

Blaze leaves families homeless

A spectacular early-morning blaze destroyed the three-storey greystone building at 4843 St. Catherine street west, corner Victoria avenue, yesterday morning, sounding alarms at Westmount's five mutual aid cities and leaving two families homeless.

Nobody was injured in the blaze, which was believed to have started in the rear of the building, though actual cause had not been determined by press time.

A citizen called police at 4:50 am to report flames coming from the building; officers evacuated tenants in the upper floors immediately, moments before an explosion took place in the roof.

An apartment and the Westmount Pizzeria restaurant which shared the ground floor were both vacant.

Quick work by Westmount firemen and colleagues from St. Laurent, Town of Mount Royal, Cote St. Luc and Outremont contained the fire to the one building, and flames were brought under control by 6 am, only about an hour after firemen arrived. Firemen from Hampstead covered at Westmount's Station No. 1 until late morning while the Westmount men were at the scene.

Westmount firemen were still pouring water on the smoldering remains at mid-afternoon.

Westmount Fire Chief Paul E. Motard reported that on arrival

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Car towed for removal

A British Columbia resident visiting some friends on Claremont avenue, who had parked his red 1972 Volkswagen bus on Chesterfield avenue, called police at 9:55 am last Friday to report the vehicle had been stolen. It turns out police, who had ordered the bus towed for snow removal, but were unable to determine immediately who the owner was, had towed the vehicle to Westmount's Tupper street parking lot.

Residents' cars, police say, are usually towed and left nearby while snow-removal operations are under way, something citizens with out-of-town visitors would do well to remember, though police have the right to tow any vehicles to the Tupper lot or even the east-end Montreal pound.

More fire photos are on page seven.



FIRE FIGHTER: Standing on a neighboring roof, a fireman lays a stream on the burning building at Victoria avenue and St. Catherine street. Yesterday's early-morning blaze destroyed the building, leaving two families homeless and gutting the Westmount Pizzeria.

Rude wakening

A taxi driver was found sleeping in his car near the corner of St. Catherine street and Metcalfe avenue at 5:28 am last Friday. Concerned police soon discovered that the man had no "pocket number" to drive the taxi, and that he had a lengthy criminal record. He was charged for not having a taxi permit.

WMA recommends woman fill vacant council seat

Citizen activity to ensure the nomination of a qualified candidate for the city council post vacated by Ald. James L. Thom last Monday night has been intense this week, topped off by the suggestion from the Westmount Municipal Association Tuesday evening that the post be given to a woman.

The WMA advisory council was told at its monthly meeting that the association's board of directors, meeting in closed session the same evening, had chosen Mrs. Muriel Kaplan, 735 Upper Belmont avenue, Mrs. JoAnn Issenman, 493 Elm avenue and Mrs. Diana St. B. Weatherall, 579 Grosvenor avenue as qualified women whose names would be passed on to city council. Mrs. Issenman's name has also been put forward by other citizens meeting privately with Mayor Donald MacCallum.

Mrs. Kaplan is chairman of the city's social affairs advisory committee and a one-time member of the now-dissolved Westmount School Board. Mrs. Issenman ran for city council at its last election and was narrowly defeated by Brian

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Mid-month council Monday

City council will hold a now-rare mid-month public meeting Monday night to elect a new alderman to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ald. James L. Thom last Monday. Council decided to hold its own election of a replacement, rather than allow the matter to go to a public election.

Though election of a new councillor will highlight the meeting, council has also chosen that meeting to approve amendments to the city's dog by-law, notice of motion for which was given last Monday. It has not been announced what changes will be made, though there are reports that council

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POM bakery struck

Inside workers at Westmount's largest industry, the Harrison Brothers-POM Bakery Ltd., 4680 St. Catherine street west, went on strike this week and the building was closed down. Company officials were not immediately available to provide details.

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Clearing and cold during the weekend with sunny, blue skies and scudding cumulus clouds.

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Notices concerning the said By-law were published on the 4th and the 18th November 1976, as required by law, and as no demand for a vote was made, the By-law was deemed to have been approved by the elector proprietors.

Details relating to said By-law are fully set out in By-law 825 which is open for inspection by all persons interested at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Westmount.

Given at Westmount, P.Q., this 6th day of January, 1977.

R. B. Seaman
City Clerk



By-law 830 City of Westmount

Public notice is hereby given to all who may be concerned that "BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 685 PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF PARKING METERS," was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a general sitting held at the City Hall on the 4th of January 1977.

Details relating to said By-law are fully set out in By-Law 830 which is open for inspection by all persons interested at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Westmount.

Given at Westmount, P.Q., this 6th day of January, 1977.

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Sundays,	Municipal Yard, 14 Bethune St.	935-8037
holidays	Light Department, Glen Rd.	935-8218

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Two homes ransacked

Two late-vacation break-ins took place in Westmount last week, as homes whose residents were on vacation were ransacked by thieves. Expensive items were stolen from at least one of the houses.

Thieves made their way through a basement double-window into a Rosemount avenue home sometime between last Sunday, Jan. 2, at 7 pm, and last Thursday at 4:55 pm. Numerous rooms in the house were ransacked, and police were able to determine that a stereo system including six speakers, a tape deck, amplifier and turntable were taken along with a 21" color television set, six

bottles of liquor, an antique shotgun and some cash.

On their way out, the thieves used a sledge hammer taken from the basement to make their way into the kitchen, and left the hammer in the kitchen. Size 9 footprints were found in the snow where entry had been gained.

A neighbour who had been checking a vacant house on Anwoth road while residents were away noticed last Wednesday at 4:10 pm that the interior was in complete disorder, unlike it had been when previously checked on Monday of last week at 6 pm. Police could not determine immediately if anything had been taken, nor how thieves entered the building.

'Smitty' shovels for his health:

For Grosvenor avenue snow removal is efficient

By ANDY DODGE

Remember the days when Westmounters would wake up the morning after a snowstorm like Monday's, look out the window and find the streets and sidewalks cleared of snow?

Those days might be gone, now that the city is no longer paying extensive overtime for nighttime and holiday snow removal, but the days are still with some Grosvenor avenue residents, who can look out their windows and find their private sidewalks, or perhaps their driveways, cleared of snow.

Francis Norman Palette Smith, 340 Grosvenor avenue, doesn't worry about overtime pay, nor does he worry about pay at all. Nor does he care whether or not he shows up the city's public works crews. His health, both mental and physical, is what is important to him.

Mr. Smith, known to his friends as "Smitty," is 83 years old, but he still enjoys getting up at 4 am, downing a cup of hot water, brown sugar and brandy and hitting the streets to shovel snow. After a storm like Westmount suffered this week, he's willing to shovel for 12 hours a day, to keep his body in shape and his mind in gear.

By 4 pm Tuesday, following Monday's major snowstorm, Mr. Smith was able to boast having cleared eight Grosvenor sidewalks and driveways, some of them clear to garages at the rear of houses.

"It's a hobby," he says of his peculiar retirement pastime. "In the summer it's gardening or walking. I'll walk 8 or 10 miles a day."

Left doctors puzzled

He claims he is in better health now than he was 20 years ago, when part of his stomach was taken out. Thirteen years ago he suffered bleeding ulcers, and doctors gave him little chance of living, since at 73 he was too old to undergo an operation. The doctors are still scratching their heads.

Mr. Smith is a Christian Scientist, having been convinced of the power of faith healing by some Mormon missionaries during one of his stays in hospital, but preferring the tenets of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Westmount, only two blocks from his home. Religious principles notwithstanding, he feels it is important to keep active, interested and determined in order to sustain a sound body and mind.

His slender frame is in contrast to the stocky build of his wife, Kay, a young (at 53) and energetic woman who is well-known as a mentor and listener to many people around town, including members of the Westmount Senior Citizens' Centre. Mr. Smith met his future bride in Capetown, South Africa, on his first trip there as ship steward in Canada's merchant navy, during World War II (he spent the first war in the army). After his seventh trip, five years later, he married the girl with whom he had originally hopped a taxi ride.

Mr. Smith, who never went to school, was born in England in 1893 and moved to the foothills of the Alberta Rockies three years later. After spending five years in the merchant navy, the years he considers the best of his life, he came back to Canada to settle down with his wife. Most of his



Francis Smith

life was spent as a "jack of all trades," including much construction work and even casual work with Westmount's public works department since 1959, mostly in snow removal following big storms.

Started at age 66

Perhaps it was there that he developed a passion for his present hobby; remember, he was 66 when he started clearing streets, sidewalks, bus stops and storm drains. Now he is still at it, and if the local private sidewalks are clear he might look for snow to shovel even farther afield. While the city fathers, looking after taxpayer interests, are trying to cut back on union-regulated overtime payments, Mr. Smith accepts from people "just whatever they like to pay."

After his initial water-brown sugar-brandy concoction and six hours of shoveling, Mr. Smith comes in for a large bowl of cracked-wheat porridge with cream, one of five light meals he generally eats during the day. He is a vegetarian; his partial stomach does not digest meat well, and he attributes part of his healthiness to abstinence from meat. In the evening, twice a week, he enjoys going to Victoria Hall to play bingo, and though he seldom wins much he did make some \$800 in the first four months of last year.

In any event, Mr. Smith's enjoyment of life, his determination to stay healthy and his public-spirited snow removal

efforts will probably stand him in good stead for some time to come.

Says his wife, "I can't nail him down."

Jackrabbit Johannsen, watch out. Someone is knocking at the back door.



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

- Jan. 4**
10:00 am: 4141 Sherbrooke, persons trapped in elevator;
10:18 am: 335 Metcalfe, ambulance transport to QEH;
10:23 am: 4488 St. Catherine, person trapped in elevator;
8:17 pm: 4000 de Maisonneuve, trouble with fire alarm system;
- Jan. 5**
6:38 pm: 4000 de Maisonneuve, defective fire alarm system;
- Jan. 6**
9:44 am: 120 Hillside, apt. 304, ambulance call;
11:48 am: 39 Hillside, strange odor;
- Jan. 7**
9:10 am: 547 Prince Albert, service call;
3:21 pm: 626 Clarke, leaking roof;
3:43 pm: 201 Metcalfe, oil furnace trouble;
4:25 pm: 14 Weredale, apt. 8, leaking roof;
8:27 pm: 4000 de Maisonneuve, apt. 902, internal fire alarm sounding;
11:54 pm: 4470 St. Catherine, apt. 307, ambulance transport to RMH;
- Jan. 8**
4:15 am: 4300 de Maisonneuve, sick person transported to hospital;
8:27 am: 647 Belmont, leaking roof;
11:10 am: 706 Upper Roslyn, electrical appliance trouble;
12:43 pm: 315 Claremont, ambulance transport;
6:20 pm: 4000 de Maisonneuve, apt. 2713, internal fire alarm ringing;
9:20 pm: 5025 Sherbrooke, malfunctioning oil-fired furnace;
11:06 pm: 225 Olivier, apt. 411, sick person transported to hospital;
- Jan. 9**
12:25 pm: 42 Summit Circle, ambulance transport to St. Luc Hospital;
5:07 pm: 4124 St. Catherine, false alarm;
6:08 pm: 489 Victoria, warm spot on floor;
6:40 pm: 756 Upper Lansdowne,

Big storm makes few problems

Once again Westmounters proved Monday that they can bear a major snowstorm with few if any problems, even if snow removal no longer meets its heralded standards of past years.

Police report two minor accidents while the snow was falling, one at Claremont and de Maisonneuve boulevard at 1:45 pm, another at Victoria avenue and Sherbrooke street at 3:20 pm.

The aftermath of the storm, on Tuesday, produced more traffic mishaps, though again the four which took place were all minor. Two of those occurred at Victoria and Sherbrooke, one at 8:45 am (involving a bus and a car) and another at 3:50 pm. Another bus collided with a car at the Claremont-de Maisonneuve corner at 2:27 pm, and cars were caught in a fender-bender at Wood and Holton avenues at 3:53 pm.

Firemen answered three calls for burst radiators and water pipes early Tuesday morning, including a rather substantial mess created when a pipe burst on the fourth floor of the office building at 360 Victoria. Water penetrated to all floors and the cleanup took some 2½ hours.

Little problem was created from a burst pipe at 1225 Greene avenue; at Westmount Terrace, 10 Rosemount avenue, a pipe burst in a fifth-floor apartment, sending water to the four apartments underneath. Another hour and a half was spent cleaning that up, and damage was slight. The janitor of the building slipped at one point and was taken to hospital by the fire ambulance for treatment of an injured back.

Other ambulance calls on Monday were not directly related to the snowstorm. City hall closed somewhat later than most businesses on Monday, but finally let staff go at 3 pm, all except the switchboard operator who faithfully

stayed on the job until normal closing time at 4:30.

Some senior fire officials, who returned home Monday evening to find they could not get into their own driveways, returned to the Westmount Fire station and spent the night there, to be on hand should major fire calls

occur and to be ready for work Tuesday morning.

Parking said bad for hall

Fred Leclaire is one man who will probably be glad to see the new parking meters installed at the Westmount Library parking lot. He claimed at Tuesday evening's Westmount Municipal Association advisory council meeting that tickets were being given out indiscriminately by the park rangers and this was causing adjacent Victoria Hall loss of rental business.

Claiming someone was trying to destroy the hall, he said that some organizations had cancelled plans for social functions at the hall, even at loss of a deposit, because members were being ticketed for parking in the lot during the evening.

He said he had been ticketed several times for no apparent reason when he was attending WMA meetings. He said he has stopped paying the tickets and hopes he is taken to court for them. "They wouldn't have the nerve," quipped WMA president Dan Tingley.

Mr. Tingley thought that the installation of the meters might solve the problem. Mr. Leclaire agreed, "providing the park rangers don't give out tickets for reasons of their own."

Mr. Tingley charged Mr. Leclaire with studying the implications of the new parking regulations coming into effect with the installation of the meters.

New catcher sought

Monday was the kind of day when even the most law-abiding and conscientious Westmount dog owners were kicking their dogs out the front door for a breath of air, without themselves risking the perils of the snowstorm by walking them on leashes.

The city dog-catcher was nowhere in sight to catch them, either.

Not only were the roads too hazardous for him to drive his truck, but Denis Tremblay, Westmount's inveterate dog-catcher for the past two years, has resigned his city post and taken another job.

The city is now in the process of interviewing applicants to fill the post. In the meantime, the dogs are probably specially happy at being able to reconvene with their friends and to play together on streets and sidewalks.



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

Jan. 4
4219 de Maisonneuve, apts. 2 and 3: for L. Laker and J. Kavanagh by Louis Hébert, installation of fireplaces, \$600.

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- Jan. 10**
9:20 am: 100 Hillside, fire alarm set off by water leak;
12:33 pm: 4815 de Maisonneuve, service call;
9:35 pm: 4260 Dorchester, ambulance transport;
10:38 pm: 14 Anwoth, ambulance transport;
11:59 pm: 368 Kensington, ambulance transport;
- Jan. 11**
1:14 am: 360 Victoria, burst water pipe;
1:43 am: 1225 Greene, burst water pipe;
4:05 am: 10 Rosemount, burst radiator;
4:12 am: 10 Rosemount, ambulance transport (see story).

If you like winter sports, and want to continue enjoying them, make sure that the ice is at least four inches thick (10 centimetres) for skating and hockey.

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We Say

Choosing a new alderman

ATTENTION should be paid any suggestions for the replacement of ex-Ald. James Thom on city council. All ideas weighed, the mayor and his five remaining colleagues had first to make their choice of method—public election or council appointment. Taking the latter route, the final decision as to the person must be theirs, and theirs alone.

WE agree with Mr. Alan Edwards (see "You Say") that council probably has made its decision, and secretly, too. Certainly, at the meeting of Jan. 4, when Mr. Thom's resignation was tabled, the solons already had determined not to call an election. A wise course, we believe: the expense alone could run anywhere up to \$10,000.

The law has great merit in allowing the two alternatives.

If, on the one hand, the vacancy had occurred in a state of widespread discontent with the city government, a crisis of confidence, a scandal, or in other circumstances which might have seized the citizens with direct concern in council change, then there would be the opportunity to let the people at large decide by their ballots.

If, however, the opening occurred as it did in this case by the retirement for personal reasons of a senior and respected alderman, surrounded by no extraordinary circumstances whatsoever shadowing council's performance to date, then the appointment route now being pursued is completely justified.

Another letter-writer this week suggests that appointment is undemocratic, without stating why. Forgotten perhaps is that the continuing six councillors all hold democratic mandates from the people to govern Westmount. One of their most serious responsibilities is to assure the continuance of good government, and the appointive powers given them are clearly exercised with the electorate's consent.

WHICH brings us to the appointment itself, expected to be made formally at next Monday's otherwise unscheduled mid-month adjourned meeting of city council, within the 15-day delay after the resignation as provided by law.

(If the vacancy should not be filled next week, a public election then would become mandatory.)

Again we share Mr. Edwards' well-founded suspicion that council's choice of person already has been made, indeed may have been made last week when the city clerk officially received

Mr. Thom's letter and so "informed" the meeting. No one who knows him could believe that after 4½ years of devoted service to the city he would have dropped this action as a bombshell without prior preparation of his colleagues—if only to permit them to ponder an orderly and well-considered transition.

Here, however, we part company with Mr. Edwards' views. Where he intimates something wrong with all this, we and most citizens will endorse its complete propriety in the best interests of Westmount and all Westmounters.

Our criticism, probably not shared by Mr. Edwards nor by others who believe they and not council should be selecting the new alderman, is that council did not go the whole way on Jan. 4. That is, having received a formal resignation and immediately adopted a prepared resolution to proceed by appointment, why did it not also make the appointment itself?

That was the way it was done on July 4, 1972, when Mr. Thom himself was appointed to council. The resignation of his predecessor, Mr. Ian Craig—though dated 11 days previous, on June 23—was made known at the same council meeting.

The roof did not fall in then, and it would not have on this occasion—despite the seeming presence in our community now of more persons evidently possessed of the idea that they are more suited to decide these things than the people elected to do so.

GUESSING who will be council's choice Monday evening is a pointless exercise. It could be Mrs. JoAnn Isenman, touted with justifiable fervor by three of our correspondents this week, but we doubt it.

We think it may be someone possessed of as many qualities as Mrs. Isenman.

It likely will not be someone who has run for the office of alderman. That is not necessarily a qualification; an election is a onetime affair, endowing no unsuccessful candidate with some sort of reserve mandate for future exercise. (Likewise, a winning candidate's mandate is no greater or less because of the size of his or her majority; the victor takes office, the vanquished opponents return to square one.)

It well may be a woman. The times and temper of this council and this city suggest the time has come for such an overdue "first" for Westmount.

It could be someone restoring to city hall a direct voice of Westmount's sizable Jewish community—a tradition broken

after the retirement of Ald. Charles Aspler and the vagaries of the 1975 general election.

To be sure, it will be someone in whom the present council places trust and responsibility to exercise the kind of judgment which they themselves bring to the many-sided decision-making which constitutes the job of alderman.

Nonsensical secrecy

FOR all its devotion and hard work, and many conscious new efforts to be more open and informative of its work, Westmount city council continues some questionable practices in public relations.

Latest example is the surprise notice of motion dropped into last week's statutory monthly meeting of amendments to be made, probably next Monday night, in Westmount's dog by-law.

No explanation was offered. Which is highly surprising, considering the time, effort, and, at times, almost total distraction from other, more important business which characterized the agonizing passage of the up-dated and tightened dog by-law in 1975.

It will be recalled that the mayor himself, when the changes finally were adopted, declared to fervent amens from all sides that he did not want to hear the subject mentioned again for a long time.

Yet, here we go again. Not only are more changes contemplated, but the failure to outline just what council had in mind was guaranteed to promote the very speculation which we would have expected His Worship would wish to avoid.

The many street queries and phone calls to The Examiner demonstrate the folly of secrecy in matters of this kind.

Ald. Brian Gallery, who gave the notice, has vouchsafed only that there are to be some relaxations, at the behest of the Westmount Dog Owners' Association.

We have some shrewd notions that none of the changes are to be major, perhaps are wholly justified.

But, if this is the case, why in the name of any logical public information policy not make intentions known? Afraid of emotional reaction from those who pleaded long and hard for some reasonable sanctions against the few irresponsible dog owners who caused the original furore?

Secrecy is always bound to stir up, not allay suspicions and emotions.

Secrecy about dogs, of all things? About anything in public business?

The penchant reasserts itself in other strange ways in this administration, which otherwise has been the most open in Westmount in years.

Take the question of rising city costs and the series of decisions which have added up to a commendable, comprehensive cost-cutting and retrenchment policy since mid-1976.

Piecemeal we have learned that there emerged last year, after a changeover in accounting methods, a deep worry that Westmount was headed for a whopping deficit if stern measures were not taken.

They were taken, in minor and major ways, ranging from elimination of simple luxuries and wasteful practices, through a whole series of staff cuts, to some major budget slashing such as suffered by snow-removal operations.

Every request to city hall, to the aldermen, to the mayor himself to make a comprehensive statement of the situation—which surely the citizens who foot the bills could have understood and appreciated—has been rebuffed.

In its firm resolve to recognize the need and to effect economies, this council has missed the opportunity to bring upon itself the credit both earned and due.

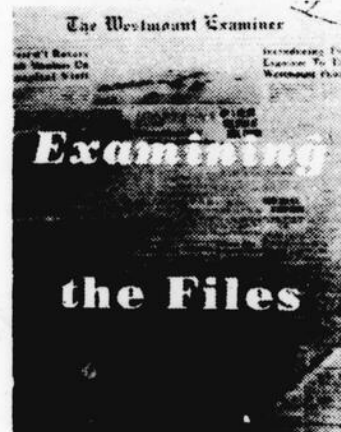
More important, to inform the public what is its right to know.

Editorial Notes

SATURDAY morning, outside a grocery store in the crisp, sunny air, he remarked to another chap also awaiting his wife: "Nice brisk morning?" He eyed us curiously, then replied: "Dere's no mosquito today!"

IT's nice to note that Hon. Camille Laurin, minister of state for cultural development, has an Anglophone advisor—described as the first such hired by the Parti Québécois government for one of its cabinet ministers. The motive

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Thirty-five Years Ago
January 15, 1942

"Mayor Walter A. Merrill, K.C., strongly criticized methods of organization and coordination of the Civilian Protection Committee and received the support of mayors and representatives of other municipalities at a special meeting held in the Windsor Hotel Thursday night. Finding fault with the CPC methods of organization and coordination, Mr. Merrill stated that his district has never received a written instruction, direction or order from the CPC headquarters during two years and that wardens had no definite idea of their duties in connection with the citizens and their homes."

Twenty-five Years Ago
January 11, 1952

"Through the generosity of Maxwell Sendel, Westmount businessman, about 70 boys and girls of Westmount Junior High School and Roslyn School recently visited the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa. Accompanied by their teachers, the group was met in Ottawa by Tom Healy, MP and Allan McNaughton, MP. At luncheon the Hon. D. C. Abbott welcomed the pupils. At the conclusion of their tour Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent was introduced to the students and spoke to them emphasizing the importance of the Canadian democratic way of life."

Fifteen Years Ago
January 12, 1962

"Westmount's 'Man-in-Quebec,' 49-year-old Richard Hyde, added another chapter to the history books of the provincial government Tuesday when he took up his new office as speaker of the Legislative Assembly. Hyde, one of the few English speaking MPPs, is only the third English Canadian to hold the office. The new appointment marks a singular personal victory for the tall, quietly-speaking politician. He was nominated for the Speaker's chair by Premier Jean Lesage and seconded by National Union Leader Daniel Johnson."

Five Years Ago
January 13, 1972

"Stanley Presbyterian Church has been sold to the Seventh Day Adventist Church for \$50,000. The Seventh Day Adventist and Presbyterian congregations have been sharing the big church since Dec. 20 when the sale took place. The Presbyterians have been holding their services in the hall of the church, which is at Victoria and Westmount avenues. Rev. Scarth Macdonell of the Presbyterian congregation said membership in the once fashionable church had been declining for many years and the building had become too large for the needs of the congregation."



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is good. The approach is terrible, on three scores: 32-year-old David Payne is a committed, confirmed PQ member who has established his own rationalization for separatism. So to start he is inadequately equipped to "advise" anyone on the one, almost universally agreed Quebec Anglophone objection to the new government's chief objective—apart from good government, the avowed aim of almost any new regime anywhere—the breakup of the Canadian confederation. His appointment also is a glaring suggestion that the Lévesque government may not be so unlike the provincial governments which have gone before, giving its patronage to party followers. The third hollow ring comes from the fact that Mr. Payne, a Yorkshireman, has been in Canada only since 1971. He may believe he brings a certain perspective to "the problem;" but rather than assurance, he will only heighten the uneasiness of those of us who are not merely Anglophones but who are, in fact, native-born Québécois of way-back English background. For Mr. Payne to advise Mr. Laurin on the concerns of Anglophone Québécois is akin to Prime Minister Trudeau relying on a recent arrival from, say, Burgundy, to tell him how best to deal with Francophone Canadians. . . .

GLOBE-trotting Westmount engineer Robert Layton, who presides over Victoria avenue's consulting firm of T. Pringle & Son Ltd., returned last week from a short holiday in Florida which, in our books, he probably needed. He went there from a whirlwind business trip which he described for us briefly as follows: "Montreal-Paris-Lusaka, Zambia-Frankfurt-Tehran-Moscow (whistle stop)-London-Montreal, 28,000-plus miles, including eight working days in 10 calendar days." Welcome home, Bob! . . .

BY and large we have no complaint with the CBC—it is, frankly, our favorite viewing and listening broadcaster: radio for getting up by and driving around with during the day, television for those evenings which don't find us on journalistic or social pursuits. We also have been a great admirer of Peter Gzowski and his Ninety Minutes Live show and are really pulling for it. However, we must admit that our loyalty is slipping after some weeks of

You Say

Roslyn History Project reaches final phases

Sir: Will you please accept the enclosed bit of doggerel (with apologies to Longfellow) for your "Letters to the Editor" page.

We have now reached a crucial stage of the Roslyn history project; that is, we are getting into the final phase of our research. We would like to be sure, therefore, that everyone who might have something to contribute is aware of the extent of the project, and is also aware that time is of the essence.

It was felt that a communication to your paper's widely-read pages was the most direct way to reach the maximum number of local people. After all, doesn't everyone read "We Say" and "You Say"?

Fellow Citizens,
Did you ever go to Roslyn?
Are you one of its Alumnae?
Are you able to recall the way you were?
Do you remember Mr. Pollock,
Mr. Penrose, favourite teachers,
Former classmates, fallen comrades that were there?

Have you heard of Roslyn History Being researched, being written?
Of the Exhibition being held in May?
Whether pupil, teacher, parent
Share your memories with the children.
Bring alive the years that you had put away.

Were you dressed in corduroy breeches,
Middy blouses, or a tunic?
Did you use black ink and old 'two-ninety-two'?

Did you have to wear serge bloomers,
Even 'Beefs' or Mary Janes?
Does 'Red River Coat' mean anything to you?

Did you skate on Roslyn Rink
During Carnival or team game?
Did you win a spitting contest in the shack?

faithful watching, mainly because of what we think is purely a human failing: falling asleep, due to the late hour. We think CBC is contributing to the delinquency of the nation by scheduling a major effort, one of its best, in the middle of the night. For a long time we already had felt that the National and Tonight news shows should come on at 10 pm instead of 11, when more of us should be making tracks for bed. For Gzowski to follow, also an hour earlier, would make great good sense, and be plenty late enough.

Did you try to dry your mittens
On the old pot-bellied stove,
Then sweep the snow from off the ice to help Old Mac?

Is there anyone among you
Has a medal, prize, report card?
A class photograph? Some record of your day?
We would welcome your mementoes
And your memories of your schooldays.
Tell us what you can recall of work or play.

Help preserve authentic records
Of an era worth remembering
Why not share those recollections fading fast?
Search your memories. Search your attics.
Tell us! Tell us! It's important
To preserve a lively history of the past.

Anyone with information to contribute may contact the following:
Ann Elbourne 486-7423
Molly Fripp 937-4333
Maryla Waters 484-6323

Alternatively, they could attend the meeting at Roslyn School on Jan. 17, details of which are given in this week's "Coming Events" column.

Molly Fripp
533 Clarke avenue
WESTMOUNT H3Y 3E3

The stage is set for a masquerade

Sir: The resignation of Alderman Thom from distinguished service to the city council and citizens of Westmount sets the stage for another of Westmount's masquerades. A successor will be appointed by the council—theoretically after weighing carefully the candidates' attributes and the arguments submitted by citizens. The stage is set. The cast is the usual one.

The uncomfortably folksy mayor with an implacable resentment to opposition. Council members unwilling to commit themselves publicly but privately being all things to all people.

Westmount Municipal Association weighing the candidates from the viewpoint of their own advantage.

The "shrieking, irresponsible, reactionary" citizens drawn from the ranks of lawyers, architects, executives and ordinary folk hoping to see a worthy suc-

cessor to Alderman Thom regardless of political affiliations.

The belief persists that the decision has been made, secretly, and the public once again told what it will accept.

JoAnn Isсенman, who polled almost 1,000 votes in the last election, who was an originator of the Greene Avenue Association, who was responsible for the re-use of the old post office and helped in protecting the Mother House from the wrecker's ball, who has made a valid contribution to the preservation of Westmount's life, and who is demonstrably well qualified to fill the vacant seat with distinction, is a popular choice. Her work is so well known one might think she would get in by acclamation, but Mrs. Isсенman has opposed and therefore angered the mayor, no small offence.

The epilogue has still to be written. Either the people of Westmount will raise their voices and take up their pens in their own interest and get good government or, lethargically abrogating their role, will watch the city continue its slide away from the efficiency that previously characterized its public services.

Alan Edwards

332 Wood avenue
WESTMOUNT H3Z 1Z2

Democratic process is said by-passed

Sir: Enclosed is a copy of the letter I have mailed to Mayor MacCallum and the city councillors.

I hope that you will permit this letter to be printed in your January 13 issue of The Examiner.

Thank you. Best wishes for 1977.

Lonnie Echenberg

348 Redfern avenue
WESTMOUNT H3Z 2G5

Dear Mayor MacCallum:

It is regrettable that city hall has chosen to bypass the democratic election process in favour of leaving to city council the decision to appoint a successor to ex-Alderman Thom.

As citizens are not allowed this choice, I put forward to you and your council the person of JoAnn Isсенman as the most logical and rightful successor to fill this post.

In the last election, the contest between Brian Gallery and JoAnn for alderman was so close that she was defeated by only a very small number of votes. (26 votes - ed.) JoAnn's narrow defeat indicates the confidence she has inspired in large numbers of Westmounters to represent them in civic affairs. As well, her past record of active contribution and achievement in many areas of Westmount life justifies her to be the natural choice, over any other possible contender, to fill

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this position.
All over the country more and more women are being appointed to responsible positions. Let us not lag behind in Westmount; we need a woman at city hall. JoAnn is this woman and should be city council's magnanimous choice.

Yours sincerely,
Lonnie Echenberg

Mrs. Issenman urged Ald. Thom's successor

Sir: It seems city council is about to appoint someone to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Thom's resignation. If we are not to have an election to decide who will assume this responsibility which will last for nearly three years, there is a strong case to be made for the appointment of Mrs. JoAnn Issenman.

She would be a worthy successor to Mr. Thom as she has consistently demonstrated her ability and interest in making Westmount a better place to live. She is an intelligent and conscientious researcher concerned with issues affecting all age groups in this city. She won a large part of the vote in the last municipal election. She would add balance and stature to the council.

Mr. Thom will be very much missed—like Mrs. Issenman, he personifies the hopes of many Westmounters.

Mary Reid

494 Wood avenue
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Crown conduct

My colleague, Hon. Robert Andras, president of the treasury board, disclosed recently in the House of Commons the new guidelines issued by the government relating to the commercial practices of Canadian crown corporations.

The new guidelines are, in effect, the codification of the advice given in the past—often informally—by ministers responsible for crown corporations. These corporations thus now have been reminded formally of their obligations to abide by the laws of Canada and specifically instructed to refrain from any action outside Canada that violates the laws of the land where they conduct their business, or that, if taken in Canada, would be in violation of the Criminal Code.

Crown corporations are explicitly prohibited from rendering or accepting any bribe or improper benefit, or from applying any improper influence in their commercial dealings.

The guidelines also impose specific obligations on crown corporations with respect to sales for procurement or procurement agents they may retain. They must a) adopt a suitable selection process to ensure that the agent's qualifications can be established and evaluated; b) negotiate formal and written agreements with their agents which include specific undertakings by the latter to abide by the laws of the land where they conduct their business on

behalf of Canadian crown corporations; c) establish adequate approval procedures for all agency agreements; d) ensure that their agent's remuneration will be based on sound and justifiable business practice and paid strictly as specified in written agreements; e) disclose in their annual reports the names of their agents, the aggregate remuneration paid to them, and any administrative exception to the guidelines, together with the reasons for such exception.

Cause for concern

"We have had cause for concern," Mr. Andras said. There have been, over the past few years, revelations about unacceptable business practices, including bribery which involved corporations and governments in other parts of the world. These revelations have shocked the international community, disrupted governments, and cast a disturbing shadow over the international trading environment.

Here at home, questions recently have been raised about the business and accounting practices of certain crown corporations involved in the export trade, such as Polysar and Atomic Energy of Canada Limited.

To put the issue in perspective, we must recognize as a fact of life the constant tension between the twin goals of promoting foreign trade and, at the same time, maintaining standards of good

conduct on the part of Canadians and their agents which can stand up to the closest public scrutiny.

Mr. Andras pointed out that the ethical and economic issues raised by international trading practices are of major importance for a country like Canada, whose prosperity and economic well-being are largely determined by its success in selling its goods and services abroad. "Twenty-five percent of all jobs in Canada are related to our export trade, as is some 23 percent of the income of Canadians and about 56 percent of the goods produced in this country," the minister noted.

Middle area unclear

Some commercial practices are unquestionably legitimate and legal; others, just as clearly, are not. However, there is a middle area where things are not so clear. Into this middle area fall those practices about which people who consider themselves to be of equal integrity can make different judgments, practices whose ethical quality can be perceived differently in different stages of its development.

However, commitment to rigorous ethical standards and dedication to propriety in business are not without their costs. While we Canadians need and want to expand our foreign trade, we should not be prepared to sell our goods and services on any terms or conditions. Principles, just as commodities, can be expensive.

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Blaze . . .

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firemen witnessed a "ball of fire" inside the building, but that "remarkably good firewalls" had helped contain the blaze.

By 5 am, flames whipped by a strong westerly wind licked out the paneless top-floor windows. First-arriving Westmount firemen had raised their aerial ladder and had a heavy stream playing on the roof wherever licks of fire burst through. Waves of sparks scudded across the open pit of the Metro in St. Catherine street and beyond as far as the POM bakery on the other side of The Glen.

It wasn't until nearly 6 am that the near-complete combustion of intense heat abated and the dense, black smoke typical of the burning materials of an old building began to billow downwind.

By this time, the roof was gone, falling inward and carrying the blaze down into the second floor rooms. Some masonry also fell from the Victoria-side roofline, crashing into the roof of someone's BMW car parked below, believed waiting attention at the European & Domestic Car Ltd. garage, just to the north across a lane from the burning structure.

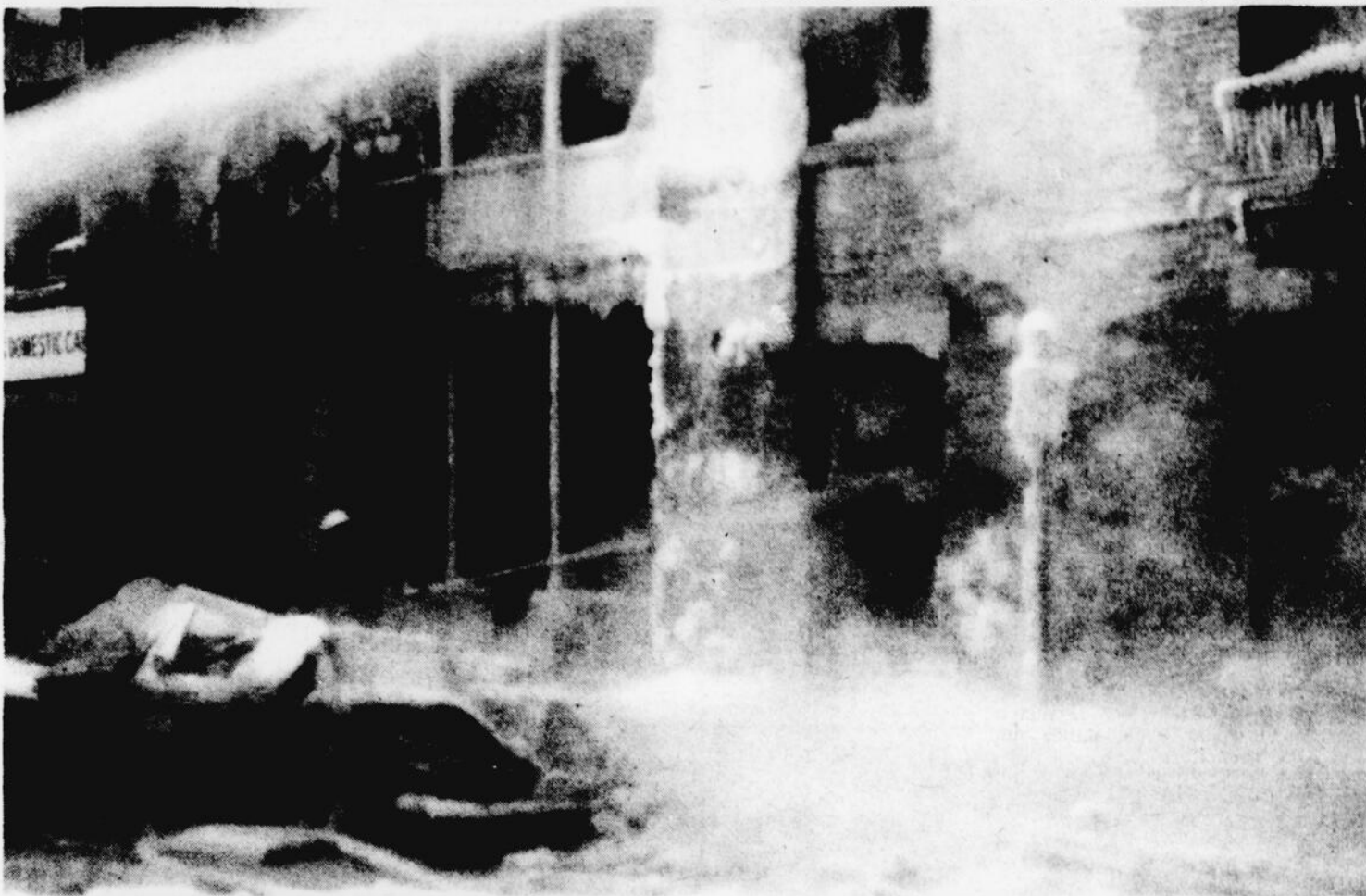
Neighbors evacuated

Firemen ran ladders to the roof of the garage to guard against spread of fire in that direction. They also entered the adjoining block of flats facing St. Catherine to check against infiltration of fire through the common wall. The power also was cut in this building after the occupants had been evacuated.

Shuttles of Station 30 police cars took the displaced neighbors to the Royal Montreal Regiment armory on St. Catherine for shelter. At least one family went on from there by taxi to relatives or friends.

The gutted building was a Westmount landmark of sorts, for a long time having housed on the ground-level floor the Westmount Pizzeria, notable for its fast car delivery in the area of ready-to-eat food.

The building was also typical of a slowly vanishing type of greystone dwelling which once lined St. Catherine street west. This was one of five. It consisted of three floors: the restaurant plus two dwelling floors above. The other four, partly conforming to the slope of St. Catherine to the east, have one more floor—four in all, all flats, the upper levels reached by outside staircases. The imposing façade has from the beginning of the century greeted travellers emerging from the Westmount Canadian Pacific Railway station, across the street.



Debris from the burning building crashed onto a BMW car parked on Victoria avenue.



Large flames leaping from upper floor windows brightened the night sky, overshadowing a nearby streetlight and succumbing little to water sprayed from above by an aerial hose, as the blaze reached its height after 5 am yesterday morning.



A lone fireman plays a stream on the corner of the burning building.



An aerial ladder parked on Victoria avenue is silhouetted against yesterday morning's sunrise.



The scene up Victoria avenue as the fire died down after 7:30 am shows the extent of damage to the outside of the building.

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JANUARY 16

9:15 am Breakfast Communion
11:00 am Morning Worship

Church School Crib Corner
Social Hour following Worship

ANGLICAN

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The Rev'd. G.L. Campbell

EPIPHANY II
8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:30 am Mattins
Sermon: The Rector
11:00 am Holy Eucharist
Sermon: The Rector

TUESDAY
4:15 pm Weekday Church School

WEDNESDAY
10:00 am Holy Eucharist
4:00 pm Confirmation Instruction
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The Rev'd Eric Dungan, M.A.

EPIPHANY II
8:00 am The Holy Eucharist
10:30 am The Sung Eucharist (Church School and Nursery)

HOLY EUCHARIST DURING THE WEEK
9:30 am Wednesday

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The Rev'd. R.G. Guinness

JANUARY 16
10:30 am Morning Prayer

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Sabbath Day, 8:45 am in the Main Synagogue
Sabbath Twilight, 4:05 pm

DAILY SERVICES
Morning Services: Sunday, Jan. 16, 8:45 am; Monday-Wednesday, Jan. 17-19, 7:30 am; Thursday, Jan. 20 (Rosh Chodesh Shevat), 7:15 am; Friday, Jan. 21, 7:30 am.
Evening Services: Sunday-Thursday, Jan. 16-20, 4:35 pm.

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JANUARY 16

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Rev. Harvey White, B.D., Th.M.
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All Are Welcome



VISITING JERUSALEM: Dr. Harry J. Stern, right, rabbi emeritus of Temple Emanu-El, and Mrs. Stern re-visited the Holy Land late last year and are shown in this photograph with Rabbi Seymour Zambrowsky, head of World Mizrahi (Jerusalem) at the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

Communion breakfast

This Sunday at Westmount Park Church there will be a communion service in the parlor at 9:15 am with breakfast afterwards. These breakfast communions are a true expression of the worshipping Christian community and everyone is welcome to attend. At 11 am Sunday Rev. J. E. Nix and Prof. George Johnston, 44 Academy road, of the faculty of religious studies of McGill University will have a dialogue on "the nature of the unity we seek," in observance of the week of prayer for Christian unity.

All the Monday evening discussion groups (some of which were postponed due to this week's storm) will meet this coming Monday, Jan. 17, at 7:30 pm. The Family Cluster will meet at 6:15 pm and the speaker for the group discussing the Anglophone situation will be Dr. Dale Thomson of McGill University. Those wanting to attend should phone the church office, 937-1146.

a whole once they get on city council.

City council took it upon itself, last Monday night, to elect a new councillor to fill the vacant post, and will do so on Monday night. The immediate decision to do so was an indication the mayor and aldermen had some idea who they would like to choose (rather than going to the city at large), though the WMA was specifically asked to bring forward the names of qualified candidates. "I think it's a good list," WMA president Dan Tingley told his advisory council Tuesday night after noting that each of the women had indicated they would be willing to accept the job. "We have good reports on the field work of each individual." The nominees were approved by the advisory council, which

St. Andrew's to mark unity week

Members of St. Andrew's Church will take part in the local observance of Christian Unity week by attending the inter-church service at Redeemer Lutheran this Sunday at 7:30 pm. At the regular morning service the sermon to be given by Rev. E. A. Kirker is titled, "Many Witnesses, One Lord."

A small group will begin explorations into self-discovery tonight and continue each Thursday at 8 pm. Sponsored by the Christian Development Committee, the new group will be led by Bernice Bell who has participated in the Carl Rogers program at La Jolla, California. Well-known local athlete, teacher and world traveller Brian Powell will speak at the midweek service next Wednesday at 7:30 pm. His talk is based on his recent book "Their Own Special Shape." Guitarists Lynn and Janice Nightingale will sing.

includes the directors of the WMA, without discussion. Mr. Tingley said the list would be forwarded to Mayor MacCallum yesterday, along with an explanation of the association's position, that women should be represented on city council. He said this was the paramount factor in choosing the nominees, though he implied that each of the women is highly qualified for the position.

It is believed several portfolios will be changed once a new councillor is elected by city council, though the nature of these changes could not be ascertained. Ald. Thom had held the public safety portfolio during his four and a half years on council.

Seat . . .


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Gallery. She is also president of the Greene Avenue Village Association, which began its history successfully calling for retention and refurbishment of the Old Westmount Post Office, and lately led an unsuccessful effort to defeat a zoning change to allow a high-rise apartment tower at the corner of Greene Avenue and St. Catherine Street, an addition to Westmount Square.

Mrs. Weatherall is well-known as president of the Westmount Liberal Association, with which she has been intensely involved for many years. She has also become chairman of the ad hoc committee set up by the WMA in November to explore the possibility of establishing a senior citizens' residence in Westmount.


Seat in ward 2

Mr. Thom's seat was the first seat of ward 2, the same ward in which Mrs. Isenman ran (for seat 2) in 1975, an election which she lost by a mere 26 votes. Both Mrs. Kaplan and Mrs. Weatherall live outside the limits of the ward, but this does not disqualify them from holding the seat, specially since councillors, though elected on a ward-by-ward basis, represent the city as




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in the bigger city surrounding us

By **RICK KERRIGAN**

There is an adage that says, "those who can, do; those who can't, teach." Forty-six of the 99 artists who teach in the Concordia University fine arts faculty intend to prove otherwise by exhibiting prints, paintings, sculpture, photographs, film, fabric and mixed media in the Hall building of the Sir George Williams campus. This is the first faculty group show since Concordia fine arts department became a faculty two years ago. The show runs tomorrow until Feb. 1. The gallery is open from 11 am to 9 pm Monday to Friday and until 5 pm on Saturday.

Here's an exhibition that's well beyond Westmount's borders. The National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa is presenting a show titled "European drawings from Canadian collections: 1500-1900." The works have been gleaned from Canadian lenders, private collections, and public institutions and the choice of works ranges from late Italian Renaissance to the beginning of the 20th century. Sixty drawings, pastels and watercolors will represent the work of six countries: Italy, Holland, Germany, France, England and Spain. The curator of drawings for the gallery has "tried to exhibit paintings that have remained for the most part unpublished, and to choose those that are generally representative of the contents found in Canadian collections." The show runs from Jan. 14 to Feb. 27. And don't forget to bring along your skates for some fancy turns on the Rideau canal. You never know whom you might see skating on thin ice in the capital city.

The Phoenix theatre in TMR is presenting a play about a very nasty woman. Henrik Ibsen's "Hedda Gabler" is "a full length portrait of the life of a tormented, psychoneurotic woman. . . The motions of her desires provide for a compelling evening in the theatre." She plays her husband for a fool and destroys the life of a male friend who idolizes her. Norma Gabriel, a graduate of the National Theatre School, plays this delightful woman from Jan. 19 to Feb. 5 except Mondays and Tuesdays. For more information call 733-2039.

To paraphrase some Joni Mitchell lyrics, they'll be playing real good for free. The Loyola Orchestra, that is, at St. Patrick's church, corner of Dorchester and Beaver Hall Hill, Monday at 8:30 pm. Works by Berlioz, Tchaikowsky, Schubert and Strauss will be presented. Everyone is invited and remember, it's free.

Early Sunday morning risers can take advantage of their affliction by hopping down to

L'oeuvre Maisonneuve of Place des Arts for a "conference sur l'art" at 11 o'clock. The topic is "La Chine, civilisation plus vieille que l'histoire." Several aspects of the creative life of the Chinese through 40 centuries of art history will be discussed. Admission is \$1 and for another 50 cents you can partake of the buffet. Depending on the previous night's activities you may want to pass on this option.

You can lead a horse to water but you can't teach him mouth to mouth resuscitation unless you've passed the life saving instructor's course being offered at McGill University in cooperation with the Red Cross and the Royal Life Saving Society. The course begins Jan. 26 and ends April 13. Registration forms must be forwarded to the Red Cross office by Jan. 19 and are available at the Red Cross, 2170 Dorchester west, telephone 937-7761, or at McGill University, telephone 392-4737. I suspect that the forms from McGill will be at 475 Pine avenue west. Don't be surprised if you see Mr. Ed relaxing in the lifeguard chair at your favorite beach this summer.

The retirement centre at Marianopolis College is offering courses which they claim are an alternative to the adult courses being offered in the city. They call it a "new and innovative approach to learning." Some of the courses are: efficacy of movement education for the lay person, unusual health and healing systems and yoga, and towards an understanding of Jungian thought. These courses, they say, represent a "conscious intent towards a re-vitalized humanism." The courses are aimed at senior citizens but I don't believe you have to be a senior citizen to take them. Registration is on Tuesday and Wednesday so for more information than I could possibly give you here, phone 931-8792.

Jeanne Wolfe leaves council

Jeanne Wolfe has resigned from the Westmount Municipal Association advisory council, it was announced by WMA President Dan Tingley at Tuesday evening's monthly council meeting.

Mr. Tingley explained that Mrs. Wolfe had to care for her husband who was injured in an auto accident. In her letter of resignation, however, Mrs. Wolfe, who worked on the WMA housing and zoning committee, said she maintained an interest in the association and hoped that she might be able to serve again after her husband recovers.

Mr. Tingley said he would forward her letter to the nominating committee for consideration for next year's advisory council.

No control

A resident of the Plaza Tower apartment building, 4000 de Maisonneuve boulevard west, parked his car in the Alexis Nihon Plaza parking lot at 1 am Sunday and returned at 8 am Monday, but was unable to make the car start. The 1976 Gremlin was towed away to a nearby garage, where it was discovered the "control box" had been stolen from it.

Council . . .

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intends to soften some of the strict measures which were added to the dog by-law last year.

Amendments to the city's general pension fund by-law are also expected, though these will in no way change the actual operation of the city employees' pension fund. The amendments are simply house-cleaning measures required by recent provincial legislation.

Only other item scheduled for the agenda is approval of the list of accounts for December.

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Coming Events

ROSLYN PROJECT

There will be an audio-visual presentation of the Roslyn School history project in the Roslyn gymnasium on Monday, Jan. 17, at 8 pm, sponsored by the Roslyn School Committee with the Roslyn Home & School Association.

REMARRIAGE?

Preparation group offered at Marriage Counselling Service of the Mental Hygiene Institute starting January 31st, 8 to 10 pm to run 8 consecutive weeks. For further information call Mrs. Sancton or Mrs. Cowan, 844-3971.

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Early Childhood Stimulation:

This program deals with how to understand and cope with the stresses of everyday living situations. It is geared toward women of pre-school and grade school age children.

Dance & Movement:

This program involves singing, fantasy, exercising, games and movement of music. The objective is to increase children's physical awareness but, more specifically, their creative and imaginative abilities. Children will be encouraged to bring their own books, records, instruments and ideas.

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Sculptor to lecture at centre

A busy schedule of events for January has been lined up by the Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria avenue, starting with a free lecture and slide show Saturday at 1:30 pm by Westmounter Virginia McClure, who is currently exhibiting her works at the centre.

Another lecture is scheduled at 8 pm on Jan. 26 by Rose Szasz who will speak on art in craft and whether or not craft media are being used as art forms.

Two workshops have also been organized for the month including a card-weaving session with Elfreda Russell on Jan. 21 consisting of an introduction to weaving decorative patterned strips with a pack of cards. On Jan. 24 and 25 Tsipora Levy will give a workshop on the creative use of crochet, focusing on crocheting clothes that are artistic creations without the use of a set pattern.

Short stays, short notice:

Ville Marie's YES program seeks emergency youth homes

Social workers with the Ville Marie Social Service Centre, which includes the Children's Service Centre, 5 Weredale Park, are becoming increasingly concerned with the large numbers of teenagers in the community who are finding themselves in situations where they have no place to stay and must be given shelter immediately.

These youngsters often do not need a conventional foster home. In many cases they need only a very temporary "roof over their heads," a place where they can stay for a night, a few days or a matter of weeks until other plans can be made. Emergency facilities, such as these, do not exist.

In an effort to develop these badly needed resources, Ville Marie is initiating a new program of Youth Emergency Service, the YES program. In order to put this plan into

operation, they are looking for people with some experience in child care who would be interested in working in their own homes as part of an emergency team.

Special training sessions would be given to help develop the necessary skills for working with youth in crisis. There will also be regular conferences and professional consultations.

Successful applicants will receive a fee of \$200 per month in addition to daily board rates for each youngster placed in the home. A YES home must have the space to accommodate from 2-4 children at one time, and must be willing to be called upon at very short notice. The duration of stay for each youngster will vary according to individual need and will range from overnight to a maximum of two months.

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Two Westmount residents, Joan Drymer, 4465 Montrose avenue and Janet Elder, 588 Lansdowne avenue, are on the staff of Family Life Education Services and will be participating in the available programs which are designed to help guide individuals and families in improving their interpersonal relationships and furthering their maximum development.

The courses are offered to parents of children of all ages as well as to young adults and single parent families. Courses for those in their middle years are also offered to help explore the changing role of women in society and how these changes affect the individual. Almost all the work is done by the group discussion method.

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Closing date for the contest is Jan. 31 and those wishing to enter are asked to submit their work and completed entry forms before that date. Book prizes will be awarded.

Entry forms may still be obtained at the Library.

Film at meeting

The Montreal Council of Women will hold their January meeting at 1:30 pm, Wednesday, Jan. 19 at St. George's Church, 1101 Stanley street. Dorothy Rosenberg, a writer with the National Film Board, will present the film, "The New Alchemists," a portrait of living in harmony with the environment.

Clinics nearby

Westmounters wishing to give blood next week at a Red Cross donor clinic will find two nearby: Tuesday at Queen Mary Veterans' Hospital, 9:30 to 11:30 am and 1 to 4 pm, and Wednesday at the Royal Victoria Hospital nurses' residence gymnasium, 687 Pine avenue west, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ogilvie Pow, 441 Argyle avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Susan, to Mr. David Mark Eramian, son of Mrs. Arthur Eramian of Cote St. Luc, and the late Mr. Arthur Eramian.

Dinner meeting

The University Women's Club of Montreal will hold a dinner meeting on Monday, Jan. 17 at 6:30 pm. Speaker will be Miss Maysie MacSparran who will speak on her recent trip to Guatemala and Mexico.



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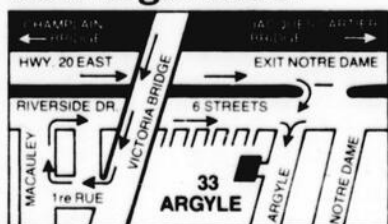
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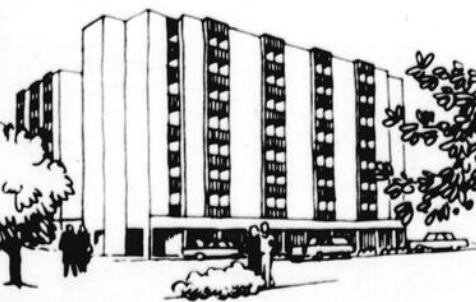
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No traction a cause of crash

Slippery roads and snowy weather last Wednesday morning were the chief causes of a traffic accident at the corner of Westmount and Aberdeen avenues which caused injury to one driver and reasonable damage to the two cars involved.

E. Papoutsis, 32, of Montreal, is being charged by police for failing to yield right-of-way at the intersection, despite his claim that the 1975 orange Bronco truck which he was driving north on Aberdeen was having trouble getting traction to pass through the intersection quickly.

After stopping at the intersection, he told police, he started up again but the wheels spun and he progressed very slowly across Westmount avenue. In the middle of the intersection he was struck by a green 1972 Ford, driven by E. Katiforis, 27, of Laval, who was proceeding west on Westmount avenue.

Mr. Papoutsis was taken by police to the Reddy Memorial Hospital with undetermined injuries. He was treated and released. Each vehicle suffered between \$200 and \$500 worth of damage.

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DEVELOPMENT 1976

Yes, it was a busy year

Mother House

Save Montreal

Cultural properties

Greene avenue

Old Post Office

By ANDY DODGE

The hectic year of development activity got under way slowly, with February already showing on calendars before it was announced that the Quinlan apartments were to be demolished in March to make way for new construction. Save Montreal, the conservationist organization which includes numerous Westmount citizens in its membership, took exception to the plans, appealing that at least the façade of the building should be kept intact as an integral part of the Westmount St. Catherine street scene and as an example of the work of its architects, the Maxwells.

A request for provincial classification of the buildings was forwarded, within a week, to Hon. Jean-Paul L'Allier, minister of cultural affairs, and dossiers were prepared. On March 15 Ms. Nancy Butchart appeared at a city council meeting, pleading with city officials to ensure that the building—or at least the front façade—be retained, though Mayor Donald MacCallum made it clear he had no intention of doing so.

Ms. Butchart got a better ear in Quebec City, however, and on March 26, the day after Westmount issued the owners a permit to demolish the building, Mr. L'Allier issued a notice of intention to classify the property, stalling demolition and giving him time to study the documentation. Mr. L'Allier asked the department's commission des biens culturels to look at all the information, including briefs from the city and from Ben Saskin (on behalf of the consortium of owners), along with the documentation collected by Save Montreal. Members of the provincial commission, which meets only once a month, did not finalize their recommendation until July 9. It was sent to Mr. L'Allier, who spent another month looking over the documentation before making an announcement.

In the meantime, because of the length of the deliberations during which time nothing

"Development, the story of 1974 in Westmount, stayed alive as one of the major issues locally during 1975, though it took new turns which made it into a story of co-operation rather than conflict."

That was how a review of 1975 began last year on these pages. Things come in waves, it seems, for in 1976 the conflicts of 1974 returned again, this time more diffuse in nature. Westmount's conservationists stood up to Westmount's developers with varying degrees of success, and at the end of the year new projects sat mostly on drawing boards.

These new projects include the new apartment tower at Westmount Square, redevelopment of the Quinlan Apartments site on St. Catherine street at Kensington avenue, the property owned by First Quebec Corporation on St. Catherine east of Greene avenue, and the Mother House of Congregation Notre Dame.

By year's end, however, construction had started at Place Toulon, on St. Catherine east of Greene avenue, and work was well under way at the former Victoria Garage on Victoria avenue and the Reader's Digest annex on Metcalfe avenue. McDonald's Restaurant, on St. Catherine at Atwater avenue, opened in July, the Old Post Office, at Greene and de Maisonneuve boulevard, opened in November, and Westmount's cultural properties committee released its report to city council in the same month, to wrap up the accomplishments of the year.

The highlights of the development year came, however, with projects which never made it off the ground, thanks to "new breed" citizen protests, including especially the Quinlan Apartments and Westmount Square. In the former instance conservationists were partially successful in achieving their goals; in the latter case, the public was asked its opinion and the results favored the developer.

There may be a message in that fact. Whether or not the government is out of tune with public sentiments, whether the government has a responsibility to protect the public from itself, or whether the two issues are so unrelated that no comparison can be drawn, are matters open for debate. In any event, public protest was costly, if nothing else, in both instances.

substantial could be done to the building, Mr. Saskin and his company were forced to cancel their demolition and construction contracts and leases of potential tenants. Westmount lost anticipated business taxes and increased property taxes on the land, which had been vacant for some four years before the new development was contemplated, making the entire classification operation an enormously expensive venture.

Mr. L'Allier's final decision, after more than five months' deliberation, was that the doors to the building—not the entire building nor even the whole façade—deserved classification. Mr. Saskin was notified that the province would be contacting him to work out a method by which he would be able to incorporate the stone doorways into a new building. Having heard little from them by November, Mr. Saskin called the provincial ministry and was told it didn't really matter how he used the doors, now that they were classified.

Mr. Saskin, embittered by the entire experience, told *The Examiner* he was in no hurry to draw up new construction contracts or to name a date for beginning construction of the new building, which takes in also the site of the former Westmount Youth Clinic at 4424 St. Catherine. At year's end the two buildings stood vacant and uncared-for, preparing to suffer further deterioration during another winter and for an indefinite time in the future.

Other project

While provincial officials were deliberating about the future of the Quinlan building, Mayor MacCallum had his mind on other construction plans in the

city, and he announced at the July 5 city council meeting the news that a zoning change for a new apartment tower at Westmount Square would come forward soon. Conservationists, who were at the meeting to discuss other demolitions, promised to be on the streets soon to recruit support to block the zoning change.

In this regard, notice of motion for the change was brought forward at the Aug. 2 city council meeting, and council approved the zoning change on Sept. 7. This meant that the new cities and towns act procedure for public debate on the zoning would meet its first real test during the autumn months, and if the zoning change passed it was thought construction could begin before the end of the year.

A week after the actual council approval, citizens in all but one of the zones contiguous to the zone actually affected had petitioned to be a part of any further public consideration. Those petitions were handed the city on Sept. 15 and, after two weeks of debate, on Sept. 28, 46 citizen-proprietors turned out to demand a referendum, 13 more than were required. Though zoning referenda have seldom in the city's history upheld a change, council decided to proceed with the vote which was scheduled for Nov. 22.

The debate leading up to the referendum appeared more emotional, but deep-rooted, on the side of the opponents, more logical and economic among the proponents. Major issue revolved around whether or not Westmount Square's owners, Mondev International Ltd., should be allowed to "complete the Square," or whether the citizen-initiated program of defending Greene avenue from

more high-rise development would continue unabated.

In the week before the referendum two information meetings were held concerning the zoning change, including the semi-annual general meeting of the Westmount Municipal Association which drew only about 100 citizens to hear further debate on the issue, and a meeting called by the city for those qualified to vote, at which only 17 people appeared. When voting day came, however, turnout was high and the zoning change was approved 69 to 55.

Members of city council and officials of Mondev heaved a sigh of relief at the outcome, mostly because the planning efforts had been going on for years and considerable money had been spent drawing up architectural designs and because the Greene-St. Catherine corner, cleared for construction two years before, had become a rather ugly parking lot. Mondev, however, made no haste in beginning construction and at year's end the parking lot was still there.

Across street

On the south side of St. Catherine, directly across from the planned new tower, plans were already in the works for an office building to be constructed by First Quebec Corporation. In 1975, citizens had voiced their objections to a high-rise office tower there, and late that year the newly-elected Ald. Mel Nixon announced that the high-rise concept had been scrapped.

Thus early in 1976 First Quebec was back at the drawing boards, joined there by the city's architectural and planning commission and Ald. Nixon, whose energetic hold on the planning and redevelopment commissioner's duties included

the idea that Westmount could incorporate its own ideas for a new design into the building. These came out, after negotiation, in a zoning amendment approved by city council on March 1, including the idea that the first floor of the six-storey office building be all retail shops (a bank would be allowed) opening onto a covered walkway next to the city sidewalk.

Because the spot-zoning measure did not increase the height of buildings on the south side of St. Catherine, and because most citizens seemed to feel it would improve commercial activity in the area, there was very little objection to the zoning change; in fact, council was so enamored with the success of its design that soon afterwards the same principles were applied to zoning regulations for the rest of the south side of St. Catherine street, from Greene to Atwater avenues.

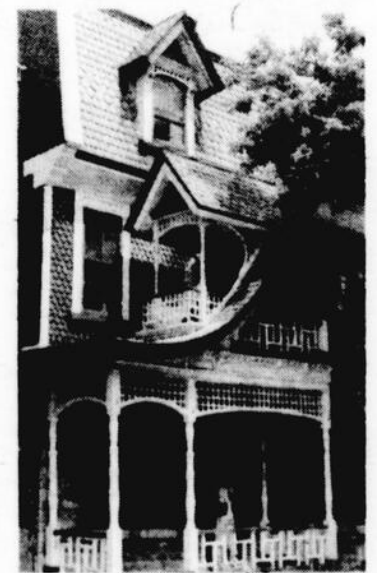
First Quebec spent some time incorporating the zoning regulations in the actual design of an office building and completing assembly of the land, time which allowed conservationists to contemplate asking for classification of four greystone houses on the site which were slated for demolition. During the summer Mrs. Susan Rice wrote a letter about the four buildings—built around the turn of the century—to Mr. L'Allier, who "strongly" urged compilation of a dossier so the government could consider their merits. Though debate was considerable during a brief period, a movement for their preservation did not get off the ground, and on Aug. 23 demolition began.

Toulon starts

A construction strike in September and October and completion of the financial arrangements delayed progress and though some further demolition followed the end of the construction strike, very



Quinlan doors classified in August



177 Metcalfe avenue demolished in June

Development . . .

Continued from previous page little work was being done there at year's end.

Slightly further east on St. Catherine, just east of Gladstone avenue, the experiments of other areas were brought to fruition as another developer, Toulon Development, was negotiating with the city to construct an office building on a former Champlain service station site and two parking lots. Those discussions apparently engendered the July rezoning of that portion of St. Catherine to bring it into conformity with the First Quebec site. Little was heard about Toulon's plans until mid-September, when signs appeared announcing Place Toulon, which was to be open in the spring of 1977.

That date was wrong from the start, Toulon officials said, since the delay for new zoning regulations and the construction strike had set back any anticipated opening at least until this fall. Toulon's interest in going ahead with construction was reflected in their hasty action, following the construction strike, in beginning excavation and releasing plans in October. At year's end some footings were being installed.

While Westmount's conservationists had little to complain about there, they did not restrict their activities to only the First Quebec, Quinlan Apartments and Westmount Square sites. The Examiner revealed on Feb. 12 that the sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame were trying to sell their huge mother house on Sherbrooke street, between Wood and Atwater avenues, and that Dawson College was definitely interested in obtaining it.

Despite assurances that the sisters had no intention of letting their huge property go for redevelopment, rumors to that effect forced the city to do what it could to freeze any redevelopment for the time being and the City of Montreal, on which one third of the property is located, did the same thing. A "Friends of the Mother House" organization was formed locally to obtain what information it could about the building, and Mr. L'Allier served the sisters with a notice of intention to classify the property.

The extreme complexity, faced by the sisters, of working with the provincial education department and any other prospective buyers, with the cultural affairs department on the classification notice, and with the two cities on the zoning-freeze situation, delayed everything, it seems. An announcement of a new home for Dawson was to have come in mid-October, but the calling of a provincial election cancelled that announcement, and the new government has still to announce a decision.

Gingerbread

Conservationists also jumped at the sudden demolition of a small apartment house at 177 Metcalfe avenue on June 16 by Reader's Digest Association. Though Reader's Digest had already purchased the three southernmost buildings on the east side of Metcalfe, and though it had already announced its intention to add a third storey to the commercial building at the corner, it was made clear only at the last minute that city requirements for the third storey required demolition of the "Chinese motif" gingerbread building.

Conservationists appeared at a city council meeting July 5 to protest the city's policy of issuing demolition permits, specially to houses which had

been noted by the Westmount Historical Association as worth preserving. Ald. Nixon pointed out that under provincial law the city must permit demolitions once services have been cut and safety requirements met, but this didn't seem to satisfy conservationists.

At that time it was mentioned that the city's cultural properties committee was still working on listing culturally-valuable buildings in Westmount, a process they began late in 1975. Their final report came out on Nov. 1, complete with recommendations that the architectural and planning commission be given more power to control development and to maintain the culturally valuable properties in the city. Further debate and public consideration of the report seems to be waiting until 1977.

Citizens concerned about Westmount's church property received news in late April that the Melville Presbyterian Church, across Melville avenue from Westmount Park, would be sold to the Serbian Orthodox Church rather than demolished to make way for construction of a senior citizens' residence as had been thought. After spending the summer refurbishing the building and remaking the altar, the Serbians held their first service there on Oct. 31.

Other church news was not so good. Members of St. Stephen's Church, which had been the centre of controversy during 1975 until a new rector and a revived congregation gave the church a new "life" (it had been slated for demolition as well), announced in October that they were having trouble raising the necessary funds to make major repairs to the building and that it might, after all, be forced to close. After the one brief announcement little more was heard from the members during 1976.

Refurbishing

Other developments in Westmount last year included the refurbishing of the former Victoria Avenue Garage and the old Westmount Post Office at de Maisonneuve and Greene, construction of the new Royal Bank building on Atwater avenue between Tupper street and Dorchester boulevard, and the "Cloisters" townhouses on Prince Albert and Somerville avenues, plans for which dated back to 1975 and 1974. Also built were a new McDonald's Restaurant at Atwater and St. Catherine and several private homes.

Sites which stirred interest during the year included the Campbell Gardens, sale of which was planned by the city, the former Shell station at Greene and de Maisonneuve, sale of which was planned by Shell Canada Ltd., the site at 1350-52 Greene, which was cleared for development of a new store by Henrietta Antony, Inc., and the old buildings on the southeast corner of Greene and de Maisonneuve, where a fire occurred late in the year and which have been touted for redevelopment by the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. Also, a new apartment building was being considered for the southwest corner of Sherbrooke street and Lansdowne avenue, but it seems those plans have been put off indefinitely.

Development is slated to

Mary MacDougall rink takes curling trophy

By NICK KASIRER

The top four rinks of the Westmount curling league's opening draw met last Friday night to decide the winner of the municipal Recreation Trophy.

Dance starts Unity's year

The Unity Boys' and Girls' Club, 1090 Greene avenue, will be starting the new year with a munchkin dance for 11- and 12-year-olds, tomorrow from 7 pm to 9 pm. This dance is a weekly event for the younger members and friends of the club.

The club is in need of volunteers for new programs now being planned for children 6-12 years old, but they cannot be started unless persons who have a few hours a week can assist. Any volunteers who wish to help may contact Andy Patterson at 932-0391 between 3 and 9 pm. Some of the areas involved are photography, woodwork and gymnastics.

remain as an issue of continued debate in Westmount during 1977, despite the uncertainties of a Parti Québécois government in Quebec City. It is hard to imagine where conservationists will turn their efforts next, though it is certain they will be heard from time and time again, as will demolition and construction crews. Westmount is now three years beyond the centennial of incorporation, and seems destined to start early to adopt a new image for its second century.

The 16 rinks involved played seven matches each during the last few months.

The first place teams from the league's two sections squared off in the finals. Mary MacDougall skipped the winning rink with Amalia Pitt, Marion Weldon and John Annesley. They defeated the rink of Connie Meunier, Marg Baker, Bobby Hamilton and John Britton by the score of 7-2.

The runners-up from each division played a hard-fought game which was not decided until the final rock in the eighth end. Skip Bill Jamieson and team members Ed Dedual, Vivian Manners and Christine Thom took third position by edging out the team of Toby Daviau, Herman Kremer, Shirley Deacon and Betty Locke 7-4. Many participants turned up to watch the final matches and to prepare for the Centennial Trophy draw which begins this week.

Standings after the regular schedule of the first competition were as follows:

	SECTION "A"				
	W	L	D	Pts	
M. MacDougall	4	1	2	10	
T. Daviau	5	2	0	10	
B. Caplan	3	2	2	8	
A. Bergevin	4	3	0	8	
B. Leadbetter	3	4	0	6	
M. Caplan	2	3	2	6	
C. Murphy	2	4	1	5	
P. Brooks	1	5	1	3	

	SECTION "B"				
	W	L	D	Pts	
J. Britton	6	1	0	12	
B. Jamieson	6	1	0	12	
E. Nix	4	3	0	8	
G. Branchflower	3	4	0	6	
B. Taylor	2	3	2	6	
T. Daviau	2	4	1	5	
A. Britton	1	4	2	4	
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Better to wait:

McGill language man scores immersion programs

A McGill language authority last week challenged a cherished Westmount belief in the catch-'em-young immersion approach to bilingualism practiced for a decade at Roslyn School.

Dr. John G. Nicholson of the department of Russian and Slavic studies at the university suggested before the Rotary



Prof. J. G. Nicholson

Club of Westmount at its weekly luncheon meeting in Victoria hall last Wednesday that parents and educators should wait until after children have reached puberty for serious second-language instruction.

The small child is still immersed in family life and it is only the language of love in the home that he or she will learn well in these early years, Prof. Nicholson claimed.

He acknowledged that this view was contrary to the claim of the late Dr. Wilder Penfield, the great neurosurgeon and former Westmounter, who claimed small children could absorb several languages if exposed to them early enough. He had argued his thesis before Dr. Penfield.

Know one well

In most cases the learning of one language was at the expense of another and it was important that people know one language well and be highly literate in it. Any language, he says, dies if not used and the speaker deemed it important that children be shown that language is pleasurable. They should be surrounded by books and encouraged by the example of parents to read.

"Light a spark in the child" for language, he urged. "Enthusiasm sets the next generation alight."

There were a lot of paradoxes and even "hocus" in language. He cited the Parti Québécois and contrasted the general level of language skill of its leaders with that of the Liberals before them and their different approach to language legislation. Bill 22 was noted, he said, for its clumsiness.

There was nothing "magic" in language itself, he asserted. Japanese, with five to six thousand characters, found a high degree of literacy, about 95 percent, among the Japanese while in South America the reverse was true even though Spanish is regarded by linguists as a relatively simple language.

Prof. Nicholson digressed into the related field of the spoken versus the written language. He was fascinated, he said, by the transcripts which became available in pocketbook form of

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Thieves make haul in offices

Thieves visited several offices at 1 Westmount Square during the day Tuesday, it seems, and came away with high-valued coats and other goods when front coatrooms and desks were being left unattended.

Two young men entered a fifth-floor office during the afternoon, and while one walked in to ask the manager for a job, the other waited outside. After the applicant had been told there was no work available, the two left. Soon afterwards, the receptionist, who had not been at her desk at the time, discovered that a gold necklace-watch, worth about \$65, was gone from her desk.

The suspects were described as white, both about 5'11" tall with mustaches. One had shoulder-length hair and wore a black leather coat, the other had brown hair and wore a brown coat and armcuffs. The applicant spoke French, according to the manager; the other suspect never said a word.

Other thefts included two coats stolen from a third-floor insurance firm sometime between 3 and 4:30 pm, one worth \$5,000, the other worth \$700. A \$500 coat was taken from a 10th-floor office sometime between 8:30 and 5 pm.

A three-quarter length fur coat was found abandoned on the first floor at 4 Westmount Square and turned over to police, though it could not be determined from reports whether this was one of those already reported stolen.

Dance, skate instruction starts soon

Dance and figure skating instruction through Westmount's recreation department is about to get under way and registration is now open for boys and girls age six to 18. Classes will be given by Bev Adams who this week returned to her position as girls' program supervisor in the recreation department.

Those who signed up at the beginning of the season are asked to call the recreation department at 932-4293 to find out when their classes start. Ladies interested in participating in a beginners' class, as was offered last year, should also register.

In the dance program, which is always a popular activity, seven types of dance will be offered this year ranging from ballet to highland. Those interested are asked to register as soon as possible.

the Nixon tapes. This was one of the rare occasions when what persons said uninhibitedly was reported verbatim without so much as a touch of the editor's pencil except for the frequent "expletive deleted." Quite apart from the vulgarity, the transcripts demonstrated the wide difference from the written word which, even in its plainest form, was relatively highly stylized.

Writing difficulty

He tied the use of the telephone versus the waning art of letter writing to one of the causes of complaint that today's students have difficulty writing their own language. He did not, however, deplore children's exposure to television; rather, he thought, it might be an aid to literacy, the thirst for knowledge, and reading. Comic books were all right by him, too, for the same reason.

Oscar af Strom introduced and Leslie Griffiths thanked Dr. Nicholson. President William Rutherford was in the chair. There were three visiting Rotarians, from Saigon, Montreal West and Montreal.

It was announced that the local service club's second annual mammoth garage sale is to take place at the Westmount artificial ice rink on May 5 to 7 and that donations of unneeded articles now are being accepted from residents. Donors should call the Rotary office, 935-3344, weekday mornings.

Get praise

Credit where credit is due is the belief of Al Fisher. At Tuesday evening's Westmount Municipal Association advisory council meeting Mr. Fisher remarked that the police and fire departments hear much criticism but little commendation.

Referring to an incident of a burst water pipe on Victoria avenue in which the police and firemen, according to Mr. Fisher, did a first-rate job of controlling the situation, he said the WMA should send a letter of commendation to the departments.

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