

National PC executive quits, joins Liberals

John Aimers, 10 Rosemount avenue, past national president of the Progressive Conservative Youth Federation and a member of the party's national executive, yesterday announced he is quitting the party and becoming a Liberal.



John Aimers

After serving the party at both local and national levels, Mr. Aimers said he has "concluded that a party intent on excluding individuals from its ranks, prone to destroying itself from within and lacking in credibility due to continual feuding and disorganization, cannot form a government that would be in the best interests of Canadians."

The switch is the most prominent one locally of a number of party defections which started with Alberta MP Jack Horner's decision to join the government.

Mr. Aimers said that it was the party's treatment of another Alberta MP, Stan Schumacher, that was the primary reason for his decision. Mr. Schumacher challenged party leader Joe Clark for the right to be the PC candidate in the re-distributed riding of Bow River in southern Alberta. Leader Clark was forced to bow out and take an adjoining constituency but Mr. Schumacher was then himself unable to win the Bow River nomination at a recent convention.

'Exclusionary vendetta'

Mr. Aimers charges that Mr. Schumacher's losing the nomination was an "exclusionary vendetta" against "one of the few politicians who

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Caddi-lacking

A 1976 Cadillac valued at \$15,000 was stolen from its parking spot on the third level of the parking area at Alexis Nihon Plaza, while its owner was on holiday between Jan. 13 at 5 am and last Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 8 pm. The car had been locked and its block heater plugged in.

Lazure visit off

Hon. Denis Lazure, laid up in hospital with a broken leg and phlebitis, will not be visiting the Westmount riding today as planned. The tour by Quebec's minister of social affairs was to have been part of the cabinet's "blitz" of non-Parti Québécois ridings throughout Quebec.

Dr. Lazure hopes to have recovered by Feb. 7 and to make the trip to Westmount then. If not, a government spokesman suggested, another cabinet minister might take his place.

Next Week's WEATHER by Capt. Eric Neal

JANUARY 28 to FEBRUARY 4

Bright sunshine and very cold nights will open this pleasant week with its silver sunrises, cloudless steel-blue skies and salmon-tinted sunsets. While mornings remain quite cool, afternoon temperatures will gradually rise to awaken our maples, indeed probably as high as 10 celsius midweek.

A blizzard in the north, wet snow on icy roads for the Laurentians and southern counties will make driving hazardous. More sunshine and a deep freeze to follow.

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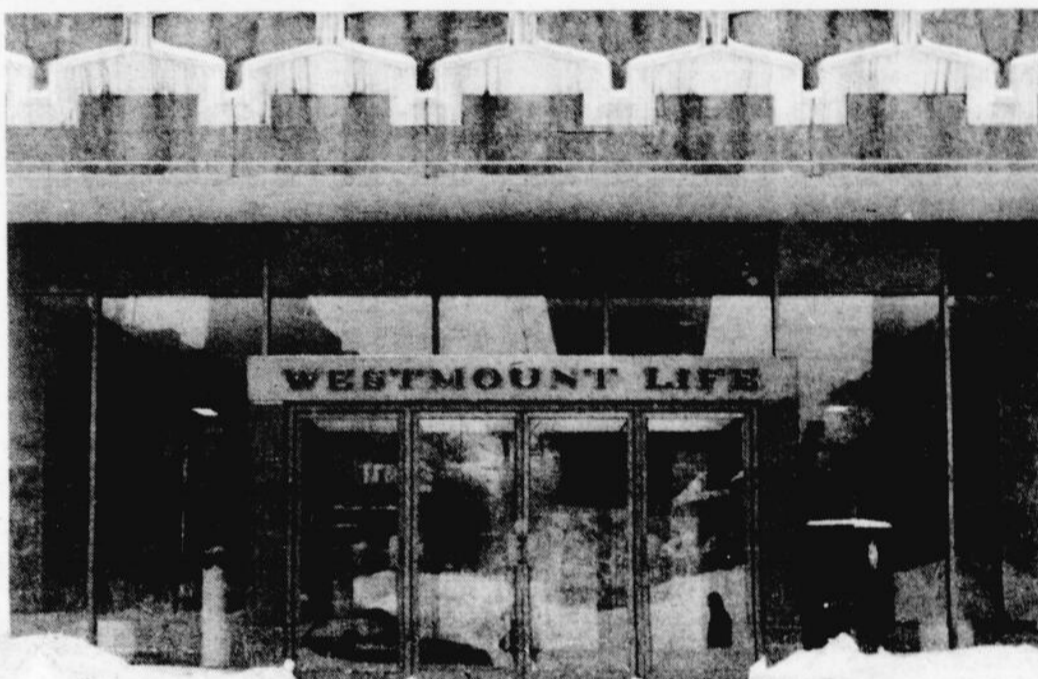
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Westmount's already lost its insurance company



Westmount Life's former headquarters, 4141 Sherbrooke street west

By ANDY DODGE

The curvy, metal fence facing the visitor as he steps off the elevator opens into a lovely, carpeted reception room with offices hidden off at one side. In the middle of the reception room is a beautiful wooden spiral staircase leading up to penthouse offices. A secretary indicates the nicely-lit cloak room; the visitor hangs up his coat and examines the colorful hanging tapestries while waiting for his appointment.

In minutes the executive arrives, exchanges greetings and leads the visitor down a long hallway with office doors on one side. Only after the newcomer passes by a panelled partition does he view a huge, gaping empty space with no furniture, no wall hangings, not even a rug.

Only then does the fate of Westmount Life Insurance Company become apparent. Certainly it was not evident at the entrance

to the imposing building at the northwest corner of Sherbrooke street and Elm avenue, where the name of the company is emblazoned over the door. It was not evident at the elevator, where the various company departments were listed under the name, advertised only as "sixth floor" with no suite number. And, of course, the first impression on arrival is that everything is in order at a company which bears a name considered synonymous with prosperity and security.

The fact is, Westmount Life began the process of moving out of Westmount and out of Quebec before the Parti Québécois was elected, and though the name is still on the door, only a few staff and departments have stayed behind. And, by the end of the year, "Westmount" might be gone from the company's name as well.

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Seeking Liberal nod:

Lawyer, lecturer Mark Feifer continues nomination drive

Mark Feifer, 619 Sydenham avenue, has been a candidate for the Liberal nomination in the federal riding of Westmount since rumors of the resignation of 15-year MP Hon. C. M. Drury began last spring. The on-again, off-again rumors of a byelection, however, caused just as many stops and starts for his campaign organization.

Now, with the announcement that the Westmount Liberal Association is holding its nominating convention on

April 5, Mr. Feifer's campaign wheels are back on the track and turning smoothly, since the organization has already been established.

Mr. Feifer has chosen national unity and the economy as the issues which will stand out in this year's political discussions. As a lecturer in constitutional law at Concordia University and a corporate and commercial lawyer with the firm of Bernstein, Feifer, Beaupré & Savoyan, he feels

well-versed in both fields. His ideas, however, are a bit more pronounced than one might expect from a person well-ensconced in the more conservative Montreal business community.

"I have been answering questions put to me but not seeking to create opportunities," he said last week. Answers he will give show his opposition to a court challenge of Bill 101 and his belief that

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AIMERS . . .

Continued from page one stands up for his constituents' views." By contrast, he noted the Liberal Party was big enough to take in Mr. Horner, indicating to him that "the Liberal Party is responding to a much broader constituency than the Conservatives."

The second of four factors Mr. Aimers said influenced his decision was that the Liberals are able to keep internal disputes behind closed doors, thus appearing as "a pretty unified bunch of people," in public. He joined the PCs, he

said, during the public battles between Dalton Camp and John Diefenbaker and such arguing has continued in various forms ever since.

The Liberals have shown themselves able to attract new workers far more easily than the Conservatives, he went on, and are thus able to renew themselves regularly. Finally, he declared, the strong leadership shown by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau is "what's best to hold the country together right now."

A teacher at Selwyn House School, founder and Dominion chairman of the Monarchist

Local PCs hear nothing from Meighen

Westmount Progressive Conservatives have heard nothing from their two-time candidate, Michael Meighen, either before or after reports appeared this week that he was very doubtful about running in Westmount—or anywhere, for that matter—in the coming election.

Meanwhile, the Tories' nominating committee has still to bring forward names of willing candidates who might want to run against the Liberal nominee in Westmount. At a meeting Tuesday evening the executive of the local party was told the committee would need another two weeks to talk to potential candidates.

Westmount is joining with League of Canada, and active in many community affairs, Mr. Aimers has worked for the PCs for some 10 years but he is not a complete stranger to the Liberal tag. In the 1973 provincial election he challenged incumbent MNA Kevin Drummond, styling himself an "independent Liberal." He finished third.

Mr. Aimers said yesterday he has no intention of seeking office immediately under the Liberal banner, though, he noted, "I'd love to be in Parliament some day."

He intends, however, to stay on the sidelines during the present pre-nomination Liberal campaign locally, though he said that once the nominee is chosen he might work for the candidate during the election campaign.

Mr. Aimers suggested that several local Conservatives already had switched allegiance and were ready to work for the Liberals and even for individual candidates at this early stage in the campaign.

other West-End Tory associations in a series of gatherings to try to improve its membership and visibility in the community, however. Last evening Peter Blaikie, 315 Roslyn avenue, and candidate for the Tories in Lachine, addressed a gathering at St. Edmond's School on the lakeshore. Next Wednesday a similar meeting in Lachine City Hall—the closest the gatherings will get to Westmount—will hear Roch LaSalle and Bill Clarke, a Tory from British Columbia.

The membership committee, consisting of Marie Gleason, Peter Stainger and Brian Hanley, is working very hard to try to improve the party's numbers and coffers, and reports considerable success in light of the most recent public opinion polls.

The PC association received the resignation of Keith Hamilton, one of its executives, on Tuesday evening, and sources have told **The Examiner** that other resignations are on the way.

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- 6:23 pm: 4920 de Maisonneuve, person trapped in elevator;
- 6:30 pm: 4000 de Maisonneuve, apt. 1708, burnt food on stove;
- 8:05 pm: 250 Clarke, natural gas leak outside (see story last week);
- 8:40 pm: 4280 de Maisonneuve, sick person given oxygen and transported to hospital;

Jan. 18

- 10:00 am: 4282 Dorchester, apt. 403, ambulance transport;
- 1:37 pm: 21 Holton, oil furnace trouble;
- 3:21 pm: 250 Kensington, apt. 509, ambulance transport;

Jan. 19

- 3:12 am: 1119 Greene, person with breathing problem given oxygen and transported to hospital;
- 7:44 pm: 3 Parkman Place, furnace trouble;
- 8:41 pm: 19 Stanton, injured male transported to RMH;

Jan. 20

- 9:01 am: 721 Upper Belmont, strange odor;
- 12:38 pm: 6 Weredale, internal fire alarm sounding;
- 4:08 pm: 243 Melville, oil fumes;
- 8:59 pm: 168 Cote St. Antoine, sick male transported to MGH;
- 11:24 pm: Summit circle and Summit crescent, car on fire (see story);

Jan. 21

- 1:12 am: 1 Westmount Square, garage, false alarm;
- 2:40 pm: 4000 de Maisonneuve, apt. 81, person transported to MGH;
- 3:45 pm: 47 Forden crescent, burst water pipe;
- 9:18 pm: 57 Forden, water would not shut off in dishwasher

Jan. 22

- 2:35 pm: 4172 Dorchester, transported person to RMH;
- 6:10 pm: 4000 de Maisonneuve, apt. 608, burnt food;
- 9:35 pm: 4000 de Maisonneuve, apt. 2903, burnt food;
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Apartment woes continue

Problems with the boiler at the Western apartment building, 4216 de Maisonneuve boulevard - 267 Olivier avenue, apt. 609, ambulance transport;

Jan. 23

- 5:45 am: 4470 St. Catherine, apt. 403, ambulance transport;
- 10:18 am: 454 Lansdowne, service call;
- 1:14 pm: 110 Columbia, strange odor;
- 4:12 pm: 459 Grosvenor, service call;
- 4:47 pm: City of Outremont, mutual aid call (covered at station);
- 5:29 pm: 4250 Sherbrooke, apt. 15, person transported to RMH;

Jan. 24

- 9:29 am: 39 Holton, malfunctioning oil furnace.

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Planning for day shapes up

Planning for Westmount's community day Feb. 11 continued this week and organizers said they hope the day's discussions will reflect the reality of a changing scene in community living.

The day is being co-sponsored by the Westmount YMCA and the Westmount Municipal Association and will consist of workshops and discussions during a day-long session at Victoria Hall. Organizers hope the day will give citizens of Westmount an opportunity to participate actively in determining the city's priorities and directions for the future.

The day is being planned with the idea that the resources and facilities, along with the necessary community structures, that already exist in Westmount suggest that with the concerted involvement of the local population the community should be able to develop meaningful and worthwhile goals to further enhance relationships among persons and groups in the community.

Eleven major topic areas have been identified and workshops on these subjects will be held, first to identify the major issues and, in the afternoon, to decide what action should be taken on those issues.

The luncheon break will be addressed by Halifax author Jim Lotz who has written several books on community living.

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

Jan. 18

4145 Sherbrooke: for Royal Trust by Franz Patella Inc., interior alterations, \$11,500;

Jan. 20

250 Clarke: for A. Cohen Holdings by Bertrand Durand, installation of two gas burners, \$1,000;

Jan. 23

4630 St. Catherine: for Brian Gallery by Art Olsen Ltd., interior alterations, \$4,000;
4115 Sherbrooke, fifth floor: for Zittler, Siblin, Stein, Levine & Co. by Express Plumbing and Heating, replacing one sink, \$150.

Too hot

Block heaters—something many drivers depend on during Westmount winters—can be a menace if anything goes wrong with them. A defective heater or heater wire seems to have been the cause of a fire in an auto near the corner of Summit circle and Summit crescent at 11:24 Friday night. Firemen from Station 2 came to the scene and extinguished the blaze, but police consider the car a write-off as a result of the fire.

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We Say

Our mayor and the MUC

ELECTION of Mayor Donald C. MacCallum by his fellow first magistrates to the executive committee of the Montreal Urban Community occasions local pride. It may even be recognition of the importance of Westmount.

For those of his fellow citizens who, with good reason, regard the MUC as the chief cause of meteoric increases in municipal property taxes, their congratulations to His Worship will be mixed with some concern.

Town of Mount Royal Mayor Reginald Dawson, whom Mr. MacCallum replaces, represented the central island suburbs on the executive from the MUC's inception. From all outward appearances the result was at best indifferent.

One must suspect that there is a dichotomy for the incumbents of these posts. To do the MUC job conscientiously one surely must have a certain dedication to the principle and welfare of the metropolitan government. Yet holding the seat depends on

holding office in one's home municipality, where citizens elected their man for local interests and concerns.

We don't suggest that Mayor MacCallum should be expected to make it his purpose simply to represent Westmount and the other centre sector municipalities on the MUC executive.

However, he should constantly remind himself that a good many of his fellow Westmounters regard the MUC as a poorly conceived fifth wheel in our over-governed society and a sink-hole of uncontrolled expense resting on the ratepayers' shoulders. Many regard, with cause, centralization of services with great suspicion, specially when from experience we know that many such services—police and valuation being prime examples—were and still could be administered better locally.

We congratulate our mayor for taking on this new responsibility—in no way as a step up, but as a challenge to slow, if not reverse, the MUC's supplanting of our local government.

Let's cool it

A problem with politics is that, at certain times, it becomes an all-pervading preoccupation for too many of us.

It is true of other areas of human interest, too. Last Sunday we listened to a sermon which argued that life was akin to a wheel at the hub of which should be one's faith and all other interests should radiate from it somewhere on the outer rim.

That view we think is unbalanced unless one has a fulltime religious vocation, and even then can introduce distortions in what should be well-roundedness in an individual. Faith is important; should pervade, perhaps, but not exclude all else.

Some persons find obsessions in other things, such as sports, the stock market, gambling, reading, travel, sex, television, their own and others' ailments, hobbies of all kinds, food, their work—the list is endless.

Special interests, of course, are inevitable. We are rather removed from that ideal, the true Renaissance man who could find joy in and make an art of being aware of everything. Human experience and accumulated knowledge is so vast, widening immensely new challenges for curiosity, that the race becomes one of specialists—some in narrow and esoteric fields in which they can make a name for themselves

and satisfy the urge to achieve.

We are thinking here more of those subjects so general that most anyone can pose as an "expert"—more specially at the cocktail party or the tavern table, wherever two or more may gather.

Currently, politics are the big thing of which most of us are guilty of excess. Since Nov. 15, 1976, particularly in this part of the world, little else is heard and we are as guilty as anyone of constantly putting in our two cents' worth.

WE journalists must be blamed for a good deal of the current political mania. We tend to see those who practice or attempt statecraft as dominant figures in society and thus suppose that their actions and their opinions must be the dominant interest of our readers and listeners.

From Ottawa, Quebec City, the MUC, even our own city hall and out on the hustings we try to report all that we consider significant. At times, such as now with a great national wonderment over the future of Canada and Quebec, the outpouring is so enormous that satiation is neared. There have been other times, not long

You Say

Sun Life's Thomas Galt great supporter of VON

Sir: I was very upset to read in your editorial of Jan. 19 that Mr. Thomas Galt, in your own words, "could not be said to be a joiner or a community doer."

On the contrary I can assure you, as a past president of both the Montreal and provincial branches of the VON, that Mr. Galt was for many years an active member of our board as well as being a member of the board of management of the national office of the VON in Ottawa.

Apart from his duties as a board member he has always made himself available to the VON on the many occasions when we have called on him for his advice and assistance.

I think that if you investigate further you will find that Mr. Galt has been, and still is, most active in the various volunteer organizations in this city.

(Mrs.) Cynthia H. Vaughan

7 Grove Park
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Galt not Westmounter; valued on MGH board

Sir: We were disturbed to read your inaccurate and slanted personal attack on Mr. Thomas Galt in the editorial entitled "Citizenship" which appeared in your issue of Jan. 19.

You say that you "know he is a Westmounter—even though he is studiously unlisted in both the phone and street directories." In fact, Mr. Galt is not a Westmounter. He resides in the City of Montreal. His home telephone

past, when we might be using this space to urge people instead to show a modicum of political concern. Now we urge moderation.

The trouble is, particularly with the present Quebec regime, the political sphere has been expanded into other concerns of daily life to an unprecedented degree: economics, as it affects our very livelihoods; education, upon which so much else rests; language, with unseen consequences for us and our children, and culture—embracing most anything else not heretofore invaded by government.

IN face of this, it seems important to find countervailing interests and concerns, if only to preserve sanity. It should be a conscious effort. Forget, if you can for a while at least, the Parti Québécois and the Liberals, both federal and provincial; forget our so-called leaders of the legislatures and the cabinet rooms. Are they really that totally important?

More outings on the white ski slopes or cross-country fields and woods; a sojourn on a tropical beach; cultivation of more theatre or music; immersion, with moderation of course, in some long-shelved or new hobby; eating out or experimentation for fun in your own kitchen; some adult education pursuit; maybe paying a little more attention to one's job, or going to church more often—any or all of these and others can be escape routes to a better rounded existence which might put Mr. Lévesque and the like into perspective.

Uncertainty and fears for the future are rather futile. Life goes on all around us. Maybe the politicians of all ilk are due for a dose of constituent indifference, if only to prick their self-importance and tame their wilder plans for us. Certainly, we all deserve a respite from political tension which, in a democracy, is ours to leave or take. Maybe in a moratorium on debate lies the cure for national ills, by giving them a rest.

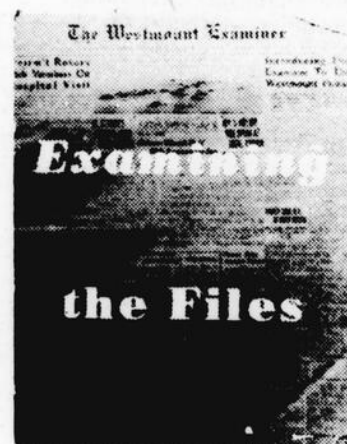
We'll all be better democrats if we don't take the process, all the time, too seriously.

number may well be unlisted but if so he would only be following a normal practice of many prominent people who do not wish to have the privacy of their family life disturbed by calls relating to their business or profession.

But much worse than mis-statement of fact is your inference, totally unsupported by definition or evidence, that Mr. Galt is not a good citizen. The closest you come to supporting your statement is to quote an unidentified source as saying that "apart from his work he could not be said to be a joiner or a community doer."

To our personal knowledge Mr. Galt has always discharged his community

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Thirty-five Years Ago
January 28, 1943

"Westmount has contributed \$574,098.53 towards the maintenance of the Island of Montreal's three bankrupt municipalities, Pointe aux Trembles, Montreal North and Ville St. Michel, during the past 22 years, according to a report submitted by E. Brisebois, secretary-treasurer of the Metropolitan Commission, at a meeting of the board this week. This city has contributed the second highest amount to this more or less worthy cause, Montreal being first with \$7,601,856."

Twenty-five Years Ago
January 23, 1953

"A sound argument against compulsory health insurance is advanced by *The Victoria Times*, which points out that it would take huge amounts merely to administer such a scheme. Reckoning that a national health scheme would cost \$500 million, it warns that the administrative costs would add another \$50 to \$75 million. This is assuming that the total cost of medical and hospital services under health insurance would be no greater than it is today. But in fact it would be substantially greater."

Fifteen Years Ago
January 25, 1963

"The board of directors of Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School have made a formal application to the City of Westmount to construct a two storey school on Mount Pleasant avenue, between Cedar and Montrose. Mrs. John Corbett, chairman, in announcing the plans, said that the school, on its present location at 1761 Cedar avenue, needed more space and facilities as it had increased its enrollment in the past few years by about 60 percent. The private school for girls, now located in the City of Montreal near the corner of Cedar and Cote des Neiges, has an enrollment of 166."

Five Years Ago
January 25, 1973

"There are 10 dwellings in the City of Westmount which do not have flush toilets according to Statistics Canada. The information is included in an advance summary of housing statistics based on the 1971 census. Fifteen dwellings are without baths or showers and 45 do not have hot or cold running water, according to the report. Interestingly enough, Westmount has more apartments than single-unit dwellings, both detached and attached, although the average dwelling in the city has a spacious 6.5 rooms.

OUR M.P.

Hon. C. M. Drury

says...



1978 economic outlook — I

As Canada moves into 1978, there is growing expectation that the worst of the recent economic slack is over and solid economic growth will resume in the new year. This view is bolstered by increasing signs that the economic recovery will begin during the first quarter of 1978.

The majority of Canadian economists believe that the new year will bring better results from the domestic economy than the one just ending.

This optimism does not overlook the fact that rates of unemployment and inflation are far from satisfactory. Confident talk, naturally, is not enough. What is needed is constructive action to stimulate the economy without contributing to inflation, and measures to aid those who have been hurt by the economic slowdown.

As a consequence of this slowdown, the federal government introduced specific measures, in a series of policy decisions this past fall and early winter, providing tax incentives to business and consumers. The government also decided not to wait for the expected recovery to begin, but to attack the unemployment problem directly by investing heavily in job-creation programs.

Pump-priming by Ottawa, however, can only be a temporary and incomplete solution to the problem. The federal government is not the only player in the economy and it would be unrealistic to expect that it alone can turn the picture around.

Prime Minister Trudeau has illustrated this fact by seeking a co-operative approach with provincial leaders to solving our economic difficulties.

Co-operation with provinces

In his recent travels to all provincial capitals and talks with provincial premiers, the prime minister has laid the groundwork for a first ministers' conference in February, which will pursue a co-operative strategy for restoring normal economic health to Canada by 1981.

Inflation and unemployment are immediate concerns for all and have been the major focus of government attention during the past couple of years. In addition, what is needed is an attack on the so-called structural problems—declining competitiveness and changing patterns in manufacturing and world trade. This is the task which currently confronts the government leaders.

Simultaneously, while the necessary study and adjustments are made, the federal government will concentrate on alleviating some of the difficulties facing those whose lives have been disrupted. While this cannot comfort those without jobs, it is recognized generally that the burden of unemployment is not so heavy today as it was in the past, due largely to generous social assistance measures, such as

family allowance and unemployment insurance. These provide a basic level of family income.

As well as negotiating more efficient working arrangements between the two levels of government, Mr. Trudeau and the premiers will discuss ways of encouraging the private sector to do its part. Government actions to promote recovery are of little use or value unless businessmen take full advantage of the various tax cuts and economic incentives to launch new investments.

The business community does, however, seem to be heeding the advice and help provided in the recent budget and the fall economic message. They are less pessimistic about the future trend of inflation and are thinking in terms of getting ready to meet a resurgence of demand when the economy picks up.

They have also been encouraged by news that the prices and incomes controls will start to be lifted in April of this year. This, coupled with a decline in the value of the Canadian dollar, should stimulate production and employment within the export industries.

Difficulties world-wide

It must be emphasized, however, that the weakness in Canada's economy cannot be viewed in isolation—it is part of a global phenomenon. The majority of countries of the industrialized world are suffering from the twin dilemmas of mounting unemployment and stubborn inflation. Even West Germany, whose economy is always cited as a paragon of economic strength, will not achieve greater growth than our own during 1978, economists have predicted.

It is not only supporters of government policies who hold an optimistic view of prospects for 1978—even certain economic experts who have not been particularly charitable towards recent government decisions emphasize this fact. Richard Lipsey, a prominent economics professor at Queen's University, stated:

"This idea that Canada is suffering from some absolutely unique thing, that is to be laid at the blame or the credit of our political leaders, is just nonsense. There was a world recession as serious as the 1930s... Canada's experience was comparatively mild in respect to that. Sure, we've got 8 percent unemployment; but we've also got a rising level of employment. I would like us to do a lot better. But, by and large, if you look at the OECD countries, we are suffering, but not suffering much differently from anybody else. So don't look for some particular evil on our people's part... We've got to see it in an international context."

As well, the former federal deputy finance minister, Simon Reisman, who has not hesitated in the past to differ with the government's economic policies, also was optimistic: "We're well on the road, I think, to getting Canada back on the rails. Let's have a little patience. Let the thing work itself out. Don't press any panic buttons. Don't push too much more into the system because you'll unleash that inflation that we're now on the verge of getting under control."

Furthermore, current wage demands have become much more reasonable and the federal government is meeting with success in restraining spending. As Mr. Reisman noted: "They're watching the program; they're watching the size of the public service... The attitudes today, the pessimism, the lack of confidence in the business community—these are lagging indicators."

In next week's column, I will go on to discuss economic improvements during 1977, the devaluation of the dollar, and the growing realism among Canadian businessmen and wage earners.

You Say

Continued from previous page

responsibilities in generous measure. He has been a governor of The Montreal General Hospital for 14 years, has been a member of the board of its corporation since 1969, and the board of its foundation since its inception. He has also served on a number of board committees in which capacity he has made a notable personal contribution to the affairs of the hospital.

We are also aware that his personal contribution to the community is by no means limited to The Montreal General Hospital.

Although Mr. Galt is not a resident of Westmount the undersigned are and we are greatly saddened that in these politically sensitive times our leading Westmount newspaper would engage in this type of attack on a fine citizen.

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(Editor's note: The Examiner is grateful for the foregoing letters which place clearly on record from persons who know that Mr. Galt has performed valuable voluntary community services for the VON and MGH. We also acknowledge unwritten advice that the Salvation Army and Montreal Symphony Orchestra have benefitted from his efforts. It might be said that Mr. Galt "hid his light under a bushel"—and therein lay the point of our editorial: the chief executive officer of Sun Life appeared to be little known beyond his closer associates in his business and in his good works. To ask "What kind of citizen is the president of Sun Life?" was not to attack him—and we regret if that was inferred—but, as we stated, "If one knew, if Mr. Parizeau knew, there would have been less nonsense about 'worst corporate citizen' and more straightforward dealing" with a delicate and crucial matter. We are interested to learn that Mr. Galt is not a Westmounter, as was reported in The Gazette of Jan. 11; his home is in fact just outside our city limits.)

Russ Graul thanks those who helped

Sir: In regard to the charity Xmas tree drive for senior citizens that you so kindly covered in your paper last week, I wish you to know that, even though I was honored for my efforts, I was by no means alone.

If it wasn't for the support of several thoughtful community people, the

campaign would never have happened at all.

I would like to thank officially the following organizations for donating supplies to set up the operation:

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Also, I am grateful for the voluntary help of Dave Young, Rick Bottman, John Peters, Jasen and Hunter Scott and Steve Schertzer.

And of course, most important of all, I want to thank all those who came to our tree lot. See you next Christmas!

Russ Graul

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Christmas Fund's thanks for readers' givings

Sir: In the Dec. 15 issue of The Westmount Examiner you published an article about clients of ours facing a dismal Christmas and a serious shortage of funds in our Christmas Fund. Your article resulted in more than \$200 being received, which we promptly sent out to families and elderly persons in need. We realize of course that other contributions may have been inspired by your article also.

We wish to thank your readers for their generous response to the sad plight of other Westmounters and Montrealeers. And we thank you for again demonstrating that The Westmount Examiner is socially responsible and eager to inform your city about social needs and services.

Our Christmas Fund raised \$12,644 in 1977 and brightened Christmas for 1719 children and older folks. Also, through arrangements with other funds we were able to assist another 835 clients to enjoy a happy Christmas. We are grateful to the CJAD Basket Fund, The Pastor Johnson Foundation, The Gazette Fund, and to Rosedale United Church for helping us to help our clients to a good Christmas.

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The Queen's Jubilee Medal

Some 30,000 medals marking the silver jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II have been awarded recently and are being mailed to their recipients. Officials at Rideau Hall in Ottawa say that lists are not available on a geographical basis. The Examiner is pleased to provide this corner to which citizens are invited to report the names of Westmounters who have been awarded this honor. Become known to us this week are:

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They Say

How English Quebec feels about the PQ

An editorial in the *Huntingdon Gleaner*

There are growing signs that the Parti Québécois government is gingerly putting out feelers towards Quebec's English-speaking community. Thus far these tentative approaches in public have been purposely limited to initiatives by backbenchers in the National Assembly. This is actually a wise, if transparent, move, since the backbenchers in no way put the prestige of the government on the line and their approaches can always be disavowed as personal initiatives should the extended hand be severely bitten.

Two relatively high-profile MNAs, Gérard Godin and Pierre de Bellefeuille, have recently made conciliatory moves towards the English community. In an article written for *The Montreal Star*, Godin stated, in effect, that he has come around recently to the belief that there are some among the ranks of those who oppose the PQ who are not necessarily immoral, corrupt or wicked and that they may actually be acting out of sincere conviction and patriotism.

This is quite a concession for a doctrinaire Péquiste to make in public, even for so amiable a chap as Gérard Godin. It represents a substantial departure from PQ dogma, which has long held that anyone who opposes the PQ is evil, corrupt, self-serving and an enemy of the people.

De Bellefeuille was assigned (before Christmas) the task of representing the party on the program "Provincial Affairs" and actually made quite an amazing speech. He said, in effect, that after a year of the PQ in office, many English-speaking people have discovered the party is not so bad after all. He deplored the total lack of English representation in the party and the government. The best way to correct this state of affairs, he told his audience, would be for English-speaking people to get involved with the party. "Why not even join the party?" he urged.

The third significant initiative came from David Payne, Dr. Camille Laurin's "special assistant" and the York-shireman who is supposed to be "interpreting" the English community to the PQ. Payne has been contacting English-language weekly newspapers, to say the party would like to open up lines of communication with the English community by sending written material to the weeklies.

There are two schools of thought about

the English community within the PQ. One has totally and finally written the English community off as implacably hostile to the party and the government, with no hope of salvation.

The other school of thought tends to agree about the hostility, but takes a more realistic view by recognizing the problem is here in the form of a coherent group of more than one million people who can't simply be made to disappear, or be rendered invisible, as the hard-liners like Dr. Laurin would like.

There is also a recognition that, like it or not, these one million English Quebecers have considerable economic clout, even if their political clout is not what it once was. "We may not like them, but we have to find some way of communicating with them," this school of thought reasons.

It appears the hard-liners have agreed to go along with a few halting approaches on a trial basis, apparently in the belief that miracles, while rare, do occasionally happen.

Since it is true the PQ is totally without meaningful input from the English-speaking community about how the community feels about the party and the government, perhaps we could perform a worthwhile service by letting the government in on how the huge majority of English-speaking people in Quebec really feel by simply telling it like it is.

The English-speaking people despise the PQ's socialism almost, but not quite, as much as they despise its separatism.

They can put up with the socialism, but as long as the PQ is devoted to the break-up of Canada they will indeed remain implacably hostile. They recognize their minority position in Quebec, but they don't feel like a minority and they don't intend to act like one, any more than French Quebecers intend to act like a minority in Canada.

Their conduct toward the PQ will remain what can best be described as "Correct," simply because they recognize there is no point nor purpose in being belligerent. Overtures of the kind made by Messrs. Godin and de Bellefeuille will neither be applauded nor repulsed in public. They will simply be ignored.

The English-speaking people are not so much interested in what PQ politicians say, as they are in what they do. They can't overlook the fact the self-

our M.N.A.

George Springate

says . . .



Busiest January yet

In my eight years of political experience, January always has tended to be a quiet month. But 1978 has been different. Things are hopping.

There is the Quebec Liberal leadership race. Who are the candidates? Is so-and-so running? Whom are you going to support? As the month winds down, interest increases.

The saga of the Sun Life Assurance Company has kept all members busy. The psychological effect of the announced move was profound. Somehow all those departmental moves by giants such as Bell Canada, the Bank of Montreal, the Royal Bank and others seemed small. Also, many forgot that 231 federally-incorporated companies already had moved their head offices from Quebec since the Parti Québécois election victory.

And, opposition members were out attempting to repair the damage caused by Finance Minister Parizeau's childish

same de Bellefeuille can urge them to join the party, but yet can publicly say he sees no reason to put the question on the referendum ballot in English as well as in French.

As long as the PQ is a separatist party, English-Quebecers will remain "correct" but hostile. They will do everything within their power, each in their own way, to defeat the PQ in the referendum and the subsequent election.

In the meantime, they will continue to drag their feet in an effort to avoid doing anything that will enhance the power, prestige and above all, the viability, of the PQ government. They will strive to protect themselves from the PQ's socialism, which, by its very nature, is inherently hostile to their social, cultural, political and economic interests simply because the PQ's socialism is so deeply rooted in nationalism.

That, we believe, is a fair, realistic and honest, if brutal, assessment of how the huge majority of English-speaking Quebecers feel as the PQ moves on into its second year of power.

reply to the proposed move. All Parizeau did was frighten potential investors even more. Mr. Parizeau simply made things more difficult.

The proposed referendum is keeping us busy. The referendum will be held in 1979. This is the earliest possible date, claims Premier Lévesque. Much work has to be done before then: The Liberal team headed by Jean Lesage is at work preparing for the ballot. Every Liberal county association has named a person to work with the Lesage team. This group will organize events and streamline federalist action up to and including referendum day.

I am working with the team as the Westmount representative. Our plan of attack or game plan will be excellent. The referendum will be hard work. But, we will succeed.

Speech-making is also on the increase this January. I have addressed more groups this month than I ever did in previous years at this time. Concern, interest, desire to know what is really happening and a tremendous zeal to keep Canada together are the reasons for this. I am delighted to oblige.

WESTMOUNT WANDERINGS

Feedback concerning my appearance on "Provincial Affairs" Saturday last was truly encouraging. Thanks to all of you who expressed appreciation for my five minutes' televised editorial. . . . Enjoyed addressing journalism students at Concordia University last week. Some didn't appreciate the criticism though. . . . You youngsters have another three weeks to register for the Westmount county hockey showdown contest which I am organizing. Don't be shut out. . . . Congratulations to Mayor MacCallum. He will serve Westmounters well in his new position. . . . Attended career night at James Lyng High School last evening. Students showed tremendous concern as to their future in Quebec. . . . Speak to students of Iona Elementary School today. . . . Address members of Balfour Lodge next Tuesday.

10 nabbed

Police in Westmount arrested ten drivers during the past week for various offences, including three on outstanding traffic warrants which totalled \$236. Three others were caught driving while their licenses were under suspension, another had no driver's license and three taxi drivers, all stopped on Tuesday, were found to have no pocket numbers.

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Senior Wanderers secure in second, challenge Bruins

By NICK KASIRER

The Wanderers of the Westmount senior hockey league have made a strong showing in their last several outings, and are now securely in second place and starting a challenge on the division-leading Bruins.

The Wanderers met the Bruins last week and came up winners 4-3. Alan Rottenberg had two goals to bring his week's total to four. Craig Shannon and George Tooley each had two points in the winning effort, while Alan Cobb scored two goals and added an assist for the Bruins.

The Wanderers out-skated the Sabres in their other game last week, with the final score going 5-2 in their favor. Mike Vivian counted what turned out to be the winner.

In other senior matches, the Stars upset the recently unlucky Bruins 2-1. Marcel LeFebvre and James Hotton scored the Stars' goals, while Paul Langan had the lone Bruins' mark. The Stars and Sabres renewed their old rivalry in another game last week and despite the two teams' disappointing records, the play was close and entertaining. There was much action around both nets but goalers Tim Martz and Graham Sheriffs, of the Stars and Sabres respectively, allowed only one shot each get past them. Douglas Hopper scored for the Stars, with George Underwood answering for the Sabres.

The four teams in the senior section each have two games scheduled a week for a total of 30 over the season. Games are played on Tuesday and Thursday nights between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

The standings as of Monday in the senior league were as follows:

| | GS | GP | W | L | D | Pts. |
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| Bruins | 30 | 18 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 25 |
| Wanderers | 30 | 18 | 10 | 8 | 0 | 20 |
| Stars | 30 | 18 | 6 | 10 | 2 | 14 |
| Sabres | 30 | 18 | 6 | 11 | 1 | 13 |

Dance show April 28

The "Wizard of Oz" dance show to be presented by the boys and girls in the recreation department's dance instruction program will be presented April 28, not in February as previously announced.

The gymnastics preview to the show will be held Feb. 23.

Finals in region set for Games

Regional competitions in numerous winter sports for the Lac St. Louis Region began last Sunday and will be held during the next several weeks, all leading up to the Quebec Games scheduled for the week of Feb. 24 to Mar. 5 at Amos.

Weightlifting regional finals were held in LaSalle Jan. 15 while synchronised swimming finals took place in Verdun Sunday. This weekend things begin to get hectic, with basketball regional finals on Friday, Saturday and Sunday in LaSalle, and cross-country skiing finals in Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue on Friday. A Lac St. Louis alpine ski meet will be held in St. Donat on Saturday, while Sunday will see badminton contests in Pierrefonds and judo in LaSalle. On Monday broomball teams will congregate in LaSalle. A curling competition is scheduled for sometime late in January.

Other competitions in February will include finals in wrestling, handball, fencing, table tennis, figure skating, speed skating, snowshoeing, gymnastics and archery. Finals still must be scheduled for volleyball, karate and riflery.

In recent years Westmount youngsters have made strong showings in such sports as badminton, gymnastics, wrestling, alpine skiing, fencing,

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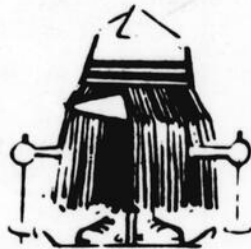
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Blue and white salts the same

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salt which has been used in previous winters?

That question, put to city council by Mrs. Edythe Germain, 198 Cote St. Antoine at their recent first-of-the-year meeting, drew little more than sarcastic comments from the councillors. Though the salt is, in fact, blue, explained General Manager Norman Dawe, it is no different from the white salt except it is more visible.

Mrs. Germain seemed convinced that it affected the streets and sidewalks differently than last year's salt.

Off the list

Overdue taxes were paid last week on the house at 4750 The Boulevard, property of Edward M. Rowat, meaning the home has been taken off the list of properties to be sold by auction on Feb. 21. Cancellation of the one home leaves 15 properties for which municipal, MUC and school taxes are overdue by at least six months and which are due to be auctioned off if the liabilities are still outstanding on Feb. 21.

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\$1,200 grant for translation

The Westmount-based International Maple Syrup Institute is among 17 groups across Canada to have been awarded grants by the secretary of state for simultaneous interpretation and translation of documents.

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Operators are ready for emergencies, but only real ones

Some recent Westmount fire calls seem to have defied telephone bill reminders that persons can report emergencies simply by dialing "0", if they are incapable of dialing all seven digits or have forgotten the local emergency numbers. In at least two local cases during the past year individuals dialing the operator have been told to call the seven-digit Westmount fire number, 935-2456.

A check with Bell Canada officials reveals that operators

have been trained to discern—from a person's voice or background noises—whether or not a serious emergency is taking place, and that in most cases she (or he) will try to discourage operator dialing of routine phone calls.

However, if the operator can tell that an emergency is occurring, she will put the caller through to the appropriate number, then stay on the line to ensure that the information has been communicated with the

police or firemen. In other cases she will pass on the information herself.

The system is made difficult in the Montreal area because of differing numbers for various police and fire stations in the various municipalities on the island. In Laval, however, the entire system is integrated and one three-digit number—911—will put the caller in touch with police, fire or ambulance services.

A Bell Canada spokesman suggests that Westmount parents tell their very small children, and remember themselves, that if they feel they must dial "0", they should make it clear "in no uncertain terms" that an emergency exists, and that it exists in Westmount. Street names do not suffice, since many are repeated in other municipalities, such as Argyle

or Kensington avenues.

"Dealing with people over the phone is exactly what the operators are trained for," the spokesman added, pointing to their ability to discern emergencies. She said, though, that "human failings" are possible and may result in a lack of response to some real crises. Local fire officials say they get two or three operator-

assisted emergency calls each year.

Most important is the ubiquitous recommendation that emergency numbers be posted beside every telephone in the house. For Westmount, the police number is 934-0711. Dialing 935-2456 will get the caller in immediate touch with the fire department and city ambulance.

Encourage local police Mrs. Germain suggests

Police patrol in Westmount should receive the active encouragement, help and interest of local citizens, Mrs. Edythe Germain suggested to city council recently, to "make Westmount a little more interesting, short of having shoot-outs here."

Mrs. Germain, discussing her thoughts following a meeting with top police officials she attended along with other members of the Committee for Pedestrian Safety in Westmount and the Westmount Municipal Association last month (*The Examiner*, Dec. 8), noted with some dismay that police constables, through their

union, get to choose their work location. It is estimated that at the end of 1976 more than 12 million Canadians were covered by life insurance either individually purchased or through a group plan.

Very few ask to be stationed in Westmount, the local citizens were told, because this city is "boring and uninteresting."

The representatives began wondering, after the meeting, how citizens could make police enjoy being stationed here, and decided the best way would be "to show that we appreciate the service they give us."

While probably few people can show appreciation at receiving speeding tickets, she admitted, Westmounters might realize—and point out to the constables—that the ticket was being given in order to make Westmount safer for all citizens.

Other methods might be to choose an "officer of the month," or perhaps offer more recognition of their services by city council.



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When they could be sleeping, Tel-Aide volunteers lend ear to the lonely and troubled

By RICK KERRIGAN

At two in the morning, when everyone he knows is tucked away safely in their suburban middle-class homes, Alex, a Tel-Aide volunteer, is fielding phone calls from the lonely and the troubled: someone with a drinking problem who doesn't know what to do or someone sitting crying because, well, that's the way they feel.

"It's a very moving experience for me," says Alex. "I'm a middle-class person and everything is set and easy. For somebody like me it's an eye-opening experience. It can be shattering."

The 49-year-old Kensington avenue resident, businessman and father of three children age 11 to 21, doesn't always have

the late night shift but he plays a key role in the organization as a director and trainer. One volunteer he trained was Sarah, a fellow Westmouter who lives on Mount Stephen avenue. She's the mother of two boys, seven and 14.

"I don't see most of my callers as being very different from myself," she says. "I identify a lot with them. They call and they're lonely and I feel lonely; they call when they're having trouble with their children, I have trouble with my children. I don't really see them as being that different from myself."

The calls received by Tel-Aide cover the entire spectrum of human emotion and personal problems, from finance to

family, sex to suicide. But the largest percentage (24.6) of the 61,979 calls taken by the organization in 1976 dealt with an emotion that probably everyone has experienced at some time: loneliness.

When asked why he would want to listen to someone's problems, Alex replied, "The word 'problem' is yours... if someone is lonely, I suppose you can call loneliness a problem, but it's not a specific problem, it's just to have someone to talk to."

"We're here to befriend people, to be available when they need us. And it works, the fact that there's somebody here to listen."

One-to-one relation

"It's one human being relating to another," adds Sarah, who stresses that she doesn't want to give the im-

pression to callers that she has all the answers.

"A lot of times I don't have answers to my own traumas in life," she says.

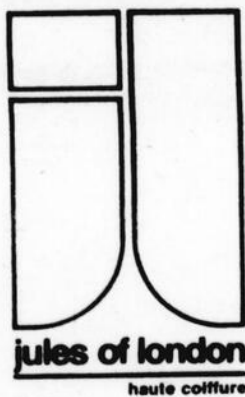
Many of the lonely callers are elderly people, a fact that upsets both Sarah and Alex, who feel that society has handed many of them a bum deal.

"We feel there's this huge gap in society," says Alex. "People who are left stranded by their families, or their friends have died, or they're retired and living on a rotten little pension. It's a lousy life for them and thank God there's something like Tel-Aide they can turn to."

Sarah finds it disheartening to talk with elderly people "because you can't give them any reasons why their family has deserted them."

"They've committed their lives to their children," she says, "and they are sitting there

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Sarah says she looks forward to the day when she hears elderly people saying they are happy to be old because they have worked hard all their lives and now are reaping the benefits and have a lot of good memories. But unfortunately, she says, "older people are treated abominably."

Suicide calls accounted only for one percent of the calls received by the service last year, but they are the most dramatic and certainly the hardest with which to deal. Despite the listener's training, when a suicide call comes in, you're on your own.

Suicide calls generally are a cry for help, says Alex, but some call just to say goodbye to the world because they "just don't want to die alone."

Part of fantasies

One problem that the two volunteers encounter is callers of opposite sex including them in their fantasies. Often the caller feels that if they could just meet the person they are talking to they would have an instant romance.

The listeners do their best to discourage these feelings and try to have the callers identify with Tel-Aide as a whole and not with individual voices and people. A problem would arise if callers had expectations of talking with a particular person and that person had changed shifts. Also, this prevents a caseload being established for any of the volunteers and this is consistent with the non-professional nature of the organization.

Tel-Aide was started six years ago by psychiatrists, social workers and a minister, but since then training has "become kind of like a verbal tradition," according to Alex, with knowledge being passed on from one volunteer to another.

"We don't want that wall of professionalism around us which is very difficult to penetrate," he says, adding that people find it easier to talk to him if they know he is just like they are.

"A lot of people have been through the gamut. They've had it with the quick shuffle they get from professionals. We are here because we want to be here and only for that."

Sarah adds, "They seem to be threatened if they feel that someone is professional and is going to use a professional type of jargon on them and slot their problems into categories."

No follow-up

Tel-Aide does no follow-up on problems, providing only a sympathetic ear when someone calls. Anonymity is also a feature of the telephone sessions and the location of the listening post, just outside Westmount, is not revealed. Listeners will, however, refer callers to various social agencies and hospitals around Montreal if they feel it is appropriate and they also have resource people for specific problems.

As well, professionals from the Ville Marie social services audit their procedures, but Alex feels that if they were on

the inside they would tend to take over.

Funding of Tel-Aide is provided completely through private donations. Though the 250 people actively involved as listeners are volunteers, the organization must still pay for a scheduler and secretary and for the small, crowded office from which the entire operation is run. And, of course, there is the phone bill.

"Bell is generous," says Alex, "but we don't get the phones for free."

Provincial or federal funds might be available in the future but the group would like to maintain its independence. Ironically, Tel-Aide receives no funds from Centraide yet refers callers to agencies under their support.

"If we can get by without government funds," says Alex, "obviously we'd prefer it,

because when the camel gets its nose in the tent . . ."

What Tel-Aide needs now more than money, however, is people. They are working with the minimum number of volunteers that they need. Some work only twice a month and others more often. The day shift is the hardest to fill because people are working or looking after children.

Alex says they "like to get people who are set in their lifestyle" and can therefore be depended on.

Westmounters wanting to volunteer can call the Tel-Aide office at 935-1105.

Sarah, who looks after a home, does other volunteer work and takes courses, says, "If you enjoy doing something, I think you make time to do it. You can arrange it, there's no excuse."

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Canada "must start rethinking economic fundamentals," though he would not elaborate on the latter point.

Not real solution

Legal challenges to Quebec's language charter are "more publicity than a real attempt to solve a real problem," Mr. Feifer said. If successful, they would provide "a shallow and hollow legal victory," since Bill 101 should be looked at as "a

wholesale violation of civil liberties much as French-speaking people's fundamental civil liberties are violated in other parts of Canada."

What is needed, he explained, is "a real leadership" from Ottawa, and he criticized the present government for "not totally fulfilling its responsibilities." Quebec's anglophone population needs to know there is "a challenge to its loss of identification," and all minorities must be given constitutional guarantees of their right to use either of the country's two official



Mark Feifer

languages anywhere in the country.

The necessity of a constitutional guarantee of language rights is the cornerstone of Mr. Feifer's national unity platform, it seems, though he is not willing to look at it from only one side of the coin. The need for anglophones to have rights here is hardly more important than the rights of francophones elsewhere; he understands French Quebec's

Four might seek Liberal nomination

The fight for the Liberal nomination for the federal riding of Westmount could become a four-man affair with two more candidates expected to join Mark Feifer and Dr. Dale Thomson in the race.

Montrealer Don Johnston has not yet officially announced he will seek the candidacy but he has been assembling an organization and has been working behind the scenes. His announcement is expected in the near future.

Another person anxious to join the race is Richard Rhone, an American who moved here from Boston six years ago. He is awaiting finalization of Canadian citizenship before he is able to enter the contest officially.

Mr. Rhone says he has no previous political experience and is waiting to enunciate a platform after he has talked to citizens throughout the constituency. A worker with a community action agency in Boston, Mr. Rhone entered the insurance field when he came here. He now works with Great West Life Insurance in Westmount Square. He was a director of the Montreal Board of Trade in 1973.

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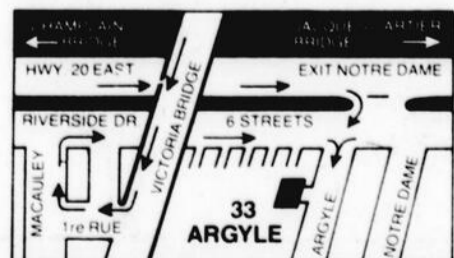
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concern that the French-Canadian culture be allowed to grow and flourish, but he does not share the various provincial governments' attitude that the

French culture is threatened in any way.

"Here in Quebec I don't think we are making any real progress," he added. Because of the lack of federal action in most of the rest of Canada, and because of the tremendous difficulties the language law is due to inflict upon Quebec, French Canada is getting "the worst of both worlds," he suggested.

Pessimistic on economy

Mr. Feifer painted a bleak picture of the Canadian economy and expressed some doubt about the "expert" opinion of economic forecasters that the country is moving into a recovery period. The economy might even get worse, he countered, because of the political situation in Quebec, not to mention costs in the public sector, the continuing problem of strikes and labor unrest, the cost of energy and the lack of confidence from the business community.

The country needs "decisive and very real leadership" to reverse its economic woes and restore business confidence, he declared; that leadership must use a "common sense approach" rather than look for a "magic solution to all the ills."

On a political level, Mr. Feifer agrees with most party members that Westmount riding is a very important one in the national picture, that its MP will have to make "very strong, very firm recommendations on behalf of the anglophone community in Quebec." He softened this remark somewhat, perhaps remembering the largely-francophone St. Henri sector of the riding, by pointing out that the elected representative would still be mandated to seek accommodation between the peoples of the riding and the province.

Married, with three young daughters, Mr. Feifer is a graduate of Outremont High School and McGill University, from which he received a BA in 1964 and a BCL in 1967. A one-time interim editor of the *McGill Daily*, he has kept up his contacts with the university since leaving, serving as director of the Young Alumni Association for three years and then as director of the McGill Society of Montreal for another three. He has been a director of the Westmount Liberal Association since 1974, and is a member of the Canadian Club and the Westmount Municipal Association, besides the Canadian and Quebec Bar Associations.

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Dr. Glenn Cameron, Westmount's medical officer of health, will speak Feb. 7 about "doctors' secrets" and will demonstrate some medical equipment.

On Feb. 13, John Sancton, publisher of *The Examiner*, will reveal "the story behind the headlines," telling what goes on to produce a community weekly newspaper.

The final speaker in the series, on Feb. 24, will be Mrs. Ruth Shine, owner of the Bead Emporium, 366 Victoria avenue. She will speak on "The fascination of beads: uses past and present" and will demonstrate how jewellery is made.

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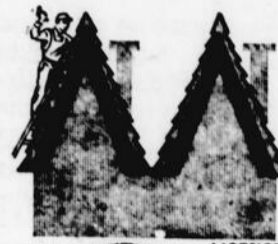
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To many visitors and newcomers, it is only appropriate that the Westmount Life building looks over Greene avenue, where so many locals shop in the cozy personal stores. It is a landmark for this city, much as the Sun Life building is a landmark downtown. But as many are trying to argue today, the economic shift westward began even before Nov. 15, 1976, and not all the companies which are moving are reacting directly to Quebec's present uncertainties. Though Sun Life might blame its move on the PQ threat, Westmount Life does not.

The changes started when Westmount Life was purchased by a Calgary holding company in mid-1976. Inland Financial Corp. had the express intention of moving it westward, along with other companies from Toronto and Saskatchewan. The three have been merged into the Family Life Group, and eventually a new company will be formed to consolidate their holdings, perhaps to purchase others and ultimately to create a single Family Life company.

John Walsh, one of the co-founders of Westmount Life and now its chief executive officer, was in town last Wednesday and described Westmount Life's spotted 15-year history which has culminated in the latest changeover. The

Back on duty

Morris, the feline mascot at Westmount's Station 30 police headquarters, spent the past week in the Animal Hospital of Montreal on Victoria avenue, having gotten into some chicken bones early last week in a garbage can somewhere around the station. Officers brought him back to the station on Monday and by Tuesday things were back to normal.

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company faltered through the first decade of its existence, he said, first as an independent organization and then under the tutelage of American trustees. In 1973 it was sold to a Canadian company, Boyd, Stock and McDonald, purely as an investment; they "turned it around" and stopped it from losing money before putting it up for sale again two years later. Finally it was purchased by the Calgary firm, though several companies, including some from Montreal, had made bids on the firm.

Founded by brokers

Westmount Life was originally the creation of several adventurous former brokers of one of the Dickstein group agencies of Crown Life Insurance Co. Mr. Walsh, then an office manager with Royal Insurance, joined the Dickstein sales force and the group put up the modest diamond-windowed structure on the south side of Sherbrooke street (now the FCA building) as their headquarters.

"Westmount was low down on the choice of names," Mr. Walsh admitted, pointing out that the group had tried such titles as Mount Royal, St. Lawrence and Champlain when applying for a federal charter. It was "purely by accident" that the company came to bear the name of the city, though he agreed that perhaps "Westmount" portrayed the image the company was aspiring to.

Westmount Life was a capital-in-depth company, directing its sales pitch to the top 10 percent of the nation's taxpayers, he said, with expertise in business insurance.

"It was a very competitive area. We were successful artistically, but not financially. The company wasn't giving the leadership that the shareholders were looking for."

New Building

Two years after the company settled in to its Sherbrooke street offices, the new building at 4141 Sherbrooke was put up by another firm. In choosing to rent the top three floors and penthouse, Westmount Life was able to have its name emblazoned on the door and to obtain the right to buy the building after the 20-year lease runs out in 1986. It still retains that right, and will be selling it to the new Family Life company, which well might take the owners up on the deal, according to Mr. Walsh.

While it leased the upper three floors, Westmount Life never occupied more than two of them. At the present time it sub-leases the fourth and fifth floors and part of the sixth. Other Family Life offices elsewhere in the Montreal area might eventually take up the entire sixth floor again, meaning a vestige of Westmount Life will doubtless remain in the building in one way or another for quite some time, though probably the head office will remain in Calgary.

It might be significant that the legal change of head office came early in 1977, only months after the provincial election, but in fact the sale came in August, 1976, before any hint of a PQ victory at the polls. The greatest portion of staff were moved last summer.

In terms of investment policy, Mr. Walsh added, the company has for some time tried to equate investments to the provinces of the policy-holders, though in its early days the company put a heavier amount of money in Quebec. He offers a rough 20-percent figure when asked how many policyholders might be from Quebec, though he is more certain that a full 90 percent of the clients are English-speaking.

Preferred to stay

Personally, John Walsh and his French-Canadian wife, Yolande, are sorry to have left Quebec and "would have preferred to have stayed" in their Victoria avenue home were it not for Bill 101 and the PQ threat. In fact, Mr. Walsh mused, his teenage children, being bilingual, well might have married into francophone families and "increased the French Canadian stock," but now they will be assimilated into the prairies.


The only moral of the story can be that life insurance companies are often subject to the wheelings and dealings of high finance, mergers and negotiations often beyond the ken of the layman. It can also be said that Westmount Life, with its seeming roots in this community visible to the Sherbrooke street passer-by, is just another victim of the now-famous westward flow of capital and financial institutions.

Local policyholders can rest assured that their funds are intact, now under the aegis of a stronger, more diversified company which continues to look after their interests, and

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ST. STEPHEN'S Dorchester and Atwater
The Rev'd. R. G. Guinness

January 29
10:30 am Morning Prayer

Welcome to All

PRESBYTERIAN

STANLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Webster Hall
4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. W.
Rev. Scarth Macdonnell

Sunday Service
9:30 am

Visitors Welcome

SYNAGOGUE

CONGREGATION SHAAR HASHOMAYIM
450 Kensington

Rabbi Wilfred Shuchat
Cantor Joseph Gross
Assistant Cantor Herman Muller

Sabbath Services
Sabbath Eve, 4:40 pm in the Chapel
Sabbath Day, 8:40 am in the Main Synagogue
Sabbath Twilight, 5:00 pm

Daily Services
Morning Services: Sunday, Jan. 29, 8:45 am; Monday-Friday, Jan. 30-Feb. 3, 7:30 am.
Evening Services: Sunday, Jan. 29, 4:40 pm; Monday-Thursday, Jan. 30-Feb. 2, 4:40 pm.

BAPTIST

WESTMOUNT BAPTIST CHURCH
Sherbrooke Street West at Roslyn Avenue
Nearest Downtown Baptist Church
Minister: Rev. Allan Griffin
Director of Music: Deirdre Morrell, B.Mus.

January 29
9:45 am Church Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am "Good Advice or a Savior?"
Baptismal Service
7:30 pm "Christian Humility"

Midweek Service: Wednesday, 8:00 pm
Visitors Always Welcome

UNITED

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
101 Cote St. Antoine Road

January 29
11:00 am "When Morale is Low"
Church School Crib Corner
Coffee Time at Noon

Rev. E. A. Kirker, M.A., B.D., D.D.
Rev. H. W. White, Th.M., Ph.D.
Rev. E. C. Armstrong, B.A.
Gordon White, L.Mus., B.Mus.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
Westmount
390 Lansdowne Avenue at Sherbrooke Street
Lesson Sermon Subject this Sunday:
LOVE

Golden Text: Genesis 18:25: Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?

11 a.m. Church 11 a.m. Sunday School
Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., Testimony Meeting
Public Reading Room
In the Church Edifice: Open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m., Wednesday 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.
All Are Welcome

Pre-Lenten series continues at Dominion-Douglas

The third of a series of pre-Lenten services on the theme "Why Care?" will be held Sunday at 11 am at Dominion-Douglas Church. Dr. Phyllis Smyth will preach on the subject "Small Comfort!", an attempt to evaluate the roles of the "have" and "have not" nations of the world.

Appropriate music by the choir will include "Ah, thou poor world" by Johannes Brahms and "King of love, O Christ" by Charles Pilcher. Maurice Potvin, tenor, will sing "Ah, happy are ye, steadfast spirits" by J. S. Bach, from Schemelli's "Gesangbuch."

The organ prelude will be "The meek shall possess the earth" by Herbert Howells and the postlude will be "Fugue in E Flat" (St. Anne) by J. S. Bach.

In other activities at the church on the hill, the youth sub-committee will hold a supper meeting Thursday at 6:30 pm at the home of Helen and Peter Kenwood, 682 Roslyn avenue. At 8 pm the outreach committee will meet in the church.

Convention being planned

Albin Wursch, 342 Grosvenor avenue, is among a group of local Jehovah's Witnesses on the organizing committee planning an international convention of Witnesses to be held July 5 to 9 in Olympic Park.

More than 75,000 persons are expected to attend what will be Montreal's largest religious convention. The program will be held simultaneously in French, English, Italian, Greek, Portuguese and Spanish and there will be other sessions in Arabic, Korean and Ukrainian.

In order to house all the delegates, local Witnesses are launching one of the largest room-hunting campaigns in the history of Montreal. Organizers expect to have some 4,000 persons helping visit homes in the Montreal area in the search for rooms, the largest such effort here since Expo '67.

Registration for confirmation classes will take place Thursday, Feb. 2, at 7 pm in Dr. Smyth's study. Classes will be on Thursday evenings for six weeks with the next service of confirmation on Palm Sunday, March 19. The classes are open to persons of all ages.

Those wishing to join Dominion-Douglas by certificate of transfer from another congregation should speak to Dr. Smyth as soon as possible.

WMA ideas on Weredale to minister

Westmount Municipal Association President Dr. Dale Thomson is awaiting an answer from social affairs minister Dr. Denis Lazure on his suggestion that Weredale House be converted to a social, recreation and treatment centre connected with the Reddy Memorial Hospital.

One idea that Dr. Thomson has discussed with the hospital is that the building become a "centre d'accueil," serving convalescent and day patients.

Dr. Thomson told WMA advisory council recently that he had first tried to deal with civil servants in the social affairs department but they had claimed they couldn't even receive a letter on the matter and that all inquiries should go to the minister. Dr. Thomson called this a "mysterious answer" and is now waiting to hear from Dr. Lazure.

The possible conversion of Weredale House to a medical or senior citizens' facility has been Dr. Thomson's concern since the boys' home was put on the market recently.

Block parents on telephone for members

Potential "block parents" in Westmount who asked for application slips to become part of the program but then never followed up on the matter will be receiving phone calls to spur them into action.

Mrs. Renée Lagassé, one of the block parent organizers, says that some 200 applications must be sitting on desks in various homes around Westmount and the fledgling network of block parents could certainly be strengthened.

Specially needed are block parents on Cote St. Antoine road, in the Wood avenue and Stayner-Prospect street areas, and on de Maisonneuve boulevard and Sherbrooke street. In fact, however, block parents are needed in all areas of Westmount.

Applicants should be reminded that the program entails simply placing a sign in the front window whenever someone is available at home to answer the door. If a child gets into trouble on the street, he or she can be assured of help at that home.

Those interested should call Mrs. Lagassé at 487-6991 or Mrs. Linda Israel at 487-2698.

St. Andrew's to examine low morale

The sermon at this Sunday's 11:00 am service in St. Andrew's Church will examine the causes of low morale currently being experienced by many people. Dr. E. A. Kirker will then consider ways of easing this problem, drawing on spiritual and other resources available to all.

The children and teachers of the church school will attend the opening portion of the service.

The Bible study group begun last week continues each Sunday at 9:30 am in the church library. Fifteen persons have undertaken an exploration of Christian origins, led by Dr. Harvey White.

The Teens' Club has called a meeting of all young people for next Wednesday. Members are assisting with ushering at church services and plan to participate in a special youth service in mid-February.

The Church Guild meets Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 9:30 am.

Outstanding business loans by the chartered banks have quadrupled during the last ten years, the Canadian Bankers' Association says.

Bach music at Ascension

A recital of music by J. S. Bach will be given at 3:30 pm Sunday in the Church of the Ascension of Our Lord, Sherbrooke street west at Clarke avenue. It will be presented by Emilian Boteanu, cellist, and Phillips Motley, organist.

Mr. Boteanu will play the Second Sonata and an unaccompanied suite. Mr. Motley will play the Fantasia in G, chorale-preludes and the Prelude and Fugue in E minor (The Wedge).

A collection will be taken. All are welcome.

Old Montreal is film topic

Joan Goodman and Mary Hersey will present a film to the Women's Canadian Club of Montreal on Monday, Jan. 30, on "Victorian Montreal, as seen through its people and their buildings."

The presentation will be in the Royal Bank auditorium of Place Ville Marie at 2 pm. Coffee will be served to members and guests from 1:15 pm.



THINK METRIC, THINK SLOWER: Westmount has officially joined the national metrification movement, and citizens must now revise their speedometers (and their judgments) to adapt to the new speeds in the city. Workmen yesterday were caught putting up this sign near Westmount High School, warning drivers that they must now proceed even more slowly in school zones than the 20 mph they have become accustomed to. If you can read fractions on your still-mph speedometer, it is now mandatory that you travel no faster than 18.642 miles per hour in school and park zones; better yet, just go a little bit slower and watch out for children. New maximum in former 30-mph zones is 50 km/h.

Three hurt as truck hits taxi

A rear-end collision on slippery streets at 12:13 Friday afternoon sent three people to hospital with mild injuries and caused extensive damage to the taxi and truck involved.

A 1977 Dodge taxi, driven by G. Tremblay, 37, of Montreal, was stopped in westbound traffic just outside 4545 Sherbrooke street, east of Strathcona avenue, waiting for the light. It was struck from behind by a blue 1977 Ford truck,

Fender-benders

Last Wednesday's snowstorm resulted in seven traffic accidents around Westmount, though no injuries were reported on that day. Between Wednesday last week and Tuesday this week, police reported a total of 22 accidents, including one which resulted in three injuries (see separate story) and four classified as "hit and run" accidents.

driven by L. Sampson, 30, of Montreal.

Mr. Sampson said that he tried to apply the brakes when he noticed the stopped traffic, but skidded on the slimy street and crashed into the taxi. Police estimated over \$500 damage to each of the vehicles, and had to have the truck towed from the scene.

Mr. Tremblay suffered possible neck and back injuries, while a 60-year-old passenger in his car, a woman from N.D.G., injured both her legs. A 26-year-old woman from Lachine who was a passenger in Mr. Sampson's truck injured her leg when it hit the dashboard.

Eight lifters

Shoplifters seem to have been busy in Westmount during the past week, but so were store security personnel in Alexis Nihon Plaza. A total of eight shoplifters were caught with

Homeowners now eligible for grants

Westmounters can now apply for federal grants under the Canadian Home Insulation Program (CHIP), local MP Hon. C. M. Drury announced recently on behalf of Urban Affairs Minister André Ouellet.

In making the announcement, Mr. Drury said that eligibility for CHIP assistance in Quebec had been made retroactive to Sept. 1, 1977, when the national program was introduced. As a result, residents of Westmount who have undertaken home insulation work since that date may also qualify for the federal grant.

CHIP is designed to encourage Canadians to save on energy. It provides grants equal to two-thirds of the cost of insulation materials, up to a maximum of \$350.

Mr. Drury pointed out that more than 7,700 homes built before 1921 in the constituency of Westmount are eligible immediately for CHIP grants. Assistance for these homes alone could reach some \$600,000. As eligibility is extended to newer homes over the next seven years, another 35,000-plus housing units in the area could qualify.

Urban Affairs Minister Ouellet has indicated that \$1.4 billion has been allocated for CHIP across Canada, of which Quebec is to receive approximately \$380 million.

A total of 1.9 million homes in Quebec will become eligible under CHIP and, on completion of the program, Quebec householders should save approximately 11.6 million barrels of oil annually.

Further information on CHIP is available by calling 341-1511.

Committee shake-up suggested

Committee work of the Westmount Municipal Association has been lagging recently and President Dr. Dale Thomson wants some of the committees strengthened and reactivated.

Nicole Gehring resigned as chairman of the health and welfare committee at the WMA's recent meeting and it was reported that Michael Carroll would probably resign as chairman of the recreation committee.

Al Fisher of the housing and zoning committee reports he has heard nothing from chairman Jeanne Wolfe, and Glenda Scott declared the traffic and circulation committee "null and void" as far as she was concerned. Dr. Thomson said he hoped this committee would become active again.

He added that the lack of activity suggested that perhaps a restructuring was needed. A few committee chairmen have not attended any recent advisory council meetings.

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