It took a lot to slow realty market

By ANDY DODGE

It took a lot to get Westmount's booming real estate market to slow down.

Politics, interest rates and the general recession all had to combine to do the job, and even now there are some doubts that the process was as complete as many realtors make it out to be.

Even though the market experienced a tailspin at year's end, the average house price in Westmount climbed more than $50,000 last year, at a rate of almost 29 percent, more than twice the inflation rate.

Today, of course, there are many houses on the market and relatively few buyers; sellers have had to reduce substantially their asking prices from last year's "pie-in-the-sky" notions.

Some local experts, however, are predicting that the market has "bottomed out." Speculators, too, are moving hesitantly back into Westmount, having overcome the

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ROSLYN RINK RATS: Students, teachers, parents and friends turned out for the annual Roslyn skating party at the artificial rink Friday evening. This motley crew of students consists of, from left, **Dora Schaeffer**, an unidentified werewolf on ice, **Alisa Schaeffer, Sean Day, Jessica Day** and **Jennifer Aitken.** Even the principal, Barbara McKnight, was spotted making a few turns on the crowded ice.

Flower show blooms April 6

Westmount's annual spring flower show will be officially launched on Tuesday, April 6, at a special reception in the city greenhouse. It will then be open for public view beginning Wednesday morning.

In the meantime, the greenhouse is closed to the public while parks personnel prepare the exhibit.

Bus 'disgrace' to be noted

City officials are hoping to meet this week with officers of the Montreal Urban Community Transit Commission, to impress upon them the "disgraceful" bus situation in Westmount, Mayor Donald MacCallum said Tuesday.

He said the city has received "quite a few" letters from citizens on the subject, and will review them carefully to bring out salient points for the MUCTC to consider.

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NEXT WEEK'S WEATHER
By Capt. Eric Neal
March 25 to 31

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$300 radio taken from car

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The car was broken into through a vent window on the passenger side, causing $150 damage.

Radio stolen

A Grosvenor avenue resident told police someone broke into a neighbor's car sometime Friday or Saturday, damaging the car and stealing a Blaupunkt radio. The car's owner was away, police said.

February prices dive as volume of sales hits lowest mark in years

VOLUME and prices plummeted in Westmount real estate transfers registered in February this year. Only 10 one- and two-family dwellings sold during the month, for an average price of $166,000, the lowest average since October 1980.

The volume, exactly the same as December (both are normally off-months for registrations), was the lowest for a February since 1977, at the start of the now-famous "exodus" of English-language Quebecers.

The size and quality of the houses sold was markedly below the Westmount norm, but even when the prices are adjusted according to average valuation, the mean price of a typical Westmount property dropped to below $210,000, at least $30,000 less than in January.

All things considered, however, prices are slightly higher than they were in February last year (on the basis of markups on average valuation). Thus, the most that can be said is that the 1981 price surge in Westmount's realty market now has subsided.

Stall complete

The February list contains no sales of other types of property,

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'You can have my umbrella'

A 67-year-old woman living on Rosemount avenue staunchly refused to be intimidated by a would-be purse snatcher Sunday in an incident reported by police.

The woman was stopped in front of 1 Rosemount by the man, who asked her if she spoke English. He then said, "Give me your purse or I'll shoot you."

The victim replied: "No I will not give you my purse. It has a lot of important papers in it but you can have my umbrella."

The man again asked for the purse, but the woman would not hear of it, police said.

"I am going to call the police," she told him and proceeded into her home.



"WHAT A COINCIDENCE. I'M A PISCES TOO!"

City chops programs in budget

Committee of council reexamined its capital expenditures program Monday evening and decided to chop some $800,000 of planned programs for the present year, making it a "bare-bones" program in light of the present tax situation.

Reconstruction of Mount Pleasant avenue was put off, for example, and reconstruction of the watercourse in Westmount Park was dropped in favor of another "patch-up job" to keep it operating for the time being. Installation of a fan cooling system in the Glen power substation also was delayed, at least until 1983.

Council agreed, however, that it will have to go ahead with reconstruction of Grosvenor avenue this summer, considering most of it already has been torn up to allow for installation of new gas mains under the street. Some of that work — north of Sunnyside avenue — actually is taking place this spring.

1,200 children evacuated in fire at synagogue

Some 1,200 children were evacuated from the Congregation Shaar Hashomayim Wednesday evening after a fire broke out in the basement storeroom shortly before 9 pm.

Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire which was believed to have started spontaneously among candle wax and oils, fire officials said.

The youngsters were evacuated on account of smoke.

The fire, fought under the direction of Capt. Gérald Gauthier, caused an estimated $500 damage to property and another $200 to contents.

Window broken

Someone broke a window Saturday in the attendant's cabin of the Avenue Theatre parking lot on Greene avenue, police said. Damage amounted to $50.

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Many apply to head Ville Marie

Applications have closed for a successor to J. d'Arcy Coulson as director of Ville Marie Social Service Centre.

Some 20 applications are reported to have been received and a directors' selection committee is considering a "short list."

A choice might be made in time for ratification at next Tuesday's regular monthly board meeting, but that does not appear to be a deadline.

Mr. Coulson, the only director-general in Ville Marie's nine-year history, has said he plans to leave Ville Marie in mid-May to take up his new post as deputy minister of social services for Alberta.

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Detective's perseverance:

'Hard work solves the case' of Arlington avenue robbery

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

When a young Arlington avenue couple was held at gunpoint Dec. 11, robbed and forced to drive the gunmen to their escape, the victims doubted police would ever solve their nightmare experience.

There were no leads in the case and the Westmount couple expected justice might never be served.

Perseverance by a longtime Westmount detective, Sgt. Norman Myles, however, has dispelled their doubts.

Last week an 18-year-old Montreal man was sentenced in Court of Sessions to six years in penitentiary in connection with the Arlington case and several other armed robberies.



RAID CRACKS ROBBERIES: Sgt.-Det. Norman Myles of station 23 displays a prohibited sawed-off shotgun seized recently in relation to armed robberies in the region.

One of three

He was one of three men arrested and charged following a raid and investigation by Sgt.-Det. Myles.

As a result, a total of seven armed robberies were cleared in Westmount, N.D.G., Ville Emard, St. Henri and Pointe St. Charles, police said.

Charges included armed robbery, forcible detention and possession of a firearm in the commission of a crime, as well as auto theft.

"This is a perfect example of good detective work," said Director Michel Groulx, head of station 23 here.

It showed, he said, how police were able to link the men through their MOs (modus operandi) to a number of armed robberies.

"You never know where it's going to start or where it will end," explained Sgt.-Det. Myles, relating the Arlington case.

The incident began about 11 pm on Dec. 11, he said. The man and woman got out of their car at home to be met by two men armed with a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun as well as a small handgun.

Held at gunpoint

The victims were held at gunpoint, ordered into the house and robbed of $250 in cash and a small amount of jewelry. They were then ordered to drive the bandits to the area of St. James street and the Glen.

There the gunmen fled into the night and the couple notified police.

A week or so later, police relate, the woman called the detective office at station 23 to find out if there was any news in the case.

"There were no leads," recalled Dir. Groulx, who said she told them "she knew how police worked and that she expected we would never solve her crime."

But much of detective work is a waiting game, he said. "Sometimes the solution of one crime depends on another."

Although the Arlington incident was being investigated by another detective, the first clue in the case came Jan. 16 when Sgt.-Det. Myles obtained information "relating to where we could find a prohibited sawed-off shotgun."

"We raided the place and arrested nine suspects, five women and four men," he related.

"Two young girls turned out to be runaways and one of the males was a juvenile wanted for using phoney names."

Another male turned 18 the day of the raid, losing his juvenile status. He was the suspect recently convicted.

The five women were freed, he said, but various charges were laid against three of the men.

At that point, however, the Arlington case was not tied in.

It was Saturday night, and charges had to be preferred over the weekend so the suspects could be arraigned in court Monday morning.

Continued to probe

But Sgt.-Det. Myles continued to probe.

"The thing that becomes interesting about this case," he explained, "is that the MOs were similar to the Arlington case."

March 3, he took pictures of two suspects to the Arlington victims and found they could identify them from the photo "line-up."

"They were very, very happy," he said.

Charges relating to the Arlington case immediately were added to the others and the next day, March 4, one of the suspects pleaded guilty in court.

A 20-year-old man, also arrested in the raid, is facing similar charges in relation to the Arlington incident, he said, but has pleaded not guilty. His preliminary inquiry has been set for March 30.

"Sometimes you are lucky, but mostly it's just hard work that solves the case," Dir. Groulx said.

"What you see on TV about checking out the MOs is exactly what happened in the Arlington case. Very often we have better cases than the TV," he added with a smile.

Brooch found

A woman found a brooch on Thornhill and Argyle avenues Friday morning and took it to local MUC police station 23. Police said the brooch is "apparently expensive."

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6:00 pm: Westmount arena, boy to MCH;
7:35 pm: 646 Murray Hill, alarm ringing;
10:40 pm: 628 Murray Hill, furnace problem;

March 17

2:25 am: 4039 Tupper, smell of smoke from Montreal fire;
2:45 am: 4560 St. Catherine, smoke scare as above;
6:30 am: 3245 Cedar, woman taken to MGH;
10:15 am: Front of 4 Westmount Square, fire in garbage container;
12:25 pm: Front of 4425 St. Catherine, fire in garbage container;
12:42 pm: 40 Church Hill, burnt food;
7:20 pm: 169 Harland road, Hampstead, mutual aid assistance (see story);
8:52 pm: 450 Kensington, fire in synagogue (see story);

March 18

8:41 am: 4998 de Maisonneuve, boiler problem;
11:55 am: Greene and St. Catherine, vehicle fire (see story);
6:11 pm: Prince Albert and Somerville, strange odor;

March 19

7:49 am: 4909 Sherbrooke, man taken to QEH;
9:10 am: 4466 St. Catherine, electrical wiring;
11:38 am: 1 Westmount Square, assistance to MUC police (see story);
12:43 pm: Opposite 11 Lorraine, fire in vehicle (see story);
1:38 pm: 11 Côte St. Antoine, alarm ringing;
2:12 pm: St. Catherine and Hillside lane, car leaking gas;
6:15 pm: Wood and Holton, false alarm;

March 20

4:22 am: 436 Wood, person locked out of house;
8:07 pm: 102 Somerville, ambulance call;
10:05 am: 356 Elm, electrical fixture;
10:44 am: 381 Grosvenor, ambulance assistance;

March 21

6:08 pm: Rear of 1 Severn, sparking wires;
8:27 pm: Rear of 383 Roslyn, sparking wires;
9:07 pm: 4300 de Maisonneuve, ambulance call;

March 22

10:02 am: 10 Rosemount, Apt. 101, man to RMH;
6:29 pm: 3767 The Boulevard, electrical wiring;
6:59 pm: 385 Clarke, alarm ringing.

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Funeral services are held for local officer 'Teddy'

Funeral services were held Tuesday noon for local police officer Cst. Edward Piszczatowski, 36, who died suddenly Friday shortly after making an arrest in the shopping concourse at 1 Westmount Square.

The 14-year police veteran had been transferred to local station 23 one year ago, March 22, after a career in the Côte St. Luc police force and downtown station 25.

He is survived by his wife, Lucy, and three children, one born six weeks ago, as well as his mother and two sisters.

Police said he died at the Montreal General Hospital, apparently of natural causes, and are awaiting results of an autopsy test.

He had, they said, appeared in good health around the station earlier that morning before heading out on the beat in the commercial area of Greene avenue and St. Catherine street.



Sgt. Piszczatowski

Familiar figure

Known around the station as Teddy or "Pisa," he had become a familiar figure in the area of Westmount Square and Alexis Nihon Plaza where he had been conducting the station's annual census of merchants and businesses.

His picture had appeared in THE EXAMINER last week during the project.

"They're all for the beat man," he told THE EXAMINER, explaining the results of his project.

"They're conscious for the need for security, but the majority don't have alarms — just a small lock."

He had hoped to continue the emphasis on crime prevention in the days ahead, setting up some sort of information centre in the shopping areas.

It was at the security station in 1 Westmount Square where he collapsed suddenly about 11:30 am after phoning the station to request a patrol car to pick up a suspicious person he had arrested.

The suspect apparently had been waiting quietly with him when the constable bent over and collapsed. The man made good his escape and emergency personnel arrived to care for the constable.

He was taken to hospital in police ambulance with Westmount firefighters in attendance to continue cardiopulmonary resuscitation en route.

He was pronounced dead at 1 pm of what police say appeared to be a massive heart attack.

Although he had joined the police service in Côte St. Luc in 1967, he said he enjoyed the work downtown at station 25 and was hoping to work up the crime prevention beat in the commercial area here.

"I tried to introduce the merchants and businessmen to the types of crime they might expect and the kind of protection they could use.

"I tell receptionists not to keep their handbags on the floor or in their desks and they say 'that's a good idea.' "

Car fire causes $10,000 damage to 1975 BMW

A car fire caused an estimated $10,000 damage to a 1975 BMW Friday afternoon opposite 11 Lorraine avenue, fire officials report.

The woman driver apparently was proceeding along Sherbrooke street after shopping when she started to smell smoke shortly after 12:30 pm.

She noticed flames erupt from under the dashboard, causing fire officials to believe the fire started with a short circuit in the wiring.

Firefighters extinguished the blaze using a 1½-inch line. The car, which bore California licence plates, was burnt out in the front end.

The Westmount Fire Brigade had responded to another vehicle fire the previous day at Greene avenue and St. Catherine street in a 1976 Mercury. This fire had already been put out.

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We Say

OK, let's dialogue

RENÉ Lévesque has many easily admired qualities.

He's a visionary. He brought to French Canadians a measure of self-respect and confidence heretofore unknown to them.

He's a fighter. His persistence led his party to power.

Least government is best government. He brought us over-government and cannot therefore claim good government. But he brought us honest government, a boon to a province grown to expect venality in public office.

He is likable, warm, human. He is more universally liked as a person by the people of Quebec, whatever their origin, than any of his predecessors as premier.

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WHAT, then, is the problem?

In his now well-quoted article in *The Gazette* of last Saturday he said: "Perusing the anglophone media in Quebec, it sometimes appears that almost everything emanating from the government is a dark plot to put down the anglophones."

He is right. That certainly is the non-francophone perception of his ministry, of his party and their policies. One could go further: with the exception of a few mavericks, electoral support for the Parti-Québecois outside the French milieu is almost non-existent.

Why?

Because the perception is real.

In the Péquiste zeal, commendable in itself, to promote and strengthen the identity of the French of Quebec, it has been studiously forgotten that the non-French of Quebec also have pride of place and the need for identity.

This is specially true of those of us born here and with deep roots in this province, sometimes as deep and tenacious as those of any *habitant*.

That forgetfulness of PQ militants — whom Mr. Lévesque has managed well in keeping his diverse party together, but not well enough in restraining the ultra-nationalist and anti-English elements in his following — has cost him and his government a good deal of latent and real support for his cause in places like Westmount.

Let him not be mistaken. A strong, self-sufficient, proud province is important to all of us who live, work and hope to die here. These aspirations are not an exclusive francophone preserve. Witness the near-unanimous anglophone support of the Quebec Liberal Party, which is as francophone-dominated as the Parti-Québecois.

Our point: Mr. Lévesque's separatists do not have any corner on Quebec patriotism. Indeed, one does not have to be French-speaking, least of all a separatist, to love this province.

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WHAT our premier confuses, then, is loyalty to his party and his government for loyalty to Quebec.

He complains of anglophone attitudes.

But he does not admit there are anti-English rednecks in his party following, even in his own cabinet. When Dr. Camille Laurin was introducing his language law, Mr. Lévesque openly deplored some of its more draconian measures yet did nothing, still does nothing, to curb the excesses of Bill 101 and its mindless application against the express democratic wishes of those affected.

English-born children are still denied English education — even while many others voluntarily seek out schooling in French. The natural right of choice is trampled upon. English signs, even where appropriate, are obliterated as if obscenities. There is a new spectacle of the freely-elected municipal government of the Town of Mount Royal being threatened with prosecution by provincial bureaucrats for refusing to drop their long and favorably-known municipality's name — even though officially tagged also since before Mr. Lévesque was born as Ville Mont-Royal.

None of these clear movements, and others, against the anglophone community of Quebec were done with any consultation whatsoever with the people directly and seriously affected.

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NOW Mr. Lévesque asks for dialogue.

Where has he been while the likes of Dr. Laurin and the mindless robots of the Office de la langue française rode roughshod over the wishes of a significant segment of Quebec's population?

The premier claimed in his *Gazette* piece that anglophones here have full rights. Yet he has presided over a government which has repeatedly denied the elemental rights of self-determination internally while championing the same for Quebec as a whole. It is hypocrisy.

We said at the outset that Mr. Lévesque has many endearing qualities. But among these are not consistent smarts.

The mere fact of writing his article indicates a belated concern with the attitudes of his English-speaking compatriots.

A leader with true political savvy long since would have called for the dialogue which he now bespeaks.

Perhaps it is not too late.

But the ball is in his court. He must set up some mechanism for hearing and responding to the many voices of anglophone Quebec. He won't find such voices in his own party, particularly in recent arrivals such as his seemingly trusted David Payne — who no more represents English Quebec than could a farmer not long here from Haute Loire represent French Quebec in Ottawa.

If Mr. Lévesque wants to win the hearts and minds of the not inconsiderable non-French population of this province, then he must set about learning what makes us tick, consult us on questions vital to our future, elicit our opinions and participation, and demand of his ministers and his officials that anglophone rights and institutions be respected.

This is not now happening. He could be a great leader by the simple expedient of making sure we are consulted in our vital interests which, in the final analysis, are part and parcel with the total interests of Quebec.



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Competitiveness

SOME weeks ago in this column I commented on the Davos symposium of the European Management Forum.

The forum now has published its third report on industrial competitiveness, which applies 240 criteria to 21 countries. Canada comes out surprisingly well, ranking fifth behind Japan, Switzerland, the U.S.A. and West Germany. The following are the factors within which the 240 criteria are grouped:

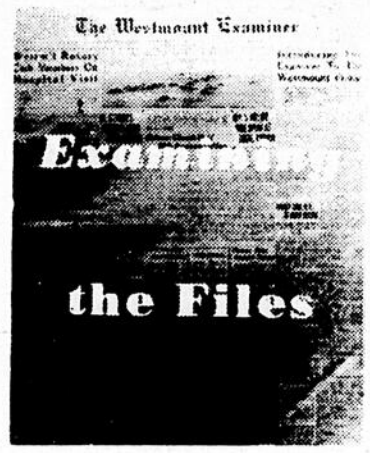
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Dynamics of the market;
Financial dynamism;
Human resources;
Role of the state;
Infrastructure;
Outward orientation;
Forward orientation, and
Socio-political consensus and stability.

Having some responsibility for crown corporation policy and regulatory reform, I was particularly interested in Canada's position under "Role of the state." Many readers will share my surprise to learn that in this area, dealing *inter alia* with regulation of industry, competition with industry for resources, nationalization, control of economic sectors, and fiscal and monetary policy, the Canadian government plays a smaller role than any other national government.

Of course, that is a composite picture based on 16 distinct criteria. Perhaps more surprising: under the heading "Regulatory straitjacket: extent to which laws, regulations and administrative measures hamper the efficient conduct of business," Canada is fourth best, following Ireland, Switzerland and Japan.

By contrast, the United States is a distant 20th on the scale of 21, bettering only Norway! No wonder deregulation is so popular with our southern neighbors.

That we are far better than most does not mean we should rest on our laurels.



Forty-five Years Ago
Mar. 26, 1937

From a column headed *Notes and Oddities of Westmount, 32 Years Ago*, based on the files of *The Westmount Advertiser* of 1905: "The water question seems to have caused no end of argument and concern in the old days. One writer of the Letters to the Editor class states: 'The death rate in Westmount is only 9.66 per thousand. I am not prepared to say what Westmounters drink as a rule, but I do not imagine that many of them drink Westmount water. I do know that one third of its residents are supplied with Laurentian water, not to speak of consumers who boil it. The low death rate is probably due to unusually healthy surroundings, and to the fact that they do not drink Westmount water.' "

Thirty-five Years Ago
Mar. 21, 1947

"Today His Excellency the Governor-General appears before WHS students in the junior high assembly hall. He is scheduled to give a short address and witness basketball and floor-hockey games. Thus far, details of Viscount Alexander's visit have been shrouded in mystery. It is reported that he accepted the invitation of the Montreal High Alumni Association to speak at their annual banquet this evening, but for the life of us we can't find out who deserves the credit for his Westmount appearance."

Twenty-five Years Ago
Mar. 22, 1957

"Westmount Police Chief Robert Byford has declared war against motorists who speed past school zones within the confines of the municipality over which he has jurisdiction. In a special statement issued yesterday he warned that strict enforcement of the the 20-mile-an-hour regulation in school zones in the City of Westmount would be made starting immediately. Results of a recent survey, the chief said, reveal that 70 percent of a large group of vehicles checked while passing through the school zones were travelling in excess of the legal speed limit."

Fifteen Years Ago
Mar. 23, 1967

"The Westmount Municipal Association has announced that it now has 2,071 members. The recreation committee reported at the March executive meeting that the opening date for the swimming pool this year will be May 19. The rink will close for skating before Apr. 1. The traffic and circulation committee noted that a traffic light has been scheduled for the corner of Clarke and de Maisonneuve (formerly Western). Because of the increased traffic caused by the extension of Dorchester, the light will replace the stop sign at this corner."

Five Years Ago
Mar. 24, 1977

"A slackening of real estate activity in Westmount that was evident in December and January became even more dramatic in February as the local market became almost stagnant. February usually features an uncommonly low number of transfers, but this year the total number, which included only six private residential sales, was the lowest it has been in the past five years. Along with the slowness, prices seem to have been sagging and there appears to be little interest among buyers in the higher-priced Westmount properties."

I Say!

I continue to be convinced that Canada's national sport is government, ranking away ahead of hockey and football.

J. J. Macdonell
former Auditor-General of Canada

You Say

Elderly and destitute need more attention

Sir: I am very concerned about the lack of interest shown toward elderly citizens and the destitute.

Why is it that skate-a-thon, benefit performances, radio-marathons, marathon-walks, etcetera, etcetera are frequently raising money for areas of need and which seldom, to my knowledge, include the elderly or/and destitute population? Money is raised for public building repairs, church organs, the world relief fund, hospitals, research, but rarely do we look at the crying needs in our own back yard, concerning our pensioners and destitute.

We read of numerous residences for the elderly and destitute being shut down, along with our social services.

It is good that the public responds to the research programs and to hospital appeals and I am not criticizing that response but—why can't we appeal and respond to the needs of our elderly and destitute community? They also gave when they could.

On page 19 of the March 18 issue of THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER we read in large print: "Children's Hospital benefit features rare performance." Then, on page 27, "Homeless lady found by police ... taken to receiving home of the Salvation Army." The latter incident is one of thousands—not all of which have the good fortune to be picked up by the police and placed with a roof for the night.

It is a disgrace to the Island of Montreal that more attention is not drawn to the reality of our living in a community where there is gross inadequacy for such cases, and seeming lack of concern. We read in *The Gazette* of March 20 of the increasing number of refuges being closed due to lack of funds and rising costs. Few seem very bothered, if even aware.

Our own community has provided an excellent residence for the elderly, illustrating that concern and awareness do sometimes exist. The cost, however, of living there is prohibitive to all but very few. This gives even greater emphasis to my earlier points, i.e.: very limited facilities, and then restricted to people of substantial means.

Sheila M. Campbell
S.R.N.R.S.C.N. (Obst.)
29 Winchester avenue
WESTMOUNT H3Z 1H9

Editor's note: If Nurse Campbell is referring to Manoir Westmount, she and readers should know that the residence was designed for the needs and tastes of typical Westmounters and, thanks to private donations which covered the entire capital cost, is well within the means of anyone who has made minimal provision for retirement years.



our M.N.A.
Richard D. French
says . . .

PQ prevaricates

THE government continues to prevaricate in the face of the social and economic crisis which faces Quebec over the next two years.

Their first refuge is, of course, to blame the government of Canada which, we are told, systematically favors Ontario in virtually every policy and decision it takes, and is choking the provincial economy by its monetary policy.

Quebec is supposed to be more dependent than other provinces on small- and medium-sized enterprise, and therefore more vulnerable to high interest rates.

The flaw is that apart from flat assertion by the PQ, there is little evidence that Quebec is any more dependent on smaller businesses than Ontario, for example.

This Péquiste argument leads inevitably to the conclusion that sovereignty is the solution to our economic woes. At bottom, this amounts to the forlorn hope that things are so bad now, Quebecers would have nothing to lose by taking that leap in the dark. It seems a rather masochistic way to go about sorting out the current painful deadlock.

Massive public payroll

The real priority of the government must, in fact, be the control of the massive public and parapublic wage bill, which now consumes 52 percent of the provincial budget. This unionized bourgeoisie of public employees, however, is the heart and soul of Péquiste support.

If the government has the moral courage to speak the truth to the public and parapublic employees, if it is able to control their leadership's appetites for more dollars and benefits in an epoch of almost zero growth, it will render an important service to all Quebecers.

If, on the other hand, it continues its futile campaign of scapegoating and self-pity on the road to sovereignty, it will leave Quebec without the economic and social strength to hold its head up, whatever the constitutional framework.



"Pretty soon, when it rains, it will be seen as a PQ coup against the anglophones."

Premier René Lévesque, in *The Gazette*

Something I Want to Say

Council shirks

By ANDY DODGE

"If we're paying so much in taxes, why should we have to clean up after our dogs?"

"If we're paying so much in taxes, we should have manicured streets the day after a snowfall."

Those are comments that have come our way from angry homeowners who have paid their sharply-increased municipal levies and feel they should get a little bit more for their money.

It is hard to explain to the peripherally-interested citizen that those higher taxes do not mean a windfall for the city. In fact, the municipal budget is up only 10 percent over last year, less than the cost of living. If anything, we can expect services to be something less than last year.

Bill 57, the municipal tax reform legislation, is largely responsible for those high tax bills. Not only does it try to standardize the valuation procedure and bring valuations closer to the "market value" of properties, it removes a large number of "progressive" revenue sources from cities and leaves them with little funding other than the "regressive" property tax.

Most notable, the city share of the sales tax, which increases with inflation (and encourages shoppers to favor their own city's merchants), was confiscated by Bill 57. Also lost has been the provincial per-capita grant, the "head and bed" tax — based on the number of students and hospital beds in a municipality — and a variety of other provincial grants which the city once enjoyed.

In 1979, only 24 percent of Westmount's revenues came from direct property tax. This year's budget calls for 71 percent of the total income of the city to come from that one source.

Granted, Quebec has taken over most of the school tax burden from property-owners, and removed the surtaxes and special levies which businesses once paid for schools. But by doing so (and, in the process, wresting more control over schools from individual school boards), it argued that it needed to have the other revenue sources and to remove the grants to municipalities, to compensate for its "good deed."

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ANOTHER provincial move was to require Westmount to raise its own water tax, then pay it to Montreal, rather than have Montreal continue to tax Westmounters directly. In a fit of frugality, Westmount decided not to pay for a separate rental value roll for homeowners but to include the water tax as part of the regular property tax.

That move worked to the detriment of homeowners. Rental values are based on the reasonable rent a property could be expected to obtain, rather than some notion of a property's "market value," which is based on a variety of external influences — notably, rent controls and interest rates.

Removal of the school tax actually meant taxes were slightly lower for a couple of years than they had been during the '70s, but the "good deed" was spent in Westmount probably faster than in other municipalities.

Hopes of better times ahead — notably, a Liberal victory in Quebec — drove house prices up substantially in Westmount early last year. Because the properties are older, and more expensive than in other municipalities, they are more susceptible to pressures of a speculative nature, rather than simply the cost-depreciation factors which govern the "market value" of newer or cheaper properties.

At the same time, Westmount's apartment buildings, many built in haste during the surge of the late 1950s and early 1960s, gained little in value — both because of rent controls and because of their resultant deteriorating conditions.

Commercial properties, too, are sagging in value because of the general economic downturn, as well as the notion that Bill 101 is hurting business in these parts.

Thus, according to the time-honored tradition of paying taxes on the basis of value of property, homeowners got socked during the past two years. Westmounters, by their very nature, are less easy to rile than citizens in other communities. Luckily, perhaps, the 40-percent average home tax increase here came at the same time as a 20-percent hike in other communities. In any event, Westmounters now are in the middle of the taxpayer revolt which is spreading throughout Montreal Island and brewing in other parts of the province.

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THE direction of the tax revolt is beginning to be challenged by municipal councils. They are as eager as anyone to decry the shift of the tax burden to homeowners, to appeal to Quebec to allow them a freer hand at raising revenue in their own ways. But they feel the withholding of Montreal Urban Community taxes — as a gesture — is pointless.

Westmount, Côte St. Luc, Dorval and other communities have shunned the idea, and it is likely most others will be loathe to adopt it.

The point, they say, is that the MUC is not to blame. Citizens who have been steeped in the notion that the MUC determines valuations, and that valuations are at the root of the problem, don't see it that way.

Yet, the MUC valuation department simply is carrying out provincial law. Quebec says that properties must be taxed according to their relative values as of the previous Jan. 1. The MUC has determined those values, though of course there are arguments within the larger whole. But the general relationships appear to be correct.

How to fight Quebec, specially for the hard-hit western-Montreal communities whose representatives, for the most part, are in opposition?

At an Alliance Quebec meeting, held in Westmount the same night the tax revolt "blossomed" in Côte St. Luc (and a week after a Westmount Municipal Association mass citizens' meeting here gave birth to the movement), someone suggested the language-rights message had to make the French press, and particularly to be picked up by cartoonists of the French press.

Though that was another issue entirely, the point might be the same: to ridicule the government, in a medium closer to its heart, into realizing the injustices created by its legislation.

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THE citizens should also be working on a solid, constructive approach to the problem. Variable tax rates seemed to be a reasonable demand when they first were put forward, but as many municipal officials have suggested, they can backfire.

The provincial government, with its penchant for putting strict controls in any legislation it approves, probably could

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PROFILE

Seeks cultural centre



Edythe Germain

Examiner photo by RICK KERRIGAN

By JOAN CAPREOL

ARTIST Edythe Germain, co-ordinator of Arts Westmount, with Sally Hooff, an author, hopes the gala festival planned for Sept. 10, 11 and 12 ultimately will pave the way for a badly needed cultural centre.

A woman of vision, Mrs. Germain wants the festival to become an annual event. "With this marvelous team working together we may find out how to obtain a cultural centre," she said. "It would be a place for a permanent art collection, a place for musicians to perform, for little-theatre productions, photographic exhibitions and a place where creative people can meet. A cultural centre should be run by people who are experienced artists."

The aim of the festival, Mrs. Germain said, is to gather the artists of the community together to show other Westmounters what artists do, and to share this art with the surrounding population.

"You look at all the façades, the big and bigger homes, and you are surprised to find that many have an artist, a poet, a musician or a writer living in them, even a banker's wife may be a painter or a musician," she said.

Known as Martine Couture

A prolific painter using the name Martine Couture, Mrs. Germain is a tall, blonde, smiling mother of seven children. She is a stimulating conversationalist, a good companion with a sense of humor and a modest manner. She tries to keep a low profile, pushing the arts but not herself.

Her studio is located on the third floor of her Côte St. Antoine road home and overlooks the roofs of the city and river. Every Thursday different artists gather in her studio to draw from models. Her own quick, wash drawings are lovely.

An exhibition of her work opens in Atelier 858, 857 Marie-Anne E. in the Laurier-St. Laurent area, on June 8. The major stream of her paintings are strong expressions — what the artist feels and thinks rather than impressions which are basically visual. Painting landscapes no longer bores her.

"The gallery owner, Hughette Dubord, is very much oriented to original artistic expressions," said Mrs. Germain, who also has paintings in the McEwan Gallery.

How did the arts festival materialize?

"My first idea was, when I met all these artistic people, I gradually realized we had so many artists in Westmount and yet we had no cultural centre," Mrs. Germain replied. "I talked with the Westmount Municipal Association to see what we could do to get one. Everyone said, 'Of course, we need one,' but no one seemed to have a clue how to get one. A friend of mine said, 'Let's start by having Art-in-the Park.' Two years ago we got permission from the city council to use the park for one day for artists and artisans to show their work.

"In that one day we met so many people and made very good friends. As a result the next year we could put together a whole committee of people to prepare Art-in-the-Park. Last year we held it twice—one day in June and another in September.

Painting not enough

"I felt that just painting was not sufficient to draw attention to the richness of the art community. I suggested to the women on the committee a complete arts festival. I was lucky to find Sally Hooff to work with me in planning the event.

Edythe Germain has lived in Westmount for 12 years. "I became an enumerator for an election," she laughed. "It was a terrible job but it was my way of getting to know the community. I did a different poll every election to get to know more people, but I no longer do it."

What motivates her to attend every city council meeting? (Often she is the only private citizen there.)

"The first time I went, years ago, I wanted to ask a question about traffic but there were dozens of people talking about dogs," Mrs. Germain replied. "I couldn't get a word in edgewise so I went back the next month. There was nobody there but me so I realized there was a need for someone to put in routine appearances to represent citizens at council meetings.

"We need more than one way of talking to our legislators, so public question periods are very necessary. I'd hate to see them disappear and I hope more people will come regularly and keep up the dialogue.

"I take up any point that seems to need clarification. When I encountered the frisbee case, for instance, it disturbed me because the park by-law had a lot of gray areas.

Beautiful community

"We have a beautiful community here. It's peaceful. It's a good place for children but we can't take anything for granted in this world today so the citizen has to keep track of what his city is doing. The current tax dispute at least is bringing a lot of people into awareness of how our city is run."

Mrs. Germain was born in the small town of Ridgetown in southern Ontario near Lake Erie. Both her parents, Francis and Gertrude Bryan O'Brien, were teachers. She has one sister.

Edythe Germain graduated in fine arts from the University of Toronto. She did post-graduate work in New York, Chicago and Rome. "I spent many years after that in the cultural development of my seven children," she declared. She has been painting all her life.

She is married to Dr. Paul Germain who for many years was a university professor and now devotes himself to writing. His latest book *Entreprise électronique* is just off the press by Sogides Ltée, one of the largest book publishers in Montreal.

The Germains' children are Anna-Maria, a dancer; Jean, a manager; Marie, who owns two advertising agencies in Toronto and Calgary; Joseph, a cartoonist; Elizabeth, a student in creative arts at Dawson College, and André, who is into science, astronomy and computers at Maisonneuve CEGEP.

The four sons all have blue eyes like their father. The three daughters have brown eyes like their mother.

"Besides painting and my family, Westmount is my hobby," said Mrs. Germain.

"I want to make the arts festival something positive."

Next Week's Profile:

Jean-Claude Terrier

Something I Want to Say

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come up with a system which is fair to many communities with a variety of different types of property, but even this could backfire on some property-owners.

Proposition 13 champion Howard Jarvis has advocated against variable tax rates, pointing out that, no matter how they are levied, the citizens will end up paying more. And in monolithic communities, such as Beaconsfield, the variable tax rate would do little to right the perceived injustices of the property-tax system.

Other schemes which have been suggested locally include a "residency tax," which would charge a flat fee to each residential unit — say, $400 or $500 — and then tax according to valuation on top of that. A rebate for senior citizens or persons on fixed income is another idea, whereby the additional tax (beyond a certain point) could be deferred until a property is sold, then realized in the sale proceeds.

Some have suggested taxing according to rental value, which has more of a per-household relationship than the present valuation system. A typical Westmount house might be able to obtain a rent of $1,500 per month, compared to like accommodation in an apartment which might rent at $500 per month. The factor of three on which taxes would be levied in such an instance would be only half the present difference, which is (according to our own study) a factor of six.

Another notion would be to have the provincial government return income tax to each community, based on the amount of revenue it obtains from each citizen, much as the federal government does in all provinces but Quebec. This would be a scheme to bring in a municipal income tax without setting up another bureaucratic level for collection.

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NO matter what happens or what can be done at the provincial level, there still is a great deal which can be done at home.

We are talking, of course, about developing other sources of revenue — or enhancing those the city already has — to spread the tax burden more evenly among all citizens.

That is, a little more user-pay.

City council already has acknowledged it will take another long, hard look at user-pay in the recreation department, but it doesn't seem too eager to tackle the question immediately.

Should users of the swimming pool, rinks and tennis courts, for example, continue to have the privileges they have now just by virtue of living in Westmount?

Being something of a tennis enthusiast, a little less of a swimmer and a non-skater, we wonder how much we would be willing to pay in a year for each facility. Would a $25-a-year card for the pool turn us off so completely that we would give up our five or six swims in a summer? Should those who use the courts daily be charged more than someone who uses it once a week?

Indeed, asking the questions points up much of the problem, but the questions still have to be asked. Most other communities charge for recreation, so there's plenty of experience Westmount can draw on. Fair and equitable rates can be levied, we feel, and though it would deny privileges to a few sometimes-users, it certainly could make a bite in the property tax rate.

ANOTHER area to be looked at is court fines, specially those for parking. In our opinion parking revenue could be doubled or even tripled, though of course on-street overnight parkers, who have fought so hard to obtain their present rights, might find themselves hard-hit by carelessness.

Since most of the parking tickets are paid by non-Westmounters, the tripling of parking fines would serve two purposes: it would bring more revenue to the city from non-Westmounters, while discouraging outsiders from using city streets as "free parking" areas.

The city also makes a fair amount from licenses and permits, rental of recreation facilities, parking meters, library fines and other existing user fees. Can any of these be enhanced?

City council should be tackling these questions immediately, rather than shrugging its shoulders and blaming Quebec. Even if taxpayers would not realize immediate benefits, an increase in user-pay revenues this year would provide a healthy budget surplus, which could bring down the tax rate for next year.

Council is shirking its responsibility. The citizens have started the ball rolling. Now it's council's turn to run with it.

Half of Westmount cars left unlocked

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Only 56.8 percent of Westmount vehicles are locked overnight, resulting in an open invitation to thieves, according to a recent study carried out by local police station 23.

"What are the citizens of Westmount doing to help us fight the number of thefts from vehicles?"

So asks Police Sergeant Jacques Poirier, amazed at the number of unlocked vehicles the men from his shift discovered during a special crime prevention project he organized two weeks ago.

The project, a spot check of 155 vehicles on six streets in the early hours of Wednesday morning, March 10, found 67 unlocked, or 43.2 percent. Eight-eight were locked.

A variety of items were left visible in the unlocked vehicles, including cameras, radios, clothing and tools.

Upper Belmont avenue recorded the worst record. Of 15 cars parked in the block between Sunnyside and Lansdowne Ridge, 10 were insecure.

By comparison, all six cars on Sunnyside avenue between Lexington and Upper Bellevue were locked.

Results of the project have been released by station 23 Director Michel Groulx, who said a campaign to crack down on unlocked vehicles would follow.

Sgt. Poirer decided to carry out the project after his shift arrested two persons the day before on Victoria avenue just south of the Boulevard on suspicion of theft from cars.

They were found in possession of credit cards believed taken from vehicles on the street.

A quick search by police of 10 cars revealed eight were unlocked at 3 am.

"We have a problem of thefts from vehicles, radios in particular, especially in Westmount where there are many luxury cars with many Blaupunkt radios," he said.

"Citizens must lock their cars."

Cars checked were recorded along with licence plate numbers and addresses where parked.

Results of the study showed:

Roslyn avenue, between de Maisonneuve and Sherbrooke: 7 locked, 11 unlocked;

Sunnyside avenue, between Lexington and Upper Bellevue: 6 locked, none unlocked;

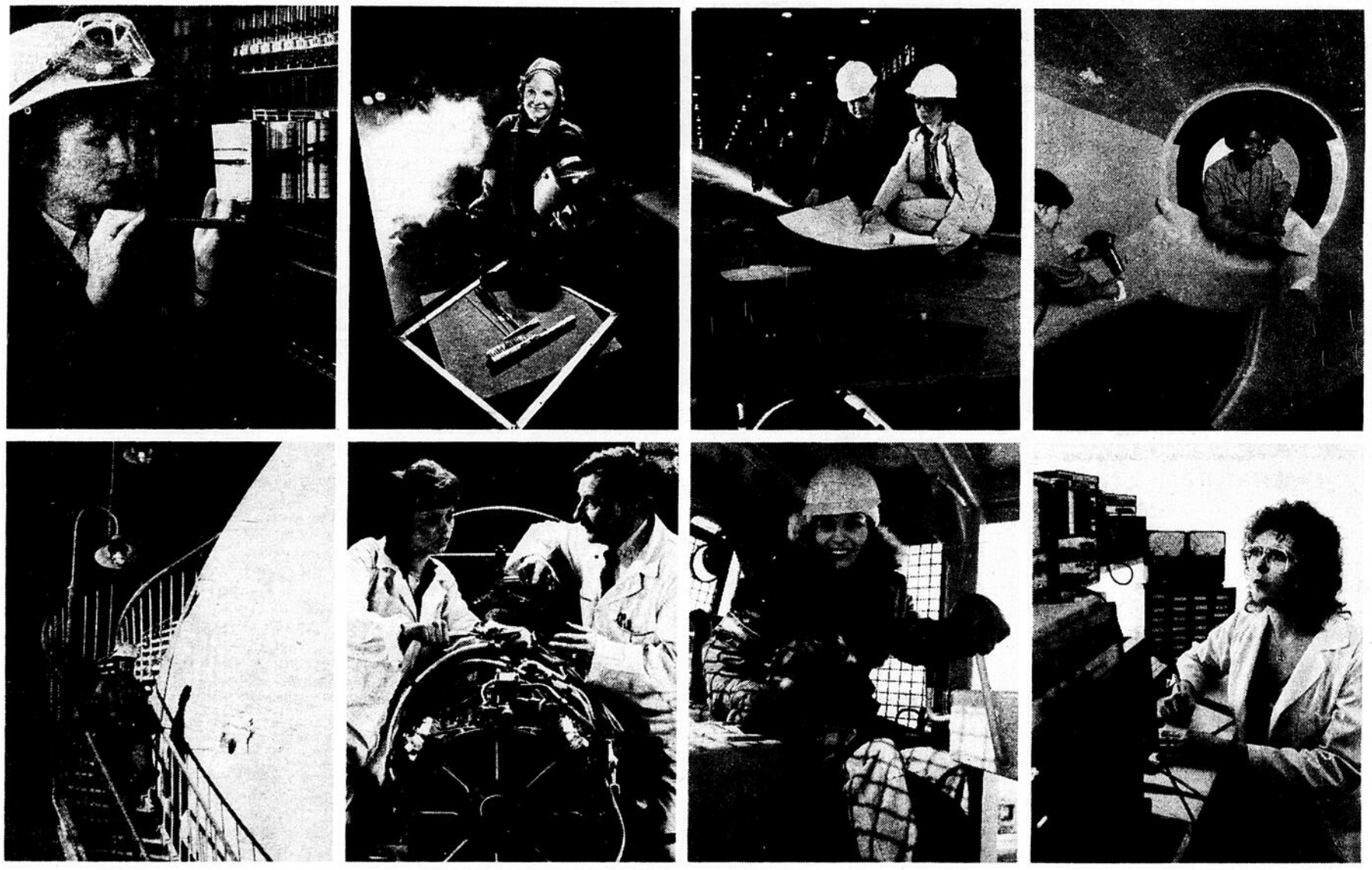
Argyle avenue, between Côte St. Antoine and Montrose, 12 locked, 8 unlocked;

Upper Belmont avenue, between Sunnyside and Lansdowne Ridge, 5 locked, 10 unlocked;

Victoria avenue, between Sunnyside and The Boulevard, 13 locked, 7 unlocked;

Grosvenor avenue, between St. Catherine and Sherbrooke, 45 locked, 31 unlocked.

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Read John 12:20-33
Rev. Alexander J. Farquhar
Church School Crib Corner
Coffee Hour
Organist and Choirmaster:
Ted McLearon, ARCCO, LRSM
7:00 pm Teens Club (for ages 15-17)

WESTMOUNT PARK CHURCH

Lansdowne Avenue and de Maisonneuve Blvd.
Donald Schmidt, BA

Sunday, March 28

11 am Morning Service
Sermon: *"Year-round Harvest"*
Donald Schmidt, BA, preaching
Andrew Bourne, ARCT,
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Social Hour Crib Corner

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101 Côte St. Antoine Road
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Rev. D. M. Grant, BA, BD, DD, Minister Emeritus

Sunday, March 28

11 am Morning Service
Sermon: *"Ten Days for World Development"*
Rev. Bob Hussey preaching
Crib Corner Coffee Time at Noon
Church School

Margaret de Castro, BMus, MMus,
Organist & Choir Director

ALL ARE WELCOME

St. Matthias', CBC to join for recital

Westmount's St. Matthias' Church and CBC Stereo join forces on Sunday, at 8:30 pm, to present a program of organ music for the Easter season.

Organist Bernard Lagacé will be playing works by Bach, Scheidemann, Liszt and Reubke in this free concert taking place at St. Matthias'.

The concert is to be recorded for later broadcast on *Arts National* which is heard weeknights at 9:00 on CBC Stereo 93.5 in Montreal and across Canada on the CBC Stereo network. The producer for this concert is Frances Wainwright.

St. Hyacinthe-born Bernard Lagacé has made himself one of the most active performers responsible for the renaissance of the organ in North America. He was professor at the Conservatoire de Musique de Montréal from 1958 to 1978, and is now professor at Concordia University. He has served on the juries of many international organ competitions and performed all over the world. He has recorded many works for the Calliope and Arion labels.

Afternoon tea held for funds

The Canadian Girls in Training (CGIT) of St. James United Church is having an English afternoon tea on Saturday, April 3, as a fund-raising event.

The St. James' CGIT meets throughout the year and culminates in a mother and daughter banquet. A special project is visiting St. Margaret's home and providing bingo games with gifts and refreshments for the residents. For information call 931-4889.

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St. Andrew's lecture series looks at evil

Rev. Douglas Wilson, chaplain at the Douglas Hospital, will be guest speaker in the continuing Lenten Series, "Faith & Justice" at St. Andrew's Church. This fifth session will take place in the green room on Monday, March 29, at 7:30 pm. Rev. Wilson will speak on the topic "Evil" and will use the story of Jacob wrestling with the angels (Genesis 32:22-31) to illustrate his points. Further reference will be given to Luke 7:37-50.

On Wednesday, March 31, Rev. Bob Hussey continues the Lenten Bible Study in the green room at 10:00 am. The passages from the Bible which are to be studied are available from the church office. All interested persons in the community are welcome to these sessions.

The Worship service on Sunday, March 28, will focus on the developing world with two guest speakers from the congregation, Andre Jaquet and Dr. Solomon Nkiwane. Following the special service for world development, a hunger luncheon will take place in the auditorium.

The cost of the lunch is left to the individual. However, it is suggested that the amount of money used for a regular North American hot lunch be contributed. Proceeds from the luncheon will be directly sent to the World Development and Service and Relief Fund. After the lunch, the two guest speakers from the worship service will continue a discussion with interested members of the congregation.

Slides shown on Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday, April 4, will be celebrated at Westmount Park United Church, Lansdowne and de Maisonneuve, with a color slide presentation, "Pilgrimage to Jerusalem," following the 11 am morning service.

Sister Joanne Dion, of Queen of the Angels Academy in Dorval, who took the slides during her visit to the Holy Land at Easter 1981, will give the commentary.

This is a rare and timely opportunity to make an armchair visit to the Holy Land, and the public is warmly invited to attend.

Glick conducts mixed concert of his music

The Hazzan Nathan Mendelson Foundation on Sunday evening, April 11, will present the dynamic music of Srul Irving Glick, conducted by the composer in an inaugural concert of mixed choir with piano and cello performances, in the main sanctuary of the Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 120 Côte St. Antoine road. There is no admission charge.

On this occasion, which falls during the Passover period, will be featured a Passover cantata drawn directly from the Haggadah, plus other innovative material performed by the Beth Tikvah Choir of Toronto, pianist Dorothy Sandler and guest cellist.

Srul Irving Glick was born in Toronto in 1934 and received his bachelor and master of music degrees from the University of Toronto. He then furthered his studies in composition in France. Upon returning to Canada, he joined the CBC where he distinguished himself as an award-winning producer of classical music programs.

Mr. Glick has been composing on commissions since 1964 and is one of Canada's busiest and most performed composers. His music has reached audiences in the United States, Great Britain, throughout Europe, Australia and Israel. Having grown up in an atmosphere of cantorial music handed down from his father, Hazzan David Glick, it is fitting that he should deliver the first concert dedicated to the memory of the late Hazzan Nathan Mendelson.

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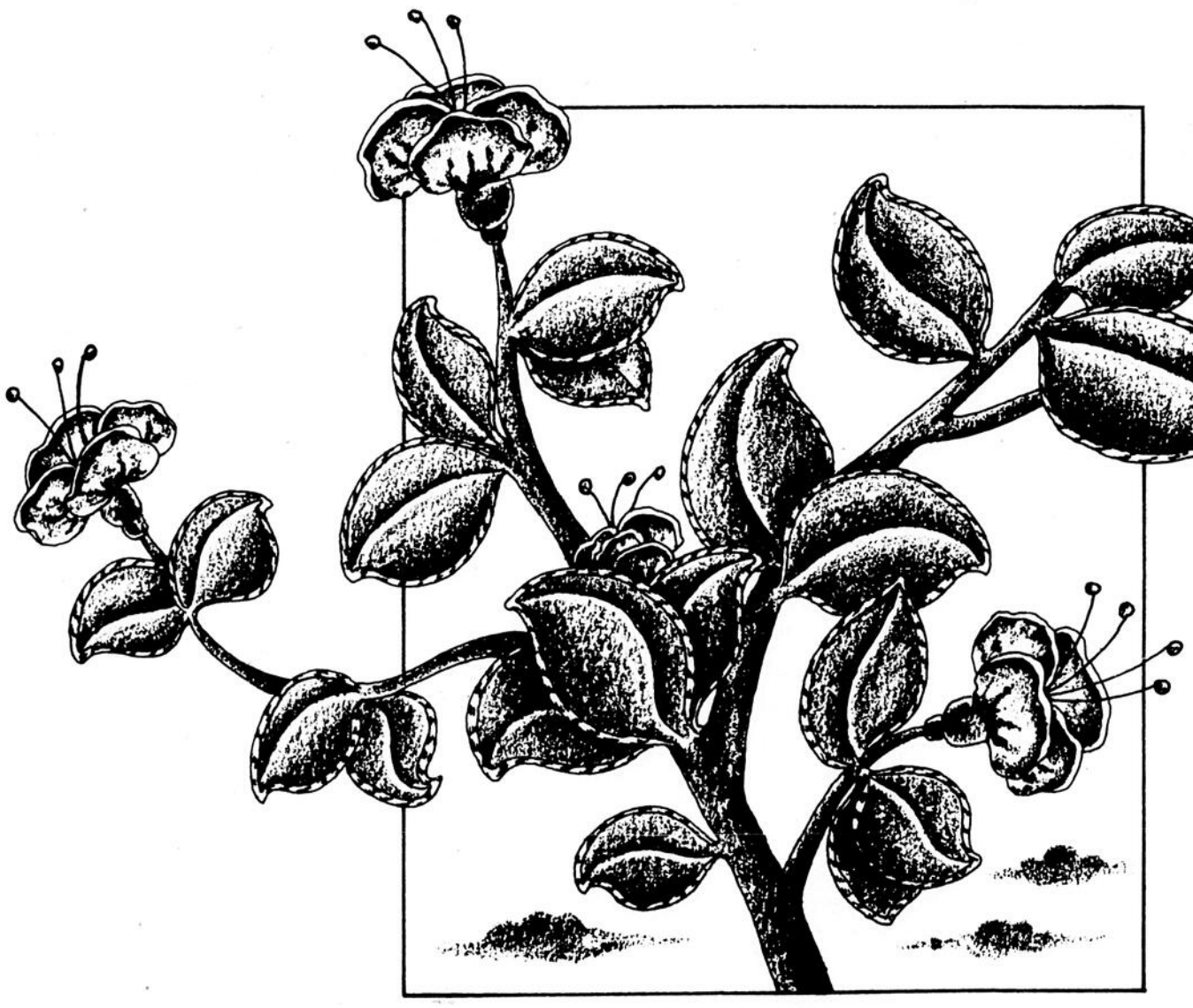
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Crime drive launched without promise of getting cash back

The Conference of Montreal Suburban Mayors is spending some $55,000 to launch a campaign against crime in the suburbs, without any promise of having the cash paid back by member municipalities.

Westmount city council has not yet been asked for a special outlay to cover the costs incurred, though apparently this is going to be requested at an upcoming committee meeting.

The outlay has yet to be approved in detail, in fact, by the executive of the conference, but already money has been spent to print posters and make buttons.

The campaign, operating with the official support of Montreal Urban Community Police Department, will take place during the week of April 13. Posters and buttons bearing the slogan, "Crime is mindless" or "Le crime, ce n'est pas un signe d'intelligence," will be distributed throughout the 28 suburban municipalities. Other special expositions will be organized on a regional basis.

Fully endorsed

Westmount Mayor Donald MacCallum, as vice-president of the conference of mayors, fully endorsed the aims of the project and said he felt it was within the conference's mandate to launch a campaign against crime.

"We think it's up to us to try to prevent crime in our municipalities with the help of the police," he said. "We want to sensitize the public to the part that they must play in fighting crime."

He said committee of council eventually will be asked to appropriate special funds for the program, probably in the neighborhood of $2,000.

Some council members have told THE EXAMINER they would be hard-pressed to authorize an extra cash outlay, specially considering recent public demands for accountability in municipal administration.

Made appropriation

Town of Mount Royal council made a $1,000 appropriation in February specifically to support the crime prevention project, Hampstead approved about the same amount early this month, and Pointe Claire plans to do the same in the near future.

Pointe Claire, Beaconsfield, Kirkland and Pierrefonds plan an extra amount to put on a puppet show and exhibition at Fairview shopping centre, hopefully with the participation of MUC Police Director Henri-Paul Vignola.

In Westmount, the program originally was presented by the mayor to aldermen as a *fait accompli*, "for information purposes only," as one council member put it.

On questioning, Mayor MacCallum said council would have the right to refuse to apportion its share, but he expected it would have to be assumed by the conference of mayors if not assumed by Westmount itself, considering the money already has been authorized.

The conference operates on a $200,000 annual budget.

The project marks a new departure for the conference of mayors, which was formed mainly to solidify the position of the suburbs on matters of MUC policy, specially where that conflicted with positions held by the City of Montreal.

The choice of the program was "unanimous" among the 28 municipal mayors who make up the conference, according to Mrs. Yolande Laurin, its executive director. She said there had been a marked increase in criminality throughout the island, and this appeared to be a prime concern everywhere.

Municipalities "will be asked" to cover the cost, she said, even though there had been no direct allocation yet.

"It's the first time that we go to the population directly," she said. "Crime prevention is not only the work of the police; it's the work of every citizen."

Hampstead Mayor Irving Adessky agreed, calling the $1,000 outlay by his community "a reasonable amount."

"It seemed to be a worthwhile program to put together," he said.

The effort was first introduced publicly at a hastily called press conference last Thursday. Mayor MacCallum, who said he sat beside the MUC police director, Henri-Paul Vignola, as the program was being announced, stressed the important part which police are playing in helping promote the message.

"It is being done in conjunction with the police and with their full blessing," he said.

One or two municipal officials in each community have been charged with co-ordinating the program. In Westmount, Dir. Sidney Ashford of the city's Public Security Unit has been given that responsibility.

During the suburban mayors' "crime prevention week" in April, they will be holding their two-day annual general meeting, scheduled for April 14 and 15. The entire first day's workshops will be devoted to the subject of crime prevention.

Aid police is message

The aim of crime prevention week April 13-19 is to inform citizens that it takes their co-operation to assist police in crime prevention.

"That's the message we're trying to get across," explained Director Sidney Ashford of the Public Security Unit, who is co-ordinating the Westmount drive of the campaign.

The special week is being financed and planned under the auspices of the Conference of Montreal Suburban Mayors in conjunction with the MUC police department.

More information on the local push will be available once the local police plan is prepared. It is expected to include youth officers going into the schools and distributing posters, badges and MUC police pamphlets.

The local drive is not expected to be as intense as in some municipalities such as the west island, Dir. Ashford said.

Citizen crime-watch groups there, for instance, are organizing "grandiose" displays in shopping centres and similar projects.

Local public safety officers in Westmount will distribute crime prevention material in public buildings.

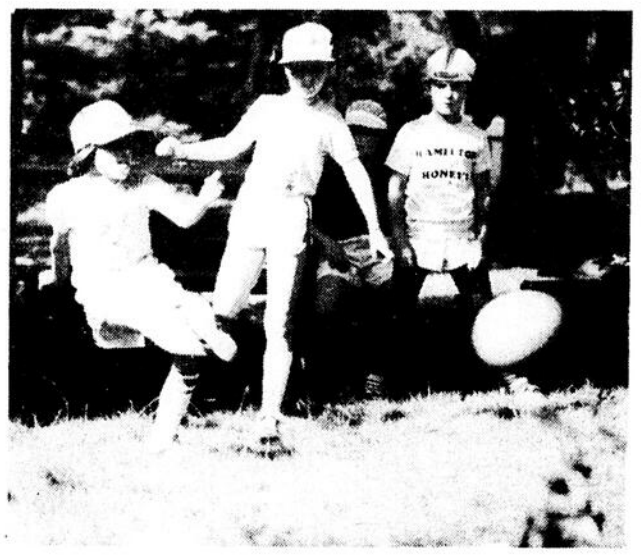
Clinic held

A Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic will be held at The Montreal General Hospital, 1650 Cedar avenue, in the Livingston Hall Lounge from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm on Thursday, April 1. Cokes, coffee and sandwiches will be served and there will be door prizes.

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Spices sold to raise money

By SILVANA LEVIN

This week the Westmount High Grad Committee's largest fund-raising event of the year, selling spices, has been taking place. These spices (of which there are 56 varieties) are being sold at as little as one half to one third of supermarket prices, in eight- or 16-ounce plastic packages.

So, if you have a chance to purchase spices from a Westmount High student, do so. You'll be doing us a favor as well as yourself.

One problem at Westmount High this year has been locker break-ins. Although it is only a small group of students who commit this act of vandalism, it affects almost everyone in the school. A few weeks ago the students' council had a meeting concerning this problem and discussed possible solutions.

These ideas were then presented to the school committee and as a result Concordia University's director of security, Réal Barnabé, will be coming to Westmount High in the near future to advise us on new ways to prevent locker break-ins.



On Monday, March 29, the grade eights will be taking a sugaring-off field trip to Cabane Mont Rouge, in Rougemont.

In sports this week the Juvenile girls' basketball team will be playing in the quarter-finals against Pius X High School. Last week, the Juvenile girls beat Pius X to secure their position.

The Juvenile boys' basketball team will play in the city championship final against LaSalle this week. This match will determine who will represent the G.M.A.A. in the provincials.

Last week they defeated Mt. Royal High School 83-64, and the Hebrew Academy 110-57. Westmount High's Player of the Week is Ezra Clarke of the Juvenile boys' basketball team, for his excellent game against Mt. Royal (scoring 22 points and taking 16 rebounds) and his equally valuable contribution in the game against the Hebrew Academy.

'Enrichment' summer school is planned here

An "enrichment and custodial" summer school is being planned for July at Westmount Park School to be operated by a $16,000 grant from the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal.

Richard Jack, WPS principal, told the school committee at their last meeting that the classes will be geared for remediation in basic academic skills but will also have enrichment in arts and crafts. Field trips are planned.

Mr. Jack conceded that the program could not do any serious remediation in four weeks but that it could effect important changes in attitudes.

The program was run for three summers at Royal Arthur School, which closed at the end of last academic year.

Ski boots taken

These boots were made for skiing, but instead police found them sitting on the sidewalk at Sherbrooke street and Redfern avenue recently.

The green Swiss-made boots were taken to local station 23.

French backs student protest

Richard French, Westmount MNA and Liberal education critic, voiced his support for Quebec students who demonstrated March 11 against what he called "the nightmare of university education."

Mr. French said the government's austerity plans meant crowded classrooms that were neither heated or air-conditioned adequately.

He said students cannot find necessary reading material in school libraries and had difficulty reaching their professors outside of course hours.

Little need seen for after-school program: WPS

The Westmount Park School committee believes there is little need at their school for an after-school program being proposed by the Westmount YMCA, although they will find out how many parents would be interested in it.

It was noted at a recent committee meeting that many of the school's students come from outside of Westmount and would be more likely to return to their own neighborhood for any activities. Richard Jack, WPS principal, said that 249 of the school's 345 students are bused.

Valerie Aitken, WPS external chairman, suggested that such a proposal was another example of "a local misunderstanding of the school and who it serves."

"You Say" is THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER*'s weekly forum of letters from readers, perhaps the paper's best-read feature.*

The percentage of teenage female smokers has doubled in the last 15 years and is steadily increasing.

Quebec Lung Association

WPS supports only part of parents group's text

The Westmount Park School committee, like other education bodies throughout the province, continues to be forced to act on speculation and rumor because of the Ministry of Education's refusal to release full details of its planned school board reorganization.

The committee has been asked by the Fédération des Comités des Parents de la Province du Québec (FCPPQ), via the Central Parents Committee (CPC), to respond to its document asking that school committees be retained in the reorganization. The WPS supports this request, but disagrees with the rest of the document which supports the ministry's reorganization plan.

Much of the government plan has been leaked to reporters in what many educators claim is a cynical and deceptive move by Education Minister Camille Laurin to keep potential opponents off balance.

Nancy Hodkinson, WPS committee external chairman, told the committee at their recent evening meeting that the CPC believed the FCPPQ document was dangerous because support of the section asking for retention of school committees might be taken as support for the document as a whole. She suggested that the WPS committee add a qualifying statement to ensure that this wouldn't happen.

Mrs. Hodkinson noted that the CPC had conducted a survey and found that over 10,000 persons of 11,030 polled opposed Mr. Laurin's plan. She added that the latest speculation was that the education minister would introduce the reorganization bill in May at the earliest. She fears, however, that it will be introduced at the end of June when it will be difficult for school committees and other school bodies to oppose it.

For this reason Mrs. Hodkinson believes that education groups should work through Alliance Quebec, the umbrella anglophone rights group, because it can tie in to all the school committees and is not dependent on the school year.

Mrs. Hodkinson also believes that reaction to the reorganization should not be completely negative but should contain some constructive suggestions. She would support the concept of democratically elected school boards, but thinks the issue of whether they are French, English or confessional is a red herring.

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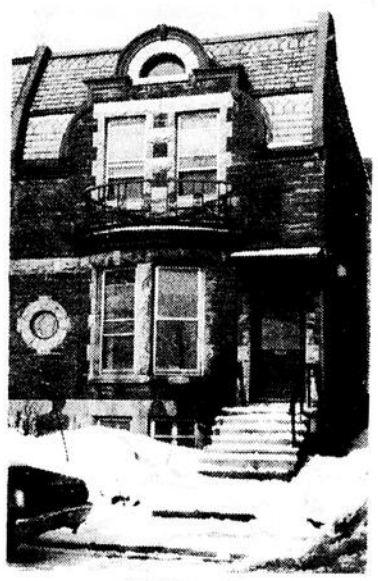
Realty prices plummet as volume of sales hits lowest mark in years

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an indication that the "stall" of the local market is complete.

Of seven sales for which prices were registered, only two dwellings sold above the $200,000 mark. The highest price, $250,000, went for 533 Clarke avenue, corner of The Boulevard. That home sold for 53.8 percent more than its 1982 tax assessment of $162,500, the highest markup of the month.

On the low end of the price range was 33 Prospect street, a former rooming house which had been on the market for many months and finally went for $102,000. A semi-detached dwelling at 497 Mount Pleasant avenue sold for $100 less than its 1982 valuation, the only markdown of the month and the second this



33 Prospect
lowest price, $102,000

year, following the sale of 65 Holton avenue in January for 6.4 percent less than its valuation.

The February registrations reflect prices established, generally, in November and December. Indications from realtors are that little has changed since then to turn the market around, though normal seasonal trends mean buyer interest is a bit higher now than it was then.

Of the 11 sales listed below, 10 brought a total price of $1,660,000 while evaluated at $1,379,050, representing an average markup over Montreal Urban Community valuations of 20.4 percent, down from the January markup average of 41.6 percent. The 11th transfer involved sale of a share of 490 Mountain avenue between co-owners, for an undisclosed price.

In February 1977, only seven complete sales of one- and two-family dwellings were registered.

Details of the February real estate transfers are as follows:

610 Argyle: from Mrs. Frederica Trenholme Fowler to 104634 Canada Ltd., sale price $1 and other considerations (MUC valuation, $202,800);

11 Burton: Ubaldo Salice to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith, $110,000 ($104,800);

533 Clarke - 3262 The Boulevard: Mrs. Siegrid Peiffer Brown to Ramon Adolfo Pelinski, $250,000 ($162,500);

9 Côte St. Antoine: Mrs. Helena Shea Coulter to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hemmings, $140,000 ($118,500);

22 Holton: Mrs. Beryl Rosamond Osler Morgan to 111290 Canada Ltée, $1 and cons. ($164,650);

41 Holton: Herbert Maliq Petrela to Mrs. Rosemary Ann Patton and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Allen Mendieta, $205,000 ($187,400);

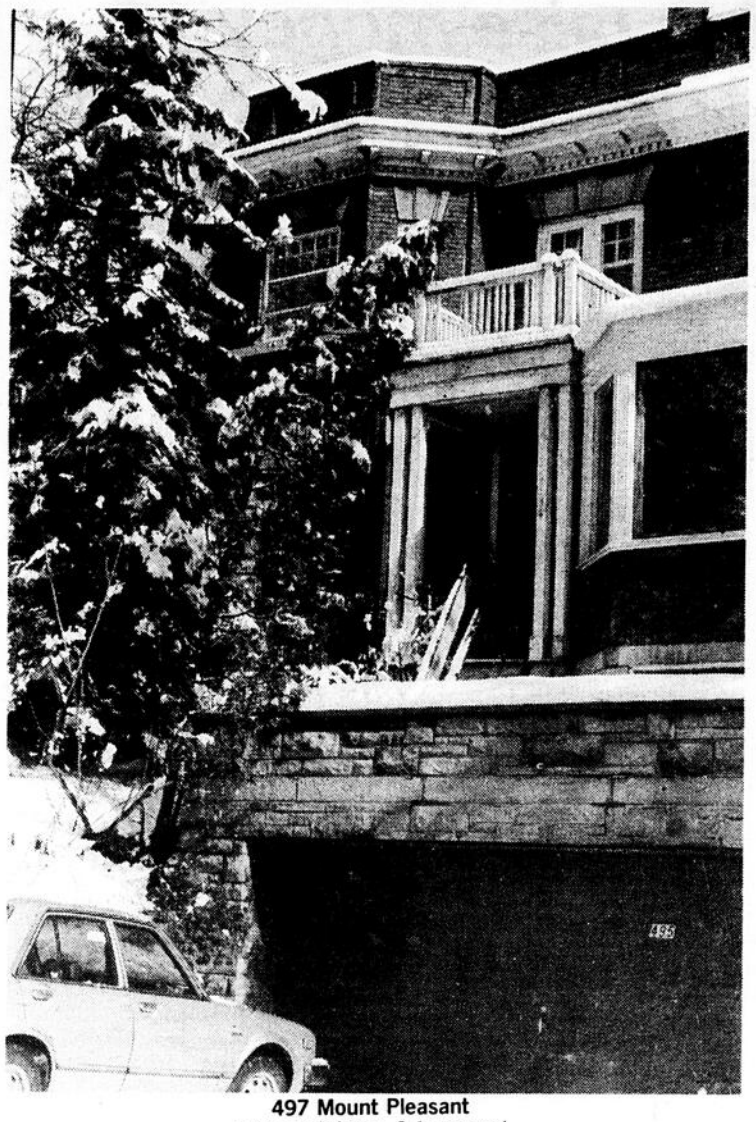
490 Mountain, ½ share: Paul James Langdon to Joel Richard, $1 and cons. ($65,825);

497 Mount Pleasant: Dr. Donald Strong Mitchell to Clifford Thomson, $133,000 ($133,100);

418 Mount Stephen: estate Mrs. Heather Cassils Black, John Cassils Black and Christopher K. Black to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Douglas Cooper, $160,000 ($149,500);

33 Prospect: David Tremble to Lorraine Croteau, $102,000 ($81,700); and

63 Somerville: IVM Management Services Inc. to Alan Mader, $1 and cons. ($74,100).



497 Mount Pleasant
only markdown, 0.1 percent

FEBRUARY STATISTICS

Following is a summary of the sales of one- and two-family dwellings registered in Westmount during the month of February, 1982:

Total sales: 10 (down 7 from the previous month)
Total price: $1,660,000
Total valuation: $1,379,050
Average price: $166,000 (down $93,235)
Average markup over valuation: 20.4%
Average price based on average valuation*: $209,487 (down $36,953)
Normalized average markup:** 18.6%
Normalized average price based on average valuation*:** $206,387 (down $29,247)

*Average valuation of one- and two-family dwellings in Westmount for 1982 is $174,032. Applying the average markup for the month to this valuation provides the results shown.
**Arrived at by removing the extreme sales, those with the highest and lowest prices and markups.



533 Clarke avenue
highest price, $250,000
highest markup, 53.8 percent

City to print recreation book

The city will be going ahead with a recreation booklet, at much less cost than originally anticipated.

On Monday committee of council approved an outlay of $2,000 to produce a comprehensive list of the city recreation programs, complete with schedules, age groupings and essential data citizens can use as a guide.

Originally Ald. Brian Gallery, the commissioner of services, had anticipated it would cost some $10,000 to put out a comprehensive booklet. By doing away with much of the information already published by the city in its white "guide to newcomers" booklet (copies of which still are available), by providing information only about recreation programs, and by reducing the anticipated printing quality, he reportedly cut down the budget for the book to a fifth of the original estimate.

Still, he says, it will provide "a complete alphabetical list of all Westmount recreation programs."

Hints earlier this month that he would scrap the program because of its cost were sharply criticized by the Westmount Municipal Association. Representatives quickly called a meeting with Mr. Gallery and John McIver, assistant general manager, to emphasize the importance of disseminating the information, no matter what the quality of the publication.



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

March 18

538 Grosvenor: for W. Lee by Dooner Wood Products, interior alterations, $13,500;

March 22

4750 The Boulevard: for Louis Burke by Energie Sipco du Québec Ltée, to convert furnace and hot water tank to gas, $2,200;

March 23

100 Summit Circle: for Mr. and Mrs. L. Kolber by Marien Oldham Ltée, to construct a pavilion at rear, $100,000.

No concern over election map raised

Citizens appear to have offered their tacit approval of city council's scheme for new electoral districts in next year's election.

No one has voiced to city hall the slightest bit of concern with the eight-district map published officially in the March 11 EXAMINER.

Citizens had until Monday to file written objections to the plan, according to the new provincial law. While at least 21 such objections would be required to force reconsideration, not so much as a telephone call came to city hall to express concern, according to Robert Wilkins, the assistant city clerk.

Now council is in a position to present notice of motion for approval of a by-law establishing the districts, expected at the April 5 formal session. The by-law is scheduled to be approved at the May 3 council meeting.

May object

Once approved, it will be sent to the director-general of representation for his approval. According to the law, he may object to any districts which vary by more than 15 percent from the average district size.

In Westmount's case, this means he will have to give his official approval to the limits for District 1, above The Boulevard and Cedar avenue, District 4, between Sherbrooke street and Côte St. Antoine road, and District 7, south of St. Catherine street between Glen road and Hallowell street - Clarke avenue. The first is slightly too small, the latter two slightly too large.

Officials are hopeful that the provincial official will accept those districts, however, because of their clear-cut boundaries.

Barring the director-general's disapproval, it is likely the new electoral map will become law by the beginning of July, as required by the provincial legislation, and become effective with the November 1983 Westmount city council elections.

Car scratches cost $500

Scratches to a black 1981 Chevrolet Malibu caused an estimated $500 damage when the vehicle was parked at 4100 Tupper street Friday and Saturday, police said.

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It took a lot to slow realty market

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traumas of last fall's non-market.

And while typical Westmount homes, in the $150,000 to $250,000 price range, are suffering from a definite lack of interest, it appears the more expensive and cheaper houses are still reasonably popular investments.

Business good

Business was so good on top of Westmount Mountain in 1981, in fact, that prices nearly doubled in the one year alone. The demand trickled down the mountain into the central area of Westmount — between Belmont and Clarke avenues — in the latter part of the year.

In southeastern Westmount, meanwhile, the lower prices were attracting buyers who might have opted for more spacious accommodation but couldn't afford the mortgages.

It is hard to say when — or if — this positive trend will begin to spread into other parts of Westmount, but it is likely the market is suffering only a temporary pause, hardly the spectacular slide of 1977-78. A change in any of the forces which combined to slow and eventually stop the price rise — either better economic conditions, lower interest rates or a change in Quebec's political climate — undoubtedly will swing prices upward again.

(This year's sharp rise in property taxes, of course, is not going to help turn things around. Still, few of those looking for Westmount properties are holding back because of an extra $100 a month in municipal tax bills.)

Though some politicians will deny any connection, the market started to slow as soon as the Parti Québecois was re-elected in April last year. Many will blame the rising interest rates, and there is no denying their effect, but the same people who shrug off the influence of politics now were quick to cite the "post-Olympic slump" as the force which drove prices down in 1977.

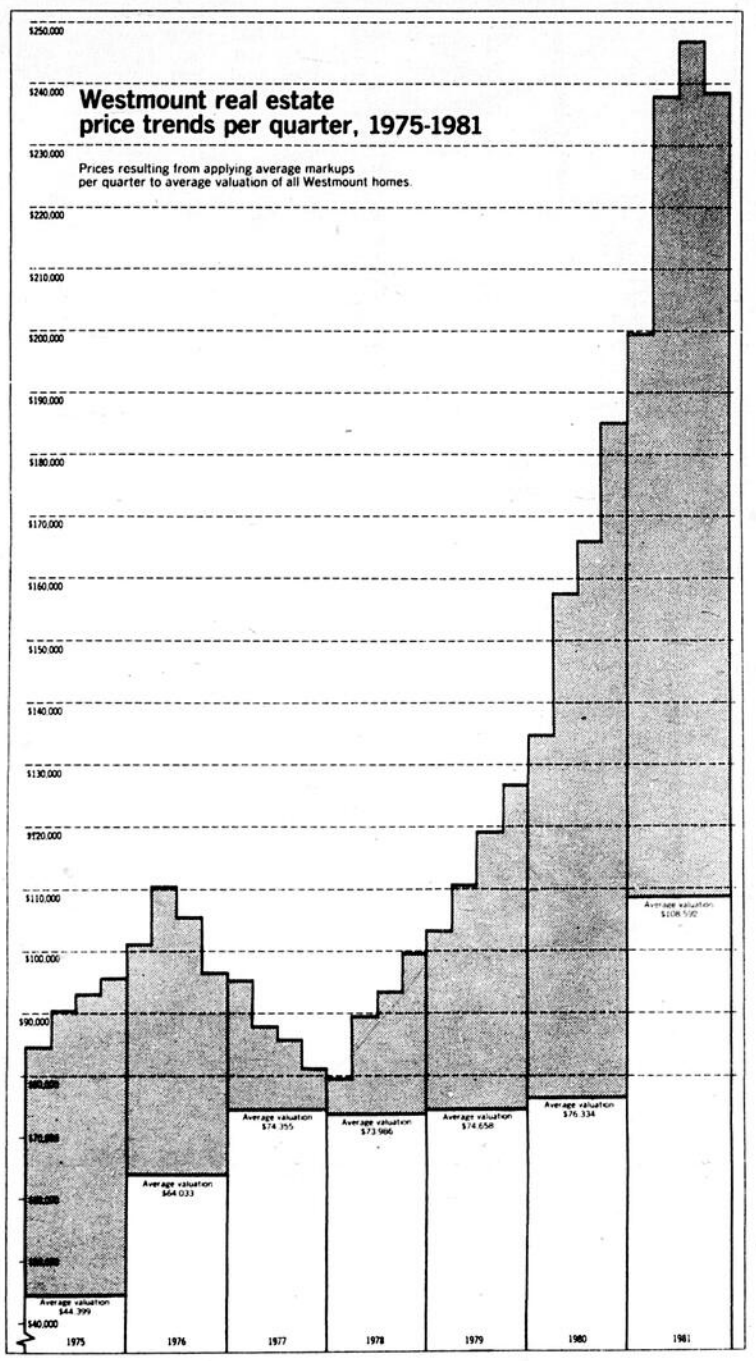
No exodus

There appears to have been no sustained "exodus" from Quebec this time, however. New listings appear to be coming on line at about the same rate as usual. But with a hesitancy among investors, there has been no opportunity to turn over those homes already listed. Thus, Westmount has become a forest of "for sale" signs for no other reason than that people who want to (or need to) sell cannot find buyers.

Even with political and economic uncertainty beginning last spring, it still took a good three months for Westmount's real estate market to stall completely. By August, as interest rates peaked, realtors were beginning to report "bad news" for local sellers. This became evident in registrations approved in October — reflecting the normal two- to three-month delay between acceptance of offers and recording of deeds.

Looking at Westmount in portions, we find that the top of the mountain sustained strong price growth throughout the year, in fact the strongest of any area. And though there are indications that eastern Westmount properties were in higher demand than those in the western part of town, speculators were quick to get out of the "Priests' Farm" area, Elm and Wood avenues, so the price drop there took place more quickly and obviously than in other parts of Westmount.

By using Statistics Canada's



census tracts as established boundary lines of key real estate areas in Westmount, a close analysis of last year's market can be made:

TRACT 350

The southern section of Westmount, typically, contains the lowest-priced one- and two-family dwellings. Last year, this may have been a benefit rather than an impediment, as homes were more affordable at today's high interest rates.

Being the lowest-priced area, it is noteworthy that even here the average price for a one- or two-family dwelling moved past the $100,000 mark early in the year, and for the whole year only five sales were registered below that price.

Relatively low volume prevailed throughout 1981, and the price range was quite limited. Three homes experienced resales during the year: 148 Abbott, which sold for only $50,000 (12 percent above valuation) in February re-sold for $80,000 in June; 77 Stayner, picked up for $155,000 in April, sold for $177,000 (167 percent above valuation) a month later. Those two represented the extremes of both prices and markups in the first half of 1981. Then, in September, 181 Metcalfe went for $65,000 and was sold for $95,000 in December.

Irvine avenue, with four sales, topped the volume list for the area and Abbott had three sales. Otherwise, no street in the census tract saw more than two sales last year.

With the waning interest in the market late last year, only one sale took place in the tract in each of the last three months. Still, for the second half prices generally experienced a 21-percent rise, almost as much as the 35-percent rise in the first half.

TRACT 351

Just to the north of that area, between St. Catherine and Sherbrooke streets, volume stayed relatively high throughout the year. The main surge in prices took place during the first six months, reflecting homebuyers' interest in living as close as possible to downtown Montreal.

Kensington avenue, especially, saw a very high turnover during the year, with 10 of the 30 sales registered for the whole tract. On the street, the homes sold for an average $241,000, in a range of from $159,500 to $315,000, the latter being the second sale of the year at 357 Kensington.

For the whole tract, 237 Clarke avenue, sold in June, brought the lowest price, $110,000, which also represented the lowest markup over valuation in the tract at 49 percent.

Sale of 312 Metcalfe avenue in May, on the other hand, brought the highest markup for the whole city last year, the $135,000 price representing a 258-percent markup over its $37,700 valuation.

The 66-percent year-to-year increase in average house prices in the area (on a half-year basis) represents the second-highest price growth rate in all of Westmount last year. In 1980, prices had gone up only 25.9 percent compared to a 46 percent citywide rate. Thus, it would seem east-central Westmount had a certain amount of "catching up" to do.

TRACT 352

The west-central area of town, south of Sherbrooke and west of Westmount Park, saw a sharp slide in volume compared to 1980. Price movements here were only slightly above those for the city generally.

The lowest price in the area was $50,000 for 63 Somerville, hardly typical of prices in the area, considering the average price among five sales on the relatively modest Burton avenue was $110,400.

One of the newly-built homes on Prince Albert avenue brought the top price of the year, $239,000, while the slightly-older 339 Prince Albert, corner Somerville, recorded a $225,000 sale. Other than those two and one more at 376 Roslyn (on its second sale), no other properties in the tract reported prices over $200,000.

No sales were registered on Winchester avenue during 1981, and only one each on Lansdowne and Claremont avenues within the census tract.

TRACT 353

The sector between Sherbrooke street and Côte St. Antoine road experienced a significant slide in volume last year, particularly in the second half of the year which typically sees a fair number of sales. Price movement was comparatively slow, 22.6 percent in the first half of 1981 and 9.5 percent in the second half; still, by the middle of last year the average price in the area was pushing the $200,000 mark.

As usual, Grosvenor avenue saw the highest turnover last year, with 11 one- and two-family dwellings bringing an average $167,681. Victoria avenue experienced six sales and Arlington and Lansdowne avenues five each.

TRACT 354-west

The western part of the area between Côte St. Antoine and The Boulevard, which had seen the quickest price movement in 1980, experienced a slower climb in 1981, specially in the second half of the year. Volume in all of 1981

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was about the same as during the second half of 1980, and prices ranged from $100,000 for 610 Victoria avenue (April) to $470,000 for 558 Roslyn avenue (October).

All things considered, however, the typical home which had been selling for just over $103,000 in the second half of 1979 was selling for $235,000 just two years later.

Again, Grosvenor avenue experienced the highest turnover of properties, with eight (568 Grosvenor sold twice). Both Côte St. Antoine (north side) and The Boulevard (south side) saw only one sale each.

TRACT 354-east

The more expensive mid-level Westmount homes experienced an interesting phenomenon: faster growth during the second half-year than during the first half. The push to buy high-priced homes spilled over from upper Westmount into this area, it would seem, allowing for a surge of some 27 percent in the average price between the first and second halves of the year.

Nine sales took place on Argyle avenue, six of those on the portion of the street between Montrose avenue and The Boulevard. Excluding 523 Argyle, which sold for $550,000 in May, the average price of the other eight sales is $240,625.

Except for Argyle, no other street in the district saw turnovers of more than two houses.

TRACT 355

The area east of Clarke avenue, between The Boulevard and Sherbrooke street, was heavily influenced by speculators, either companies or individuals who generally move faster (buying or selling) than private homeowners. Thus, while other areas of Westmount saw prices still rising during the second half (mainly the third quarter) of 1981, there was an actual drop in the market value of the typical home in this area during that time.

Elm avenue, specially, saw eight sales of homes during 1981, and a brief look at the above-Sherbrooke section of Elm shows almost as many "for sale" signs on the street today.

The eight sales brought an average price of $209,500 and an average markup over valuation of 141 percent — much higher than the 107-percent markup for the area as a whole.

De Casson road, too, saw four sales last year — hardly typical volume for a relatively short street in Westmount. Three of those sales took place in the last four months of the year.

TRACT 356

The top-of-the-mountain area of Westmount, among the priciest real estate areas in Canada, drew the interest of many investors who either had enough money themselves to purchase property, or else arranged to have companies purchase the land for them. Thus, the skyrocketing mortgage interest rates had far less effect here than in other parts of Westmount or Montreal, and prices continued to climb steadily throughout the year.

In fact, it can be said that shaky political and economic situations in other parts of the world caused some buyers to settle in Westmount, notably above The Boulevard and Cedar avenue.

Interest had been slow in this area during 1980, convincing many investors that there still was a gap between relatively secure Westmount property and prices for similar accommodation elsewhere in Canada or the world.

This allowed prices nearly to double in the space of one year, from just under $200,000 in the latter half of 1980 to almost $385,000 for the same property by the third quarter of last year.

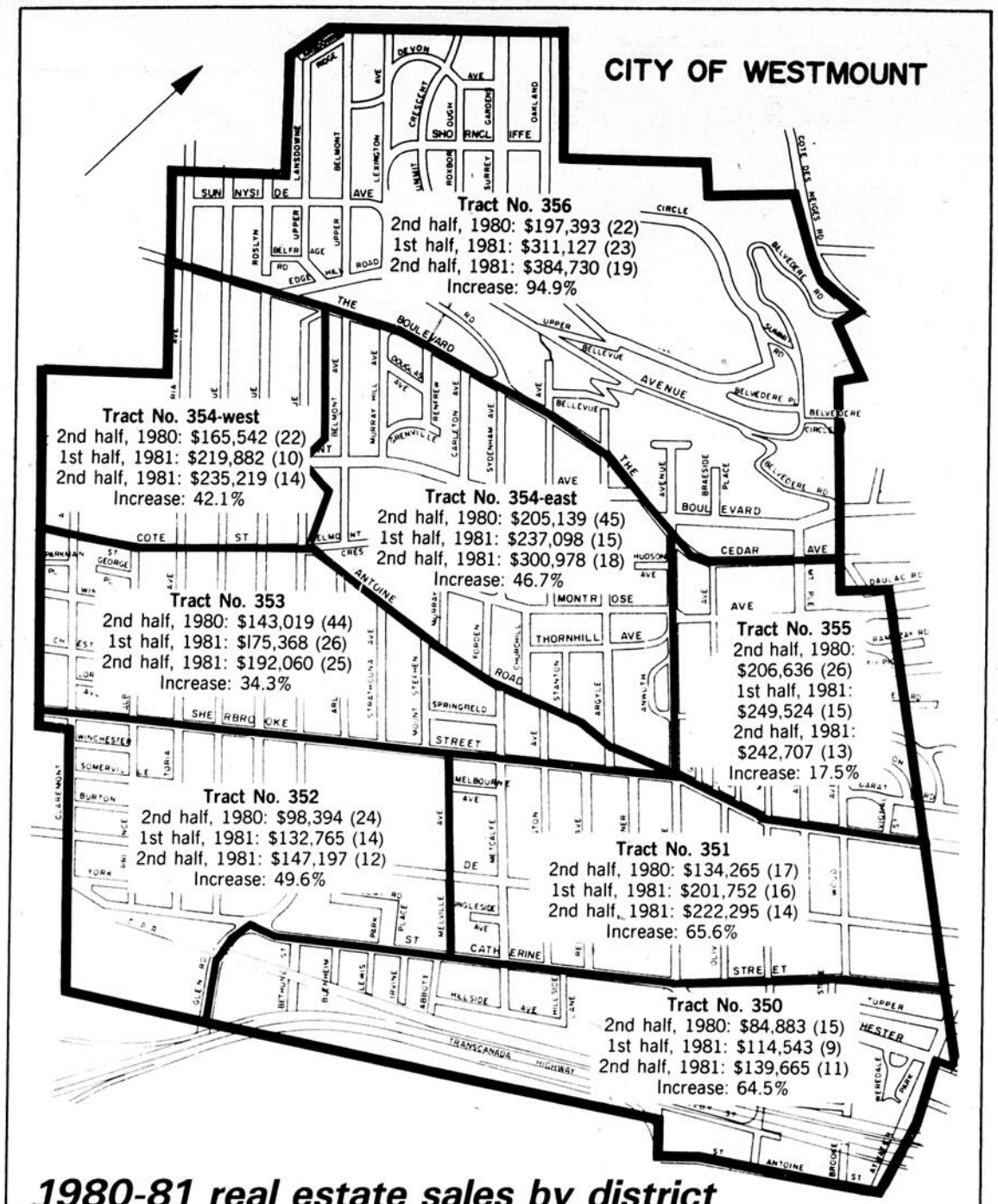
The top price in Westmount, $700,000, was obtained in May for 90 Summit Circle, which reappeared on the market a short time later. The high markup for the area, and among the tops for Westmount generally, came in the $515,000 sale of 56 Sunnyside avenue, some 228 percent more than the Montreal Urban Community's assessment.

For some reason, the northern slope area — Summit crescent, Surrey Gardens, Devon, Oakland, Roxborough and Shorncliffe avenues — was relatively immune from investor interest, with only two sales in the whole area. Upper Roslyn, Upper Lansdowne and Upper Belmont avenues experienced six sales in all; Sunnyside avenue had six all by itself; Belvedere road and Belvedere Place experienced five, but none took place on Belvedere Circle.

Only one sale of the new properties on Trafalgar road was recorded in 1981, and none of the other new homes on The Boulevard, in front of the "Braemar" property, changed hands last year, though the coach house behind the white home went for a low $105,000.

What will all of this mean for next year's valuations? It would be a risky business to try to prejudge the MUC assessors, but it might be safe to say that the top-of-the-mountain assessments will be going up relative to those of other Westmount one- and two-family dwellings. Land in that area, especially, is as much as four times as high as the 1981 assessments, so there is a good chance increases will be reflected in that part of the 1983 valuation roll.

And though samples are small for other types of property, it seems clear the markups over valuation of other types of property are not as high as they are for one- and two-family dwellings. Whether the adjustment is entirely reflected in this year's valuation roll, or whether more adjustment is necessary, remains to be seen.



1980-81 real estate sales by district

Prices of homes in Westmount vary greatly according to area, as shown on the above map. Average one- and two-family dwelling prices are given for each census tract in Westmount with one, No. 354, divided into east and west sections. The average prices are determined on the basis of average valuation of homes sold during the year in the area and increasing that by the average markup within each area. Numbers in brackets show the number of transactions involved. The percentage increase shows the gain from the second half (July-December) of 1980 to the second half of 1981.

Spring is sprung, but dog run still covered with snow

By HENRY DODGE

Dear Dogs,

Spring is sprung, the grass is riz, but there's still a heck of a lot of snow around. Even Mother Nature can't fight city hall, though, and starting next Thursday we are going to be sequestered.

Tuesday night I tried out the Westmount Park "dog run" (as opposed to "people run," I presume) and found myself sinking up to my shoulders in snow.

Probably by next week that will be transformed into mud, which might be fun. I can't wait to wrestle with **Fergus** or **Bert** or **Annie** while wallowing in that stuff, but I'm sure my folks can.

I've also been told to remind the up-the-hill dogs, including my sister **Samantha**, that they will have to remember where the new "dog run" is. I've only been up there once or twice, but it looks all right, as long as you're careful not to get zapped over near the power house.

Remember, it stretches from the power house down to the wading pond, but once the wading pond is in operation you won't be allowed in it.

Don't get caught

Anyway, don't get caught running outside those areas; it means you have to go to court with your master to plead your case.

One more thing: no matter where you walk or run, the folks at city hall insist that your folks pick up your business after you've done it — even on the mudfields. In fact, that law has applied all winter, but the melting snow reveals more and more that an awful lot of people ignored it.

Interesting, that. It seems that freezing temperatures and snow have a way of preserving the stuff for posterity. Now that the snow is melting away, there's an awful lot of it around.

I must admit, I had fun during the winter finding the deepest snowdrift to do my thing, then challenging my Dad to come and clean up after me. He chalked up more snow-filled boots than you can imagine just to show he was trying, but he wasn't always successful.

Anyway, the city has a can at the Westmount "dog run" which was wired to a post and stuck on top of the snow. Now that the snow is melting away, it sort of hangs there. I don't know how often it's emptied, but it never has very many doggy bags or newspapers in it.

I look forward to seeing you on the "dog run" next week. If you still don't know me, just look for the windshield washer anti-freeze fluid can in my mouth.

Dogs forever,
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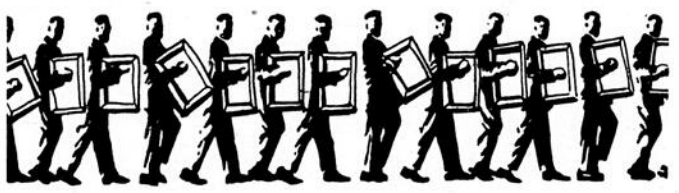
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Beyond Westmount's Borders

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

by RICK KERRIGAN

Return to yesteryear

Remember the good old 1950s? It was a time when public morality reigned supreme and an entire generation grew up to be insurance salesmen. Thank God for Elvis Presley and James Dean. Now with a movie actor at the helm of the most powerful nation on Earth and political ambition cloaked in pious words of moral outrage, it seems an appropriate time for the Omnibus mime group to unveil their new work titled *Beau Monde*. It is a fairly lengthy work with no intermission which deals with life in the '50s, "a decade recent enough to stir up vivid memories and yet far enough to inspire poetic interpretation." The work, we are told, "sparkles like stainless steel kitchenware on an arborite counter." This mime play is running until April 18, showtimes at 8:30 pm, at Espace Libre, 1945 Fullum street. For information call 843-3009.

Sneaking around with Molière

Le Théâtre de la Concorde will be presenting Molière's *Les Fourberies de Scapin* Friday, 8:00 pm, at Campus Pont Viau, 770 Bois de Boulogne in Laval. The company is a professional non-profit outfit and is in its 15th season. Directing this production will be Luiz Saraiva.

Saoirse presents play

The Irish theatre group Saoirse is presenting Thomas Murphy's *Sanctuary Lamp* Wednesday until April 7, 8:00 pm nightly, at Comité Social, 1710 Beaudry street. Tickets are available at the door.

Dance the noon away

The Thursday noon Art du Mouvement series being run at Place des Arts has produced some interesting dance performances over the years. This year organizers have sponsored a choreography competition and the finals will take place today, noon, in the Piano Nobile of Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier. The finalists are Fernande Girard, Louise Lecavalier, Daniel Léveillé and Claire Patry of Montreal and Micheline Vézina of St. Lambert. The winner will present his or her choreography to the Ballet de Bâle of Switzerland at their annual choreography workshop. Jury president is Ludmilla Chiriaeff.

Would-be actors wanted

The last in a series of readings of Michel Tremblay plays will take place Monday, 7-10:00 pm, at the National Theatre School, 5030 St. Denis street. The play to be read is Tremblay's *Hosanna* and anyone may participate. If you're too shy, you can be part of the audience. The affair is free.

Don't shoot! It's only the band

The Royal Canadian Artillery Band will be performing not with a bang but with a melody and they will give two shows, Friday and Saturday, 8:30 pm, in Théâtre Maisonneuve of Place des Arts. The band was formed in 1968 and they claim to be the most prestigious Montreal musical body next to the Montreal Symphony Orchestra. Proceeds from ticket sales to the concert will go to the Military Police fund for blind children. The money will be going to the Institut Nazareth and the Louis Braille Institute. Among other places, tickets are available at PdA and at the mess of the Atwater garrison.

Music at Concordia

Two concerts will be presented at Concordia University, 7141 Sherbrooke street w. Guitarist Peter McCutcheon and flautist André Gilles Duchemin will perform in a benefit concert for Salvadoran refugees, Friday, 8:00 pm, in the Loyola Chapel. There will also be a couple of speakers and you are asked to contribute $5.

On Wednesday, 8:30 pm, Don Habib will direct the Concordia Saxophone Ensemble and Jean-Louis Collin will lead the Jazz Combo in a concert in the Loyola Campus Centre.

Folkie from N.Y. at coffeehouse

Richard Nardin and Friends will be appearing at the Golem coffee House, 3460 Stanley street, tonight, 8:30 pm. Mr. Nardin is a singer-songwriter from Saratoga Springs and the Friends are his three accompanying musicians.

Ladies of the pm

Flautist Carol Wincenc and pianist Patricia Michaelian will perform in the Ladies' Morning Musical Club concert Sunday, 3:00 pm, in Théâtre Maisonneuve of Place des Arts. They will perform works by Bach, Jacques Hotteterre le Romain, Prokofiev, Enesco, Hindemith and Poulenc.

Trumpets at McGill

The Montreal Trumpet Symposium is taking place Saturday and Sunday, 8:30 pm, in McGill University's Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke street w. The Saturday concert will have a jazz flavor while the Sunday concert will feature soloists, including some from the Montreal Symphony Orchestra. For tickets call 392-4558.

Vocal soloists will be interpreting various works Monday evening, 8:30, in Pollack Hall and the McGill Women's Chorale will give a recital Tuesday, 8:30 pm. The Concert Band will perform Wednesday, 8:30 pm.

Shows about town

The glass work of Norman Faulkner will be at Verre d'Art, 1518 Sherbrooke street w. From Wednesday until April 20. ... The paintings of Hélène Doucet will be on display from Wednesday until April 11, at the Centre culturel de Verdun, 5955 Bannantyne avenue. ... The Spring Arts and Crafts Show and Sale will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 501 Fifth avenue in Verdun, Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. ... An auction of ceramic works will be held Sunday, 2:00 pm, at 4060 St. Lawrence, first floor. It is for the benefit of Interaction, a gallery of ceramic artists.

Young Quebecers perform

The Orchestre des Jeunes du Québec will be under the baton of Franz-Paul Decker for a concert Friday, 8:00 pm, in Redpath Hall, 3459 McTavish street. The orchestra will play works by Bach, Stravinsky and Brahms.

Students have a ball

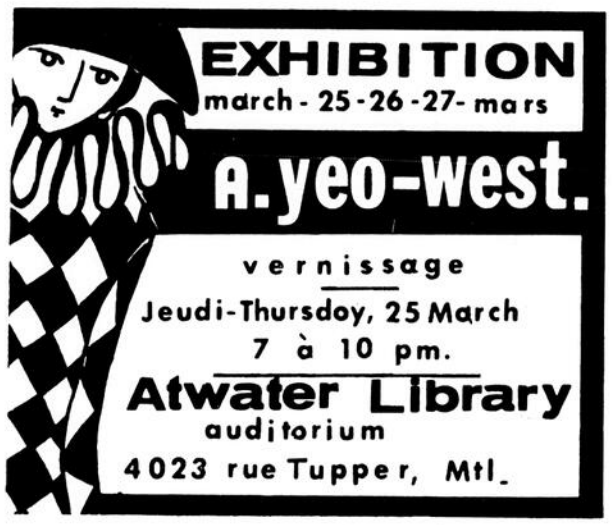
There is still time to pick up tickets for the Viennese Ball being thrown by the Liberal Arts College of Concordia University, Saturday, 7:00 pm, at the Sheraton Mount-Royal Hotel. The event is raising funds for the college and to send a bunch of students to Vienna in the final segment of a year long seminar titled "The Birth of Cultural Modernism in Vienna, 1880-1920." For information call 879-8051.

Bowl for kidneys

The sons of Scotland Benevolent Society is holding a bowl-a-thon Sunday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, at Rosebowl Lanes to raise money for the Kidney Foundation of Canada. Sponsor forms are available at the bowling alley.

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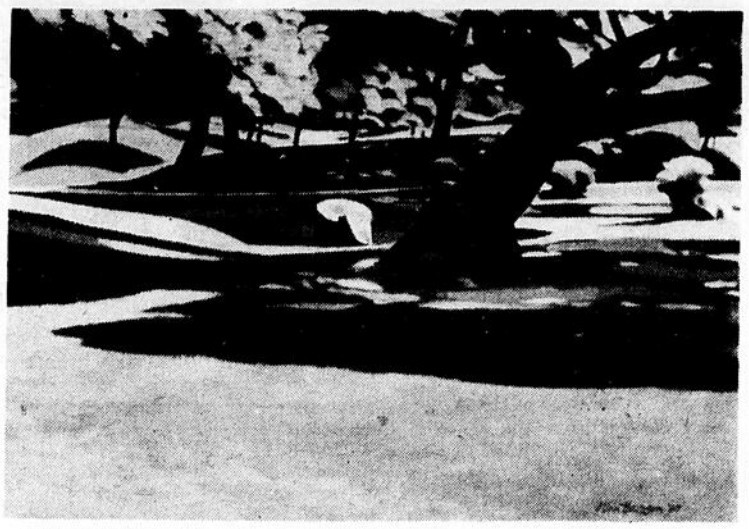
Westmounter plays in opera

David Etherington, 633 Côte St. Antoine road, was the only Westmounter participating in the St. Laurent Opera Company's production of *Iolanthe* held last week at Collège Brébeuf.

David played the part of one of the "peers" in the Gilbert and Sullivan presentation, this year's annual production.

Women meet

The Westmount YMCA is planning to organize a group for women only—where women will be able to discuss issues affecting them. The first meeting is to be held next Thursday, April 1, at 7:30 pm.



MIXED SHOW: Allan Harrison, 201 Metcalfe avenue, is having a show at the Walter Klinkhoff Gallery May 4 to May 15. There will be 20 mixed media works—still life, figures and landscapes including a large one of Westmount Park (above). The latter was painted in the park in June-July 1980 during the mornings from 10:30 to 12 noon.

Library holds two-day show

An exhibition of the work of A. Leo-West will take place in the auditorium at the Atwater Library, 4023 Tupper street, on Friday, 12 noon to 9 pm and Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm.

There will be a vernissage tonight at 7 pm at the library.

Driver stopped, owes $861.50

A driver was stopped by police recently at the corner of Sherbrooke street and Wood avenue and verification of the motorist revealed he owed $861.50 in unpaid traffic warrants.

Police said the resident of St. James street was able to pay the amount.

Library closed

The Atwater Library will be closed Friday, April 9, to Monday, April 12, inclusive, for the Easter weekend.

Washington trip thrills children of Little Burgundy

A group of young people from the Tyndale-St. Georges Community Centre in Little Burgundy made use of the recent school holiday to take a trip to Washington, D.C. and New York City. Many of the children come from underprivileged homes, and for all but three of the ten it was their first time to visit the United States.

Tyndale-St. Georges has long worked with the English-speaking community, but in recent years has reached out to French-speaking children and youth as well. This trip was an opportunity for the staff to develop relationships and deepened contact with a number of these youth.

The trip included visits to the major tourist sites in the area: the Air and Space Museum, the FBI building, the Capitol and the White House, the Folger Shakespearean Library, the National Zoo, the Washington Cathedral, the Great Falls of the Potomac, and the Natural History Museum. For most of the group, it was their first experience, as well, of eating in restaurants and of traveling that far in a bus.

The young people, who ranged in age from eight to 16, were all enthusiastic. They contributed towards the cost of the trip which was also subsidized by Tyndale-St. Georges and by a contribution from Union United Church in St. Henri. Staff included the Reverend Joseph Reed from Tyndale-St. Georges and Mr. Anthony Bailey of Union United Church.

On the return trip, the group took the Staten Island Ferry to lower Manhattan and toured New York briefly.

They also joined in a worship service in Croton Falls, New York, and attended French classes in the high school in that same community.

Small sculptures to be exhibited

An exhibition of small traditional sculptures at the Galerie des 5 Continents will be of interest to both knowledgeable collectors of African art and to those wishing to learn something about it.

The objects, mostly carved in wood, are nearly all under 20 inches in height and they come from Zaire, the Ivory Coast and Nigeria.

Boxes, bowls, spoons, combs and mirrors for everyday use are intricately carved and decorated. Geometric designs, as well as those of people and animals, reveal the joy of creation, the enrichment of the daily routine of living.

Other sculptures, mostly religious, are concerned with ritual and magic, symbolize gods, ancestors or the forces of nature, who must be wooed and placated as protection against the forces of evil. Their features, headdresses and ornamentation reveal the customs and cultures of the different areas.

The exhibition is at the Galerie des 5 Continents, 1304 Greene avenue, and will run from April 8 to May 6. Hours are from 10 am to 6 pm through the week and from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturdays. Call 931-3174 for more information.

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Arts featured at open house

The arts will be holding centre stage at a St. George's High School open house Wednesday, 7-10:00 pm, at 3100 The Boulevard. Students from the instrumental music and drama programs will be performing and those in the art programs will be giving demonstrations in various media. There will also be a display of the students' work.

The visual arts curriculum includes instruction in painting, drawing, sculpture, batik and printmaking and there are options in photography and ceramics.

The music program was started in 1974 and currently has over 100 students participating.

In the drama program, theoretical and practical instruction is given in acting and stagecraft. The students produce plays in the school's theatre and the facilities are built and maintained by the students.

Westmount's mayor, aldermen and city officials regularly make themselves accessible for news and background on local issues for the informing of local citizens every week through THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER.

Freedom prizes to be awarded at special dinner

The Freedom of Choice Movement, the activist language rights group, is to hold its second Freedom Awards Dinner at the Château Champlain main ballroom this evening.

The purpose is to recognize those who in the eyes of the movement have made a special contribution on behalf of civil rights, specially language rights, in Quebec and in Canada.

The awards are given in five categories:

Parliamentarians: Gordon Gilchrist, MP and Tom Cossitt, MP (posthumously)

Journalists: Tom Cherington, CHCH Hamilton, James Duff, reporter with CBC-TV and former editor *Sherbrooke Record;* Ross Dixon, editor *The Equity* Shawville, Quebec.

Group leaders: Robert Dobie, president, Provincial Association of Catholic Teachers; Ray Wakefield, president, West Island Citizens Association; Carol Zimmerman, founder and president Quebec For All/Québec Pour Tous.

Challenged tests

Individuals: Joanne Curran, registered nursing assistant who successfully challenged the Office de la Langue Française's language tests for professionals, demonstrating their inconsistency; Allan Singer, who has fought for the right to have his choice in the language of his signs; Blair McIntosh, who has challenged the unilingual traffic ticket in the courts.

Special award: will be given to the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations. For many years the Home and School has set an example of the highest integrity in the language rights area of human rights, most recently with its pursuit of a legal opinion of Bill 101 and its opposition to Article 59 of the Canada Act—the new Canadian Constitution. Accepting on behalf of the federation will be its president, Owen Buckingham.

The keynote speaker is to be Mrs. Jeannette Tremblay-Burley, editor of the *News and Chronicle.* The national anthem will be sung by Mrs. Geraldine Doucet.

The individuals honored at the first Freedom Awards Dinner were Jeannette Tremblay-Burley, John Robertson, Doug Williamson, Dr. Armour Forse, Duncan MacDonald, Tim Burke, Robert Beale, Roger Doucet and Col. Pierre Sévigny.

Firefighters aid in Hampstead

Westmount firefighters assisted at a mutual aid fire in Hampstead Wednesday evening last week when a kitchen fire broke out in a private home at 169 Harland avenue.

The local men under Lieut. Graham Morrison covered at the station and were later requested to help with overhauling at the scene, fire officials said.

Council group working hard on guidelines

Committee of council is "starting now to work hard" on assessing the joint Westmount Municipal Association - Westmount Historical Association report on planning goals and design guidelines, submitted to council last fall.

The matter was discussed at the mid-month committee meeting on Monday, Mayor Donald MacCallum reported, but apparently a report on the legal ramifications of some of the proposals still is being prepared by the city's legal staff.

Already, the architectural and planning commission has offered its reaction to the WMA-WHA report, the mayor said. Once the legal report is in, council will be able to assess all the documents and — perhaps — propose legislation to ensure the maintenance of Westmount's architectural heritage.

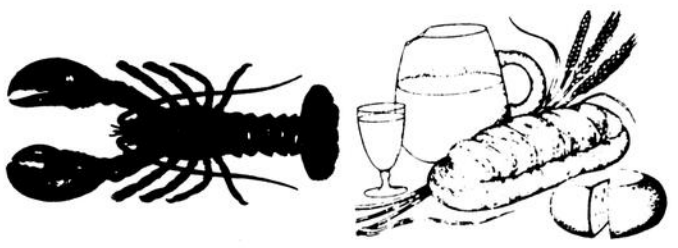
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Coming Events

ST. HENRI-WESTMOUNT LIBERAL ASSOCIATION

Is holding their annual general meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 1982, 7:30 pm, St. Leo's Hall, 310 Clarke Avenue, Westmount, Quebec. Business: To receive the report of the President, Treasurer and Secretary of the Association. Guest speaker: Mr. David M. Culver, President and Chief Executive Officer, Alcan Aluminium Limited. Subject: Adversity, Adventure and Humility or, How Canadians can make a living. Our member of Parliament, the Honourable Donald J. Johnston, P.C. also looks forward to meeting with members. Members are invited to bring guests to hear Mr. Culver. It is expected that the business part of the meeting will be over fairly quickly and that the speaker will begin at approximately 8:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

CONCERT ST. LAWRENCE CHOIR

St. Lawrence Choir in performance of "Dido and Aeneas" by Purcell. Works by Williams, Holst and Elgar with string orchestra and soloists. Dir. by Iwan Edwards. Resurrection of Our Lord Church, 34th Ave., Lachine. Sunday, March 28th, 8 pm. Adults $7. and students and seniors $5. Info. 695-7148.

THE CANADIAN ASS'N OF READING CLUBS

The Jessie Lewin Annual Competition of this Association will take place on Thursday, April 22, at 8:00 pm sharp in the hall of the Town of Mount Royal United Church, 1800 Graham Boulevard. Guests will be most welcome at this open meeting. Admission free.

LADIES DUPLICATE BRIDGE WITH HAROLD FRY

Open to all. 12:45 pm every Tuesday, Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, Westmount. Both entrances, 450 Kensington, 425 Metcalfe, $3.50 per person, refreshments.

PATH TO PEACE AND NEW LIFE

Eminent spiritual guide Dom John Main will speak on Christian meditation and peace at the Benedictine Priory, 1475 Pine Ave. West on Thursday, March 25th, 1982, 7:30 pm sharp. All welcome. For further information please call Triple O Club, 937-3916.

All ages are awarded prizes as 41 dolls entered in contest

Forty-one dolls were entered in the Westmount Historical Association's 1982 doll contest and prize-winners ranged in age from adults to five-year-olds.

The superbly varied collection of locally-made dolls will be on view at Westmount Public Library starting Tuesday.

Winners in the different categories are:

Special prizes: Older children — Jennifer Meder of ECS and Heidi Illingsworth;

"Young at heart": Ms. Patricia Doyle;

Eleven-year-olds working in pairs: (All from ECS) 1st prize, Alexandra Leus and Elizabeth Cundill; 2nd prize, Heidi Bruun, Hélène Jacquet; 3rd prize, Alexandra Peschlow, Cheryl Zaman-Zadeh; honorable mentions, Marla Rutenberg, Ericka Rutenberg, Laura Eakin, Margo Plant;

From The Study

Eleven-year-olds: (All from The Study) 1st prize, Kate Frazer, Cullen Pilot; 2nd prize, Liane Tabah; 3rd prize, Antonia Miller; honorable mentions, Arabella Decker, Wendy S. W. Chiu, Nadine Grunberg;

Ten-year-olds: (All from ECS) 1st prize, Audra Flamenbaum; 2nd prize, Emily Caporicci; 3rd prize, Willa Johnson;

Eight-year-olds: 1st prize, Nathalie Waldman, St. George's; 2nd prize, Roslyn Trigger, Westmount Park;

Five-, six-, seven-year-olds: (All from Roslyn's after-school art program) 1st prize, Katherine Watchorn, Sarah Winn; 2nd prize, Christopher Watchorn; 3rd prize, Kerri Radoman; honorable mention, Lisa Fadelle.

NEARLY NEW SALE

Sponsored by Pioneer Women's Organization - Carmiel Group will take place on Tuesday, March 30, 9:30 am - 3 pm at Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve W. corner Lansdowne. Merchandise for entire family. Bargains. Admission free.

POLISH BAZAAR

Saturday, March 27, 11 am to 8 pm, and Sunday, March 28, 1:30 to 7 pm. St. Columba Church Hall, 4020 Hingston Ave., corner N.D.G. National Easter bakery, boutiques, etc. Also the Giant Rummage Sale, downstairs, Saturday only. Hot meals will be served. Admission free.

MILITARY WHIST

Friday, March 26, 1982 at 8:15 pm, R.M.R. Armoury, 4625 St. Catherine St. W., Westmount, Room 14. Bus route 90. Sponsored by "The Ladies Group", R.M.R. Assoc. Branch 14 (Quebec) Royal Canadian Legion. Refreshments; door prizes. All welcome.

Luncheon talk looks at poetry

The Antiquarian and Numismatic Society of Montreal, Women's Branch, is holding its regular monthly luncheon meeting on Monday, at the Château Ramezay, 280 Notre Dame east, at 12:30 pm. The speaker will be Mme Paul Goyette, whose topic, "Histoire et Poésie," will be illustrated. Miss Una Wardleworth, the president, will preside. Members and their guests are welcome.

Women's club holds benefit

The American Women's Club of Montreal will hold a Social Service Benefit and Artisan's Showcase and Sale on Wednesday, March 31, at the Montreal West Town Hall, 50 Westminster avenue south between 10 am to 3:30 pm. In addition to hand crafted articles offered, there will be a bake sale. All proceeds will be donated to Montreal charities.

Refreshments will be available in the downstairs tea room.

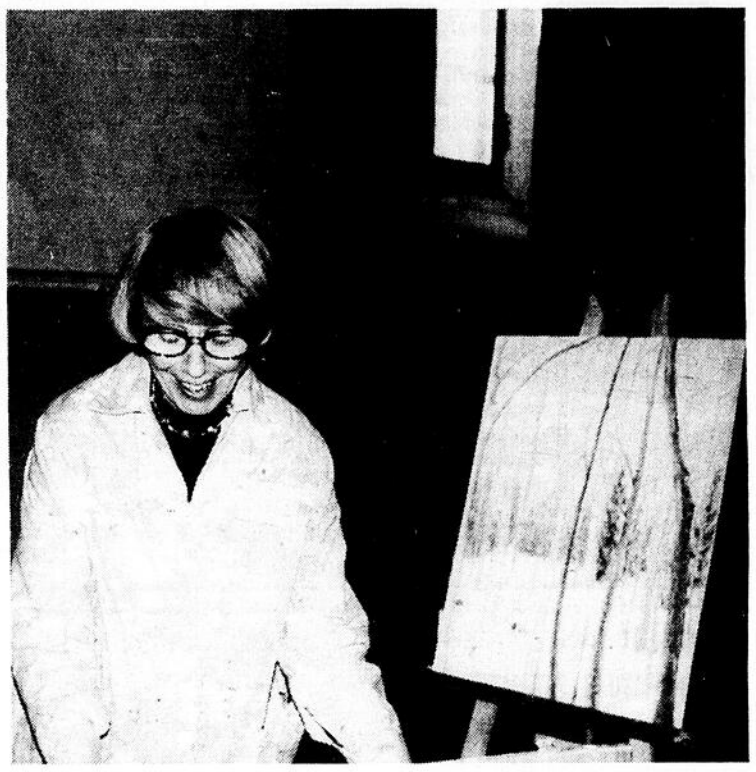
Chairmen for the affair are Mrs. Richard Clarke and Mrs. Alain Raymond.

The public is cordially invited.

Seven-year-old bitten by dog

A seven-year-old girl was taken to hospital last Thursday night after she was bitten on the back of the leg by a dog as she bicycled in the school yard of St-Léon school, police said.

The victim, a resident of Grosvenor avenue, was with her mother at the time and was taken to the Montreal Children's Hospital. Police said the dog was a Doberman living on Sherbrooke street.



BUSY AT WORK: Ruth Crabtree, a well-known artist in Westmount, works on a picture for the Spring Art Show of the Studio Group of the Women's Art Society. It will take place at the Fraser-Hickson Institute, 4855 Kensington Ave., N.D.G. from Saturday, March 27, to Friday, April 2, during library hours. The public is cordially invited, and admission is free. Other Westmount residents in the Studio Group include Grace Colby, Muriel MacGregor, Esmé McNeil, Dorothy Smyth and Bea Stewart.

Dr. Eade again chosen to lead library board

Dr. Norman Eade was re-elected president of the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal at the 142nd annual meeting held recently at the institute's Atwater Library, corner of Atwater avenue and Tupper street, Westmount.

The library had an active year, specially with the move of the Montreal Children's library head branch and bookbindery into its lower level. It is a welcome addition in the area.

Along with the election of Dr. Eade, the following also were elected to the library board: E. A. Thorne, honorary president; Dr. W. E. S. Connolly, vice-president; Robert T. McKim, treasurer, and K. E. McNamara, honorary secretary. Elected to the committee of management for a two-year term were Misses Catherine Donaldson, Madeleine Gohier and Claire Gohier; Mrs. Heather Connolly and M. G. Sand. Completing their terms in 1982 are T. G. Anglin, Donald Drolet, Misses Audrey Allin and Sarah Jefferson, and Mrs. Jacqueline Trethewey.

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Decorator stresses 'personal taste'

By JOAN CAPREOL

"People are becoming more conscious of making every inch count in their living environment," says Westmount interior decorator Aurelien "Rel" Guillory, "They are decorating more to a personal taste rather than keeping up with the Joneses."

His emphasis on decorating is that every family has its own unique lifestyle and competent decorating and interior design, he says, starts with a thorough understanding and interviewing of the family. "When I meet a family I do a lot of interviewing to tailor their home, condo or apartment to be solely theirs," Mr. Guillory says. "I want people to feel that they are living there, not me, the decorator."

Mr. Guillory, 40, is a member of the Interior Design Society of Quebec and taught interior decorating at the Saidye Bronfman Centre for seven years. A landed immigrant, he came to Canada 11 years ago from New Orleans. His wife, Mila Burgess Guillory, is a Canadian.

He is decorating one of the guest rooms at Manoir Ronald McDonald Côte St. Catherine road next to St. Justine Children's Hospital. The home accommodates families of children who are in hospital.

Forest green

"My room is decorated in terracotta parchment wallpaper with accents of forest green," Mr. Guillory says. "I find that color is a very important design element and must be chosen carefully. I think color is a subjective thing. Certain colors suit certain people."

Mr. Guillory did one apartment in Westmount Square with high gloss black ceilings. It reflects the city lights at night.

He did another apartment in the same building in sky blue and ivory because it suited that family.

Mr. Guillory has bought the building at 3237 St. Antoine street west and is renovating it for his atelier.

At that address he will be conducting an advanced interior design lectures series starting April 20. "Essentially it's a course for people who have some basic background in decorating, "Mr. Guillory says. "We will discuss lighting techniques, color schemes, history of furniture, the right fabric and carpet for the right place, and floor plans.

Mr. Guillory is also conducting a New York decorators' tour from April 15 to 18. This trip will provide an overview of practical home decorating suggestions plus visits to exclusive New York designers' showrooms, galleries, boutiques, museums, SoHo and Chinatown.



Aurelien Guillory in his studio.

Television set taken from car

A television set, electric beater and one speaker were stolen from a Chevrolet station wagon Saturday while the car was parked in front of 4028 St. Catherine street.

The items were worth $417.50.

Cleaner finds a wallet

A cleaner in the office building at 245 Victoria avenue found a wallet last Wednesday belonging to a student of McGill University living on Marlowe avenue.

The wallet contained personal papers, but no money, police said.

Our cartoonist draws winning Rotary ticket

Judy Yelon, cartoonist for THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER, was the winner of the Rotary Club of Westmount's "Holiday of the Month" draw held yesterday during the club's weekly luncheon.

Mrs. Yelon, who lives at 4700 de Maisonneuve boulevard, wins a $1,250 voucher from Skylark Tours for a package holiday.

Second prize of a $500 voucher was won by a team of employees of Sofati Ltée, 245 Victoria avenue, led by Louise Larose.

Third prize of $125 cash, representing the cost of the ticket, was won by J. W. Smith Chapman of Town of Mount Royal.

Also drawn yesterday was the "Early Bird" prize, a $1,000 Skylark holiday for two in the Bahamas. The winner was Mrs. Bonar Hodgson, wife of a Rotarian.

Bad accounts

A Montreal man was arrested on Mount Pleasant avenue Saturday for unpaid traffic warrants totalling $906.50. The man, a 31-year-old accountant, was stopped by police while they were patrolling.

Keys spotted

A set of keys left in the trunk of a car parked Sunday in front of 4156 St. Catherine street were spotted by a passerby at 4:30 am. They were pulled out and taken to local MUC police station 23.

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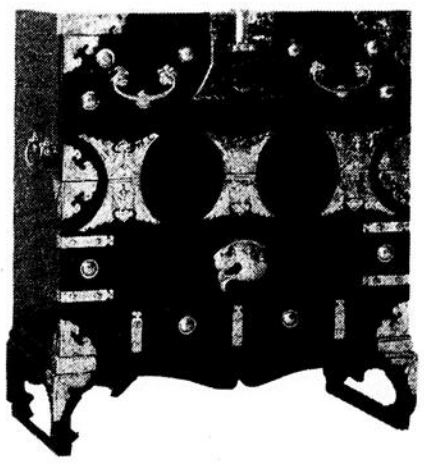
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Sale of top artists' work to benefit senior citizens

Works by leading Montreal area artists, including Tib Beament, Ghitta Caiserman-Roth, Bruce Ledain and Robert Savoie, will go on sale April 29-May 1 in Webster Hall in benefit of the Westmount Senior Citizens' Centre.

The Sixth Annual Westmount Art Exhibition and Sale of the centre, in co-operation with Centre Contactivité Inc., is under the chairmanship of Mrs. Joan Winser. Forty percent of the sale price of each work is earmarked for the centre. Average sales price in 1981 was $195. The sale raises some $4,000 per year.

About 130 works are expected to be on view. They will be judged April 28 by a jury made up of Mrs. Joseph Connolly, Mrs. Cynthia Dobell, Helmut Gransow and Mrs. Jo-Ann Meade. Artists may submit three works each.

A further fund-raising element of the show—the profits are vital to the centre's operation–will be the raffle of a painting by Nora Collyer. Called *Les Lys* and donated by La Galerie Continentale, it is an oil on board measuring 14 by 12 inches. It is valued at $500.

Sell tickets

Senior citizens of the centre will sell tickets for the raffle April 16 and 23 from 10 am to 4 pm at Westmount Square. The tickets will cost $2 each or $10 for six.

The exhibition will be previewed at Webster Hall April 29 from 7 to 9 pm. Webster Hall is located at the Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve boulevard west, at Lansdowne avenue. The exhibition and sale will continue April 30 from 10 am to 9 pm and May 1 from 10 am to 5 pm.

The Centre was founded in 1972 on the basis of a Local Initiative grant. A casual meeting place for the well elderly of all races and creeds, it is open every weekday from 10 am to 4 pm and has some 300 members. It also provides courses, meals and trips as well as referral and counselling services for senior citizens, their families and groups concerned with the well-being of senior citizens.

Funded in part by the City of Westmount since 1972, the centre also has been receiving grants since 1978 from Centraide and, since 1981, from the Quebec Department of Social Affairs.

The balance of the centre's funds comes from events it organizes—the art sale and bazaars are two examples—as well as donations.

Promote expansion

Mrs. Suzanne E. Bannon, executive director of the Centre, says its staff of three seeks to promote the expression of individual and group needs, abilities and aspirations; to encourage experience and growth by offering meaningful activity and learning opportunities; and to bring members into contact with other age groups and sectors of the total community.

The Centre offers a weekly hot lunch at cost followed by film and slide shows, music or lectures. It also organizes courses, bridge games, crafts, day and half-day trips at cost, visits to theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and a yearly crafts fair.

Members of the board of the Centre in addition to Mrs. Winser are J. H. Wright, chairman; Miss Ann Robson, secretary; Neill Currie, Mrs. Lorna Davis, Dr. A. L. Kerr, R. S. Robson, Judge A. Stalker, Hubert de La Beaumelle and Mrs. Monica Fairweather.

Seniors mark anniversary with activities

The Westmount Senior Citizens' Centre will begin a series of events Wednesday to begin celebrating the 10th anniversary of the centre.

At 2:30 Wednesday afternoon Miss Barbara Whitley will speak on the ability of seniors to remain as involved members of the community, touching on one of the themes of the centre. As a long-active community worker, including her service as a member of the board of the Montreal General Hospital, Miss Whitley will show that the over-65 generation has nothing to fear — and much to add — because of their age.

On Thursday, April 1, the centre will hold its own "anniversary lunch" for members and guests. Some 10 original members are expected to be on hand, and Mrs. Suzanne Bannon, director of the centre for most of its history, is hoping to contact others, as well.

The festivities will be embellished with a choral presentation by the Vanier Choir. The seniors also will be able to glance through some of the centre's memorabilia, which have been collected in a 10th-anniversary scrapbook.

Attendance limited

Attendance at the lunch is limited to 100 persons.

The following Tuesday, April 7, will feature a wine and cheese party for the board of the centre and invited guests.

Finally, one week later Mrs. Bannon is planning an afternoon tea for some of the shut-in members who no longer can attend regular activities. She hopes that they, too, can get a feeling of participating in the centre once again.

The centre opened officially on April 5, 1972.

Action Transport seeks volunteer driving aides

Action Transport is a volunteer driving project serving the west end of Montreal. Its clientele is comprised of people who are too ill or infirm to use the public transportation system, and who are unable to afford taxis.

The majority of the people served are over 65, but those under 65 also are eligible if they are not confined to a wheelchair and come under the above description and providing they already are not receiving help in the form of taxi tickets from social aid organizations.

One part-time co-ordinator is responsible for informing the public about the service, for recruiting volunteers, for taking requests and arranging the rides between the clients and the volunteers.

Priority in terms of destinations is anything related to health. Drives are given to doctor and clinic appointments, to dentists, eye doctors or to visits concerning hearing aids, glasses or prostheses. Very few drives are given to social meetings, simply because the number of volunteers does not permit it.

Volunteers are men and women who are not working or are retired or homemakers. They are reimbursed for their gas and parking expenses, and are insured under the project's policy for accidents. They are free to choose when and how often they will drive, although the hours generally are between 9 am and 4 pm, Monday to Friday.

There are 12 volunteers now driving for the project. However, illness, vacations and other obligations may cut this number in half at any given time. And because this service is maintained solely on the basis of there being volunteers available to drive, it is imperative to have a large group of active volunteers at all times.

The rides themselves may take between one and three hours' time, or may consist of a drop-off followed by a pick-up several hours later. Even if the volunteer chooses to drive twice a week (which many do), the actual time spent per week is not usually more than five hours. This is a small price to pay in order to help so many.

Every week an average of 18 requests for rides are taken. Often, two or three persons must be turned down due to the lack of available drivers.

In order to remedy this situation, new volunteers are needed. Those interested in joining Action Transport may contact Marcie Sirota, the project co-ordinator, at 481-8115. The offices are at 2525 Cavendish boulevard, suite 110.

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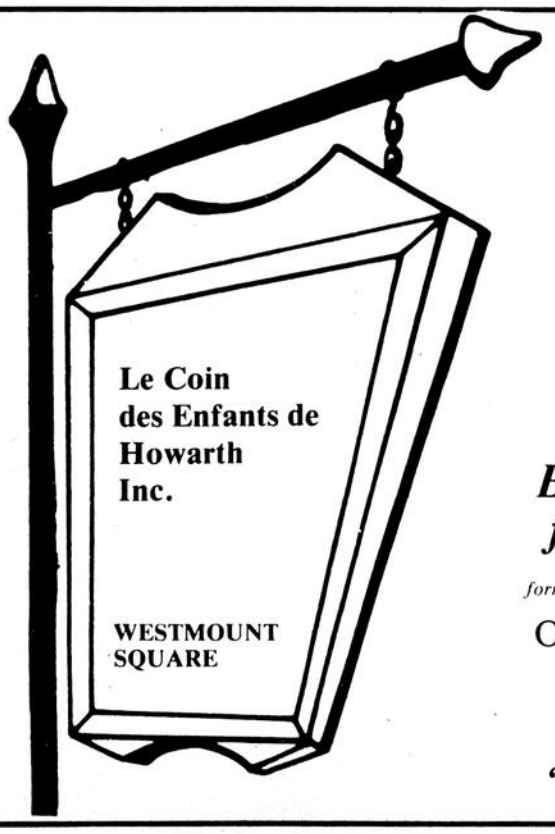
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Finkel designs original symbol for Arts Westmount show



By JOAN CAPREOL

The Arts Westmount symbol (above) was created by Henry Finkel, 342 Elm avenue, a consulting industrial designer.

"I wanted the symbol to be bilingual," Mr. Finkel said. "Numbers are always bilingual and Arts Westmount can be read in either English or French. For the rest, it's just the dates and the year.

"I was fortunate in being able to split into two unequal halves the visual circle which I adopted as the basic shape of the symbol. By making one portion a reverse treatment, the symbol becomes apparent.

"I made a further decision that the symbol should contain all the pertinent information relative to the newspaper standards of what, where and when. I was careful to design the symbol so that it can be used as a newspaper heading at ½ column width or blown up to 18 inches large for application to a poster.

"Carrying this idea further, I designed a poster related to the symbol so it could indicate the particular function in this Arts Westmount festival, such as the photographic show or music performance, with a formalized arrow shape to indicate which way to go to the event."

Made suggestions

Mr. Finkel has made color suggestions to signify each of the different categories—orange for architecture; light blue for art; yellow, drama; green, dance; mauve, literature; red, music; and black, photography. "I have suggested that the basic symbol should be reproduced either in mid-blue or white or black on white," Mr. Finkel said.

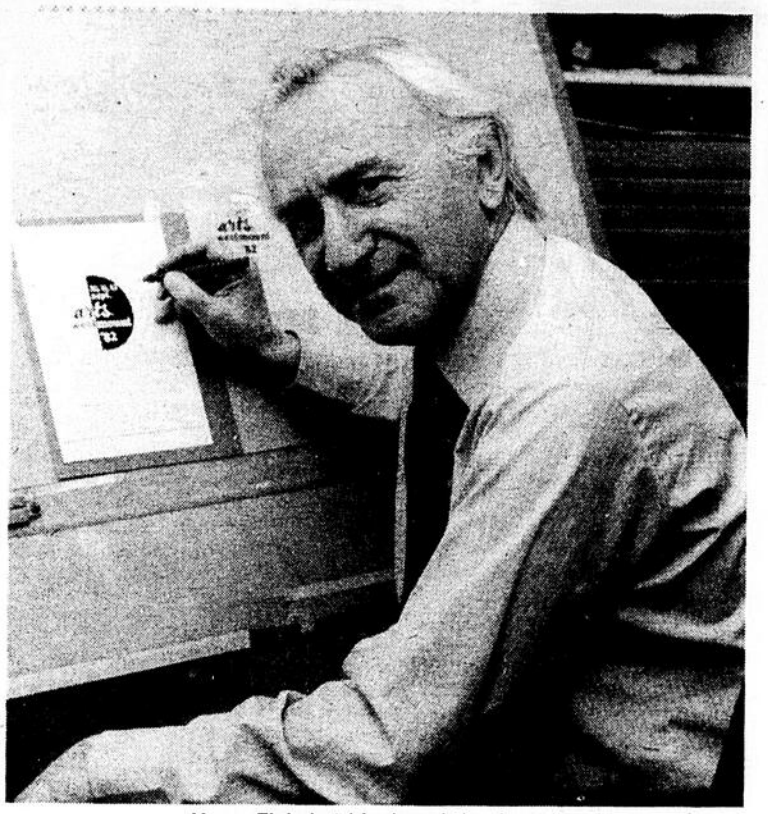
He said that the most startling color combination is black and yellow.

Mr. Finkel has been a consulting industrial designer since 1947. He was president of the Association of Canadian Industrial Designers in the late '50s and again from 1976 to 1978.

An industrial designer, he said, is a product designer. "In other words, I design the items that are intended for mass production," Mr. Finkel continued. "This means I must take into consideration the functional needs of what I am designing. It should work well and easily. It should be relatively easy to manufacture and it should have as good an appearance as I can give it."

During his career Mr. Finkel has designed more than 1,000 items, including desk calendars for the Royal Bank and their poster stands which are still being used.

He said he was fortunate in being asked to design the first Canadian-produced hand-held calculator along with other, office-sized calculator units.



Henry Finkel at his draughting board.

Since then Mr. Finkel has designed a computer housing a small telephone index which is very compact and takes advantage of certain characteristics of different plastic materials.

"My most recent success is a package for household twine, all moulded in plastic, including a blade for cutting the twine to length and at a low enough price to make it practical for the market," Mr. Finkel said. "It will probably retail in the $1.49 range. It is being groomed for sale across the United States and Canada."

For the first time since it was invented, Mr. Finkel designed a new rubber stamp. The stamp handle and base are moulded in one piece with the message of the stamp facing the user almost completely in such a way that it is impossible to use the stamp upside down.

His clientele is a cross-section of the leading industrialists in the country. "I can't rub shoulders with people like that unless I can be totally and reliably honest," he said. "If I make a statement in relation to my work I must be able to back it up."

Mr. Finkel has written many articles and lectured considerably, mostly on university campuses at the design-oriented faculties. He has lectured at McGill University, the University of Montreal, and at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg. He has addressed design meetings in the United States. "The objective of industrial design is to take work-a-day objects and turn them into delightful items," he said.

Designed house

Mr. Finkel graduated in architecture at McGill in 1934. Because of depressed business in the '30s he moved over to other things and ultimately to industrial design.

Mr. Finkel designed his country house in Val David to suit the site and particular family needs. "I am a tight planner and don't waste space unnecessarily," he said. "On the other hand a living room must be pretty open. Therefore, our living room faces the best view over the adjacent valley to the mountains beyond. The living room-dining room is backed up by the kitchen-bathroom facility to keep the water pipes so compact that they will not freeze in the wintertime. The bedrooms are on split levels of this living area. One day away there feels like a week's holiday from the city."

Mr. Finkel is married to Rose Goldblatt, professor of music at McGill University, who is chairman of the music committee for Arts Westmount.

They have two children. Nina Valery is a ballet and modern dancer in New York. Jon Darius is keeper of astronomy to Queen Elizabeth in London, England. He is working at the Royal Science Museum there. He has just returned from Chile where he used the facilities of the largest collection of terrestrial telescopes in the world. He is doing work in the field of ultraviolet spectroscopy.

Mr. Finkel's primary hobby is photography. "I take advantage of opportune settings, particularly when I travel," he said. "As a result I have about 4,000 slides from Europe, United States and Canada.

"In the capacity of the Design Association, I had to attend a number of meetings in Europe and Mexico as an official delegate. This broadened my travel experience. I met wonderful people who have become friends and I have enjoyed learning how the other side lives.

Mr. Finkel is passionately interested in music and the theatre.

On demande les musiciens

Professeur Rose Goldblatt, membre du comité de direction de la Fête des Arts de septembre à Westmount, et Jan Simons, responsable du programme de musique, prient tous les musiciens de Westmount qui voudraient participer à ce programme de communiquer avec Professeur Goldblatt au 932-8623.

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A new highway code, called the Security Code, will come into force April 1 with stringent new fines for vehicles and pedestrians. I will try to single out the more applicable parts for young people and give you more details in the weeks to come.

I hope to see you Tuesday at Westmount High.

Organizers urge citizens to 'really support' tax rally by buying 1,000 tickets

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

"If we don't fill the Forum, we deserve to be the highest taxed people in North America."

Those are the feelings of Colette Tellier of Westmount, co-organizer of the giant tax protest rally planned by Taxes Action April 4.

She is optimistic that some 12,000 to 15,000 overburdened taxpayers will buy $3 tickets for the event, which she is organizing along with fellow a Westmounter, Richard Hancock.

A target of at least 1,000 tickets has been set for Westmount, where the mushrooming tax revolt movement started among angry homeowners. It now embraces some 50 Quebec communities.

"We in Westmount should be the most concerned," she said. "Our tax increases are among the highest and we're closest to the Forum, too," she added. "Besides, we started the movement, so we should really support it."

She also announced that Mayor Jean Cournoyer of Dollard des Ormeaux and Mathias Roux, radio personality, would emcee the rally, which is to headline the U.S. tax revolt pioneer Howard Jarvis.

Dollard des Ormeaux municipal council Tuesday voted to donate $5,000 to Taxes Action, which has asked city and town councils to endorse its objectives.

The movement is seeking a more equitable property tax system from the Quebec government as well as greater fiscal responsibility by elected officials, particularly where the MUC is concerned.

Mayor Donald MacCallum told an audience of citizens at city hall two weeks ago that city council supported most of a Westmount Municipal Association resolution seeking tax relief but declined a request that council adopt it in a formal resolution.

It was here the first tax revolt rally took place Feb. 26, when more than 800 angry homeowners packed Victoria Hall to hear citizen leaders and politicians discuss the problem.

The movement's efforts now are directed at selling tickets for the giant rally, which is only three weeks away.

Mrs. Tellier said that letters already had gone out to various politicians such as Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier René Lévesque asking them to order tickets at $3 each.

Plot course

The Taxes Action committee met last Thursday to plot the course of the movement and map out details of the giant rally.

"We're not rich, we're not giving them away."

Tickets are on sale locally at the YMCA, the Toy Box in Westmount Square and Miss Westmount restaurant.

They also are available at the Forum box office and at TRS outlets, where they will cost $3.85.

The issue of tax reform is expected to be debated in the Quebec National Assembly at the end of March and the beginning of April, which Mrs. Tellier sees as good timing for the giant rally.

Organizers of the movement already have been in touch with the municipal affairs department and are preparing a brief on the tax issue.

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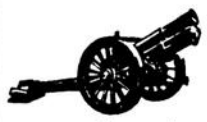
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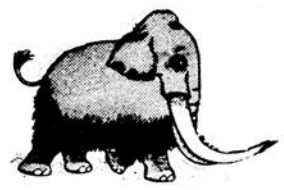
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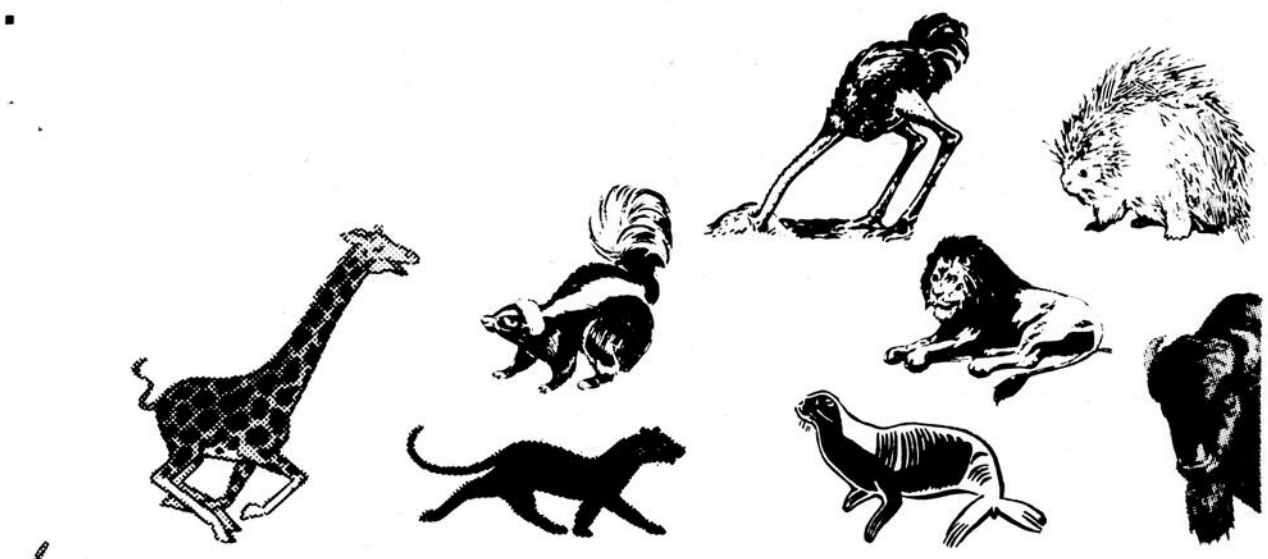
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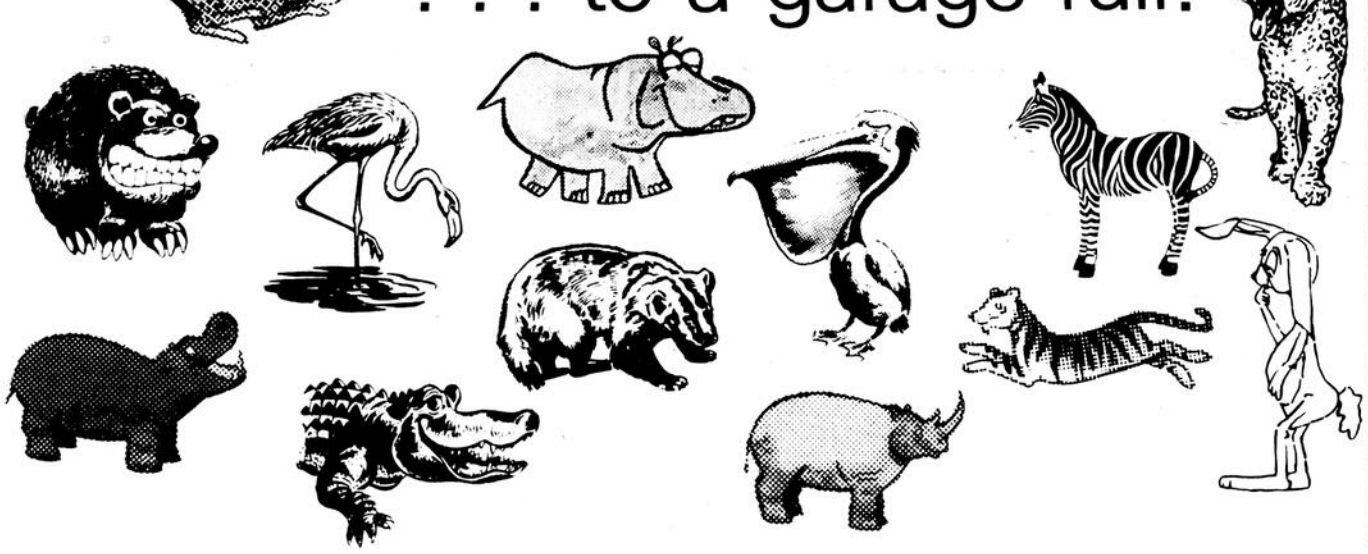
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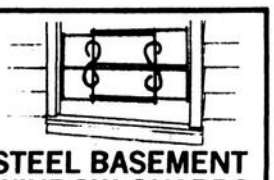
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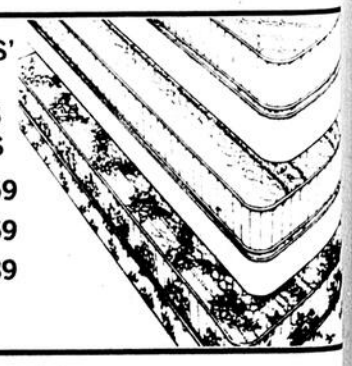
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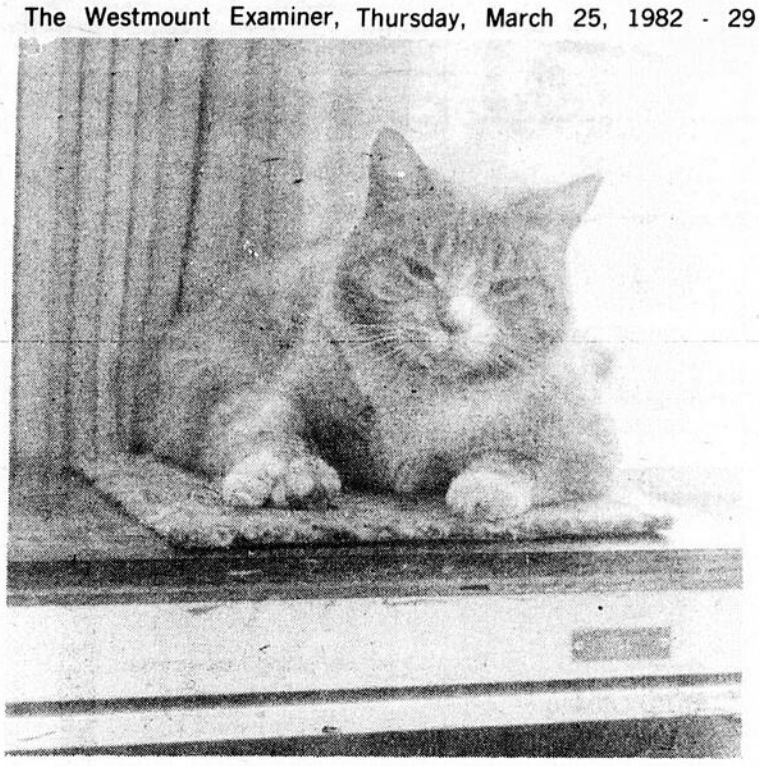
Morris returns home after stay in hospital

Morris, the police cat of station 23 fame, is expected "home" today after a week in hospital with a blockage of the bladder, the same ailment that sent him to hospital exactly one year ago.

He is recovering well at the Animal Hospital of Westmount, according to Sgt.-Det. Bruce Whiteford, who said he would remain on medication following his release.

The marmalade-colored cat was taken in by the station almost five years ago and immediately adopted his new home wandering about at will through police, fire and court offices.

He is no stranger to the hospital where he has recovered on several occasions from such ailments as swallowed chicken bones and feline urological syndrome.



Morris
on one of his favorite perches in the detective office

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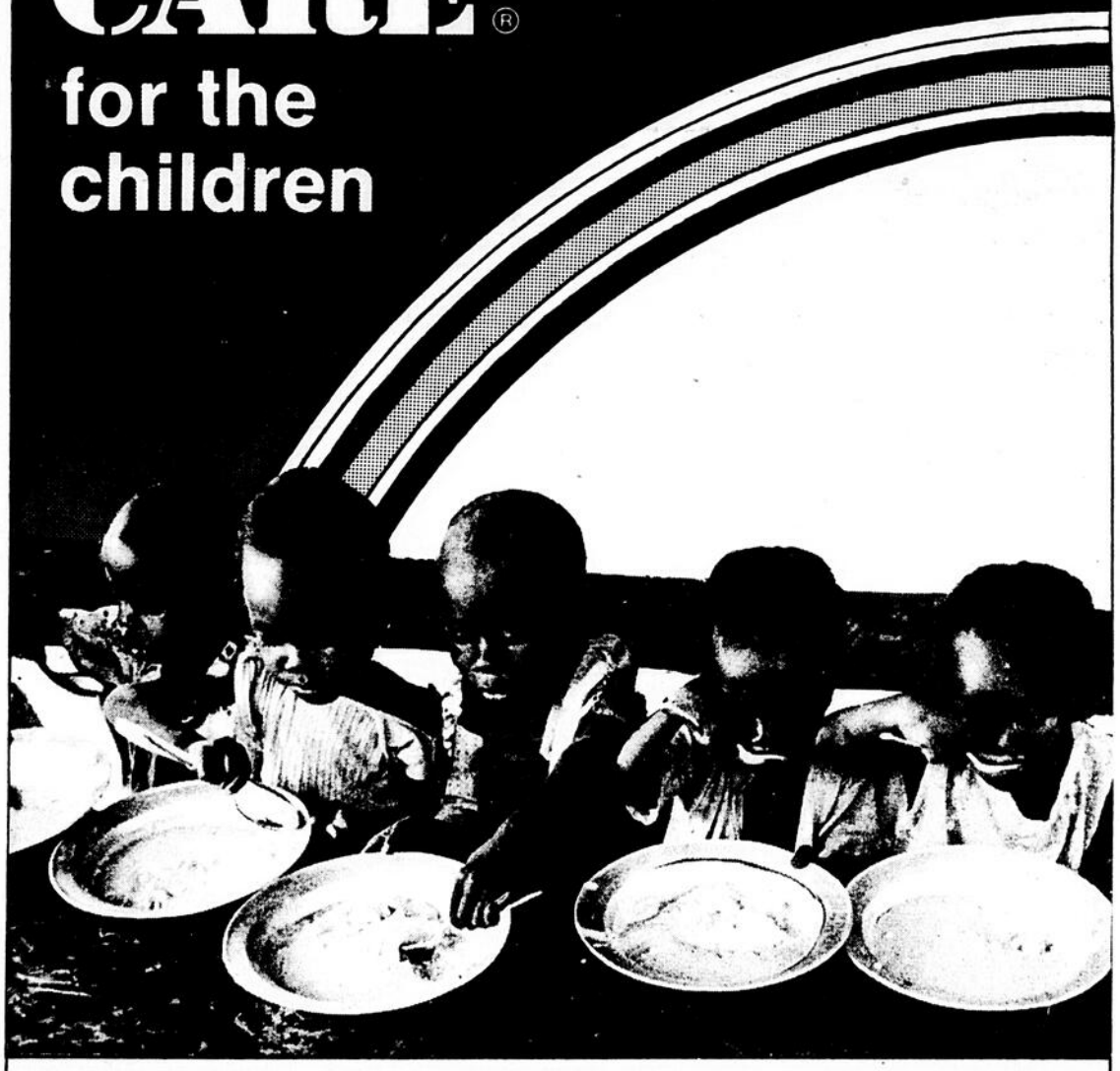
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Annual meeting

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Bruins keep top Bantam post

By GARY ROUSE

The regular season has finally come to an end in Westmount's Bantam league, and it came down to the final game of the year to sort out the playoff picture.

The final day of play pitted the third-place Rangers against the Leafs, and the first place Bruins against the second place Flames. When it was all over, the Rangers had vaulted past the Flames and the Bruins had remained atop the league.

The Rangers, who have been extremely hot of late, jumped into an early 1-0 lead over the Leafs with Michael Anderson displaying some crafty moves on his first goal of the night.

Brendon Mahar then made it 2-0 from behind the net, as his shot deflected off the goalie and went in. The Leafs, trying to act as spoilers, then got on the board as Richard Hart converted a Mark Shannon centering pass.

Scores second

Opening the second period was Michael Anderson scoring his second of the game and giving the Rangers a 3-1 lead.

However, the Leafs kept battling back, always pulling themselves to within one point of the leaders. But the Rangers' strength prevailed and they pulled out with a 7-5 victory.

John Morgan was the catalyst of the persistent Leaf comeback efforts, as he scored twice in the third period. The Rangers were led by Geoff Molson and Jonathan Carruthers, as they each scored twice to aid the cause.

The other big Bantam matchup between the Flames and Bruins was made even bigger by the Rangers' victory. By winning their game, the Rangers had temporarily moved into first place, thus creating a very intense situation on the ice in the second game. The Bruins needed only a single point to clinch a playoff spot, while the Flames needed a victory to force the Bruins into a "one game, all the marbles" confrontation next week.

Extremely excitng

The game was extremely exciting and you could just sense the emotion each player was feeling.

Tim Smart got the Flames rolling as he opened the scoring midway through the first period. This set the stage for just what type of game it was going to be. Every time the Flames scored the Bruins would march right back and tie it up, making it one of the most memorable games played in Bantam this year.

When it was all over Tim Smart of the Flames and Eric Biron of the Bruins had scored three goals apiece, John Morgan and Trevor Nkiwane had each added a goal for their respective teams, and the hard-fought struggle was over and all tied up. The teams had tied 4-4 and there couldn't have been a fairer score for this game. However, the single point put the Bruins into the playoffs instead of the Flames.

The Flames had nothing to feel sorry about as they played an outstanding game. They showed great sportsmanship when it was all over as they congratulated the Bruin players and wished them luck in the final against the Rangers.

In Senior league playoffs, the final is tied at one game apiece. The Stars took the opening game 6-3, only to have the Wanderers come back and win the next one 4-2.

Injuries and tough odds plague badminton players

Injuries and apparently overwhelming odds plagued Westmounters' showing at the Canadian National Junior and Juvenile Badminton Championships, held at the Montreal Badminton and Squash Club late last week and on the weekend.

The six Westmounters chalked up a total of only six victories (and two more by default) between them.

Julia Cooper, one of the great hopes of the local MBSC junior team, slipped a disc in her neck during the first singles match she played in and was unable to continue in the program.

Kim Shetler won her first match in junior ladies' singles and then lost the second round, and did the same in junior mixed doubles. She was teamed with Julia Cooper in ladies' doubles so was forced to default.

Won first match

Heather Ramsay won her first match in junior ladies' singles and then lost to the nation's third-seeded player in the second round. She was teamed with an Ontario player for ladies' doubles, and the two were defeated in the second round after gaining a bye in the first round.

Steve Sewell made the most progress among junior players from Westmount. After getting a bye in the first round of men's singles, he won the second round but then was defeated before reaching the quarter-finals. In men's doubles he won his first match but then lost the second round.

Geoffrey Moore, as one of the top juvenile players, won his first match but then found himself playing against the country's first-seeded player, to whom he lost in a close match. He lost the first match he played in both juvenile doubles and juvenile mixed doubles.

Penelope Mackie won by default in the first round of juvenile ladies' singles, then was defeated in the second round. She lost her first matches of both ladies' doubles and mixed doubles.

Richard Lennard, a former Westmounter now living in Calgary, won two rounds of juvenile men's singles but then lost to the third-seeded player in the third round. He and Andrew Muir joined to reach the quarter-finals of men's doubles, but then lost to the country's third-seeded team.

Chairman of the national championships this year was Mrs. Jean Miller, 572 Lansdowne avenue, a former badminton star. Co-chairman were Mrs. Maria and Peter Szemenyei, 4800 de Maisonneuve boulevard.

Other Westmounters involved in organizing the event include Mrs. Caroline Cooper, 30 Thornhill avenue, registration; Mrs. Danny Draper, 522 Argyle avenue, entertainment; Mrs. Heather Ballon, 4344 Westmount avenue, and Mrs. Winona Sewell, 21 Willow avenue, billeting; and Ross Miller, 572 Lansdowne, patron tickets.

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HOCKEY STANDINGS

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

BANTAM (Final)					
Bruins	28	17	8	3	37
Rangers	28	17	8	3	37
Flames	28	14	7	7	35
Flyers	28	6	18	4	16
Leafs	28	5	18	5	15
JUVENILE-SENIOR 'B' (Final)					
Oilers	14	9	5	0	18
Jets	14	5	9	0	10
ALL STAR					
Atom	5	2	3	0	4
Pee Wee	18	9	9	0	18
Bantam	9	1	7	1	3
Midget	20	15	2	3	33
EXHIBITION					
Old Timers	13	4	8	1	9

HOCKEY SCORES

Following are the scores for the Westmount municipal hockey leagues for the week ending Tuesday, March 23:

BANTAM
March 16: Bruins 6, Leafs 3
March 16: Rangers 4, Flyers 2
March 18: Rangers 7, Leafs 3
March 18: Flames 4, Bruins 4

MIDGET
(first playoff game)
March 16: Hornets 8, Spartons 3
March 18: Spartons 5, Hornets 4

JUVENILE-SENIOR "B"
(second playoff game)
March 18: Jets 5, Oilers 4

SENIOR
(first playoff game)
March 16: Stars 6, Wanderers 3
(second playoff game)
March 18: Wanderers 4, Stars 2

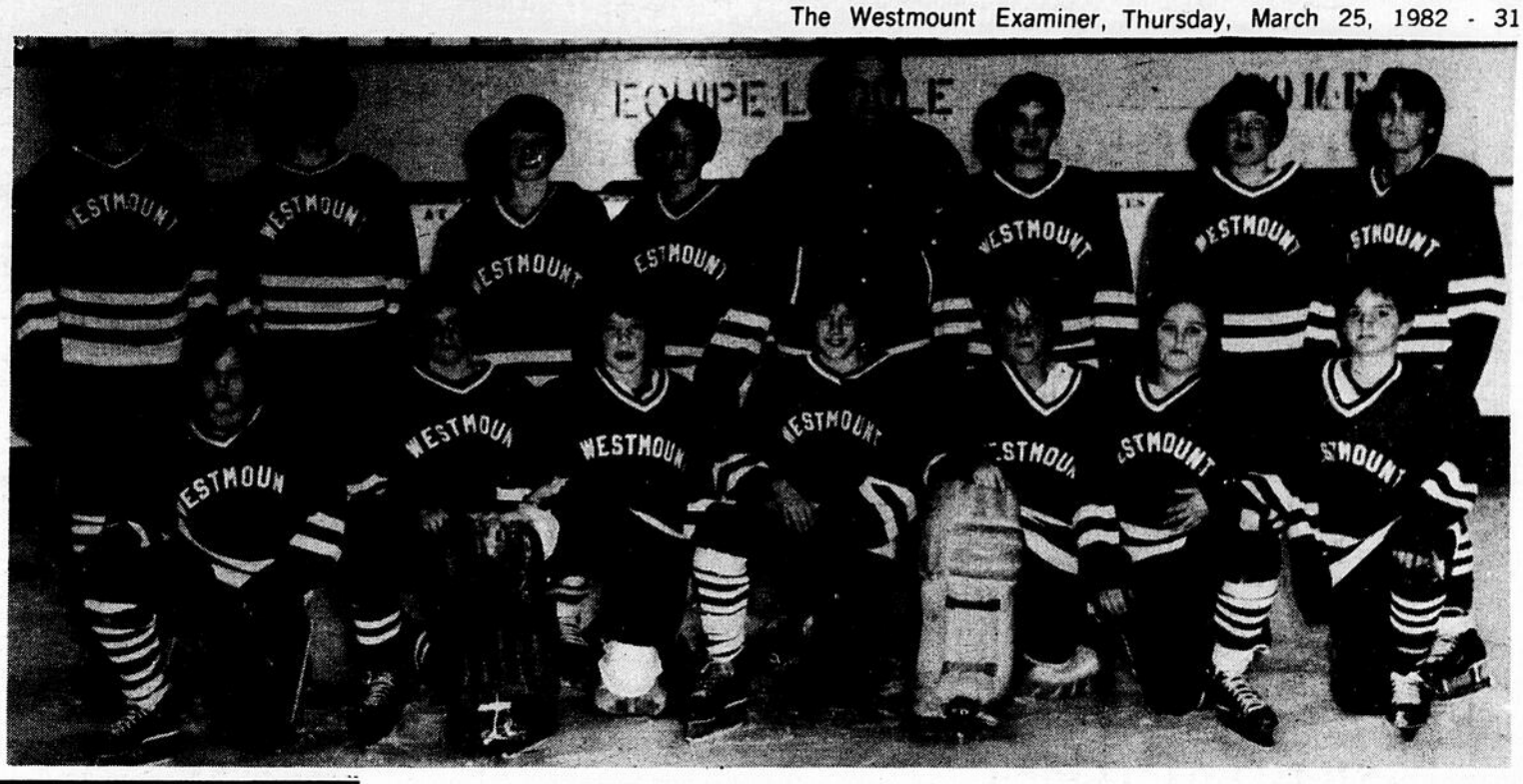
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March 20: Beaconsfield 5, Westmount 4

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CHOSEN PLAYERS: The boys who have been selected to represent Westmount in the 13th annual twin city (Rimouski) Pee Wee hockey game to be played on Saturday, April 3, at 2:00 pm are: back row: (left to right) **William Riordon; Chris Clark** (alt. capt.); **John Mulder; Jean-Sebastien Clement; John Garland** (coach); **Gabor Hasko; Dylan Hoey; François Roy.** Front row: (left to right) **Stephen Barkman; John Shannon** (alt. capt.); **Alexandre Gagnon** (goaler) **Doug Ellis** (capt.); **Mark Donahue** (goaler); **Geoffrey Molson** (alt. capt.); **Ian Williams.** Missing from photo: Robert Felgar and Anthony Levinson.

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IRE IN IRELAND: Westmount Rotarians celebrated St. Patrick's Day last Wednesday by hearing an address from **James Leary,** a native of Ulster and now a legal counsel in Montreal. Mr. Leary offered his view of the Northern Irish situation, attributing a certain amount of blame to each of the four parties he says are involved: the British and Irish governments and the Protestant and Catholic communities. The best solution to the crisis, he suggested, would be for Britain to loosen its relationship with Northern Ireland and stengthen them with the Irish Republic. The north, meanwhile, should develop closer ties with the south.

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WMA's de Fourgerolles holds 'friendly' meet with minister

By ANDY DODGE

ROBERT de Fougerolles held his long-sought meeting with the minister of municipal affairs, Jacques Léonard, on Monday this week, and came away happy, "but not delighted with it."

The minister "didn't say a heck of a lot," Mr. de Fougerolles later reported. "He was there more to receive information."

Mr. de Fougerolles, chairman of the finance committee of the Westmount Municipal Association, had asked for the meeting after last month's WMA mass citizen gathering in Victoria Hall to protest high taxes for Westmount homeowners, the first of its kind on the Island of Montreal.

A movement to readjust the tax burden has since spread into many other communities under the names Taxes Action.

He met Mr. Léonard at his Montreal office late Monday afternoon.

Documentation

Mr. de Fougerolles said he described "how the situation has arisen in Westmount" and presented him with pertinent documentation, as well as the WMA position paper on the subject.

He also proposed that municipalities be allowed to levy a "residency tax," to which Mr. Léonard appeared to warm and said he would pass it on to his top experts to examine.

(Under the scheme, a 20-unit apartment building, for example, would be charged a fixed amount for each of the 20 units, while a single-family dwelling would be charged only once at the same rate. To the basic charge would be added an amount to reflect the valuation of the property.)

"He seemed to be very anti the variable tax rate," Mr. de Fougerolles said of the minister's attitude.

Mr. Léonard cited the experience in several places in the United States, where variable tax rates had been tried and found to be discriminatory no matter how carefully adjusted for different types of property.

He also pointed to the predicament faced by Toronto, which froze its tax rate for most types of property, but allowed valuations to "float" when a building permit was issued. In such cases, a $3,000 permit on a home evaluated for tax purposes at $150,000 would permit it to be re-evaluated to reflect market conditions, perhaps sending it up to $300,000.

"He didn't have any answers, that's for sure," Mr. de Fougerolles stated, but emphasized that Mr. Léonard seemed to appreciate receiving new suggestions.

Advised minister

The WMA representative also advised the minister to recognize publicly the growing tax protest movement and its legitimate grievances, before things perhaps got out of hand at the scheduled Taxes Action rally on April 4.

"He thought that was a good idea," Mr. de Fougerolles stated.

"He recognizes it's an immediate problem but there's nothing that can be done for 1982," Mr. de Fougerolles added. "You can't go back and change everyone's tax bills. It would be a waste of time pursuing non-practical solutions."

In general, the minister was "very open and receptive," the Westmounter reported. "It was not a hostile meeting; it was a very friendly meeting."

Mr. de Fougerolles said the minister encouraged others to coalesce before coming to him in a similar manner, however. The WMA had gained an exclusive interview, he said, because it had been promised before the groundswell of complaints came from other municipalities.

"I think any citizen could write to him," he said, however.

Lloyd looking for ways to aid taxed seniors

Ald. Alwyn Lloyd is hoping to be able to put forward within the next month proposals for helping senior citizens with their property taxes, he said this week.

The city's finance commissioner promised in December and again in February he would be studying the problem, which seriously hurts homeowning senior citizens on fixed incomes in Westmount this year, in the hope of coming up with solutions within the legal framework established by the province.

"It may not even be plausible," he said, after admitting he had been too busy to spend much time on the idea in the past several weeks.

He pointed out that the question must be examined not only from a legal standpoint, but from the perspective of what it would do to Westmount's budget.

He added that he is working on other ways of reducing the tax impact on homeowners, specially the user-pay concept.

Mayor writes to Léonard backing WMA tax stand

Mayor Donald MacCallum is sending a letter this week to Hon. Jacques Léonard, minister of municipal affairs, describing his view of Westmount's tax situation and supporting the position of the Westmount Municipal Association on the matter.

The letter, which was being drafted on Tuesday, will include documentation showing how various types of properties have been affected under the tremendous shifts in valuations and the fiscal reform measures which have been in effect since 1980.

The mayor held firm to his resolve that council should not pass an official resolution endorsing the WMA position, and he said he doubted council would wish to allocate funds to the island-wide Taxes Action movement, which is planning to hold a rally at the Montreal Forum on April 4.

"How better to endorse (the WMA's) proposals than to write to the minister sending him a copy of their proposals — as written by the WMA?" the mayor asked.

He repeated that the resolutions probably would have more effect on the minister, coming from a citizens' organization rather than as an official resolution of Westmount council.

Mr. MacCallum said he felt council would prefer to "do our own thing in our own way" rather than lend financial and moral support to the Taxes Action organization, even though several Westmounters are actively involved with that group.

Mayor tries to put Quebec 'more in picture'

Mayor Donald MacCallum held two meetings last week with Quebec's municipal affairs minister, Jacques Léonard, and two meetings each with his deputy minister and associate deputy minister, he reported to citizens at Mar. 9's council meeting.

The result of the meetings was less than conclusive, he later said, but at least the officials are aware of the serious tax imbalance caused by valuation shifts in Westmount.

"They are all very much in the picture," he told THE EXAMINER yesterday, "but much more in the picture after I talked to them."

He said, however, that the officials were short on solutions to the situation. There was some talk, in fact, that the imbalance might be corrected by allowing the value of apartment buildings to increase (through looser rent controls), rather than authorizing variable tax rates.

"We have got to keep the pressure on them," Mayor MacCallum vowed.

He promised that council's first step would be to pass on the Westmount Municipal Association's resolution.

Dawe honored with special title by councillors

General Manager Norman T. Dawe, facing committee of council for the last time Monday evening, received the official title of "General Manager Emeritus" from grateful council members.

Mr. Dawe spent his last day at work on Tuesday, and now is on pre-retirement leave. His duties have been assumed by John McIver, former assistant general manager, who is now the acting GM.

During the dinner hour on Monday, councillors made several speeches and presentations to Mr. Dawe, who has been chief executive in Westmount for the past 22 years.

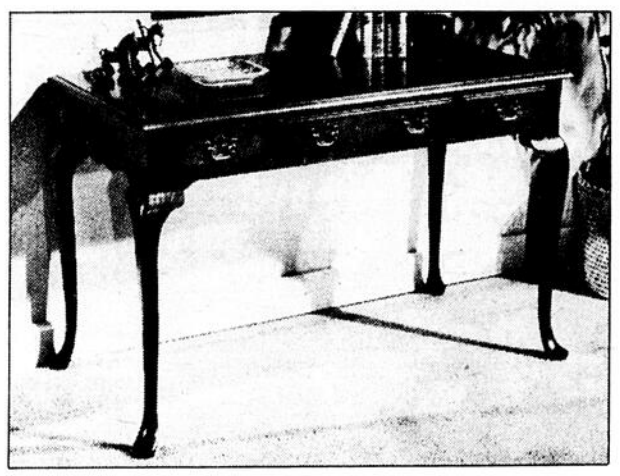
Though his new title brings with it no specific responsibility, Mr. Dawe said he would "always be available when asked," Mayor Donald MacCallum later reported.

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