

Quebec tax figures preserve Westmount image of stockholders, professionals, philanthropists

By ANDY DODGE

Those who still believe in the old stereotype that Westmount is a haven for the independently wealthy, for stockholders and high-income professionals, for retirees with fat pensions and for the exceedingly philanthropic will gain solace from the provincial department of revenue's tax statistics for 1976.

Those who believe that Westmounters are the wealthiest group of citizens in Quebec, on the other hand, are wrong, but they're close.

Hampstead, for the second year in a row, can claim the highest average income per taxpayer of any municipality in the province, some \$29,461. Westmount is in second place, at \$26,551, followed by Beaconsfield (\$24,709) and Town of Mount Royal (\$23,964).

Westmounters, on the other hand, are seven times more likely than other Quebec taxpayers to be receiving corporate dividends, eight times more likely to have

professional income and almost six times more likely to donate to charity. Correspondingly, they are less likely to be earning straight salaries from employers.

The high number of senior citizens locally means that Westmount citizens are three times more likely to be collecting pensions, and private pension payments to Westmounters average 2.3 times higher than the Quebec average.

A 200-page tax breakdown for the

province reveals—in part—gross figures for each line of the provincial income tax form for municipalities of more than 20,000. Unfortunately, since Hampstead is smaller than that, no such breakdown is available to compare that municipality with Westmount, but figures for the Montreal Urban Community and the province in general show that citizens here are relatively unique in their incomes and deductions.

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Two WHS grads score over 90%



TOP 1978 GRADS AT WHS: Two graduates of Westmount High School's class of 1978 received average marks over 90 percent, it was announced this week. Top student was Marc Ericksen, left, 4769 Sherbrooke street west, with a 93.1 average, while Steven Kaal, right, 454 Argyle avenue, scored 90.8. Boys also took the next two positions, just missing the 90 percent level, with Michael Kary, 100 Hillside avenue, at 89.7 and David Lu, 1088A St. Lawrence boulevard, 89.6. Top girl in the class was Katherine Brodeur, 565 Roslyn avenue, at 88.4. She was followed by Anne Macklem, 3445 avenue du Musée, 87.7, and Laura Robb, 9 Renfrew avenue, 86.8. Of approximately 225 candidates for the final exams, 174 graduates were named, 40 of whom received bilingual certificates indicating special proficiency in French. Mr. Ericksen is currently taking his senior year at Lower Canada College; Mr. Kaal is attending Harvard University.

Banquet set

Westmount's annual quarter-century club banquet, honoring employees who have worked on city staff for 25 years or more, will be held next Wednesday night at Victoria Hall.

Next Week's WEATHER by Capt. Eric Neal

DECEMBER 2 to 9

Tornadoes in the central U.S. will be followed by coastal storms extending their rainy fringes into our Townships. Blizzards probable in northern and Gulf counties. For the St. Lawrence valley, morning fog, hoar frosts, sleet and 10 to 15 cm of soft snow. Later, rains could wash away our snow.

Conditions unstable everywhere through the weekend, then we will enjoy clear, cold days and moonlit nights for 8 to 10 days.

Following a hot, dry summer, winter will tend to the other extreme. Temperature range, nights and some days: in the south, -14 to 5; Laurentian, Québec and Sherbrooke regions -10 and 4.

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Volume down, prices up in October transfers

Teenagers arrested for fraud

Two teenagers recently were arrested for fraudulently soliciting funds for cancer research in the name of the Westmount YMCA Teen Centre, but only after visiting several Westmount homes and collecting some \$60, The Examiner has learned.

"The Westmount YMCA was totally unaware of the activities of these teens and sincerely regrets the incident," announced YMCA Executive Director Jeff Mayes this week. "It is hoped that all the money fraudulently collected will be returned, although the process may take several weeks."

The teens were turned over to police once the escapade was discovered and an investigation is continuing. One of the two worked in the "Y" teen program this summer, but neither is now connected with the association.

Mr. Mayes pointed out that the YMCA solicits funds in the neighborhood only once a year, during the annual fund-raising campaign. Canvassers always carry identification and official donor cards issued by the YMCA, he noted.

The alleged culprits did offer a list of homes they remembered visiting and the YMCA already has recovered some of the money to return to donors. Any money which cannot be returned will be donated to cancer research, Mr. Mayes promised.

VOLUME dipped further while prices rose in real estate transactions registered in Westmount last month, indicating further a tightening-up of the local market.

The average price of a home, \$88,385, was slightly below the figure for the previous two months, but the average residential markup of price over valuation stood at 24.9 percent, close to the averages attained in July and August and again indicating a resurgence in the market from last year's low ebb.

Fire found day later

Quick work by the Westmount Fire Brigade nipped a potentially serious fire at 4339 Montrose avenue Monday evening, as beams were found smoldering underneath the fireplace of the home.

Residents had used the fireplace Sunday evening, they told firemen; a full 24 hours later they smelled smoke in the house and called the brigade to check it out. Officers found the smoldering joists in the basement and doused them immediately.

Damage was reported to be minimal.

Despite the lower average price, the highest price during the month was \$215,000 for 46 Belvedere place, the highest price paid for a residential dwelling in Westmount since 38 Sunnyside avenue sold for \$228,001 in December 1976. Prices ranged from there to a modest (by Westmount standards) \$42,000, paid for 12 Ingleside avenue.

Townhouses marked down

Biggest markdown was registered in the \$78,250 sale of one of the new "Kloisters" townhouses, 24 Somerville avenue, for which title was recently taken over by Heller-Natofin Ltd. on a default from the original developer, Immobilia, Inc.

Heller-Natofin was able to register two sales last month, in fact, and one more in September. All prices have been below valuation, with the 24 Somerville sale weighing in at 10.2 percent lower than the \$87,100 tax assessment.

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Empty theft

Thieves probably thought they had made quite a haul after sneaking through an open garage door to a home on Aberdeen avenue sometime be-

tween 6:30 and 10:30 Saturday evening. Though they stole a dozen boxes emblazoned with the crest of a well-known Montreal jeweller, it turns out all the boxes were empty!



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Workshop at Y planned on single parenthood

A workshop on the practical details of enjoying single parenthood will be given early next year by the Westmount Family Y.

Starting Jan. 8, the 10-week workshop on Wednesday evenings will be led by Brian M. Knight, MSW, a single parent for seven years and a writer who is completing a book titled "Enjoy single parenthood."

The scope and flavor of the workshop will be reflected in the first session, which will present the carefully documented story of a never-married woman who adopted four children. She will describe their new life as a family and why she enjoys being a single parent.

Themes for other sessions will include: "Responsible selfishness," why a single parent should put him or her-

self first; "Help and self-help," how to overcome loneliness, budget time and money and develop healthy emotions; and "fighting prejudice and discrimination" in housing employment, schools and day care. The workshop group itself will be encouraged to decide on priorities of discussion.

Registration for the workshop, which is open to all single parents, opens Wednesday, Dec. 6. Sessions will be from 7:30 to 9 pm Wednesdays and the fee will be \$27, \$12 of which is to cover the cost of a series of working papers on the status of single parenthood in Canada.

Further information is available by contacting Linda Perron-Smith, community programs department, 937-3916.

Odd haul

Thieves stole an odd assortment of items from a home on Edgemoor Avenue, broken into sometime before 6:30 pm Sunday, leading police to believe that the incident might have been designed as a practice gesture or initiation to the world of crime. Residents reported losing some records, an African knife and a clock, total value \$50. Damage to a side window, the apparent access and egress to the house, was estimated at about \$60.

TAXES . . .

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Only 73.4 percent of the 6,410 Westmounters who paid provincial taxes in 1976, for example, earned income from salaries or tips, compared with an MUC average of 92.1 percent and a provincial average of 92.7 percent. Another 10.3 percent declared income from private professional practice, however, far above the MUC average of 1.7 percent and the provincial average of 1.3 percent. This reflects the many self-employed citizens here, including Westmount's high number of doctors.

The average income of this city's 4,707 salary-earners, moreover, is \$20,100, some 1.7 times greater than the average income for the MUC. For those in private practice, the difference in incomes is not so great, but the income to Westmount's 659 persons in this category makes up 6.28 percent of the entire professional income in the urban community, well above the 1.72 percent of total MUC income earned by Westmounters.

Other figures show that 4.3 percent of Westmount citizens claimed private business income averaging \$7,480. The number claiming exceeds the MUC average and is about the same as the provincial average, but the amount earned in such a way is actually less in Westmount than in the MUC generally (\$8,131) or in Quebec (\$8,452).

Bigger pensions

While it is difficult, from the figures, to single out who might be receiving only Quebec or Canada and old-age pensions or who might be receiving only a private pension, those who do get private pensions are sitting pretty compared with their MUC or Quebec counterparts, receiving retirement benefits of double the urban community average and 2.3 times the provincial average.

Because of the high number of senior citizens locally, Westmounters earn 3.9 percent of the total pensions collected in the MUC and 1.8 percent of the

1976 PROVINCIAL TAX STATISTICS

	Westmount		MUC		Quebec		Westmount's % of total collected	
	Average claim	% claiming	Average claim	% claiming	Average claim	% claiming	in MUC	in Quebec
Salary and tips	\$20,100	73.4	\$11,641	92.1	\$11,381	92.7	1.15	0.39
Private pensions	6,533	17.2	3,250	6.8	2,850	5.8	4.22	1.91
Dividends (Cdn. corporations)	5,881	40.1	2,423	8.4	1,899	5.5	9.72	6.30
Professional income	27,948	10.3	22,148	1.7	23,643	1.3	6.28	2.68
Property rental	4,486	8.2	531	9.0	559	6.2	6.44	2.96
Charitable donations	1,047	36.4	661	7.8	644	6.3	6.16	2.65
Taxable income	26,298		13,069		12,631		1.72	0.60
Total tax paid	3,775		1,268		1,185		1.93	0.89
Average tax rate (%)		14.0		9.7		9.4		

total for the province, well above the 1.7 and 0.6 percentage figures for the respective total incomes.

Dividends from Canadian corporations are declared by 40 percent of Westmount's taxpayers, an astounding figure compared to 8.4 percent for the MUC as a whole and 5.5 percent of Quebec's taxpayers. The \$15,126,000 worth of dividends collected by local taxpayers in 1976 represents 8.8 percent of the total taxable income for this community, compared with a similar figure of 1.6 percent in the MUC and a mere 0.8 percent for the whole province.

Westmount's dividend income, moreover, makes up almost 10 percent of the total \$155,576,000 paid out to shareholders in the MUC and more than six percent of the province's \$240,097,000 worth of declared dividend income.

Obviously, interest and dividend deductions attracted most Westmount taxpayers—81.9 percent—while only a bit more than half those in the MUC and Quebec claimed such deductions. The average deducted—the maximum was \$1,000—was \$727 in Westmount, compared with \$446 in the MUC and only \$382 in Quebec, as a whole.

Also interesting is the much larger income (\$4,486) claimed by persons in Westmount renting property, probably indicating the number who can afford to rent entire homes or half-duplexes in which they have invested personally. The MUC and Quebec averages, at \$531 and \$559 annual figures, probably represents the income of many taxpayers who rent rooms in their own homes or garage space.

\$1,047 charity average

While figures for dividends claimed by Westmount taxpayers are high, the number reporting substantial charitable donations is almost as high and diverges equally from the MUC and provincial averages. A generous 2,333 citizens claimed deductions for a total of \$2,443,000 in charitable donations not including persons who gave less than the automatic deduction of \$100. Average charitable donations for those claiming over \$100, was \$1,047.

Other tax-form entries show that Westmounters are likely to declare more for child care if they need it, since 80 citizens asked for an average \$1,050 in this category compared with \$774 in the MUC and \$844 provincially. The deduction was granted to 1.2 percent of

Westmount's taxpayers, compared with 1.9 percent of the MUC's and 2.5 percent of Quebec's.

Education expense deductions were declared by marginally more Westmounters than others—9.8 percent compared with 7.8 percent in the MUC and 6.2 percent in Quebec—but the average dollar amounts claimed were about equal, ranging from \$239 to \$261.

The bottom line, of course, is that despite all the deductions, Westmounters still paid their share of tax. Because of graduated income scales and the high level of incomes in Westmount (no figures on income brackets are available by municipality), citizens here paid 14 percent of their taxable income to the government, compared to 9.7 percent for MUC taxpayers and 9.4 percent for the entire province.

Without personal taxes paid by Westmounters, the provincial government would have been \$24,196,000 poorer in 1976.

Firemen still await contract

Westmount's firemen have yet to sign their 1977-78 contract with the City of Westmount. The Examiner has learned, even though city council ratified the arbitrator's ruling on the contract at its Aug. 21 meeting.

The firemen are waiting for a tribunal to rule on some of the clauses which they claim are ambiguous, one involving salary scales for captains and another dealing with retirement benefits. Though the local union has already waited three months, it feels the ruling might not come for another month or so.

The city, meanwhile, has submitted an offer for the next two-year contract which would go into effect on Jan. 1. Fmn. Pat Geraghty, who heads the Westmount chapter of the International Association of Firefighters, says no negotiating will begin until then.

"We're not too worried about the signatures" on the 1977-78 contract, Fmn. Geraghty said last week, adding that the city was complying with the terms of the settlement anyway.

"It doesn't affect our performance on the job," he said.



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

Nov. 21

9:02 am: 3197 The Boulevard, gas furnace trouble;
1:03 pm: 420 Wood, oil furnace trouble;
2:55 pm: front of 655 Grosvenor, car on fire (see story);

Nov. 22

9:40 am: 4560 St. Catherine, spilled gasoline;
1:40 pm: Westmount Park near Library, ambulance call (transport refused);
8:35 pm: 6 Weredale, defective internal alarm;
9:32 pm: 441 Argyle, burst water pipe;

Nov. 23

4:40 am: 235 Metcalfe, transported woman to MGH;
5:10 am: mutual aid to St. Laurent;
8:14 pm: 4000 de Maisonneuve, internal fire alarm;

Nov. 25

12:27 pm: 658 Lansdowne, squirrel in skylight;

Nov. 26

12:50 am: 432 Clarke, smoke from fireplace;
5:30 am: 1 Rosemount, apt. 47, fire in apartment building (see story);
5:47 am: 20 Somerville, excessive soot in oil furnace;
6:00 am: 1 Rosemount, apt. 47, woman transported to St. Mary's Hospital;
9:27 am: smoke in area of 480 Wood, false alarm;
5:36 pm: 335 Roslyn, ambulance call;

Nov. 27

8:04 am: 381 Olivier, transported woman to MGH;
8:49 am: 4350 St. Catherine, transported woman to RMH;
9:15 am: 4505 St. Catherine, internal fire alarm;
3:15 pm: 2090 Claremont, Montreal, steam scare;
5:05 pm: 4000 de Maisonneuve, apt. 2103, burnt food;
10:40 pm: 4339 Montrose, fire in dwelling (see story).

Dropped lighter starts fire

The 65-year-old resident of an apartment at 1 Rosemount avenue started a serious fire in her dwelling as she stumbled while holding a lit lighter at 5:30 am Sunday.

The lighter, which she claimed she was using to find a light switch, fell on a chesterfield and started it burning. Though she dragged a burning cushion into the kitchen, she was unable to douse the flames. Someone called the Westmount Fire Brigade, reporting a smell of smoke on the fourth floor. Firemen arrived and put out the fire using two extinguishers and a 1 1/2-inch stream.

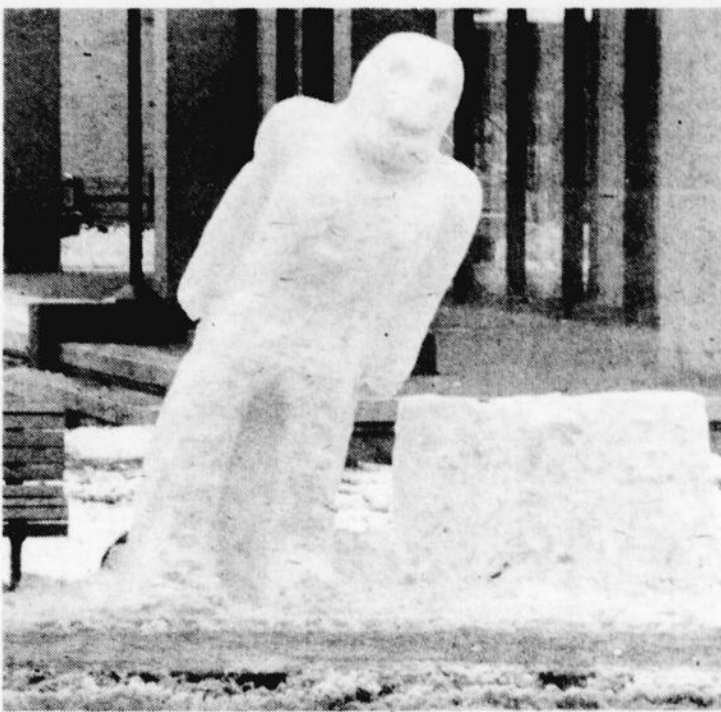
Damage was contained to the chesterfield, door frame and wall in the living room, as well as to the kitchen refrigerator, near where she had left the burning cushion.

The woman was transported by fire ambulance to St. Mary's Hospital, suffering smoke inhalation.

Caddy lost in quick fire

A 1974 Cadillac burst into flame and was completely destroyed on Grosvenor avenue south of the Boulevard last Tuesday at 2:55 pm. The driver of the auto had been moving up the hill when, he said, the transmission started making "funny noises" and acting strangely. He got out of the car and it started to burn.

Firemen arrived soon afterwards and put out the fire with a 1 1/2-inch stream, using another spray of water to keep the gas tank cool to avoid an explosion. Total damage was estimated at \$5,000.



SNOW, MAN: This snowman (or ape) at the corner of Mount Pleasant and Sherbrooke street didn't seem quite certain, last Friday, whether or not he should stick around as a permanent winter fixture, as the mercury climbed above zero following Thursday's first snowstorm. Though he later disappeared, the snow didn't and was augmented by Tuesday's onslaught.



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

Nov. 22

527 Clarke: for Dr. S. O'Regan by Ferrara, to build driveway and wall, \$1,600;

Nov. 23

1 Alexis Nihon Plaza: for Montrad Ltd. by Trans-Canada Signs, to replace two signs, \$20,000;

Nov. 24

4824 de Maisonneuve: for Dr. D. Johannssen by Multiiform Kitchens, alterations to kitchen, \$5,000;

Nov. 27

133 Lewis: for M. Marchand by self, renovations to fire damage, \$8,000.



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We Say

Leave Greene alone

IT would be nice to see Greene avenue slicked up.
But then, Victoria avenue needs a new face even more.
So do reaches of St. Catherine street.
Greene already has a particular ambience. Not from planning and tinkering, but because of geography and happenstance.
We fear city hall's good intentions. And we sense similar reservations even among proponents of spending for extras when the street inevitably must be rebuilt.
We wonder, really, at the motive for turning Greene into something else.
Frankly, we like it the way it is; it got that way naturally and honestly.
And it seems to get better and better on

its own without tampering by experts.
Its charm is in its controlled but helter-skelter development.
Why not let its merchants and its users determine how it goes?
Nub of the plans presented is conception of a traffic problem—which really is no worse than any other busy thoroughfare—and a proposal for its solution by creating a traffic problem of a different configuration. That's progress?
Maybe if the city's coffers were overflowing with extra cash, all our Westmount shopping areas should be spruced up with fancier lamps, signposts and plantings.
But we aren't flush.
The Greene scheme should go on ice.

A curb on freedom

THE best-read feature of this and most any newspaper is its letters to the editor.
It is not for this reason—though in itself it would be cause—that we feel we must express our deep concern over a judgment last week of the Supreme Court of Canada.
The highest court of the land has ruled, in a roundabout but nonetheless explicit way, that the citizen who does not have his own newspaper does not have the same freedom as the one who does to express strong criticism of public figures in the exercise of their public office.
Precedent allows an editor to publish without fear of retribution his opinion, for example, that Chief Justice Bora Laskin and a majority of the court has issued an illiberal ruling—so long as the editor honestly holds that view. If "illiberal" was a libellous term and the justices were not public figures pronouncing on a matter of public concern, and if the editor did not really believe what he had written, he might then be prosecuted successfully for libel.
The defence of "fair comment" remains available to those who publish newspapers.
However, it has been removed where correspondence from readers is concerned in two important, "Catch 22" ways. Now there is an onus, well-nigh impossible to meet, for the editor to

establish before publication of an otherwise libellous letter on a public figure in a public matter that the writer honestly holds the opinion which he or she has expressed and, further, for the editor to share the letter-writer's view as expressed.
For a very long time **The Examiner** has headed its editorial column "We Say" and its letters "You Say." Sometimes "We" and "You" agree; just as often, they don't—a healthy, civilized thing in a democratic society.
It is precisely because we cannot nor would we wish to anticipate the thoughts of our readers that we freely publish any and all letters so long as, by any reasonable test, they appear to be fair, honest, decent, worthwhile expressions, likely to contribute to public debate and assist in some way in the formulation of wise or popular public policy.
Even if the subjects of some letters appear to us to be unreasonable, frivolous or even ill-informed nonsense, we believe they usually should be published if only to give the reader the satisfaction of "getting it off his chest."
We honestly believe the Supreme Court judgment to be illiberal because it is a curb on freedom of expression.
But before we can print your letter agreeing with us you may have to convince us that it is your sincere belief. How will you do that?

Break up the post office

THERE has been much talk but little apparent action on the proposal to convert the Canada Post Office to a crown corporation.

The proposition makes sense. Air Canada, also a government enterprise of national and international scope, is a crown corporation and it works well.

The post office isn't and doesn't.

There is an additional opportunity with the post office which does not lend itself to the national airline: regionalization.

Instead of one giant corporation, the handling of mail should be done with several.

The business of the post office is intensely local, conducted in virtually every community in the country.

But the country is huge—one of the

things wrong with the present Canada Post Office administration, which attempts but fails to run things from a top-heavy, remote, central headquarters, despite a system of postal districts.

We say this country is large enough to support several separate postal corporations, each looking, hopefully, to its own profitability and competing with one another for efficiency. Let them see to the movement of mail within their own regions, agreeing as do countries to the method and cost-sharing of exchange of mail between them.

Give these reduced-size operations the advantage of manageable scale, where problems can be more easily identified and responsibility more easily laid upon managements.

Bye-bye or buy, buy

ADVERTISING writers should bear in mind they are addressing their clients' messages to a public which more and more cannot spell!

Sun Life du Canada—which appears to be that insurance company's new name style—had a large message in last Thursday's *Gazette* headed in large type "A Good Buy" followed by a photo of a classic Rolls-Royce car and then the sub-head, "is always a good buy."

We wonder how many persons, before

possibly reading the small type, took this to be Sun's farewell, before riding off in luxury by the bye to its new home in Ontario!

Radio, where words are heard and not seen, can play even more tricks on even the most literate when different words sound exactly alike. Listening to the CBC 6 pm news Friday there was an item about "male longevity" which, so help us, perhaps from inattention, we at first thought had to do with the time taken by the post office to deliver letters.

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says . . .



Auditor-general makes progress

As a member of the public accounts committee, I had the opportunity of hearing firsthand the auditor-general's comments on his 100th annual report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1978.

The report understandably has received the normal publicity associated with examples of wasteful government expenditures but I hope that those stories, which of course make good reading, do not obscure the very positive aspects of this year's report.

Specifically, pursuant to the auditor-general act adopted by Parliament in 1977, the auditor-general's mandate has been extended to more than an accounting and reporting function, namely to determining whether we Canadian taxpayers are receiving "value for money." Under the act, the auditor-general is required to report cases where he has observed that "money has been expended without due regard to economy or efficiency or satisfactory procedures have not been established to measure and report the effectiveness of programs where procedures could appropriately and reasonably be implemented."

To give effect to this mandate, the auditor-general advised us that in 1976 his department introduced a "Study of Procedures in Cost Effectiveness" (SPICE) and that in 23 departments of government, SPICE teams raised questions about management's attention to economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

Great concern

Governments, local, regional,

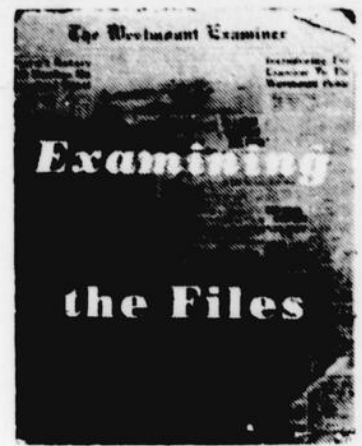
national, the world over, have grown so substantially that there is great concern for the efficiency of their operations and certainly we in Canada feel by and large that we are overgoverned and that the bureaucracy is out of control.

Well, I can assure you that from my participation in meetings with the auditor-general and his staff, as a member of the public accounts committee, there appears to be a light at the end of the tunnel.

Techniques are being introduced to measure and increase efficiency and to evaluate the effectiveness of programs which have never existed in the past in Canada or elsewhere. The federal government has indeed taken the initiative in this very important area and I am optimistic that the techniques for efficiency control and evaluation that are being developed by Mr. MacDonnell and his team will also be adopted at the provincial and municipal levels.



Call it coincidence, but for the first time in many months we do not have a single letter to the editor this week—in the week following the Supreme Court judgement re correspondence in newspapers from readers. (See our second editorial under "We Say" this week.) **The Examiner** remains a vehicle for citizens to air their concerns; letters should be brief and the writer clearly identified.



Thirty-five Years Ago
December 2, 1943

"Capt. Richard Allen, 528 Victoria avenue, set a record this week when he smashed the Trans-Atlantic air speed record by 21 minutes in his B-24 Liberator on a 3,100-mile flight non-stop from Montreal to Britain, taking 11 hours and 35 minutes. The plane carried a maximum load of 56,000 pounds and its freight included a large quantity of Christmas mail for Canadian servicemen and women in Britain and the Mediterranean war zone. The previous best direct Liberator flight from Montreal to Britain was 12 hours and 51 minutes."

Twenty-five Years Ago
November 27, 1953

"Montreal's publicly owned transportation system, losing money heavily, faces still higher deficits or higher fares if the current demands of the employees are met. Last weekend's strike focused attention on our municipally owned system. When the city took over the tramways, it lost the tax revenue formerly paid by the private owners, and at the same time assumed the problems of management, turning these over to a group infinitely less qualified. The result was inevitable: deficits on top of tax loss."

Fifteen Years Ago
November 29, 1963

"In cables to Mrs. Kennedy and to the Speaker of the Senate and the House, Mayor C. H. Drury extended the sympathy of the people of Westmount on the death of President Kennedy Friday afternoon. Flags on local public buildings were immediately dipped to half mast and by 3:30 pm the three cables had been sent. Special services honoring the late president were held Monday morning at Westmount High School. The students' council rented a large projection-type television apparatus and students were able to watch portions of the funeral ceremonies on a ten-foot square screen set up in the auditorium."

Five Years Ago
November 29, 1973

"The teacher resolve to continue to boycott extracurricular activities in Montreal Protestant schools, including Westmount, seemed this week to be on the wane though its full effect was still being felt by high school students here and elsewhere. Montreal Teachers' Association President Donald Peacock is calling for a referendum this evening to allow members to decide whether they wish to continue the work-to-rule process."

involved a total loss of about 15,000 jobs, jobs of high quality and stability.

A loss of this magnitude has devastating consequences. To illustrate this, it is revealing to note that in the last 36 months, Quebec has lost a number of administrative and management jobs greater than the number of MBA graduates who will leave our five Quebec business schools in the next 10 years. These graduates cannot replace the people who have moved from Quebec, because it is not only the person but the "position" which is gone. The job itself no longer exists in Quebec.

Yet, the Parti Québécois continues to minimize the importance of this movement. In doing so, it is misleading the Quebec people.

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Jobs lost to Quebec

Most of us know someone who has left Quebec over the past two years. The reasons for their departure are varied. Many, however, left Quebec because their job left. Their employer either decided to move the complete operation or departments out of Quebec.

Why have the companies gone elsewhere? Why didn't they remain in Quebec?

A study completed by Reed Scowen for the Liberal Party shows that the growth of the separatist movement, the economic policy of the Parti Québécois, the fiscal policy and attitude of the present Quebec government and restrictive language legislation are the major factors that caused Quebec firms to relocate.

Mr. Scowen's report indicated that

Quebec has lost directly over 5,500 positions in no less than 43 different Canadian companies which have shifted base. Most of the major Canadian companies in Quebec are included on the list.

The Bank of Montreal has moved six major departments to Toronto with 950 positions lost. Combustion Engineering moved 246 jobs to Toronto. When MacDonald Tobacco moved its head office two weeks ago, away went 100 jobs.

Northern Telecom has transferred 200 jobs. Both DuPont of Canada and Electrolux moved 110 positions to Toronto. The Royal Bank relocated numerous departments and 130 jobs. The number at the Royal Trust stands at 580 positions lost. The Sun Life move represents 575 jobs lost.

Even Westmount Life Insurance has moved. It is now in Calgary and 37 Québécois left with the Company.

Remember that this 5,500 job-lost figure is a direct loss count. There is a ripple effect.

Ripple effect

Most experts agree that this has in-

Woman of many crafts

BY JOAN CAPREOL

ATTRACTIVE Anne Byers is a craftsman par excellence. She weaves, does copper enamelling and découpage, the latter enjoying a vogue right now.

Mrs. Byers is tall, trim and modest. She comes by her creativity honestly. Her mother, Lois Winslow-Spragge who died last spring, was a prolific artist and potter. Her fresh, vibrant paintings and pastels, mostly of flowers, are all through the Byers' Westmount home. Mrs. Byers' brother, Edward H. Winslow-Spragge, is a watercolor artist who has a gift shop in Almonte, Ont.

"My family for several generations seems to have had creative genes in their make-up because many members of the family are artistically inclined," said Mrs. Byers.

"My main interest is crafts. I have spent my whole life going in and out of different crafts, studying them and trying to perfect them."

Loom in her basement

Mrs. Byers started her hobbies after leaving Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's school. The first things she did were pewter work and painting. At the end of the Second World War she took up weaving and took a course at the Canadian Guild of Crafts, with which she has had a long association and at present is on the board. She bought a loom in 1945 and spent a lot of time weaving knitting bags, purses, luncheon sets and hand towels. Mrs. Byers still has the loom in her basement. "It is threaded now with material which ultimately will be ponchos for my three daughters," she said.

"After weaving I got interested in copper enamelling, which is quite difficult. I have a small kiln in the basement. I make plaques and ashtrays. You start on a copper base. By sprinkling the glass powder on the copper you achieve your color effects and then fire it in the kiln. It is exciting to see the work cook and the different colors appear. Like all crafts they take so much time and it is hard to fit them in."

Mrs. Byers' current craft is découpage. She showed a box whose lid had dimensional découpage, where several pictures are used to build up a dimensional effect. She explained that découpage was a 17th and 18th century pastime done by ladies. "It actually is the art of cutting out pictures and



Mrs. Donald Byers

Examiner photo
by RICK KERRIGAN

glueing them onto furniture, boxes or plaques," she said. "The surface is then built up with as many as 30 layers of varnish so that the finished product looks as if it is hand-painted."

Requires much patience

"Découpage requires infinite patience, time and quiet. What keeps you at it is the final result, which gives you great satisfaction."

Mrs. Byers now is working on a jewel box, a plaque, a pair of Japanese pictures, a mirror and a table lamp. The designs on them are birds, butterflies, leaves and flowers.

Her husband is Donald Byers, QC. "His very active life demands long hours and he is away a great deal," said

Mrs. Byers. "He was overseas for four and one half years during the Second World War so I had to stand on my own feet and really build an independent life. I became interested in all these things along the way."

The Byers are supportive of each other. "I help him," Mrs. Byers said. "He gets a kick out of my crafts and that I am busy."

Mrs. Byers' mother is her inspiration. "She did her finest work in her 80s and inspired me," she said. "I think that is an inspiration for young people today. Another message in her life was that she started painting and pottery after she had brought up her family. My mother was very conscientious and it wasn't until her children were out of the nest that she turned to her interests. She

wrote her book, *The Life and Letters of George Mercer Dawson*, after she became a widow."

Dawson was a geologist and botanist who joined an expedition in 1873 to settle the location of the border between Canada and the United States. (Mrs. Byers addressed a group of women recently on the role her great uncle played.) Many of Dawson's papers are at the McGill archives. A whole collection of his Indian artifacts is located at the McCord Museum.

Summer work at cottage

Mrs. Byers does her summer work in a cottage kitchen in the Thousand Islands. She sells pieces of her crafts privately and to a gift shop there. She donates pieces to causes. For instance, she gave a number to the recent Royal Victoria Hospital Carousel sale.

Over the years Mrs. Byers has done a lot of volunteer work. A governor of the Canadian Institute for the Blind, she has taught blind people crafts. She also has taught sewing to underprivileged children. She has acted as a guide at the Canadian Guild of Crafts gallery on Peel street and the St. Helen's Island Museum. She makes children's clothes for sales at her church, St. Andrew's and St. Paul's.

Mrs. Byers was born in Sherbrooke, her husband in Westmount. Her husband came into her life at the age of 19 and she married at 20.

The Byers have four children. Barbara, 36, is married and living in Seattle. Gordon, 31, is married to a young French Canadian girl, Carmen Cournoyer, who barely speaks any English. Whenever the couple comes to visit, the whole family turns to French. Jane, 29, is a travel agent in Ottawa. Jennifer, 28, is creative and artistic. She married last spring and also lives in Ottawa.

Among the Byers' interesting trips were one to the Arctic and one to the Highlands of Scotland, where they went on long hikes to see the wildlife.

Editorial Notes

WESTMOUNTERS should feel very comfortable with the new City of Montreal executive committee, three of whose six members are close neighbors of this community. Justine Senette and Gerry Snyder, in fact, are representatives of neighboring areas just outside the western limits of this city. Yvon Lamarre, who was raised to chairman of the executive committee, represents southern Ville Émard, just south of the Lachine Canal.

YOU know when winter's arrived dept.: One senior city staffer says his snowblower became buried in a snowdrift outside his home Monday night. He had to shovel it out.



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Dr. Nathan Sheiner invited to publish results of work

Dr. Nathan Sheiner, 645 Lansdowne avenue, Chief of the Department of Surgery, Jewish General Hospital, recently published, by invitation, a monograph titled "Peripheral vascular surgery: alternate anatomical pathways and the use of allograft veins as arterial substitutes."

"Current Problems in Surgery," a monthly publication of Year Book Medical Publishers Inc., Chicago, provides current in-

formation on surgical treatment and technique for application by general surgeons in their daily practice. Occasionally, an entire issue is devoted to the scientific basis and background of a significant surgical advance, as is the case with Dr. Sheiner's work.

Dr. Sheiner's special clinical interest is in the use of extra-anatomic bypasses for revascularization and his principal research interest is the long-term preservation of cadaver arteries and veins for

their use as vascular substitutes.

Besides his position at the hospital, Dr. Sheiner is an associate professor of surgery at McGill University.

A graduate of the McGill medical school, Dr. Sheiner obtained his general surgical training at Baltimore city hospitals and Johns Hopkins University, and his cardiovascular and thoracic surgical training at Washington University in St. Louis.



CEGEP DEBATE: Students at Collège Marguerite-Bourgeoys on Westmount avenue, one of Quebec's more prestigious private collegial institutions, vigorously debated at a Monday assembly whether they should walk out in support of the province's other French-language CEGEP students, now on strike protesting government inaction regarding student loans and bursaries. Here, one student addresses the microphone in the midst of a packed auditorium. Finally it was decided that the student body would vote by secret ballot, and the result was two to one against joining the walkout. "Students came here to study," observed Soeur Gisèle Mathieu, director of the school, who earlier in the day had warned students that any lost classes would have to be made up during Christmas recess.

MacCallum tells mayors:

MUC dragging merger of employee pensions

The Montreal Urban Community has been dragging its feet for several years on the integration of pension plans for former municipal employees now working for the MUC. Mayor Donald MacCallum has charged.

The mayor brought the point to the attention of the Conference of Montreal Suburban Mayors last month because some former Westmount employees are worried they might not receive proper benefits when they leave the MUC employ.

He noted that suburban municipalities have now come to terms with the MUC Policemen's Brotherhood on pension arrangements, whereby municipal and MUC pension funds have been pooled and officers are paid one cheque according to their final salaries. The same sort of arrangement,

he suggested, should be worked out for civilian employees.

In reporting on the suburban mayors' meeting of Oct. 18, where he brought up the subject, Mayor MacCallum also announced that Mayor Jean Corbeil of Ville d'Anjou had been nominated to replace Mayor Pierre Des Marais II as representative on the MUC Public Security Council. The Outremont mayor resigned to become chairman of the MUC.

Suburban mayors also voted individually for four of nine candidates in the running to sit on the Council of Health and Social Services of the Metropolitan Montreal Region, reportedly realizing for the first time the importance of having municipal input to that body.

The council serves in an advisory capacity to the

provincial government in matters of funding and policy for the social service network in the Montreal area.

MUC budget coming

The mayors also dwelt briefly on the upcoming MUC budget, but felt there would be less chance to challenge the proposed sums than there had been in previous years.

"There aren't too many major areas where cuts can be made," explained Mayor MacCallum, noting that much of the budget involves capital spending already committed by the MUC.

The conference's own budget will increase four percent, reported Westmount's mayor, and this will mean a contribution of between \$8,672 and \$9,429 from local taxpayers, depending on whether or not LaSalle chooses to remain a member of the suburban caucus.

Morton Brownstein honored; will chair Jewish appeal

The top award of the 38-year-old Combined Jewish Appeal, the President of Israel Award, was presented last Thursday evening to Morton Brownstein, 65 Sunnyside avenue, associate chairman of the campaign.

It was also announced at the dinner ceremonies which formally closed the 1978 appeal that Mr. Brownstein will be general chairman of the 1979 appeal. He succeeds Mildred Lande, 4333 Westmount avenue, who presented Mr. Brownstein with his award, announcement of which was the climax of the dinner.

The Combined Jewish Appeal is the fund-raising arm of Allied Jewish Community Services and raises money to meet humanitarian needs in Montreal and elsewhere. Mr. Brownstein's appointment as 1979 appeal chairman was made by Hillel Becker, president of ACJS, who also announced that the women's division of the campaign will be headed by Zeldia Thow, associate chairman of the 1977 appeal and vice-chairman this year.

Mr. Brownstein, president of Brown's Shoe Shops, has been associate chairman of the appeal the past six years. He is also a member of the executive committee of AJCS and is vice-president of Caldwell Residences, one of 17 member agencies of AJCS.

Other awards

The second most prestigious award for the 1978 appeal, the Michael Hirsch Trophy, was presented to Joe Schmerer. The Ida Steinberg Memorial Trophy was awarded to Marilyn Blumer, chairman of the



Morton Brownstein

women's division of the appeal.

Other award winners included: Marvin Kussner and Sidney Glazer, special merit awards; Phon-A-Gift, women's division, the chairman's award; David Vineberg, outstanding chairman, professional division; Morris Lann, outstanding co-ordinator, trades division; Nat Yakowar, Mark Workman Trophy; Cathy Maron, Lionel Stein Memorial Trophy; and Max Miller, special commendation.

In the women's division, award winners included Anne Perlman, Rhoda Leopold Memorial Award; Dorothy Greenbaum, Bess Pascal Memorial Scholarship; and Carole-Ann Levine, Irma Polisuk Memorial Award.

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AIR CANADA



Beyond Westmount's Borders

*A random sampler
of things to see or do*

in the bigger city
surrounding us

by RICK KERRIGAN

Avid cross-country skiers probably will be heading for field and forest this weekend as it looks enough snow will remain on the ground and the Eastern Townships is a likely destination. Downhillers, though, will probably have to be content with the baby hills which are covered with artificial snow or else they will need a complete disregard for the condition of their skis.

In any case, if you're in the Sutton area and the skiing isn't quite up to par or has been rained out, you can find solace at the Sutton Winter Market at the Sutton elementary school on Highland street. This is the second such event organized by the Sutton Valley Council which also brings you the craft and produce markets every week during the summer.

This winter event will take place Saturday and Sunday, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, and will include crafts, homemade baked goods (always the best part), children's books, antiques and agricultural produce. Local artists will be exhibiting their work and a musical presentation will entertain you. Admission is free.

If you've never been to Sutton, you can get there by taking exit 68 of the Eastern Townships Autoroute and following route 139 via Cowansville.

Concordia University music students will be presenting a concert of baroque music tonight at 8:30 pm in the Loyola chapel, 7141 Sherbrooke street west. Admission is free and that's probably all you can afford if you're baroque. For more information call the music department at 482-0320, ext. 614. Another free student concert will be presented by the Université du Québec à Montréal music students. It will take place Monday, Dec. 4, 8:30 pm, at Pavillon Lafontaine, 1301 Sherbrooke street east. There will be solo and ensemble playing by various students as well as pieces by the French horn class of Jean-Louis Gagnon.

A series of Advent organ concerts is being held at the Mary Queen of the World Cathedral during December. Organist Rejean Poirier will be featured this Sunday at 3:00 pm and, again, admission is free but a dollar donation for the organ fund would be appreciated. The following

Sunday, organist Ariane Dind will be joined by soprano Gaby Billette. The remaining concerts will be held Dec. 17 and 24.

Young Israeli pianist Yaron Ross will be making his North American debut Monday, Dec. 4, 8:00 pm, at the Saidye Bronfman Centre, 5170 Côte St. Catherine road. Ross studied at the Tel Aviv University under Mindru Katz and has performed many concerts throughout Israel. He has also recorded for radio in Israel, Switzerland, Austria and West Germany. In Montreal he will perform music by Bach, Beethoven, Ravel and Schubert. Tickets are available at the box office for \$3.00 (\$2.00 for students and senior citizens) and for reservations call 739-7944.

Two new dramatic productions open this week for theatre-goers. The Phoenix Theatre is presenting the comedy "The owl and the pussycat" until Dec. 17 at their theatre, 1339 Canora road in Town of Mount Royal. The play runs nightly except Monday and Tuesday and tickets are \$5.00 (\$3.50 for students and senior citizens) with a special price for groups over 20. For information and reservations call 733-2039.

The Yiddish Drama Group of the Saidye Bronfman Centre is presenting the first North American production of "Simha plachte" at the SBC Theatre, 5170 Côte St. Catherine road from Saturday, Dec. 2, until Dec. 17. There are shows every night except Monday and Friday: weekdays at 8:30 pm, Saturday at 7:00 and 9:30 pm and Sunday at 1:30 and 7:30 pm. The play was written by Yacov Praeger, the pseudonym of a Polish-Jewish writer of the 1930s. It was first performed in 1935 and discovered by the Yiddish Drama Group's director Dora Wasserman and translated into Hebrew to be added to the group's repertoire. It takes place before World War I and is about two innkeepers who take advantage of a simple water carrier by turning him into a tourist attraction. For ticket prices and reservations call 739-2301.

There is nothing that evokes the spirit of Christmas as much as music, whether it be Bing's

"White Christmas," a solemn hymn or a joyful carol. To help you get in the mood, the Tudor Singers will be presenting a program of carols, Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 8:30 pm in St. Patrick's Church, 460 Dorchester boulevard west. Also on the program will be Pachelbel's "Magnificat" and Somers' "Gloria." The singers will be accompanied by the Mount Royal Brass Ensemble, harpist Dorothy Weldon-Masella and organist Gerald Wheeler. Tickets are available at the door the night of the concert or at International Music Store, 1555 St. Catherine street west for \$5.00 (\$2.50 for students and senior citizens).

Bits and pieces: Galerie Libre, 2100 Crescent street, is exhibiting the drawings and paintings of Teri Singer until Dec. 24. An art film, "Ways of seeing," will be presented at the Saidye Bronfman Centre, 5170 Côte St. Catherine, Sunday, Dec. 3, 2:00 pm in room 10-12. The film is two hours long and admission is free. Reverend Stephen Wiercinski will be speaking on the philosophical and theological thoughts of Pope John Paul II Friday, Dec. 1, 8:00 pm in the F. C. Smith Auditorium of Concordia University, 7141 Sherbrooke west. Admission is free.

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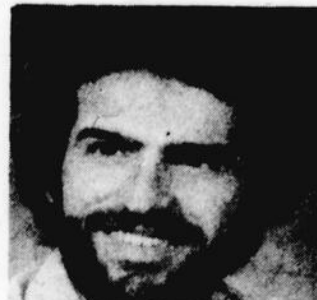
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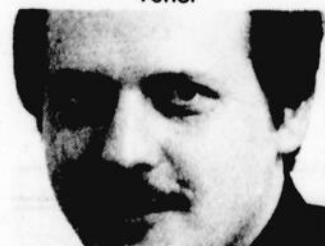
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Auditions for male parts in the Shaar Hashomayim Youth Theatre's 1978-79 production "Shimshon the son," cut short by last Thursday's snowstorm, will be held Monday, Dec. 4, at 7 pm in the music room of the synagogue, 450 Kensington avenue.

More than 20 male parts are open, as are positions in the chorus and in interpretive

dance scenes. The directors, Linda Copperfield and Joseph Milo, in charge of music, invite all young men age 13 and over who are members of synagogues, Jewish schools, Jewish youth groups or organizations, to participate.

The play is the story of Samson and Delilah, reinterpreted and set in the 20th century. The play will be performed four times from March 30 to April 2 next year.

Those wishing to audition or otherwise participate are asked to call the synagogue, 937-9471, local 42, and leave their name and telephone number.

Local students win awards

Two Westmounters are among the winners of graduate scholarships and prizes offered by the University of Western Ontario School of Business Administration. The 1978-79 awards from the London, Ont. school were announced recently by Business Dean C.B. Johnston.

Margaret Alice Hallward, 349 Metcalfe avenue, was awarded the Ford of Canada MBA Fellowship which is presented to a woman candidate upon entrance, based on outstanding academic achievement and aptitude for leadership in business.

The other local winner was David J. Kassie, 658 Lansdowne avenue, who was awarded the Kodak Canada Limited Fellowship, based on intellectual capacity and demonstrated leadership qualities.

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PRESENT WILDLIFE FILM: "Wild new world," a wildlife film directed by Heinz Sielmann and narrated by Sir Peter Scott, will be presented tomorrow evening, Dec. 1, by the Zoological Society of Montreal. On the committee organizing the event are Mrs. Andrew Ten Pas, left, 52 Summit Circle, and Mrs. Richard Stevenson, 453 Mount Stephen avenue. The film, which depicts animal life from the Canadian Arctic to the sub-tropical Florida swamps, will be shown at 8 pm in the conference centre of Concordia University, 1455 de Maisonneuve boulevard west. A reception will follow and an afternoon showing will be held at 3 pm for students and senior citizens. The event is planned to raise funds for various ongoing conservation and education projects of the society. Further information is available by calling 481-0507, 932-0142 or 845-8317.

Hypnotherapist in WHS show

Hypnotist Reubin Pecarve will perform at a benefit show Saturday at 8:30 pm at Westmount High School. Proceeds will go toward the rehabilitation of mentally and physically handicapped youth in Israel.

Mr. Pecarve, a Montreale, achieved international

recognition recently when he performed hypnoanesthesia on a patient at Notre Dame de L'Esperance Hospital, allowing a patient to undergo a gall bladder and appendix operation without any conventional anesthetic.

The hypnotherapist, who has had little formal education, works with many members of the medical profession as he is associated with the Royal Victoria Hospital, McGill University and the Pierrefonds Medical Centre.

He uses hypnotism to help persons with drinking or smoking habits, obesity, drug, marital and other problems. He has also written two books and articles for medical journals.

Edible weeds slide topic

Prof. Wendy Dathan of Macdonald College will present a slide show titled "Edible weeds" at the meeting of the nature division of the Montreal Camera Club Monday, Dec. 4, at 7:45 pm in the auditorium of the Atwater Library.

Slides entered by members in the club's weekly competition will also be shown and one of the judges will comment on each slide. The meeting is open to the public and admission is free.

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The highest markup, meanwhile, and the second more-than-double-valuation sale of the year came in the sale of 4464 Sherbrooke street west, a private residence on the busy street which the Montreal Urban Community assessed at

only \$36,750. The actual sale price was \$80,000.

On the non-residential side, the apartment-commercial building on the northwest corner of Claremont avenue and Sherbrooke, assessed at \$605,600, changed hands for "a dollar and other considerations," while another apartment building at 339

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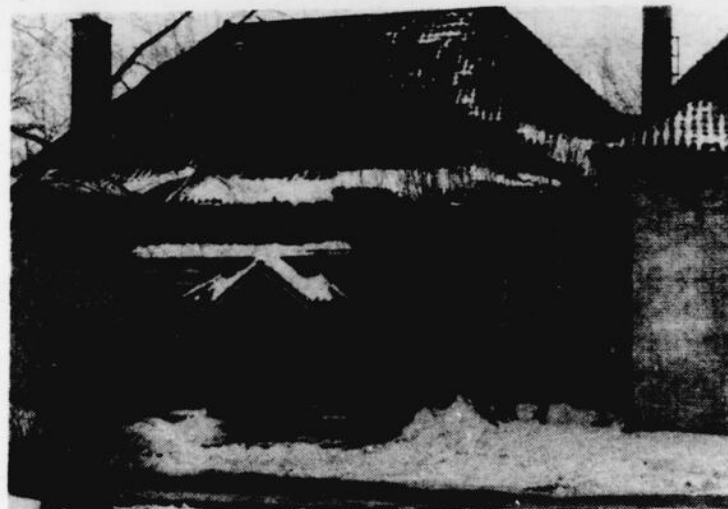
Victoria avenue brought \$160,000.

Also on the list is the sale of some land in Westmount with 57 Belvedere circle, just across the city limits in Montreal. Though no specific price is given for the Westmount portion of the sale, tax records indicate the 102 square metres of land sold for about \$14,500.

Two residential dwellings, sold to corporations, have been excluded from the averages for one- and two-family dwellings.

Month's totals

In sum, then, the residential listings show that \$2,116,250 was paid in 24 transfers for property valued at \$1,720,200. Transfer tax figures for 13 "dollar and consideration" sales or those for which details



46 Belvedere Place
highest priced, \$215,000

are unavailable add another \$1,154,000 to the month's sales. Thus the amount listed as sale price for 37 residential properties valued at \$2,617,950 was \$3,270,250.

To four listed non-residential sales must be added three others for which price information is not available, bringing the total non-residential category to \$1,931,500 for property with an MUC valuation of \$1,563,450.

Five succession transfers involving property worth a total of \$329,250 and a court judgment upholding the status of a property with a valuation of \$115,200 round out the month's registries.

October details

Westmount, listed alphabetically by street name, are as follows:

699 Aberdeen: from Melvyn G. Angus to Stanley Russel Hawkins, sale price

\$175,000 (1978 MUC valuation, \$115,950);

47 Arlington: Barry Desmond Winton Margetts to Mr. and Mrs. Neil Colman. \$112,000 (\$76,650);

666 Belmont: Honeywell Ltd. to Mrs. David Weind, \$81,000 (\$74,400);

Land—Belvedere Circle: Mrs. Michael MacKenzie to Arthur Simonian, sold with property in Montreal (\$9,400);

46 Belvedere Place: Fred Lewis to Herbert Black, \$215,000 (\$199,400);

29-31 Bruce: Graham Earle to Mrs. Beatrice De Vreeze, \$50,000 (\$50,500);

45-47 Bruce: John Frederick Matthews to John A. Glen Gibbons and Susan Elizabeth Jamieson, \$58,000 (\$48,750);

57 Church Hill: Ray Newton Lawson to Ray Evans Lawson, \$125,000 (\$84,000);

59 Columbia: Mrs. Henry Emil Strub to Patrick Rousseau and Mrs. Roseline Gélinas, \$1 and other considerations (\$45,900);

71 Columbia: Mrs. Janet Frances Antle to Alan R. Bull and Mrs. Kathryn Mae Bindon, \$61,000 (\$47,850);

339 Côte St. Antoine: Mrs. Kenneth Alan White to Place d'Armes Realty Co. Ltd., \$90,000 (\$57,100);

4480 de Maisonneuve: Ivon T. Hughes and Margaret Stuart Cairns to Mrs. James C. K. Hugessen, \$74,500 (\$46,350);

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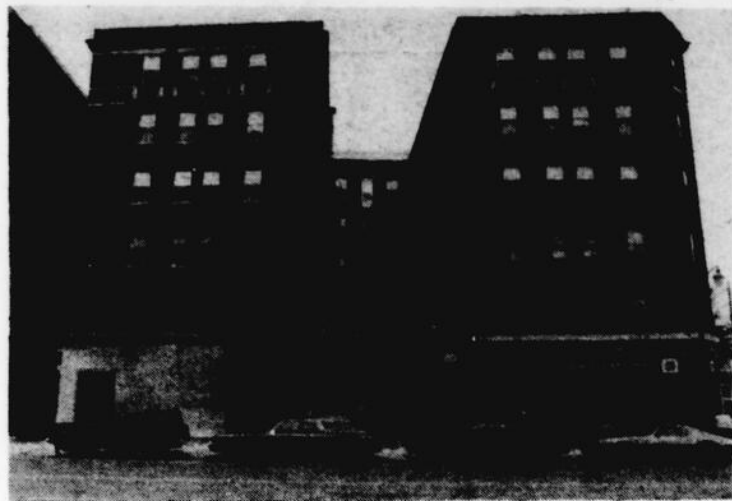


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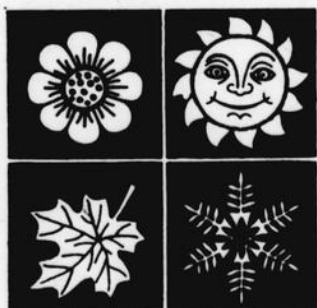
5003-15 Sherbrooke/418 Claremont
highest valuation, \$605,600

Company to Mrs. Michael P. Carroll, \$107,500 (\$101,100);
368 Grosvenor: Mrs. Lyon Khaner to Mr. and Mrs. Kandiah Padmanathan Arumuga Vadivel, \$59,000 (\$45,700);
654 Grosvenor: Mrs. Arlene Ann Wilansky to Gerald Jacob, \$81,000 (\$56,750);
12 Ingleside: Estate Mrs. Margaret Gunning to Mr. and Mrs. Albert de Niverville, \$42,000 (\$35,150);
103-5 Irvine, 9-7 Riverview: Alexander Gaucher to Arthur George Dirkmann, \$1 and cons. (\$58,500);
471 Lansdowne: A. E. LePage and Westmount Realities Inc. to Ann Adair and John Martin, \$72,500 (\$65,300);
627 Lansdowne: Mrs. John O'Quinn to Mr. and Mrs. Mario Spinaci, \$79,000 (\$54,400);
764 Upper Lansdowne: Henry Hume Wright to Mrs. Hans Ekkehard Herling, \$1 and cons. (\$68,500);
317 Melville: Mrs. Sarandi Pefanis to Mr. and Mrs. Guido Smit, \$65,000 (\$52,900);
408 Metcalfe: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Taylor to Peter A. McGibbon, \$1 and cons. (\$50,250);
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355 Olivier: Estate Mrs. Suzan Bourke to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Charbonneau, \$70,000 (\$51,600);
686 Roslyn: Mrs. Leon Heller to Mr. and Mrs. Myer Storer, \$1 and cons. (\$100,700);
703 Roslyn: Leo Perron to Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Petraki, \$81,000 (\$74,550);
714 Upper Roslyn: T. Woodford Smith to Mrs. Derek Heathcote, \$70,500 (\$69,150);
4464 Sherbrooke: Harold Ludwick to Jean-Louis Garaud, \$80,000 (\$36,750);
5003-15 Sherbrooke, 418 Claremont: Estate Mary Ruth Demers to 87631 Canada Ltée, \$1 and cons. (\$605,600);
24 Somerville: Heller-Natofin Ltd. to Mrs. Elizabeth Brand, \$78,250 (\$87,100);
36 Somerville: Heller-Natofin Ltd. to Estate C. F. Mallory, \$79,500 (\$84,150);
339 Victoria: Germaine Dubé Massicotte and Jean Dubé to Françoise Bibaud, \$160,000 (\$127,800);
444-6 Victoria: Stanley Strug to Mrs. Simy Cohen, \$124,500 (\$112,700);
499 Victoria: Mr. and Mrs. Graeme Franklin White to Mrs. Norris Bruce Kyle, \$75,000 (\$49,050); and
4892 Westmount avenue: Mrs. David W. Salomon to A. E. LePage Ltd., \$79,000 (\$58,000).



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Result of redistribution:

New riding 'more Tory' local Conservatives claim

The new St. Henri-Westmount federal constituency might be a little more Conservative than the old Westmount riding, figures compiled by the local Progressive Conservative association show.

Local Tories have drawn this conclusion from a study of the 1974 poll-by-poll election results in the areas of the five different ridings which have been merged to form the new constituency. Despite the joining of the relatively Conservative districts, however, the riding as a whole still seems to offer the Liberals solid support.

While local Liberals claim to have good support in the areas of the old St. Henri riding which are being brought into the new constituency, the Conservatives' figures show those areas actually favored the Tories by 43 votes in the 1974 election, despite the fact that overall the riding voted 52 percent Liberal in the government sweep of Montreal.

The areas annexed by St. Henri-Westmount from the old ridings of LaSalle-Emard-Côte St. Paul, Mount Royal and Notre Dame de Grâce also seem to be more Conservative-leaning than those ridings were overall. The polling stations to be annexed still voted 59.8 percent Liberal, but this is not

as high as the total vote for the party in those three ridings.

The polls brought in from LaSalle-Emard-Côte St. Paul, for instance, voted 26.4 percent Conservative compared to the Tories' 19.3 percent overall in the riding. The former Mount Royal polls voted 16.1 percent Conservative in 1974 compared to 13.3 percent overall in the riding while the N.D.G. polls to be added to St. Henri-Westmount gave the Tories 33.2 percent, well above their 25.5 percent showing in the riding overall.

As for the old Westmount riding itself, the City of Westmount and its immediate environs gave the Conservatives more support than the central-downtown sector which is being lost in the redistribution. The Westmount area staying in the riding voted 33.1 percent Conservative compared to the PCs' 31.9 percent tally overall in Westmount riding.

12,225 Tory votes

In sum, the 1974 results from all the polling stations to be located in the new St. Henri-Westmount riding, gave the Conservatives 12,225 votes, or 34.7 percent, compared to the 31.9 percent they actually got in the old Westmount riding in 1974. It must be remembered,

however, that individual riding personalities and issues make such vote re-totalling suspect.

Even with the increase in support local Conservatives see in the figures, they still trail the Liberals by a wide margin and the addition of more-Conservative areas to St. Henri-Westmount means that Conservative support is lost to neighboring constituencies.

In last month's by-election, Conservative Bernard Finestone increased his party's percentage of the vote in the City of Westmount from 39 to 40.4, according to Examiner figures, while the Côte des Neiges area showed a slight increase in Tory support from 24.9 to 25.2 percent.

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Hours for allowing dogs off their leashes (but still in the company of their owners) in these areas remain unchanged, beginning from 7 o'clock each evening to 9 am the next day.

The dog-run changes allow for greater canine mobility during winter months, when parks are little-used by pedestrians and frequent snow serves to cover dog feces.

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A parcel left by a mailman may have been used by thieves to break the window in the front door of a house on Victoria avenue north of Sherbrooke street, sometime between 10 am and 6 pm last Tuesday. When the owners arrived home they found a back door was open and some \$3,000 worth of jewelry was missing from the bedroom.

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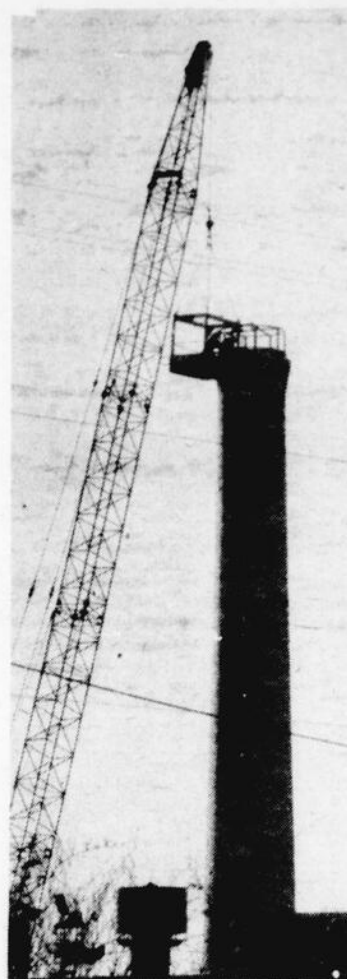
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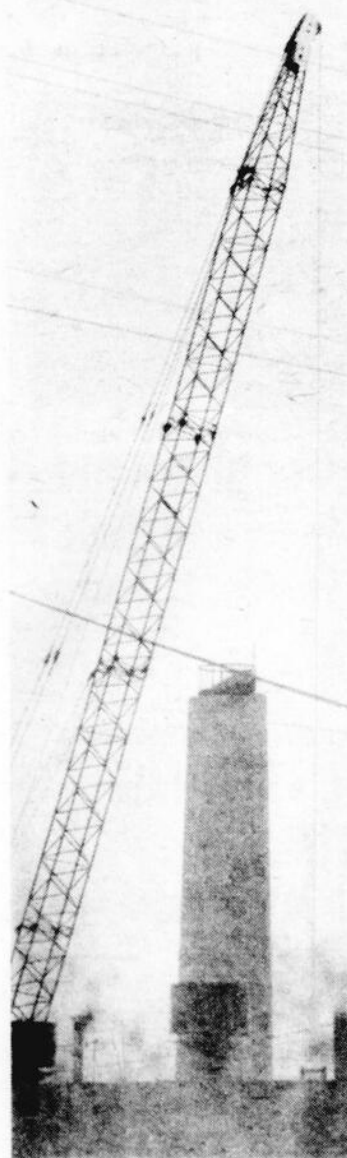
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Monday, Dec. 4, at 8 pm, a meeting of the Association of Relatives & Friends of the Mentally Ill (ARAFMI) in the Institute of Community & Family Psychiatry, 4333 Côte St. Catherine Road, ground floor. Guest speaker: Dr. Fred Fenton, psychiatrist, will address the meeting on caring and coping with mentally ill patients. Public invited to attend — free. New members welcome.

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PLANNING FOR CHARITY BALL: Miss Gillian Cargill, left, of Montreal, and Mrs. G. D. Harrison, 509-C Claremont avenue, are among those helping with arrangements for the charity ball of the Royal Victoria Hospital to be held Friday, Dec. 1, at the Hotel Meridien. Music for the event, which will feature a dinner and a breakfast, will be supplied by Perry Carmen and his orchestra.

Orchestra gives concert at Douglas Hospital

For the first time, patients at Douglas Hospital enjoyed a concert of classical music last Thursday evening, Nov. 23.

Sixty musicians of the Montreal Youth Orchestra played works by Schubert, Debussy, Beethoven and Mozart for 150 psychiatric patients who shouted, "Encore, encore." Conductor of the orchestra was Jacques Clement and first violinist Emanuel Morin.

The Auxiliary of Douglas Hospital sponsored the event with its president, Mrs. Bobby Desaulniers, 357 Kensington avenue, introducing the orchestra, whose members range in age from 15 to 25, the average being 18.

Mrs. Betty Daly, 4200 Sherbrooke street west, organized the affair and Mrs. Sandra Wilson, 225 Olivier avenue, president and founder of the orchestra, was in the audience.

Winston Evans, director of services at the Douglas Hospital, welcomed the orchestra.

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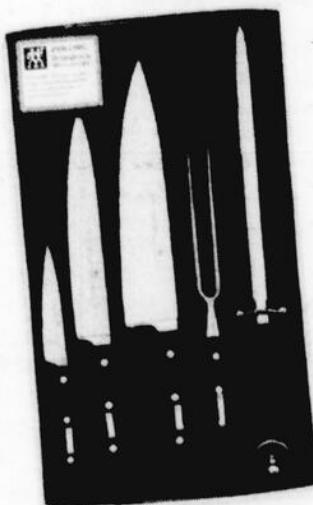
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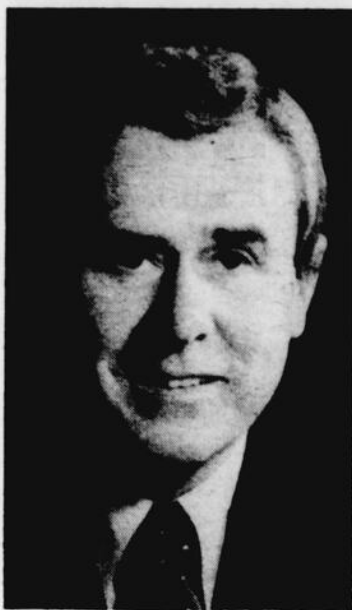
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Annual mass

The Auxiliary of St. Mary's Hospital will hold their annual mass and communion luncheon next Thursday, Dec. 7. Mass will be held in the chapel at 11 am, followed by lunch in the auditorium at noon and a general meeting with a guest speaker.

Gives history

Allan Raymond, treasurer of the Westmount Historical Association, will speak on the history of "The Jews of Montreal" at a meeting of the Golden Age Club of Chevra Thilim Congregation on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 1:30 pm. The audio-visual presentation will be given at 1904 Van Horne avenue.



STEPPING DOWN: Jean R. Prieur, 19 Grenville avenue, stepped down Tuesday evening after serving three years as president of the Canadian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Mr. Prieur's term came to an end at the society's annual meeting held at Angignon Park. Under his presidency the society established affiliates in five Quebec centres, allowing the group to put forth a better education and inspection program. "It has been a privilege for me to have worked for the noble cause of our animal friends," said Mr. Prieur, who also thanked those who had worked with him.

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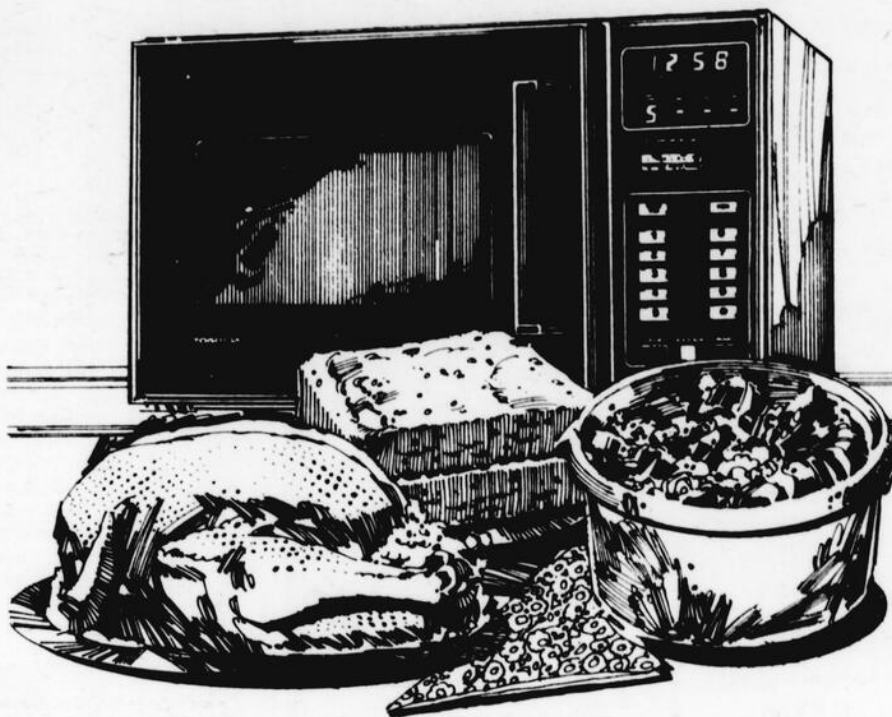


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PERFORMS MONDAY: British actor John Stuart Anderson, an acclaimed master of solo theatre, will present "Winterchime," a program specially written by him for this season, at the Women's Canadian Club pre-Christmas party to be held Monday, Dec. 4, at 2 pm in the Royal Bank auditorium of Place Ville Marie. Born in Burma but brought up in the Highlands of Scotland, Mr. Anderson has performed many solo shows and has also played roles with others, including the late Dame Margaret Rutherford. The meeting Monday will be preceded by seasonal tasties and coffee at 1:15.

ORT bazaar at Bonaventure

The giant annual bazaar of Montreal Women's ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training) will be held

Tuesday, Dec. 5, from 1 to 10 pm and Wednesday, Dec. 6, from 10 am to 10 pm, in the Place Bonaventure exhibition hall.

The bazaar will feature various boutiques with items including clothing, handicrafts of India, China and Canada, jewelry, novelties and antiques. Oriental and European foods will be served. Proceeds will support ORT's worldwide network of vocational schools for underprivileged youth.

Plant care topic

The Montreal West Horticultural Society will meet next Thursday, Dec. 7, at 8:15 pm in Montreal West Town Hall. Westmounters are welcome to attend the meeting at which Dorothy Kimpton will discuss care of Christmas plants.

The USC of Canada ships new and used clothing to Bangladesh, Botswana, Lesotho, Cyprus and Vietnam. A longtime knitter from Gore Bay, Ont., recently sent two large boxes to the USC containing afghans, mitts, toques and sweaters in a rainbow of colors. Patterns are available from USC headquarters at 56 Sparks street, Ottawa.

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Retirement needs good planning Council of Women is told

"When I retired, the company gave me a self-winding watch and now I have nothing to do."

That may be an old joke but it expresses succinctly the attitudes and fears that many have toward retirement. Spearheading a crusade toward well-planned and creative retirement is Dr. Sylvia McDonald, director of the "Retirement Centre" at Marianopolis College.

Dr. McDonald was the guest speaker at a dinner given recently by the Montreal Council of Women for 100 representatives and members of its 87 affiliated societies.

"Every transition period in our lives can give pain or pleasure, depending on our expectations, thoughtful planning and our inner

resources," commented Dr. McDonald. "But society's attitude to retirement is changing distinctly. We are beginning to look forward to it with anticipation."

The speaker noted that the American Senate's recent legislation raising mandatory retirement age to 70 was voted in with little research; in reality only one to two percent of Americans are interested in continuing to work after 65.

"The 'retirement revolution' has been sparked by recognition that we are living longer and in much better physical condition," stressed Dr. McDonald. "Some American psychologists believe that the mind does not achieve its fullest powers until the age of 60 and declines only very slowly thereafter."

In planning for the after-65 life, we should look to the ancient Greek culture where the free man did no 'work'; that was left to the slaves.

Hobbies not enough

"It is not enough to take up hobbies, or change from handball to golf; one must be creative in finding a true work substitute," stressed Dr. McDonald. "Giving one's time to the community, working a hobby farm, developing artistic or writing abilities that have lain dormant through lack of time, are some of the avenues for investigation."

The speaker pointed out that one of the most satisfying post-retirement endeavours is the sharing of experience and wisdom with others. CESO, the overseas executive consulting service, is a worthwhile experience for both the executive and the country involved.

Men, particularly executives, appear to have many more problems adjusting to retirement. Loss of status and friends at work can lead to emotional and physical problems.

Another problem area is the wife who has worked in the home and built a separate life, who may be frustrated in having someone "under foot" all the time. Dr. McDonald has found that too often couples who are thrown together 24 hours a day find that they have

little in common anymore and that the lines of communication have deteriorated.

Financial planning is, of course, of utmost importance, but particularly for the unattached woman facing retirement. Because of poor-paying jobs, small or non-existent employee pension benefits or poor planning, 70 percent of these single, divorced and widowed women are living on less than \$4,000 per year.

At 68, Dr. McDonald is the living proof of what "creative retirement" can produce. After a lifetime as a teaching nun, she is active with the Canadian and Quebec Associations on Gerontology and continues to work for better research and more specialists in the field of aging.

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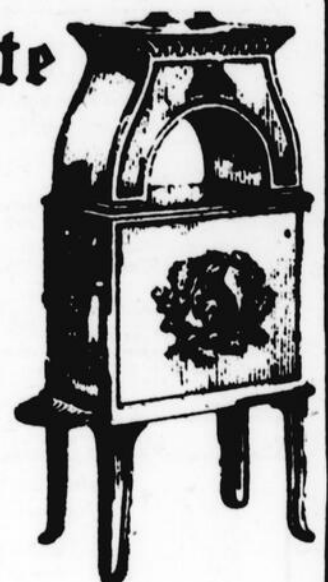
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Feasting and celebrating is first Advent topic

Dominion-Douglas Church will observe the beginning of the Advent season this Sunday at the 11:00 am service when Dr. Phyllis Smyth will preach on the subject "Eat, drink and be merry," an exploration of the reasons why we celebrate important occasions by feasting together.

The religious origins of this custom and the Christian significance of it today, specially as people gather at the communion table, as they will this Sunday, will be considered.

During Advent the theme of the services will be "It's Advent—turn on the light." Customs in which Christians participate during the preparation for Christmas will be examined as a means of experiencing the coming of Christ into one's life.

Appropriate music by the choir of the "church on the hill" will include "O come, O come, Emmanuel" (15th century French processional), "God so loved the world" by John Goss, and "He shall feed his flock" and "Come unto him" (Messiah) by Handel will be sung by Mercedes Roy, mezzo soprano and Madeleine Osborne, soprano.

Hymn tunes played on the chimes from 10:45 am will begin this week with "Stuttgart," No. 389. The organ prelude will be "Now come, redeemer of our race" by Dietrich Buxtehude, and the postlude will be the overture to Handel's "Messiah."

Hymns to be sung are "Hark the glad sound" (Richmond), "The advent of our God" (St. Thomas), "Tomorrow Christ is coming" (Little Baddow), and "The God of Bethlehem praise" (Leoni).

Park's organist presents cantata

"Re-jubilation," an original cantata composed by Angela Yeo-West and David Hall, organist and choirmaster of Westmount Park Church, will be presented Sunday, Dec. 3, at 2:30 pm at Westmount Park Church. All are invited and admission is free.

According to Mr. Hall, "Re-jubilation" is an expression, through song and movement, of the celebration of Christian life at the joyous Christmas season.

The public is welcome to attend this service of holy communion, with confirmation and reception of new members.

A week from Sunday, Dec. 10, "Christmas carols by candlelight" will be sung by the choir of the church, assisted by the Dilettanti consort of ancient instruments. The event will start at 4:00 pm at the church.

Clergy join St. Matthias' for carols

The sermon at the 10:30 am eucharist this Advent Sunday at St. Matthias' Church will be preached by Rev. Canon T. H. Whitcroft, director of social services and community concerns for the Diocese of Montreal.

At 4 pm Sunday, Advent carols in procession will be sung by the men and boys of St. Matthias' Choir. Scripture lessons emphasizing the Advent note of repentance and preparation for Christ's coming will be read by the following clergy of the Diocese of Montreal: Rev. Brian Campion, Trinity Memorial, Montreal; Rev. Eric Dungan, Church of the Advent, Westmount; Rev. Bruce Baker, St. John the Divine, Verdun; Rev. D. Fleming, St. Thomas', Montreal; Rev. P. D. Hannen, St. Columba's, Montreal; and Rev. B. B. Clarke of St. Matthias'.

All are invited to attend this service of worship which marks the beginning of a new church year and is designed to help one's spiritual preparation for Christmas. A crib corner will be provided for infants.

School on TV

Portsmouth Abbey School, Portsmouth, Rhode Island, a leading U.S. Catholic school which has been attended by various Westmounters, will be featured in a half-hour documentary on the CBS television network Sunday at 10:30 am. The program, seen locally on Channel 3, Burlington, is titled "In the Lord's service" and is one of the network's "Look up and live" series.

Communion, procession mark Advent

The beginning of the Advent season will be marked at St. Andrew's this Sunday.

Communion will be celebrated in the chapel at 10:15 am with opportunity for those who wish to come forward to receive the sacrament on kneelers at a communion rail.

At the 11 am service the church school children will be in procession with an Advent banner and will light the first Advent candle. The sermon by Dr. E. A. Kirker will be on the subject "God's Surprises."

At last Sunday's service, the usual offering was accompanied by a distribution of money to the congregation. Illustrating a sermon on the parable of the talents, envelopes containing ten dollars each were given out with a number of suggestions for using skills and services to increase the value of the funds. Returns from this talent money are to be made at Easter.

The Guild of St. Andrew's is to meet next Wednesday at 10 am. Plans are under way to mark White Gift Sunday at the Côte St. Antoine road church on Dec. 10.

Project '83 seeks data on Loyalists

Are you, or do you know of, descendants of British Empire Loyalists who settled in the Montreal area following the American Revolution 200 years ago?

If so, Project '83, an undertaking of the Heritage Branch-Montreal of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, would like to hear from you.

Deane Nesbitt produces record to help blind

An unusual record album produced and designed by Montreal lawyer and businessman A. R. Deane Nesbitt has gone on sale with all proceeds going directly to the Montreal Association for the Blind.

The record, titled "On the black keys and by ear," is a collection of various pieces of music played on the piano in the manner indicated by the title. Mr. Nesbitt has played the piano that way since he was a youngster and it occurred to him that since the method just uses the raised keys and one's ears, it could be taught to the blind.

He has since become involved in aiding the blind through this method as well as playing for groups of blind persons on special occasions. Mr. Nesbitt is also an amateur painter and one of his works is on the record jacket which he also designed.

The record, which sells for \$5.00 is available in Westmount at Brickpoint Studios, 1248 Greene avenue.

Jewelry gone

Some \$900 worth of jewelry disappeared from a box in the bureau drawer of an apartment in one of de Maisonneuve boulevard's more prestigious apartment complexes, sometime between Nov. 11 and 18. Owner of the jewels told police she had searched for the items for three days before reporting the theft last Tuesday. Police could see no signs of a forced entry to the apartment.

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President of the project is John Ruch, 200 Kensington avenue. Other Westmounters who are members of the Project '83 committee include Gwen Fuller, 421 Roslyn avenue;

Alice Lighthall, 422 Metcalfe avenue; Malcolm Loucks, 4800 de Maisonneuve boulevard; and Claude Root, 10 Rosemount avenue.

The project is being financed under the New Horizons program of the federal government and the committee is made up of senior members of the Montreal branch.

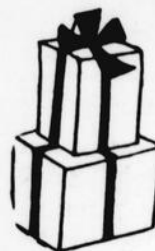
Those with information which might be helpful are asked to contact Mr. John Ruch, Apt. 402, 200 Kensington avenue, Westmount H3Z 2G7.

CHEQUE PRESENTED: Mrs. Jeanne Davies, local field representative of the New Horizons program, presents the cheque which will finance Project '83 to M. D. Loucks, president of the Heritage Montreal branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, and a director of the project. Others, from left, are Charles Cartnell, Gerald Rogers and Mrs. Joyce Bradford.

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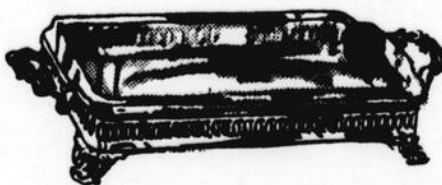


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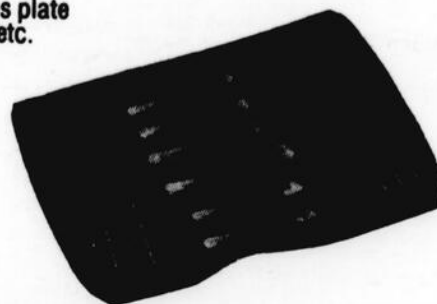
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The appropriation, however, required an amendment to the city's municipal works by-law, which by provincial regulation must itemize every amount spent for construction, reconstruction, improvement or maintenance of city property.

Further, Ald. David Carruthers was forced to offer a notice of motion to amend the municipal works by-law still further, in case Westmount should need to add another amount to the list.

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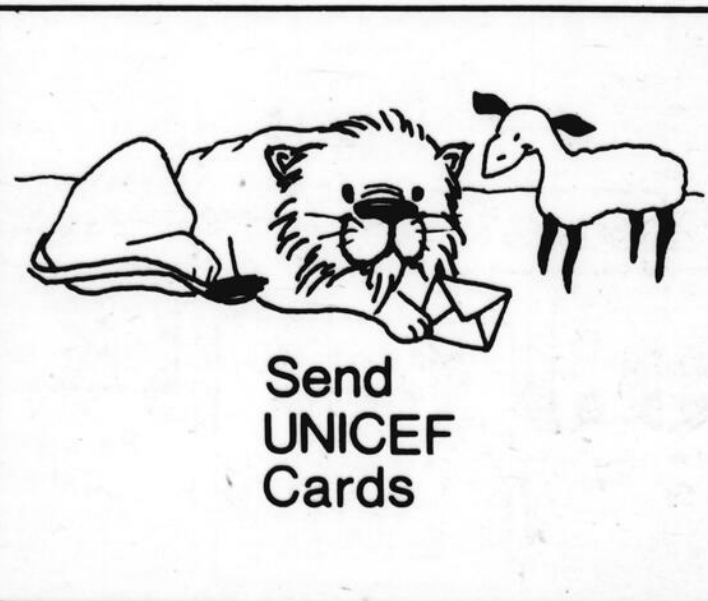
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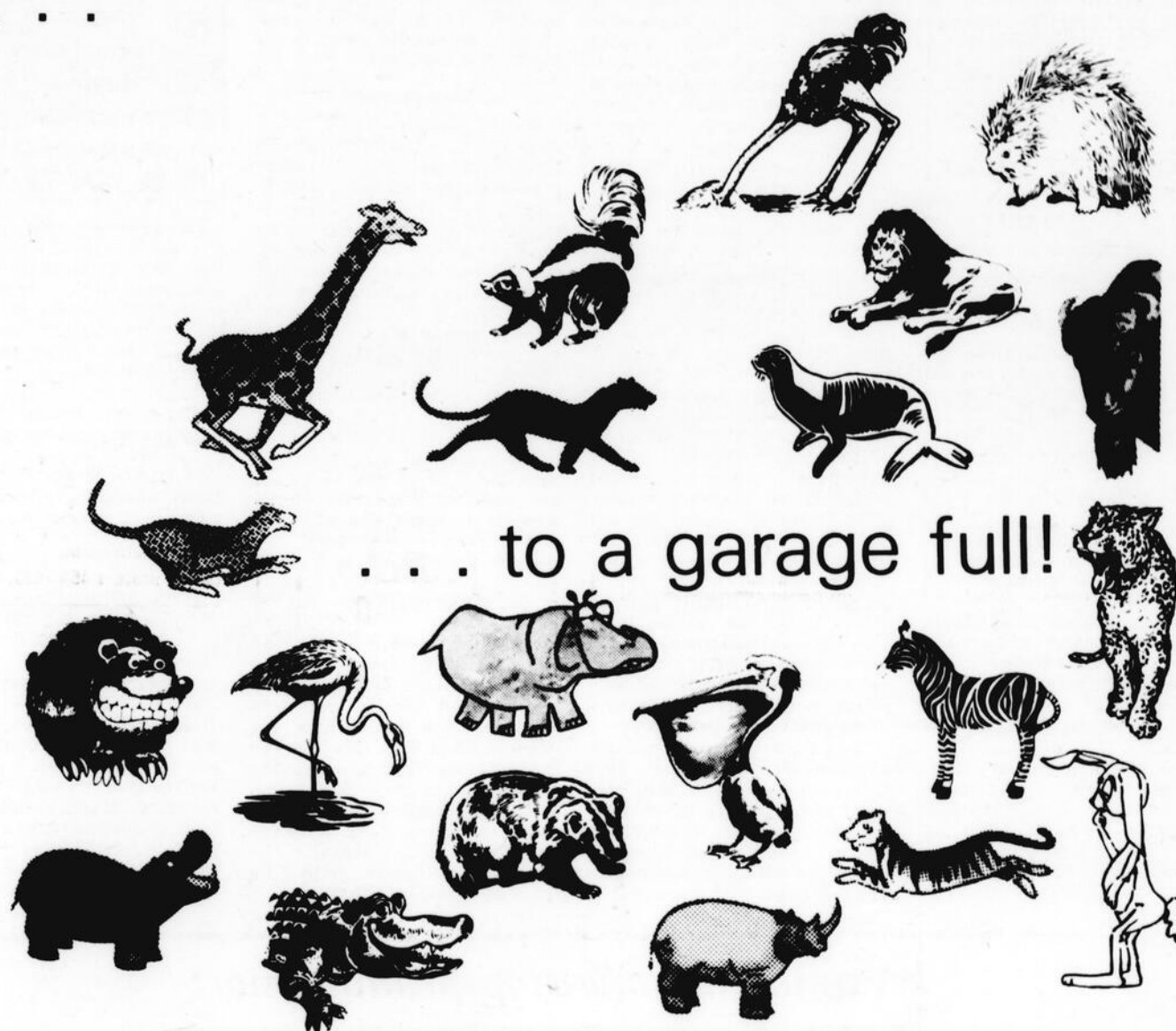
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By RICK KERRIGAN

Some magicians are masters of the art of legerdemain and prestidigitation. Others appear to make the unlikely of objects disappear into or appear from a silk handkerchief or top hat.

Still others appear to be slicing, stabbing or otherwise mutilating attractive female assistants who suffer no ill

effects from this abuse. The great Houdini was a master of escape, emerging unharmed from coffins in which he was bound and sealed and lowered into great depths of water.

But these feats pale beside the trick performed regularly by Gary Silver, a 15-year-old magician who lives at 4501 Sherbrooke street. He entertains children at Christmas and birthday parties. Parents, faced with a horde of super-charged kids, must be more appreciative of this trick than the children are of his regular show.

In fact, the technical magic does almost take second place in the show. "For children," says Gary, "it's entertainment and then magic."

The aim of his show is to get the audience involved, and to this end he uses a lot of props, some of which have only an indirect relation to the actual magic. For instance, when he performs a trick with a coloring book that, with the proper incantations, becomes completely colored in, he has one child dress in a long beard and smock as if he were an artist. Apparently the kids get a bigger kick out of this than the actual trick. He amuses them also by making animal figures from balloons and giving them away to the children and performs a little scenario with a mechanical drooping flower.

The show must be funny, entertaining and visual, says Gary, adding that a magician must make a trick his own by embellishing or building a routine around it. The instructions with a trick only give you the basics. He has about 50

prop tricks in his repertoire although he sometimes buys a special trick only to find it's not right for his style.

"If a trick is entertaining and good magic," he says, "it is worth doing." When he is watching other magicians perform he gauges audience reaction in case he wants to use the trick in his show.

Close-up magic

While Gary's show concentrates on entertainment and stage magic, he still privately practices the art of close-up magic, the kind that uses a minimum of props and relies on great dexterity and sleight-of-hand. Card tricks and the old shell and pea game are in this category, as are tricks that require magician's force, which consists of offering the viewer a choice and the magician interpreting that choice how he pleases.

Gary can deftly cut a pack of cards as part of a trick but, in fact, the trick's success depends on not cutting the cards. Despite a great flying of hands and movement of cards, the deck has remained in exactly the same order. "A lot of magic is misdirection," he calmly explains.

Another weapon in the magician's arsenal is the "sucker move." This is a move designed to deceive you into thinking you know how the trick is done. The kids love the sucker move. Gary also uses the theme of the recurring failed trick in his show because, he says, "everyone likes to see the magician fail." Naturally the magician succeeds with the trick at the end of the show.



YOUNG MAGICIAN ON TELEVISION: Fifteen-year-old Westmount magician Gary Silver, left, will be appearing Sunday on the CBC program "Hobbledehoy," which is hosted by Ian Finlay, right.

Enough of this jiggery-pokery, though. I wanted to be mystified by some real magic, something that couldn't be explained away by the use of a mechanical device. Something that at least appeared to defy the laws of nature.

Gary proceeded to do this with a silk handkerchief he always carries for just such occasions. It was as ordinary a silk hanky as one could want. Now, as I sat only three feet away and at eye level to his hands he (with the appropriate deftness and flourish) stuffed the cloth into one fist, opened his hands and, poof, it had disappeared. Several repeats left me just as baffled.

Started with Houdini

Gary's first interest in magic was sparked by a book he read at age 10 about the great Houdini, so it's easy to see why his first tricks were escapes from ropes and trunks. His first performance was for his brother's birthday party and he has been entertaining,

mystifying and conjuring for the past five years to an ever increasing clientele which includes individual families and companies such as Alcan, Domtar, Shell Oil and CP Rail.

He has performed at several schools and hospitals and even at the Club Méditerranée in Guadeloupe while he was there on vacation with his family. In 1975 he gave a Chanukah-Christmas show at Cavendish Mall and he also appeared on local TV shows.

His list of customers has grown so big that he has a computer mailing list to keep track of them and solicit repeat business. In fact, his mailed promotions attract a major part of his business and he was one of many small businessmen concerned about the recent mail strike. He also gets business through word-of-mouth advertising.

Gary's magic skill is mostly self-taught through reading many of the volumes on magic which line his bedroom bookshelf, although he admits he only knows about half of what is in the books.

Magicians' camp

His formal training consists of magicians' camp he attended in New York during August this year. At the camp, about 100 kids, age 13 to 17, attended lectures, shows and workshops and covered all aspects of magic from stage and close-up magic to presentation and advertising. One of the sessions was on ventriloquism, which Gary is practicing in his spare time now.

The rest of the summer was spent organizing and changing his act which he presents two to three times a week in the fall and up to that many times a day during the Christmas holidays. He is also busy at the end of the school year with school closing parties.

While Gary is still learning the craft, he is also teaching it. A student at Lower Canada College himself, he gives after-school magic classes at Roslyn School in which he shows the students the different types of magic and generally tries to pique their interest. He teaches them basic tricks but he never gives away secrets of the tricks in his act. They wouldn't be magic then, would they?

If you believe in magic, Gary will be appearing on CBC's program "Hobbledehoy" this Sunday, Dec. 3, at 10:30 am.

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Basketball clinic planned at local Y

An introductory basketball clinic has been organized for Dec. 11 to 14 by the Westmount Family YMCA. It is open to boys and girls age 9 to 14 who are beginners at the sport.

The immediate aim of the clinic, say the organizers, is to introduce participants to the ball skills, skills within the game itself and to provide all with the opportunity to develop their skills as a member of a team.

Long-run goal of the clinic is to establish a basketball club which will incorporate all levels of play from beginner to advanced and to form a league with other organizations and basketball clubs in Montreal.

Schedules and other details of the clinic can be obtained from Barbara Gray, physical education department, Westmount Family Y, 937-3916.

Montreal West winners in WHS debating tourney

By JENNIFER CLARE PEARSON

Westmount High School hosted a debating tournament for teams from Catholic, Protestant and private schools in Montreal last Thursday. Fifteen schools participated.

The students went from class to class, debating a resolution according to parliamentary rules. Many students were surprisingly well equipped with facts, figures and other statistics and two teams from different sides of the resolution were chosen to debate against one another in the final round. The champion was Montreal West High School.

The debating tournament was organized by English teacher Mr. J. M. Guinty and found an overwhelming amount of support from the student body. Except for the fact that no WHS team was entered (for reasons unknown), the tournament was an overall success.

Closed dance opposed

The Vox Ducum yearbook staff is planning a dance at WHS from 7:30 to 11:30 pm next Friday, Dec. 8. Many students at the school, however, are opposed to the concept of a "closed" dance, one which only the students of the high school are permitted to attend, with the exception of one visitor per student.

Mr. Klym, the new principal, feels that a closed dance will help reduce the amount of locker break-ins, vandalism and general disruption caused by outsiders.

The WHS Seminar Club has invited Donald Peacock, president of the Provincial

Association of Protestant Teachers, to speak to students at the school. He is scheduled to appear Monday, Dec. 4, in Room 202.

Paper appears

The WHS newspaper *The Scroll* was made available for sale in the school halls Tuesday. The *Scroll* staff has produced a six-page paper filled with news events, gossip columns and creative poetry and its price has been raised from 5 to 10 cents, which has brought some student objections. The new price, however, is still not high enough to cover the cost of printing and the newspaper has to rely on bake sales to make up the money.

Although students have objected to the high price, they are buying *The Scroll* and seem to appreciate the hard work and long hours needed to produce a newspaper. The *Scroll* staff welcomes contributions and advertisements to help them turn out a better newspaper at a lower price.

Curling program popular

By PIERRE GOAD

Westmount's Friday night curling program for adults will see its third full slate of matches take place tomorrow night at the Caledonia Curling Club on Hillside avenue.

With four sheets of ice available to players, all 14 skips and their rinks have seen some action at this point. The 62 players, which include six spares, are again proving that curling is a popular winter sport among Westmounters.

It is still too early to tell, however, which teams will participate in the playoffs, which will be held on the 12th night of the new year.

Tomorrow night, the third of the seven scheduled curling nights before the playoffs, will see Mary McDougall and her team meet Joe Stairs' rink at 7 pm on sheet No. 1. The other 12 skips fill the other time slots, except for the 9 pm slot on sheet No. 4 which will be available for practice.

Players are reminded that Dec. 29 has been set aside for practice.

HOCKEY STANDINGS

Bantams and midgets are well into their season in the Westmount recreation department's program. Standings in the three leagues as of Monday were as follows:

BANTAM I									
	GP	W	L	T	G	F	A	Pts	
Rangers	4	4	0	0	19	6	8		
Leafs	5	2	3	0	15	15	4		
Bruins	5	1	4	0	11	24	2		

BANTAM II									
	GP	W	L	T	G	F	A	Pts	
Flames	5	4	1	0	18	5	8		
Hawks	4	2	2	0	7	8	4		
Flyers	5	1	4	0	6	18	2		

MIDGET									
	GP	W	L	T	G	F	A	Pts	
Mustangs	3	3	0	0	15	9	6		
Hornets	3	2	1	0	13	9	4		
Spartans	3	1	2	0	8	10	2		
Badgers	3	0	3	0	4	12	0		

Fan vented

Someone took a ladder from one side of a house under renovation on Elm avenue and moved it to the other side of the house sometime between 5 pm last Thursday and 8 am Friday. Apparently they used the ladder to get at a \$300 kitchen fan, which was stolen from the home. Police were told that two men who had been working on the house had been fired a week before.

Dactyloss

A typewriter was reported missing from an association office on Greene avenue on Monday. Police report no signs of a forced entry to the office, but noted that several persons had keys to it.

Westmount youthaction with Cst. Bernard Roy MUCPD youth aide officer

Safety in the snow

Here we go again! We've had two snowstorms in the past week, and it looks like winter is really upon us. Let's get things started right by recalling a few snowtime rules which will make winter an enjoyable season for all Westmount's young people.

Bumper-riding is an absolute no-no. Though it might look like fun to grab onto the rear bumper of a slow-moving truck or car, the slightest slip could throw you under a wheel or into the path of another vehicle.

Cars cannot stop as easily in winter, and it's important to remember to cross streets carefully, keeping a close eye on traffic. As always, you should cross only at intersections.

Recently in Westmount a driver offered a young girl a ride, suggesting she must be cold as she walked on the street. Not recognizing the man, she refused—and so should all Westmount boys and girls in similar situations, no matter how cold the weather or how furious the snowstorm. Don't hitchhike, either; the reasons are obvious.

When walking on sidewalks, be careful about cars backing out of driveways. Often their back windows are still steamed up or covered with snow, and their driver's visibility is worse than it should be. Always think ahead.

Finally, but perhaps most important, never slide on snowbanks near the street. Though plowed piles of snow are awfully tempting, they can also be extremely dangerous. If you see others doing this, tell them to stop.

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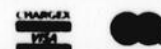
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Squatters' rights case in court; no decision yet

The ownership dispute over the house at 74 Columbia avenue went before the courts last Wednesday, as the provincial public curator tried to demand the eviction of Mr. and Mrs. Ivar Rushevic, who have lived there since the summer of 1977.

Presentation of the curator's arguments and the appearance of two witnesses is the latest step in the year-old dispute, outlined in **The Examiner** last June 8.

The Rushevics' lawyer was given seven days to counter the case made last week. A provincial judge will examine all the submissions and render a decision later, perhaps in a matter of weeks.

The house is under provincial trusteeship because its owner was declared mentally unfit to maintain it herself, and because any family she might have is in Vancouver and thus unable to look after it.

The Rushevics, who had learned of the situation early last year, moved in under legal advisement and began making what they claimed were necessary repairs, after paying the city three years of overdue taxes on the building. In September last year the public curator learned of the situation and began legal action against

the family last March. A formal hearing set for June was postponed until last week.

In court last Wednesday, the public curator introduced testimony from one neighbor and from an employee of a cleaning contractor who had worked in the house in 1975 and 1976; they both gave the judge their opinion of the house's condition. The Rushevics, ill-prepared for the hearing, did not bring in witnesses.

René Chartrand, lawyer for the public curator, claims his client, a provincial government operation, "is not a liquidator and there's no need to sell," so long as the owner's assets are sufficient to maintain the property.

He added, however, that the curator's mandate expires once the owner—who is deemed to be senile—actually dies. At that time it would become the responsibility of the heirs to present themselves to the curator and take over handling of the estate.

"It's the oddest case I've ever heard of," Mr. Chartrand declared, noting that the matter of "squatter's rights" is normally a thing of the past.

Further word awaited on money for Dawson

Dawson College officials are sitting tight on news that the Quebec government plans to provide close to \$25 million for renovations to the Selby and Viger campuses and establishment of another campus in downtown Montreal, waiting for the government to fully commit itself and draw up a "critical path."

The plans as announced

Council will get prepared for budget

Monday's statutory December city council meeting shapes up as a preparatory formal session in anticipation of the budget presentation on Dec. 18.

A notice of motion to approve the budget by-law and set the 1979 municipal rate will be offered to council during the session, and another notice will anticipate the setting of electricity rates for the coming year.

Council is also expected to approve the sale of the second half of Westmount's Campbell Gardens property on Edgemoor road, as it seems the most recent offer has been deemed acceptable.

One more agenda item will involve changing parking regulations on Lansdowne avenue south of Sherbrooke street. The city's by-law concerning fences and hedges might also come up for some changes, and council might provide for the hiring of persons to ticket cars in snow-removal areas by changing its traffic by-law.

The list of accounts for October also is ready for examination and ratification by council.

Snow toll

Drivers in Westmount apparently were rather stunned to see snow on the streets last Thursday, as winter made its first impact on these parts. Police report eight accidents on the one day, then three on Friday, though nobody was injured as a result.

Squirrel evicted from home

Winter's rage usually sends squirrels into hiding for the colder months, but one apparently got a little confused Saturday and thought his burrow was in the skylight of a Lansdowne avenue home.

He probably got upset when he discovered the error; this attracted the attention of the residents, who called the Westmount Fire Brigade.

Firemen raised a 4.2-metre ladder to the roof and opened the skylight to give the furry rodent its freedom.



NEW CAPTAIN: Capt. Stanley Tait, a veteran of 29 years with the Town of Mount Royal (and T.M.R. sector) police force, recently was installed as second-in-command of Westmount's Sector 23, replacing Capt. Michael Miller, who has retired. Capt. Tait, a jovial, fluently bilingual officer, knows well what police service has meant in Westmount over the years, since T.M.R. once had a similar type of community police force. "You always have that pride" of being with a local force, he says, but feels part of the loss of community feeling is the citizens' fault. "The citizen doesn't take the opportunity to get to know his policeman," he mused.

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