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Westmounters among plaintiffs in 101 challenge

By RICK KERRIGAN

SEVERAL local residents are named as co-plaintiffs in a writ filed in Quebec Superior Court last Thursday by the Westmount-based Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations challenging the constitutionality of many of the clauses of Quebec's Charter of the French Language, Bill 101.

The federation, headquartered at 4795 St. Catherine street west, and representing parents in home and school associations across the province, claims it is prevented by the law from conducting its business in English, the language of its lay membership, and thus is being prevented from functioning effectively.

Six of the co-plaintiffs are private citizens who charge their right to educate their children in English has been denied.

The other 11 co-plaintiffs, three corporations and eight representing professions and trades, are claiming their right to free speech has been denied and that restrictions on use of the English language prevent them from conducting business effectively or cause them serious loss.

Publisher plaintiff

Publisher and author May Cutler, 3200 The Boulevard, (profiled in **The Examiner** July 13) is one of the private co-plaintiffs, and her company, Tundra Books Inc., is a corporate plaintiff. Mrs. Cutler said Thursday, "The legislation [Bill 101] is sick and can be applied at whim to whom they [the government] wish."

Although her company continues to send out bilingual notices, which are forbidden by the law, she says there has been no trouble, yet. She says Premier René Lévesque has stated that the law will not be

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'Annual' meeting Monday

Presentation of Westmount's 1979 budget and the setting of the property tax rate will take place Monday evening at 8 pm in the council chambers at city hall.

The agenda for the formal city council session, in fact, looks more like that of an annual meeting of the city, as not only the budget but various other items of annual business are scheduled.

Councillors will establish rates and conditions for supply of electric power to Westmounters, levy the interest rate for overdue taxes in the coming year and appoint auditors.

Another motion will confirm the city's regular contract with the CSPCA for transporting and keeping dogs which are caught and never claimed, while still another will set the city's capital expense program for the next three years.

A triennial piece of business also will be on council's agenda Monday night. Directors of the Municipal Housing Bureau of the City of Westmount—which runs the Hillside Place public housing project—will be appointed for the project's second three years of existence.

Icy incidents

Friday's freezing rain caused havoc on streets and highways throughout the Montreal area, but in Westmount things were generally quiet. Police record only two accidents, neither involving i

Next Week's WEATHER by Capt. Eric Neal

DECEMBER 16 to 23

Although relatively mild with ice pellets and windswept snow to open this changeable week, the cold air mass coming in behind the moon last quarter storms will complete the freeze-up in all the north. The St. Lawrence will succumb later.

Cloudless blue skies, a deep freeze and blustery winds would be usual from the middle to the end of this cold, Christmas shopping week. Below zero degrees Fahrenheit, or −18 Celsius, the freezing point of sea water, no snow is possible; we can only have hexagon plates or ice needles shimmering in gleamy sunshine. Normal snowfall for this week is 5 to 10 cm.

Socio-cultural division on way out:

New social service set-up said just 'adaptation'

CHRISTMAS 'WAGON CIRCLE': Westmounter Russel Graul again is selling Christmas trees on the vacant lot on St. Catherine street at Kensington avenue for the benefit of Westmount senior citizen organizations. This year he has both Scotch pine and balsam trees, and will be open most daytime hours and evenings from now until Christmas eve. Because of a considerable theft from his operation last year, Mr. Graul has built wooden hoardings around his base station, the former youth kiosk which once stood in Westmount Park, and locks all the trees into the wild-west style circle at night.

By ANDY DODGE

The so-called "sectorization" of social service centres on the Island of Montreal is more a "modification or adaptation" of the present socio-cultural set-up, claims D'Arcy Coulson, director of the English-language Ville Marie Social Service Centre.

Under the plan, social services on the Island of Montreal would no longer be disseminated primarily by agencies serving a specific socio-cultural group, as the English, French and Jewish agencies do now. Instead, each agency would provide the primary service centres for all persons in a specific geographical area.

Ville Marie is stepping gingerly into the government-decreed scheme, demanding consultation and mutual agreement at every step of the way, trying to bridge the gap between providing services to

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Veterans' canvasser suspect

A man rang the door of a Kensington avenue home Tuesday evening and claimed he was selling calendars for the benefit of war amputees. The responding woman obliged and donated $2, then looked at the calendar and noticed there was no mention of war amputees, and later examination showed a price of 10 cents printed in small type in one corner. They are evidently available at that price at most Legion branches.

Considerable phoning yesterday revealed to her that the Quebec Amputees' Association had authorized no such sales, nor had various other veterans' associations locally. Police were called and a report has been made to the MUC Police fraud squad.

Citizens should be wary of persons offering such items for sale, one fraud squad officer says. Anyone soliciting funds must have proper identification and a permit from the consumer protection office, as well as from most municipalities.

No issue Dec. 28

Next week's issue of The Examiner will be the last number of the year as no regular issue will be published Dec. 28.

Contributors and advertisers are asked to submit messages for events during the following two weeks by the regular deadline for next week's pre-Christmas issue, Tuesday at 4 pm.

Regular publication of The Examiner will resume with the issue of Jan. 4.

Side show

Someone broke a window to the Avenue Theatre, 1224 Greene avenue, sometime between 2 o'clock and 2:30 Saturday morning. A citizen nearby called the Westmount Fire Brigade to report an alarm sounding; responding firemen discovered it was a burglar alarm and noticed burglary tools in the area. They notified police, though it seems the alarm had scared off the thieves.

In windows

Houses on Argyle and Grosvenor avenues were broken into during the weekend, both times by breaking rear windows. In both cases the homes were searched, but police are still awaiting complete lists of items stolen from them.

Budget atmosphere different

The Montreal Urban Community budget debate is being conducted in a "very different atmosphere" this year than in previous years, Mayor Donald MacCallum told **The Examiner** this week, since there is no substantial opposition force in the Montreal ranks and since Pierre Des Marais II, mayor of Outremont, now is chairman.

"People are beginning to co-operate and trying to make the MUC work," His Worship observed. "I think that's exciting and it's certainly very refreshing."

He said the debate had boiled down to interviews with department heads about their various budgets; Montreal Mayor Jean Drapeau seems willing to co-operate with everyone and the entire MUC council is working together.

The mayor could not predict whether or not the MUC budget debate would be substantially completed by next Monday, when Westmount council sets its rate for municipal and MUC taxes.

He suggested that as long as Quebec gives an indication of the size of grant it is willing to provide, he should know within a few cents the mill rate local ratepayers will be charged for MUC purposes.

City of Westmount Official NOTICE BOARD

City of Westmount

Section 8 of the Municipal Tax Exemption Act (R.S.Q. 1964, c. 174) provides as follows: "No municipal corporation may levy any tax upon any agent or representative of an insurance company or mutual benefit association."

If you are an agent or representative of an insurance company within the meaning of the foregoing Section 8, you may apply to the City for exemption from the payment of business tax, upon presentation to the Finance Department of the City of the requisite documentation establishing your right to such exemption.

P. Patenaude
City Clerk

Cité de Westmount

L'article 8 de la Loi des exemptions de taxes municipales (S.R.Q. 1964, c. 174) édicte ce qui suit: "Aucune corporation municipale ne peut prélever de taxe sur un agent ou représentant d'une compagnie d'assurance ou d'une société de secours mutuel."

Si vous êtes un agent ou un représentant d'une compagnie d'assurance, au sens de l'article 8 cité ci-dessus, vous pouvez présenter à la Cité une demande d'exemption du paiement de la taxe d'affaires, sur présentation au Service des finances de la Cité de la documentation requise pour établir votre admissibilité à cette exemption.

P. Patenaude
Greffier de la cité

HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTIONS

Householders are notified that refuse collection over the holiday period will be as follows:

AREAS COLLECTED BY CONTRACT

Regular Collection Day	Will Be Collected
Monday, December 25	Thursday, December 28
Tuesday, December 26	Friday, December 29
Monday, January 1	Thursday, January 4
Tuesday, January 2	Friday, January 5

ALL OTHER AREAS

Regular Collection Day	Will Be Collected
Monday, December 25	Tuesday, December 26
Tuesday, December 26	Wednesday, December 27
Monday, January 1	Tuesday, January 2
Tuesday, January 2	Wednesday, January 3

FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES

As a preventive measure, the Fire Department periodically inspects all buildings throughout the city to determine fire hazards and to see that remedial measures are carried out. Last year notices were served on 407 residents, ordering the correction of more than 870 defects.

The department recommends to all citizens that they install smoke detection systems on their premises so that any outbreak can be detected in its early stages. A prompt warning and a quick call to the department—935-2456—can save a life and reduce property damage.

Many commercial and apartment buildings are equipped with fire warning systems. But there is no connection between these internal alarms and the Westmount Fire Department. In the case of a fire in a building so equipped, call the emergency number and then activate the warning bells, generally by pulling a hook, to alert other occupants of the building.

If there is an invalid in your home, the department should be advised. Your premises will be visited and arrangements made so that any action required to help the invalid in an emergency will be known to the firefighters and all others concerned.

SNOW POSES PROBLEMS—PLEASE CO-OPERATE

Citizens are reminded that vehicles parked on the street during and immediately after a storm impede snow removal operations and increase costs substantially.

It is not permitted to pile snow on the street, lanes or sidewalks after they have been cleared. Snow may be piled on a street before it is cleared only if it is spread along the snowbank between the sidewalk and the street and provided it does not constitute a hazard to motorists nor obstructs the sidewalks.

It is the responsibility of the owners to inform their snow removal contractors accordingly. Those who ignore the above regulations are subject to fines. Vehicles parked illegally shall be towed at the owners' cost.

ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

It is time for students to think about participating in the annual essay contest on the topic of civic government. All boys and girls who attend Westmount schools and Westmount residents who attend schools outside the city are eligible.

Submissions may be in English or French and should not be less than 2,000 words or more than 5,000 words. They should be written on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, one side only and, if possible, typed and double-spaced.

Entries should be mailed to the Westmount Scholarship Trust Fund, Westmount City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke St. West, before March 31, 1979. Each submission must be accompanied by a letter from the principal of the school the student attends, confirming this fact and stating the student's age and date of birth. Cash prizes of $300, $200 and $100 will be awarded for the best essays in order of merit.

PUBLIC SKATING HOURS

Skating is in full swing at the artificial ice rink, which attracts some 70,000 admissions annually. Skating is fun! It is relaxing! It contributes to physical fitness! Come out and participate!

The smaller ice surface is open to residents on weekdays at the following hours:

Monday	9:00 A.M.	to	4:00 P.M.
	8:30 P.M.	to	10:00 P.M.
Tuesday	9:00 A.M.	to	10:00 P.M.
Wednesday	9:00 A.M.	to	4:00 P.M.
	7:30 P.M.	to	10:00 P.M.
Thursday	9:00 A.M.	to	10:00 P.M.
Friday	9:00 A.M.	to	4:00 P.M.
	7:30 P.M.	to	10:00 P.M.

On Saturdays the smaller rink is open from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. and both rinks are open from 2 P.M. to 10 P.M. On Sundays the smaller rink is open from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. and both rinks are open from 1 P.M. to 5:45 P.M.

SERVICE DES INCENDIES

Comme mesure préventive, le Service des incendies fait l'inspection périodique de tous les immeubles de la cité pour déceler les dangers d'incendie et assurer l'application des mesures correctives. L'an dernier, des avis ont été donnés à quelque 407 résidents, exigeant la correction de plus de 870 défauts.

Le Service des incendies recommande aux citoyens de faire installer un dispositif de détection de la fumée à leur résidence de façon à ce que tout incendie soit décelé dès le début. Une alerte hâtive et un appel prompte au Service des incendies—935-2456—peut sauver des vies et restreindre les pertes matérielles.

De nombreux immeubles commerciaux et blocs d'appartements sont munis d'un avertisseur interne d'incendie. Nous rappelons aux résidants que ces réseaux ne sont nullement reliés au Service des incendies de Westmount. En cas d'incendie dans l'un de ces immeubles, il faut donc appeler le Service des incendies et actionner ensuite le réseau interne pour avertir les autres locataires.

Le service recommande aussi qu'on le prévienne s'il y a un invalide au foyer. On fera aussitôt une visite et des arrangements pour lui assurer le secours nécessaire des pompiers en cas d'urgence.

LA NEIGE, CAUSE DE DIFFICULTÉS: ON INVITE VOTRE COOPÉRATION

On rappelle aux citoyens que les véhicules stationnés sur les rues durant ou tout de suite après les tempêtes de neige empêchent les opérations de déneigement et entraînent des coûts inutiles.

Il est interdit d'amonceler la neige dans les rues, dans les ruelles, ou sur les trottoirs après que ceux-ci ont été deblayés. S'il faut toutefois la repousser dans la rue, la faut l'étendre le long des bancs de neige entre le trottoir et la rue avant le passage des équipes de déneigement, de façon à ne pas occasionner des accidents et à ne pas poser un danger pour les piétons.

C'est la responsabilité du propriétaire d'aviser ses entrepreneurs de déneigement en conséquence. Ceux qui enfreignent ces règlements sont passibles de poursuites. Les véhicules qui sont stationnés illégalement seront remorqués aux frais des propriétaires.

CONCOURS ANNUEL DE DISSERTATIONS

Les étudiants sont invités à participer au concours de dissertations de 1978 sur le thème du gouvernement municipal. Tous les garçons et filles qui fréquentent les écoles de Westmount et les résidants de Westmount qui fréquentent des écoles de l'extérieur sont admissibles.

Les travaux soumis peuvent être en anglais ou en français et doivent compter entre 2,000 et 5,000 mots. Ils seront présentés sur des feuilles de format 8 1/2 x 11", en autant que possible dactylographiés à espace double d'un côté de chaque feuillet.

Il faut les poster à la Fiducie des Bourses de Westmount, Hôtel de ville, 4333 ouest, rue Sherbrooke, avant le 31 mars 1979. Chaque dissertation sera accompagnée d'une attestation du directeur de l'école indiquant l'âge et la date de naissance du concurrent. Des prix en argent de $300, $200 et $100 sera accordés par ordre de mérite.

HEURES DE PATINAGE POUR LE PUBLIC

Le patinage bat son plein à la patinoire munie de glace artificielle et qui reçoit plus de 70,000 patineurs par année. Le patinage est un sport agréable qui constitue un excellent exercice pour maintenir la bonne forme physique. Participez pour vous garder en santé.

La petite glace est disponible pour les résidants aux heures suivantes:

Lundi	9 h	à	16 h
	20 h 30	à	22 h
Mardi	9 h	à	22 h
Mercredi	9 h	à	16 h
	19 h 30	à	22 h
Jeudi	9 h	à	22 h
Vendredi	9 h	à	16 h
	19 h 30	à	22 h

Le samedi, la petite glace est disponible de 9 h à 14 h et les deux glaces sont disponibles de 14 h à 22 h.

Le dimanche, la petite glace est disponible de 10 h à 13 h et les deux glaces de 13 h à 17 h 45.

Next Scheduled City Council Meeting

Monday, December 18, 1978, 8 pm

EMERGENCIES

Police - 934-2121 **Fire - 935-2456**

Conference on morals and ethics

The Westmount High School committee has been invited to attend a conference on "Values in education" sponsored by the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations, headquartered at 4795 St. Catherine street west and the Protestant Education Service of the ministry of education.

The workshop-style conference will be held at Westmount High all day Feb. 3. The invitation was extended to the WHS committee by home and school representative June Ellingsen at Monday's school committee meeting.

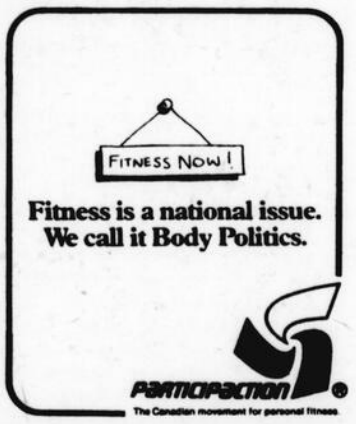
Mrs. Ellingsen said the conference is aimed at persons who are willing and able to take action affecting school curriculum on the question of morals and ethics.

The morning will be devoted to a survey of the moral values of today's schools and the afternoon will concentrate on techniques for the instruction of moral values.

Representatives of Protestant school boards have also been invited to attend.

Door marked

Residents of a Willow avenue home discovered marks on their door, evidently made sometime between 7 pm Friday and noon on Saturday. If the marks were made by potential thieves, it seems they did not get into the house.



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

Dec. 6

3:04 pm: opposite 525 Mount Pleasant, car fire;
4:31 pm: 429 Mount Stephen, oil spill;
7:20 pm: 4800 de Maisonneuve, apt. 518, fire in apartment (see story);

Dec. 7

9:00 am: 15 Park Place, smoke scare;
11:42 pm: Westmount High School, 4350 St. Catherine, boy transported to MCH;
1:50 pm: 638 Belmont, short circuit in radio;
7:05 pm: 4675 St. Catherine, transported child to MCH;

Dec. 8

11:59 am: 1233 Greene, oil furnace trouble;

Dec. 9

2:30 am: 1224 Greene, false alarm (burglar alarm);
10:35 am: 48 Academy, ambulance transport;
11:35 am: 9 Roxborough, strange odor;
2:30 pm: 94 Columbia, ambulance transport;
4:45 pm: 2 Westmount Square, internal alarm ringing;

Dec. 10

8:09 am: 4000 de Maisonneuve, apt. 916, ambulance transport;
8:18 am: 4505 St. Catherine, burnt toast;
8:33 am: 4039 Tupper, Reddy Memorial Hospital, burst water pipe;
2:41 pm: 3033 Sherbrooke, apt. 305, ambulance transport;
3:12 pm: 450 Kensington, flooded basement;
4:00 pm: Westmount Ice Rink, 4675 St. Catherine, ambulance transport;
10:55 pm: 94 Columbia, ambulance transport;

Dec. 11

8:50 am: 4360 Côte des Neiges, apt. 19, male transported to RMH;
1:30 pm: 3211 St. Antoine, male transported to RMH;
3:51 pm: 578 Roslyn, electrical appliance.

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MUCTC BUS TICKETS

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

Dec. 6

Alexis Nihon Plaza: for Steinberg's Data Centre by E.R.S. Building Contractors, alterations, $450,000;
3760 The Boulevard: for Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunger by D'Alesio Contracting, alterations, $12,000;
4873 Westmount avenue: for Collège Marguerite Bourgeoys by Méconoplex Inc., new garage, $26,000;

Dec. 7

250 Clarke: for A. Cohen by Bertrand Durand Inc., repairs to water entrance, $250;

Dec. 8

470 Argyle: for A. Ryttet by contractor to be determined, alterations, $3,000;
223 Melville, apt. 32: for Trust Général by Plomberie A. Lavoie, plumbing, $75.

Radio gone I

Someone stole a radio from the Tupper parking lot shack sometime between 3:15 and 4:20 am last Friday. Police report no signs of a forced entry to the shack.

Radio gone II

A radio was reported stolen from a home on Roslyn avenue on Monday, though residents told police they suspect the theft occurred sometime between 9 am and 10 pm the previous Monday, Dec. 4. Police could find no signs of forced entry to the house.

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Ask-sell price gap narrowing

The price of houses is going up and sales are being recorded closer to asking prices, figures of one local realtor indicate.

Some 42 residential properties listed by the company between February and June this year have sold for an average 90.1 percent of the original asking prices. While 22 other properties listed in that time period have not yet been sold, the average asking price of those which have is $95,109, and they sold for an average $85,662.

In the past five months, from July through November, the number of homes listed was down substantially, but the 21 which have sold have gone for an average 93.1 percent of their asking prices. Those 21, moreover, have had an average asking price of $109,960 and have sold for an average $102,405.

The figures represent only the listings of one major realtor and should not be construed as fully representative of the whole Westmount real estate market. They do, however, indicate a strengthening trend and a tightening up of the local market.

Punched out

Someone stole the punch-clock from Weredale Boys' Home, 6 Weredale Park, sometime between 7 am and 3 pm last Sunday, Dec. 3. There were no signs of a forced entry to the room it was in. The theft went unreported until Tuesday.

Computer centre to cost $450,000

Steinberg's Ltd. is spending $450,000 to prepare a new computer data centre for its Quebec operations, this week's list of city building permits reveals.

The centre will be located on the Métro level of Alexis Nihon Plaza, in a portion of the former Le Bonjour Buffet. Another section has been made into a family-type restaurant, La Rôtisserie du Village, which opened two weeks ago.

An official said the large amount of renovation is needed to prepare the wiring for the new machinery; the room also requires machinery to control atmospheric conditions around the computers.

No appointment

Someone visited a doctor's office on Sherbrooke street in central Westmount by breaking a window to gain entry between 6 pm last Thursday and 9 o'clock the next morning. Police say there has been no report of theft so far.

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We Say

Help manage Westmount

THE City of Westmount is a multi-million dollar business, "big business" by any standard.

Regarded by some as "a mere suburb" of the giant City of Montreal, with less than 1,000 acres of territory and fewer than 22,000 residents, the municipal government boasts over 400 employees and consumes in the course of a year a big volume and wide range of goods and services.

We wager that the ordinary citizen, indeed few if any persons, can grasp the enormous scope and scale, in dollar terms, of the nation's larger government operations, including metropolitan and provincial administrations to say nothing of the vast federal complex. These are so huge that elected leaders, despite the advice and assistance of hordes of treasury, revenue and finance officials, very obviously do not know the enormity of the economic engines over which they preside. Hope of any real control eludes them.

The City of Westmount, happily, is not in that position. This year's municipal budget, including funds levied for and passed on to the Montreal Urban Community, was nearly $18 millions. The money handled was considerably more, with seasonal surpluses from tax collections passing in and out of short-term deposits and short-term borrowing to tide over periods of light cash flow. As big as these amounts are, they are not unmanageable. They are in fact managed, and well managed at that.

It is not a task which mayor, aldermen and city staff seek to keep to themselves. There are no secrets in Westmount's finances. Monies are collected from and dispensed in behalf of the citizens of this community. The budget is an open document—next year's is to be handed down Monday evening and its details will be published in full in next week's **Examiner**.

However, as the scale of city collections and spending grows, we believe citizens can have a better grasp of what is happening if they may see month by month the sort of expenditures made by city hall—not just the totals which until now we have reported following each monthly city council meeting.

To that end, last week we carried, on page two, full details of all expenditures in amounts over $1,000 made during October. There is a great deal of information there.

We would like to think that citizens will study this and future such data and, from their own general or particular knowledge relative to certain items, give our city fathers the benefit of their advice, criticism or suggestions which might lead to even more effective use and management, if possible, of our municipal public funds.

Caring or empire-building?

CARING for fellow members of society who have problems has gone a long way from individual concern.

In these parts it apparently is about to move into that penultimate stage before government bureaucracy swallows it up completely.

As reported on our front page last week, the board of directors of Ville Marie Social Service Centre now views "sectorization" of social services as inevitable.

For the jargon word "sectorization," read "wiping out of differentiation between French, English and Jewish organizations, each taking care of its own according to their special needs and understanding."

Ever centralizing, ever levelling, ever making uniform and ever empire-building, the civil servants are about to implement another bill of goods on the citizens and taxpayers.

The numerous specialized agencies which once proliferated, based on the efforts of good people who, largely voluntarily, made the tangled problems of less-fortunate persons their business to help correct or alleviate, long since have disappeared into the present three main umbrella bodies: Montréal Métropolitain, Ville Marie Social Service Centre, and Jewish Family Services.

These big organizations had hardly digested their original constituent organizations and were only just beginning to settle down to their own realignments along geographical lines to provide new, universal services to their respective clienteles—wherever French, English and Jewish populations are to be found.

Now the three huge packs of cards are about to be reshuffled and redivided again. French personnel will serve Anglophones and Jews; the English are to care for Jews and French-speaking clients, and Jewish professionals are to look after French and English, regardless of faith.

Each super-agency is to have its own territorial sector, irrespective of population mix except, perhaps, that the dominant characteristics may influence sector boundaries.

We call this the penultimate bureaucratic ploy because the obvious, ultimate step will be to wipe out the identities of the three present centrals completely—the excuse can be that they will be meaningless—and the army of professional workers will become direct employees of the one, enormous, inflexible, unmanageable ministry of social affairs.

Efficiency? More economical? Less wasteful? More effective and swifter service to those requiring help?

Really caring?

You Say

Westmount ambulance efficient and courteous

Sir: I had the occasion to call the Westmount Fire Brigade ambulance service last Sunday in an emergency call for a friend of mine.

Two most courteous officers arrived promptly and took her to l'Hôtel-Dieu hospital.

It is a great comfort to know that there is such an efficient service.

(Mrs.) Audrey Quinlan
225 Olivier avenue
WESTMOUNT H3Z 2G7

MGH doctors' menus now entirely French

Sir: The doctors of the Montreal General Hospital were presented with a new innovation last week in their dining room—menu boards printed entirely in French. (Do I hear a cackle from Dr. Laurin?)

The Montreal General Hospital, whose long service to the community has been unsurpassed, is among those English institutions which have contributed the most to the welfare of the citizens of Montreal, both French and English.

The grateful French provincial government is now returning the favor by not permitting the English-speaking doctors the small comfort of reading a menu in their own language in their own hospital.

Like the straw that broke the camel's back, the Parti Québécois' continuous harassment of the English-speaking people of Quebec may eventually prove to be overdone.

There comes an end even to appeasement.

Ainslie M. Laing
456 Strathcona avenue
WESTMOUNT H3Y 2X1

Our concern re. judgment on letters 'misplaced'

Sir: Your "deep concern" editorially of Nov. 30 over a Supreme Court of Canada judgment that affirms what appears in a newspaper's "letters" column is the newspaper's, and not the letter-writer's, ultimate responsibility, is misplaced. Indeed, you concede the very point by admitting you already qualify the letters you publish to be "fair, honest, decent," etc. Surely that is all the court is saying you must do. Nor can I see it as any proper defence of the presenting of irresponsible material for an editor to say he does not agree with the irresponsibility.

Furthermore—and it never ceases to be amazing how un-alert private newspaper owners are to this implication—surely publishing material for which you are not responsible will be the first obligation to be imposed upon you when you lose your private character and become legally an embodiment of public or "social" responsibility. That is a status much desired for newspapers among the left-wing denizens of all too many of today's newsrooms and editorial bureaus—but which we little expected to see forwarded by the pen of the owner of **The Examiner**!

God knows we anticipate, from all we've read about the "modernizing" court of Mr. Chief Justice Laskin, a considerable movement toward more "social responsibility" and away from private and individual responsibility—but the judgment your editorial takes issue with is certainly not such a one, and the court deserves your thoughtful apology.

Jack H. Doupe
381 Claremont avenue
WESTMOUNT H3Z 2P6

(Editor's note: Mr. Doupe's points, concerning responsibility of editors for content of their publications and threatened infringement on that responsibility on "social" grounds, are well taken. However, these are not the issues as we see the Supreme Court judgment. Struck down by the court is the protection of "fair comment" for strong words concerning a public figure on a public matter when used in a published letter—as opposed, say, to an editor's own editorial, using similar words—when such words might be actionable if applied to a private person. The only defence left the editor for publishing such a letter would be that he can prove the letter writer sincerely believed what he wrote and that the editor agrees with the sentiments expressed. Thus, the judgment is ultimately a curb on correspondence which is in disagreement with editorial opinions and with the words and actions of public figures.)

our M.P.

Donald J. Johnston

says . . .

A new taxation approach

This week Bill C-10 received third reading in the House of Commons and among its various provisions is a refundable child tax credit of $200 for each child under the age of 18 in families with income of $18,000 a year or less, the credit being reduced by 5 percent of the amount by which the family income exceeds $18,000.

I have long been a supporter of tax credits as contrasted with, say, accelerated depreciation, and the refundable tax credit carries us one step further toward the so-called negative income tax. A tax credit, while valuable to taxpayers irrespective of their marginal rates, is most valuable to taxpayers at the lower end of the income scale.

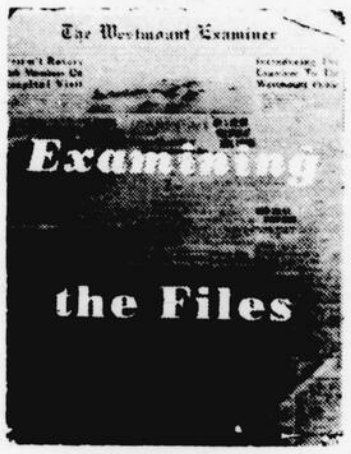
The introduction of this child tax credit program follows closely upon the tabling of a discussion paper by the department of finance on the feasibility of integrating social program payments with the income tax system.

My preliminary reaction to the study is that I would favor such a move were it to have the effect of introducing more equity into the transfer payment system to individuals in this country and if it would simplify the overall operation of the system. What I fear, of course, is that it would simply be added to the plethora of other transfer payment programs which now exist at all levels of government.

Aids single parents

But returning to the new child tax credit, I believe the approach is commendable. Approximately 10 percent of all families in Canada today are headed by single parents, usually women earning relatively low incomes. This program will benefit such families quite substantially and in all it would appear that in excess of 2.5 million families will receive the benefit of the child tax credit.

Hopefully, by providing low income earners with this additional income, the saving will quickly find its way back into the stream of Canadian economic life and provide added stimulus to consumer spending.



Thirty-five Years Ago
December 16, 1943

"Sunday, the Fourth in Advent, will be marked by the Christmas services in all Christian churches in this community. It will also mark the fifth Christmas of the present war, one more than during the conflict of 1914-18. The prospects, however, are that this coming Christmas will be the last during the war against our most formidable antagonist, Germany. In Westmount churches the great festival of Christian people is being celebrated under the happiest auspices our people have known since the outbreak of war in 1939. This fact can hardly escape being reflected in the ceremonies of the coming week."

Twenty-five Years Ago
December 11, 1953

"Annexation as a solution to metropolitan difficulties is out of date, J. O. Asselin, chairman of the Montreal Metropolitan Commission and chairman of the executive committee of the City of Montreal told members of the Westmount Municipal Association last night. He gave two reasons for the rejection of what for generations had been considered a simple expedient when the city-suburb shoe began to pinch: in most cases annexation imposes an unfair additional cost on the taxpayers of the larger city and it weakens and breaks down local community interest and responsibility for local municipal affairs."

Fifteen Years Ago
December 13, 1963

"Residents both for and against the planned Wood-Elm skyscraper complex have strongly condemned the behavior of many at the Westmount Municipal Association meeting in Victoria Hall Tuesday night, calling it 'shocking and completely ill-mannered.' Over 500 citizens packed the hall to debate the merits of the planned Westmount Centre project and prevented the WMA from proceeding fully with its normal business. Feelings ran high throughout the evening but after the discussions most citizens gave city council 'a strong vote of confidence.' At the same time they asked that they be kept more fully informed in the event of future developments."

Five Years Ago
December 13, 1973

"The president of the Westmount Municipal Association Tuesday evening agreed with his advisory council to ask 'officialdom at city hall' its intention with regard to the marking of the incorporation 100 years ago next year of the Village of Notre Dame de Grâce. The event was the beginning under another name of what is now the City of Westmount, chartered in 1908."

our M.N.A.

George Springate

says . . .

June-December blues

Forget those stories that the Parti Québécois is different than the old-line parties. End of session proves that this is not the case.

National Assembly rules of procedure call for normal sitting hours throughout the year with exceptional hours permitted in June and December, these being the two months prior to the summer and winter breaks. In those two months a simple motion by the house leader allows the assembly to sit from 10:00 am to whatever hour every day but Sunday.

It began on Dec. 1. Last week we sat until 1 am on two occasions and till 3 on another. Late hours have marked the debates this week. As we wind down to a Christmas closing next Thursday at midnight, we know that we face many more 15- and 16-hour days at the legislative wheel.

Why?

Governments everywhere do this, even supposedly enlightened governments. The PQ has 40 bills in the legislative hopper, bills that the government, its ministers and senior civil servants want to adopt. And there is no better time than end of session to do so. At this period logic and sound debate is replaced by the clock. Governments simply use their majorities to outlast the opposition. The weight of numbers takes its toll.

The PQ is no different. It wants most of those 40 bills enacted into law. The age-old, traditional solution, then, is to steamroll the bills through. That is exactly what is happening in Quebec City this month.

The hours are long. Opposition members have to be present.

June and December. Ask any former elected representative what he remembers most about the house. His answer will undoubtedly be "June and December."

WESTMOUNT WANDERINGS

Heartfelt thanks to all of you who responded so generously to the Pastor Johnson Foundation Telethon that was held last Saturday on CFCF. More than $45,000 was pledged. Once again I was called upon to sing *Jesus Loves Me*. Slightly more than $1,000 was raised in pledges from people either requesting that I sing or remain quiet.... I plan to spend the holidays out west with my father, brothers and sisters.... Though December is the most difficult if not impossible time to negotiate a free evening from the party whip, I will be away from the National Assembly this evening. Suzanne Bannon asked me more than a month ago to act in a very special manner at the Westmount Senior Citizens' Christmas party tonight. The party whip consented and I will be present.... Referendum talk is increasing. Interest is mounting. I have received a ton of requests to address groups concerning Canada's future.

Something I Want to Say:

City power department cleaning up its billing act

By ANDY DODGE

A year ago I took issue with the city power department over the use—or rather non-use—of personal meter-reading cards for billing purposes.

The cards, I claimed, were supposed to have been filled in by consumers and mailed back to city hall within a specified time period. The time period in many cases was too short to allow the city to charge according to the self-proclaimed meter readings, and I had been told that the cards were simply thrown away while the city used an "estimate" based on previous consumptions at the household in question.

I was hoping, during the past year, to follow up on what seemed to be a rather flagrant waste of money for printing costs and return postage on cards which were thrown away.

The city stumped me.

Though the meter-reader had, up to that previous point, left cards on four consecutive occasions because "nobody was home," he has been able to read the indoor meter himself every time he's come to visit in the past year. The bills, therefore, have been accurate to a kilowatt, with no cards to mail and no "estimates" based on previous consumption.

Last year's complaint did, however, force Light and Power Director Alex deF. Heron to check into the procedure being used.

It is true, he claims, that often the cards do not arrive in time to be used by the city's computer in making out the power bills. Though he was unwilling to move ahead the billing time—or move back the reading and card-distribution time—to ensure the cards' arrival at city hall, he said that the cards' data would be fed into the computer to adjust the "estimate" for consumption on the next billing two months later. In this way he tried to justify the use of cards, even if they were subject to the vagaries of Canada Post and the city bureaucracy.

Mr. Heron also recognized that the use of cards in this day and age poses a serious problem, since many consumers are never at home on weekdays. Thus many persons with indoor meters can go for years on the basis of self-declared power consumption, without ever having their meters checked by a city employee. Westmount thus must rely on the honesty of its citizens and try to keep the estimates accurate; a heavy use of power in a particular month would take months to sweep off the averages, however.

"These are a problem," Mr. Heron admitted recently, "and we will have to do something about them."

He suggested that Westmount might hire off-hour meter-readers to make evening or weekend visits, perhaps once a year, to update the city estimates and put the consumer back on track.

If you're one of those who has been estimated too low constantly, or if you've been giving consistently low card readings to forestall that hefty power bill, watch out: you, too, may see a meter-reader one of these days, and that next bill might be a whopper.

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PROFILE

Mrs. Bell and McGill

By JOAN CAPREOL

MRS. Jeanne Atkinson Bell is the gracious first lady of McGill University.

She is the wife of McGill principal Robert E. Bell, the Rutherford professor of physics.

Last month Mrs. Bell received a Doctor of Letters, honoris causa, in recognition of her contribution to university life.

"It was a very moving experience being recognized by your own university," said Mrs. Bell. She has a BA'47 with first class honors in English and the Shakespeare gold medal and a '53 bachelor of library sciences, both from McGill.

Prof. Bell received his PhD in physics from McGill in 1948 and his master's degree from the University of British Columbia in 1939. "My husband received an honorary degree from UBC in the spring and also found it a sentimental time," said Mrs. Bell.

The Bell's daughter, Alison, 23, is a McGill graduate, too. She got a BSc in geography with honors and is taking her master's at UBC.

Mrs. Bell is blond, blue-eyed, slim, and looks a decade younger than her 55 years. "It is the first time at McGill that the principal and his wife are both graduates," said Mrs. Bell.

Mrs. Robert E. Bell

Very little private life

"My role seems to be going to everything with my husband," she said. "We have very little private life. We go to every conceivable reception, meeting and event. My husband was appointed principal in 1970 and during that first year McGill celebrated its sesquicentennial (150 years). It was a busy and marvelous year for McGill.

"The most important thing about this job is that you must like people and enjoy them. You must be available at all times."

The Bells have done a great deal of visiting to McGill Graduate Society branches, of which there are many throughout the world. They have visited Africa, including Ghana, Kenya and Uganda before Idi Amin's reign. In 1976 they went around the world, having attended a conference in New Zealand.

"We met so many wonderful people doing interesting things with their McGill degrees," said Mrs. Bell. "Being ourselves students, graduates and then on staff for over 25 years it is natural for us to further the interest in McGill here and abroad. McGill is very dear to our hearts and we both have enjoyed the interesting nine years which have passed very quickly."

Mrs. Bell said that McGill will complete its five-year drive for funds next May. The project already has exceeded its $25.3 million objective, reaching almost 26 million. "It was the highest sum ever to be sought by a Canadian university and McGill is fortunate in having such a loyal alumnae," Mrs. Bell said.

Husband stepping down

Dr. Bell, who was 60 on Nov. 29 and has been professor of physics since 1953, is stepping down as principal at the end of June. He is taking a sabbatical and probably will go back to McGill as a professor of physics.

"I have always worked," said Mrs. Bell. "I am not retiring. I'll do something. What it will be, I don't know."

Mrs. Bell worked as a part-time librarian in the Deep River public library from 1948 to 1952. She was librarian for Rolls-Royce of Canada in Montreal from 1953 to 1955. She was a school librarian for the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal from 1961 to 1967. She worked for the Courtland Park School and then Westmount Park School for three years. She was librarian at Sir George Williams University from 1967 to 1970.

Mrs. Bell said that she likes public and university library work best because one works with people. "I have always said that the first time I became unemployed was when my husband became principal," she said. "However, my busiest time has been during the last nine years. McGill is my volunteer job. It is my main interest in life."

Mrs. Bell was born in Ottawa. She was educated in Toronto, taking the first two years of her BA at Victoria College, University of Toronto, from 1941 to 1943. Then she joined the Women's Division of the RCAF, enlisting as an aircraftswoman in 1943. After seeing service on the East coast, she was discharged as a corporal in 1945. She received the war medal and the voluntary service medal.

Met at Deep River

In 1947 she married Robert Bell. They had met the year before in Deep River. Mrs. Bell had a summer job there and Dr. Bell was writing his thesis for his PhD at the Chalk River atomic energy establishment.

Mrs. Bell is a member of the Corporation des bibliothécaires professionnels du Québec. She is serving her second three-year term on McGill's visual arts committee. "We visit the art galleries and buy pictures for the McGill collection," she said. "It is an interesting committee and the people on it like each other."

The Bells have a country place outside Sutton and spend time there whenever they can.

Mrs. Bell likes cross country skiing.

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Touring Club Montreal opens branch here; plans driving school

Touring Club Montreal has opened a branch membership office in Westmount and hopes to establish the club's first-ever driving school there, pending city permission.

For now the Westmount office, located in the former Heritage Auto Sales building at 4430 St. Catherine street west, offers membership sales and information and can arrange for customers the famous "Triptiks," packaged road maps and data for any tour the driver might want to take.

Charles Downey, a veteran of many years with the touring club, mans the office with his wife. It is the second branch office of the club which is headquartered downtown; the other branch is in Laval.

Touring Club Montreal offers a wide variety of automobile services to its members, including emergency road service, technical inspection of vehicles, inspection of garages which receive Canadian Automobile Association approvals, travel information, consumer protection and more.

Next door to the Westmount branch is the Timmins-Campbell Garage, a CAA-approved "basic service" garage which will provide towing services free of charge to members. Membership in the touring club means that drivers can call upon such garages anywhere in North America and most other places in the world to provide emergency towing or road services free of charge.

Mr. Downey feels that Westmount is a good location for a branch office, considering the great amount of travel done by Westmounters. He has been in operation only eight weeks, and has signed up some 93 new members in the last month alone.

Once the city gives the go-ahead—and Mr. Downey feels certain the technical requirements can be met by the

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December 17
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10:45 am Music Before Service
Chimes — All the Hymn Tunes In Our New Hymn Book Beginning This Week With *St. Thomas*, No. 397
11:00 am Morning Worship
Sermon:
"Gifts Too Big to Package"
Dr. Phyllis Smyth

Coffee Hour following Worship

Organist & Choir Director:
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Lansdowne Ave. and Maisonneuve Blvd.

Organist: Mr. David Hall, B.Mus.

December 17

11:00 am Communion Service
Rev. Dr. D. M. Grant officiating
Sermon:
"The Promise Accepted"
Rev. E. G. Holliday

Social hour following Worship
All are Welcome

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ST. MATTHIAS'

Cote St. Antoine Road at Church Hill

Archdeacon J. N. Doidge
The Rev'd. Barry Clarke

Advent III

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
10:30 am Choral Eucharist
Sermon: The Rector
4:00 pm Christmas Carol Service followed by Parish Christmas Party
Crib Corner for Infants

Wednesday — Ember Day
10:00 am Holy Eucharist

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8:00 am The Holy Eucharist
10:30 am The Sung Eucharist
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Holy Eucharist During the Week

9:30 am Wednesday
9:30 am Thursday
St. Thomas the Apostle

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December 17
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Sabbath Eve, 4:00 pm in the Chapel
Sabbath Day, 8:40 am in the Main Synagogue
Sabbath Twilight, 4:20 pm.

Daily Services

Morning Services: Sunday, Dec. 17, 8:45 am; Monday-Friday, Dec. 18-22, 7:30 am.
Evening Services: Sunday-Thursday, Dec. 17-21, 4:20 pm.

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Director of Music: Jeff Joudrey, B.Mus.

December 17

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11:00 am *God Can Make the Difference*
7:00 pm Service of Lessons and Carols

Midweek Service: Wednesday, 8:00 pm
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December 17

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IS THE UNIVERSE, INCLUDING MAN, EVOLVED BY ATOMIC FORCE?

Golden Text: Jeremiah 32:17: Ah Lord God! behold, thou has made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee.

11 am Church 11 am Sunday School

Wednesday, 8:00 pm, Testimony Meeting

Public Reading Room
In the Church Edifice: Open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1 to 4 pm, Wednesday 6:30 to 7:45 pm

All Are Welcome

Unwrappable gifts of spirit topic at Dominion-Douglas

Dominion-Douglas Church will observe the third Sunday in Advent this week at the 11:00 am service when Dr. Phyllis Smyth will preach on the subject "Gifts too big to package," a consideration of how, in the midst of so much giving of commercial gifts, we stop to think of the gifts of the spirit, gifts that cannot be gift-wrapped.

Appropriate music by the choir of the "church on the hill" will include "Creator of the stars of night" (Sarum plainsong), "All this time this song is best" by William Walton, "No crowded eastern street" by Robert Flemming and "Hodie, Christus natus est" by Healey Willan. "Rejoice greatly" (Messiah) by Handel will be sung by Madeleine Osborne, soprano.

Hymn tunes played on the chimes from 10:45 am will begin this week with "St. Thomas," No. 397. The organ prelude will be "Once he came in blessing" (Little organ book) by Bach, and the postlude will be "Sleepers, wake, a voice is calling" by Bach.

Hymns to be sung are "Come thou long expected Jesus" (Stuttgart), "The race that long in darkness pines" (Dunfermline), "Every star shall sing a carol" (Carol), and "Joy to the world" (Antioch).

There will also be a group of four carols for the congregation to sing. The public is welcome to attend this service.

The mothers' study group meets today at 1:30 pm in Goodwin parlor. Tonight at 7:15 pm, Unit 10 meets at the church to go to a merry get-together at Belvedere House, followed by a short Christmas program and refreshments at the home of Marijean Hodgson.

This Sunday at 3:00 pm the annual community Christmas dinner for older citizens and those living alone and without family will be held at Dominion-Douglas. This is one of the highlights of the Christmas season when approximately 70 guests come to the church for a good old-fashioned Christmas dinner, entertainment and singing of carols.

Organizers include Chris Harper (dinner), Jim Christie (entertainment), John Lehnert (invitations) and Bruce Harper (drivers).

Old Brewery Mission seeks $250,000 in drive

Last week, as most Westmounters prepared their Christmas shopping lists, the Old Brewery Mission began its annual drive. The target in 1978 for the privately funded mission for the destitute is $250,000.

The Clark Street mission, currently housed in a converted glass factory, began as an emergency soup-kitchen in 1889. Its name is taken from quarters it had in the old Williams Brewery in the last decade of the 19th century.

What started out as an emergency operation to help the destitute in 1889 continues to this day. Last year over 54,000 overnight stays were recorded by the mission; it served over 154,000 meals and distributed 175,000 articles of clothing. In addition, jobs were found for over 9,000 individuals who visited the mission.

This year's needs and the expense of meeting them are expected to increase.

The mission is entirely privately funded and donations which come to it as a result of the annual drive are the major source of revenue. The only other income comes from the nominal charges contributed by visitors who can afford it.

On the average, 210 men visit the mission every day and remain for 15 days.

Little known to many who think of the Old Brewery Mission as only a way station for destitute men is the fact that it has sponsored a summer camp for impoverished mothers and children since 1906.

A donation of $40, for example, can help provide a mother and child a two-week stay at the Mission's Camp Capleau in the Laurentians.

Donations can be sent to Executive Secretary Rev. J. W. McCarthy, Old Brewery Mission, 915 Clark street, Montreal, H2Z 1J8.

President of the Mission is Colin W. Webster, 52 Gordon crescent. Vice-president is W. K. Hogg, 30 Edgehill road.

Christmas words, music at St. Andrew's Sunday

The words and music of Christmas will be presented by the choir of St. Andrew's Church this Sunday at 5 pm in the Côte St. Antoine road sanctuary.

Conducted by organist Gordon White, the choristers will sing medieval and Renaissance music. Readers will be drawn from the choir and congregation and from the staff of Lower Canada College. Residents of the community are invited to share in this twilight service.

The morning service will include the procession of Church School children with Advent Banner and the lighting of the third candle to mark the season of preparation for Christmas. Music sung by the choir will include, "The King shall come" (Beck) and the congregation will join in familiar carols. Theme of the sermon by Dr. E. A. Kirker will be "A great time to be alive."

A congregational meeting will follow the abbreviated service. Chaired by Ian Soutar, the meeting will receive the letter of resignation of the minister, as announced last week. A pastoral relations committee will be set up to begin the search for a successor.

Announcement has been made to church members that the traditional Christmas eve service will take place at 10 pm on Dec. 24. This Saturday, members of the Guild, assisted by the Teens Club, meet to complete the decorating of the church. On Tuesday, Guild members delivered plants to 40 shut-ins in the congregation.

Last Sunday a number of church members signed up to write letters on behalf of Amnesty International for political prisoners. Thirty-five persons in the local congregation are now engaged in this humanitarian work.

Carol service at St. Matthias'

The annual Christmas carol service at St. Matthias' Church will be held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Carols and hymns will be sung by the choir and congregation and music presented will be by Dupré, Bach, Terry, Karke, Vaughan Williams and Pettman.

Following the carol service in the church, a Christmas party will be held in the parish hall.

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Egan Chambers heads local PC association

Former Diefenbaker cabinet minister Egan Chambers, 251 Kensington avenue, was elected president of the St. Henri-Westmount Progressive Conservative Association at its annual meeting last Tuesday.

Mr. Chambers, who once served as MP for the riding of St. Lawrence-St. George and who has worked actively in recent Westmount federal and provincial political campaigns, was chosen by acclamation to head a 36-person board of directors for the association, which now boasts 600 members.

Some 120 of those members were on hand at Château Maisonneuve, 4998 de Maisonneuve boulevard, for last week's meeting.

No other members of the executive were named at the meeting; they will be chosen by the board at its first regular session.

The board includes 12 Westmounters and four from the newly enfranchised St. Henri district of the riding. Those from Westmount, besides Mr. Chambers, include David Angus, 636 Murray Hill; Shirley Black, 74 Sunnyside avenue; Brian Fripp, 533 Clarke avenue; Carol Gault, 41 Rosemount avenue; Philip Greenberg, 66 Summit crescent; Geoffrey Hughson, 621 Carleton avenue; Meila Mulroney, 41 Devon avenue; Frank Nemec, 3105 The Boulevard; Daniel Tingley, 16 Thornhill avenue; M. I. Watson, 410 Metcalfe avenue; and Joan Winser, 4451 de Maisonneuve boulevard.

The St. Henri members are Pauline Cardinal, Yvonne Gravel, Berthe Menard and René Taillefer.

Other directors

Another 11 directors represent the downtown Montreal area, five are from Notre Dame de Grâce and four are from the Côte des Neiges district of the riding.

Those from downtown include Colin Aleong, Marguerite Codalbaum, Joan Courtois, Tom Davis, Clarence Fishe, Marie Gleason, Kathérine and Steven Leopold, Antoine Masson, Laura Richards and Sam Salmon.

The five from N.D.G. are Marthe Durand, Carol Harrison, Fred Leclaire, Arthur Snow and Sass Williams, while the Côte des Neiges representatives are Morty Cohen, Barry Friedlander, Owen Gilsenan and Joseph Traegert.

Mrs. Winser, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the slate which went unopposed. Outgoing President Michael Price, 54 Thornhill, reported on the affairs of the association during the past year including the hard-fought Westmount by-election campaign this fall.

Bernard Finestone, the candidate in that campaign, also gave a short speech and promised that the Progressive Conservatives would do better in next spring's general election.

Mrs. Virginia Heward interim Liberal head

Mrs. Virginia Heward, 21 Grove Park, was unanimously elected interim president of the St. Henri-Westmount Federal Liberal Association last Wednesday, succeeding Mrs. Diana Weatherall who moved to Toronto yesterday.

Mrs. Heward, who had been a vice-president of the association, will serve until the association's annual meeting in March, when a new executive will be chosen.

The board of directors made the appointment while offering a motion of thanks to Mrs. Weatherall, who has served the local federal Liberal association since 1962, the past five years as its president (see **The Examiner** Nov. 16).

The directors also voted to increase the number of vice-presidents from four to six, and immediately appointed Mrs. Lucille Michaud and Rock Chatigny, both of St. Henri, to fill the two new positions. No appointment was made to fill the vacancy created by Mrs. Heward's promotion, however.

After the directors had held their business meeting, they retired to the Windsor Hotel for a membership Christmas party. The event also was a send-off for Mrs. Weatherall, who was presented with a gold pendant by Westmount MP Don Johnston.

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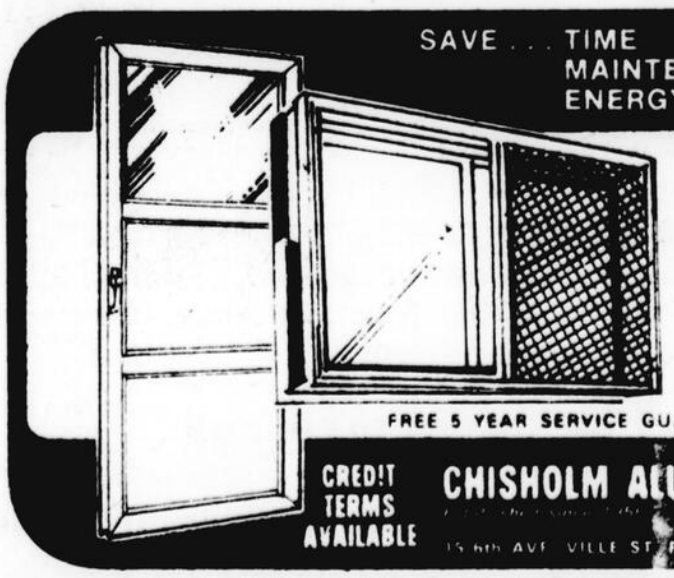

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Beyond Westmount's Borders

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

by RICK KERRIGAN

For a kid, the 25 days between the beginning of December and Christmas may as well be 25 years. The final days before the holidays are interminable. The Christmas tree has been erected, perhaps a crèche put on a side table and parents can be seen smuggling strange parcels into the house. Christmas is also the one of the few times during the year when special entertainment is offered for kids and this weekend there are at least a couple of options from which to choose.

The National Film Board and the Seville Cinema are presenting a show of children's animated films. The program includes "The great toy robbery," "Cosmic Christmas," and "An old box" as well as "Aucassin and Nicolette," "The happy prince," and "The story of Christmas." If the films are up to the usual NFB standards, you'll enjoy accompanying the kids to the cinema. Shows are at 3:00 and 5:00 pm this Saturday and Sunday and admission is only 50 cents. The cinema is at 2155 St. Catherine street west, just east of the Forum.

Down at Place Bonaventure, on the Métro level, Youtheatre is presenting a bilingual play titled "Circus kazoo." The production includes circus acts with music and audience participation. The show runs until Saturday and will be presented at noon, 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm today and Friday and on Saturday at 1:00, 2:30 and 4:00 pm. Admission is free.

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Of all the symbols that evoke the feelings of Christmas, none are as strong as music. On hearing familiar strains one is immediately flooded with remembrances of Christmases past. Even Christmas Muzak in the supermarkets is not too objectionable. The highlight for many Montrealers, each year at this time is the return of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra and choir to Notre Dame Church for a performance of Handel's "Messiah." This year's concert, despite the fire at the church last week, will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 19 and 20, at 8:30 pm and tickets are $4.00 to $7.00 at the Place des Arts box office or at the church the evening of the performances. I would advise those who wish to hear this lovely work to pick up their tickets as soon as possible to get a good seat. It is a very popular concert. The Messiah was first performed in Dublin in 1742.

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There are two other concerts around town this weekend that you might like to attend. Musica Camerata is presenting works by Bach, Handel, Beethoven and others Saturday, Dec. 16, at 5:00 pm in Christ Church Cathedral, corner of University and St. Catherine. Admission is $2.00 ($1.00 for students and Golden Agers) at the door.

At St. Patrick Church, 460 Dorchester boulevard west, the Université du Québec à Montréal Choir and an instrumental ensemble will present a concert Sunday, Dec. 17, at 8:30 pm. Admission is free.

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Café de la Place at Place des Arts is presenting a new

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production "Moi, Bertolt Brecht," starring Monique Mercure and Jean Marchand. With the singing of Mercure and the piano of Marchand, director Jean Salvy hopes to bring to life the spirit of Brecht. Drama and music have been combined and material has been drawn from such plays as "Threepenny opera," "A man's a man," "The rise and fall of the City of Mahogany," "Happy end" and "Mother Courage and her children." Café de la Place is the new café-theatre in PdA and tickets for the 7:30 and 9:30 pm performances are available at the PdA box office. The production runs until Jan. 13.

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The Jewish theme in Canadian film is itself the theme of a series of three films being presented in the Grover Auditorium of the Snowdon YM-YWHA, 5500 Westbury avenue. The films are "The street," an animated film by Caroline Leaf based on a Mordecai Richler story about the plight of the aged; "Zaide" by Ron Hallis, about a drifter and his grandson who "seek communication and identity in a derelict St. Lawrence street world"; and "Ladies and gentlemen, Mr. Leonard Cohen" by Donald Brittain. Admission is $2.00 ($1.00 for students and senior citizens) and tickets are available at the Saidye Bronfman Centre box office, 5170 Côte St. Catherine road.

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I reported in this column last week that Optica Gallery, 451 St. François-Xavier, was presenting an exhibition about which their preliminary press release revealed nothing. Well, it seems that what is being exhibited consists of paintings, prints and, mostly, photographs which have been exhibited there by various artists over the years and which are going to be auctioned off Sunday, Dec. 17, at the gallery. Some of the artists who have donated work include Charles Gagnon, John Max, Suzy Lake, Sam Tata and Gabor Szilazi. Admission is $3.00 and that entitles you to a brunch with booze; I suppose it's to help you part with your money more easily. Bidding starts at 11:00 am.

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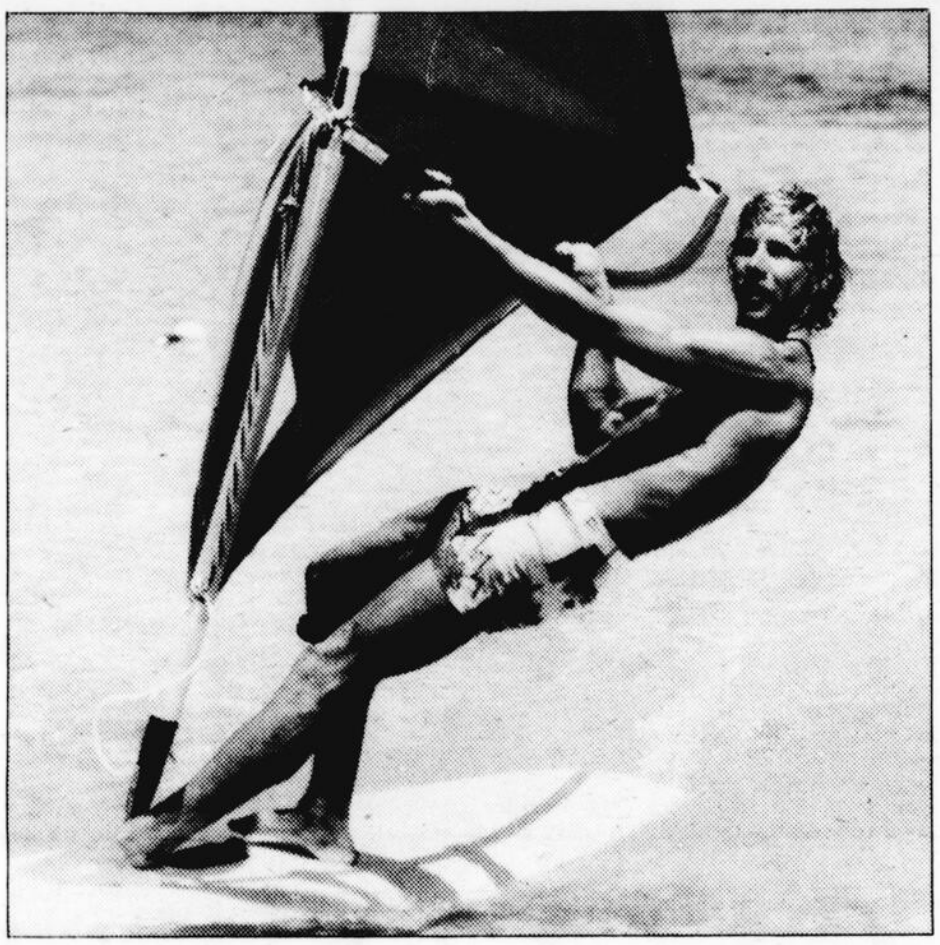

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AIR CANADA

Skier, go West

By RICK KERRIGAN

The spectacular growth of alpine skiing in eastern North America over the past 10 years has also led to its aesthetic decline.

Ski equipment manufacturers, realizing they had a growing market, joined battle to see who could produce the most technologically advanced piece of equipment on the slopes.

No doubt the breakthrough in plastics and other synthetic materials and new ski designs benefitted those of us skiing icy eastern mountains and allowed for the manufacture of boots at half the cost with twice the support of even the best leather boots.

But the new technology also enabled people to ski slopes on which they had no business being. With shorter, more responsive skis, and boots halfway up the calves, skiers with almost no skill were able to negotiate difficult hills. The proliferation of this new non-technique and the shorter skis was the ruination of previously well-mogulled hills, turning them into pitted and rutted obstacle courses.

As hills became more and more crowded and alpine skiing lost all resemblance to its origins, many people turned to cross-country skiing. While the equipment manufacturers have lost little time jumping onto this bandwagon as well, it is unlikely it will have the same effect as it did on alpine skiing.

However, given the proper conditions, alpine lift skiing still can be the thrill it once was. Unfortunately, those conditions are becoming increasingly rare in eastern North America. What little powder snow we do get is either machine-rolled before the lifts open or trampled by the crowds by mid-morning.

Skiing as it should be

The only solution on this continent is to travel west for bigger mountains, more snow and fewer crowds—depending where you go. In wide, open powder bowls you experience skiing as it should be: a graceful, sensual yet demanding sport. For the eastern skier it requires an adjustment of technique. Nor more sloppy unweighting and depending on the next mogul to turn; the skier must adapt or find himself, limbs akimbo and well powdered, trying to right himself in bottomless fluff.

To experience Canadian powder, the skier must travel west to the well-known resorts such as Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper and Whistler. The Air Canada Skifari tours have been one of the most economical ways to enjoy western skiing and they continue this year with their usual package deals which allow the skier considerable flexibility to try different mountains.

A stay in the Banff-Lake Louise area for six nights can cost from $157 per person double occupancy for standard accommodation in the low season to $236 for superior accommodation in the peak season. The price includes transportation to and from Calgary airport and between your hotel and the ski hills and lift tickets for five days for Mount Norquay, Sunshine and Lake Louise. Several social activities are also included in the price.

Charter class return air fare between Montreal and Calgary can cost as little as $215, but you have to book at least 30 days in advance.

A rental car package will allow you to extend your skiing to Marmot Basin in Jasper and a cross-country skiing package will cost considerably less because you're not paying for lift tickets.

Whistler Mountain's 4,280-foot vertical drop makes it a skier's mecca. The wide open slopes and powder bowls are enough to satisfy the greediest of powder pigs. The Skifari package for Whistler includes lifts, lodging and a car rental to take you the 75 miles from Vancouver to the mountain. Air fare, of course, is slightly higher to Vancouver.

One advantage to skiing Whistler is its proximity to Vancouver, and many Westmounters have friends and relatives in that city upon whom they can prevail for lodging, thereby drastically reducing the cost of their ski holidays. You'd better start writing now to that relative you haven't seen in 10 years.

For powder snow unsullied by liftline towers, the adventurous skier has two options: to pay about $80 a day for a helicopter to take him to these otherwise inaccessible slopes or to get there oneself by cross-country skis. The former option is available in several locations in the British Columbia interior, notably Radium and Valemount, if you're doing it as part of a Skifari plan, which guarantees you 10,000 vertical feet of skiing per day for the price.

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Travel comfort sought as one grows older

To the young, travel has little to do with hotels and planned itineraries. Short on money and long on time, it is often a question of getting to a destination by any means available and finding shelter under the first roof, be it hotel or a friendly farmer's barn.

To the hardy young traveller, a $10.00-a-night room in an ancient hotel with sagging beds and questionable plumbing is an outrageous luxury.

A trip to Europe, for instance, is often planned only to the point of knowing in which city one will deplane and a vague notion of which countries one wants to visit. The rest depends on the vagaries of the road. A simple trip from London to Paris could include a side trip to Greece with some new-found friends or a visit to the Colosseum in Rome could find one taking stock of financial resources after someone mentions that India would be a terrific place to go. No distance is too great for the intrepid traveller.

However, as we get older, comfort and the company of congenial companions become more important and, as is often the case, we have more money to avail ourselves of some of the luxuries.

Unfortunately, travel of any kind is becoming increasingly expensive with our devalued dollar and skyrocketing airfares combined with many hotels equating color TVs in every room with luxury and charging accordingly.

One way to help keep your costs down and to acquire travelling companions in the process is to travel in groups. One organization that is catering to this need is the Fifty-Plus Travel Club, operated by A-la-Carte Tours, and is aimed at getting together persons 50 years old and over for the purpose of travel and to get the best possible prices for their group tours. Destinations range from 'round-the-corner' places like Kingston and the Thousand Islands district or tours to Washington and New York to exotic locations such as Morocco or Cuba. Greece and Italy were also on this year's schedule.

The upcoming year will feature a trip to Israel guided by Rev. C.J. Kohner, director of parish and diocesan service for the Anglican Church in Montreal. How much more significant would be a trip to the Holy Land led by someone who can explain and interpret the country's fascinating religious history.

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Travellers to Europe have a wide variety of accommodations from which to choose, including small pensions. The well-known "bed and breakfast" in the British Isles is a comfortable alternative to the large hotel.

However, in North America accommodation is more limited. It ranges from tourist-trap motels to glittering glass palace hotels with the smaller, older and less expensive hotels slowly being pushed aside or destroyed as was Montreal's Laurentien.

In my several travels across Canada I have made an effort, when not camping, to seek out tourist rooms in private houses and older hotels. Tourist houses in small Maritime or Western towns usually are ruled over by a meticulous housewife who simply won't allow a room to be seen unless it is spotless and neat.

Sometimes in the older towns, the first hotel will still be standing, looking perhaps a trifle neglected but, nevertheless, with high-ceilinged rooms, solid oak staircases and brass fixtures. I'm always a bit disappointed if the bathtub doesn't have ornate little legs on it. Many of the hotels have been around since the first loggers or railroad men opened up their respective parts of the country and often it is the owner who checks you in, helps serve the meals and bids you farewell in the morning.

New guide in works

By next spring Canada also may have a network of "bed and breakfast" accommodations published in a special guide being compiled by John Thompson of Low, PQ. The majority of these homes, of course, will be in rural areas but there is no reason why they shouldn't be available in the cities as well.

The guide will be a boon not only to travellers in Canada but to those who wish to offer comfort to the weary traveller. People from different provinces and countries will have an opportunity to meet and learn from each other. The author and the publishers are still looking for persons who want to offer "bed and breakfast" accommodations in their homes. You can send a photo of your home and a hundred-word description to Mr. Thompson.

An American company, Interservice Home Exchange, runs a scheme whereby you could get your vacation accommodation free by swapping houses with someone in another country or in a different part of your own country. Not only do you get a comfortable home to stay in during your vacation but you know that your home will be taken care of while you're away. The company publishes a directory listing descriptions of the homes of all its members, who then can contact each other and make arrangements between themselves.

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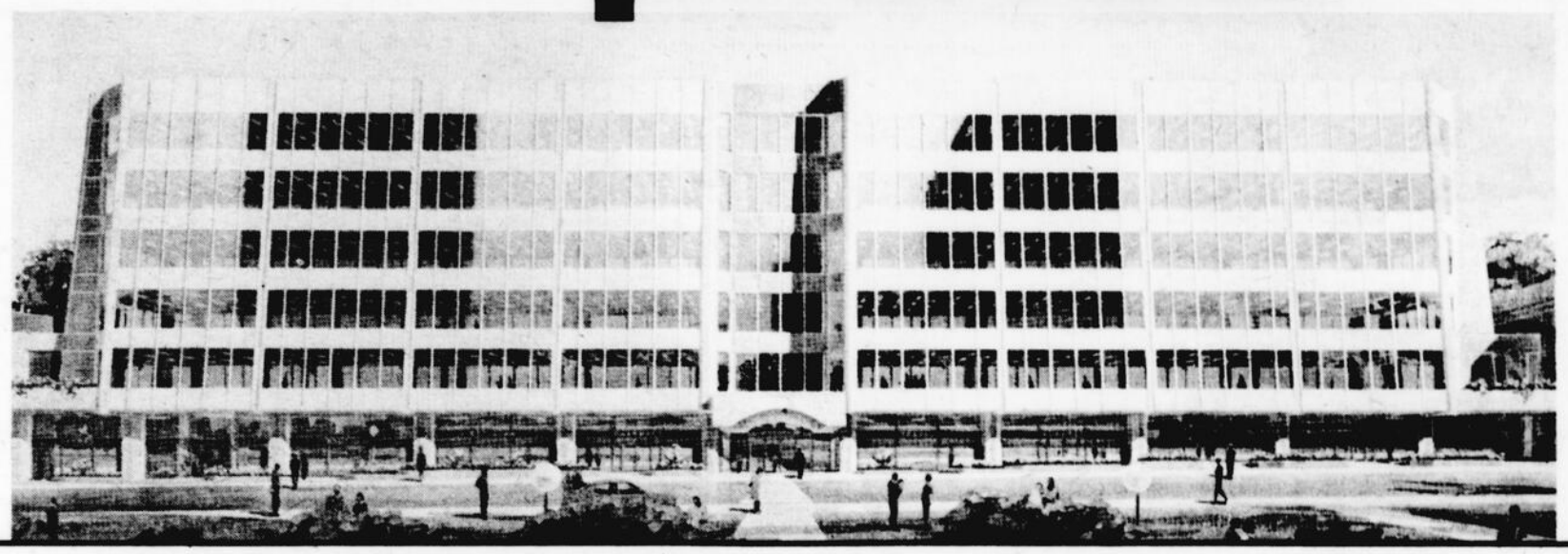

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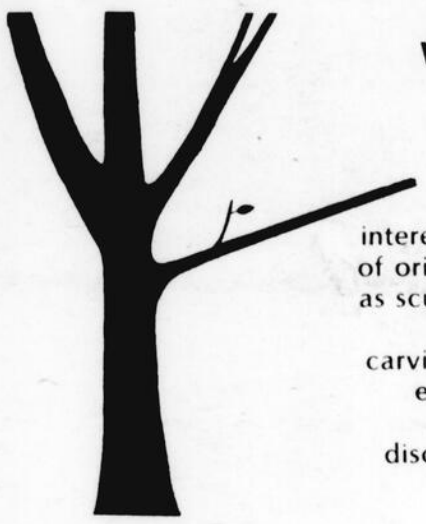

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Local Liberals top fund-raisers provincial campaign results show

Westmount provincial Liberals collected by far the largest amount of money of any riding association in the recent fund-raising drive and recruited the most new members, Thérèse Lavoie-Roux, president of the provincial campaign, has announced.

Party workers here were able to collect $64,468 and now have the second-highest membership of any riding association in the province with 2,523 on Dec. 1, some 1,504 of those having been recruited during the campaign.

With the rules regarding contributions changed drastically by Bill 2, the new campaign financing act, Westmount Liberal supporters came through with $56,866 in personal donations and $7,602 in new or renewed memberships.

The total sum comes to an average $25.55 contribution per member, only modestly above the provincial average of $20.19 per member. This and the large total amount collected would indicate broad Liberal support within the riding.

Second-highest overall donation was recorded in the west-island Robert Baldwin riding, where 1,310 members came through with $45,616, or $34.82 per member. While Westmount has the biggest membership in the Montreal region—second is Mille Iles with 2,049—the Bonaventure riding in eastern Quebec has a total membership of 2,670.

Westmount was listed as one of 54 ridings whose total amount collected exceeded the sum gained by the local Parti Québécois association, though no exact comparison figures are available. There are 110 ridings in the province.

50 percent over goal

With the goal of 40 Montreal-area ridings set at $556,595, the associations actually collected $840,143 or 50 percent more than expected. Westmount, with 6.3 percent of the area membership, collected 7.7 percent of the total Montreal district contribution.

WORKERS CELEBRATE: The 200 workers for the recent campaign here by the Quebec Liberal Party met to celebrate the campaign's successful end last Thursday evening. Centre is **Douglas Bourne**, 14 Parkside Place, Montreal, who canvassed four different polls in Westmount riding. He is speaking to **Mme L. Bert de Boer**, 4530 Côte des Neiges road, whose husband worked on the campaign. In the background are **Robert Lajoie**, 547 Grosvenor avenue, **Mrs. Julie Donohue**, 468 Mount Stephen avenue, and **Mrs. and Mrs. Jean Lagace**, 4854 Westmount avenue.

The local campaign was headed by Robert Keefler, 50 Holton avenue, and though the donation and membership figures he announced to a party honoring campaign workers last Thursday differed with those issued by the provincial office, there was no doubt the campaign had achieved its goals.

Mr. Keefler said the most exciting thing to him was the build-up of enthusiasm and momentum in the last two weeks of the campaign, which ended Nov. 17.

Early on Mr. Keefler had been worried by great apathy in the riding but in a mid-campaign pep talk that seemed to work, Mr. Keefler urged his workers to shake off apathy in favor of activity and enthusiasm.

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By RICK KERRIGAN

No matter the time of year, one can always find flowers in Westmount on St. Catherine street.

When the slush is pouring over your boot tops like the sea over the lee rail of a square-rigger and the cars and buses are splashing glop on you from head to toe, duck into the store at 4425 St. Catherine west and you'll find lush plants hanging down from the ceiling and growing up from the floor and flowers from every corner of the globe.

The shop is Forever Spring, co-owned by Frank Moore, who lives in the apartment building above it.

Mr. Moore opened the shop last spring and recently expanded to an adjoining store. He now occupies what used to be an old dry cleaning store and a television repair shop. In a block that has seen several businesses abandoned, Mr. Moore attributes his expansion to "a little profit and lots of optimism."

The floral industry "is a spasmodic business," he says, but much of Mr. Moore's business consists of more-steady corporate accounts and the wedding and Bar Mitzvah trade. This latter business is what the shop is trying to attract, but Mr. Moore says it is also one of the most demanding aspects of the trade.

Want something different

"The clients all want something different," he says, and if one customer isn't satisfied it means a loss of much potential business as most of his advertising is through word-of-mouth. Satisfied customers, of course, increase business by the same amount.

Mr. Moore claims the key to the success of his business is the uniqueness of the shop's floral arrangements and he adds that "nobody produces the work we do for the prices we charge."

Before supplying a customer with flowers for a wedding, for instance, Mr. Moore insists on seeing the location where they will be used in order to create something appropriate. The arranging is done by John Samoszewski, to whom Mr.

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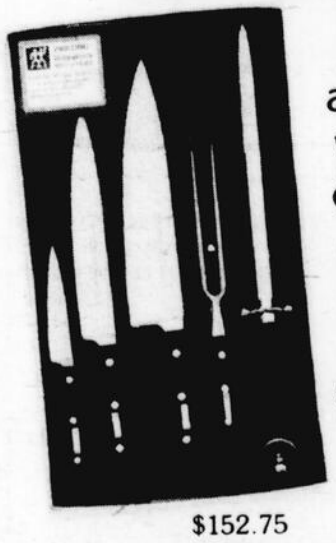

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FLORIST . . .

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Mr. Samoszewski, who is 25 years old, has been involved in the flower business since he was 11, when he helped a relative in his store. He has been working at it since graduating from high school and has been with Forever Spring since it opened.

He admits that the biggest challenge is trying to make new arrangements all the time but one solution is to buy from his suppliers odd-shaped frames that nobody else uses.

Unusual flowers

The unusual is what Mr. Moore is trying to sell in his store. The cut flowers in the display case include birds of paradise from Hawaii, lilacs from Taiwan, African daisies from East Africa, ming fern from China and roses from Holland.

The gifts scattered about on shelves include stuffed animals from the "Animal crackers" cartoon strip and rope dolls, handmade by Francine Therriault in Cap Rouge. To keep his customers interested, Mr. Moore will not carry a particular item twice no matter how well it sells.

Mr. Moore also claims he has found it worthwhile to be open seven days a week, something he says his regular customers appreciate.

While winter may be raging outside the shop, there is little doubt that it is forever spring inside. During a visit to the shop it is not unusual to see young men coming in to buy single long stemmed roses. If their thoughts are turning to what we might expect, can spring be far behind?

John Samoszewski
with flowers he arranges

Seniors' dinner set tonight

The Westmount Senior Citizens' Centre is holding its annual Christmas dinner this evening, complete with a visit from Santa Claus and a dance after the dinner.

Next week's birthday lunch will feature a dance recital put on by the centre's own dance group.

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Some 1,000 patients took part in the event, which allows them to do Christmas shopping for relatives, nurses and friends. For the spree, the Auxiliary collected 1,900 items, had another 500 donated and spent $1,500. Most items were sold to patients for $1 or less.

Co-chairmen of the spree, held in Dalse Centre, were Mrs. Loretta Bourbonniere and Mrs. Mary Huggett.

"The event is only one of several Christmas activities the Auxiliary holds for patients," Mrs. Desaulniers noted. "There is also the preparation and wrapping of 2,500 presents for patients and right through the Christmas holidays the patients' snack bar is open, even on Christmas Eve."

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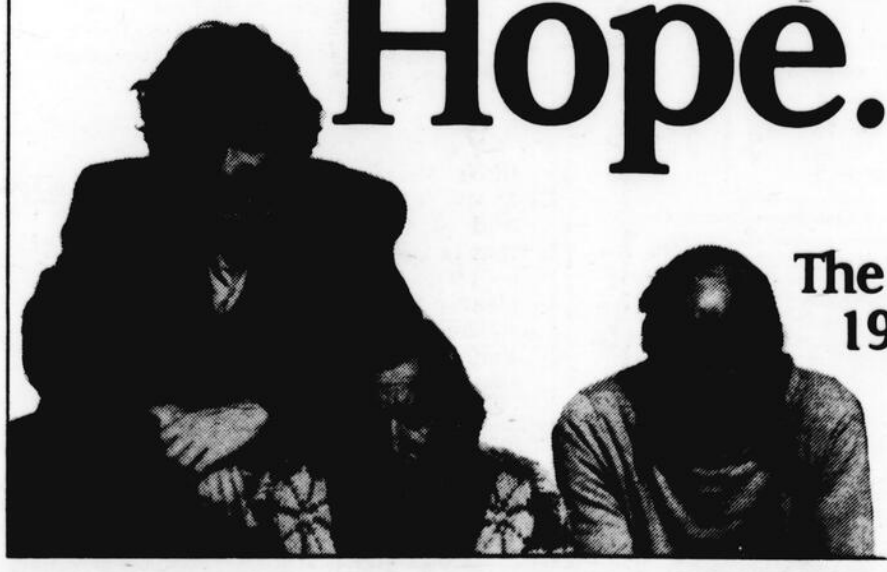

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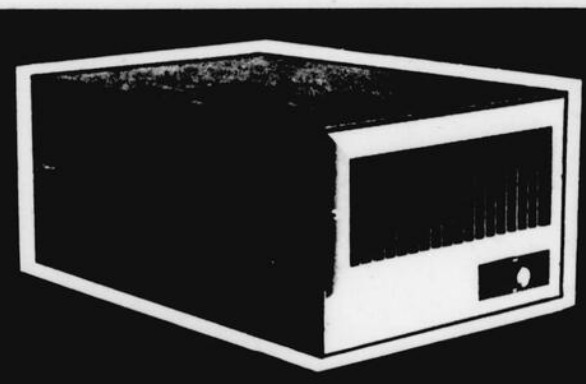

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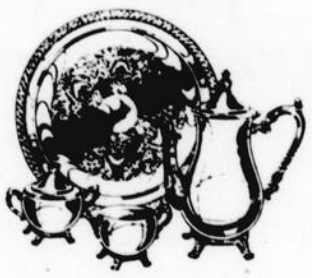

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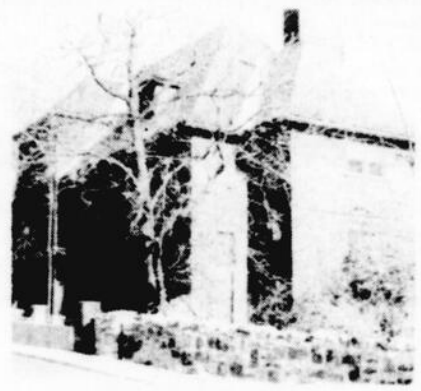

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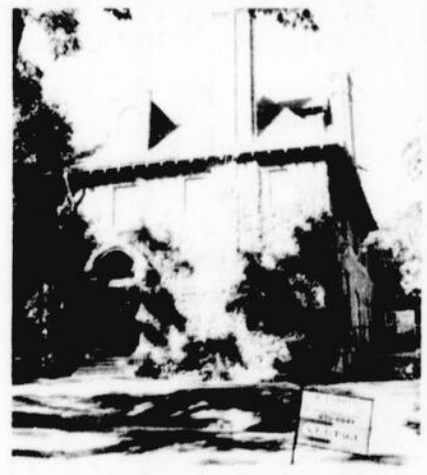

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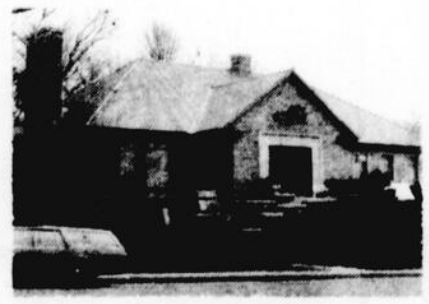

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WHS quiz team sags; comeback falls short

By JENNIFER CLARE PEARSON

The Westmount High School "Reach for the top" team returned to the CBC television studio last Thursday to tape a match against West Hill High.

The team fell behind by 105 points at one point during the quiz, then fought back, only to lose by 20 points in the final 15 seconds.

Although the WHS team will not go on to the semi-finals in the second league, the team, its coaches and student supporters all had fun while it lasted.

Friday, Westmount High's *Vox Ducum* yearbook produced the second dance of the school year. The dance was classified as "closed," as almost all the students who attended were from WHS. Guest passes were available to outsiders at the rate of one per WHS student but, despite this, the dance was very successful and the turn-out very large.

Café Vendredi, Westmount High's Friday night club, will present their first evening of entertainment Jan. 5. There will be an entrance fee to cover entertainment costs and the event will be held in the school cafeteria. Refreshments will be available. Café Vendredi is designed to allow the graduates to get to know one another and is open to students in grades 10 and 11.

Book, bake sale

A sale of secondhand books will be held in the school library tomorrow, Friday. It is being organized by librarians Ruth Windsor and Nancy Gallop and the library prefects. Baked goodies will also be available.

Also Friday, at 7:30 pm, a variety show will be presented

by the Afro-Canadian Roots Club. Nineteen different acts will be performed by WHS students and the show's organizers, Molly Young and Laurie Smith, feel all students should participate in the show to create a sense of unity in the school.

Finally, the WHS radio station came on the air this week in the school halls. Managed by Jonathan Blanchard and Johnny O'Neil, the radio station broadcasts popular music of all kinds during school hours to the students' lounge, which itself opened last Tuesday to 10th and 11th graders.

The radio station club apparently had a tough time getting student support for the broadcasting equipment as it seems they even had a few pieces stolen. Now, however, WHS students can be seen dancing through the halls from 12:15 to 1:05 each afternoon.

New telephone numbers Monday for police station

Beginning Monday, Dec. 18, telephone numbers at local police stations throughout the Montreal Urban Community are being changed to conform to the "Centrex" system now in use for police emergency numbers.

While the emergency number for the entire island remains unchanged at 934-2121, all police station central numbers will begin with 934-22, followed by the number of the station. Directors' offices will follow the same pattern, beginning with 934-23 and detective offices with 934-25.

Since Westmount is covered by Station 23, all numbers locally will have 23 at the end; all, that is, except the community relations (youth squad) office, whose number is being changed to 934-2290.

As an easy guide to the new local numbers and the other municipal numbers at the Stanton street station, all are listed below:

Police emergency	**934-2121**
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Station 23, information	934-2223
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Fire information	935-9697
Clerk of court, ticket office	935-3528

Mayor writes Rimouski's new council

The City of Rimouski has a new mayor, Philip Michaud, and three new members of council following last month's municipal elections in that community.

Westmount's twin city now is guided by newly elected Ald. Réjean Gauvin, Ferdinand Leclerc and Jean-Marc Tremblay, along with incumbents Hervé Dickner, Gabriel Gagné, Laurent Dumais and Gilbert Lévesque.

Mayor Claude St. Hilaire did not stand for election this fall, nor did Ald. Jean-Yves Parent, Fernand Lamontagne and Jean-Louis Ruest.

Last Monday Westmount Mayor Donald MacCallum sent the new council a note of congratulations and best wishes.

"We look forward to the chance to see once more our friends from the old council and to meet our new colleagues on the council of our twin city," Mayor MacCallum wrote.

The cities were twinned by Mayors Michael Tucker and Maurice Tessier in 1968.

WHS course selection set for early January

Course selection period at Westmount High School for the 1979-80 school year will be during the first two weeks of January, prior to the Jan. 18-26 exam period.

The dates were confirmed by Principal Peter Klym at Monday evening's WHS committee meeting, despite concern expressed at a previous meeting by some parents about the placing of the course selection period so early in the year and before the mid-year exams.

Mr. Klym assured committee members that the course selection done in January was "totally flexible right up until the end of August" so the students were not committed to the choices they make next month. He explained that the early course selection was an administrative necessity, but was subject to "lots of changes."

Concerning the exam schedule, Ann Elbourne questioned the principal about its length and the number of exams given, which she thought to be too few at the grade 9 level.

Principal Klym said the exam procedure was going to be reviewed in terms of both scheduling and the number of exams held.

Student representative Katrina Ellingsen maintained that upper level students needed the time to study as their marks will be going to CEGEPs for the following year.

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Local vs. provincial bargaining:

Teachers seek support for negotiating position

By RICK KERRIGAN

The Westmount High School committee was asked at their meeting Monday evening to support the teachers in the current round of provincial negotiations.

Teacher representative Ken Cooke explained that the ministry of education and the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards are insisting that all negotiations take place provincially, unlike the last contract which was negotiated part provincially and partly by the local boards.

Mr. Cooke claimed that if all jurisdiction is on the provincial level, parents would have to go further to register complaints and opinions.

Mr. Cooke also distributed a handout prepared by Montreal Teachers Association President Harvey Weiner which argues that only those clauses of the contract concerned with the education budget should be negotiated provincially. For other issues, the paper states, agreements should be reached at the level of the school board, in Westmount High's case the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal.

The Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers proposes that such procedures as hiring of teachers, leave of absence, school calendar, promotion, local arbitration and assignment and transfer, among others, should be dealt with locally.

Local conditions vary

The paper points out that it is not reasonable to have the same procedures for assignment and transfer in a low population density area like the Gaspé as in a high density area with many schools such as Montreal. It notes that previous provincial agreement took 14 months to complete while the MTA-PSBGM negotiations required only three months to settle 250 items. According to current negotiation procedure, these 250 items would have to be meshed into one set of clauses effective province-wide.

Mr. Weiner claims in his paper that PSBGM Chairman Joan Dougherty refused to answer the question whether or not the board still supported the concept of local agreements, and that he did not receive any response from David Ramsay of the Central Parents' Committee to the same question.

The paper adds that "we must indicate clearly that the present government-QAPSB position is unacceptable," and continues: "it may well be that if there is no change in the QAPSB-government position within the next few weeks that we will have to consider the possibility of stronger action to make the public aware of our concerns."

This action would consist of PAPT-sponsored study sessions.

Committee reaction

WHS committee member Bob Keefler said that the committee "should not let this thing die" and recommended that the WHSC study the MTA report, contact the PSBGM, the CPC and Mr. Weiner and take what action is necessary.

Gavin Elbourne suggested that the PSBGM may not want local negotiations because teachers might acquire too much power and the board would have to accede in ways it might not want to. He said the committee must be objective and must take action to assure that the school survives through any crisis.

Home and School Association representative June Ellingsen said that the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations would like to see negotiations started much earlier, before the deadlines, to avoid the emotional results and bad feelings created by the last teachers' strike.

Mr. Keefler added that parents must protect their interests while WHSC external chairman Anne MacSween reported that at a recent CPC meeting, the PSBGM urged parents to supply input to the negotiating process.

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SOCIAL SERVICE . . .

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people of all languages and its role as advocate for the English-language community of Greater Montreal.

"We are back to old-fashioned social work," Mr. Coulson declared in an exclusive interview with **The Examiner**. "We have to establish links with other organizations and community resource groups if we are going to be more than crisis intervention centres."

Money ran out

The government's dilemma, Mr. Coulson recognizes, is that its scheme for omnipresent local community service centres (CLSCs) fell by the wayside when money ran out. Westmount and Notre Dame de Grâce, for example, have no CLSC to provide bilingual front-line social services. Thus Ville Marie, which took over those services on what it deemed an interim basis, now is permanently committed to provide a full range of social services.

Meanwhile, however, the social service centre will continue to act as a clearing-house for foster parent groups, programs for the elderly and the new youth protection organization, among others.

Because Ville Marie has been going briskly into the organization of advocacy groups for its English-language clients, a decision to provide direct services to the entire community (within a certain geographic area) meant that many clients feared they would be co-opted by the organization.

In the "catchment area" which Ville Marie has designed for itself, Mr. Coulson said, only about 20 percent of the population is French-speaking; however, many persons living outside the area are English-speaking, and Mr. Coulson could not predict what sort of demands or needs the Francophones within the area would have.

Made proposals

Last Friday Mr. Coulson submitted the final Ville Marie proposals to the Metropolitan Montreal Regional Council of Health and Social Services, including within it the fears of Ville Marie staff and clients which had been expressed at the Nov. 29 board meeting (see last week's **Examiner**).

Even though Ville Marie had spent a month consulting with various groups under its aegis, many of those same people arrived at the board meeting to ensure that their concerns were being included in the proposals.

Thus, according to Mr. Coulson, every step will require mutual agreement with the groups affected, studies of the possible effects of certain decisions and participation by staff and consumers wherever applicable.

Most important for Ville Marie, it seems, is the problem of foster parent organizations, which Mr. Coulson mentioned on several occasions. Many of those involved fear they might become part of a bilingual group which would not reflect the cultural interests or conceptions of English-speaking foster parents; in fact, several Anglophone foster parents on the south shore have sought affiliation with the Ville Marie group, since their own organization fails to reflect their culture.

"In Richelieu there's no identity," Mr. Coulson suggested, pointing out what happens when centres take over all socio-cultural populations of the area they serve.

Ville Marie does not intend to provide a full range of bilingual services immediately, he said, nor, in fact, will the francophone organization, Centre des Services Sociaux Montréal Métropolitain (CSSMM). They will work on a contractual arrangement with each other, and clients will be allowed to go where they want to receive the best service.

Work with others

The centres will also work on a "contract concept" with various private and semi-private groups such as senior citizen organizations, youth clinics and even YMCAs. Already clear links have been developed between departments of community health—the other half of the Bill 65 reorganization started seven years ago—and the social service centres.

Mr. Coulson emphasized that even though Minister of Social Affairs Denis Lazure had demanded the shift in emphasis for social service centres last year, he and the provincial ministry have stayed out of the negotiations since then.

The regional council for social services and the inter-centre council (ICC) have been handling all communications on the issue.

"We've got to change for administrative reasons because they're funding reasons," Mr. Coulson explained, pointing to Quebec's difficulty in maintaining three social service organizations (French, English and Jewish) which all cater to the same basic population. "We can't be administered now."

He said that everyone involved in the negotiations to this point has accepted the eventual goal of sectorization, but they do not agree on the way to get there.

"The big issue is participation (by staff and consumers) and administration," he concluded.

Ville Marie's proposed service area, under the agreement, would include most of the centre-city area including Westmount as well as the west island.

PLAINTIFFS . . .

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applied to cultural activities, but she maintains the law puts "a lot of power into the hands of the government" which they can use to "dominate, terrify and control."

She believes, too, that the legislation is an infringement of freedom of the press.

The two other corporate co-plaintiffs are Laker and Kavanagh Ltd., a personnel consulting firm, and Canadian Soccer Supplies Ltd., a sports equipment company.

Bob Laker, 4219 de Maisonneuve boulevard, is a partner in the former and president of the latter. Mr. Laker has lived and worked in several French-speaking countries and is fully bilingual.

In his business, he says, he operates on the principle that the client is right; thus, if he or she wishes to be spoken to or billed in French, then his companies will do so. While being a co-plaintiff in the case means little direct involvement in the legal proceedings, Mr. Laker says that, if required, he can show that the 31 contested articles of Bill 101 affect his business.

Mr. Laker is past-president of the Quebec Soccer Football Federation and is currently on the board of directors of L'Institut des Sports du Quebec, a government body responsible for the development of the province's elite sports program.

Medical plaintiff

Dr. Fred Wiegand, 56 Windsor avenue, is a surgeon at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and is a co-plaintiff from the medical profession.

He finds it particularly onerous that the Federation of Medical Specialists in the Province of Quebec, a member-funded organization, is forced to communicate with its members entirely in French despite the fact that perhaps more than 20 percent of its members are Anglophone.

He says that because the organization is funded by himself and other member specialists, he finds the actions of the government "cavalier" and "unacceptable."

Dr. Wiegand considers himself "medically bilingual," meaning he can communicate with patients and fellow doctors in French and he maintains that it is good practice to communicate with a patient in his first language.

In fact, he says, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital serves a large Italian-Canadian population and many of the signs in the hospital are tri-lingual.

The legal action is being funded entirely by the QFHSA at no cost to the co-plaintiffs.

Other Westmounters involved in the QFHSA's writ are members of the federation's Bill 101 committee.

They are: Elizabeth O'Connell, 55 Somerville avenue, past-president of the QHFSA and national central vice-president; Barbara Moore, 587 Lansdowne avenue, bilingualism grants committee chairman and second vice-president of the federation; and June Ellingsen, 6 Winchester avenue, a member of the board of directors of the federation, president of the Westmount High School Home and School and chairman of the national federation's citizenship committee.

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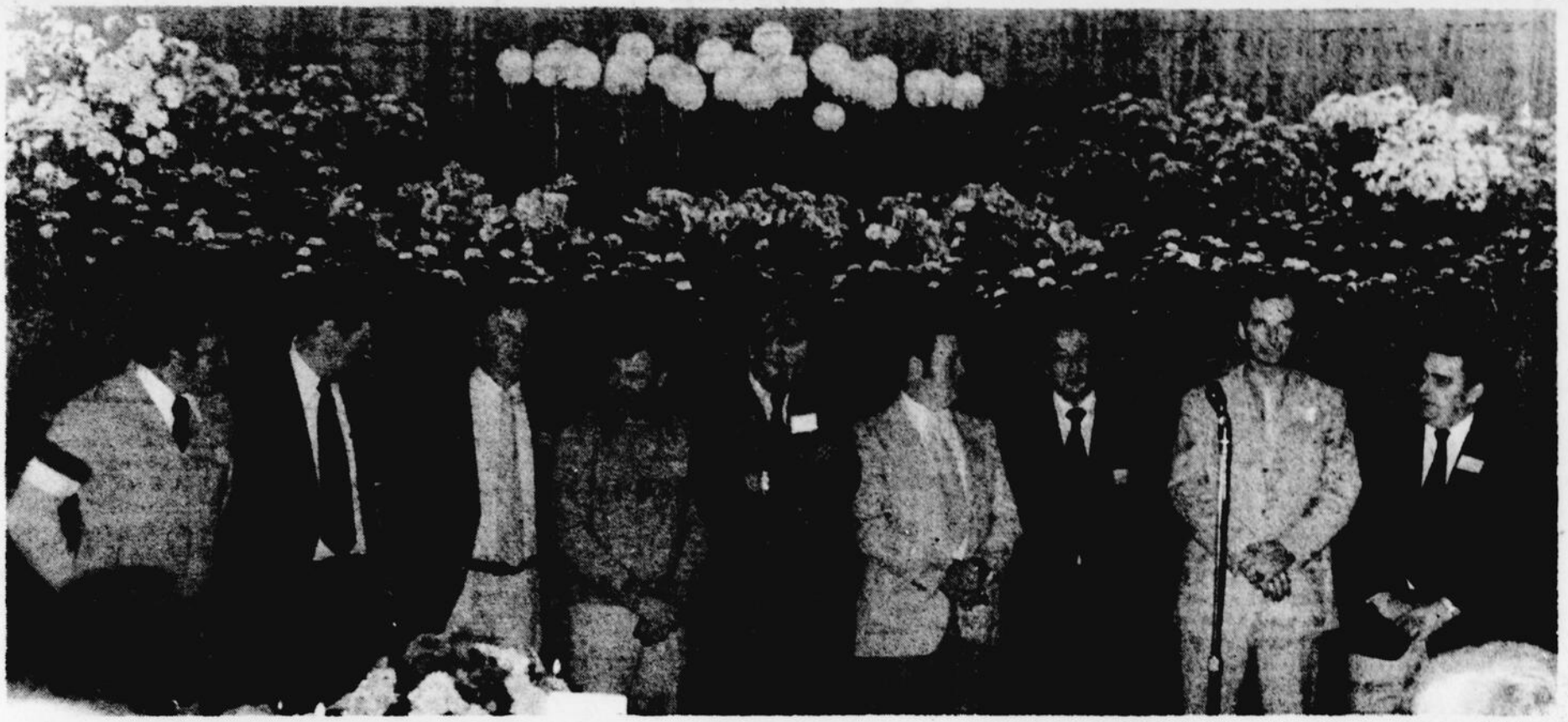

A big cross-section of city officials and staff, from former mayors to laborers, sat down to a roast beef dinner in flower-bedecked Victoria Hall last Wednesday evening, 35th annual banquet of Westmount's Quarter Century Club to which an even dozen new members were inducted with presentation of watches. The above photo is of the eight remaining firemen from a group of 17 hired by the city in 1963 with their public safety commissioner, **Ald. André Gervais**, third from right. The group includes **Lt. J. R. Adams, Firefighter R. N. Dessureault, Capt. R. Laviolette, Firefighter R. C. Mills, Lt. F. D. McDougall, Platoon Chief R. D. Nicoll** and **Firefighters G. Rivard** and **R. E. Svendsen.**

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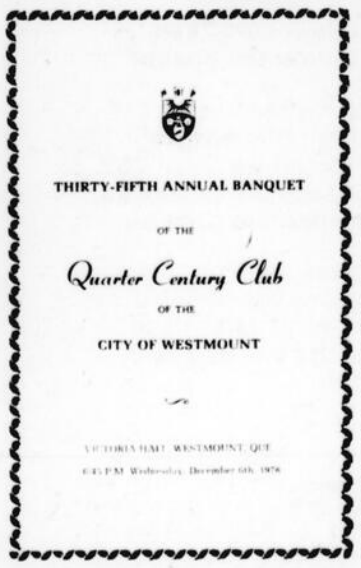

Examiner photos

(Above, upper) **S. M. Pacey**, inside gardener foreman of the parks department, looks as if he is having his arm twisted by **Mayor Donald C. MacCallum** to accept a special gift on the occasion of completing 40 years' employment with Westmount.

(Above, lower) **Fire Chief E. F. Martell** was one of the 25-year watch winners.

(At right) **Ross Sheppard**, for many years manager of Victoria Hall and now public safety department administrative officer, had his 30 years' service to the city recognized. Making his presentation is **ex-mayor Drury.**

(Above, upper) **J. A. R. Paradis**, a familiar figure about town as roads superintendent of the public works department, shared with Mr. Pacey the distinction of completing 40 years' employment with the City of Westmount, even if in this picture he appears a little dubious of the honor.

(Above, lower) The man who for years has organized the Quarter Century Club annual party and has a great deal to do with the hiring of some of those honored is **C. I. Grant**, personnel officer and supervisor of welfare for the city. The tables were turned on him last Wednesday night and he received an award of his own.

Exciting games last week

Hockey leagues preparing for Christmas break

By PIERRE GOAD

As the holidays approach, most of Westmount's young hockey players are winding down the 1978 portion of their season, with play scheduled to begin again in most leagues during the second week of the new year.

Last week saw exciting match-ups in both the peewee II and bantam II leagues. In bantam II, the second-place Hawks beat the Flyers 3-1. The final minutes of the last period saw most of the action, including the winning goal by Michael Dunham, assisted by Ian Ogilvie, with only 2:02 left in the game. Bruce Ramsey scored the Flyers' lone goal.

This win put the Hawks within three points of the league-leading Flames since the Flyers battled to a 5-5 tie with the Flames later in the week, the first tie of the season for the Flames.

Bruce Ramsey bagged a hat-trick and Ben Schon scored two to give the Flyers their five-goal total. Tom Barthall and Charles Attias each scored a goal while Adam Knight scored the game's other hat trick to give the Flames five goals and the tie.

As of Monday, the Flames and Hawks had each played seven games while the Flyers had played eight, though the Flyers still trail the other two teams in the standings.

Caps, Kings win

In peewee II, the Capitals and Kings picked up wins in last week's action. The Capitals scored three to the Seals' one goal to add two points to their first-place eight-point total. Fred Beaubien pocketed a goal and an assist for the Capitals while Nick Van Moltice scored the only Seals' goal.

Ian McPherson scored the winning goal and added another to the King's four-goal total as his team outgunned the Scouts 4-1. Matthew Caruso was the Scouts' only goal-scorer.

HOCKEY SCOREBOARD

Following are the scores from games played in the City of Westmount recreation department hockey leagues last week, from Monday, Dec. 4 to Saturday, Dec. 9:

NOVICE

Knights 6, Bears 0
Dragons 1, Guards 1

ATOM

Broncs 3, Mules 0
Bulls 5, Huskies 2

PEEWEE I

Huskies 6, Broncs 5
Mules 6, Bulls 3

PEEWEE II

Kings 4, Scouts 1
Capitals 3, Seals 1

BANTAM I

Bruins 2, Leafs 1
Leafs 5, Rangers 4

BANTAM II

Flames 5, Flyers 5
Hawks 3, Flyers 1

MIDGET

Hornets 7, Spartons 3
Badgers 3, Mustangs 0

JUVENILE-SENIOR 'B'

Oilers 8, Astros 4
Oilers 3, Jets 1
Astros 2, Aces 2

SENIOR

Stars 1, Sabres 0
Bruins 4, Wanderers 2
Bruins 1, Sabres 0
Stars 3, Wanderers 1

EXHIBITION

Westmount Fathers 3, Avon 3
Bantam All Stars 5, Chateauguay 2
Chateauguay 4, Midget All Stars 2
Peewee All Stars 5, Mohawks 4

HOCKEY STANDINGS

Following are standings in the City of Westmount recreation department hockey leagues as of Monday:

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
NOVICE							
Knights	5	5	0	0	14	3	10
Dragons	5	2	1	2	6	5	6
Bears	5	1	3	1	4	8	3
Guards	5	0	4	1	3	11	1
ATOM							
Broncs	5	5	0	0	22	9	10
Bulls	5	4	1	0	24	10	8
Mules	5	1	4	0	5	14	2
Huskies	5	0	5	0	8	26	0
PEEWEE I							
Broncs	5	4	1	0	29	18	8
Huskies	5	2	2	1	24	24	5
Mules	5	2	3	0	19	23	4
Bulls	5	1	3	1	16	23	3
PEEWEE II							
Capitals	5	5	0	0	19	5	10
Kings	5	1	2	2	11	14	4
Seals	5	1	2	2	11	15	4
Scouts	5	0	3	2	6	13	2
ALL STAR							
Peewee	8	8	0	0	65	16	16
Bantam	2	1	1	0	5	9	2
Midget	1	0	1	0	2	4	0
BANTAM I							
Rangers	7	6	1	0	33	15	12
Leafs	8	3	5	0	23	27	6
Bruins	7	2	5	0	15	29	4
BANTAM II							
Flames	7	5	1	1	24	10	11
Hawks	7	4	3	0	16	12	8
Flyers	8	1	6	1	14	32	3
MIDGET							
Hornets	5	3	1	1	23	15	7
Mustangs	5	3	1	1	18	15	7
Spartons	5	2	3	0	15	20	4
Badgers	5	1	4	0	10	16	2
JUVENILE-SENIOR 'B'							
Aces	9	7	1	1	41	25	15
Oilers	9	6	3	0	39	31	12
Astros	9	3	4	2	30	34	8
Jets	9	0	8	1	16	36	1
SENIOR							
Bruins	10	6	2	2	31	20	14
Stars	10	6	3	1	32	19	13
Wanderers	10	3	5	2	29	33	8
Sabres	10	2	7	1	12	32	5
EXHIBITION							
Fathers	5	2	2	1	22	10	5

TOURING . . .

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club—the driving school will be one more service the club can offer its members. The classroom will be upstairs in the former auto dealership, whose sign still hangs outside until its books are closed.

Emergency service

The advantages of the Westmount location, however, are not half as important as the benefits of the club itself, Mr. Downey feels. Members who suffer a breakdown anywhere in the Montreal environs need simply to phone the central touring club number to have a serviceman come give them more gas, change tires or put more air in them, jump batteries, or tow cars at any time of the night or day.

The technical inspection service—located on Notre Dame street near Atwater avenue—"arms people with information they can take to a car dealer," offering honest repair appraisals rather than suggesting needless repairs which just cost money (a worry of some consumers with regular garage dealers).

The club also has a worldwide travel agency linked with it, which provides regular travel agency services buttressed by the knowledge and information of the CAA, its American and European counterparts.

The club also provides financial services for members, everything from discounts on auto purchase loans to bail bond and arrest bond for travellers in the United States. A monthly magazine mailed to members provides updated information and travel tips.

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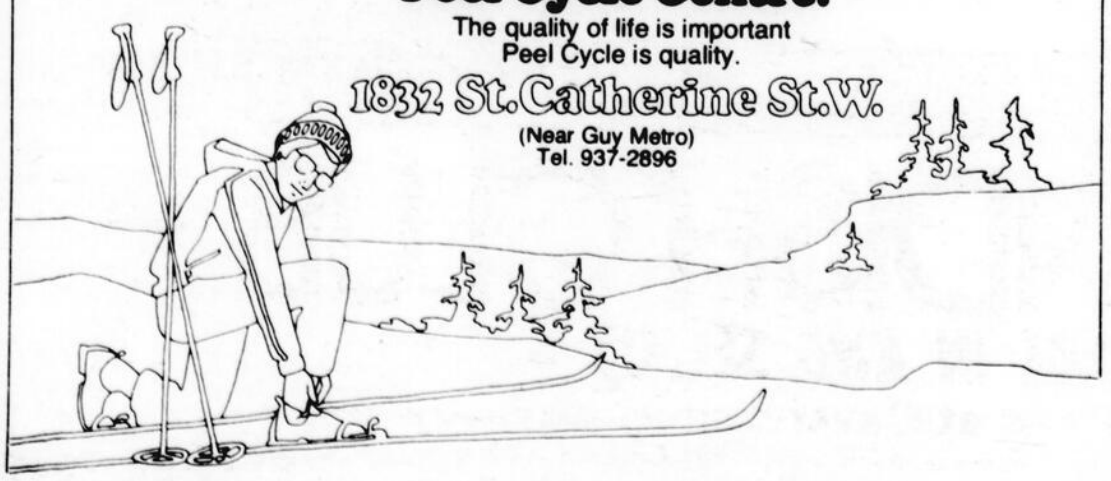

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MORE WINNERS IN JANUARY: Two more youngsters will get a chance to meet former Canadiens hockey great **Jean Béliveau** and also win some skates when Westmount's Skate-A-Thon '79 is held Jan. 27 at the artificial ice rink. After the 1978 event, the ever-popular superstar presented skates to winners **Jamie Lovell**, left, 610 Carleton avenue, of First Westmount scouts, and **Shawn Levy**, 456 Mountain avenue, of Shaar Hashomayim cubs.

Westmount
youthaction
with Cst. Bernard Roy
MUCPD youth aide officer

Happy holidays

For the next few weeks I will be on vacation, so the "Youthaction" column will be too, until after the New Year's holiday. Let me take this occasion to wish you all a very happy Christmas and Chanukah season, and ask you to take care of yourselves so we can all be together again in 1979.

Fuller girls successful in diving

Former Westmounters Wendy and Debbie Fuller recently took the 1-2 spots in the provincial diving championships in all three categories and last weekend walked away with three medals apiece from the Ontario Open event.

The two moved with their family this summer to Pointe Claire in order to be closer to their home pool, where the provincial championships were held on Dec. 1, 2 and 3. With both competing in the 12-and-under age group, Wendy captured gold medals off the one-metre, two-metre and tower boards, while Debbie took the three silver medals.

In Ontario, Wendy was moved to the 13-14-year-old age category and won three silver medals, losing in each event to an American contender. Debbie walked off with the three gold medals in the 12-and-under category.

The two plan a full schedule of diving events during the winter and a trip to Norway and Sweden next spring.

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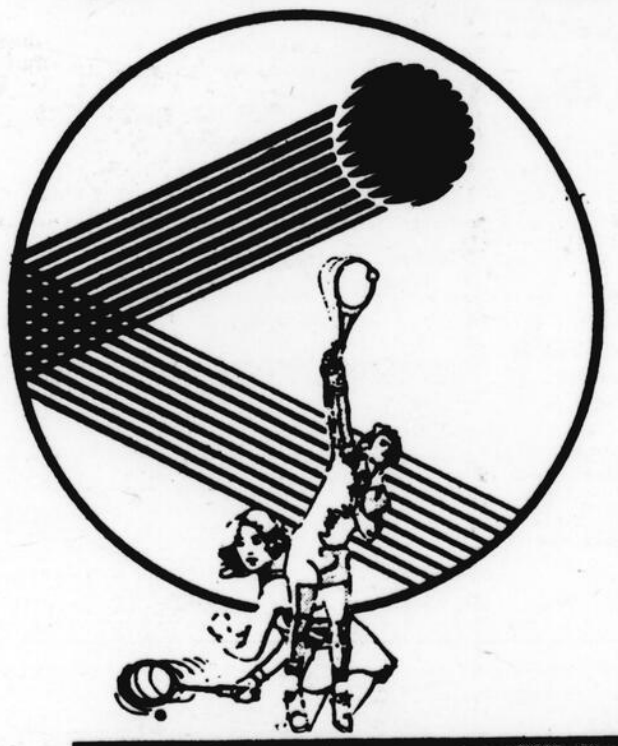

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$25 million sought:

No firm promise from government on Dawson money

Dawson College still has not received the necessary go-ahead from the provincial government for some $25 million for renovation and new construction funds, but governors of the Westmount-based CEGEP have decided to allow a bit more time before calling for "drastic" action.

On Nov. 28 Dawson's director-general, Robert "Squee" Gordon, received a telegram from Hon. Jacques-Yvan Morin announcing the government would be spending the money and proposing it might also purchase the High School of Montreal for another Dawson facility.

The commitment required the necessary cabinet approval, however, Mr. Morin pointed out in his telegram.

Governors have been waiting since then for that approval.

On Monday, just before their monthly board meeting, the governors received a telegram from Jean Pronovost, director-general for collegial studies, who noted that Mr. Morin had never promised a decision would come during December, but that the recommendation would be presented "as soon as possible." A memo was to have been submitted to cabinet on Tuesday, the telegram promised.

The telegram seemed to indicate that bureaucracy had held up the firm commitment, one Dawson official told **The Examiner** this week, but also showed that progress was going on behind the scenes.

Governors thus decided to wait a while longer, though they agreed the situation is getting desperate and Dawson, as the largest CEGEP in the province, is in need of improved facilities.

Give them a month

"We'll keep the pressure on," the official said, "but we'll give them a month or so. The college is not willing to let the thing drop."

Dawson had successfully solicited public pressure to help convince Quebec of the worsening situation, but apparently now must wade through the government's procedures for authorization of such a commitment.

The college has yet to begin making plans for the renovations it would like, since the money is not committed. It would like to build a new sports facility across St. Antoine street from the Selby campus, and make major additions to that campus. Work probably would not be completed for five years from the initial go-ahead, the official said.

It was reported incorrectly two weeks ago that the land on the south side of St. Antoine street was already owned by Dawson but in fact it has not yet been purchased. **The Examiner** regrets the error.

CONTEST CONTEXT: Westmount Rotarian **Doug Whiting** offered fellow members a classification talk last Wednesday on the contest portion of his promotional and advertising specialty trade. He explained to Rotarians that the contests are not simple projects to implement, considering the number of government and regulatory controls imposed to ensure fairness, but he added that they have been a great success in promoting certain products or lines. His greatest thrill, he says, is "hearing the elation at the other end of the phone when you announce the big prize" to a winner. Mr. Whiting was introduced by Bonar Hodgson and thanked by Rotary President George Sklivas.

$3,000 needed for yearbook

Members of the Westmount High School committee's financial sub-committee will probably be meeting with the school's Vox ducum yearbook staff to help find ways of making enough money to cover the book's production costs.

The problem arises from the fact that the book is being sold for $5, but, according to WHS committee teacher representative Ken Cooke, it costs about $10 each to produce.

Mr. Cooke said the obvious solution was to raise the selling price of the book, but he added that this was difficult because it was already on sale for the lower price.

Mr. Cooke told the WHS committee that some money had been raised at a recent dance and a chocolate bar sale was planned, but $3,000 still needed to be raised.

Apartments delayed until spring

The vacant lot on the southeast corner of Victoria avenue and de Maisonneuve boulevard will remain just that, at least until next spring, **The Examiner** was told recently.

Westmount never offered a building permit for construction of the planned six-storey apartment unit on the site, according to an official of Runo Developments, and winter weather now means that the time is not ripe to begin excavation.

"It is our whole intention to go ahead with the project," the official declared, however.

He said the winter months will give the company time to iron out details with the city and to tender for contractors.

Last August the same official had suggested the project would be under way by late fall.

$550 damage in fat fire

Oil being used to cook french fries erupted in flames and caused some $550 worth of damage to Apt. 518 at 4800 de Maisonneuve boulevard last Wednesday at 7:20 pm.

A woman in the apartment, who had been away from the stove for a few moments, was able to throw the pots into the sink and douse the flames before calling Westmount firemen.

The fire, however, seriously scorched the cupboards above the stove and caused slight smoke damage throughout the apartment.

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