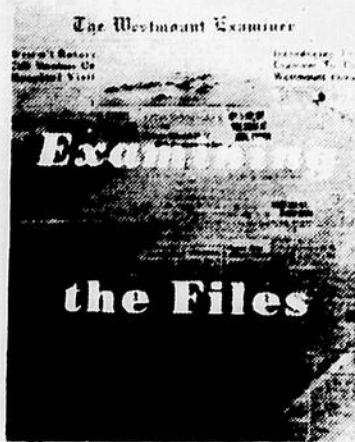
of civil servants and political assistants working behind the scenes. Many are doubtless thrilled to have their activities documented for posterity. The brief descriptions of their backgrounds are sometimes (intentionally?) hilarious. What are we to make of Pierre Lefebvre, a functionary in the Canadian Unity Information Office? "A graduate of Laval's psychology faculty, he looked more like a mail-order Péquiste than a federalist. He was a lanky former college basketball player who has the face of Gerald Godin and the beard of Denis Lazure."

The book contains just about every cliché known to the political journalist. A premier calls an election by "pulling the plug;" provincial Liberals defend their "fortresses" (such as Westmount) while fighting off incursions from their federal "cousins." The references to the "cousins" are so frequent as to be annoying and distracting.

All these criticisms notwithstanding, the political enthusiast will find this book enjoyable and occasionally fascinating. It provides a new perspective on Quebec politics by shifting our attention from Bourassa's hairstyle to his feet.

Andrew Sancton

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Forty-five Years Ago January 18, 1940

"The formal opening of the new building of the St. George Snowshoe Club, erected on the site of the old structure at the corner of The Boulevard and Aberdeen, will take place within the next fortnight, it was announced this week. The old building, with traditions dating back to 1874, was almost totally destroyed by fire on February 16 of last year. Firemen, who arrived on the scene shortly after the outbreak was reported about 1 pm, were unable to save the historic building which was constructed mostly of wood that had become brittle with age. The outbreak was Westmount's first major fire since the Belgian Embassy building on Kensington avenue near Sherbrooke street was razed by flames five years previously."

Thirty-five Years Ago January 20, 1950

"The 1954 British Empire Games may be held in Westmount. A group of local field and track men are planning to approach the Westmount City Council, with the request that the City officially make a bid for the games. This action follows an announcement by Col. George Machum, E.D., president of the British Empire Games Federation of Canada, that he has made a bid for the 1954 games to be held in Canada. Tom Lord of the Montreal Track and Field Club, manager of the Canadian team which will perform in Auckland, New Zealand, left Vancouver by air on Monday armed with a letter from Col. Machum, officially requesting the Empire Games Federation to award the next contest to Canada."

Twenty-five Years Ago January 15, 1960

"Mother's scepticism didn't stop ten year old Wayne Barrow. He sent his single entry in to the Wheaties Grey Cup Contest anyway. He dispelled all doubts by saying, 'I have as much chance to win as anyone else.' He did win, too! Wayne, son of Mrs. Vera Boyd Barrow and a student of King's School, described who he thought was the most valuable player for the Alouettes football team and why. In essence, Wayne thought Sam Etcheverry fitted the bill because, win or lose, he is always an inspiration to the rest of the team."

Fifteen Years Ago January 22, 1970

"Westmount's aldermen went on record Tuesday night as feeling that Mayor Peter M. McEntyre should be one of the two Centre sector representatives on the executive committee of the new Montreal Urban Community. Ald. Jean H. Richer popped up early with a resolution unanimously adopted without vote, which had been unscheduled on the usually carefully prepared agenda. It was a more elaborate matcher for similar action only 24 hours before in Town of Mount Royal Council endorsing the candidacy of Mayor Reginald Dawson."

Five Years Ago January 17, 1980

"The Westmount YMCA proposal for a day care centre in Victoria Hall was approved by the ministry of social affairs in Quebec City last week, leaving a financial agreement with the city on the use of the municipal building as the only obstacle in the way of the centre's opening. The ministry ruled that the second floor of Victoria Hall was suitable for a day care centre and will issue a permit allowing attendance by up to 76 children once relatively minor renovations are made. The Quebec ruling on the number of children allowed has permitted the YMCA to complete its financial study of the project."

Sparkling shopowner

By JOAN CAPRÉOL

VIVACIOUS Ruth Shine is owner of the Bead Emporium on Victoria avenue, a founder of the Victoria/Sherbrooke Merchants' Association and treasurer of the Westmount Municipal Association.

"I have liked beads ever since I did handicrafts with my grandmother," says Ruth, a charming, sincere red-head with sparkling brown eyes. "Beads to me are a constant source of wonder. Every new box that arrives is like a mysterious gift to be explored."

Ruth opened her popular shop 10 years ago last October. "There are literally millions of all kinds of beads," she says. "Every type of bead ever made by man has at some time passed through the Bead Emporium."

"There are beads from all over the world, primarily glass beads from Italy, ceramics from Greece, olivewood from Israel, old silver from Nepal, beautifully hand-painted miniature beads from Peru, lovely stones from China, and trade beads from Africa."

She has travelled widely to collect the beads. Her architect husband, Tony Shine, also gathers beads on his world travels.

"Through the bead store, children, teenagers and adults have a special opportunity to be creative," says Ruth. "Beads appeal to all kinds of people and all ages. They are used not only in jewelry and other forms of personal adornment but also in therapy, for play, for study and teaching tools. For example, children are taught fine motor co-ordination by stringing beads."

'Used for centuries'

"Worry beads have been used for centuries to relax their owners. You see them today in countries like Greece, Turkey, Israel, etc."

"My career is a very fulfilling one. The people contact has very special aspects. It's a constant learning experience by the type of people drawn to such a shop."

"We get a lot of actors, designers, school teachers, therapists, students, secretaries and taxi drivers."

"They all meet and can communicate through their interest in these very special little objects, whereas normally these people probably would not talk to each other."

Ruth Shine was born in Lima, Peru, the only child of Jewish German immigrants who escaped Hitler in 1936 and went to Peru. Her late father was Alfred Walzer, a businessman in real estate in Lima; her late mother was Erika Wagner, a laboratory technician specializing in diseases of the lungs.

"By 1936, my parents could only leave Berlin with a few prized possessions," says Ruth. "The first few years were not easy but soon they were able to make a nice new life. They could adjust to a foreign culture. I have inherited that, having come in 1964 from South America to Canada, which is quite a cultural contrast."

Believes in destiny

"I am a great believer in destiny. The path of my family's history often has been ruled by destiny."

Ruth has lots of joie de vivre because of the happy childhood her European parents, three loving grandparents and a doting aunt gave her.

"I grew up with music, art, riding lessons, picnics at the beach and with lots of friends," says Ruth. "We had no television in Lima in those days, so I remember spending hours doing crafts with my maternal grandmother. My Oma, as she was known, had been quite a women's liberator in her day. She owned a very thriving dry goods store, specializing in laces, buttons and notions which she started in Germany in the late 1880s."

Ruth's first language was German. Spanish came along when she was taken to the park. She was introduced to English when she was sent to an English school modelled along the lines of private girls' schools in Britain. She started French in grade two.

In her early teens, she became interested in archaeology through exposure to a close friend of her parents who was an ar-



Ruth Shine

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chaeologist. Years later she was to work as his assistant on field trips, digs and at the local museum of anthropology. The highlight of that experience was assisting him in the unwrapping of a pre-Columbian mummy bundle.

When Ruth finished high school her parents decided to send her off to finishing school in Lausanne, Switzerland. "When I got there the idea of spending my time doing home economics did not appeal to me at all," says Ruth. "I switched and enrolled at the School of Interpreters in Geneva instead."

Opened new world

That opened a whole new world for her. With fellow students, she travelled all over Europe. She got jobs interpreting at international conferences and fairs. Her first official job as an interpreter was at the World's Fair in Brussels in 1958. "I will never forget my first visit to Israel," she says. "It was for that country's 10th anniversary. I met members of my family who had settled there."

On her return to Peru, she was offered the job of translator and information officer at the Canadian Embassy in Lima. "This is where my Canadian connection started," Ruth explains. "It was a fascinating job. I learned a lot about Canada and in turn passed on the knowledge to my fellow Peruvians. To do this, we used National Film Board films. I used to keep a film projector at home and organized film evenings. We loved to see films by Norman McLaren, Colin Low, etc. Through their international division, CBC used to send us programs in Spanish."

"I don't believe that people really appreciate how valuable and significant a role the NFB and CBC have played throughout the world in providing useful information."

"One of my job's more thrilling assignments was to travel to the Amazon jungle to visit the Canadian missionaries there."

"I had a weekly radio program — an hour of Canadian news. This gave particular

pleasure to Canadian geologists working at mines high up in the Andes. The Grey Cup results were of utmost importance!"

"I visited Canada yearly. My last trip of duty was in 1964, when I came on a leave of absence. That's when I met Tony through a picture in an art gallery. He wanted a print but I had already bought it. We married six months later. I took to Montreal like a duck takes to water."

Have two children

The Shines have two children. Adam, 17, is in his first year at Marianopolis College. Manita, 15, is in grade 10 at Trafalgar School.

The family likes going on trips together. "We will travel at the drop of a hat," Ruth says. "We are a very mobile family."

They have a little old farm in Vermont. Ruth likes classical and folk music, specially flute music of the Andes.

In books, she has very eclectic taste. She reads current best-sellers but her favorite books are those dealing with archaeological detective work, history, folk art and mythology.

Ruth says living in Westmount is similar to living in San Isidro where she grew up. They have the same scale.

She abhors anything blasé. "It is so nice to be able to find pleasure in small, everyday things," she says. "I am a folk rat, particularly interested in palk art, in old textiles, old paper dolls and, naturally, beads and anything related to beads."

Next Week's Profile:

Dr. David Flam

Non-smoking Week begins:

By-law to ban public smoking on city council's back burner

National Non-smoking Week may begin tomorrow, but the city of Westmount has placed a low priority on enacting a by-law to prohibit smokers from lighting up in public places.

At a recent city council meeting, Mayor Brian Gallery confirmed that, for the present time, the idea is on the city's back burner.

"We have it under consideration," said Mayor Gallery, in response to a question from Ramzi Ferhian. "It's not one of our priorities at this time and when

By **ROB SOUTHCOTT**

we have time, we'll get to it." Several communities in Ontario, including Ottawa and Toronto, currently have by-laws that prohibit smoking in places such as banks and stores and that make it mandatory for restaurants to set aside space for non-smokers.

Only one Quebec municipality, Aylmer, near Ottawa, has such a by-law.

The matter was discussed this week in Côte St. Luc, where a city councillor was expected to propose a motion to consider such a by-law.

councillors) are non-smokers and they might feel as I do," said Mr. Morton. "Our point is, here is an existing by-law that works in other cities. Why not adopt it?"



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

January 8

4454 de Maisonneuve: for John Udy by Plomberie Fafard & Gervais to convert oil furnace and heater to gas, \$3,400;
4447 St. Catherine: for Ruth Stalker Antiques by Prestige to install one awning, \$300;

January 9

368 Kensington: Dr. W. E. Connolly by T. M. Briggs Plumbing and Heating to convert oil furnace to gas, \$3,000;

January 10

619 Murray Hill: for Mrs. Yvonne Mass by Central Plumbing and Electrical to convert oil furnace and heater to gas, \$3,100;

January 11

206 Olivier: for Westmount Plumbing and Heating by the owner to install five plumbing fixtures, \$1,000;
464 Victoria: for Michel Préfontaine by F. Ménard Inc. to relocate existing water heater, \$500;

January 14

18 Ramezay: for Reuben Koffler by Central Plumbing and Electrical to convert oil furnace and heater to gas, \$3,200;
78 Summit crescent: for Mr. and Mrs. R. Miller by Donolo Construction, alterations to indoor swimming pool, \$125,000.

STOP lobbies

In Westmount, a local group, the Society to Overcome Pollution (STOP), has been lobbying city council for almost a year for such a by-law.

STOP member Derek Morton said that council had indicated that it was hesitant to pass such a by-law because it was unsure if the city had the authority to do so under the provincial Cities and Towns Act.

Mr. Morton noted that officials in Quebec City have told him that the government probably would not object to municipalities passing such a by-law.

Mr. Morton added that a recent report by the Quebec environment consultation council, a branch of the ministry of the environment, has recommended to the government that some sort of anti-smoking measures should be taken in the province.

He said that a copy of this report has been sent to Mayor Gallery.

In the meantime, STOP members will continue to press city council for a Westmount by-law similar to the ones that exist in Ontario.

"Most of them (Westmount city

False alarm footprints lead to male suspect

Strange footprints in the snow beneath a firebox at Atwater avenue and Tupper street led to the questioning of a man following a false fire alarm at 4:35 am, Public Security Unit officials report.

MUC police were called to the scene by public safety officers but the man was not arrested.

The incident began when PSO Robert Stringer was driving along Atwater answering the fire call from the box.

He passed a suspicious-looking man walking with one foot straight and the other foot perpendicular, reporting that the walk stuck in his mind.

PSO Raffaele Barba was asked to keep the man under surveillance while PSO Stringer proceeded to the callbox.

On arrival, he noticed a set of footprints corresponding to the walk of the man he had passed.

Once the call was determined to be false, MUC police were flagged down and informed. The man apparently was questioned and said he had seen two youths pull the alarm.

RHODA VINEBERG



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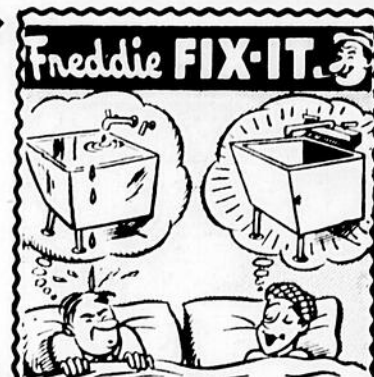
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Motor running at Mac's, second vehicle stolen

An AMC Eagle Monday last week became the second car in two days to be stolen from Grosvenor avenue while its driver shopped at Mac's dépanneur, police report.

The car apparently was left unlocked with the motor running. Inside was a purse containing two Air Canada tickets to Florida.

A similar incident took place the previous day (see story last

week).

Police said the second car, a blue 1983 model, belonged to a resident of Sunnyside avenue who left it unattended about 12:45 pm.

The owner returned outside in time to see the car driving north on Grosvenor and turn west on Côte St. Antoine road. Then, the car reappeared heading south on Victoria avenue and was lost sight of near St. Catherine street.

Use of cords for appliances dangerous, officials advise

Extension cords should not be used for household appliances such as space heaters, toasters and electric kettles, fire officials advise.

The hazards posed by such use was illustrated Tuesday when a fire broke out in a Westmount home where a space heater in a living room had been connected to an extension cord.

The reason why quick-heating household appliances that generate a lot of current should be used without extensions was explained by fire officials as

follows:

Because such appliances draw higher amperage than light bulbs, lamps, etc., greater resistance builds up in the cord, which can lead to overheating.

These appliances generally are made with a short cord, as a result, and any extension that exceeds this length can prove hazardous.

Fire officials also noted that although kitchen plugs usually are wired for heavier-duty appliances, such appliances should not be plugged into other rooms, even without extension cords, until amperage requirements and wiring are checked.

Extension cord ignites drapes

A faulty extension cord on a space heater is believed to have caused a \$15,000 living room fire Tuesday night at 3461 The Boulevard, fire officials report.

The cord apparently ignited the drapes which in turn set fire to the chesterfield.

Officials said extension cords should not be used with space heaters or any such household appliances (see separate story).

Westmount firefighters extinguished the fire using a 1½-inch line shortly after being called to the home at 9:20 pm.

They found the living room filled with smoke, the chesterfield on fire and burning around the window sill. The ceiling and wall were opened to check for extension of fire, but none was reported.

The chesterfield and burnt debris were put outside and firemen returned to the station at 10:04 pm.

Damage was estimated at \$15,000 to property and \$5,000 to contents.

Identity known

Police said the identity was known of a person who broke into a home on Greene avenue over the past month. Items valued at \$9,000 were taken sometime between Dec. 15 and Jan. 8.





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Heavy smoke in hospital wing brings patients' evacuation Broken pipe floods street

Occupants of the west wing of the Reddy Memorial Hospital, including chronic-care and psychiatric patients, were evacuated to another part of the building Friday night after a minor fire filled the wing with heavy smoke, fire officials said. The fire broke out about 9 pm when welding work reportedly ignited filters in the air intake unit,

forcing smoke through the ventilation system into all six floors of the west section.

Recent training

Fortunately, recalled Fire Chief William Timmons, fire prevention officers had recently conducted a special four-day training session for hospital staff on

evacuation and fire extinguishers (see story Nov. 22, 1984).

"It paid off," he said. "Everyone was amazed how a night staff of so few was able to vacate the section in such a short time."

Damage was estimated at \$500. Once firemen were able to locate the source of the smoke, they extinguished the fire with a 1½-inch hose connected to the

standpipe system.

Firefighters from Côte St. Luc and Outremont were called to the scene under the automatic mutual aid scheme and were released at 10:34 pm.

Patients were returned after the wing was ventilated.

Firemen had been called to the hospital two days earlier for a broken water pipe in the boiler room (see separate story).

A broken water pipe outside a house on the west side of Lansdowne avenue Saturday just south of Sherbrooke street caused the street to be blocked to traffic.

Water from the break flooded the street, turning to ice. Montreal water crews reportedly made the necessary repairs and Westmount public works personnel had the street cleaned up about 3:30 pm.

City clerk detects leak in city hall tower room

A broken pipe in the tower of city hall last Thursday caused water to leak down through the tower conference room to the main floor area, but little damage was caused, officials report.

The leak was detected about 5:15 pm by the city clerk, Peter Patenaude, who heard running water as he was leaving for the day.

He and Bruce St. Louis, the director of services, investigated and found water pouring from the light fixture in the conference room located beneath the clock.

Firefighters were called and the source was traced to a coil in the fresh air intake which had frozen and burst. It was located at the top of the tower immediately behind the clock.

The coil now is being repaired under the city's service contract for the heating plant, Mr. St. Louis said.

Firemen mopped up the water which was stopped at the main

floor where about a bucketful was reported to have leaked through into the stockroom at the front door near the switchboard.

Alarm foils break attempt

An attempt to break into a house on Cedar avenue Tuesday last week was believed foiled by a burglar alarm, police report.

The incident occurred about 3:49 pm when someone apparently broke a front window adjacent to the door and reached inside unfastening the lock.

At this point, the alarm must have sounded, scaring away the would-be intruder, police said. Carpets inside the door were dry and no one was believed to have entered.

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French urges Liberals to co-operate under Bourassa

Westmount MNA Richard French wants anglophones and francophones to work together in the Liberal Party under leader Robert Bourassa, thus ensuring victory in the next Quebec election.

Speaking at a meeting of local Liberals at Westmount Park Church Tuesday night, Mr. French urged that there be no backbiting within the party.

"Mr. Bourassa has done an incredible job rebuilding, restructuring the internal workings of the party," Mr. French said.

The Liberal leader also has spent the last 18 months visiting every part of the province encouraging participation in the party, Mr. French continued.

With regard to the attitudes of anglophones to Mr. Bourassa's leadership, Mr. French said the leader had "impeccable credentials" on a view of Quebec within Canada and had manifested a

"keen interest" in the non-francophone population of the province.

Turning to the Parti Québécois, Mr. French said the PQ was "obsessed with its internal problems."

Statesmen lost

Although the loss of statesmen such as Jacques Parizeau and Camille Laurin had weakened the PQ, Mr. French said the party had only "lost its balance."

"We're not facing a Parti Québécois on its knees."

Both Mr. French and the guest speaker for the evening, Jean-François Viau, the youngest member of the National Assembly after winning the recent St. Jacques by-election, addressed the Liberal Party's current fund-raising campaign. Mr. Viau noted that Westmount leads in the "championship" for dona-

By JAMES MILLS

tions to the party.

Mr. French remarked that 85 to 90 percent of funds raised in Westmount for the Liberal Party is used elsewhere, helping to elect members in ridings held by the PQ.

Otto Klein was recognized for dedication as chairman of the local fund-raising campaign.

The party's platform, which is to be discussed at a plenary convention in Montreal in March, was outlined by Mr. Viau.

Rebuilding economy

Rebuilding Quebec's economy is the first plank in the platform, followed by the status of francophones and constitutional questions, coping with the "monster" of public administration created by the PQ and developing Quebec's human resources.

Mr. French said his principal concern in the riding of Westmount has been the failures of the Quebec system of municipal taxation, the method of revising property valuations, in particular.

A question was put to Mr. French regarding a comment by Mr. Bourassa on deplorable

health services in the province. Asked for specific solutions, Mr. French said funding for health services must be increased, even at the expense of other government projects. Health and the environment are the spending priorities of the Liberal Party, he said.

Association picks delegates to attend convention

After waiting more than half an hour for the arrival of sufficient members to constitute a quorum, the Westmount Liberal Association selected 12 delegates at a meeting Tuesday night to attend the party's policy convention to be held at the beginning of March in Montreal.

Chaired with a firm hand by Rita DeSantis of the Quebec

Liberal Party's headquarters, the meeting resulted in balloting for delegates in four categories.

Male delegates elected were Philippe Cannone, Almas Mathieu, Richard Gervais and Raymond Angers, with José Tenenbaum as an alternate.

Eric Favreau and André Lamarre were elected as male youth delegates, with François Morin to substitute if necessary.

Lynda Giroux, Carrie Shap, Francine Provost and Nancy Slater are women delegates to the convention. Alternates are Jeanne Beaubien and Sue Wolfe.

Nantel elected

Female youth delegates elected were Elisabeth Nantel and Claire Casgrain. Alternates are Stephanie Isaacs and Caroline St. Jacques.

André Gourd and John Pepper were proposed as male delegates but declined in a vain effort to avoid an election.

The credentials of male youth delegates Morin and Lamarre were examined thoroughly by Ms. DeSantis before the election. Though skeptical, the chairman proceeded to accept their nominations.

Robert Keefer, president of the association, and Peter Duffield, a vice-president, will attend the convention as delegates by right. Michael Zakuta, an association youth director, will attend in the same capacity as will the riding's elected representative, Richard French.

With 1,186 members, a quorum for general assemblies of the association is established as 59 members, or five percent. Approximately 75 members attended the meeting Tuesday.

Firemen busy when grease takes flame

Firefighters received a call for a fire on a stove at the Belvedere Residence, 4505 St. Catherine street, Saturday at 6 pm while they were fighting a house fire on Forde crescent (see story).

Public Safety Officer Richard Turley responded to the call waiting at the location until mutual aid firefighters from Outremont arrived here at 6:10 pm.

He discovered that the fire, which had flared up in a frying pan of grease, already had been smothered by someone using an oven mitt.

Outremont firemen checked the premises and particulars of the case were taken by PSO Turley.

Raccoon raid

A man's raccoon coat was reported stolen from a house broken into last Thursday on Bruce avenue, according to police. Entry was gained by breaking a window in the rear door sometime between 8:30 am and 7:30 pm.

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Urgences Santé more than an ambulance service

Urgences Santé has much more to offer Westmounters than "just an ambulance service."

That was the message a small group of citizens took home with them last Thursday night from a

emergency care, until ambulances arrived.

Conference calls also can be used in cases where language translations are necessary for languages other than English or



EXPLAINING EMERGENCY SERVICES: Two representatives of Urgences Santé were thanked for their presentation here at Victoria Hall last Thursday night by Westmount alderman Peter Duffield, fire commissioner, left. They were: Pierre Michel Gancz, an Urgences Santé supervisor, and Karen Stevenson one of the nurse dispatchers.

public information meeting held for local residents by Urgences Santé at Victoria Hall.

Most appeared surprised and impressed by the wide range of emergency medical services provided by Urgences Santé, which they previously had recognized solely as an ambulance service.

A phone call to 842-4242 could bring an ambulance, or a doctor, or the Westmount fire department's first responder unit for "added protection," they were told.

It also brings advice from nurse dispatchers on how to cope with the emergency until help arrives.

A psychiatrist also is available, social aid can be arranged for problems faced by battered women and a second ambulance can be dispatched to "babysit" children dependent on a parent needing hospitalization.

Part of CSSSRMM

The different facets of emergency care result from Urgences Santé being a department of Montreal's regional health council (CSSSRMM), citizens were told.

Karen Stevenson, a nurse dispatcher, and Pierre Michel Gancz, a supervisor, explained the services in detail and showed a film presentation.

They also left behind brochures which can be obtained at both the Westmount Public Library and the health department at 15 Stanton street.

"We are the only ambulance service in Canada which dispatches doctors to emergencies," Karen Stevenson, told the meeting.

The Montreal service also is the only one, except for Quebec City, she said, which requires that all dispatchers be nurses with experience in hospital emergency rooms.

Alderman 'impressed'

"I'm impressed," said Ald. Peter Duffield who chaired the meeting.

"I'm glad I came tonight," said Ald. Sally Aitken and someone else told the two Urgences Santé representatives present that "I find you both to be very dedicated."

Citizens were told how their calls for help are received, why certain questions are asked and how nurses keep callers on the line where needed, explaining

French.

Dispatchers are bilingual and all calls are tape recorded.

Numerous questions were asked at the meeting, led off by Allen Nutik, a candidate in the ward 1 aldermanic by-election, who commended Urgences Santé for its presentation. He asked:

Were certain initial transmission problems between Urgences Santé and the Westmount fire department now cleared up?

He was assured by both Urgences Santé personnel and Westmount's fire chief William Timmons, who attended the meeting, that the "major radio difficulties" had been solved.

Other questions were as follows:

How about the recent strike of ambulance attendants? This is what Gertrude Johnson, who also is a candidate in ward 1, wanted to know.

Nurse Stevenson said there had not been a strike as such and that no problems were anticipated since ambulance attendants now had a contract until 1987.

How can Urgences Santé get to a person living alone in an emergency? asked Norah Plenderleith, who initially protested the showing of a French slide presentation.

"We will get to you if you can call us," was the answer. "We want you to stay on the phone line and we will talk to you until help arrives."

Chief Timmons brought up the availability of a special portable alarm unit that can be used by persons alone, such as those with cardiac problems.

Do ambulance crews take patients to the hospital of their choice? This was another question asked.

Generally yes, was the answer, exceptions being when emergency rooms were overloaded or when the critical condition of a patient necessitated transport to the nearest hospital. In these cases, the assessment of the attendants would override the victim's choice.

What is the status of Urgences Santé doctors?

Of some 250 doctors who work for the system, only about five percent work full-time with the network. The others are part-time workers, who work otherwise in hospitals, "keeping them up-to-date in medical procedures."

Doctors are paid under

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

medicare, but charges may be made for medication used.

What is the cost to the patient of an ambulance?

The service is paid by the government for those aged 65 and over, for welfare cases, traffic accident victims, veterans and prisoners. Some private health plans also cover ambulance

services.

Urgences Santé statistics so far show that 83 percent of transports have been covered by one plan or another.

Those not covered are charged a base rate of \$67 plus \$1.70 per kilometre.

Charges incurred by fire victims in Montreal and Laval are paid by the respective municipalities.

Which fire departments operate first responder units under Urgences Santé?

In addition to Westmount, there are two others: the Pointe Claire fire department, which also handles calls in Beaconsfield and Kirkland, as well as the Dollard des Ormeaux fire department. A Côte St. Luc rescue unit is operated by a civil protection group.

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Arts Westmount plans 1985 festival

A patron for the 1985 Arts Westmount festival, chosen by a unanimous vote of the organization last week, will be announced at a meeting to be held Feb. 12.

An Arts Westmount program committee has been formed under André Trudel, co-ordinator, with Rose Goldblatt, vice-president, as executive advisor. Members are Aline Gubbay, Marilyn Gardner, Leila Kovacevic, Lillian Trudel and Jan Simons. They will prepare the basic program of the festival.

The exhibitions committee already has met to plan exhibitions, with Ann McCall as chairperson.

The publicity committee will be chaired by Edythe Germain, who feels that this area is important and that the groundwork she has laid in public relations over the years must be built upon.

The finance committee is temporarily under the direction of treasurer Helen Mehnert.



All other committees for specific concerns have been disbanded and, instead, the program committee will designate persons to chair single events, a move expected to produce a better-managed festival.

Dawn Strathy showed the executive the first computer printouts of a new directory of Westmount artists and explained that new names will be easy to add

through the computer.

Names for the directory can be given to Ms. Strathy by calling 931-2669.

Pare photos at library

An exhibition of black and white photography by Walter Pare will be presented at the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke street west, from Monday until Feb. 3.

The public is encouraged to come and see the show, Monday to Thursday 10 am to 9:30 pm, Friday 10 am to 6 pm, Saturday 9 am to 5 pm, and Sunday 1 to 5 pm. For more information please phone 482-6638.

Rev. Bob Hussey undertakes second compensation effort

Rev. Bob Hussey, who left Westmount over the summer for Moncton, N.B. after collecting some \$50,000 to help get compensation for Donald Marshall, is leading another cause.

The former minister of St. Andrew's United Church last week established a fund to bring financial aid to another "victim" unable to get restitution from a government in Nova Scotia.

This time, it's a mother of two young boys, widowed after her husband was beaten in an incident involving two members of the police force in Dartmouth, one of whom was convicted of manslaughter in connection with the incident, he says.

"She's really deserving," Rev. Hussey told THE EXAMINER last week. "There's a fair amount of momentum behind her cause."



Rev. Bob Hussey

The Nova Scotia Supreme Court had found one of the policemen guilty of manslaughter in the death, he said. The second man was acquitted and was back on the police force.

Widow uncompensated

The former Westmount minister said the widow had been unable to get compensation from either the city of Dartmouth or the police association following her husband's death.

She was left to support the two boys, earning only some \$500 or \$600 a month by babysitting in her own home.

In an interview with THE EXAMINER before Mr. Hussey left here in June, he said his aim was to help victims of injustice unable to get help.

His former efforts to help Donald Marshall, a young Indian who served 11 years in prison for a murder the courts later said he did not commit, were successful, he concluded.

The Nova Scotia government since provided compensation, a grant he attributes to pressure brought by the publicity surrounding the trust fund which was set up here.

Contributions to the Hollett Trust Fund, he says, can be forwarded to: Post Office Box 643, Moncton, N.B., E1C 8M7.

St. Matthias' observes week

Father Pierre Vaillancourt will be the guest preacher at St. Matthias' Church on Sunday at 10:30 am when the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be observed.

Music for the celebration of the Eucharist will include the Mass in G by Schubert, and *O Pray for the Peace* by Howells.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity provides all churches with an opportunity to seek new approaches to the unity of the church. The divisions that exist within the Christian church have weakened and humiliated Christendom for too many centuries, according to church officials.

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The moderator of the United Church of Canada, Rt. Rev. Robert F. Smith, will be preaching and giving a short talk to the children. His sermon will be entitled "Where It All Begins." The two readings from the ecumenical lectionary are I Samuel 3:1-10 and St. John 1:35-42.

This is expected to be an exciting Sunday for the entire congregation as St. Andrew's and Dominion-Douglas begin their church life together.

The congregation specially is

happy to welcome Mr. Smith, whose father was a former minister of the Dominion-Douglas congregation.

Everyone is welcome to join the congregation on this joyous day. Sunday school and crib corner are available for children of all ages.

The following Sunday, Murdo MacKay will begin a series of monthly lectures at 9:30 am in the chapel.

Baptist Church to show film on Bolivian work

The film *Give Me Your Hand*, produced by the Mennonite Central Committee, will be shown at Westmount Baptist Church Sunday, at 4:30 pm. The movie documents the co-operative programs entered into by Baptists and Mennonites to improve the living conditions of the Bolivian people.

In recent months, the media has given a good deal of attention to famine on the continent of Africa. One aspect of the problem, the introduction of Western technology with emphasis on cash crops rather than subsistence agriculture, has revealed a major weakness in Canadian assistance overseas.

One way the effectiveness of Western assistance has improved its efficiency has been through projects sponsored by voluntary and religious organizations.

A warm welcome is extended to all visitors wishing to attend the film.

C.D.N. service is ecumenical

The annual ecumenical service sponsored by the Côte des Neiges Community Council of Churches is to be held Jan. 27 at 7:30 pm at Mount Royal United Church, 1800 Graham boulevard in the Town of Mount Royal.

St. Andrew's - Dominion-Douglas United Church is a member of the council, along with other Protestant and Roman Catholic churches.

La paroisse Saint-Léon et le tiers-monde

Depuis deux ans et demi, la paroisse Saint-Léon a créé des liens avec le Honduras, en particulier avec le diocèse de Choluteca et des barrios de la capitale où travaillent des missionnaires canadiens.

Trois projets ont été financés et deux déjà sont en marche. La campagne de l'Avent pour la vitaminisation des enfants a donné plus de 5 000 \$ et ce projet est dirigé par un petit groupe de soeurs de la Congrégation de Notre-Dame dont la Maison Mère est toujours dans la paroisse Saint-Léon. Ces religieuses travaillent dans le barrio Soiso Cordoba à Tegucigalpa.

À l'automne prenait naissance dans la communauté chrétienne de Saint-Léon le Mouvement de l'ACAT (Action des Chrétiens pour l'Abolition de la Torture), un mouvement qui existe en Europe depuis 10 ans. Ce mouvement a un objectif bien précis qui est de lutter contre la torture, un fléau de notre époque au même titre que la famine qui sévit dans le monde.

Il a l'avantage d'être un mouvement oecuménique, ce qui permet aux membres de vivre une

expérience de rencontre régulière avec les frères chrétiens, de partager la prière et de cheminer dans une action commune.

L'année 1985 est l'Année Nationale de la Lutte Contre la Torture et il est heureux que ce mouvement de l'ACAT prenne naissance dans notre pays. Il serait souhaitable que les citoyens de Westmount et que les chrétiens de notre milieu s'infor-

ment davantage de cette situation qui nous concerne tous et sur l'influence que nous pouvons avoir pour venir en aide à nos frères qui vivent une expérience douloureuse.

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Baptist seniors look at birds

The Tri-S of Westmount Baptist Church, 411 Roslyn avenue at Sherbrooke street, will meet tomorrow at 12:30 pm for lunch. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Kenon Cooke, who will show slides on the birds of Frobisher Bay.

Mrs. Cooke is a professional photographer who specializes in birds and who has spent several summers studying in the Canadian Arctic.

All Westmount seniors are welcome and those requiring further information are requested to call 937-1009.

Reddy needs aid

The Reddy Memorial Hospital requires volunteers to work in its coffee shop. The shop is open from 9 am to 3 pm and from 5 to 8 pm. Anyone with a few hours to spare during the day or evening is urged to contact Hilda Pierce at 933-7511, ext. 222.

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Shingler, staff examine recreational services

The new year could be the beginning of a new era for recreation services in Westmount.

After his first year in office, Alderman John Shingler, commissioner of services, is working with his staff to determine how effectively the city's recreation department is serving the leisure needs and wants of the citizens.

This new consideration is reflected by recent developments at city hall.

First, the city has set aside \$13,000 for a study to be held on recreational needs in Westmount.

"The study would look at how decisions are made in the system and how recreation policy is set," says Ald. Shingler. "It then would ask what are the needs of Westmounters and how are those needs changing."

Committee considered

Second, Ald. Shingler seriously is considering the establishment of some sort of citizens' advisory committee on recreation. Although the exact mandate of such a committee still is unclear, he says, it likely would act as a sounding board for individual citizens or local community organizations.

"What we're talking about is an advisory body," says Ald. Shingler. "It would be to advise, but the decision on these matters would have to be mine, because I'm the one who was elected."

The committee could hear suggestions or complaints on recreation services in Westmount and could make recommendations either to city staff members or to Ald. Shingler.

Third, the city recently has been holding meetings with various community groups such as the Westmount YMCA, the Visual Arts Centre and the Westmount Senior Citizens' Centre.

Bruce St. Louis, the city's director of services, says information arising from the meetings will be included in an internal report. That report will be the basis upon which the proposed study will

concentrate.

Finally, the city intends to publish an extensive recreation brochure, probably in March.

Initiation information

In addition to outlining current recreation programs, Mr. St. Louis says the brochure will give information on various community organizations. It also will tell citizens how they can go about initiating a new recreation activity in Westmount.

These measures reflect a growing desire in city hall for Westmounters to make more use of

By ROB SOUTHCOTT

recreation services offered within the boundaries of the city.

The measures do not reflect a major increase in the municipal recreation budget.

City hall instead is focusing on facilities that Westmount already has, both in the recreation department and in the various community organizations.

User-pay activities, traditionally shunned by Westmount, also are being given consideration.

Staunch opponent

Admittedly, Ald. Shingler has

been a staunch opponent of the user-pay concept practised in many nearby municipalities (See separate story.) For established programs such as hockey or swimming, he is firm in his view of not charging for participation.

With an eye on the city's limited finances, he acknowledges that the recreation department could offer some new, specialized programs that might require users to cover some of the costs directly.

"I see more of a mosaic approach to the question of user fees," says Ald. Shingler. He explains that user fees could be applied to programs for which de-

mand is limited.

Although he wants to wait for the findings of the proposed study before advocating any shift in recreation policy, Ald. Shingler speculates that the city may have to adapt its recreation services to give greater service to a new and growing group of recreation participants — adults.

"Maybe we've been gearing the programs to kids, but we just don't have as many of them anymore," he says, noting that an aging population in Westmount may require more programs for grown-ups.

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Bissonnette.

Although all of the communities contacted by THE EXAMINER work on some system of "user-pay," Côte St. Luc seems most steadfast in running programs based on cost.

'We're agents'

"We're agents. We bring the service at a better cost than anyone, but they (the citizens) have to pay for it," says Mr. Bissonnette.

But Mr. Bissonnette, along with directors in Dorval and Pointe Claire, emphasizes that the department either charges reduced rates for certain groups (such as children or seniors), or subsidizes the cost of activities for certain underprivileged people.

The relatively high income and mobility of Côte St. Luc's population, says Mr. Bissonnette, demands that the city be competitive in its recreation offerings. This means keeping abreast of trends in recreation and it means offering services that people cannot get from other organizations in the community.

Mr. Bissonnette says this practice has brought the participation rate for recreation activities from six percent of the population five

years ago to 20 percent today.

Services offered in Dorval (population 18,000) reflect a philosophy of recreation that exists in many areas of the West Island. In communities such as Dorval, municipal recreation caters to a wide variety of ages and tastes by mobilizing people in the community.

"The majority of our activities do run with a committee of volunteers," says Richard Cuttelle, Dorval's director of recreation. "We believe we're supposed to assist people to have their own activities. Our goal is not to develop programs ourselves (in the department). We're not a Steinberg's."

Varied and timely

Approximately 900 recreation volunteers in Dorval, not counting those involved in various community organizations not run by the city, seem to keep programs varied and timely.

Along with volunteers in individual programs, there also is the Dorval Athletic Association, an officially-recognized body in the city that oversees all recreational sports activities in the city. The DAA not only administers programs, but also aids in allocating space in the numerous recreational facilities owned by Dorval.

These include a community centre, an arena, a multi-sports centre, a cultural centre, one indoor and three outdoor pools, a golf course and tennis courts, to name some.

The situation in Pointe Claire is similar to Dorval's. With roughly the same number of volunteers and a broad range of facilities, this city of about 26,000 claims to have about 30 percent of its citizens involved in some sort of recreational activity.

"We are a city that goes for volunteers," says Doug Smith, director of recreation in Pointe Claire. "We'd be lost without them."

Resurgence noted

Like other cities in the Montreal area, Pointe Claire has noted a great resurgence in the number of middle-aged and senior citizens involved in its programs.

In sports, its "old-timers" hockey league, for those over 35 years old, is booming with a total of 10 teams. Its lawn bowling club, which was modelled after the Westmount Lawn Bowling Club, also has a thriving membership.

The Town of Mount Royal also is experiencing this increased activity in adults, to the extent that about 60 percent of its programs now cater to adults.

Along with a growing number of activities for senior citizens, T.M.R. also is pushing to get the participation of the upwardly-mobile, middle-aged people that make up a large part of the city's population of almost 20,000 people.

According to the department's figures, about half of the city's population takes part in some sort of city recreational activity.

Donald Edmondson, the director of recreation, disagrees with the assumption that such people cannot find time to participate in recreation activities in their community.

Must be sold

"We have doctors, lawyers and others involved," he says. "They will get involved, but you have to sell it to them. The busy executive is the one who works late every night, except when he has a hockey game to play in."

"Once they get away from that downtown environment, they don't always like to go back to it," he says, arguing against the notion that a city in close proximity to downtown has difficulty entertaining people within its borders.

Mr. Edmondson believes that, despite the numerous volunteers working with the city, the recreation department itself must often initiate programs.

"I can sit in here and close the door and say I'm doing fine," he says, "but if you (the department) stand still, you're going to die."

In Outremont, there is a new attempt to get the public more involved with the city's recreation department. After some apparent internal problems, the city appointed a new director of recreation in November.

New citizen committee

The new director, René Jobin, says that any new direction for the department will be determined by a new eight-member citizen committee, also appointed in November.

Mr. Jobin admits that any new direction in Outremont will have to take into account the age gap now developing there with the rising average age of its population of 27,000 people.

With a limited number of facilities, as in Westmount, Outremont makes use of one advantage it has over other communities.

Adjacent to the massive physical education complex at the University of Montreal, Outremont officials are looking at ways for the city's population to use U of M facilities in exchange for allowing the university use of city property.

Facilities limited

With a population of 7,600, Hampstead has a limited number of facilities and a range of programs about equal to that offered by the recreation department in

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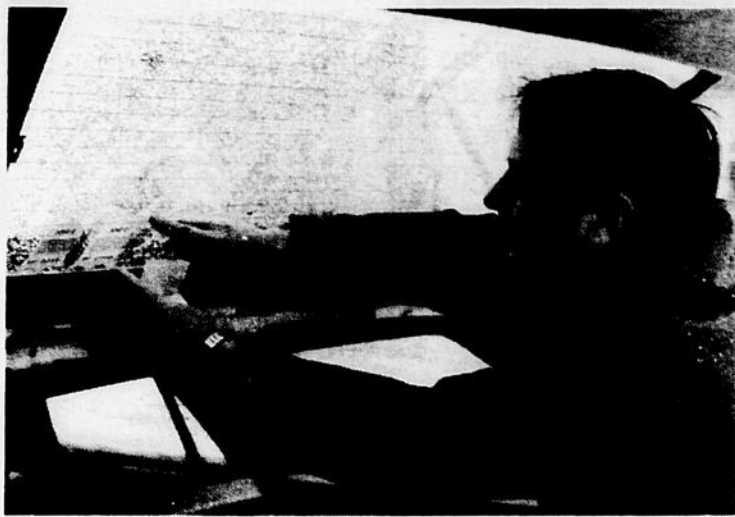
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Westmount.

David Taveroff, the city's director of community services, says that programs in the city tend to be aimed at children, partly because of the large number of families there. With limited staff and facilities, Mr. Taveroff says existing programs are the result of the work of volunteers, such as those who make up the Hampstead Municipal and Recreation Association.

"The programs would go on without the volunteers, but some programs never would have started without them," he says.

In addition to a lack of facilities, the major problem evident in Hampstead, as in Outremont and Westmount, is participation by a large part of the population.

"Affluence breeds apathy," says Mr. Taveroff of the predominantly-wealthy population in Hampstead. "Their dollar is divided into much more and less of it stays in the community."

Await changes

While Westmounters await proposed changes in recreation policies, three findings of a 1981 EXAMINER report still appear valid.

Westmount was found to be unique among MUC communities in providing recreation without direct charges to participants.

Westmount also stood out in that it lacked a body through which consultation could be made with citizens on recreation matters.

The 1981 report also determined that Westmount's attempts to publicize its programs didn't measure up to those in other communities.

The continuing gap between recreation in Westmount and in other communities in part may be due to factors beyond the city's control.

The city's primarily residential nature may not provide the tax base or land for extensive recreation facilities as they exist in other communities, such as Dorval, Pointe Claire and T.M.R.

Also, few Westmounters volunteer to help with recreation programs. Of about 8,000 people holding recreation passes in the city, fewer than 100 give of their time to local recreation programs.

Programs found

The most extensive recreation programs in the cities studied are found where the number of volunteers numbers in the hundreds.

Most officials interviewed still see room for improvement in Westmount recreation.

Some, such as Mr. Bissonnette, think the recreation department

here could be more aggressive at creating and publicizing programs.

All those interviewed feel some user-pay arrangement is necessary for their departments, and probably could help in Westmount. Mr. Smith, though, cautions against jumping on the user-pay bandwagon too suddenly.

It may be difficult to compare directly Westmount's recreation services with those offered by other cities, but it is apparent that this city's recreation offerings are not as extensive.

The experience of other communities might prove valuable in the city's current review of recreation and community services.

Bird drops in using chimney

A bird which had fallen down the chimney of a house at 626 Victoria avenue Friday was reported freed by a public safety officer called to the home at 9:30 am.

PSO Steve Manktelow managed to get hold of the bird assisted by the woman's cleaning man, officials said. The bird then flew out the front door.

Vehicle bureau moves offices

Licensing and vehicle registration operations of the Régie de l'assurance automobile du Québec have been moved from 2276 Ontario street east in Montreal to a new location nearer Westmount.

A new service centre, with 14 counters and improved facilities, has been established in the building known as Les Atriums, 870 de Maisonneuve boulevard east, at the Berri-de-Montigny Métro station.

The new centre is open weekdays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, except Wednesday, when the office opens at 10:30 am.

Lock wrecked in Honda job

A tape recorder, calculator and car papers were reported stolen from a car broken into Saturday opposite 366 Wood avenue, police said.

The lock on the passenger side was reported to have been forced open so that it no longer worked, causing \$100 damage. The stolen items were valued at \$225. The 1984 Honda belonged to a Montreal man.

Woman injured, refuses aid

A 32-year-old Westmount woman refused transport to hospital Saturday afternoon after minor injuries sustained at King George Park, fire officials said.

Both Urgences Santé and the first responder unit went to her assistance. She remained on the hill.

Parked car hit

A car parked in front of 24 Somerville avenue was hit Friday by a vehicle which failed to stop, police report. The vehicle, identified as a GMC Suburban, apparently backed into the car as it was turning.



SIGNING IN: Making it official Monday morning at city hall, Rhoda Vineberg, right, signs her nomination papers as a Westmount aldermanic candidate in the ward 1 by-election to be held Feb. 4. Peter Patenaude, left, city clerk, lends a hand with the paperwork while Herb Spindler, official agent for the candidate, looks on.

WMA...

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meeting.

Notice of the meeting was issued by mail to all WMA members in late December, according to Mr. Wright. Other means were not used to publicize the meeting.

Among the 20 persons attending the meeting were 12 directors of the WMA; two of their spouses; Mrs. Vineberg and her husband, Robert; and Alderman Sally Aitken.

The report of the nominating committee, put forward by Mr. Wright, was adopted without discussion in a matter of minutes.

Mrs. Vineberg then spoke briefly, reviewing the election platform she announced when declaring her candidacy.

Alderman Aitken, a former WMA president, welcomed Mrs. Vineberg as a candidate and expressed her wish for a good election.

A short discussion of recreation policy ended the meeting. Mrs. Vineberg later met informally with members.

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by RICK KERRIGAN

Brazil-sur-la-Neige

The tourist bureau of Bahia (a state in northern Brazil) and the Château Champlain Hotel have joined forces to bring the delights of Brazil's food and culture, a blend of native Indian, Portuguese and African elements, to snow-bound Montrealers. The food will be offered from Wednesday until Feb. 2 in L'Escapade restaurant of the hotel under the supervision of six chefs from Salvador da Bahia who will ensure that the ingredients and spices are just right. African palm oil, coconut and coconut milk, peppers and spices such as coriander figure prominently in the seafood, fish and fowl dishes of the region. The cultural part comes in the form of the Viva Bahia, a group of 30 musicians, singers and dancers who perform nightly at the restaurant. To top off the festivities there will be a Brazilian Carnival Costume Ball on Feb. 1. If you don't dance the samba now you surely will after that party. For more information on all this, call 878-9000, ext. 206, 207 or 208.

ETV has party

Vermont ETV is holding a reception for its Montreal viewers Friday, 5-7 pm, at the Hotel Bonaventure. Everyone is welcome to come and meet the staff of the station and the special guest will be George Page, host of "The Brain" and "Nature." The station reports that almost half its financial support comes from Canadians. I hope these same Canadians raise a stink about the shameful financial squeezing of the CBC by the Mulroney government.

Readings continue

Playwrights' Workshop Montreal will have another dramatic reading Sunday, 2:30 pm, at the group's studio, 4379 de Bullion street. The reading will be *The End of the Earth is Too Near*, *Violette Leduc* written by Jovette Marchessault and translated by Susanne Lotbinière-Harwood. The "Free Fall" Monday night reading series continues Feb. 4, 8:30 pm, with a reading of Linda Ghan's *Coldsnap* and Pat McDougall's *Fragments*.


Dancing together

Dena Davida, Louis Guillemette, Andrew Harwood, Daniel Godbout and Louise Parent, dancers, will be performing what they call contact improvisation Saturday and Sunday, 5 pm, at Tangente Danse Actuelle, 3655 St. Lawrence boulevard. The dance is described as a mix of eastern and western ideas and a fusion of Aikido, Tai Chi, social dance and animal games.

Trio is 300

It probably comes as a revelation to you that this year is the 300th anniversary of the birth of Bach, Handel and Scarlatti. Unfortunately none of them are around to celebrate the occasion but they all would be glad to know that their music will be in the capable fingers of Martha Hagen for a concert Monday, 8 pm, in Théâtre Port Royal of Places des Arts. She will be performing the music of the three on harpsichord. Tickets are available at PdA.

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Film program starts

The National Film Board cinema in Complexe Guy Favreau, 200 Dorchester boulevard west, is presenting a full-time evening film program for the public. English films will be shown Tuesday and Friday evenings and French films on the remaining evenings. There will be a small admission charge. For program information, call 283-4753.

Music at Golem

The Canadian Guitar Quartet, comprising Michael Laucke, Barry Crago, Bruce Adams and Denis Quevillon, will give a concert of classical music Saturday, 8:30 pm, at the Golem concert room, 3460 Stanley street. This should be a dynamite concert.

Playing in the Alley

A quintet called The Westmount Brass will be performing tonight, 9 o'clock, in a new club at McGill called The Alley, 3480 McTavish street. The Alley will feature jazz music by McGill jazz students every Monday night. All the concerts are free.

Music from McGill

The Contemporary Music Ensemble of the McGill Faculty of Music will perform Monday, 5 pm, in Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke street west. The ensemble comprises two pianos and percussion. Theodore Baskin, oboe, and Eugene Plawutsky, piano, will give a concert Monday, 8 pm. The Jazz Workshop Bands will be performing Jan. 25, 8 pm. All the concerts are free.

Bands perform

The beginner, intermediate and honor bands of the Royal West Academy will be giving their winter concert tonight, 7:45, at the school, 189 Easton road in Montreal West. Just in case the sound of high school bands is not music to your ears, the Black Watch Dixieland Band will be there for a performance. Tickets are available at the door.

Join the music

Canadian Amateur Musicians (CAMMAC) is inviting singers and instrumentalists to participate in a sight reading of "Samson" by Handel Sunday, 3 pm, at Notre Dame du Très Saint Sacrement parish hall, 4450 St. Hubert street. Gerald Wheeler will be conducting. This activity is free.

Exhibits about town

The paintings of Ghislaine Charest will be at the Galerie Skol, 3981 St. Lawrence boulevard, from Tuesday to Feb. 2. "Regards sur le Cosmos" is the title of an exhibit of paintings by André Desjardins at the Centre Culturel de Verdun, 5955 Bannantyne avenue. Wallhangings in silk and antique fabrics by Betty Guernsey, a Toronto artist, are at Puzzles café-bar until Feb. 15. Each wallhanging represents a city or area of the province of Quebec.

Improve yourself

Various courses are getting under way for the new year and there is still time to sign up for

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'Love is Strange' hovers between fact and fiction

Love is Strange, playing at the Centaur until January 27, is a story of the complications of unrequited courtly love in the modern world. The play by Paul Ledoux and David Young is drawn from, but makes no direct reference to, the much publicized case of farmer Robert Kieling's pursuit of Canadian singer Anne Murray.

Set mostly in a courtroom, the play deals with the defence of Franz Jacob Colby's (David Conner) probation violation hearing. He is charged with harassing singer Linda Barrie (Anne Wright) and invading her privacy.

He claims it is just a courtship. The prosecutor claims it is an infringement of her civil rights. This becomes the setting for a discussion on the nature of love, fame, judicial procedure and society's treatment of those who fall into the grey area between sanity and derangement.

As Colby attempts to defend himself in court, he recounts the history of his involvement with Linda Barrie. This involves flashbacks, musical numbers and fantasy sequences: this style allows the playwrights to depict the fragmented and obsessive nature of Colby's love, but it also tends to confuse the issues at hand.

The stage design, by John Dinning, represents in turn the courtroom, a nightclub, a jail and several outdoor scenes, but its garishness is a little overwhelming. Most of the transitions are achieved through the very clever lighting of Peter Smith.

The cast doubles as Linda Barrie's backup band, and two of them take several roles. Funniest throughout is a sequence of casual passers-by, all played by Brian Kennington, who observe Colby

and harass him.

Over all, *Love is Strange* is an entertaining show. It raises several controversial points, but hovering, as it does, on the line between fact and fiction, the questions are left unanswered.

— Kate McDonnell

Hospital leak in boiler room

A broken water pipe in the boiler room on the ninth floor of the Reddy Memorial Hospital Wednesday night last week resulted in water leaking into the cafeteria below, according to fire officials.

The water also leaked into a heat detector, activating the alarm.

Firefighters turned off power when a high-tension junction terminal box in the east corner was affected, public safety officers reported.

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many of them. Among the courses offered at the Saidye Bronfman Centre are three new ones: Gardening - Indoor/Outdoor, From Fear to Creative Action, and Fundamentals of Effective Speaking in Everyday Life and Business. For more information call 739-2301.

Le Gym at 372 St. Catherine street west is offering four-week intensive courses in salsa, rock'n'roll, Latin and social dancing and a special "Waltz for your Wedding" course. For more information call 483-2935.

Bits'n'pieces

As part of "Non-smoking Week" the Mount Sinai Hospital will set up its respiratory clinic in Complexe Desjardins from today, noon, until Wednesday. You can test your pulmonary functions. Terry "Aislin" Mosher will give a slide presentation, with commentary, of some of his work Wednesday, 7:30 pm, in room 132 of the Leacock Building of McGill University.

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Westmounters lead campaign for handicapped

OUR AGING COMMUNITY

"Our Aging Community," a series of seven lectures on aging commencing on the 29th January, 7:45 pm, Wesley United Church, 5964 Notre Dame de Grâce Avenue (corner of Royal), N.D.G. A series of four day-long workshops commencing 30th January, at 9 am, Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West (corner of Lansdowne Ave.), Westmount. For more information phone 932-6492.

WESTMOUNT HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION TO MEET

Monday, January 21st, 1985 at 7:30 pm, Manoir Westmount, 4646 Sherbrooke St. West, Westmount, Quebec. The Speaker: Alex de F. Heron, Direction of Power and Communications, City of Westmount. Topic: The Electricity of Westmount, Past and Present. This meeting, due to space, is limited to members and prospective members only. Further information: Allan Raymond, 489-8741.

FILM AND LECTURE SERIES

Ann Gertler, special advisor to the Canadian delegation at the United Nations, speaks of Canada's role in encouraging world disarmament. "The Last Slide Show" will be screened Monday, January 21, 8 pm at Victoria Hall. Meeting sponsored by the Westmount Initiative for Peace.

With help from Petro-Canada and the Société des Alcools du Québec, the Quebec March of Dimes is hoping to raise \$90,000 more than it did last year.

The campaign, which has set \$250,000 as its objective, was opened officially this week and will continue until Jan. 31.

Funds raised during the campaign are used to help handicapped adults become more self-sufficient.

Pat Harris, of Melville avenue, sits on the campaign committee. Other Westmounters involved include Carroll Solomon, Arlington avenue, a member of the campaign committee, and Egan Chambers, Kensington avenue, vice-president of the Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled.

Petro-Canada, the official sponsor of the campaign, plans to place special buckets at its 900 stations. Customers will be encouraged to "throw their money out the window" into the buckets at the pumps.

Donations also will be taken at liquor stores in the province operated by the Société des Alcools, which sponsored the campaign last year.

Orthopedic shoes, devices allowing the handicapped to drive and equipment allowing bedridden persons to operate



MARCH BEGINS: The Quebec March of Dimes campaign kicked off this week with help from Pat Harris, of Melville avenue, second from right. Pierre Dupuis, second from left, vice-president (eastern region) of Petro-Canada, holds one of the buckets to be found at Petro-Canada gas stations during the campaign, which ends Jan. 31. Egan Chambers, of Kensington avenue, vice-president of the Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the Handicapped, and Carroll Solomon, of Arlington avenue, a member of the campaign committee, also are working to raise funds to aid handicapped adults through the March of Dimes.

light switches and appliances are purchased with money raised during the March of Dimes.

A medical student and a doctor interested in research in aid of the handicapped each will be provided with a \$5,000 bursary.

Handicapped people needing medical treatment are provided free transportation through the March of Dimes. Train and bus fares also are subsidized.

Quebec games for the handicapped also are funded.

Tall Ship slides for camera club

The next meeting of the pictorial division of the Montreal Camera Club will be held on Monday at 7:45 pm in the auditorium of the Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Avenue, close to the Atwater Métro station.

Slides entered by members in the club's weekly competition will be shown and one of the judges will comment on each slide. The feature of the evening's program will be a slide presentation titled "Tall Ships" by Gerry L'Orange, one of the club's talented young photographers.

Lynda White, 3227 St. Antoine street west, president of the Montreal Camera Club, will preside. The public is cordially invited to attend. Admission is free.

Dagan curator

Esther Dagan of Westmount, who operates Galerie Amrad, is guest curator of an exhibition of African carved stools which continues at the Saidye Bronfman Centre, 5170 Côte St. Catherine road in Montreal, until Feb. 14. For more information, call 739-2301.

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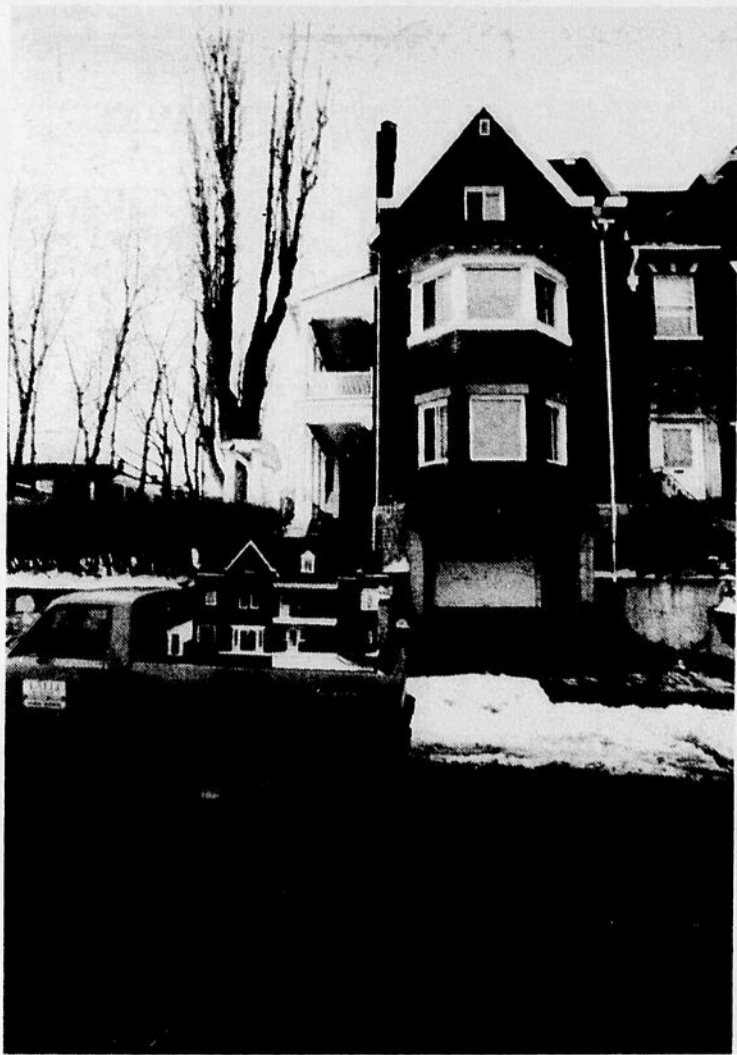
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REPLICA: A doll-house replica of Bruce and Bissera Anderson's house at 403 Côte St. Antoine road arrived outside the original Christmas Eve. Made to the scale of one inch to one foot by Ron Proulx, a third-year student at the McGill University school of architecture, the house took about 400 hours to complete and is accurate in every detail. It now resides in the third-floor playroom of the Andersons' home where its new owners, Diana, six, a grade 1 student at Roslyn School, and Christina, four, in nursery school at St. Andrew's School, are reported to be enjoying it tremendously. The doll-house currently is being furnished, but the girls apparently are having difficulty finding replicas of the classic cars in the garage. Bruce and Bissera Anderson both are architects.

Aqua Kids to register

Aqua Kids, a recreational program specifically designed for children and teens who have poor self-confidence due to lack of fine and/or gross motor skills, will register interested youths for its winter session Tuesday next week from 5 to 6 pm at the N.D.G. YM-CA, 4335 Hampton avenue in N.D.G.

The program offers swimming, gym, arts and crafts, as well as games with a low ratio of leaders to participants.

Elizabeth Anglin of Westmount is co-ordinator of the program and may be reached for further information at 937-4095. Information also is available from the Quebec Association for Children and

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GIVING A PINT: The Red Cross held a blood donor clinic Wednesday last week at the Reddy Memorial Hospital and **Mary Green**, right, a nurse at the Reddy, stopped in to give a pint. **Francine Dumaine**, a Red Cross nurse, oversaw the procedure.

Shedding light on eye problem

The Quebec chapter of the National Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation of Canada is to hold an information evening Tuesday at 7:30 pm in the amphitheatre of the Montreal Children's Hospital, 2300 Tupper street, with guest speakers from the fields of clinical ophthalmology, medical and vision research.

Individuals with this eye disorder, family, friends, interested professionals and volunteers of the foundation all are invited to attend. Announcements of upcoming events will be made. Simultaneous translation in French or English will be available. For more information, call 933-4396.

Fagen adds Friday bridge

Westmount bridge players may be interested to hear that bridge teacher Dorothy Fagen plans to add a new Friday afternoon session to her bridge club.

The new games will commence Jan. 18 and will take place at St. Ansgar's Church, 4020 Grand boulevard in Notre Dame de

Grâce. More information is available by calling 482-1931.

Board of Trade to hear Nutik

Allen Nutik, former mayoralty candidate and present candidate for alderman in Westmount, will be the guest speaker next Wednesday at a dinner hosted by the Montreal Board of Trade.

Mr. Nutik, who also is president of Dial Security Systems, will speak on the subject "The Political Entrepreneur."

The dinner will take place at the St. James' Club. For more information, telephone 878-4651.

Singing blues without guitar

Musical equipment was reported stolen from a house on Grosvenor avenue near de Maisonneuve boulevard while residents were away over Christmas, police report.

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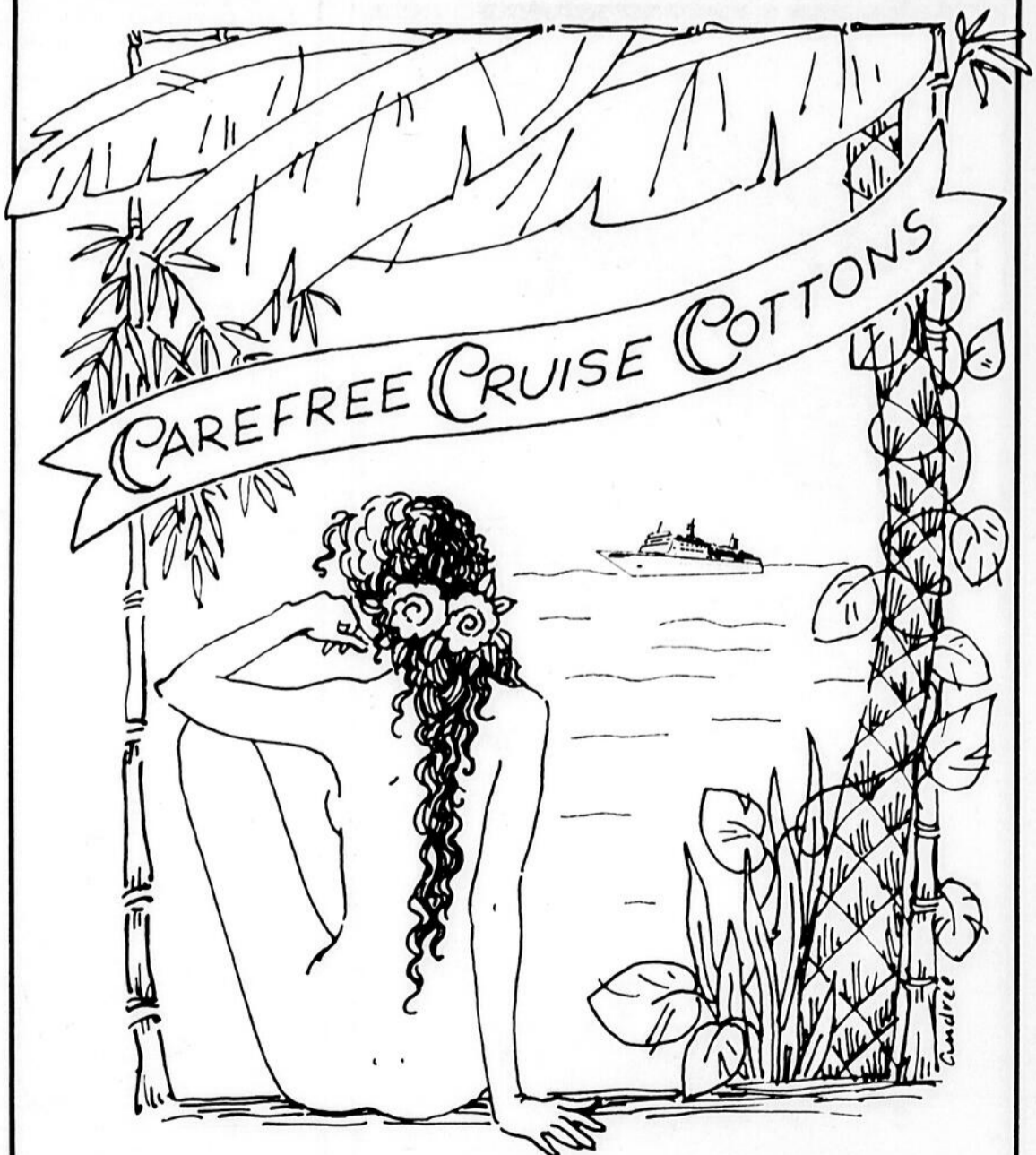
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Dr. David Gayton to open series on seniors

A Westmount resident will open a lecture and workshop series for those looking after the elderly.

Dr. David Gayton, the director of geriatrics at the Royal Victoria Hospital, will be the opening speaker for "Our Aging Community," a series of seven lectures and four workshops being organized by the Westmount Senior Citizens' Centre and the N.D.G. Senior Citizens' Council.

That series begins with an introductory lecture by Dr. Gayton Jan. 29 at 7:45 pm in Wesley United Church, 5964 Notre Dame de Grâce avenue.

On Jan. 30, Dr. Gayton will address the series' first workshop, to start at 9 am at Westmount Park United Church.

Although he admits to sometimes "getting jaded," from seeing so many elderly people in

the hospital, Dr. Gayton says most elderly people are "doing just very well, thank you."

"The idea that families are just dropping their elderly in nursing homes is a total myth," says Dr. Gayton. He notes that only seven percent of those over 65 years old in Quebec actually are living in institutions.

Getting care

Instead, many of the approximately 15 percent of Quebec seniors who do require some external care are getting it from friends and family.

Dr. Gayton, who advocates keeping the elderly out of institu-



Dr. David Gayton

tions if possible, says these "care givers" are serving a valuable social function.

"These people make up one area of looking after the elderly that has not been looked at much," he says. "We don't acknowledge enough that these people are doing what they are."

This acknowledgement, says Dr. Gayton, could be through measures such as tax deductions for those caring for an elderly person. He notes that those paying to house an elderly person in a nursing home are allowed such deductions.

Other measures might include further development of home care services, to aid in a family's care of a senior citizen. Another helpful change could be more day programs for seniors to take part in.

Dr. Gayton notes that in some countries, such as England, elderly people periodically can check into a residence for short periods to allow the care giver some time off.

Most independent

Although most elderly people remain independent, care givers serve an important role by taking pressure off a limited number of institutions.

Dr. Gayton says there currently are about 15,000 beds available for seniors in Montreal-area institutions. In 20 years, another 20,000 beds could be needed to cope with the number of elderly people.

"Nobody's ever dreamed of that sort of thing," says Dr. Gayton, "but it could happen if present trends in care for the elderly continue."

Instead, the use of home care or simpler seniors' residences could cut down on the number of elderly Quebecers who are too healthy to be housed in elaborate and costly institutions.

"We have had a low death rate of people in these institutions," says Dr. Gayton. "I don't think that it reflects a better level of care (compared to other provinces), but a better level of health of people in these places."

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WHA to hear hydro history

Westmount's director of power and communications, Alex Heron, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Westmount Historical Association.

The topic of Mr. Heron's talk will be "The Electricity of Westmount: Past and Present."

The event will take place Jan. 21 at 7:30 pm in the Manoir Westmount, 4646 Sherbrooke street.

Due to limited space, the meeting will be limited to members and prospective members. For more information, telephone 489-8741.

Raymond speaks at Terre Étoile

Local historian and lecturer Allan Raymond will be the guest speaker next Wednesday at 7:30 pm at Terre Étoile, 4914 Sherbrooke street.

Mr. Raymond, who is the publicity director for both the Westmount Historical Association and the St. James Literary Society, will deliver an audio-visual presentation on Montreal titled "A Trip Through History: The Lives and Loves of Quebec Jews."

Missing youth found in Miami

A 15-year-old Westmount boy who ran away from home last Thursday was located in Miami, Florida, overnight Monday-Tuesday, police confirmed yesterday.

He was turned over to his grandparents in Fort Lauderdale, police said.

The youth reportedly ran away to join the Marines.

Hockey player cut on chin

A man who sustained a severe cut on the chin while playing hockey at the Westmount arena Tuesday night was reported taken to hospital by Public Security Unit patrol.

The injury occurred when the man, a resident of Elm avenue, was hit by an opponent's hockey stick, officials said.

More stickers available

Additional phone stickers listing Westmount emergency numbers can be obtained from city hall, according to Mayor Brian Gallery.

"Anyone wanting more, can call city hall and we'll be glad to mail them out," he said.

Citizens received four in a mayor's letter in the mail this week, two in French, two in English.

Crash involved Westmounters

A Westmount man was given a ticket for going through a red light on Sherbrooke street at Lansdowne avenue Friday in connection with a traffic accident, police report.

The incident took place about 1:18 pm when the car collided with a northbound car driven by a Victoria avenue woman.

The driver of the eastbound vehicle lived on Kensington avenue. No injuries were reported.



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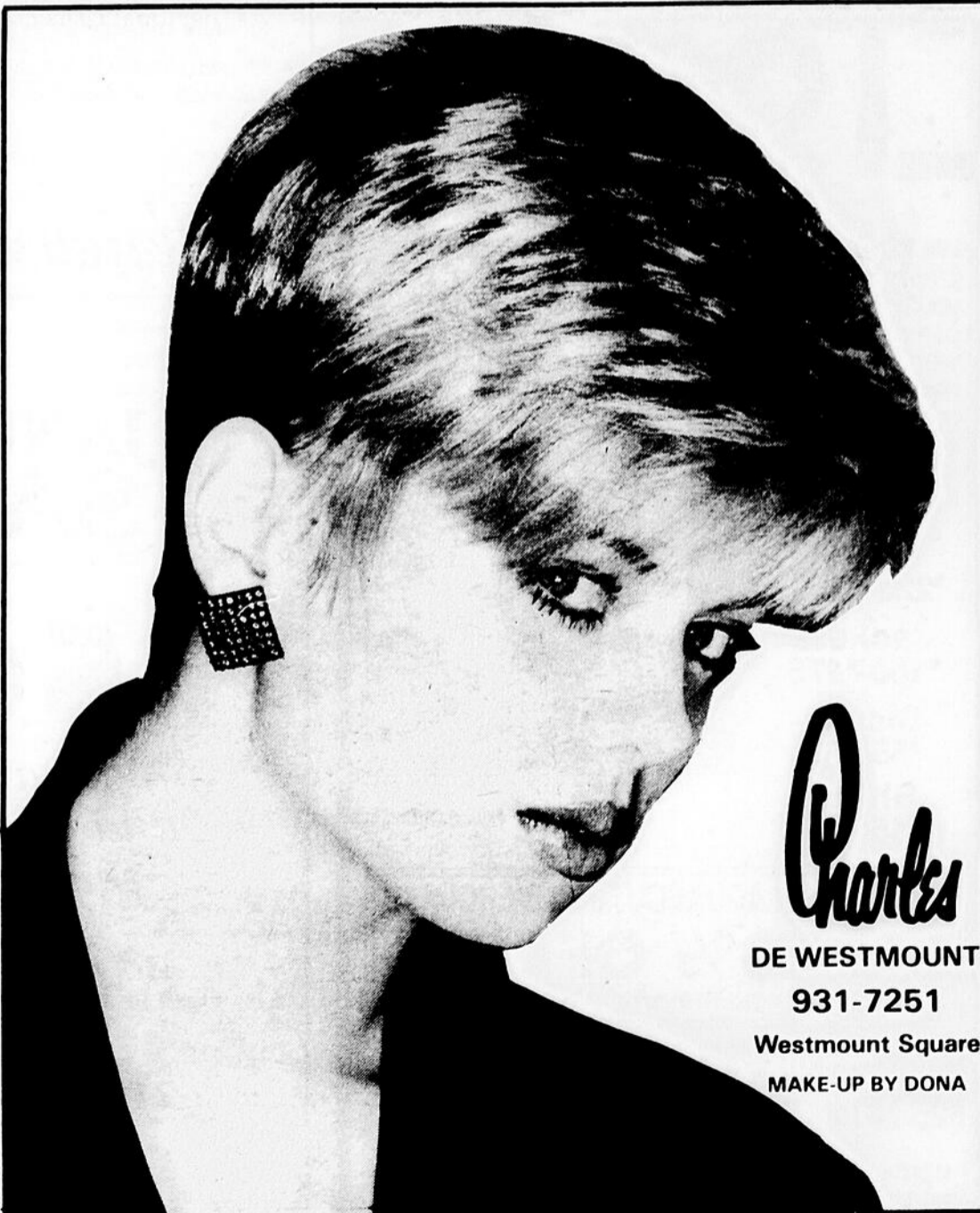
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Do computers teach children to think?

Prof. Fred Rosenzveig of Dawson College, an expert in Edward de Bono's CoRT program, says computers are specially good for one type of thinking and that is processing and analysing information.

"However, this is only a small part of thinking," he says. "There is also a major part of thinking

which is involved in creativity and perception. By perception I mean how we experience the world and make sense of this experience.

"As more and more of processing-type thinking become relegated to computers there will be more need for human beings to develop the kind of thinking that computers don't do.

"In other words, a computer can

By JOAN CAPRÉOL

analyse data with flawless logic but it is up to a person to decide what questions we want the computer to analyse and what information is relevant to those questions.

"That is why there is all the more need for us to learn how to think well in the areas of broadening our perception and creativity."

Schools ineffective

Why are schools ineffective at teaching students how to think?

Prof. Rosenzveig gives four basic reasons:

Most educators, he says, believe that the thinking which is taught in particular subject disciplines will "rub off" on the student, who will employ it elsewhere. This belief in the transference of thinking from one subject area to other situations is largely unfounded. "How frequently have you used skills of mathematical problem-solving or skills of literary analysis in thinking about real-

life problems?" he asks.

"Schools often identify good thinking as logically-correct thinking and believe that teaching logic and critical thinking is all of thinking," he says. "However, these are not all there is to the thinking process, nor does correct logic necessarily guarantee good thinking. Good logic applied to wrong premises produces righteous arrogance. However, critical thinking is not the whole of thinking — it leaves out creativity, construction and design.

"We believe that better thinking results from more and better information. Yet perfect information is almost never possible in the modern world. Even if it were possible to attain perfect knowledge about the past, our knowledge of the future can be only partial at best. However, it is precisely in the future that our students will be living and thinking. They will require thinking skills which are not just sorting and re-arranging knowledge. We must find time to teach thinking skills directly, even at the ex-



Fred Rosenzveig

pense of teaching information."

Prof. Rosenzveig says the fourth misconception is that thinking ability simply depends on innate intelligence.

Two corollaries follow, both false: 1) that for the highly intelligent, there is nothing we need do to help them to think, and 2) for the less intelligent, there is nothing we can do. "Yet while intellectual capacity may determine our innate potential, acquiring thinking skills enables us to use this potential," he says. "Indeed, one of the objectives of de Bono's thinking skills program is to shift students' self-image from 'I am (or am not) intelligent' to 'I am a thinker'."

Prof. Rosenzveig says there are many ways in which schools can better address the problem of teaching thinking. Perhaps one of the most successful and systematic methods has been developed by the CoRT program, short for Cognitive Research Trust.

Many Montreal educators are very interested in the direct teaching of thinking as a skill. For example, some teachers in the Westmount area, particularly at Roslyn School, have been trained in the CoRT program and have introduced it to some of their students.

Prof. Rosenzveig, of 4727 de Maisonneuve boulevard, is giving a workshop called "Developing Thinking Skills" at the Loyola campus of Concordia University on Friday, Jan. 25, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.

The general public, including parents, can enrol by contacting the Lacolle Centre, 482-0320, local 344.

Prof. Rosenzveig has been professor of humanities at Concordia University since 1969. He has studied the works of Dr. Edward de Bono, of Cambridge University, and has taken several courses with him.

Prof. Rosenzveig received his master's degree in communications from McGill University and his BA honors in philosophy and political science from the same university. He has done graduate work at the London School of Economics and studied French at the Université de Paris.

Alarm tripped

A burglar alarm was activated at 4 am Friday when someone broke the front window of the Audio-Tel shop on Sherbrooke street near Prince Albert avenue, police report. Nothing was reported taken. Damage was estimated at \$100.

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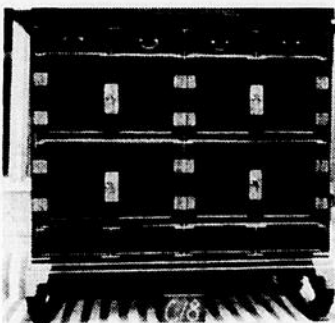
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WHS parents prepare arguments for board appearance

By ROB SOUTHCOTT

Parents at Westmount High School are preparing arguments this week to try to keep WHS from being made a French-language school next September.

The Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal (PSBGM) will decide Jan. 30 which of five Montreal high schools will be slated for such a change next year.

The group includes Westmount, Northmount, West Hill, Town of Mount Royal and Malcolm Campbell high schools.

Amid rumors that WHS is the prime candidate for the change, the WHS school committee met Monday to outline its argument for keeping the status quo.

Also present at the meeting were representatives of the English Speaking Parents Network and the WHS Old Boys' Association.

"I feel that now is the time to take off the gloves," said teacher Iona McAulay, expressing the sentiments of many parents. "Obviously, the commissioners thought that there were reasons to put Westmount High on that list. Now, all the emotion in the world will not do any good unless we can address those reasons."

Interview cited

Although WHS will not know its future until Jan. 30, principal Gary Thompson noted that PSBGM chairman Allan Butler apparently had indicated in a recent television interview that Westmount or Northmount High Schools seemed likely choices for the change.

"If his statement was to exclude other schools," said Mr. Thompson, "then I think it was unfortunate."

In its presentation to the board Jan. 28, the committee will argue that WHS is a thriving school that would not have been considered for any changes had the board not needed a new French school.

Noting the importance of WHS to both the Westmount community and to several ethnic communities to the south, the committee will argue that the school's enrolment shows a possible rebound in population settlement in the central area of Montreal.

"It is definitely a unique school in the system," said Félix Meloul, director of PSBGM region 3, at the meeting.

"There are only three schools (in the PSBGM) with more students than we predicted for them," said Mr. Meloul, noting that WHS was one of the three.

Discussed openly

Although the committee openly discussed how they could argue for Westmount High's future, its members felt that certain "legal matters" concerning the fight for the school should not be discussed in public.

The meeting was taken *in camera* and non-members of the committee — at the time, only an EXAMINER reporter — were asked to leave.

Later, the meeting again was declared *in camera*, when Joan Rothman, PSBGM commissioner for the Westmount area, noted that she wished to discuss information which she did not want published.

"I have some information on the French-language situation, but I don't want it in the paper," said Mrs. Rothman, before the meeting was closed to the public.

Although they appeared worried by the school's situation, members of the committee expressed optimism about the arguments they would present to the board.



FIGHTING FOR WHS: Chairman of the school committee of Westmount High School, Georgi Beal Kish, delivered an emotional address last week to commissioners of the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal. The board will decide Jan. 30 if WHS will become a French school next year.

"They have put us through the mill like this with our backs up against the wall," said committee chairman Georgi Beal Kish. Since WHS will be the last school to go before the board Jan. 28, she noted, it could have a great impact on the commissioners.

"We still have the last pow," said Mrs. Kish. "We're going to have to go in there and make our best argument on that night."

Corey Hart aids school fund-raising

Students at St. George's School of Montreal recently were able to raise \$1,200 for the Ethiopia Help Fund with the assistance of a St. George's graduate, Montreal performer Corey Hart.

Mr. Hart donated two free tickets to his Dec. 29 concert at the Spectrum, an album, T-shirts and a fan club kit to the student council at the school.

Every donation to the relief fund at the school gave a chance to win one of the prizes. A large part of the donated funds was given in time to be matched by the Quebec government. The remainder was given to Oxfam Quebec.

Larry Fudem, a grade 10 student, was co-ordinator of the fund-raising activity.

Boutique clerk hands money to gunman

A lone gunman robbed a shopkeeper at a boutique in Westmount Square of about \$300 Wednesday last week, ripping out the phone wires as he escaped, police said.

The hold-up took place about 4 pm when a man aged about 18 and armed with a revolver approached the 22-year-old saleswoman.

"Give me the money," he is reported as saying. "This is serious. Open your cash."

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WHS students in sleepwear mark National Pyjama Day

By CHRIS CARTER and KATHY OH

Westmount High School students, dressed in appropriate clothing, arrived at school last Friday morning for what they called National Pyjama Day.

Costumes ranged from short night-shirts to full-length sleepers. Many also brought teddy bears and pillows and everyone wore slippers down the hallways.

The boys' juvenile basketball team continues its winning streak. It had games last Friday and again Monday. On Friday they played Royal West Academy and won with a score of 107 - 41. On Monday, Westmount High hosted Wagar High School and again was victorious with a score of 91 - 73.

A correction must be made pertaining to last week's mention of MVP Peter Balfour. He's ranked number 1 in the province of Quebec and in the top 10 in Canada. Congratulations Pete!

The grad committee continues

to raise money for the 1985 graduation with the sale of garbage bags coming to an end this Wednesday.

Some of the more ambitious and academically excellent students are preparing to submit their applications for the outstanding

Westmount High School NEWS



Westmount High School student Andrew Dally is caught observing National Pyjama Day.

students awards sponsored by the Montreal Board of Trade. The school teachers' committee and the principal, Mr. G. Thompson, will choose four finalists from the school in each of the categories: Math/Science, Liberal Arts, Technical/Vocational, Fine Arts. These finalists will compete against finalists from other schools and the school board then will choose finalists from among them. These privileged people then will move on to the selection committee of the Board of Trade.

Exams begin today and thus the air during the past week has been one of slight procrastination and apprehension. Nevertheless, life will go on, and so will exams, until Friday, Jan. 25.

Roslyn supports WHS fight against French conversion

By JOAN CAPRÉOL

The Roslyn school committee decided at its meeting Monday night to lend support to Westmount High School's fight to stay open as an English-language high school.

"We need to keep our community high school open," said Chairman James Dowie. "Its image has improved in the last few years. People are coming back to the area."

Principal Barbara McKnight said that 18 or 19 new pupils had been admitted to Roslyn School since Christmas.

She reported that Mrs. Miriam Vineberg, teacher of grade 3, was recovering from a car accident in Toronto and would be absent for 12 weeks. Diane Grant was taking her place and the transition was smooth, she said.

Francine Ducharme, teacher of grade 1 French immersion, had left to accompany her husband to Mexico. Lynda LeBlanc was taking her place, according to Miss McKnight.

Many plays had been presented before Christmas. It had been a learning experience for the children in working together and had been such fun, the principal remarked.

On Jan. 22, a French play will be presented at Roslyn.

Students interviewed

Shelly Pomerantz had interviewed Roslyn students on CBC's *Daybreak* program recently. "On the subject of 'Who are your heroes?' kids don't have so many public idols such as rock and movie stars anymore," said Miss McKnight. "They are looking much closer to home for their heroes such as family members, friends, teachers at school."

The school's skating party will take place on March 8 at the city

rink.

On safety, Christopher Lyle reported that drivers were making illegal U turns on Roslyn avenue, which he considered very dangerous.

Librarian Sharon Levin was voted \$500 to buy books, with consideration for books for grades three and four.

Sandra Beaubien reported excellent results in her sales of uniforms.

External chairman Ken Watkins predicted that school taxes will increase.

The next meeting of the school committee will be held on February 11.

Roslyn students cautious

Children at Roslyn School have been advised to go home in groups following incidents of two different men beckoning some students into cars.

Principal Barbara McKnight reported to the school committee meeting Monday evening that police are patrolling the school area extensively at arrival and dismissal times.

On Jan. 29 the video *Strong Kids, Safe Kids*, featuring Bill Cosby, will be shown at the school to make children more secure in protecting themselves from strangers.

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Tardy youths taken home

Two seven-year-old children who had not arrived home from school by 5 pm Monday last week were located by a Public Security Unit patrol and taken home safe and sound to a worried mother, officials report.

The children, who lived in the area of Academy road, were found at de Maisonneuve boulevard and Lansdowne at 7:20.

They said they had stayed at school later than usual and had not phoned home.

Pram pokes woman's nose

A woman, cut in the nose by a baby carriage outside Victoria Hall, was taken to hospital last Thursday, Public Security Unit officials report.

The carriage apparently was thrown into the woman's face by a gust of wind.

The report did not say what happened to the baby, only that the woman and infant were taken home to Park Place where the child was left off. The victim then was taken to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

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Board decision, new museum two reasons for celebration

Members of the school committee at Westmount Park School had more than one reason to celebrate at their meeting Tuesday night.

Breaking out a bottle of champagne, committee chairman Barbara Trigger toasted the decision last week by the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal to leave WPS open.

"I think our future is assured at least for the next year," said Mrs. Trigger. She noted that the board's decision to ignore the financial problems caused by schools like WPS left her wondering "why they put us through all this trouble."

The other good news was that the Junior League of Montreal (JLM), a local women's service organization, plans to establish a students' science museum in the school.

"The Junior League has made a commitment to set up this museum," principal Richard Jack told the committee. "They've agreed that they'll maintain the highest possible program standards."

The small museum, which will be housed in one of the classrooms at WPS, will be stocked with numerous scientific artifacts on loan from the Redpath Museum.

In a letter to the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal, the league explained the museum could "provide for the PSBGM elementary students a 'hands-on' learning experience in the natural sciences, which will be related to their science curriculum."

Explore artifacts

"It permits the child to explore authentic museum artifacts and specimens, and thereby learn by discovery," stated the JLM's letter.

The organization said it was starting the museum because of the absence of any science museums in Montreal geared towards children and because various educational and cultural

By **ROB SOUTHCOTT** institutions had supported the idea.

Once the museum opens, probably sometime in the spring, it

Parents agree to activities at St. Léon

Parents at École St. Léon have approved a new lunch-hour activity program that will be operated by the Westmount YMCA.

At a meeting of the school committee Tuesday, the parents approved both the program and a \$1 hike in the lunchtime supervision fees currently paid by parents.

The increase, which will bring the fee to \$9 per month, will pay for the Y to bring additional staff to the school at lunch hour.

The present staff are responsible only for supervision of the children. The added Y staff will design various activities and games for the children.

In December, the Y made a proposal to St. Léon that included operating an after-school program, but the school committee decided against implementing the plan for the time being.

The lunch-hour program, expected to begin in February, will run on an experimental basis for this school year.

On a related matter, the committee also discussed proposed changes to the St. Léon school yard. The \$35,000 changes will include repaving the school yard and installing new play facilities for the children.

A sub-committee of parents examining the proposed work is expected to make recommendations on the yard alterations before the spring, when the work is expected to commence.

Alterations will be financed by the Montreal Catholic School Commission.

will begin to take bookings for classes of PSBGM elementary school children.

The JLM has agreed to invest \$40,000 in the project for its first year and \$10,000 for each of two following years. Although the museum had been in the planning stages for some time, it was not finalized until the PSBGM announced its decision regarding the future of WPS.

Although the JLM has agreed to a three-year commitment for the museum, the board has not guaranteed that WPS will continue for three years. Mr. Jack commented that the board had made assurances of the school operating only until the end of the 1986 school year.

In other matters, Mr. Jack announced that WPS would hold an information session on Jan. 28 at 7:30 pm for parents with children preparing to enter high school.

School representatives from nearby schools such as Westmount High School and Argyle Academy, as well as others, would be present. They would outline to parents their school curriculums and will be available to answer parents' questions.

Door unjammed

A public safety officer managed to loosen a jammed fire door between a garage and a basement on The Boulevard Monday last week, officials report. A hook on the door apparently became jammed in a crack in the wall.

MCSC courses on language

The adult education service of the Montreal Catholic School Commission will be offering language courses in Westmount in both French and English.

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Various timetable possibilities will be available at the time of registration.

Registration will take place starting Jan. 15 at the St. Paul Centre from 9 to 11 am and from 1 to 3 pm.

More information is available by calling 931-2443.

Elevator traps local woman

A woman living on Murray Hill avenue was freed from an elevator stuck at the first floor last Thursday in the apartment building at 30 Stanton street, officials report.

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Snow melter renovations a precautionary measure

By ROB SOUTHCOTT

Westmount will spend about \$50,000 to repair the city's snow melting plant, although there are no plans to use the plant next year.

Proposed repairs to the plant, which is operated by the Westmount light and power department, were announced recently as part of the city's budget for 1985.

The plant is located next to the electrical substation on Glen road.

Instead of using the plant this year, the city plans to dump much of its snow into the St. Lawrence

river at the Concorde bridge dump site in Montreal. This is expected to be cheaper than operating the melting plant.

About half of the snow that Westmount removes in the next year is expected to be disposed of at the Concorde site.

Despite this, Westmount public works officials say the melting plant must be kept in working order as a "safety valve," in case the Concorde site becomes unavailable.

The officials say that Westmount cannot obtain a long-term agreement with the city of Montreal for use of the Concorde site, and either a policy change by Montreal or a labor dispute with its city workers could cut off use of the Concorde site.

The only other dump Westmount has access to is located on the top of the mountain, along Belvedere road. Snow collected in upper areas of the city is disposed of at this dump, but its size does not allow for any increased dumping.

Imasco awards scholarships

A Westmount-based company, Imasco, has awarded scholarships for 1984-85 to 11 disabled students attending undergraduate programs in Canadian universities.

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Penguins, Canucks, Bears, Dragons score hockey wins

HOCKEY SCORES

Following are the scores for the Westmount municipal hockey leagues for the week ending Saturday, Jan. 12:

NOVICE

Jan. 5: Guards 4, Knights 1
Bears 6, Dragons 5

ATOM

Jan. 5: Canucks 12, Penguins 1
Nordiques 8, Islanders 3

PEE WEE II

Jan. 9: Seals 6, Capitals 1
Kings 3, Scouts 3

BANTAM

Jan. 10: Leafs 3, Bruins 2
Flames 8, Rangers 1

SENIOR "B"

Jan. 7: Fathers 10, Flyers 3
Jan. 9: Devils 3, Jets 2
Jan. 10: Aces 4, Oilers 2

SENIOR

Jan. 8: Wanderers 3, Bruins 3
Stars 4, Flames 2
Jan. 10: Wanderers 6, Stars 2
Bruins 10, Sabres 0

PEE WEE ALL STARS

Jan. 12: Westmount 6, L.C.C. 2

BANTAM ALL STARS

Jan. 9: Baie d'Urfé 8, Westmount 2

SELECTS

Jan. 12: Westmount 6, L.C.C. 2

The novice and atom hockey leagues of the Westmount recreation department saw action for

March 2 set for annual ice carnival

March 2 will be the big day for Westmounters of all ages to take part in the city recreation department's fifth annual winter carnival.

The carnival, which will take place at the Westmount arena, will start at 1 pm. There will be lots of time for general skating and a number of special events, including novelty races, a costume parade for the children and a figure skating show by members of the city skating classes.

The theme of the ice show this year will be "Cinderella on Ice." There will be prizes for the winners in the races and for the best costumes, and, as usual, there will be lots of balloons, hot chocolate and cake to add to the festive atmosphere.

More information on the carnival is available from the recreation department, at 935-8531, ext. 212.

By KIP WIEGAND

The second time since the holidays Saturday at the artificial ice rink.

In atom, the Islanders struggled to a 6-4 loss versus the Penguins. Despite goals by Tim Fleiszer, Emmanuel Dingemans, and Dylan Yaeger for the Islanders, hat-tricks by both Darcy Raymond and Matthew Mackay of the Penguins totalled more than they could handle.

The other atom game saw the first-place Canucks defeat the Nordiques to maintain their slight two-point lead.

In novice, the Bears snuck by the Knights in a close 6-5 victory. Rory Kenny started the scoring for the Bears on a nice clean breakaway that defeated Knights goaltender Charles Altman. The Knights responded with two goals, one by Corey Velan and the second by Chris Teryazos, who made a great play slipping the puck through the defenseman's legs and ended up batting in his own rebound after the initial save of Bears netminder, Varian Kirst.

After that, the Bears' team stiffened up and put in a combination of four goals by Jonathan Brady, Nicholas Kaulbach, and Parker Mitchell. These four were answered by only two Knight goals, both by Corey Velan as he hit the low corners.

Just as the game seemed to be

winding down in the last five minutes of play, the Knights' Chris Teryazos put in his second of the game, tying the game up at five goals apiece. Then, with just under two minutes left, the Bears' Parker Mitchell completed his hat-trick as well as capped the game by stuffing the puck in the net from the side of the goalmouth, granting his team a 6-5 win over its opponents.

The second novice game was a

low-scoring game between the Dragons and the Guards. Except for two early goals by the Dragons' Thomas Shingler and Jonathan Golman, the game was controlled by outstanding defense right up until late in the third period.

Then, Thomas Shingler scored his second of the day, finishing the Dragons' scoring, and Nicholas Kaulbach added the Guards' lone goal, making the final score Dragons 3, Guards 1.

HOCKEY STANDINGS

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal hockey leagues as of Tuesday morning.

GP W L D F A Pts

NOVICE

Dragons	8	5	2	1	27	19	11
Bears	8	4	3	1	28	28	9
Knights	8	3	5	0	30	31	6
Guards	8	3	5	0	14	21	6

ATOM

Canucks	8	5	3	0	46	24	10
Penguins	8	5	3	0	37	45	10
Islanders	8	3	4	1	29	30	7
Nordiques	8	2	5	1	24	37	5

PEE WEE I

Mules	8	7	0	1	43	24	15
Huskies	8	4	4	0	42	30	8
Broncs	8	2	5	1	27	40	5
Bulls	8	1	5	2	23	41	4

PEE WEE II

Seals	8	5	1	2	39	20	12
Kings	8	4	2	2	25	27	10
Scouts	8	3	3	2	34	30	8
Capitals	8	1	7	0	14	35	2

BANTAM

Rangers	13	7	5	1	76	63	15
Leafs	13	6	6	1	68	67	13
Flames	13	6	7	0	68	79	12
Bruins	13	5	6	2	73	76	12

MIDGET

Hornets	10	8	0	2	46	24	18
Mustangs	10	3	6	1	30	49	7
Badgers	10	2	7	1	30	33	5

JUVENILE-SENIOR 'B'

Fathers	9	6	2	1	51	30	13
Aces	9	5	1	3	48	20	13
Oilers	8	5	2	1	42	35	11
Jets	8	2	4	2	25	38	6
Devils	8	2	5	1	23	32	5
Flyers	8	1	7	0	28	62	2

SENIOR

Wanderers	13	10	2	1	46	15	21
Stars	13	7	4	2	45	42	16
Bruins	13	6	5	2	42	25	14
Flames	12	4	7	1	25	35	9
Sabres	13	2	11	0	25	66	4

ALL STAR

Atom	5	3	2	0	19	13	6
Pee Wee	9	7	2	0	72	31	14
Bantam	6	2	3	1	14	22	5
Selects	2	0	2	0	14	22	0

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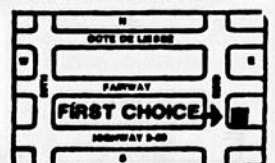
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YMCA offers variety in aquatics courses

The Westmount YMCA is offering a wide range of aquatics programs to start the new year.

For those interested in becoming a lifeguard, the Y is to offer the national lifeguard course of the Royal Life Saving Society of Canada (RLSSC).

The course, to be given Sundays at 10 am, starts Jan. 20. Participants must be 16 years of age or older and must possess a bronze cross swimming certificate.

Scouting seeks skating pledges

Official pledge forms have been distributed to Westmount's Scouting community in anticipation of the skate-a-thon on Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Westmount arena. In order to participate, skaters must sign up at least five sponsors each.

About 200 skaters are expected at the event, which raises money for research at the two hospitals for children in Montreal, as well as Scouting activities.

Many prizes will be awarded to the skaters including two pairs of Micron skates. Last year they were won by Adam Lally, St. Matthias' Cubs, and Wolfgang Loss-Wells, St. Andrew's Beavers. Lots of other prizes from Westmount merchants also will be won by skaters.

Hit and run

A car parked Friday in front of 391 Roslyn avenue was hit on the left side by an unknown vehicle, according to police. It belonged to a Pincourt resident.

By ROB SOUTHCOTT

The Y also offers the RLSSC course for swimming instructors. Classes will be held Thursdays at 6 pm, commencing this evening.

Those in this course also will be required to be at least 16 with their bronze cross.

To increase knowledge of water safety for the general public, the Y will hold an intensive workshop in aquatics emergency care over the weekend of Jan. 25.

It is open to anyone over 14, and will deal with lifesaving and first aid techniques.

Parents interested in teaching young children to swim may want to find out about the pre-schoolers' program, for children

from one month to five years old.

The course, which begins this week, requires parents to accompany children. It is offered at various times.

More information about aquatics programs at the Y can be obtained by calling 931-8046.

Running hose floods garage

A water leak at 30 Sunnyside avenue Saturday was caused by a garden hose left running in the garage, fire officials report.

The hose had been used to test a frozen drain earlier in the day, public safety officials report.

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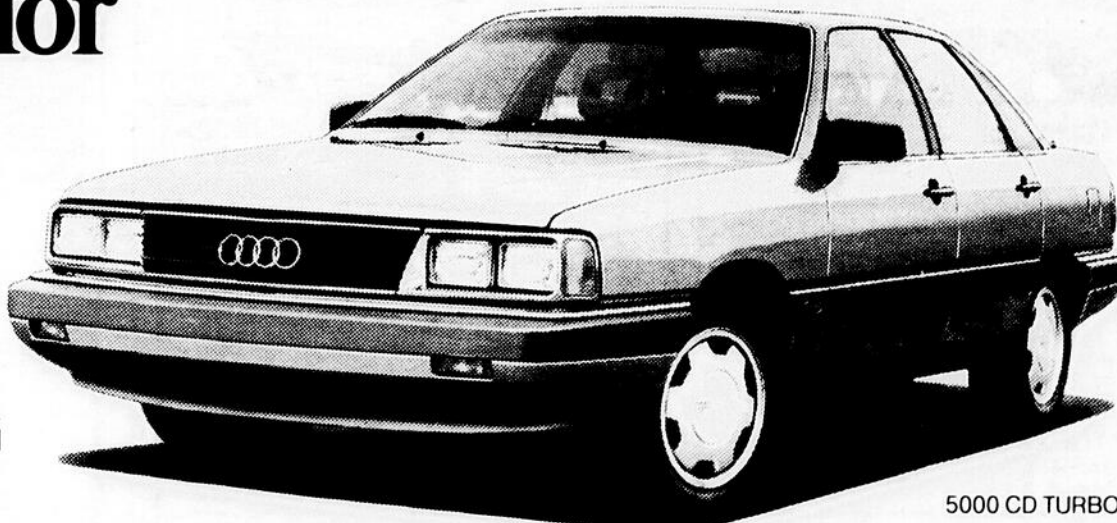
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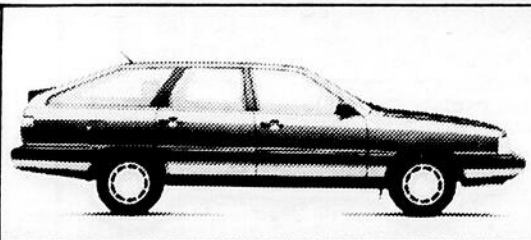
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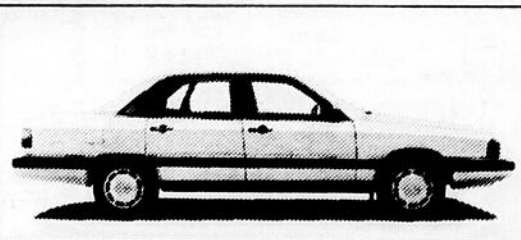
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are virtually useless, specially in soft snow. I often have suggested the city use weatherproof (capped) garbage cans, such as the ones they have inside — yes, inside — the artificial ice rink. These would provide the necessary service without collecting snow.

Two or three cans in each park (including Summit Park, which is despicable along the pathway) would encourage dog-owners to continue cleaning up.

I would ask all conscientious Westmount dog-owners (a) to join me in asking for more cans along the walkways and (b) to clean up after their dogs wherever possible. As a dog-owner myself, I don't appreciate walking by and through the stuff several times a day.

Andy Dodge

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Oil-polluted soil sites are subject of concern

Sir: In November two crews on two occasions drilled for soil samples in the vacant lot bounded by the CP tracks just across St. Catherine street from the building where I live. My enquiries and considerable coaxing revealed that they were checking for water pollution. The first crew, I gathered, was either from or drilling for Quebec's ministry of environment and the second for CP. Toward the end of November, a big hole, about 6 x 12 x 6 ft., was dug in the site at the end closest to the tracks.

You Say

On enquiring about this with our city, Mr. Bruce St. Louis, director of services, told me that he knew nothing about it and it is in Montreal's jurisdiction and that I should check with them.

When on Nov. 30 I saw a group arguing next to this now partly-water-filled hole, with the participation of two persons from the City of Westmount evidenced by their city car parked nearby followed by filling of the hole a couple of days later, I phoned the city engineer to be told he knows nothing about it and neither did the Director of Services who promised to find out and let me know.

From my window high above the site, however, from the reflection from the water in the hold, I gathered that some oil was mixed with the water.

At the mid-December council meeting I told the mayor what I had seen and the responses to my enquiries, and asked what the city knew about it. I was told that they will find out and let me know. In the January council meeting I asked again but the mayor, because of the absence of the city manager, did not provide an answer. Unfortunately THE EXAMINER did not report on my questions.

Last week I enquired of Mr. St. Louis. He informed me that the ministry of environment has been investigating presence of polluted soil there, left apparently from a past gas station; that the tests had confirmed the presence of oil polluted soil, and that the ministry had ordered its removal.

Early this morning (Jan. 15) the drills were back taking soil samples. How many sites with polluted soil from past uses are there in or bordering our city which we do not know about it or are not told about it?

R. H. Ferahian

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Westmount Preschool grateful to merchants

Sir: The parents and staff of Jardin D'Enfants Westmount/Westmount Preschool would like to extend their sincerest thanks to the many merchants of Westmount, as well as those friends of the school who contributed to the 12th Annual Auction and Pot Luck Dinner.

This year's event was attended by approximately 70 persons and realized \$2,500

after expenses. In particular, we would like to thank the following, without whose support the evening would not have been a success:

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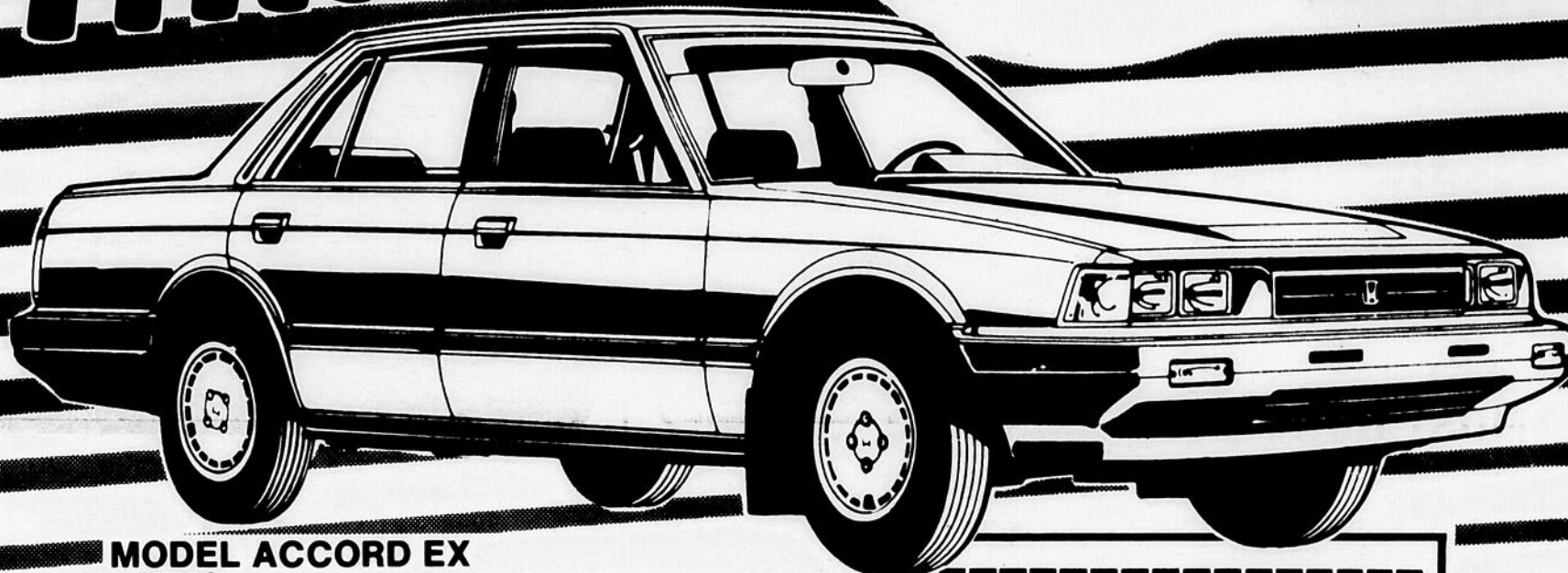


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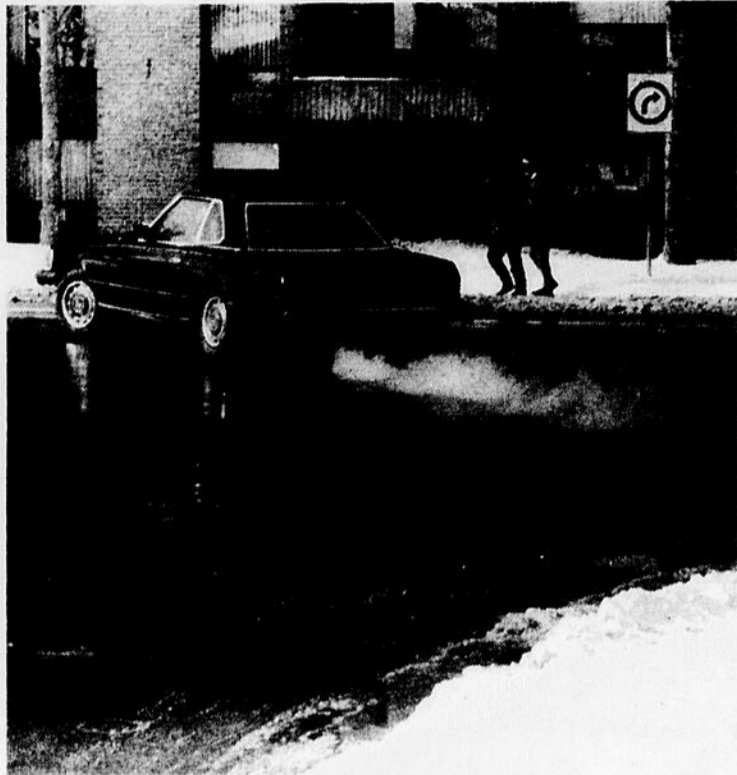
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SIGN? WHAT SIGN?: New traffic regulations take some getting used to and the driver of this car, like many others, either ignored or missed the "no left turn" sign at the corner of Melville avenue and Sherbrooke street. The sign was installed recently.

Illegal turn before crash

One of last week's traffic accidents which was not directly related by police to slippery streets resulted when a driver made an illegal left turn off Melville avenue onto Sherbrooke street.

The turn, recently outlawed by the city and signs posted accordingly, brought a traffic ticket to the driver, police said.

The offending car hit another travelling east on Sherbrooke. No injuries were reported.

Phone filched

A phone disappeared from an apartment at 4162 Dorchester boulevard sometime between Dec. 24 and Jan. 10, police report. The front door had been forced open.

Artful thief

Four paintings valued at \$1,000 were reported stolen from an art gallery on Sherbrooke street near Prince Albert avenue last Thursday, police said. There were no suspects.

Fire starts in television, causes \$45,000 damage

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A fire which broke out Saturday night in a basement television set of a house at 66 Forden crescent while residents were out of town caused an estimated \$45,000 damage, fire officials report.

The fire, which was detected by a passing security agent, spread quickly to curtains and caused heavy smoke to make its way up to the attic.

No injuries were reported and the fire itself was confined to the basement family room following the early detection and quick work by Westmount firemen.

"If it wasn't for that passing security guard, we might have had a major fire," said Fire Chief William Timmons.

The man, identified as A. De Gennaro, an employee of a firm described as 93033 Canada Ltd., noticed smoke coming from the house as he was passing by.

He then spotted flames from the basement and called the fire department.

TV malfunctioned

Fire investigators attributed the cause of the fire to a malfunction in the television set, which had been left plugged in.

The fire was extinguished soon after 5:45 pm by 10 Westmount firefighters under Captain Graham Morrison, assisted by five mutual aid firemen from Côte St. Luc.

The same two groups of men had worked together the previous night to extinguish a minor fire at the Reddy Memorial Hospital (see story).

Outremont firemen, who were called to Westmount to stand by at the local station, were summoned on arrival to check out a grease fire at 4505 St. Catherine street (see story).

When local firemen were called to the detached greystone house on Forden crescent at Forden avenue, the flames were visible through the basement window on the east side of the house.

Broke window

They immediately broke the window to attack the fire with a 1½-inch hose while another crew forced their way into the house.

Heat from the fire was so intense that it caused a metal ring around a recessed ceiling light fixture to ignite surrounding material in a second location, explained Fire Captain Graham Morrison.

The aerial ladder later was raised when smoke was seen rising from the chimney area of the home.

Firemen opened the attic ceiling to release smoke which had become trapped in the area after making its way up the walls.

Platoon Chief René Morin also responded to the scene and a fire watch was maintained until midnight.

Cold temperatures caused water to freeze quickly on the street and a salt truck was pressed into service.

Traffic was blocked from Forden at Westmount avenue as well as at Montrose by Public Security Unit cars.

Dutch Rotary scholar shows slides of home

Westmount Rotarians took a pictorial journey through the Netherlands at their first meeting of the new year, held Wednesday last week at Victoria Hall.

Tineke Kuijper, a Rotary Foundation scholar from the Netherlands, gave the club a slide presentation showing some of the sights of her native country.

Ms. Kuijper, who is working on a master's degree in comparative law at McGill University, used the slides to illustrate some of the

Centraide hits its target

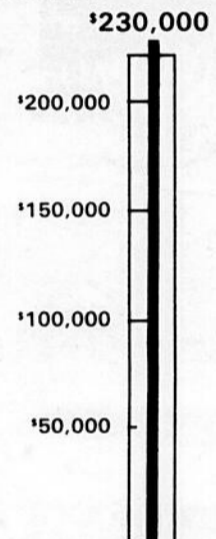
Susan Khan, chairman of the 1984 Centraide residential campaign in Westmount "couldn't believe it" when she and organizers completed their first tally of local donations following the holidays.

More than \$24,000 had been added to campaign coffers since the last tally was made in mid-December, pushing the local campaign past its \$235,000 objective by a comfortable margin.

Mrs. Khan said the \$237,456.31 collected was the result of a "great team effort." In Westmount, one of the few areas in which a door-to-door campaign still is mounted, the campaign involved roughly 150 canvassers, according to the chairman.

The Centraide office in Dominion-Douglas Church now has been closed. Organizers are wrapping up loose ends of the 1984 campaign.

"It shows again that Westmount gives at home," Mrs. Khan said.



Centraide

percent of the country's land is situated as much as 18 feet below sea level.

In order to use this land, she said, the Dutch drained the land with pumps powered by windmills and devised an extensive network of dikes and dams to keep the water out. While the traditional dikes still are used, most pumps now are electrically powered.

"If we hadn't had the dikes and windmills, then we wouldn't have had any Holland," said Ms. Kuijper.

Trapped silt

She added that the Dutch also developed a system of building up certain land areas by trapping silt that had been washed up on shore by coastal tides.

A graduate of the University of Leiden, Ms. Kuijper noted that her stay in Montreal was not her first time studying in North America. She had her first taste of this continent as an exchange student in Maine.

Ms. Kuijper was introduced by Dirk Vanderheyden and was thanked by Amiel Triffon.


The club welcomed one visiting Rotarian from Montreal.

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notable geographical factors that affect the Dutch people.

"There is a saying that God made the world, but that the Dutch created the Netherlands," said Ms. Kuijper. She explained that this expression was based on the Dutch history of salvaging large areas of land from under water.

Ms. Kuijper said that about 40