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Homeowners could pay more tax despite change

By ANDY DODGE

Westmount homeowners should not be surprised to find themselves paying more property tax than they did last year, despite provincial announcements and city insinuations to the contrary.

Apartment-dwellers, on the other hand, should anticipate that their landlords are paying substantially less property tax this year, and should watch closely for this excuse to increase rents.

These discoveries come following approval Monday evening of Westmount's "final" 1980 municipal tax rate, which has been held at $2.86 as anticipated when the "provisional" budget was handed down in December.

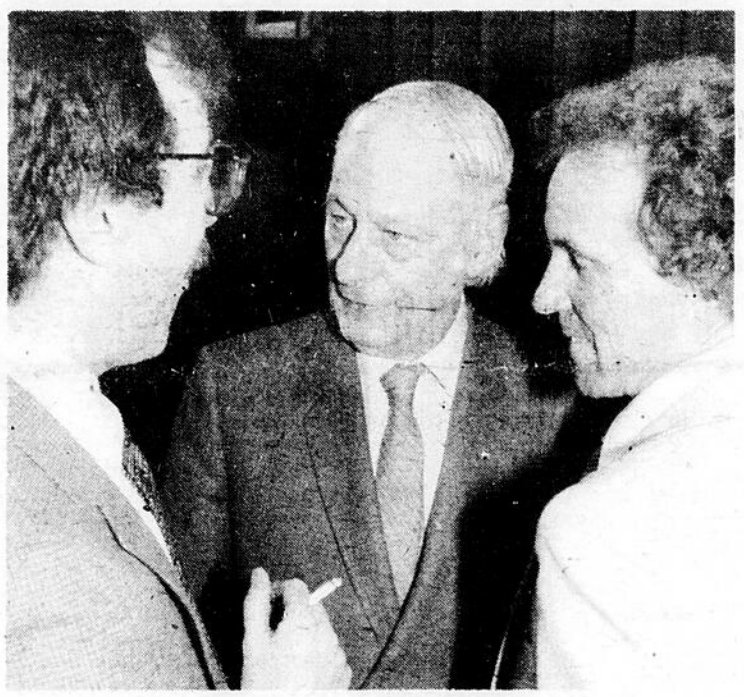
The tax situation, caused by the very confusing fiscal tax reforms approved late last year by the provincial government, shows that if other factors (such as increases in valuation) are removed, the most benefit accrues to the most expensive buildings in Westmount.

Thus, the huge 4300 de Maisonneuve boulevard complex, which experienced no valuation increase this year, will enjoy a further tax reduction of 22.5 percent on top of the school tax cut last year.

A house evaluated at $76,500 in both years, on the other hand, will see a jump of 6.4 percent on the total property tax bill.

Various factors are responsible for this. The basic change in the tax system has been that regular school expenses will

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PREMIER MEETS ORGANIZERS: Parti Québécois members in the provincial ridings of Westmount, Notre Dame de Grâce and D'Arcy McGee turned out about 350 strong at a party fund-raising event at St. Antonin Church to hear **Premier René Lévesque** argue for a "yes" vote in the referendum. Chatting with the premier were PQ association presidents for Westmount, **André Boulerice**, left, and N.D.G., **Paul Guy.** The church is in the predominantly Anglophone riding of D'Arcy McGee and Mr. Lévesque said, in English, "It's been a long time since we've seen so many people in D'Arcy McGee. Who knows what it means for the future?" He also criticized Liberal leader Claude Ryan's constitutional proposals and called Quebec Anglophones the best-treated minority in the world.

Next Week's WEATHER by Capt. Eric Neal

MARCH 20 to 27

A blizzard for Gaspé and the Maritimes would not be unusual this season, and another for northern counties together with a large snowfall along the St. Lawrence valley, with blustery gale winds. Heavy showers for southern counties and Vermont. Sunny intervals and cold rains, with hail through the middle of the week. Humidity dropping to 70% for Saturday and 60% for Sunday. Next week, sunny and colder.

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Public Safety Unit approved for $245,000

A new "para-police force," designed to offer greater surveillance of Westmount streets and parks, greater security for citizens and help for the Montreal Urban Community Police, was officially sanctioned by city council Monday night.

The force, which will be called a Public Safety Unit, will be established once city council has appointed a director. The director will be given a relatively free hand to design the force in the best interests of Westmount, Public Safety Commissioner Ald. P. André Gervais said.

The 17-man contingent will cost Westmount taxpayers this year some $245,000 more than already has been budgeted for parking inspectors and park rangers and the extra amount was included in the final city budget which was approved by council at the same meeting (see separate story).

As described in THE EXAMINER Feb. 21, the city will hire up to 14 new officers "to patrol all the streets of Westmount seven days a week on a 24-hour basis, to assist the police in their work," according to Ald. Gervais.

He said that council envisages having two of the present park rangers as part of the force, along with the director. Three cars also would be purchased for the one-man patrols.

Local phone number

Citizens will be able to phone a local number to communicate with the new force. The person answering the telephone might

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$10 fines for Frisbee throwers

Four young men yesterday were found guilty of infringement of a municipal by-law for playing a game of Frisbee in the Westmount Park putting green last June and were fined $10 each plus court costs by Westmount Municipal Court Judge George Gould.

Eric Fisher, 21, Philip Isler, 19, Donald "Cougar" Follette, 25, and Michel Villeneuve, 20, had pleaded not guilty to the charge of contravening Section 1 of By-law 69 under which they were accused of damaging park vegetation. Testimony had been heard Jan. 16 in the case which

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Realty market beats politics, interest rates to have a banner year

By ANDY DODGE

Who would have thought, only a few years ago, that most Westmount homes would soon sell for more than $100,000, that many would surpass the $200,000 or even $300,000 mark?

Who would have suggested this could happen with Quebec's political future still in question, and despite interest rates of 12, 13 and even — the latest suggestion — 16 percent?

But, this has been happening in Westmount, with a vengeance.

The average house price in the last quarter of 1979 was $124,628, on homes evaluated slightly below the citywide average. The "typical" Westmount one- or two-family dwelling (evaluated at $74,658) would have brought a fourth-quarter price of $126,605, up 27 percent from the last quarter of 1978.

And that is on top of a 23-percent rise in prices in 1978 from 1977.

Not only that, say local realtors, the climb did not stop there. James R. Quinlan, manager of Royal Trust's Westmount branch, suggests the prices have moved up 20 percent just since November, as more and more people gain confidence in the future of Quebec.

Still, the price of houses in Westmount is modest compared to Toronto, Calgary or Vancouver. The $125,000 home here would probably cost about $220,000 in some areas of Toronto, $225,000 in Calgary or $250,000 in Vancouver.

In that fact might lie one of the keys to the Westmount real estate market last year.

"The confidence has returned," says Eugene Zinay, manager of the Westmount branch of A. E. LePage Ltd. "People feel positive and optimistic about the referendum."

Hedge against inflation

"A lot of people are realizing that real estate is a good hedge against inflation," Mr. Quinlan agrees. "There could not be a better place to put your money than in real estate... in Montreal, and particularly in Westmount."

The steady improvement in the local real estate picture has been created not just by the high prices elsewhere, but by a variety of factors both local and national. The price of oil is forcing a higher demand for houses closer to the centre of the city; extreme fluctuations in the stock market and gold prices have given real estate a good name as a more solid investment; even the world political situation has made Westmount look like a stable place to invest foreign money.

Mr. Zinay points out, for example, that many of last year's purchases were for cash — no high-interest mortgages involved — or were subsidized by companies as residences for their personnel.

"Lots of money is available," he reports.

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City of Westmount Official NOTICE BOARD

BY-LAW 889
City of Westmount

Public notice is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law 889 entitled "BY-LAW TO PROVIDE FOR A LOAN FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND SIDEWALKS, STREET REPAIRS AND RESURFACING AND SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a general sitting held at the City Hall on the 3rd March, 1980.

Notices concerning the said By-law were published on the 6th March, 1980, 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 the said By-law are fully set out in By-law 889 which is open for inspection by all persons interested at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Quebec.

Given at Westmount, P.Q., this 18th day of March, 1980.

P. Patenaude
City Clerk

BY-LAW 891
City of Westmount

To the property owners who, on the 17th March, 1980, were entered on the Valuation Roll then in force in the City of Westmount

PUBLIC NOTICE

is hereby given by the undersigned Clerk of the City of Westmount,

THAT, at its meeting held on the 17th March, 1980, the Council of the City of Westmount has adopted the following by-law:

By-law 891 entitled "BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 655 TO REGULATE RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES".

The purpose of this By-law is as follows:

To repeal the five horsepower limitation on the total motive power in service shops and workshops;

to describe District R5 Part 2, bounded on the east by the eastern limits of the City; on the south by a line 125 feet south of and parallel to Sherbrooke Street; on the west by Wood Avenue and Vignal Street and by Barat Road from Vignal Street to the eastern limits of the City; (This zone was inadvertently deleted in a previous amendment to the zoning by-law);

to delete the description of District D, being a strip of land 125 feet in width running along the north side of de Maisonneuve Boulevard from the eastern limits of the City to Wood Avenue; this district having been rezoned previously, in part as District R4 Part 5, and in part as District C5 Part 3. (This was inadvertently left in the by-law);

to delete the description of District M2, being the area south of the north boundary of the Canadian Pacific right-of-way from the eastern to the western limits of the City, this district having been rezoned previously as District C-14; (This was inadvertently left in the by-law);

to provide that, in District R-1, any dwelling including any accessory building or buildings, which existed prior to 7th March 1977, and containing not less than seven thousand square feet (7,000 sq.ft.) of floor area above the basement, may be altered or converted into not more than four (4) dwellings, comprising dwelling units, semi-detached dwellings and/or terraced dwellings; provided, however, that each dwelling unit or dwelling has not less than two thousand square feet (2,000 sq.ft.) of floor area;

to provide that, in District R-2, any dwelling including any accessory building or buildings, which existed prior to 7th March 1977, and containing not less than six thousand square feet (6,000 sq.ft.) of floor area above the basement, may be altered or converted into not more than three (3) dwellings, comprising dwelling units, semi-detached dwellings and/or terraced dwellings; provided, however, that each dwelling unit or dwelling has not less than two thousand square feet (2,000 sq.ft.) of floor area;

In Districts C-7 and C-15, to permit offices at street level and to provide that the frontage at street level of any office or bank on St. Catherine Street not to exceed thirty-five feet (35').

to renumber certain subsections of Section 5 of By-law 655 as amended, and to transfer the last paragraph of Section 4 of that By-law as amended to Section 5 thereof;

to provide that the ground floor of the existing building bearing civic numbers 4502-4592 St. Catherine Street (136 Lewis Avenue) on Lot 1434-5, in District C1A, may be converted to offices, provided, however, that the conversion of the second and/or third floor dwellings in the said building is prohibited;

to relieve converted dwellings in Districts R-1 and R-2 from the obligation of having private garages, provided, however, that at least one (1) car space per dwelling unit is provided on the sites of such converted dwellings.

All as more fully described in By-law 891.

THAT the property owners who were entered in the Valuation Roll then in force in Westmount, and, in the case of physical persons, who were of full age and Canadian citizens on the 17th March, 1980, and who have met the requirements within the delay prescribed in paragraph 3 of Article 399 of the Cities and Towns Act, in the case of corporations, commercial partnerships or associations, may demand that By-law 891 be put to a vote in accordance with Articles 399 to 410 of said law;

THAT this request is made in accordance with the registration procedure provided under Articles 398a to 398o of the Cities and Towns Act, and, for the purposes of said procedure, the persons qualified to vote on the By-law in question shall have access to the register put at their disposal from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 3rd of April 1980.

at the Office of the City Clerk, 4333 Sherbrooke Street, Westmount, Quebec.

THAT the required registered signatures to put By-law 891 to a vote is 480; failing such number, the By-law in question will be deemed to have been approved by the persons qualified to vote;

THAT all persons qualified to vote may consult the By-law 891 at the office of the municipality during regular office hours and during registration hours;

THAT the result of this consultation will be announced on the 3rd April, 1980, in the Council Chamber of the City of Westmount, 4333 Sherbrooke Street, Westmount at 7:15 p.m.

Given at Westmount, Quebec, this 18th day of March 1980.

P. Patenaude
City Clerk

BY-LAW 892
City of Westmount

Public notice is hereby given to all who may be concerned that "BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 887 TO LEVY AN ASSESSMENT TO MEET THE EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1980" (FINAL) was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a general sitting held at the City Hall on the 17th March, 1980.

Details relating to the said By-law are fully set out in By-law 892 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 18th day of March, 1980.

P. Patenaude
City Clerk

Next Scheduled City Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 8, 1980, 8 pm

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

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Pipe clog causes flood

The Westmount Fire Brigade was called to La Crémerie in Alexis Nihon Plaza Saturday at 11:08 pm when the ice cream parlor reported water flooding the floor from a broken pipe in an ice cream machine.

Fire officials report the flood actually came from a blocked sewer pipe which backed up the water. They cleaned up the water and the restaurant called the plumber.

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Had take-out breakfast

Police were called to the Greene Avenue Lunch Bar on March 13 at 6:15 am to investigate the theft of a breakfast worth $1.75. They found the suspect close by and took him to local station 23. The 52-year-old Montreal resident was later released on his own recognizance.

Police said he had apparently refused to pay for the breakfast he had eaten and as soon as he had walked out of the restaurant he was considered to have stolen the meal.

PUBLIC SAFETY . . .

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determine that a difficulty should be handled more appropriately by police, in which case "we would take it upon ourselves to see that communication is established" with MUC Police, Ald. Gervais said.

"We are starting off slowly," he explained to a questioning Westmount Municipal Association President Hubert de La Beaumelle.

Council does not plan to approve the arming of the para-police officers, at least for the time being, nor to itemize their responsiblities and abilities, he said.

Mayor Donald MacCallum hinted the province might be working on legislation which would allow para-policemen to ticket moving traffic offences, but refused to elaborate.

"I am hoping very quickly to announce the appointment of a director," Ald. Gervais commented. "He will have the mandate to make numerous decisions by himself."

Brief resolution

The council resolution was very brief, proposing simply "That the City of Westmount establish a 'Public Safety Unit' for the purpose of increasing the protection afforded to citizens of Westmount and their property and for the enforcement of certain municipal by-laws," and "That the General Manager be and he is hereby authorized to proceed to engage personnel, equip and to do all other things required to give effect to the foregoing."

Though 25 citizens were on hand for the mid-month council session, Mr. de La Beaumelle was the only one to comment on the force during the question period.

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

March 11

6:05 pm: 4675 St. Catherine, ice rink, boy taken to MCH;
6:16 pm: 494 Victoria, water leak;

March 12

11:05 am: 178 Selby, woman taken to QEH;
9:14 pm: 448 Mount Stephen, electrical wiring;

March 13

9:14 pm: 4675 St. Catherine, ice rink, man taken to QEH;

March 14

5:57 pm: 424 Metcalfe, woman taken to Hôpital Hôtel Dieu;
6:38 pm: 6 Weredale Park, girl taken down from window ledge (see story);
7:35 pm: 7 Springfield, man taken to RVH;

March 15

7:39 am: 12 Somerville, woman taken to QEH;
11:24 am: 374 Grosvenor, service call;
4:35 pm: 201 Metcalfe, woman taken to Hôpital Hôtel Dieu;
11:08 pm: La Crémerie, Alexis Nihon Plaza, broken pipe (see story);

March 16

Nil;

March 17

12:13 am: 171 Metcalfe, man taken to RMH;
4:05 pm: 491 Mount Pleasant, water leak;
6:55 pm: 339 Victoria, man taken to QEH;

March 18

7:18 am: 321 Melville, service call.

Woman, 60, foils snatch

An attempted purse-snatching on Prince Albert avenue March 13 was reported to police by a 60-year-old Dorchester boulevard woman who emerged from the incident with the purse still in her possession.

She told police she was crossing the street from Prince Albert Park at about 5:40 pm when someone came up from behind her and attempted to grab her purse. When the try was unsuccessful, the suspect ran east on Windsor avenue.

The suspect was described as being a blonde-haired man wearing a black hat, black coat and shoes and a blue and red scarf.

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ONLY SIX DAYS AGO: After a few days of above-freezing temperatures and a lot of rain, it's hard to believe that it was only six days ago that Westmount looked like this scene on Melville avenue. The season's first, and perhaps only, major snowstorm caused all the normal inconveniences but was made easier to take by the knowledge that spring is just around the corner, officially starting today.

Girl rescued from ledge

A 15-year-old girl became trapped on a window ledge outside 6 Weredale Park Friday in a reported attempt to escape from the girls' detention home. She was finally brought down by local firemen called to the scene at 6:38 pm.

A fire official said the girl was found at the rear of the building, apparently unable to move. A 40-foot ladder was raised and the girl rescued. She was handed over to the MUC Police Sgt. Mascherin who placed her in the custody of a worker in the home.

It took six members of the Westmount Fire Brigade 45 minutes to complete the rescue.

Too portable

A portable typewriter was reported stolen from the El-Mec Business School, 342 Victoria avenue, over the weekend. Police said it was valued at $210.

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CITY OF WESTMOUNT NOTICE

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

March 11

4898 de Maisonneuve: for Makivik Corp. by Brandt Plumbing, to install plumbing fixtures, $5,000;
45 Forden crescent: for E. Spiegel by CML Enterprises, interior and exterior alterations, $15,000;
4-6 Windsor: for M. Brian by International Building Maintenance, alterations to basement, $3,000;

March 13

57 Forden: for Mrs. C. Sim by R. Nantel Inc., to relocate and install plumbing, $3,000;
347 Kensington: for Dr. A. Garson by Metropolitan Home Improvement, interior alterations, $20,000;

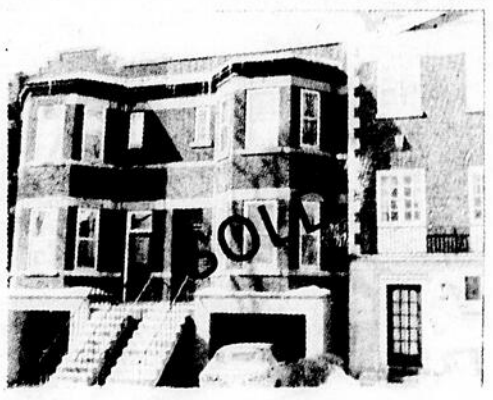
March 17

4050 St. Catherine: for La Hutte à Pizza by Henri Rochon, to install six plumbing fixtures, $3,000.

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We Say

Habit, comfort before money

WESTMOUNT city council held a special mid-month meeting Monday evening to pass the final 1980 budget.

Some 25 citizens occupied most of the spectator seats.

They sat patiently through the 40-minute formal session, 15 minutes of which were occupied by the finance commissioner, Ald. Alwyn Lloyd, expounding clearly on the municipal spending and taxes.

Admittedly much of the ground had been covered with the preliminary budget in December. Nonetheless, a package of well over $22 millions is deserving of notice, specially when Mr. Lloyd declared he would be able to hold to the original tax rate.

When the mayor banged his gavel and declared the meeting adjourned *sine die*, one might have expected at least one comment from the taxpayers, whether in praise of good money management or in ire over something they didn't like.

No such thing.

The visitors had essentially only one thing on their minds: parking.

For an hour they exchanged disagreements with the city fathers over on-street versus off-street placement of their cars when not in use.

Never mind that property taxes for local purposes have jumped 42 percent and, for the MUC, 18 percent. (School taxes are virtually wiped out in compensation—but we'll now pay for educating our young out of provincial taxation.)

That's only money.

Obviously what moves people more than inflation these days is anything which disturbs their habits and their perceived comforts.

The mayor's letter a few weeks ago on parking was clearly for many a threat worse than any tax bill.

Ald. Lloyd was mumbling something as he later left the council chamber.

Well he might.

Some silliness in locking cars

JUSTICE and fairness are not always the same thing, our McGill ethics professor taught us, and the present commendable car door-locking campaign is a case in point. The police are on the side of justice in ticketing unlocked cars but, though we favor the program, it can at times be a bit unfair.

One Westmount woman has discovered that the cost of repairs to make the locks on her 1966 Dodge Dart workable exceeded the total value of the automobile.

Another Westmounter found an officer at her car, writing out a ticket, as she got back to the auto. She challenged him to lock the driver's door, which was otherwise in bad shape. (The other three were locked.) He finally locked it—using a hammer!

We might suggest that tickets be issued only when police find a lockable unlocked door, or when they find items of value in the unlocked car.

In offering a list of "visible merchandise" left in cars (see last week's EXAMINER), MUC Police Director Gabriel Ayotte mentioned baby seats. Though these are, admittedly, fairly valuable items, anyone who has tried to install or take one out knows that they're semi-permanent; in fact, any consumer association recommends only baby seats that are firmly bolted onto the car frame and tied down with the use of the seat belt. Pity the poor burglar who spends 20 minutes trying to remove one.

End nonsense over parking

END the parking nonsense.

No local issue, if that's what it is, has ruffled more feathers since the last major overhaul of the dog by-law.

It seems people can get almost as emotional over their cars as their pets.

For some the debate is a fun diversion. But it already has diverted too much city council, staff and citizen energy from more abiding things.

It is quite clear that the overwhelming number of those who care do not see any major problem over parking, except that created by the proposals of council put forward by the mayor.

His Worship has most of us, whom he has asked for opinions, at a disadvantage. He refuses to release the data on which his proposals were based.

His reasons for playing his cards so close to his vest do not hold up:

1) The report was prepared by a committee of city staff for council and therefore must remain confidential. This he told a persistent citizen Monday evening. Whether prepared by outside consultants, a group of citizens, the office boy, the CIA or the mayor himself, it clearly was done at taxpayer cost and belongs to the taxpayers, not mayor and council alone;

2) The report contains information which might be useful to land speculators, should the city proceed to purchase property for parking lots. The answer to that is quite simple: release the rest of the report. Let us know the affected streets, the numbers of cars involved and other findings of the study to help the ordinary citizen make up his own mind.

In fact, it looks as if those who care have made up their minds. It is best summed up in last week's headline, "What parking problem?" on the story of a municipal association consultation on the subject.

Mayor MacCallum Monday evening expressed it in a nutshell: There is a by-law on street parking which is not being obeyed or, if you will, enforced.

What to do: (check one)

Nothing	☐
Enforce it	☐
Change it	☐

The sentiment simply isn't there, outside city hall, for the elaborate plan of pricey street-parking permits, more parking aprons on lawns or a costly investment in municipal lots.

There is sentiment, however, for alternate-side, overnight and day parking on problem streets for residents, their cars simply identified by official stickers, issued free or at nominal fee to cover cost; and enforcement of existing limits for all others.

Editorial Notes

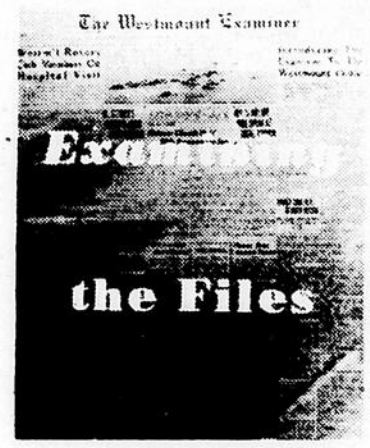
ANYONE who caught our MP, Treasury Board President Don Johnston, on CTV's *Question Period* Sunday evening, must have been impressed with the seasoned manner in which he fielded the sharp-questioned probing of his positions on various aspects of his new cabinet post. Either he already was very well informed before or had been extremely well briefed in the short interval since he assumed the office. Or maybe a lot of both. The only area where he seemed to falter was concerning the future of the Official Languages Act, which the treasury board administers; carry on as at present was the essence of his answer. Probably a tribute to the makeup department, the Hon. Don's unruly hair was neatly combed for the whole half-hour stint on camera. . . .

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WE wish Mayor Corbeil and the Ville d'Anjou council lotsa luck with their cable-televised meetings. The idea of the solons deciding which parts of their deliberations are too dull to broadcast is a bit frightening—improvement of the content and debate is to be preferred over self-censorship—and substitution of canned stuff by city staff is no mitigation. We trust their Westmount colleagues, even if the idea appeals to them, too, will watch for evidence of audience watching and interest before giving citizens yet another excuse for not turning out for the public meetings of council. Besides, prime evening time makes for tough rating competition. . . .

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WE heard an argument this week, right in our own office, over the name of the fine park between Côte road and Westmount avenue, betwixt Forden and Belmont avenues. We are inclined to side with the staffer who insists it always will be Murray Park—despite the official renaming in commemoration of the visit of King George VI just before the Second World War. At risk of raising the ire of the Monarchist League, we say the name Murray means a lot more to Westmounters than George, king or no king. It's about time the city reviewed the nomenclature of the local landmark in light of reality and usage. And while council is about it, they well might think about giving some of our other locally historic figures recognition in reconsideration of some of our unimaginative street and site names, such as Elm, Hillside, Prospect and even, (how dull!) The Boulevard, to say nothing of our unnamed "artificial ice rink" and "the swimming pool." . . .



Thirty-five Years Ago
March 23, 1945

"General Francis Arthur Sutton, known throughout the East as 'One-Arm Sutton' and father of Mrs. G. S. B. Mack, wife of the principal of University School, 498 Argyle avenue, is officially reported by the British War Office to have died of beri-beri on October 22, 1944. He had been placed in an internment camp in Hong Kong by the Japanese and was 62 years old. 'One-Arm' Sutton lost his right arm in the First Great War at Gallipoli, while serving in the British Army. He was catching hand grenades thrown over by the Turkish and lobbing them back among the Turks when one exploded."

Twenty-five Years Ago
March 18, 1955

"Commendable courage was shown by Mrs. H. E. Vautelet, president of the Canadian Association of Consumers, in telling that organization that a recession would be more beneficial to Canada than 'a further ride on the inflation rocket.' The fact is that the present recession is the result of inflation; that further inflation would quickly result in a much worse recession. The only thing really dangerous about the present recession is that it is not bringing costs and prices down as much as it should."

Fifteen Years Ago
March 19, 1965

"In her report to the annual meeting of the Family Service Association last week, Executive Director Miss Elinor G. Barnstead, who this month completes nine years in that position, summarized some of the vast changes that took place following the government study committee on public assistance. The committee produced the Boucher Report, the blueprint of future social welfare patterns of the province. The report recognized that the state must assume the responsibility for social security measures in an increasingly dynamic and creative way, she said."

Five Years Ago
March 20, 1975

"Westmount intends to enact radical changes in the general tenor of Greene avenue, making it into a pedestrian-oriented shopping area but allowing one-way southbound traffic and diagonal street parking. 'Pedestrian priority' would be established on the street and the general appearance of the street would be upgraded, according to the proposal of the city's architectural and planning commission."

You Say

Municipal services praised for flood aid

Sir: I would like to pay tribute to the men of several services in Westmount for their help in a minor crisis.

On returning from work last evening (Mar. 11), I found water leaking into my basement and called the fire department for help. Three men arrived within minutes, diagnosed the trouble, contacted the Montreal water department and the Westmount public works department, helped stop the flow of water in the basement, moved perishables out of the flooded area, checked with adjoining owners to make sure they were not inconvenienced, and finally, together, they managed to shut off the water and stop the flooding.

Through the long ordeal they were courteous, efficient and truly concerned for the welfare of the several families who had been inconvenienced by the broken water line.

Rather than naming the men individually, I want to thank all of the people in each of the services, because I have the feeling that any one of them would have been as friendly and helpful as those who were on duty when we needed help.

Finally, I was absolutely overwhelmed to receive a call from the fire department, following up on the report made by Capt. Adams last night, to remind me of the danger to my heating system (hot water) if I didn't make arrangements for interim water supply today.

We don't realize how lucky we are to have such friends in the public service until we need them, and can show their capabilities and steadfastness in times of distress.

My wife and I are most grateful.

A. and E. Melamed
494 Victoria avenue
WESTMOUNT H3Y 2R4

Old dog in old car: is ventilation okay?

Sir: I have an old car and an old dog. My dog and I live alone. When I go out in my old car I take my old dog with me unless the weather is so hot or so cold that I must leave her alone at home to sob behind the door.

When spring comes and I leave my old dog in the car while I shop I shall have to roll down at least two windows to give her ventilation. Of course I will lock all the doors. Will I get a ticket?

(Mrs. H. L.) Virginia Dawson
400 Lansdowne
WESTMOUNT H3Y 2V3

Editor's note: By-law 726, Article 58, says an unattended vehicle must have doors and ignition locked. No mention is made of windows. Dir. Gabriel Ayotte says it is the responsibility of the citizen to "secure" his or her car. Both a parking inspector and a constable said they would not ticket a car in the circumstances mentioned by Mrs. Dawson — the presence of the dog would, they suggest, secure the car. We'd add: with a dog inside, the vehicle would not be unattended.

'Galloping nostalgia' in city parking plan

Sir: Finally someone (the WMA, EXAMINER, March 13) has raised the only question that matters about our sudden parking problem — what parking problem?

The whole controversy has the aroma of the bureaucratic mind at work: mystify, justify but don't, whatever you do, clarify.

Of course, there may be other explanations. It would be interesting to know, since the mayor's mail is reported to favor his solutions to our "problem," just exactly who supports a car ownership tax of $420 a year applicable only to those who must park on the street, and who desires the elimination of grass and some trees from densely populated streets.

Is it unfair to speculate that supporters of the mayor's propositions have nice big driveways, nice big garages and nice big lawns, and that their only worry is whether they can park 10 paces from Steinberg's? (Or, more likely, Clément's).

If these are the mayor's supporters, they may be in for a rude shock when every front lawn on streets surrounding shopping areas has been converted to a parking apron, and they still have nowhere to park because a parking apron becomes a driveway.

We have no parking problem; we have a case of galloping nostalgia at City Hall.

Years ago, when the suspended by-law was in force, citizens tolerated a ban on longterm and overnight, on-street parking because there were fewer people and fewer cars belonging to those people. In the 1980s the old by-law is outmoded — not sacred, because traditional, but simply out-of-date.

It occurs to me that if some citizens are justifiably annoyed that on-street parking in Westmount is being monopolized by non-residents, there are other, less punitive and certainly less expensive ways to handle this complaint than by adopting the extreme proposals announced by the mayor on Feb. 4.

For example, as others have suggested, city hall could issue parking stickers (at cost) to every *bona fide* resident and city or commercial employee. Stickerless automobiles could then be readily identified as belonging to foreigners, or to those who haven't paid their taxes in two years.

Marilyn Muir
454 Grosvenor avenue
WESTMOUNT H3Y 2S4

Montreal city hiring bars a Westmounter

Sir: Your readers, and fellow Westmounters, must be imformed of what goes on "behind the scene."

I am a second-year natural science student at Lakehead University here in Thunder Bay.

A friend of mine was good enough to forward me an article of the Feb. 21, 1980, issue of THE EXAMINER ("She pushes Floralies '80").

As I hold a diploma in Landscaping and Horticulture, and have worked eight years in the industry (which includes six summers with the City of Westmount's parks and recreation department) I felt it appropriate, as did many friends of mine, to submit an application to work for Les Floralies Internationales de Montréal. I also am associated with the Quebec chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture, which in turn is associated with La Fédération Interdisciplinaire de l'Horticulture Ornementale du Québec.

With a background such as mine, I thought there must be a way for me to contribute to this renowned international flower show, which is to be sponsored by the government of La Belle Province, and the City of Montreal this coming summer.

I applied to the City of Montreal about a month ago and informed them of my qualifications. Their six-word response of Feb. 14 was as follows: "La résidence à Montréal est exigée" (Residence in Montreal is required).

The Province of Quebec and the City of Montreal obviously want to assimilate wealthy Westmount with the Montreal Urban Community — we've seen that so far with the taxes we pay and the police force we lost. They obviously don't want the citizens to go with it, however.

Incidentally, next time you chance to meet a Westmount employee, ask him/her where he/she lives.

Oh well, I've got pans of daffodils and hyacinths on my windowsill, and we'll be turning the backyard and window box soil in no time!

Happy gardening!

Allan Goddard
115 Academy Parkway
THUNDER BAY ON P7B 5K6

Editor's note: Montreal apparently applies the same rule as does Westmount to the hiring of temporary summer employees: they must be residents of the employing city.

Something I Want to Say

Planning education

By JOAN ROTHMAN
Commissioner, PSBGM

WITH the aid of the media the average citizen is very aware that many schools on the Island of Montreal will be closing their doors this June to students, and will either be rented or boarded up and left empty.

Schools in both Catholic and Protestant, French- and English-speaking commissions have been affected by dwindling populations for some years now. The birth rate has fallen dramatically in Quebec. The centre of the City of Montreal has emptied as the suburbs have grown.

Bill 22 and Bill 101 have exaggerated the effects of a decline in population by increasing the outward flow of English-speaking people and businesses from Quebec. Whereas in the past the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal received many students whose parents were immigrants to Canada and Montreal, now the number of immigrants to Quebec has decreased significantly, and Bill 101 places restrictions on their entrance into the PSBGM.

Most important to this argument — and the future of our schools — is the fact that many young people from the English-speaking population have been leaving Quebec for some time now, and these young people would have become the mothers and fathers of the children who could attend the schools now and in the future. They are not establishing

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our M.P.

Hon. Donald J. Johnston



says . . .

Scope of the Treasury Board

Few people outside government are aware of the role and mandate of the treasury board largely because most of its activities impact on the government itself and only indirectly on the public.

Legislative authority for the board derives from the Financial Administration Act and the Public Service Staff Relations Act. The latter gives the treasury board the role of "employer" of the public service. And under the former act vast powers are conferred on the board with respect to a wide variety of government activities.

Specifically, the board is responsible for all general administrative policy, the organization of departments, financial management including the estimates, expenditures, commitments, accounts and accounting procedures, as well as the review of annual and longer term expenditure plans and programs of the various departments of government and the determination of priorities with respect thereto.

There are also areas of responsibility not related to financial matters, such as the official languages program, personnel management and parts of the Human Rights Act.

The mandate brings me in contact with virtually every aspect of government activity.

our M.N.A.

George Springate



says . . .

Those polls

Polls. Oh, those polls!

Politics today is programmed by surveys. Agree or disagree, all political parties react to public opinion read-outs. Indeed, the question to be posed on the referendum ballot is the direct result of three years of trial balloons and surveys conducted by the Parti Québécois.

Last Sunday's poll shows the separatists ahead in the referendum battle. Though some might question the authenticity of the poll, I and most political observers believe that it reflects the present mood of Quebec. It also signifies that the federalist forces have to get their act together.

To be blunt, too many are still playing political games, looking for an edge, hoping for personal gain in the sense of one-upmanship. And, we have to stop this bickering between federal and provincial Liberals. The prize is simply too big to allow individual "I want to have a more important or higher profile" attitudes to prevail.

Party barriers have to be let down. We all must work together. Think of what defeat in the referendum would mean. Think of what the PQ will state if the referendum goes its way. Naturally, they will interpret the victory as a stamp of endorsement for separation. Forget their soft-pedaling words at this time. That's only campaign talk. Separation always has been and remains their goal.

Again, think of what a Parti Québécois victory would mean.

Daniel Ryan has been selected to organize the "no" forces in the riding of Westmount. We are to meet Thursday morning to map out our plan of attack: use of personnel, committee rooms, publicity, etc. I will report next week as to what and how we will do it.

More importantly, we cannot do it ourselves. We need your help. Can you give some time and talent for Canada?

If you can call 482-1964. More than ever, we need you.

PROFILE

Artist with a camera

By JOAN CAPREOL

BLOSSOM Caron is an artist with a camera. She and her husband, Raymond Caron, QC, are both Fellows of the Photographic Society of America and Associates of the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain and have been members of the Montreal Camera Club since 1936. They have been amateur photographers for most of their lives and have the reputation of being among the best in the country.

"Both my parents were amateur photographers so perhaps a little developer found its way into my formula as a baby," smiled Mrs. Caron. "My father taught me how to use a complicated camera when I was nine years old on a trip to Alaska. I took a roll home and sent it to the drug store to be developed. When the prints came back there was a good-sized enlargement of one of the pictures showing a waterfall. The drug store didn't charge me and the fact that I had won something for nothing went to my head and I have been taking pictures ever since."

Mrs. Caron is slim, attractive, soft spoken and always uses a Leica for color slides. She has travelled extensively both before her marriage and since, always recording the scenery, the architecture and the people, first in black and white and now in color.

"Before I was married I had been around the world twice," she said. "My parents were great travellers and I went along, of course, spending much time in Switzerland." The most remote place she has been to is Tristan Da Cunha, an island in the mid-south Atlantic ocean. She took pictures as the natives swarmed aboard the ship which was bringing them supplies.

"When my husband and I were married we had many hobbies and interests but not necessarily overlapping," said Mrs. Caron. "We realized that we both had done a good deal of photography so here was a common interest. We joined the Montreal Camera Club and worked hard at learning all we could from lectures and the help of other club members. We have been active members ever since and still are holding our own in competition. The MCC still offers the members lectures, outings, workshops and regular competitions."

Organized Montreal Salon

In 1941 she and her husband organized the Montreal International Salon of Photography which was held for many years at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.

In 1947, Mrs. Caron achieved the distinction of being Canada's most successful salon exhibitor with her prints being shown throughout the world. She has won many medals and awards. She feels that her greatest honor was an invitation by the Smithsonian Institution in Washington to hold a joint exhibition with her lawyer husband. The exhibition was open for one month.

"Recently Ray and I have been invited to give our prints to the Archives of Canada," said Mrs. Caron. "Other organizations have shown considerable interest in acquiring them."

For many years now the Carons have directed their photographic activities more particularly to travel and the presentation of travelogues and photographic essays. They are planning a photographic trip to Hawaii.

"Being keen travellers, we have made audio-visual travelogues of many places," said Mrs. Caron. "What really interests me most, however, are what I call 'photo essays with a difference' such as *Echoes of the Renaissance in Florence, Rome and Respighi, Krieghoff's Canada* and *Fair Feet* (Expo '67). These have been shown to large audiences as far away as Virginia.

"We do it to share our hobby with other people. Some shows are Ray's; some are mine; and some are joint but all the taping and musical background are entirely his work."

The husband and wife team hold shows at museums, including the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts and the Virginia Museum in Charlottesville, art galleries, clubs and church groups.

Show here in December

The *Echoes of the Renaissance* show has been shown to well over 3,000 people. "The purpose of the Cornelius Krieghoff photo essay is to show what Canada was like over 100 years ago as seen through the eyes of the artist," said Mrs. Caron. "I zeroed in on details showing how the people of the time dressed, what their houses were like, their sports and activities. The show takes almost an hour and will be shown at Westmount Park United Church next December.

"When my four children were little I more or less specialized in children and their activities but now I am more interested in travel shots, pattern pictures, landscapes and flowers," said Mrs. Caron. "However I am a jack-of-all-trades. When I was asked to do one of the regular workshops connected with the camera club program, I spoke on seeing the beautiful in the commonplace."

"My children and 10 grandchildren have been co-operative subjects so we have wonderful records of them," said Mrs. Caron. "Records are important to a family and will mean more in the years ahead than, let's say, a dazzling arty view of snowflakes on the windowpane.

Many of the children and grandchildren have cameras of their own but an outstanding photographer is the Caron's son Derek. A graduate in business administration of the University of New Brunswick, Derek is a stockbroker with Jones Heeward. "So successful are his pictures taken on weekends and holidays that they may be seen on magazine covers such as *Montreal Calendar*, advertisements, annual reports, etc.," said his mother proudly.

In 1947 when Mrs. Caron was "at my peak" she won a silver medal from London, England, for a black and white picture called *Hatching Mischief*. Two small children are seated on a park bench whispering to one another.

In Smithsonian collection

Mrs. Caron's work has been published in many magazines across Canada and the United States. During the 1950s many of the Carons' monochrome pictures were accepted in exhibitions. They each have a print in the permanent collection of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

Why didn't she become a professional?

"As a professional I would have to go on assignments or be told exactly what to take whereas I prefer to be fancy free," replied Mrs. Caron.

Born in Montreal, Mrs. Caron's parents were the late Charles Harding, an importer, and Brenda Clark Harding. She was their only child.

Mrs. Caron was educated at Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School and at Macdonald College, where she took a household science course.

She married Raymond Caron in 1932. In addition to Derek, also a Westmounter, they have Trevor and Melodie (Mrs. Henry Yates) both of Montreal, and Daphne, (Mrs. Larry Schick) of Toronto.

Since 1932 Mrs. Caron has been working on a genealogical history of her family, the Hardings, United Empire Loyalists, of Saint John, N.B. Copies are now complete and are in the Archives of Canada, the New York Library, and the New Brunswick Museum in Saint John.

Through the Junior League, Mrs. Caron has worked as a volunteer at the Montreal Children's Hospital, its summer camp for underprivileged children, the Bargain Box, and the School for the Blind.

For many years she was on the boards of the SPCA and Miss Edgar's school.

Next Week's Profile:

Bob McKeown



Mrs. Raymond Caron

Examiner photo by RICK KERRIGAN

ROTHMAN . . .

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their families here; and so the PSBGM's planning officer predicts there will be between 18,000 and 20,000 students in the PSBGM in 1985.

Government at the throttle

Because the government pays the boards according to the number of students in the schools, revenue is decreasing. At the same time inflation is continuing and the cost of cleaning, maintaining and heating buildings has risen sharply in the last few years.

When the population of a school reaches 60 percent of the number of students the school could hold, the board of commissioners has to examine the future of that school for pedagogical and financial reasons. The percentage was set by the Island School Council, which executes certain government directives in the area of property.

Westmount Park School, because of its size in proportion to its dwindling school population, falls within this category and well may be closed in a year's time.

Royal Arthur, an elementary school which sends pupils to Westmount High School, now is considering ways and means of surviving because of its dwindling number of children.

The population on average in the PSBGM falls by approximately 10 percent every year. Thus, next year Westmount High will have less than 1,000 students. The student places could be filled by students from the adjacent high schools that are being closed.

Quality of education

A small population certainly affects schools because government norms are based on the number of pupils. You can have so many teachers if you have so many pupils, and the larger the school the more program options and specialist teachers there will be available to the student. I disagree with fixing every educational asset to number of pupils, specially in a time of falling population when one must fight hard to maintain the quality of education.

We in the PSBGM wish to maintain the quality of education, and sometimes this forces decisions between budgeting a needed program or budgeting to keep a school building open.

The school committees will be discussing these and many other problems in the months ahead. The schools in our district directly involved will be Roslyn, Westmount Park, Westmount High and Royal Arthur. On the periphery we could include FACE in the High School of Montreal, Royal Vale, Iona and, even to the east, Baron Byng and Dunton high schools.

As we grow smaller we grow more interdependent, and dependent.

Let me say in closing that you, the citizen, can attend any of the general assemblies held by the schools mentioned in this article.

Editor's note: Mrs. Rothman makes no reference to possible co-operation with the Montreal Catholic School Commission for joint operation of schools to meet imperatives of size and geography. We hope she may express her own and the PSBGM's views on this in a future article.

Alert neighbor, police combine to make arrests

Quick action by a neighbor and local police Sunday afternoon has resulted in the arrest of two men found looting a house on Cedar avenue near Mount Pleasant avenue. Police said the two were caught in possession of goods worth about $5,000 believed to be from the house.

Police have charged two suspects with break and entry and possession of stolen goods. The two Montreal men, age 21 and 22, are well-known to police. They are expected to be arraigned in Sessions Court soon.

Police arrived at the home shortly after being called by a neighbor at 4:40 pm. Suspecting the men were inside, they called back-up and entered the house. Police arrested one suspect in the garage, and caught a second one at the corner of Greene avenue and de Maisonneuve boulevard moments later.

The two had in their possession a "pack of stuff" including money, bracelets, rings, a lighter, gloves, bus tickets, shaver, calculator and radio equipment, all amounting to about $5,000.

"It all happened within minutes," explained local police Capt. Stanley Tait. "We received a call from a neighbor who became suspicious seeing two men ring the doorbell to the house in question."

The neighbor watched and became more suspicious as the two then proceeded to the side of the house, where one walked around the back, returning moments later to the front. Then the two men went along the side of the house.

The men then apparently gained entry through the garage since police found signs of forced entry to the door leading from the garage into the home.

Police entered the home and reported hearing a noise in the house when they reached the second storey. "They went back down and found two suspects in the garage putting a radio system into the victim's car," police explained. "They arrested one at the car, but the other guy made good his escape. He was pursued and arrested at Greene and de Maisonneuve."

The two suspects were brought back to Station 23 where they were detained and charged. The case is still under investigation by Sgt.-Det. Bruce Whiteford.

Another theft from apartment

Another theft was reported again this week from the Hillside House apartment building, 4400 St. Catherine street.

A tenant reported the loss of a ring valued at $155 sometime between March 10 and 12. Police said there was no sign of forced entry.

Last week, THE EXAMINER incorrectly reported that a letter had been circulated to residents of the building by the management asking them to take better security precautions. The letter was, in fact, distributed by "a concerned tenant."

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TAXES . . .

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now be paid by the provincial government from general taxation rather than by property owners through the school property tax.

Municipalities now have the only claim on property taxes (except for "inadmissible" school expenses which will be billed as school tax), so they can, if they need, collect for their own use the amount previously collected for school tax. In exchange, they have lost other sources of revenue, such as a share of provincial sales tax.

This change means that property taxes, instead of being in two pieces, municipal (local and MUC) and school, are now paid on the basis of one rate on one valuation. Corporations which run office and apartment buildings used to pay school tax at a higher corporate rate than individuals; thus they benefit more by this shift.

Owners of large, expensive buildings also benefit in the shuffle by the removal of the 60-cent surtax on valuations exceeding $100,000, a change which necessarily increases the tax load on properties valued under that amount.

A third factor which influences the final total tax bill is that school taxes were charged on the basis of valuations which were far lower than those used for regular property taxes. While in previous years owners paid part of their taxes on a high valuation and part on a low valuation, they will now pay their whole tax on the high valuation.

Thus, if the new rate was equal to the previous combined rate, the total tax paid would not be the same, but higher, the amount depending on the difference between the two valuations.

While it is true, in most cases, that the overall tax is lower than might have been the case if no fiscal reform measures had been introduced, the provincial promise of lower taxes simply does not work in Westmount.

Some up, some down

An examination of four one- and two-family dwellings (valuation remained unchanged on two, and increased on the other two) shows tax increases of anywhere from 6 to 19 percent. Compared to the previous taxation system, these homeowners will pay anywhere from 9 percent less to 4 percent more taxes this year than they would if no changes had been made.

Taxes on two expensive apartment buildings, on the other hand, show actual reductions of 19.6 percent and 22.5 percent from last year, and theoretical drops of more than 37 percent had a full year's school tax been levied last fall.

The 86-cent addition to the Westmount tax will be billed to homeowners in July, due and payable on Aug. 1. Ratepayers already have received two tax bills, one due by March 1 and the other by May 1.

An additional school tax levy for "inadmissible" expenses, at a rate of 16.5 cents per $100 of the lower school valuation, will be forthcoming in October.

Though the rate remains unchanged since the "guesstimate" in December, Finance Commissioner Ald. Alwyn Lloyd reported on Monday that many factors have changed since then.

The city discovered that it could not levy business taxes at the rate it had anticipated, since an unheralded provincial rule prevents municipalities from levying business taxes more than 5.5 percent higher than the municipal taxes they might pay. Thus, while the city had hoped to raise the business tax to 15 percent of annual rental value, it finds it must restrict itself to 12 percent.

Ald. Lloyd said the city is planning to raise another $245,000 for establishment of the para-police force (see separate story), thus hiking municipal expenditures (not including the power department, which pays for itself) to $13,234,500. This is up almost 12 percent from the budgeted amount for 1979.

Less for MUC

The Montreal Urban Community, on the other hand, will be demanding less money than Ald. Lloyd had estimated last December. Added to the 1980 MUC share for Westmount of $7,600,000, however, is almost $2 million the provincial government is demanding as immediate liquidation of the 1979 debt of the MUC Transit Commission.

Though Westmount could have joined in an inter-city debenture issue to pay for that debt over a longer term, "We have decided to pay the amount out of our cash reserves," Ald. Lloyd said. By taking a total of $1,518,300 from previous years' surpluses, he explained, this move would cost taxpayers only an additional $379,600 this year and lower debt payments in the future.

Though apparently council made some adjustments in the 1980 budget, using "hindsight of three months," it did not choose to reduce the $1,174,700 snow removal budget, nor to anticipate a substantial increase in court fines, despite increased ticketing by police in recent weeks and the anticipation of substantially more tickets with the introduction of the para-police force by midsummer.

Because the provincial government has excluded the all-important sales tax revenues from accruing to municipalities, Westmount is forced to raise 74 percent of its revenues through direct taxation (property and business taxes), rather than 71 percent as it budgeted last year.

Provincial officials have received and approved the city's municipal works by-law, No. 888, City Clerk Peter Patenaude reported to city council Monday evening.

DEATHS

THOMSON, James Hamilton (Milton)

At Scarborough General Hospital on Monday, March 17, 1980. James Hamilton Thomson, beloved husband of the late Effie Blanche Noseworthy, dear father of James A. of Oakville and Thomas A. of Toronto, grandfather of Lynn, Eric, Gail, Jill, Rhonda and Paula. Resting at the Giffen-Mack Chapel, 2570 Danforth Avenue, Toronto, after 7 p.m. Tuesday. Complete service was held in the Chapel on Wednesday at 3 p.m. Cremation. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Heart Foundation.

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Annunciation of The Blessed Virgin Mary
9:30 am Wednesday, March 26

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Sermon: The Rev. Canon A. C. Capon
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10:30 am Church School/Nursery
4:00 pm Choral Evensong

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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

Ensemble plays strange music

The S.E.M. Ensemble will be performing experimental music at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts Friday, March 21, 8:30 pm. They will be presenting the entire musical works of French surrealist painter Marcel Duchamp which are: "Erratum musical," "The bride stripped bare by her bachelors even" and "Musical sculpture." The pieces were written around 1913 and I'd be lost trying to explain them to you. Suffice it to say that John Cage and Christian Wolff rediscovered the same compositional principles 40 years later. I suspect that this is one of those events where preconceived notions of music should be checked at the door.

MMFA has dance show

The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts also is sponsoring a series a dance events with some independent Quebec choreographers and dancers. Marie Chouinard and Odette Olivier will be performing Saturday, March 22, at 2:00 pm in the Polish War Veterans' building, 57 Prince Arthur street east. The last program in the series will be held the following week, same time and place, with Jeanne Renaud and J-Pierre Perreault.

Saturday concerts at bargain prices

You'll be able to get two concerts for the price of one if you head down to the Citadelle, 2085 Drummond, on Saturday evening, March 22. Luckily, both concerts are free. Musica Camerata Montreal will be playing at 5:00 pm, presenting works by Haydn, Khatchaturian (gezundheit), and Mozart. The second concert will be presented at 8:30 pm by a trio comprising Dorothy Fraiberg on piano, Robert Crowley on clarinet and Katherine Skorewska on cello. They will play works by Glinka, Beethoven, Bruch and Brahms.

Requiem at cathedral

If your music-craving is not satisfied by Saturday's concerts, you can try again on Sunday, March 23, at 8:00 pm at Christ Church Cathedral, corner of St. Catherine and University, when the Cathedral Singers and the Saidye Bronfman Orchestra directed by Gerald Wheeler will perform Brahms' "Requiem." Soloists for the occasion will be Michel Ducharme, baritone, and Sarah Hoblyn, soprano. A freewill offering would be appreciated.

Blasts from the past

A Montreal musical group called Sanz Cuer will take you back to a time when home was a draughty old castle or a thatched-roof hut with a concert of medieval music Tuesday, March 25, at 8:30 pm in the Loyola Chapel, 7141 Sherbrooke street west. The songs are performed in the original languages as they were pronounced and the group uses copies of the early instruments. Audience participation is encouraged. The concert is free.

'July' in March

The National Theatre School of Canada will present Lanford Wilson's "5th of July" on Tuesday, March 25, until March 29 at the Monument National, 1182 St. Lawrence boulevard. The production is directed by Eric Steiner and performed by the third-year acting students. The play is about the transition from the peace movement of the '60s to the "me generation" of the '70s. Admission is free. I've not seen any of the school's productions but they do get consistently good reviews.

Concordia students one-acting up

A host of one-act plays will be presented by the students of Concordia University's theatre department this month. The plays are student-directed, as well as acted. Woody Allen's "God," Harold Pinter's "Night" and Joanna Russ' "Window dressing" will be presented March 25 at 8:00 pm and March 28 at 2:00 and 8:00 pm. Israel Horovitz' "Hopscotch," J. Michael Yates' "In Search of the Tse-Tse Fly" and a student creation, "A Touch of Mime" will be shown March 26 at 2:00 and 8:00 pm. Paul Abelman's "Hank's Night Out" and Edward Albee's "The Death of Bessie Smith" will be presented March 27 at 8:00 pm and March 30 at 2:00 and 8:00 pm. All performances are in Loyola Campus' Chameleon Theatre, 7141 Sherbrooke west.

Optica auction

The contemporary art gallery Optica will be holding a fundraising auction followed by a dance Saturday March 22, from 8:00 pm. Admission to the auction is free and you can come to see the goods at 7:00 pm. Among the works (donated by the artists) to be auctioned will be something by Westmount photographer Gabor Szilasi. Admission to the dance at 10:30 is not free and features the Toronto group KLO.

Art leaps museum in single bound

While driving by the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts this Saturday or Sunday between noon and 2 pm, don't be surprised if you see all manner of strange objects in the sky. They will be merely the kites, banners and helium-filled balloons of Quebec artist Claude Thibodeau. These flying sculptures are part of a special exhibition titled "Flying Spring," organized by the museum to salute spring. Well, I'll be darned, I hadn't realized it but tomorrow is the first day of spring. The vernal equinox is upon us. Thibodeau created 20 kites for the opening of Mirabel and participated in the 1976 Mayor Drapeau-aborted Corridart project. One of his banners was also used at the opening of the LG2 dam at James Bay.

Prints charming and African artifacts

An exhibition titled "American prints 1960-1980" will be at the Saidye Bronfman Centre, 5170 Côte St. Catherine Road, March 25 until April 16. About 60 prints produced in the last 20 years by major American artists will be shown.

A display of arts and crafts from West Africa will be at Vanier college, 821 Ste Croix boulevard, until March 28. The artifacts were collected by a Montreal couple during their travels to remote villages in the Upper Volta, Mali, Senegal and the Ivory Coast. A slide show on village life will accompany the exhibition of masks, sculptures and textiles.

Bits 'n' pieces

"The press in the '80s — its problems" will be the topic of American journalist Tad Szulc Wednesday, March 26, at 8:00 pm in McGill's Frank Dawson Adams auditorium, 3450 University ... Université de Montréal visiting professor from Tel Aviv Michael Harsgor will speak on "The Spanish-Portuguese inquisition: An experience in totalitarianism" Monday, March 24, 5:00 pm in Room H-769 of Concordia U., 1455 de Maisonneuve west ... Professor, journalist and feminist Françoise d'Eaubonne will speak on "Féminisme-écologie: révolution ou mutation" Friday, March 21, at 4:00 pm in Room H-435 at Concordia, 1455 de Maisonneuve west.

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Six Westmounters honored at Concordia arts festival

Three Westmount residents won awards and three others received honorable mentions Tuesday night at Loyola when the winners of Concordia University's fifth annual creative arts competition were announced as part of the 1980 Festival for Creative Work in the Arts.

Awards of $200 and certificates of merit were presented for graduate work in poetry and prose, and for undergraduate work in dance (choreography), film, music, photography, playwriting, poetry, poster design, prose, sound, television, theatre and visual arts. There was no award given this year in the graduate playwriting category.

Catherine Barry, 4549 Sherbrooke street, won this year's theatre award for her portrayal of Felicity in the performing arts division's fall production of "The Shadow Box."

Kathleen C. Moore's poems, "Nuptial," "Toyfish," "Blue Crab" and "Seedbed," earned her the undergraduate poetry award. Sharing the graduate prose award were Jim A. Barclay, 472 Côte St. Antoine road, and Sandy Wing. Mr. Barclay's winning work was a short story, "The Pigeon."

Honorable mentions went to Andres Vosu, 489 Victoria avenue, for photography, David Leahy, 4509 St. Catherine street, for undergraduate poetry and Alan Heffez, 4560 St. Catherine for undergraduate prose.

The awards evening in the Loyola campus centre was the first in a series of events marking the 1980 festival. An hour-long program of winning and jury-selected films was screened last night and tonight, in the D. B. Clarke Theatre in the Hall Building, there will be an evening of music and readings of award-winning work. It starts at 8 pm.

There will also be an exhibition of winning and jury-selected works in photography, poster design and visual arts in the lobby of the Visual Arts Building, 1395 Dorchester boulevard west, from today until April 3. All events are free and open to the public.

More than 370 entries were received for the 1980 Festival for Creative Work in the Arts. The festival is held annually to honor Concordia students whose work in the creative arts is considered exceptional.

Library exhibit

An exhibition of recent paintings by Dorothy Allenby, 399 Clarke avenue, will be held at the Westmount Public Library from Monday, March 24, to April 5.

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It is a play wherein women are women, men are men and everyone knows the difference between good and evil.

The plot, and I use the term loosely, revolves around Mary Sunshine (played voluptuously by Jane Hackett), proprietor of the Colorado Inn, and her romance with Captain "Big Jim" Warrington (Alan Hollingsworth), the forest ranger who is so squeaky clean he'd make a choir boy look like the Boston Strangler.

Under this wholesome exterior, nevertheless, beats the heart of a true man and he has fallen in love with Mary. Trouble arises, however, when an evil Indian from Mary's past returns to have his way with her — the same Indian that Big Jim has been sent after in a secret mission.

The play, however, is really just a vehicle for song and dance, just as in the schmaltziest musicals, and plot and characterizations need go no further than the superficial. And there is plenty of song and dance.

This production of the play lies somewhere between amateur and professional, which gives some of the songs a touch more character and renders the dance segments somewhat rough-edged but acceptable. Choreography by director Randy Davies fits well into the small Phoenix stage but there were still a few crashes on opening night. One of the best dance numbers is between Yellow Feather (Louis-Claude Grenier) and Cpl. Billy Jester (Jean-Jacques Desjardins), the two of them skulking through the forest at night.

Singing from the whole cast is uniformly good and it is a happy result of casting that the two lead voices of Mr. Hollingsworth and Ms. Hackett are particularly pleasing. Accompaniment on two pianos, unfortunately, can be distractingly bad at times. The instruments themselves had some horribly out-of-tune notes that could be compared to fingernails scratching a blackboard.

The most important attribute of this play is that it is fun. The production certainly has many flaws but the material carries itself to some extent and the cast seems to be having such a darn good time performing it.

—RICK KERRIGAN

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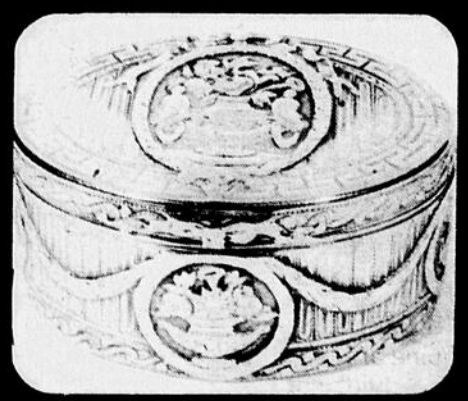
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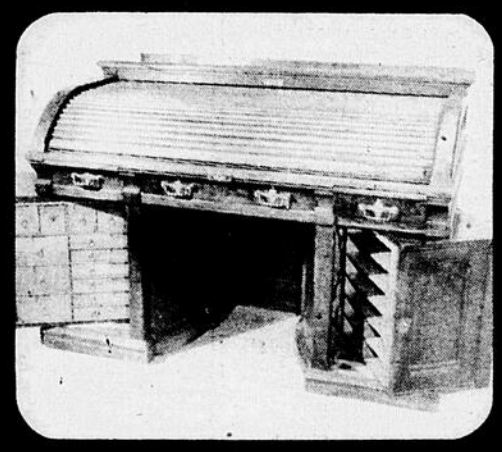
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REALTY . . .

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A close look at the figures substantiates many of these theories. The eastern portion of Westmount has seen a stronger growth than the western sections (see census tract analysis, below). The most expensive residential areas of Westmount have seen an increase in relative volume, and 25 sales were registered at or above $200,000 (just over half above The Boulevard).

Four hundred Westmount homes changed hands last year in what can be deemed straight "residential" transfers, a volume figure exceeded in recent years only by the 426 of 1978 (and not including the few new-house sales). The total registered sale price was $45,672,227.05, bringing an average for the year of $114,181, up 27 percent from the average $89,652 in 1978 and 17 percent higher than the 1976 pre-election average of $97,664.

While the quarterly averages (see graph) indicate a steady rise in Westmount's residential prices throughout the year, the sharpest increase (8.4 percent) came between the first and second quarters of 1979.

A glance at 1979 by area of the city, using the well-defined Statistics Canada Census Tracts as a guideline, shows that the growth has not, however, been uniform throughout the city.

CENSUS TRACT 350

The region south of St. Catherine street, sometimes known as "little St. Henri," still has houses selling above the average for Montreal proper, at $68,068 compared to a Montreal average of $50,844 (MLS figures reported by the Montreal Real Estate Board).

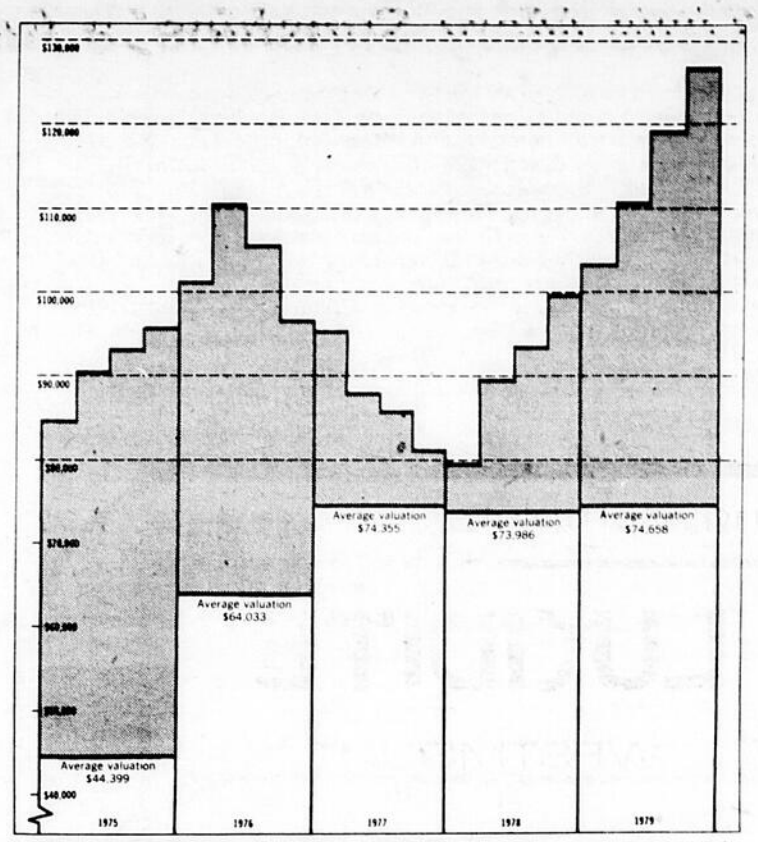
Though the numbers are small (25 sales in the year), it seems the average price was lower in the second half of 1979 than in the first half, dipping from $72,395 to $65,786. Still, in the second half of 1978 the average was only $54,902, according to EXAMINER figures.

Prices ranged from $47,000 (164 Hillside avenue, April) to $115,000 (125 Clandeboye avenue, June) and markups from 14.8 percent (74 Columbia avenue, July) to 164.3 percent (120 Irvine avenue, October).

The average markup over valuation of 52.7 percent was slightly below the overall average for Westmount, indicating demand in the lower reaches of the city might have been off slightly.

Interest appears to be stable, however, and as the supply of upper-level houses dwindles good growth might be expected in this area in the future, depending on the future of interest rates which probably influence sales here.

Another factor which might come into play is the parking problem now being dealt with by the city.



PRICE TRENDS PER QUARTER, 1975-79: This graph shows how real estate prices have recovered and reached new highs in the past year after the decline of 1977. The prices per quarter are determined by applying the average markup for the period to the average valuation of a Westmount home. For example, in the second quarter of 1979 the average markup was 48.1 percent. A house of average valuation, $74,658, could then be expected to sell for $110,568. The markup area is shaded.

CENSUS TRACT 351

This area, taking in homes "on the flat" between Sherbrooke and St. Catherine streets east of Westmount Park, close to both downtown and the Métro, saw the sharpest growth of any in 1979. Prices moved up more than 40 percent.

Buoyed by a high number of sales and strong markups on Metcalfe and Redfern avenues, the average price moved from $75,109 in the second half of 1978 to $106,681 in the latter part of last year.

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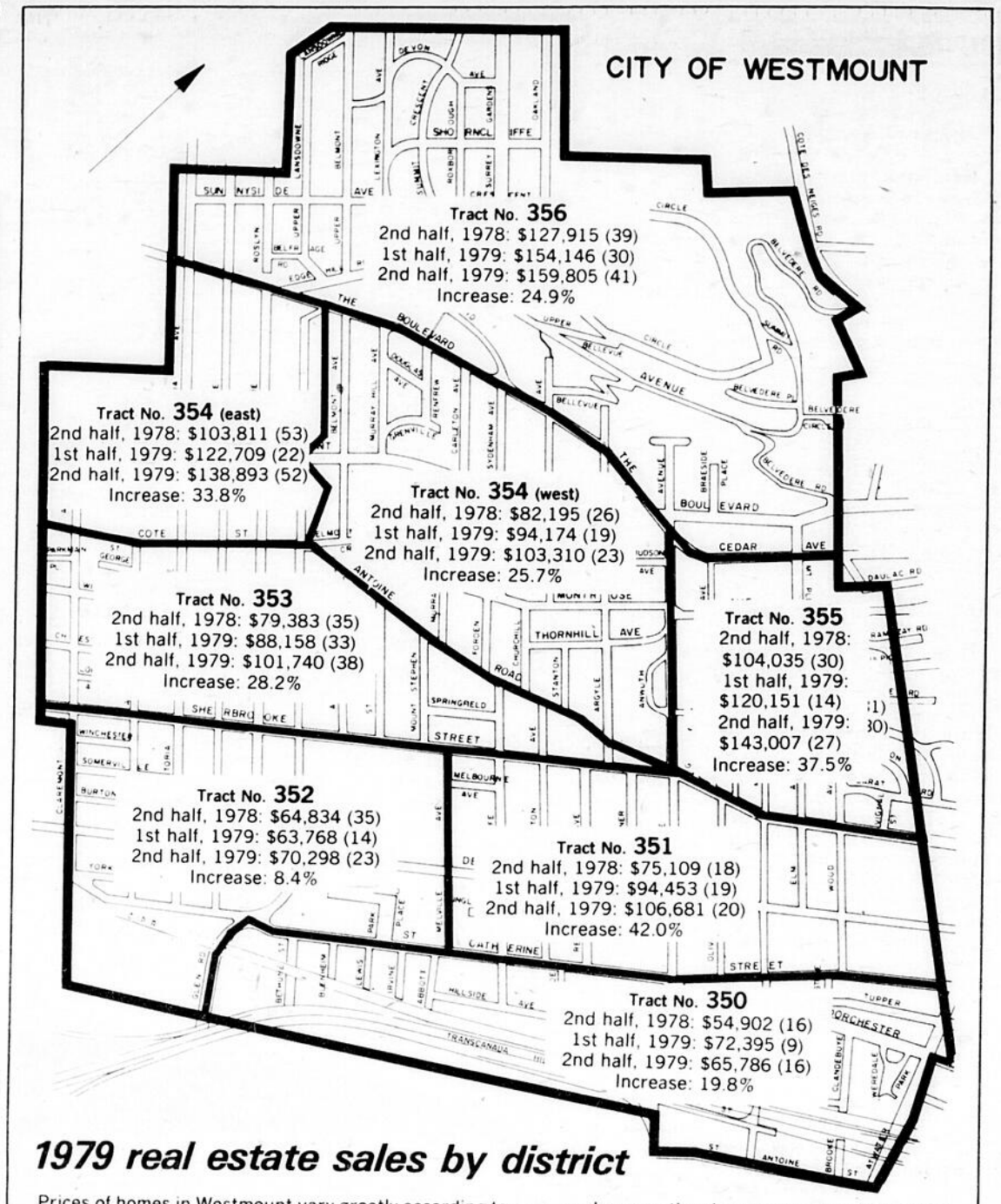
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1979 real estate sales by district

Prices of homes in Westmount vary greatly according to area, as shown on the above map. Average one- and two-family dwelling prices are given for each federal census tract in Westmount, with one, No. 354, divided into east and west sections. The average prices are determined on the basis of average valuation of homes in the area and increasing that by the average markup within each area. Numbers in brackets show the number of transactions involved. The percentage increase shows the gain from the second half (July-December) of 1978 to the second half of 1979.

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recorded in the area during 1978, 39 transactions took place last year, almost 10 percent of all the sales in Westmount. This would indicate that even though supply was good, the demand was even greater.

Prices ranged from $72,000 (309 Elm avenue, May) to $195,000 (346 Redfern, October) while markups of between 1.1 percent (360 Redfern, January) and 112.4 percent (383 Olivier, May) created an average of 56.9 percent, just above the citywide average.

CENSUS TRACT 352

On the opposite end of the "flats" prices were not quite so volatile. The average price of homes moved up only 8 percent between the latter halves of 1978 and 1979, from $64,834 to $70,298, while volume actually dipped from 43 sales in 1978 to 37 last year.

With the $35,000 sale of 27 Burton avenue the lowest on record for the city, the prices moved upwards to $104,000 for 384 Lansdowne avenue in May, the only published price over $100,000 in the area last year. The markup range went from 2.6 percent (4915 de Maisonneuve boulevard, June) to 95.9 percent (4729 de Maisonneuve, September).

Burton avenue became popular among bargain hunters in the second half of last year. Five homes were snapped up on the small street for an average $48,000 — perhaps from those anticipating the opening of the

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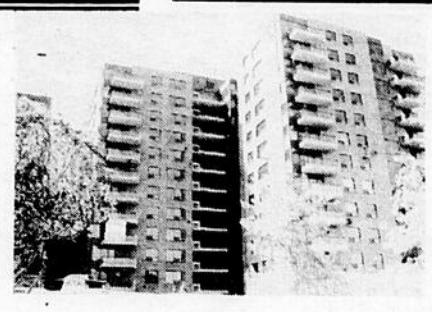
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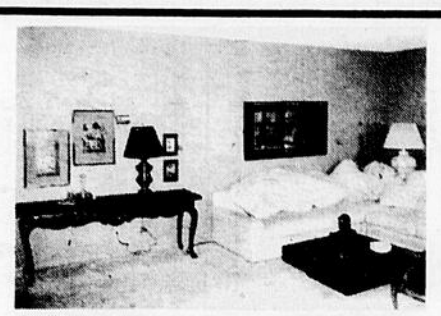
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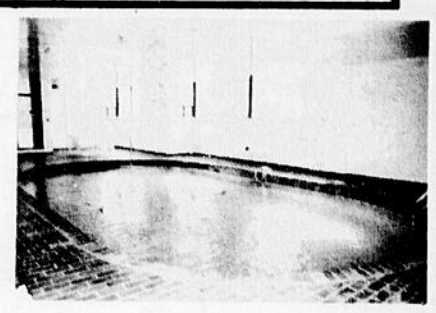
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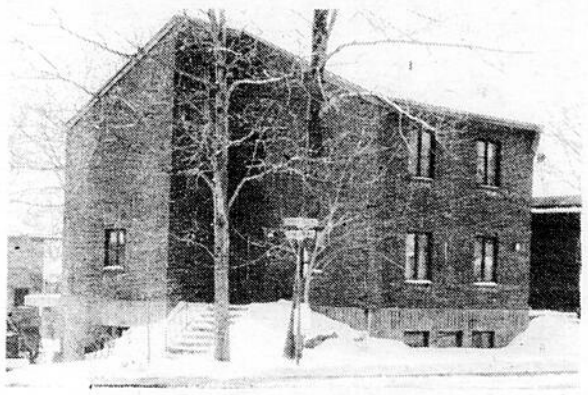




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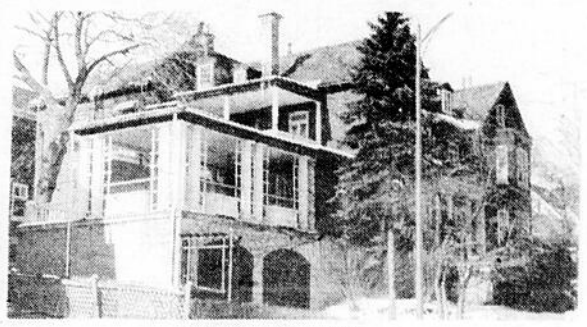
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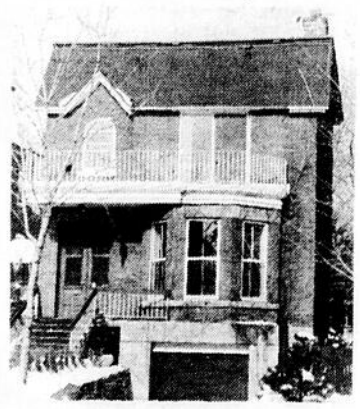
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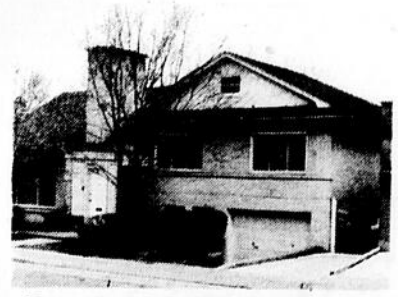
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took nine months and seven appearances before the judgment was finally heard yesterday.

In rendering his judgment, Judge Gould did not state the damage done by the four during their pick-up game.

Two of the four, Mr. Villeneuve and Mr. Follette, who had given Montreal addresses to police at the time of their arrest, were acquitted of second charges against them of contravening section 5 of the same by-law which states that "none but residents of the said town (Westmount) shall be allowed to use the playgrounds in said parks except by permission of the general committee."

Testimony had been given at the trial to the effect that Mr. Villeneuve was a Westmount resident and that Mr. Follette held a pass permitting him to use local recreational facilities.

Asked if they would appeal the sentence, Mr. Follette shrugged his shoulders and grinned, "Oh, why bother? The four hours we spent in jail when we were arrested are probably our real injustice."

Mark Feifer, attorney for Eric Fisher, said outside the courtroom that he was disappointed his client had been found guilty. "I pleaded him as not guilty . . . and I think the point was achieved. The fine was minimal." He said he felt the "affair had been blown out of all proportion by the arresting officer."

The police officers testified during the trial that they had warned the Frisbee players not to play on the putting green which was marked with a sign restricting its use for putting only and that when they had returned later, the four were still playing in the area. They were subsequently arrested and taken to police Station 23 where they were charged.

Drummond to vote 'yes'

Former Westmount MNA Hon. Kevin Drummond announced yesterday he will vote "yes" in the upcoming sovereignty-association referendum.

Mr. Drummond represented Westmount as a Liberal between 1970 and 1976, serving as a cabinet minister in the government of Robert Bourassa. He had previously been special assistant to Westmount MP Hon. Charles M. Drury.

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Coming Events

ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

Friday, March 28th, 6 pm to 9 pm and Saturday, March 29th, 10 am to 3:30 pm, at Rosedale United Church, 6870 Terrebonne avenue, in N.D.G. Take bus 102 or 105. Over 40 booths selling jewelry, ceramics, glassware, wood crafts, macrame, new and used stamps, pottery, etc. Snack bar. Admission free. Information 484-9969.

PRINCESS IDA AT MCGILL

The McGill Savoy Society is presenting Princess Ida, Gilbert and Sullivan's satire of women's education. The production takes place at Moyse Hall, Arts Building, McGill University. Dates: March 13, 14, 15 and 20, 21, 22 at 8:00 pm. Tickets: $400, $3.00 (for students and senior citizens, Thursday nights only). Information and reservations: 392-8926, 392-8983.

POLISH SPRING BAZAAR

The Polish Association in Montreal invites you to a Spring Bazaar on Saturday, March 22, from 12 to 8 pm and Sunday, March 23, from 1:30 to 7 pm in St. Columba Church Hall, 4020 Hingston Ave., corner N.D.G. There will be Polish buffet, national Easter bakery, boutiques, plants, toys, clothing etc. Hot meals are served. Admission is free.

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EASTER BAKE SALE

Serbian Orthodox Church, 349 Melville Avenue, Saturday, March 22, from 2 pm to 4 pm.

A NEARLY NEW SALE

Sponsored by Pioneer Women's Organization, Carmiel Group, will take place on Monday, March 24, 1980, 10:00 am-3:00 pm at Beth Hamedrash Hagadol Synagogue, 4605 MacKenzie St. (corner Lavoie), Montreal. Merchandise for entire family. Bargains. Admission free.

ARTISTS, HOBBYISTS, CRAFTSMEN

Rent a table for $15 at a flea market sponsored by Westmount High School Band, Saturday, May 3, 10-4:30 at Westmount High. Reserve now. Call Mrs. Etherington, 487-7107.

PLANT MAN ROSEDALE UNITED CHURCH

Mr. Stuart Robertson will speak on "Indoor gardening during the winter, and getting ready for spring outdoors," Rosedale United Church, 6870 Terrebonne, (corner Mariette) N.D.G., Thursday, March 20, 8:15 pm. Mr. Robertson is the well-known "Plant Man" of CBC Radio Noon. He specializes in indoor gardening at his garden shop. The meeting is organized by the Outreach and Social Action Committee of Rosedale Church, and is open to the public. For more information call 484-9969.

LECTURE-DISCUSSION SERIES

The United Church of Westmount invite you to a lecture-discussion series to be held at Dominion-Douglas Church, 687 Roslyn Avenue and The Boulevard Monday, March 24th, 8 pm. Admission free. Dr. Graham Lowe, Director, Alcoholism Unit, Montreal General Hospital. Addiction.

Domestics meet

All persons working as domestics are invited to attend a general meeting Sunday, March 30, of the Household Workers' Association. The meeting will begin at 2 pm on the first floor of 445 St. François Xavier street, Montreal. Discussion will centre around the new law concerning domestics.



TWIN MODELS: Brian, left, and **Marc Haynes,** age 3, twin children of Ron Haynes, vice-principal of Westmount High School, and Mrs. Haynes, will be among those participating in the 18th annual Montreal Parents of Twins Club fashion show to be held Sunday, March 23, at 2:30 pm at the Mackay Centre, 3500 Decarie boulevard. Forty-four sets of twins and one set of triplets will model the latest in spring and summer fashions, such as these Young Line outfits sported by the Haynes children. Refreshments will be served, door prizes drawn and the proceeds will benefit various charitable organizations.

Musical club hears pianist

The Ladies' Morning Musical Club continues its 88th season of concerts this afternoon with a recital by Montreal pianist Henri Brassard. The concert, to be held in Théâtre Port-Royal of Place des Arts, will feature works by Beethoven and Chopin.

Three other concerts remain on the club's calendar this season. They include Heinrich Schiff, cello, April 3, the Beaux Arts Trio, April 17, and pianist Abbey Simon, May 1.

Mexican envoy is speaker at Women's Canadian Club

Augustín Barrios Gómez, Mexico's ambassador to Canada, will be the guest speaker Monday, March 24, as the Women's Canadian Club of Montreal launches its spring program of meetings.

A well-known lawyer and journalist, Ambassador Gómez will speak on "Mexico in the next decade." The meeting will begin at 2 pm in the Royal Bank Auditorium of Place Ville Marie, but will be preceded by coffee at 1:15.

The club's annual meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 14, and will be combined with an "April Flowers" program. Included at the gathering at the Château Champlain Hotel will be a luncheon and mini-fashion show of lingerie and loungewear presented by Claire Haddad.

The meeting Monday, April 28, will feature an illustrated talk on the history of needlework and embroidery by Mrs. Shirley Rind Cohen. Her presentation is titled "It's a crewel world — sew it up" and various pieces of needlework will be on display.

The club has also planned several outings for the coming months. A trip to the Floralies exhibition at the Olympic Velodrome has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, and an overnight visit called "Explore Eastern Townships" is set for June 17 and 18.

A four-day trip to Virginia's Colonial Williamsburg has also been scheduled for October 20 to 23.



Ambassador Augustin Barrios Gómez

Auxiliary meets

A regular meeting of the Auxiliary of the Catherine Booth Hospital Centre and Montclair Residence will be held Wednesday, March 26, at 2 pm in the hospital auditorium, 4375 Montclair avenue. Mrs. T. Fitzgerald will show slides of Israel.

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Women's Art Society had varied two years under Mrs. P. V. Pelnar

Art, music, history and literature have been featured in the programs offered to the Women's Art Society of Montreal during the two-year presidency of Mrs. P. V. Pelnar, 637 Lansdowne avenue, a term which will end at the society's annual meeting on Tuesday.

When Mrs. Pelnar took over the chair from Mrs. J. C. Barry, 39 Rosemount avenue, she was supported by a strong executive, which included Mrs. A. Hreno, Mrs. W. K. Nonnenman, Miss Una Wardleworth and Mrs. J. W. Bridges, all of Westmount.

A brief look at some of the 35 sessions of Mrs. Pelnar's term indicates the calibre of the programs which have maintained the high standards of the society.

"The 17th-century Swedish warship *Vasa*" was a fascinating topic introduced by Mr. D. G. Harris; "Chinese Painting" was illustrated by Miss V. Chang; superb photography distinguished Mr. F. Kristian's "Images of Africa"; Eskimo art was presented by Miss V. Watts of the Canadian Guild of Crafts Quebec and the work of Montreal artist Anne Savage was analysed by Miss D. Braide.


Mrs. P. V. Pelnar

Among the artistic presentations was a talk about needlework titled "Crewel World" by the society's honorary recording secretary Mrs. A. Cohen. Examples of her work included embroideries of Alice in Wonderland, an exotic peacock and King Tut.

The literary group of the society showed an original play, "Days of Our Years," to celebrate the 85th anniversary of the society and Westmounter Miss Alice Lighthall read her charming poetry.

The music programs included songs by Mrs. W. Stiffel, a past president of the society. The Ensemble Marcabru, under Jean-Pierre Pinson, demonstrated ancient instruments and Sax Plus, a McGill group, gave a performance of works ranging from Bach to Scott Joplin.

Two annual events of the society are open to the public: the fall exhibition of selected paintings by member atists and the spring show of the studio group which is held in April.

Significance of Passover explained

Westmount families can learn the significance of the Passover holiday from a special kit compiled and distributed by the Jewish Education Council of Greater Montreal and the Synagogue Council of Greater Montreal.

The kit is designed to help families share the happiness and uniqueness of the holiday and contains many elements that will enhance appreciation of it.

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Dr. Norman Eade was elected president of the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal at the group's 140th annual meeting held March 10 at the institution's Atwater Library, corner of Atwater avenue and Tupper street.

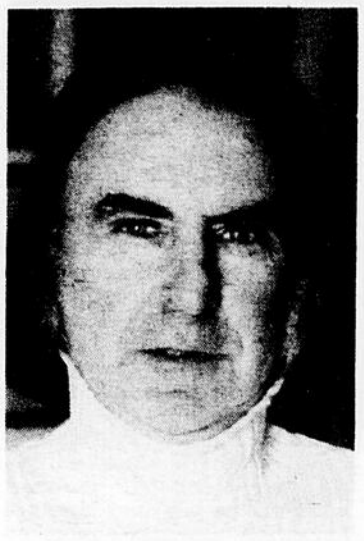
It was reported the Atwater Library had an active year with an increase in membership over the previous year, specially in the library's book-by-mail service. Bilingual and Canada-wide, this service is designed to reach those who love to read but who, because of business pressures, lack of transportation or physical handicaps cannot visit a library regularly.

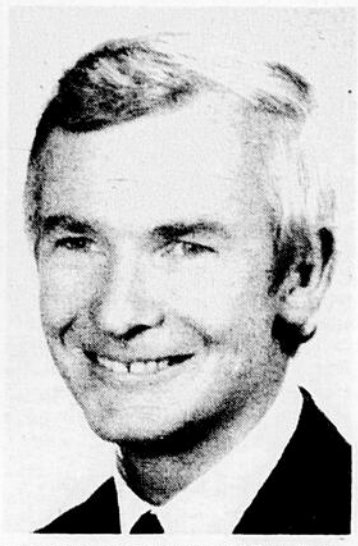
Many new books were purchased for the library's English, French, children's and large print book collection. All collections, too, were supplemented with many book donations by library members.

Along with the election of Dr. Eade as president of the Institute, the following officers were elected to the library board: Norman English, honorary president; Ivan Toke, vice-president; R. McKim, treasurer; and K. E. McNamara, honorary secretary.

Elected to the committee for a two-year term were Dr. W. E. S. Connolly, Miss Madeleine Gohier, Miss Catherine Donaldson, George Sand and Mrs. Heather Connolly.

Those elected in 1979 with one year remaining are Miss Audrey Allin, Mrs. Lya Colban, Eric Reed, T. G. Anglin and Paul Mineo.

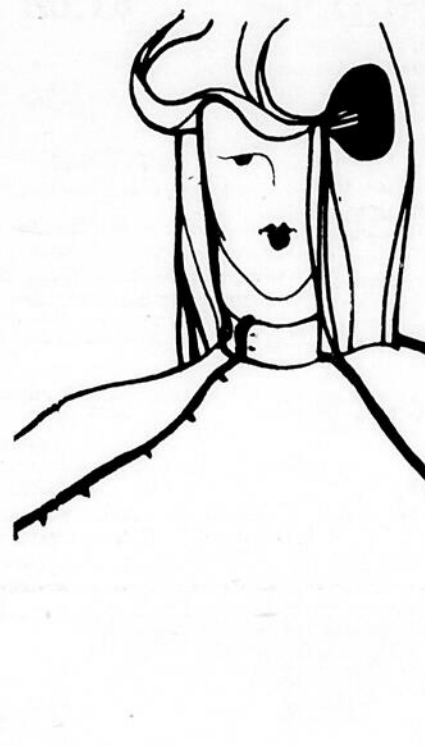




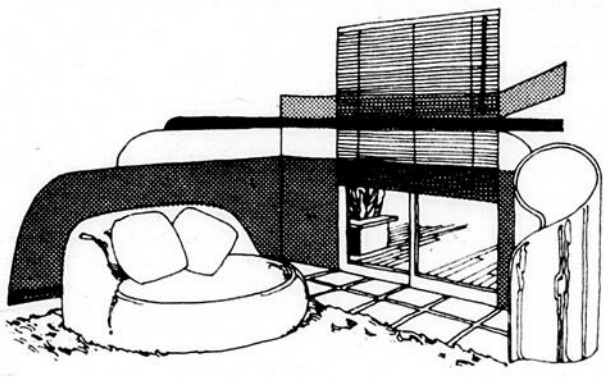
DINNER CHAIRMAN AND GUEST: Historian and lecturer **Allan Raymond,** left, is the chairman of the annual closing dinner of the St. James Literary Society to be held Tuesday, March 25, at 7:00 pm at the McGill Faculty Club. Guest of honor at the dinner will be Westmounter **David L. Johnston,** principal and vice-chancellor of McGill University. Founded in 1898, the St. James Literary Society is an acknowledged force in the literary life of the city. Its president is S. M. Victoria Elie. Vice-president is J. G. S. Brash.

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At meetings last week, yesterday

Rotarians hear both sides of referendum

Passion, rather than reason, will be the deciding factor in Quebec's future whether inside or outside Canada, and it is going to be difficult to argue for or against sovereignty-association using rational arguments.

That was the feeling brought to Westmount Rotarians at their latest two weekly luncheons. Last Wednesday, Parti Québécois MNA Gérard Godin argued the separatist cause in front of a panel of Rotarians. Yesterday, Raynold Langlois, president of the Liberal Party's Constitutional Committee, faced the same panel to discuss the federalist option and Claude Ryan's "beige paper."

Mr. Godin, trying to be as practical as possible in front of the Westmount businessmen, pointed out that Quebecers resent the federal government for "building a strong Ontario," and said Quebec simply wanted to define its own set of priorities.

Mr. Langlois, an articulate, Nova Scotia-born and Ontario-raised lawyer, said he is proud to live in a French-speaking province but pointed out there must be a major change in the constitutional framework in order to reconcile Canada to French-speaking Quebecers.

He added that English-speaking Quebecers have a great deal to do with the problem, since there is "a great deal of frustration" built up towards them within the Francophone population.

Mr. Godin answered the questions of Rotarians Andrea Durso, William Reay and J. C. Terrier in a businesslike manner, dealing with technical aspects of the sovereignty-association plans proposed by the Parti Québécois. Mr. Langlois, on the other hand, steered the panel and the Rotary members toward the more emotional side of the question.

The beige paper approved by the Liberal Party's latest convention would change the constitutional structure of Canada in several important ways, Mr. Langlois pointed out, specially by broadening the powers of the provinces in areas of education and culture.

Though it proposes that the Canadian constitution defend English and French language rights throughout the country, for example, schooling of other-mother-tongue immigrants would be a matter to be retained by the provinces, which would also have more control over the media (as communicators not just of information, but culture).



Gérard Godin
at Rotary, last Wednesday

Ambiguous wording

He agreed with a questioner that "it is much more important to worry about the after-referendum than about the referendum itself," and charged that the PQ is proposing ambiguous wording in order "to capitalize on the fact that Quebecers want change."

He added that Liberal Leader Claude Ryan would consider his election a mandate to negotiate the beige paper with Ottawa, no matter which way the referendum vote goes, and suggested that any agreements he might reach would require a referendum in Quebec anyway.

He reassured another questioner that, in his opinion, the United States and the world would not withdraw their financial holdings in Quebec if the referendum vote is yes; he said he is satisfied outsiders understand what is happening here.

Any "blackmail" threats — from other provinces or countries — to withdraw financial support from Quebec "would be a very, very serious mistake indeed," he warned, since citizens here would become more determined to separate.

While he agreed that English-speaking Quebecers are making a true effort to recognize the French majority in the province, he suggested that many Francophones have bad experiences which have flavored their entire conception of English Quebec and Anglophones in general.

"All I'm saying is that it takes one man in a room with 500 people who claims it's difficult expressing himself in French, to change the feeling in the entire room."

For his part, Mr. Langlois felt that Canada could be easily defended as "a great country...which is not like the United States, for one...(and) it has a cultural disparity which makes it great."

Worried by particulars

If culture and emotion are foremost in the minds of separatists, they did not appear particularly relevant in the discussions with Mr. Godin a week earlier. In fact, Rotarians were more worried about the particulars of the PQ program rather than the reasons for it.

The concept of a central monetary union between Quebec and the rest of Canada was justified by Mr. Godin as a relatively minor relationship, for example, far less important than fiscal policy which would be retained by a sovereign — but associated — Quebec.

Most monetary policies which affect Canada now are made in Washington, he said, and this would continue whether the northern frontier was made up of one or two countries.

"Fiscal policies are much more important than monetary policies," he told Rotarians.

A sovereign-associated Quebec would retain control over defence, police and the criminal code, he explained, and would retain connections with NATO and NORAD alliances as a junior partner. Still, Quebec would be responsible for its own army which could intervene in matters internal and — if necessary — external.

"The RCMP could no longer come and open mail in Quebec," he told the laughing businessmen. "It would have to be (done by) the Sûreté du Québec!"

Mr. Godin agreed with one Rotarian's description of the PQ program as "partial separatism."

"It is on some points separatism, but on many others it's not," he declared, listing economic policy and money matters as those on which Quebec and Canada would work together.

Why, he was asked, would other provinces and Ottawa negotiate with Quebec if the province is not given a distinct mandate to declare its sovereignty?

Mr. Godin replied that he had "too much respect for the democratic principles of Mr. Trudeau" to expect that the prime minister would not be willing to talk on the basis of "a mandate to negotiate sovereignty-association."

"If they don't, it will show that they don't give a damn about democracy...the whole world will be watching."

Mr. Terrier, who hails from Europe, pointed out to the MNA that the European Economic Community is moving countries there closer to federalism, and asked why Quebec seemed to be moving in the opposite direction.

The European experience is based on the individual wills of each of the countries, he said, while the people of Quebec had never been given the opportunity to express their collective will in the same way.

Three joint programs

The main difference, he pointed out, is that Quebec and Canada now "hassle about" 147 different programs...under the new arrangement, that would drop to only three — dealing with monetary, economic and judicial matters.

In his opening speech Mr. Godin argued that the situation boils down to one simple axiom: "Satisfaction guaranteed or your money back."

"I don't have any grudge against the federal system," he said, "but we are not satisfied with the way it works...we want our money back."

"The French power in Ottawa has to represent the whole of the country and there's a tendency to think more about Ontario," he argued when someone mentioned the Trudeau régime of the past 11 years. "We think you are better served by yourself than by any other government."

Mr. Godin also recognized that the majority "yes" vote would have to be made up by an overwhelming sentiment within the Francophone population.

"It will not be the fault of the Anglophones if we lose," he declared.

In conclusion, Mr. Godin thanked the Rotarians for offering some "tough questions — and some of them are new." He said the exercise was invaluable in preparing him for future debates both in the National Assembly and with other groups he will be addressing.

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Popular milkman laid up after slip on stairs

Jean-Paul Dupont, who has been serving Westmounters with Guaranteed Pure Milk for the past 21 years, slipped on a front staircase recently and injured his knee severely, forcing him off the job for eight to 10 weeks.

He left hospital early this week and is recovering at home, 9001 LaSalle Boulevard in LaSalle.

The 62-year-old, ever-smiling, devoted and punctual, "nice day today" milkman is being aided by Denis and Luc Daoust, a father-son team which works either side of his western Westmount route.

Because they are operating their own routes at the same time, they are servicing customers on Wednesdays and Saturdays — "sabbath days" in the milk business.

Some parts of Grosvenor, Roslyn and Lansdowne avenues will have the regular four-day service, however.

Mr. Dupont is "one of the best milkmen we have ever had," reported Guaranteed Vice-President David Hogg. Around the shop, he said, Mr. Dupont is best noted for his eggnog sales at Christmas time...he has even received awards for eggnog sales!

He started with Guaranteed in 1947 and has been servicing Westmount ever since, save for a few minor accidents. He was one of the first to purchase a franchise from the company when the practice was started in 1971.

PARKING . . .

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cient space" and work out compromise solutions with residents of streets where problems exist.

Ald. Gervais stressed that the city was trying to anticipate a parking problem which is now largely developing. He suggested that families are adding cars to their fleets, and that they should be discouraged from doing so unless they can afford off-street parking.

"We are trying to act rather than react, before we get to a chaotic situation," he explained.

There has been a suggestion that Westmount's car population is growing by about 400 vehicles a year, though Mayor MacCallum would not confirm this.

He repeated several times, however, that his letter had been purely suggestive, and that citizens should not take the proposals as definitive action on the city's part. Council will be studying the letters and will decide on its next course of action soon, but "there's no pressure on this at all," he told one questioner.

On a demand from Rodney Holden, he refused to release the findings of last summer's survey. The brief was simply staff material for council's consumption, he said, and taxpayer funding of the survey did not require that it become a public document.

Ready response

Ald. Gervais congratulated citizens and the WMA for responding so readily to the proposals. WMA President Hubert de La Beaumelle promised that another association brief, taking the whole of Westmount into consideration, would be ready by Monday. (The "focus interview" dealt mainly with residents of the 16 streets most affected by the proposals.)

André Villeneuve, 9 de Casson road, told the mayor his complaints dealt mainly with evening parking in his area by Forum-goers, as well as people headed downtown by bus and Métro and even those off for an afternoon or evening at the Olympic Stadium, a short Métro-ride from Westmount.

"We are definitely being used as a parking lot," he said.

Mayor MacCallum urged him to put the problems in writing and mail them to city hall, to be considered along with all the other letters.

He later told THE EXAMINER that council was, indeed, working on methods of combatting the daytime and evening parking problems, as well as the overnight one.

Despite the far-reaching nature of the proposals, he suggested on Monday evening that the problem was "not an overwhelming one" and that "not an overwhelming number of cars" were involved.

Eye for detail evident in photograph exhibition

Eighty-five striking photographs by Gabor Szilasi, 483 Grosvenor avenue, are on show at the Musée d'Art Contemporain until April 13.

Mr. Szilasi has a terrific eye for detail which is very much in evidence in the four series of photographs.

The first series is portraits of people and their living rooms, done in separate photographs. Included are shots of Westmounters Lola Lanyi, Cheryl Fleming, Sue and Graham Bell and Mr. Szilasi's good friend, Sam Tata.

The second series is of strong close-up portraits. Subjects include 14-year-old Tina Mackay, 441 Prince Albert avenue, the photographer's wife Doreen and his daughter Andrea, 15.

The series on St. Catherine street shows a wide selection of buildings including shops, cafés, banks and theatres. Mr. Szilasi shows us the entire building rather than just the street-level shop windows that most of us recognize.

The fourth series is 12 photographs of house fronts in Abitibi. The pastel colors give a particularly delicate façade to the geometric houses.

The St. Catherine photos and the portraits are in black and white while the Abitibi houses are in color. The living room series has the people in black and white while the interiors are in color.

—JOAN CAPREOL

Council thanks Cst. Payne

Cst. George Payne received the official plaudits of Mayor Donald MacCallum and the rest of city council Monday night for his recent heroic actions in nabbing an armed robber while shopping at Steinberg's Victoria-Sherbrooke outlet (THE EXAMINER, Feb. 28).

Mayor MacCallum led off the formal council session by inviting Cst. Payne to come forward and receive handshakes from all members of council and city staff present at the meeting. The 25-person audience then added its own warm applause.

Walked off

A wooden statue valued at $250 disappeared from the dining table of a home on Mount Pleasant avenue north of Sherbrooke street sometime between Feb. 25 and 29, the owner reported to police on Friday. The owner said repairs were being done to the house at the time of the disappearance.

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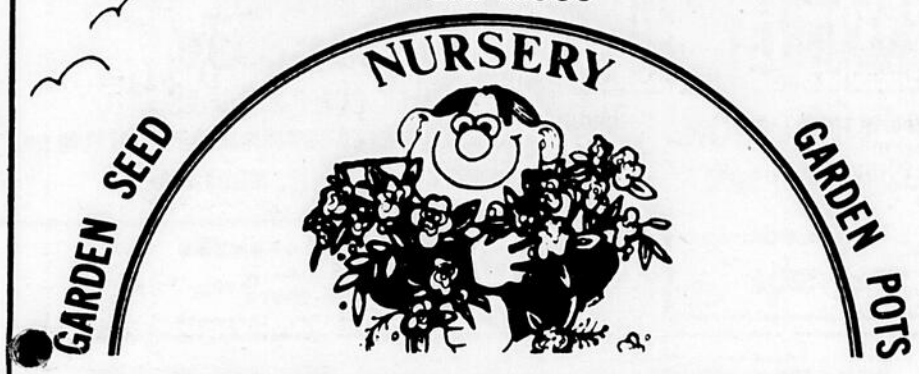
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CENSUS TRACT 353

The area of Westmount between Sherbrooke street and Côte St. Antoine road experienced about the same number of residential sales last year as in 1978, and a 28 percent increase in prices between the second halves of both years, about the same as for the city as a whole. By the end of 1979 the average home in the area was selling for about $100,000.

Lansdowne avenue between Sherbrooke and Côte road showed evidence of strong interest, particularly between July and October when 11 homes sold for an average $92,441. Coupled with five turnovers on that stretch of Lansdowne in the first six months for an average $76,100, the street led the way in sales, followed by normally volatile Grosvenor avenue (11 sales) and a very active Arlington avenue (eight sales).

Of those streets with three or more sales, Roslyn avenue was the most expensive with an average price of $136,250 (four sales), followed closely by the south side of Côte road, where four sales averaged $128,750. The street-by-street average went down from there to $83,333 in three sales on Chesterfield avenue.

Despite the general high prices on Roslyn, 541-43 Victoria avenue pulled in the highest price, $200,000, recorded in March. The lowest price was obtained at 523 Grosvenor avenue, $55,000 in August. Markups ranged from 10.1 percent (59 Arlington, April) to almost 150 percent (434-6 Grosvenor, December).

CENSUS TRACT 354-WEST

This sector of Westmount is often considered an extension of Tract 353 — indeed, Claremont, Victoria, Grosvenor, Roslyn and Lansdowne avenues extend into it — but zoning in the tract allows only semi-detached dwellings.

Still, the prices did not move up quite as quickly as in the lower area, reaching an average of $103,310 by the latter half of the year.

Sales volume also dipped slightly from 1978, to 42 last year. It was particularly strong, however, on Victoria avenue, which experienced 15 sales, nine of those averaging $88,556 in the first half of the year, then six more averaging $93,583 in the second half.

Highest price was registered at 27 Willow avenue, which brought $157,250 in September; the lowest was 602 Lansdowne avenue, $70,000 in October. The latter sale also registered the lowest markup, 8.4 percent, while the highest came at 467 Côte St. Antoine, 182.7 percent in July.

CENSUS TRACT 354-EAST

"Dead centre" Westmount, as this region might be called, takes in the relatively expensive homes between Lansdowne and Clarke avenues, Côte St. Antoine and The Boulevard.

The average price for the region actually moved ahead of its eastern "cousin" — Tract 355 — in the first half of 1979, but then lost the title of second-most-expensive part of Westmount in the second half of the year.

Sales on Argyle avenue bulged in the second half of the year, with nine registrations (average $121,722) during the six-month period, compared to only four in the first half-year. Montrose avenue saw eight residential sales in 1979, and Aberdeen a surprising seven, but no other streets experienced more than five.

Forden crescent and Carleton avenue turned out to be the most expensive, on average, though 4364 Westmount avenue had the highest reported price of $235,000 in August. Prices went down from there to $63,000 (4367 Montrose, April), while markups ranged from 0.2 percent (4341 Westmount avenue, March) to 200.7 percent, the highest in the city last year (433 Argyle, December).

CENSUS TRACT 355

Sales volume dropped dramatically in this area from 57 in 1978 to only 41 last year, perhaps an indication of the value of the closest-to-downtown homes; people hung onto their property, driving the prices even higher.

Mount Pleasant avenue experienced five registrations in the second half of the year, and Holton avenue four, but otherwise there was little turnover in any area of the tract.

Supply and demand combined to drive prices up 37.5 percent between the second half of 1978 and the second half of 1979, almost as much as the neighboring area to the south. Only five of the 41 sales were for less than $100,000, the lowest recorded at 439 Mount Pleasant ($82,000 in April). Top price was $300,000 for 64 St. Sulpice road in January.

Markups ranged from 3.9 percent (491 Mountain avenue, January) to 114.7 percent (419 Mount Pleasant avenue, August).

CENSUS TRACT 356

If the eastern region saw a drop in sales volume, the exact opposite took place on top of the mountain, where sales jumped from 61 in 1978 to 71 last year. Though prices rose 25 percent in that time, the increase was not as high as for most other areas of the city.

Still, homeowner-investors were willing to pay generously for houses in the region, with four sales above $300,000 and nine in the $200,000-to-$300,000 bracket. Only 10 homes sold for less than $100,000, the lowest being $72,000 for the 4380-82 Côte des Neiges road duplex which happens to be in the high-priced district.

Great interest appears to have developed on Upper Lansdowne avenue during the year, with seven sales there (average $130,886) in the second half of 1979; Upper Belmont and Upper Roslyn avenues saw similar second-half interest; Belvedere road and Summit Circle also saw a relatively high number of resales during the year.

Highest price — and highest for the city last year — involved 22 Shorncliffe avenue, which went for $385,000 in September. The city's only recorded markdown last year came in the sale of 60 Belvedere road for 4.5 percent less than valuation, while the highest top-of-the-hill markup was 130.8 percent, for 3803 The Boulevard in January.

CONDOMINIUMS

Mr. Zinay reports that the concept of condominiums — which has taken hold in other Canadian cities — is gradually gaining acceptance in the Montreal area, mainly because of the lack of construction of new apartment buildings.

It seems that Westmount is slow to cotton to the idea, even by Montreal standards, since only one local building so far has converted to condominium sales.

The Savoy Plaza, 399 Clarke avenue, is now fully in the hands of individual owners, Mr. Zinay reports, thanks to a high number of sales in 1979. Eleven sales were registered during the year for prices ranging from $21,500 to $69,000, and all but one of the sales was for less than the Montreal Urban Community assessment (this will undoubtedly lead to appeals of valuations throughout the building).

With nothing to compare the Savoy Plaza prices to, there is little way to analyse Westmount's condominium market. It can be predicted, however, that other buildings will convert to condominiums in the near future, considering the present rental control laws and the demand for ownership of apartments.

Any new highrise construction locally probably will involve condominiums, as well, though none appears to be in the offing.

Six new houses allowed

Redivisions for anticipated construction of six new dwellings on The Boulevard and Summit Circle were approved by city council Monday evening.

Three of these were on land purchased near 3219 The Boulevard (see real estate article last week). The other three were on the property owned by Garoh Ltd., on Summit Circle just north of Summit road. Westmount recently sold a portion of its land in the area to allow Garoh to "round out" the lots it already owned.

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Dance postponed:

Winter's excesses disrupt carnival

By KRISTIAN GRAVENOR

Last Friday was scheduled to be the last day of the Westmount High School winter carnival and was to see a teachers' broomball game, students' hockey game and the carnival dance.

Unfortunately, the winter carnival weather was a little too seasonal and the dance and broomball game were cancelled due to the snow storm.

The hockey game between the grade 10 and grade 11 teams did take place, however, and although the senior team won, they were forced to eat the proverbial humble pie as they won by just one goal, 2-1.

The grade 10 team put up a great battle but they were bested by the more-talented senior team which scored the winner near the end of the game.

An excellent show was put on by both teams, considering they were both assembled only for this single game. It was the height of entertainment in a very successful carnival, which had about three events scheduled for each of the five days.

The postponed dance will be held tomorrow evening.

Debaters can't compete

The school's debating team has lost their bid to compete in the provincial championships as they did not take part in the pre-provincial debates. The championship competition will take place at St. Thomas School and the board has said WHS may enter but their achievements will not be recognized.

Debating club member Stephen White called the ruling "a step backward for the WHS team." Several WHS debaters had a chance at making the national team.

Tuesday afternoon Stephen Wohl came to WHS to talk about politics. His views are left-wing and he criticized the capitalist system, expressing particular dislike for the news media and American economic control of Canada.

A very engaging speaker, he compared Canada's economic position to that of a loser in a game of Monopoly. While controversial, his opinions were well thought out and he gains new followers each time he speaks to a different group of students.

An arts festival for elementary students also took place Tuesday, including exhibits in the gym and operas in the auditorium. Students from many different elementary schools came to view the exhibit which moves on to another school each day this week.

HOCKEY PLAYOFFS

Following is the playoff situation in recreation department hockey leagues up to and including games played Tuesday, March 18:

NOVICE
March 12: Knights 4, Dragons 1
March 15: Dragons 3, Knights 2
Best-of-three final tied 1-1.

ATOM
March 12: Broncs 3, Huskies 1
March 15: Broncs 3, Huskies 1
Broncs win best-of-three final 2-0.

PEEWEE I
March 10: Bulls 3, Huskies 1
March 17: Huskies 2, Bulls 0
Best-of-three final tied 1-1.

BANTAM I
March 18: Bruins 6, Rangers 1
Bruins lead best-of-three final 1-0.

BANTAM II
March 18: Hawks 4, Flyers 3
Hawks lead best-of-three final 1-0.

MIDGET
March 18: Hornets 1, Spartons 0
Hornets lead best-of-three final 1-0.

SENIOR
Semi-final
March 4: Stars 6, Wanderers 4
March 6: Stars 8, Wanderers 2
Stars win best-of-three semi-final 2-0.

Final
March 11: Stars 5, Bruins 4
March 13: Stars 6, Bruins 1
March 18: Stars 3, Bruins 2
Stars win best-of-five final 3-0.

Juvenile Oilers atom Broncs hockey champs

By ANDREW MORGAN

The Oilers of Westmount's juvenile-senior 'B' league became the first champions of the season last week as they defeated the Jets 6-2 in the final game of the season.

Members of the Oilers are: Eric Boyd, D. J. Reynolds, Mark Hazen, John Fraser, Steven Siblin, Bobby O'Neil, Panco Bravo, Ron Parsons, Robert Tetrault, Mark Simmons (goaltender) and Eric Glassco.

Another champion team was declared Saturday as the atom Broncs won their second consecutive game over the Huskies by a 3-1 score to take the best-of-three series.

In their first 3-1 win last Wednesday, the Broncs exhibited excellent passing but the game got off to a slow start and after two periods of play neither team had managed a goal.

The third period proved quite different, however, as the Broncs netted three goals and the Huskies one. John Carrique, Jean-François Clément and Kyle Bigelow scored for the Broncs while Andrew Waterston replied for the Huskies.

Peewee I series tied

The Bulls of peewee I defeated the Huskies 3-1 to take a one-game lead in their best-of-three series, though the Huskies rebounded Monday, shutting out the Bulls 2-0 to tie the series.

In the first game, the Huskies broke the ice midway through the second period when Michael Lane scored after Alex Howatson had carried the puck out of the Huskies' end.

The Bulls soon tied it up with a power-play effort from Tim Bishop. The Bulls picked up the pace in the third period and, as a result, Erik Blachford and Andrew Seely were able to score and clinch the victory.

Novice teams split

The novice best-of-three final is also tied 1-1 after the Knights defeated the Dragons 4-1 last Wednesday but then lost 3-2 on Saturday.

In the first game, the Knights had many good chances to score throughout the first period and part of the second but luck was with the Dragons and the Knights were unable to capitalize.

Tom McPherson, however, put the Knights on the scoreboard with just over a minute to play in the second period and teammate Matthew Cundill took over in the third period, scoring three times. Matthew Marchand scored the Dragons' only goal, although forward Alex Pless also had a good game.

Stars sweep

The old adage that the playoffs are a brand new season was never proven as true as in the Westmount senior hockey league this week.

The senior Bruins made a shambles of the league during the regular season, compiling a 25-3-2 record to finish 12 points ahead of the second-place Stars during the regular season.

That meant nothing when the final series started last week, however, as the Stars knocked off the Bruins three games in a row to win the best-of-five series for the championship.

The final win came Tuesday evening by a 3-2 score. The Stars had won the first game last Tuesday 5-4 and took the second game last Thursday 6-1.

The sweep of the final series means the Stars won five consecutive playoff games to win the championship. They defeated the third-place Wanderers in the best-of-three semi-final by scores of 6-4 and 8-2.

HOCKEY SCOREBOARD

Following are the results of regular season games played in the City of Westmount recreation department hockey leagues during the week ended Tuesday, March 18:

BANTAM I
March 13: Bruins 4, Rangers 2

BANTAM II
March 13: Hawks 5, Flames 1

MIDGET
March 13: Spartons 7, Badgers 0

JUVENILE-SENIOR "B"
March 13: Oilers 6, Jets 2

ALL STAR/OTHER
March 12: Bantam All Stars 3, Chateauguay 2
March 15: Peewee All Stars 9, LaSalle 1
March 17: Ville Émard Hurricanes 'AA' 3, Midget All Stars 0
March 17: Old Timers 3, Seniors 3

HOCKEY STANDINGS

Following are the final standings after regular season play in the City of Westmount recreation department hockey leagues:

NOVICE (Final)

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Knights	15	9	2	4	41	20	22
Dragons	15	8	4	3	31	21	19
Guards	15	3	8	4	17	43	10
Bears	15	3	9	3	18	23	9

ATOM (Final)

Huskies	15	10	3	2	57	33	22
Broncs	15	10	3	2	48	27	22
Mules	15	6	7	2	42	40	14
Bulls	15	0	13	2	17	64	2

PEEWEE I (Final)

Huskies	15	8	4	3	37	32	19
Bulls	15	8	5	2	44	35	18
Mules	15	5	5	5	37	38	15
Broncs	15	3	10	2	28	41	8

PEEWEE II (Final)

Capitals	15	8	6	1	43	41	17
Seals	15	7	5	3	35	29	17
Scouts	15	7	6	2	37	26	16
Kings	15	4	9	2	21	40	10

BANTAM I (Final)

Bruins	22	15	4	3	105	63	33
Rangers	22	7	6	9	73	71	23
Leafs	22	2	14	6	59	103	10

BANTAM II (Final)

Hawks	22	15	7	0	69	48	30
Flyers	22	7	10	5	50	52	19
Flames	22	6	11	5	48	67	17

MIDGET (Final)

Hornets	16	12	4	0	71	44	24
Spartons	16	8	5	3	72	55	19
Mustangs	16	6	9	1	67	73	13
Badgers	16	3	11	2	44	82	8

JUVENILE-SENIOR "B" (Final)

Oilers	14	7	5	2	58	72	16
Jets	14	5	7	2	72	58	12

SENIOR (Final)

Bruins	30	25	3	2	171	64	52
Stars	30	18	8	4	149	75	40
Wanderers	30	9	18	3	79	141	21
Sabres	30	3	26	1	61	180	7

ALL STAR

Atom	5	1	4	0	12	30	2
Pee Wee	19	10	5	4	86	73	24
Bantam	10	5	4	1	45	46	11
Midget	14	11	2	1	99	35	21

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Old Timers	19	6	8	5	62	76	17

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Snowballs

Unfortunately for some and fortunately for others, winter is coming to an end. With the end of winter comes the melting of the snow, making it sticky and perfect for snowballs.

Let me remind you of an incident that happened here in Westmount a few years ago. Some youths were throwing snowballs at each other and at buses passing on St. Catherine street. One ball hit the window of a bus breaking the window. The broken glass hit a passenger in the eye, resulting in loss of sight in that eye.

It is also dangerous for a driver to have a snowball hit his car since he could lose control of the car thereby causing an accident.

Twin-city hockey rivalry resumes Saturday

The 12th annual twin-city peewee hockey game between Westmount and Rimouski will be held Saturday at 10:30 am at the Westmount artificial ice rink.

The two teams will be playing for possession of the Mayor M. L. Tucker Trophy in the annual event which marks the twinning of Westmount and Rimouski as part of Canada's centennial celebrations in 1967.

The hockey games were begun in 1969 when Westmount beat Rimouski 3-1 in Rimouski. The game site alternates each year and in the previous 11 games Westmount has won seven and lost four, outscoring Rimouski 37-30.

In last year's game in Rimouski, Westmount won 3-0. Westmount has won all its home games in the series, except the last one in 1978, which it lost 7-4.

Sixteen players are on Westmount's team this year. They include: Jon Turnbull, Paul Capombassis and Robbie Valdmanis in goal; defencemen Ian Cleghorn, Paul Spaniel (team captain), Mengo McCall and Michael Capombassis; forwards Paul Roman, Andrew Seely, John Price, Doug Ellis, Laurent de La Beaumelle, David Dohney, Kai McCall, Alex Howatson and Anders Bard.

The team is coached by John Garland, assisted by Steven Clark and Matthew Bissonnette.

City officials are hoping Westmount residents will turn out in force Saturday morning to cheer on the local team.

Rimouski officials to visit

Westmount and Rimouski city officials will be lunching at city hall on Saturday following the annual "twin city" peewee all-star hockey match for the official get-together and signing of the Golden Book.

That evening they will join the hockey players for dinner in Westmount Square, an event which will feature the presentation of the Mayor Tucker trophy to the winner of the morning hockey game.

Thanks to the generosity of Westmount citizens, the officials and players will then attend the Montreal-Hartford hockey game at The Forum.

The Rimouski players are staying at the homes of their Westmount counterparts on Friday and Saturday nights, and are expected to lunch there on Saturday and to enjoy their company during the afternoon.

Services Commissioner Ald. Brian Gallery has urged Westmounters to turn out for the morning hockey game, to welcome the Rimouski mayor and aldermen and to cheer the teams on.



READY FOR RIMOUSKI: Members of Westmount's peewee hockey team which will play Rimouski Saturday posed recently for a team portrait. In the back row, from left, are **Matthew Bissonnette**, assistant coach, **John Garland**, recreation supervisor and coach, and **Stephen Clark**, assistant coach. Second row, from left, are: **Andrew Seely, John Price, Mengo McCall, Kai McCall, Paul Spaniel** (captain), **Anders Bard, Laurent de La Beaumelle, Michael Capombassis** and **Ian Cleghorn**. Kneeling, from left, are **Alex Howatson, Paul Roman** (alternate captain), **Robbie Valdmanis, Jonathan Turnbull, Paul Capombassis, David Doheny** (alternate captain) and **Doug Ellis**. Kneeling in front is mascot **Stephen Barkman**.

Girls' sports here lagging WMA is told

Girls' sports programs in Westmount don't measure up to those in neighboring communities, according to Doreen Bissonnette of the Westmount Municipal Association.

At last week's WMA advisory council meeting she reported that she had been studying the programs of other municipalities and discovered that, in the younger age groups, girls are allowed to participate with boys in the Town of Mount Royal and Montreal West soccer leagues.

She said that girls participate more in the sports programs of other communities because there is more parental involvement. In Westmount, she said, the sports program depends on the hierarchy of the recreation department with little parental input to girls' sports.

For intercity competition, provincial law forbids girls to play on a boys' team but Ms. Bissonnette said integration of girls on the teams is tolerated by the province and the municipalities. In Westmount, she said, they go by the rules.

Ms. Bissonnette added that change in the sports programs will have to come from the top and is impossible in the present set up.

WMA President Hubert de La Beaumelle said the Mayor Donald MacCallum doesn't see the issue of girls' sports programs as a problem. He said the only way to institute the programs would be through the parents and the WMA should motivate them.

Sally Aitken suggested that the city's recreation advisory committee could act as a buffer between parents and the city and added there was no reason why Westmount sports programs couldn't be as good as those in other cities.

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Victoria Hall possible home for health dept.

By ANDY DODGE

THE department of community health covering Westmount and western Montreal might move into the main floor of Victoria Hall, complementing the upstairs facilities which the Westmount YMCA is seeking for establishment of a day care centre.

This news was confirmed by various sources this week, though Ald. Muriel Kaplan, who is in charge of negotiations for community use of the hall, said only "verbal" discussions have taken place so far with the Montreal General Hospital, which operates the community health program.

Negotiations were to have started yesterday, meanwhile, to try to bridge a serious financial gap between estimates of the YMCA and the city for rental of the "lodge rooms" by the anticipated day care program.

Dr. Alexander McPherson, director of the department of community health (département de santé communautaire, or DSC), said his organization is interested in studying the re-adaptation of Victoria Hall for many of the department's west sector offices, most of which are now located in the city hall annex on Stanton street.

Ideal location

The easy access to the building, its proximity to the Manoir Westmount senior citizens' residence and the hoped-for day care program make it an ideal location in many respects, he said, though he was not certain exactly which portions of the DSC operations could be located there.

Dr. Glen Cameron, who operates the west-sector DSC out of the city hall annex, was more optimistic. The building might be able to afford more space than his department has now, perhaps to the point of moving the home care program there from the downtown Guy Métro station. Nurses working out of there cover Westmount and Notre Dame de Grâce, he pointed out.

YMCA Director Jeffrey Mayes suggested that the DSC should work in conjunction with the day care committee in order to present the city with a package proposal to determine ways of using most—if not all—of the building. (Already the basement is rented to Manoir Westmount and houses the dining room and auxiliary recreation rooms for the residence.)

Both Mayor Donald MacCallum and Ald. Kaplan agreed this would be worthwhile.

Questioned at city council Monday evening, Ald. Kaplan hinted there were grave differences between the city and the YMCA on the financial aspects of the application the Y has made.

"The problem has been one of cost, purely one of economics," she told Hubert de La Beaumelle, president of the Westmount Municipal Association. "It's not something that's viable in terms of funds. We can't use taxpayer money to subsidize a group of people to attend a day care centre."

She said, however, that the city was eager to sit down with the day care committee "to see if we can come together with something that's feasible for the city and the parents concerned."

The city has been trying for the past year to find a way to relieve the operating deficit of Victoria Hall. Last fall it called for tenders but received only one submission—from the YMCA.

Dr. McPherson said the DSC was later approached by representatives of the WMA, and that he had been unaware previously that it might be available. At the time, the DSC was negotiating for use of the city-owned building at 2-4 Hillside avenue.

Though plans were well along for that building, it appears they have been dropped now.



ROSLYN SCHOOL, WE STAND TALL: At the annual Roslyn School skating party held Friday night at the Westmount arena as part of the school's winter carnival, this giraffe costume was worn by **Sari Roston.** It was the grade 6 student's giraffe idea which won the school's recent contest to design a mascot. The stuffed giraffe, held by **Susan Marks,** right, sports a shirt with the motto, "Roslyn School, we stand tall." Principal Barbara McKnight handed out more than 40 prizes during the skating party which was attended by hundreds of students, parents and friends.

Data release refused:

Council, citizens clash again on parking plans

Letters arriving at city hall are running about ten-to-one against Council's parking proposals, informed sources have revealed, though it appears many of these are simply a "form letter" which has been distributed in many parts of Westmount.

THE EXAMINER learned of the breakdown following the second council-citizen clash in the council chambers at city hall, though this time the architects of the proposals — Mayor Donald MacCallum and Public Safety Commissioner Ald. P. André Gervais — expressed a willingness to listen and perhaps even to relax the fees and requirements set out in early February.

Some 25 citizens, again united in opposition to the proposals, were on hand for the special mid-month council session. They made it plain their chief worry is the $35 fee which the mayor had suggested in his letter for on-street parking.

Mayor MacCallum made it plain that the fee was only a stand-by charge for those unable to find alternative off-street parking and that nobody else would be allowed to park their cars on any Westmount streets for more than four hours if council decides to go ahead with the proposals as described.

Ald. Gervais hinted the $35 was the major complaint cited in the letters, as well, though he argued it was "in keeping with the commercial lots" around Westmount.

"I can't accept the charge that people are being 'penalized,' " he said when the word was mentioned, "because we are considering re-establishing the enforcement of the present (parking) by-law.

Wants to keep by-law

Ald. Gervais referred several times to the existing city by-law prohibiting on-street parking for more than four hours, and appeared determined that it should be maintained despite some overt suggestions that it be repealed.

"This council could have decided to make sure the current by-law is enforced, and simply started ticketing cars," he said of the approach council is using. "We are trying to assist those people who do not have parking, to accommodate them."

In early February Mayor MacCallum mailed a special "mayor's letter" to all Westmount residents outlining the proposals and asking for comments on them.

To date, he reports, about 267 people have communicated with city hall, including roughly 70 who sent personal letters, some 100 who sent form letters simply protesting the actions but offering no further comment, and some 100 who signed a petition circulated in southwest Westmount. He gave no breakdown of the mood of the letters.

Peter Johnson of the Westmount Municipal Association gave the mayor a report of the recent WMA "focus interview" on the matter (see story last week). He read aloud his interpretation of the consensus reached during the two-hour discussion:

"There is no problem now.

"The seven reasons given for no-night parking are weak. There must be other more important reasons not stated.

"The enforcing of the no-parking-at-night law would encourage more parking aprons, which are ugly.

"Additional driveways and aprons would permit less street parking during the day for shoppers.

"Trees would have to be cut to make room for aprons.

"A $35 a month street parking charge would drive up the present parking rates. There is at present no more parking space available in lower Westmount.

"A $35 a month charge would also encourage householders with lawns to enter the parking business. More aprons would not be more beautiful."

The report then suggests that the city simply "enforce the law on streets where there is suffi-

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Pharmacist held at knife-point; drugs, money taken

It was a terrifying start to a Saturday morning for a local pharmacist and his cashier who were held at knife-point by two men, apparently high on narcotics, demanding drugs and money.

"It's never happened to me before and I hope it never happens again," said Arthur Quenneville, 44, owner of the pharmacy at 4779 Sherbrooke street near Grosvenor avenue, as he tallied up his loss from the hold-up at 9:15 pm on March 8.

"It was terrifying. I didn't think I was nervous or lost my cool, until it was all over," he explained. "Afterwards, I started thinking about it and I realized how terrifying it was. You feel so useless when the guy has a knife."

Police are investigating the theft, which resulted in a loss of drugs valued at $250, as well as $250 in cash and Mr. Quenneville's wallet containing personal cards and papers.

It all started shortly after Mr. Quenneville had opened the pharmacy for the day. He was alone in the store with his 19-year-old cashier. About 9:15 am, two men entered, carrying six-inch knives, he reported. "You could tell just by looking at them they were high on narcotics."

One suspect, about 23, was described as being about 6 feet tall, 170 pounds, wearing a yellow jacket and hood. The second man stood about 5 foot 10, weighing about 160 pounds, with reddish, wavy hair. He wore a blue jacket over a turtleneck sweater.

Wanted Mandrax

The first man approached the prescription counter, threatened Mr. Quenneville with a knife and asked for a narcotic called Mandrax. When the pharmacist said he didn't have any narcotics, the suspect reportedly pushed him to the back into the rows of bottles of pills while the second suspect took about 15 bottles of drugs, including codeine and valium, according to police.

"A little girl came in near the end," Mr. Quennevile said, "but no one noticed her until the guys couldn't get the cash register open. They forced my assistant out front to open it and it was then she noticed the little girl. I don't think the girl realized what was going on. She was busy choosing some candy."

He said the suspects took $150 from the cash register as well as $89 in U.S. funds.

The suspects left on foot, fleeing west on Sherbrooke street. Mr. Quenneville called police at 9:30 am to report the ordeal, which had lasted 15 minutes.