

# 1981 budget hits homeowners

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**SPRUNG FOR THE HOLIDAYS:** Penal institutions in these liberal times have taken to giving inmates passes for the holiday season. The same reforms have swept the cell block at the Westmount MUC police station on Stanton street so this week Lieut. J. R. (Bob) MacKenzie gave holiday liberty to the two "prisoners" locked up all year in one of the women's cells. The "prisoners" were two fully-decorated artificial Christmas trees which graced the station a year ago. When the holiday season ended last January, however, no one had time to dismantle them so they were sentenced to a spring, summer and fall in solitary in the empty cells. There they sat until Tuesday, when a little dusting got them back in the good graces of the law and out of the slammer.

### Plaza hold-up nets \$1,100

Two armed men made good their escape with \$1,100 from the Bank of Montreal branch in Alexis Nihon Plaza Friday at 3 pm, police said.

The suspects apparently entered the bank with two revolvers and grabbed cash from three tellers. Police said they were French speaking.

### Next Week's WEATHER by Capt. Eric Neal

DECEMBER 18 to 25

A very cold and windy Christmas shopping week is in the offing, with the possibility that the main winter snowfall will be delayed until Epiphany week. A normal season gives us 100 cm of snow before Christmas and 225 to 250 cm after. The U.S. will probably have submarine and coastal earthquakes along the eastern and western seaboard as pressures in the Earth's crust are building up. Only 20 to 25 sunny hours this week. January will seem strange, with wet periods alternating with deep freezes, then heavy snow conditions with icy roads.

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### Traffic control package:

## Changes approved for alternate-side parking hours

The alternate-side parking provisions on Upper Lansdowne, Elm and Lewis avenues and St. George's Place were changed by city council to make

life a bit easier for residents — and especially overnight parkers — once the city begins its crackdown on parking in the new year.

Drivers will have to change sides of the street at (or about) 5 pm each day, rather than midnight, and parking will be prohibited on one side of the street for nine consecutive hours on each of three weekdays.

On Upper Lansdowne south of Sunnyside avenue, parking will be allowed on the west side at all times except between 8 am and 5 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; during those hours, it will be allowed on the east side of the street where it will be prohibited the rest of the time.

Those same provisions — parking most of the time — will apply to the east side of Lewis avenue and the south side of St. George's Place. On the west side of Lewis and the north side of St. George's Place, therefore, parking will be allowed only between 8 am and 5 pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday (when it is prohibited on the opposite side).

Public works officials point  
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We'll be  
day early  
next week

BECAUSE of the Christmas holiday, THE EXAMINER will be published a day early next week, on Wednesday.

As a result, all deadlines for the Christmas greeting edition have been advanced 24 hours. Commercial advertising and editorial material will be accepted up to 4 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Next week's issue will be the last of 1980, with no issue being published New Year's week. The first edition of 1981 will be published Thursday, Jan. 8, with all normal deadlines in effect.

## Tax increase about 12% despite credit scheme

By ANDY DODGE

**WESTMOUNT** homeowners will take the brunt of municipal tax increases in 1981 and the hikes will be made to seem even worse by the inclusion of water tax in the regular municipal tax bill.

The municipal tax bills will be mailed out late this month and will be payable in two equal instalments due Jan. 31 and July 1.

The tax rate has been set at \$2.60 per \$100 valuation, but Westmount is taking full advantage of anticipated provincial legislation which would allow a 10-percent tax reduction to owners of one-, two- and three-family dwellings. Under the plan, such property-owners would receive a credit to make their effective tax rate \$2.34.

The tax bill for a Westmount home of average 1981 valuation of \$110,000 then will be \$2,574. This amount includes water tax but does not include school tax, billed separately later in the year.

Inclusion of the water tax in the property tax bill (meaning there will be no separate bill from the City of Montreal next year) makes it difficult to compare taxes from one year to the next. The average single-family homeowner, whose valuation has gone up 43 percent from 1980, will find Westmount charging 17 percent more in 1981, but that there will be no extra water tax. Thus, the average total tax bill can be expected to be only about 12 or 13 percent more than last year, depending on the size of one's 1980 water tax levy.

### Apartment taxes down

This much is known, however: while small property-owners will have significant tax increases in 1981, most

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### 1981 BUDGET

Other stories on Westmount's 1981 budget, including the text of Ald. Lloyd's budget address, appear on pages 16, 32 and 33.

## Lighting program to resume

Westmount is planning to spend some \$263,000 next year to continue its street relighting program, resuming work stopped several years ago because of citizen protest over the new, brighter mercury-vapor lamps.

The three-year capital works program approved by council on Monday also includes \$150,000 for street relighting in each of the following two years.

Announcement of the plans brought immediate reaction from Mrs. Sally Aitken, president of the Westmount Municipal Association, who said that she dislikes the lamps on her street — Arlington avenue — "because they make a noise."

The same argument was also put forward by Mrs. Edythe Germain, who lives on Côte St. Antoine road near Murray and Strathcona avenues and suffers from the noise of three such new lights outside her home.

Mayor Donald MacCallum said council considered the new lights an important deterrent to crime, but assured Mrs. Aitken that the work would be carried out in consultation with residents of the affected streets.

"They will be able to say yes or no," he promised.

The city has made an effort to shade lamps shining in street-side windows when complaints were registered at city hall.

## Sextuplets born to columnist

Full report on page 26.



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## Westmount

### ELECTION OF A LIBRARY TRUSTEE

I give notice to the elector-proprietors of Westmount that the nomination of a candidate for the office of Library Trustee for the said municipality of Westmount shall be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke Street, in Westmount on the 5th January, 1981 from noon until two of the clock in the afternoon, and that, in case a poll becomes necessary and be held in the manner by law prescribed, such poll will take place on the 12th day of the month of January in the year 1981, at the hour of eight in the evening at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke Street, in Westmount, and that I have appointed R. C. Wilkins, Assistant City Clerk, as my Election Clerk. Given under my hand at Westmount this 15th day of December 1980.

P. Patenaude  
Returning Officer



## Westmount

### ÉLECTION DU CURATEUR DE LA BIBLIOTHÈQUE

Je donne avis aux électeurs-propriétaires de Westmount que la présentation des candidats au poste de Curateur de la Bibliothèque de ladite municipalité de Westmount aura lieu à la salle de conseil, hôtel de ville, 4333 rue Sherbrooke dans la municipalité de Westmount, le 5ième jour de janvier 1981, à partir de midi jusqu'à deux heures de l'après-midi, et que dans le cas où un scrutin deviendrait nécessaire et serait de la manière prévue par la loi, ce scrutin sera ouvert le 12ième jour du mois de janvier de l'année 1981 à huit heures du soir, aux bureaux de scrutin établis à Victoria Hall, 4626 rue Sherbrooke, dans la municipalité de Westmount, et que j'ai nommé R. C. Wilkins, greffier adjoint, comme mon secrétaire d'élection.

Donné sous mon seing à Westmount, ce 15ième jour de décembre 1980.

P. Patenaude  
Président de l'élection



## BY-LAW 898 Westmount

Public notice is hereby given to all who may be concerned that "BY-LAW TO LEVY AN ASSESSMENT TO MEET THE EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF WESTMOUNT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1981" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the municipality of Westmount at a general sitting held at the City Hall on the 15th December, 1980.

Details relating to the said By-law are fully set out in By-law 898 which is open for inspection by all persons interested at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Westmount.

Given at Westmount, P.Q., this 16th day of December 1980.

P. Patenaude  
City Clerk

### HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION

Householders are notified that there will be no refuse collection by the city and contractor on the following days:

- Thursday, December 25, 1980
- Friday, December 26, 1980
- Thursday, January 1, 1981
- Friday, January 2, 1981

There will be no special pickups during the weeks commencing December 22 and December 29, 1980.

E. A. McCavour  
City Engineer

## Next Scheduled City Council Meetings

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## Silence, please

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Municipal Court, 21 Stanton St. 935-3528

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

## EMERGENCIES

Fire 935-2456 Police 934-2121 Public Security 935-1777

## Wandering women helped

Officers from the Public Security Unit report they provided assistance to two women found wandering around Westmount during the past week.

The first incident took place when a citizen reported a woman was wandering suspiciously around the inside of Westmount Square. Public safety officers questioned the woman, turning her over to local MUC police. She had been reported missing in east end Montreal, officials said.

Assistance was also rendered last Monday to a woman who officials said appeared to be confused as she wandered about the upper levels of Westmount. The woman was noticed by a

resident of Douglas avenue, who called the security unit.

Public safety officers found her on Summit Circle and, following questioning, she was also turned over to the MUC police.

## Sucked away

A commercial vacuum cleaner worth \$500 was cleaned out of an elevator where it was left briefly Sunday by a maintenance worker, police said. The man apparently left the machine in the apartment building at 4248 Dorchester boulevard while he went out to his truck. When he returned at 7 pm, it was gone.

## Little lifting

The Christmas season to date has not brought an unusual increase in shoplifting in Westmount, police report. Although five cases were noted at Alexis Nihon Plaza on Saturday, none had been reported by other local merchants, officials said.



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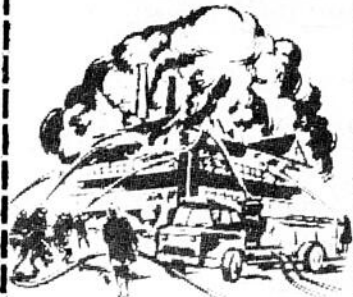
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11:20 am: 4150 St. Catherine, internal fire alarm;  
3:14 pm: 493 Elm, strange odor;

**Dec. 10**

12:51 pm: 360 Clarke, St. Leo's Academy, child taken to MCH;  
6:03 pm: 4444 Sherbrooke, Apt. 507, electrical appliance;  
6:29 pm: front of 4905 Côte St. Luc Road, Montreal, assistance until arrival of police (see story);  
7:12 pm: 4000 de Maisonneuve, Apt. 1906, woman taken to RMH;  
11:32 pm: front of 4864 St. Catherine, fire in garbage truck;

**Dec. 11**

2:36 pm: 1 Westmount Square, woman taken to RMH;  
3:43 pm: Alexis Nihon Plaza, Miracle Mart, woman taken to RMH;  
6:17 pm: Grenville and Renfrew, false alarm;  
10:10 pm: 500 Roslyn, gas leaking from car;

**Dec. 12**

3:57 am: 500 Roslyn, woman taken to RMH;  
10:36 am: 200 Kensington, Apt. 8, man taken to Santa Cabrini Hospital;  
7:16 pm: 435 Grosvenor, gas leak;  
10:54 pm: 5 Park Place, Apt. 12, electrical problem;

**Dec. 13**

11:51 am: 5 Weredale, internal smoke detector;  
1:01 pm: 1028 Greene, unnecessary call;  
9:06 pm: 470 Côte St. Antoine, woman taken to Hôpital St. Luc;

**Dec. 14**

11:16 pm: 63 Sunnyside, fire in dwelling (see story)

**Dec. 15**

4:04 am: 4501 Sherbrooke, steam scare;  
7:59 am: 10 Rosemount, Apt. 101, man taken to MGH;  
4:19 pm: 603 Clarke, electrical wiring;  
5:53 pm: rear of 4036 St. Catherine, electrical wiring;  
7:38 pm: 4721 The Boulevard, man taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital;  
7:47 pm: 4721 The Boulevard, service call;  
8:44 pm: 1214 Greene, delayed ignition in oil furnace;  
9:28 pm: 140 Hillside, woman taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

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**Employees honored:**

**Quarter Century Club adds 10 members**

Continuing a tradition started 37 years ago, Westmount last Wednesday evening honored at a banquet its long-serving employees and initiated 10 into the select Quarter Century Club.

Honored at the Victoria Hall banquet and reception for their 25 years' service to the city were seven employees of the public works department and three from the light and power department.

Mayor Donald MacCallum presented watches to R. Beausoleil, G. Rubiano, G. Ciarma and Q. Giorgi, all of public works. Former mayors made the other presentations, with Jack Cushing honoring J. P. Bérubé, N. Buonamici and S. Cesari of public works and James A. de Lalanne honoring W. D. Munro, J. P. Carrière and A. Millette of light and power.

Their initiation to the club brings to 304 the number of employees who have qualified since the club was formed. Of these, 145 have died, 83 have retired and 76 were active during 1980.

Twenty-three other city employees were also honored at the banquet for their long service. Most senior is MUC Police (former Westmount Police) Sgt. D. Campeau who was presented with an award by Ald. P. André Gervais marking his 35 years of service to the city.

Seven employees were honored for 30 years' service. Ald. Muriel Kaplan made presentations to S. Orsini and J. L. V. Blanchet of light and power and A. Tessier of central stores. Ald. JoAnn Issenman made presen-



Police Sgt. Denis Campeau, left, was honored at last Wednesday's Quarter Century Club banquet by Ald. P. André Gervais, for his 35 years of service to the city.

tations to chief building inspector Gordon Nurse and A. Mancini of public works while C. Chalifoux of public works and Fireman R. Laniel were unable to attend.

Ald. Al Lloyd honored six employees with 20-year awards: police Sgt. E. Thibodeau, police Cst. R. M. Roy, W. A. Morris and R. Cyrenne of light and power, purchasing agent R. W.

White and senior accountant M. G. Crouch.

Recognized by Ald. Brian Gallery and Ald. David Caruthers for 15-years' service were: police Csts. D. Scott, P. Kelly and M. Thomas, K. Kronen, N. Lombardi, C. DiStefano and J. P. Robert of public works, B. Buckley of light and power and city clerk Peter Patenaude.

Prior to the presentation of the long-service awards, Ald. Gervais, commissioner of public safety, gave commendation certificates to three local peace officers for actions during the past year.

MUC Police Cst. George Payne was cited for his bravery in wrestling down an armed robber at the Steinberg's store on Victoria avenue while police Sgt. Edouard Thibodeau and Sgt. Walter Richardson of the Public Security Unit were commended for their action in chasing a hold-up suspect down Greene avenue last month, which ended in both they and the suspect being shot.

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## We Say

### Few surprises

THERE were few surprises in Ald. Alwyn Lloyd's 1981 budget, brought down in city council Monday evening. It was no surprise that taxes are to go up again.

It was no surprise that the Montreal Urban Community portion of the levy on local property has now exceeded by a wide margin that for local government purposes.

It was no surprise that the provincial authorities have moved with a vengeance into dictation as to just how municipal finances will be handled.

It was no surprise that Westmount citizens, as ratepayers, stayed away in droves, shunning the figures and explanations carefully prepared for public consumption. One would not suspect that local taxes comprise an appreciable bite out of household budgets.

Insofar as council and the city administration are capable of keeping a handle on spending, the increases tabled Monday once again reflect good stewardship. By and large, rises in expenditures are not out of step with general inflation.

The MUC cost apportionment to Westmount is where we once again have been stuck. Ald. Brian Gallery questioned both Mayor Donald MacCallum and the finance commissioner, Mr. Lloyd, as to whether there was any end in sight to the MUC soaking up an ever increasing proportion of municipal tax resources. The answer was a plain no.

The mayor, as a member of the MUC executive committee, pointed out that only eight percent of the regional budget is controlled by the representatives of the island's cities and towns. The other 92 percent are the virtually unchecked costs of the security council (police), the transportation commission, and the ever-mounting debt charges for sewerage and eventual sewage disposal to which we were committed several years ago.

Unbelievable is the extent to which the province has interfered with the local

government process. Already extensive, this year the government has defined new, rigid ways in which budgets and taxes will be handled—this year a charade of two distinct council sessions being necessitated Monday evening: one at 8 pm for the budget, the second at 9 o'clock to tackle the long agenda of other business which, for some obscure reason, included the actual budget by-law arising out of the earlier sitting!

Perhaps with good intentions toward single and small-multiple dwelling owners, hit this year with an enormous increase in valuations reflecting the runaway prices in the real estate market, Quebec introduced a measure of relief which, however, still has not passed the National Assembly and the details of which, virtually up to the council meeting time, were still vague. Not only has the government, as usual, left an important piece of legislation until almost too late, but the formula proved enormously complicated even for the talent at our city hall. One wonders what chaos less fortunately situated municipalities must be in as a result of provincial dilatoriness, ineptitude and interference.

(The attitude of the Quebec régime toward the sovereign rights of its local governments is all the more curious in light of the same régime's oft-repeated protestations of federal invasions of provincial jurisdictions.)

It well may be that Westmounters are quite satisfied that their solons are doing the best of possible jobs with the city's finances. Even so, we have seen far more people in the council chamber concerned with such issues as parking or dogs. This occasion was only the raising and spending of over \$24 millions of Westmounters' money.

For those who weren't there, we can testify that the 1981 budget was put forward in a highly competent and professional way.

We don't believe there were any hidden surprises, either.

Happy 1981 taxes, everyone.

### Taking interest

WHILE concerned with money (see above) we cannot help enter a word on the current astronomical rise once more in interest rates.

Ald. Lloyd made an indirect reference to them Monday night in his comment on this being an unsuitable time to go in-

to the money market.

The ordinary citizen and the business person, requiring financing for a multitude of reasons, mostly good and some bad, will readily agree.

But whereas the city and many other large institutions relying on money for

operations or expansion frequently have reserves of various kinds upon which to draw without the need for outside borrowing, it simply is not so for the little person.

It is this situation which makes us wonder if those who set policy in attempts to "manage the economy" are really aware of the impact their measures have and the hardships they create. They pretend they do when they tell us they make borrowing expensive to reduce the money supply and to fight inflation, presumably for the good of us all.

Yet, most of us may be excused for suspecting that the central banking poobahs of Washington and Ottawa don't really know what they are doing. Shorn of all the gobbledegook, rates of inflation continue to rise whatever the interest rates. The best excuse they give us is their belief that inflation might be even worse if they left interest rates alone.

The central bankers seem to have a failing in believing that people cannot be trusted to use their own good sense.

Apart from the totally inept where money is concerned, who always will be among us, most people do not borrow money without the need to do so. They also go on borrowing if the need is great enough, however high the rates. Loan sharking always has thrived on this simple truth and on the conservativeness of conventional bankers and other lenders.

There is evidence on all sides that, rather than assisting us, high interest rates are positively damaging the economy. They certainly are not helping to create badly needed new jobs; buying of major things like houses, cars, appliances and the like which might be done now simply is being put off by prudent persons.

Not much is made, either, of the other side of the penny. Persons who have money are making unprecedented returns, even just by leaving it in savings accounts. Do central bankers consider the morality in furthering the axiom that "Them that has, gets," or the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. Canada mimics the U.S. in this interest-rate thing with an additional excuse of the necessity to try to keep the Canadian dollar abreast of the American buck.

Well, we have noticed in the last week or so since interest rates have been soaring once more on both sides of the border that somehow our greenbacks have been dropping in value against the Yankee variety.

One must therefore again question the wisdom of the money managers of the Bank of Canada, aided and abetted by the experts of the federal department of finance.

Cocktail party and tavern talk these days frequently turns to money and we sometimes think more wisdom is shown by ordinary people in this matter than by the highly paid economic theorists on the public payroll.

Why, really, must the Canadian dollar be propped up in relation to its U.S. counterpart?

If allowed to find its own true level without all this heroic interest effort at the expense of us all, would the world end?

Some think not. They say a cheaper dollar internationally would be a boon to our flagging export trade. And on the other side of the coin, making foreign currencies more expensive would curb our Canadian propensity for buying abroad, forcing us to make more of what we truly need at home. Both results would create new jobs.

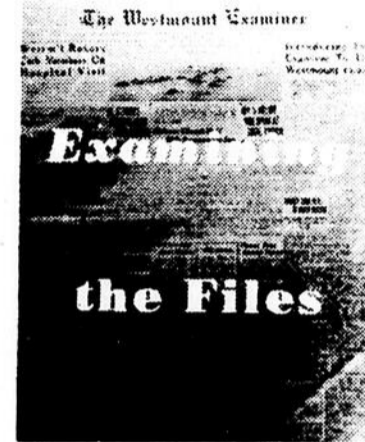
Sure, we would have to do without imported fruits and vegetables in winter; many of us would have to forego winter holidays in the south; we would have to buy domestic rather than imported cars.

We would have to stop trying to live like Americans and start living like Canadians, our expectations and our standards lowered, perhaps, but our pride increased in living by our own wits

and falling back on our own resources. The final question to be asked is really quite a simple one, but is overdue: who told our financial wizards in Ottawa that we as a people wished to be artificially propped up, at our own ultimate expense?

This certainly is a far more important question to the typical Canadians than the ones getting all the attention these days, the nauseous matters of "patriating the constitution" (it is serving us pretty well right where it is) and the division of powers between our power-hungry federal and provincial governments.

Most of us only wish they would exercise properly the powers they've got.



Thirty-five Years Ago  
December 21, 1945

"After five dark Christmases, it gives one a glow of pleasure to see again the twinkling colored lights on fir trees on some of our lawns and public parks. There aren't many of them, for lights are still almost impossible to obtain, but the few there are give promise of a Christmas that will be reminiscent of the happy days before the war. There are few things, indeed, prettier than a Christmas tree in bloom with crystals, lights, tinsel and brightly colored ornaments of a score of types; few things, indeed, that give more pleasure to the eye or contentment to the spirit."

Twenty-five Years Ago  
December 16, 1955

"A fast-moving world in which the sun would set in the east as passenger airplanes rocketed westward into the previous night at speeds out-pacing the sun was visualized by R. A. Keith, assistant to the president of Canadian Pacific Airlines, in an address to the Westmount Rotary Club. 'By 1960 we can expect to see the pure-jet intercontinental airliners criss-crossing the oceans at better than 500 miles an hour. Beyond that, anything can happen and probably will,' he predicted. 'Quite serious research is now being devoted to the problems of outer space travel and it must be admitted there are big problems.'"

Fifteen Years Ago  
December 17, 1965

"The Honorable C. M. 'Bud' Drury will address a meeting of the Selby street area tenants at the Unity Boys' Club tomorrow evening. The meeting was announced by the executive committee chairman of the Selby Street Area Tenants' Association, Al Fisher. One of the members of the executive committee, Mrs. Baxter, 67 Selby street, said that it was going to be a very friendly meeting and that Mr. Drury would explain what the government could or would do if the provincial government fails to provide proper housing by June 1967, the date given for clearing of buildings for the Trans-Canada Highway."

Five Years Ago  
December 18, 1975

"Westmount ratepayers will pay more tax for Montreal Urban Community purposes than they will to support their own local city government, Ald. Alwyn Lloyd revealed Monday evening. And the sum demanded by the MUC has risen so much that there will be an actual increase in the tax rate for MUC purposes, alongside the sharp increase in city valuations. There is an effective increase of 10 percent in the local taxes, the finance commissioner noted. Westmount must pay some \$5,838,500 to the MUC in the coming year."

# Lead in *Nutcracker*

By JOAN CAPREOL

DANCER James Bates will take the lead in the *Waltz of the Flowers* and act the shepherd when the *Nutcracker Suite* is performed by Les Grands Ballets Canadiens at Place des Arts Dec. 23 to 31 inclusive. Jerilyn Dana will be Bates' partner in the *Waltz of the Flowers*.

"I have done most everything in the first act of the *Nutcracker*—both dolls, the mouse king, a soldier and a parent," said Bates, an American from Dallas who has been with the ballet company for 12 years.

"Les Grands Ballets Canadiens is my first professional company and I have stayed here. I feel it's a marvelous company. It's always had wonderful people, wonderful personalities. The dancers always pull the performances together. The company has had a great atmosphere about it."

Jimmy Bates is five-foot-ten and weighs 136 pounds. He has fair hair and complexion, a fetching smile and an unassuming manner. He is a senior artist, a step above a soloist and a step below principal dancer.

## Variety of experience

On a recent tour of the United States, Bates was one of the partisans in *Firebird*. He danced the soloist part in a French-Canadian ballet with choreography by Brian Macdonald and music by Gilles Vigneault. He was the lead in *Allegro Brillante*, choreography by Balanchine, music by Tchaikovsky. He was soloist in *Carignan* choreography by Brian Macdonald and music by Quebec violinist Jean Carignan. He was one dancer of a quartet in a beautiful ballet called *Exultate Jubilate*. Other ballets, in which he has danced are *Carmina Burana*, *Capriccio*, *Serenade*, *Tommy and Lilac Garden*.

The performance he enjoyed most was *Carmina Burana* in Montreal in 1979. He was one of the leading male dancers. "It's a long ballet so you have time to get into the part," Bates said. "The public always loves it because there is a choir. Costumes are fabulous."



James Bates

Examiner photo by RICK KERRIGAN

Bates has toured Europe three times and has been all over the United States and Canada many times with the company. "Without this career I would never have been to so many places," he said.

Is it a hard life? "Sometimes the travelling is difficult," Bates replied. "Sometimes you travel six hours and then have a class and perform. Sometimes you have to get up very early to get on a bus. Sometimes the theatres are cold and drafty. Sometimes there is not enough space in the theatre to get dressed in. Sometimes you don't have time to eat and you have to dance on an empty stomach."

"However, you love dancing so much that you deal with all problems that arise."

## Seven hours of training

When not performing, the dancers have one hour and a half of classes and

then five and one half hours' rehearsal. Is the pay good?

"Not as good as it should be, not at all," the dancer said candidly.

Bates would like to dance as long as his body holds out. "How long that will be, I couldn't say," he said. "When I retire from dancing I think I would like to get into publicity for some ballet company."

It is difficult, he said, to join a company if you don't have the perfect body. Competition is so stiff. You must have perseverance and dedication if you want to become a ballet dancer.

Bates shares an attractive house on Columbia avenue with two other American ballet dancers in the company. They are Andrea Boardman, 20, who joined the company in July and comes from New Jersey, and Edward Hillyer, 22, who is entering his fourth year in the company and hails from California.

Andrea, who danced with the New York Ballet Repertory Company for two years, has been rehearsing for the Sugar

Plum Fairy in the *Nutcracker* while Hillyer will dance the Russian. Hillyer is venturing into choreography. He has in mind a seven-minute ballet to the music of Bartok for seven dancers.

Bates, who has exquisite taste, does the interior decorating in the household while Hillyer is the chef, baking bread and making soups, pies and cakes, etc.

## Started training at 10

Bates was born in Dallas. He started training as a dancer at the age of 10. Until he was 14 he had classes twice a week. After that he had daily classes.

His late father, Leroy Bates, a shipping clerk who loved opera, ballet and symphonies, inspired his son to go into ballet. "He was always so excited when recital time came along," said Bates who has two older sisters. One lives in Texas, the other in Wisconsin.

Bates went to high school in Dallas. "I could hardly wait to get out of school to do ballet," he said.

Fernand Nault, the resident choreographer of Les Grands Ballets Canadiens, auditioned Bates in Houston, where the company was performing, and hired him. For three years Bates was in the corps de ballet. Then he became a demi-soloist, a soloist and now a senior artist.

Bates likes all kinds of music and is a collector of art objects. Favorite ones are an Art Deco statue of a dancer he bought in New Orleans and the sculpted head of an Egyptian princess he picked up in Milwaukee.

The three dancers said they are enjoying living in Westmount. "We are the only dancers of the company living here," Bates said. "Most of the other dancers live near the studio in Hampstead."

## Next Week's Profile

Hannah Franklin

## You Say

### Library had operated on pared-down budget

Sir: Thank you for the kind compliments you paid the Westmount Public Library in your editorial last week. We have always appreciated the support of THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER and your fine coverage of the many varied community activities that take place under library auspices.

However the impression you have given "that library hours appeared to be more for the convenience of the staff than for the public" is not really fair since such service, like any other, is dependent on budget. Furthermore the staff has been looking after four nights a week and Saturdays all along.

Only a few years ago, at city council's request, the library pared its budget to the minimum, which meant reducing staff to the bare minimum, while still maintaining the service at 68 hours per week.

City council's decision on Monday, Dec. 1, to finance the library's opening on Sunday from 2 to 6 pm, plus one hour's preparatory work prior to opening, for a total of five extra hours per week, naturally necessitates additional staff. But this increased staff will also permit improved service during the week—as always on the most economical, efficient and professional basis that we can provide.

The trustees are very pleased that funds are now available to broaden the service, which has always been of the highest standard under Librarian-in-Chief Norah Bryant. She and her staff

look forward in future to serving you and all Westmount residents, plus our many out-of-town members, seven days and four evenings a week.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and good health in the New Year.

(Mrs.) Nancy R. Hale,  
Chairman, Library Trustees  
394 Lansdowne avenue  
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### Monopoly not a crime; acting like one is

Sir: Any editorialist who can whomp a trade unionist, defend a free press, rationalize monopoly, pat the Southam Company on the head and blow his own horn at the same time deserves to be listened to with respect.

Your editorial (*The press inquiry*, Dec. 11) initially left me perplexed and somewhat disappointed. But later I discovered a depth of perception that I had missed the first time around. As the paper that analyzed and reported on "the death struggle" between *The Star* and *The Gazette*, THE EXAMINER has gained in stature in recent years and its opinions deserve the new attention they are receiving.

That is why I was outraged when you suggested that readers who didn't like *The Gazette* should try *The New York Times* or *The Globe and Mail*. This smacked of an attitude akin to "If you don't like it here why don't you go back to where you came from?" Surely an out-of-town paper can't substitute for a local daily, I thought. But that I discovered

after some impromptu research, may not be so.

*The Gazette* of Thursday, Dec. 11, the day your editorial appeared, consisted of 96 pages—and it contained not one single story originating west of Atwater avenue, except for a sports column written by Westmount's own Tim Burke about a party for handicapped children at Ma Heller's in N.D.G. (Surely *The New York Times* and *The Globe and Mail* did not do much worse.) Nothing happened in Westmount, all was serene in N.D.G. Pointe Claire was placid, Dorval dozed, St. Henri slumbered and the do-not-disturb sign was out in Pierrefonds and Kirkland.

If it was a quiet day in the West End, what was happening east of Atwater? Nothing much, it seems. The whole 96-page paper contained exactly 17 local (Montreal) stories, including a squib announcing the appointment of an assistant to the publisher. Not one local story rated front page display. Montreal city council obviously met the night before because there were two council stories—both on the obituary page. A story about the shutdown of Tele-Medic (this had attracted much attention from radio and TV) was given six inches on Page 3.

(In fairness I should make it clear that the 17 stories were strictly news stories and did not include *The Gazette's* excellent columnists, critics and specialists. Also in fairness I should say I read neither *The N.Y. Times* nor *The Globe and Mail* that day. Their Montreal coverage may have been better than I anticipated.)

Perhaps the Dec. 11 edition of *The*

*Gazette* was not a typical issue. One would judge from it that Montreal was Brigadoon on the St. Lawrence: For instance, not one of Montreal's dozens of criminal or civil courts, as far as I could see, heard a plea, listened to testimony, delivered a judgment or declared anyone in contempt. The police, who as far as I know were not on strike, did not issue a ticket, chase a bandit, foil a robbery, investigate a fatality or even a minor accident. There just weren't any—it seems.

In view of all this, I thought your editorialist was unduly self-conscious when discussing monopoly. Of course being a monopoly is not a crime: Acting like a monopoly should be. THE EXAMINER is not guilty; *The Gazette* is.

No wonder there is a growing role for the community press, as you state. And certainly no wonder THE EXAMINER finds itself filling that role in this community.

Your coverage of the recent shoot-out on Greene avenue in which two officers were wounded was textbook journalism. Pictures and stories as well as a map matched anything we have seen in the daily press in recent years. And especially, THE EXAMINER followed up, whereas the others, who had been trailing to begin with, flubbed.

Of course, coverage of a community includes more than shoot-outs but THE EXAMINER has consistently displayed its excellence in other areas, too.

Never have we needed a community newspaper so much as—in your words—"an avenue for news and views."

Edward W. Barrett  
250 Kensington avenue  
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## OUR M.P.

Hon. Donald J. Johnston

## says . . .



### Constructive report

LAST week the report of the Auditor General of Canada for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1980, was tabled in the House of Commons. I am pleased that the report, signed by the acting auditor general, Michael Rayner, is very constructive in tone. It contains none of the horror stories associated with some reports of the auditor general of years past.

The report even pays some compliments to the federal government—indicating, for example, that control over federal government spending has improved over the past several years. Mr. Rayner has publicly indicated that "the direction is very positive." This is my assessment as well. I believe that the systems of management and account-

ability have improved dramatically in the last five years. Indeed, one measure of the progress we have made is that the opposition parties have virtually ignored this year's auditor general's report because it contains so little grist for their mill.

Progress has been made and I am gratified that the acting auditor general has acknowledged it. But, of course, much remains to be done. While the report is positive in tone, it nonetheless levels some fundamental criticism at some aspects of management within the federal government. I can assure you that we will be examining these criticisms very thoroughly and that we will take appropriate remedial action in a timely and responsible way.

## OUR M.N.A.

George Springate

## says . . .



### Jean Lesage

JEAN Lesage is a man I would have enjoyed working for. He was a man of vision. He took risks. He allowed individual thought. He encouraged dissent. He welcomed young men with ideals and ambition to fulfil goals.

Jean Lesage did not steal the spotlight. The team, its total performance and final achievement was what mattered. More than any other Quebec leader, he had that knack of harnessing talent, ambition and intelligence and turning that energy into a political vehicle that all could ride.

Jean Lesage was stopped early, indeed abruptly, in his political tracks. He refused to believe the warning signs in June 1966. Though the Liberals garnered more votes than Daniel Johnson's Union Nationale party, the latter captured years as leader of the opposition and then he was out. He had been replaced by Robert Bourassa, a man who would sit in the premier's chair some three months later.

I never did work for Jean Lesage. My

career in Quebec city began with the Bourassa years. Yet, even then, Mr. Lesage was everywhere. His presence was felt in every piece of legislation. The code words were: "Well, what would Mr. Lesage think?" Sadder still, I only met Jean Lesage on three distinct occasions. The loss is mine.

Why did René Lévesque refuse to return to Quebec to attend the funeral?

By now you have your choice between the many official and unofficial reasons as to why the premier remained in France. But think about this: our friend René knows full well that his game is up no matter when the next election is called. That being the case, there was no need for him to go through the political ritual of attending a past premier's funeral. There were no points to gain.

As to why Mr. Lévesque refused to attend the final gathering of fellow humans to honor a friend and one-time political mentor is another question, though. Only the present premier knows the true answer to that one.

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### In burned-out shell:

## 'Whiz kid' ready to start four townhouses on Weredale

By ANDY DODGE

The word is virtually "go" for the construction of four townhouses in the frame of the burned-out rooming houses at 18 Weredale Park and 4026 Dorchester boulevard.

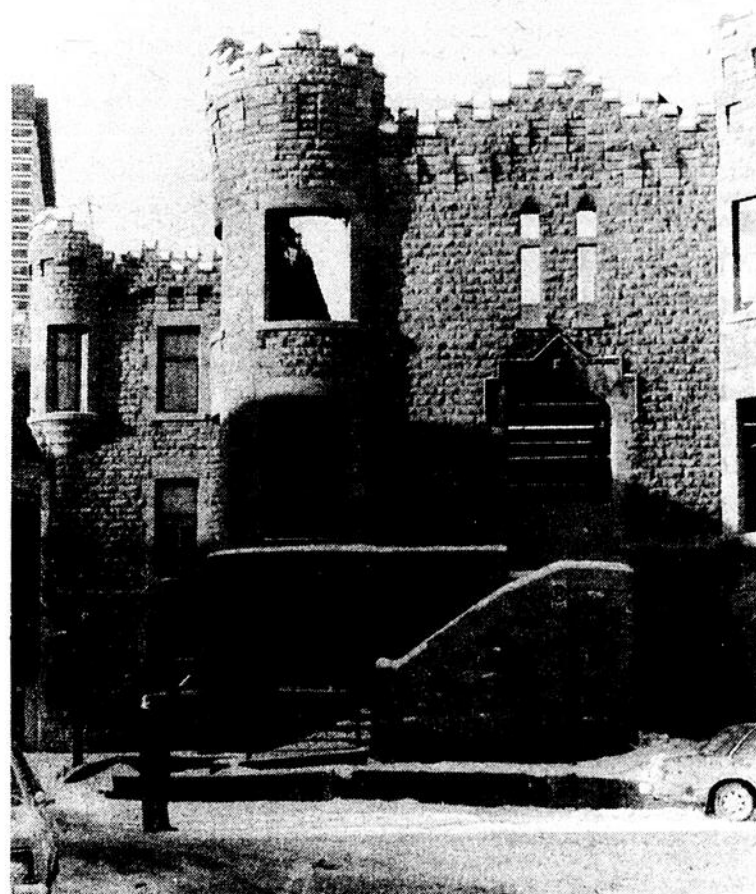
Approval of the city's zoning amendment and other legal manoeuvres have completed a year-long wait for John Myette, who as vice-president of Imperial Holdings Ltd., has taken on the chore of planning one of the most ambitious restoration projects Westmount has seen in many years.

The young entrepreneur, described once in a Massachusetts paper as a "real estate whiz kid," hopes to have four single-family dwellings, complete with garage access, ready for occupancy by May 1. Each will have a turret of its own, will maintain the character of the Dorchester-Weredale area but will have all the modern amenities which most Westmount single-family dwellings now enjoy.

Mr. Myette, who spent most of his early career in the hotel industry in Boston and Montreal, started venturing in real estate at age 18. Then, with no money and little experience, he picked up a tract of land in Falmouth, Mass., by convincing the sellers of his ability to scramble up a down payment within a year.

The down payment never materialized, but he sold the land at a profit and used the extra cash to snap up a few more tracts; he capitalized on those and eventually had large swaths of developable Cape Cod territory.

That led him into development, with the help of a company willing to put up houses on the land. Though he nearly lost his shirt on the venture,



John Myette points to the burned-out structure at 18 Weredale park, which will become one of the four townhouses he plans to build inside the castle-like frame.

sale of the partially developed property allowed him to recoup part of his losses, and he was ready to start again.

### Eyes on Dorchester

The hotel trade (with Hilton) brought him to Montreal, and he now lives just outside Westmount, at Sherbrooke street and Atwater avenue. He had his

eyes on the Dorchester area when the September 1979 fire at 18 Weredale Park gutted the aging rooming house. He even stood and watched as the building burned, and decided within days that the structure had potential for redevelopment.

"It would have been an eyesore" to raze the site and build new single-family dwellings, he

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# Victoria Hall rent bargaining at stalemate

Negotiations for the use of Victoria Hall by the Montreal General Hospital's Department of Community Health and a day care centre run through the Westmount YMCA have bogged down, Ald. Muriel Kaplan revealed Monday evening, so steady revenue from the two organizations is not part of the building's 1981 budget.

Revenue from Victoria Hall next year is expected to be \$47,000, up only \$1,000 from the amount budgeted for 1980; the city expects the cost of administering the building will be down \$1,000 from the 1980 budgeted amount, to \$15,500 (excluding building maintenance, which is included in another part of each year's budgets).

In 1979, the last year for which figures are available, re-

venue from Victoria Hall was \$68,447 and administrative costs \$22,300, but the building was not in full operation for much of the year, due to the construction of the Manoir Westmount senior citizens' residence.

Talks are continuing with the two organizations, Ald. Kaplan explained, but, "Unfortunately I can't say that any great progress has been made."

She explained that the city still is hoping to learn exactly what renovations the organizations would require, what the cost of renovating would be, and who would pay for it.

## New handbook ready to mail

The latest "Westmount handbook" now is printed and ready to mail, city officials said this week, but will not be sent to residents until after the holidays.

At Monday's council session, Mrs. Sally Aitken wondered if the book could be integrated with an information book now being prepared by the Westmount Municipal Association, containing data not just about municipal services but other resources available in the community.

Services Commissioner Ald. Brian Gallery suggested that the Westmount book is "quite a bit different," and "not as refined as something you might be making."

He promised, however, that the city would be more than willing to help the WMA by allowing its handbook to be made available in city buildings.

"It's so uncertain when this would take place — if indeed it would take place — that nothing is put in the budget for it," Mayor Donald MacCallum added.

The revelations came following council's budget presentation, on a question from Mrs. Edythe Germain.

Negotiations have been going on for more than a year.

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## Charged up Caddy stolen

A 1979 Cadillac worth \$15,000 was apparently stolen from the service station at Sherbrooke street and Grosvenor avenue Friday, moments after having its battery replaced, police report.

The car, leased to a resident of Murray avenue, had been left running on the garage lot, according to police. One of the employees apparently saw the car being driven off.



**AMONG TOP STUDENTS:** A production error last week left this front-page picture without a caption. The photo is of Janet Creery, 433 Elm avenue, who scored a 92.2 percent in matriculation exams last June at Westmount High School, second highest in the school. THE EXAMINER regrets the omission.



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 11:00 am Family Service with Special Christmas Music  
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Christmas Eve

7:00 pm *Christmas in the Stable*  
 A brief family worship service  
 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
 and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
 Theme: *You Can Dance with a Stranger*  
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*Presentation of White Gifts*  
 The Rev. Bob Hussey preaching  
 Church School Crib Corner  
 Coffee Time at Noon  
 4:00 pm The Words and Music of Christmas  
 The Choir of St. Andrew's Church

Christmas Eve

10:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service  
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11:00 am Morning Worship  
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Holy Eucharist During The Week

12:10 pm Tuesday - St. Thomas  
 9:30 am Wednesday

Christmas Eve

5:30 - 7:30 pm Confessions  
 11:30 pm Holy Eucharist  
*Procession and Blessing of the Crib*

Christmas Day

10:00 am Family Eucharist with Hymns

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 Rafael de Castro, Dipl.Cons.Mus.

**Cathedral has music of Christmas**

Montreal's Anglican cathedral, Christ Church, the parish church of many Westmounters, will mark the Christmas season with several special events and services.

"The Words and Music of Christmas" will be presented Saturday, Dec. 20, at 5 pm by the Cathedral Singers under the direction of Gerald Wheeler. Carols and motets will alter-

nate with sacred and secular readings. A freewill offering will be taken.

On Monday, Dec. 22, at 5:15 pm, the cathedral's annual traditional service of lessons and carols will be sung by the men and boys of the Cathedral Choir, also directed by Mr. Wheeler. The candlelight service is scheduled to be convenient for downtown workers and shoppers.

On Christmas Eve, the choral Eucharist will be celebrated at a service beginning at 11 pm. Included will be a procession and ceremony of blessing of the crib and a sermon by the dean of the cathedral, the Very Rev. R. F. Shepherd.

The Christmas Day choral Eucharist service at the cathedral will be held at 10 am. Bishop Reginald Hollis will preach.

**Dedication by Baptists on Sunday**

Westmount Baptist Church will dedicate Heather Dawn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neville Lewis, during the Christmas Sunday morning service on Dec. 21 at 11 am.

Special music is planned by

the senior choir and the title of Dr. Ellis' sermon will be "Signs of His Coming in Luke."

The church family vesper service at 4:30 pm under the auspices of the Christian education committee will consist of items from the Junior Church, Bell Choir and Downtown Fellowship.

The drama "The Christmas

Starlet" will be performed by the Baptist Hi-Fellowship under the direction of Wendy Yip. All are welcome.

No Christmas services will be held at the Westmount church, but local members will be worshipping Christmas Eve at a communion service at First Baptist Church and Christmas Day at Madison Baptist Church.

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 Sermon: The Rector  
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## Five girls consecrated at special Shaar Hashomayim service

A large audience of relatives, friends and congregation members participated Dec. 7 in a special Ma'ariv service at Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue at which five girls were consecrated as Daughters of the Commandment, B'not Mitzvah.

The service began with a procession of the consecrants into the main synagogue. The service followed, conducted by Rabbi Wilfred Shuchat, Cantor Joseph Gross and the synagogue choir, directed by Joseph Milo. The choir gave a rendition of Psalm 30, "A Song of Dedication," and the consecrants presented an impressive pageant, "The Words of the Prophet" (Isaiah).

A free will offering was donated by the girls to Project Yerucham in Israel. The presentation was made on their behalf

by Andrea Ruth Lipper and Shauna Vineberg.

Rabbi Shuchat addressed the B'not Mitzvah and interpreted the historical significance of the occasion. They were introduced by director Yechiel Glustein and each was presented a book gift from the Sisterhood by its president, Mrs. Carol Koffler.

A reception in Metcalfe Hall followed the service.

The ceremony marked the conclusion of a course in the fundamentals of Judaism under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Glustein. The course is designed to prepare the girls to accept their duties and obligations in the Household of Israel and includes the role of the Jewish woman in the home and a knowledge and understanding of the actual practice of Judaism.



Participants in the Shaar Hashomayim B'not Mitzvah service Dec. 7 included, in the front row from right, consecrants Susan Marks, Ellen Kessner, Dawn Lisa Rosenberg, Andrea Ruth Lipper and Shauna May Vineberg. In the back row, from right, are: Joseph Milo, musical director; Dr. Claude D. Chomski, education committee chairman; Mrs. Carol Koffler, Sisterhood president; Clarence Schneiderman, president; Rabbi Wilfred Shuchat; Dr. William Cohen, parnass; Samuel N. Schacter, school board president; Mrs. Mena Glustein, instructor; and Yechiel Glustein, director of education and youth.

## United churches planning services for Christmas

Westmount's three United churches will all mark Christmas with special services on Christmas Eve but special events are also planned at each church this Sunday.

Theme of the season at Westmount Park United Church is "The Joy of Sharing" and after Sunday's 11 am service, members and visitors will share a Christmas get-together in Webster Hall. Mince tarts, tea and coffee will be served, but it is suggested everyone bring a box lunch.

The program will include a concert by the Senior Citizens Choir under the leadership of Vera Jamieson followed by an old-fashioned carol-sing and the showing of a Christmas film. In the spirit of sharing, there will be a small gift exchange. Small, wrapped inexpensive gifts — preferably something that the "giver" has already used and enjoyed but would like to pass along — are suggested.

The Christmas Eve service will be held at 7:30 pm and is intended for the whole family. Again following the theme,

## Anglican Christmas services set

Traditional Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services have been scheduled at Westmount's three Anglican churches.

Christmas Eve celebrations of the Holy Eucharist will be held at 9:30 pm at St. Stephen's Church and at 11:30 pm at St. Matthias' Church and Church of the Advent.

On Christmas Day, St. Stephen's will have a family service at 10:30 am while the Church of the Advent will have a family Eucharist with hymns at 10 am. At St. Matthias', the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8 am Christmas Day and a family choral Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:30 am.

members will share by reading a favorite Christmas poem, story or passage from the Bible.

### St. Andrew's services

The Sunday service at St. Andrew's Church at 11 am will be a Christmas family service, in the early part of which members of the church school will share in the lighting of the Advent candle, deposit their white gift under the tree and then proceed to the respective classes.

At 4 pm Sunday, the choir, under the direction of Gordon White, will present a program titled "The Words and Music of Christmas."

Christmas Eve celebrations at St. Andrew's will be marked by a special service at 10 pm. In the midst of the spoken word, praise and candlelight, Holy Communion will be celebrated and shared.

### Dominion-Douglas schedule

Dominion-Douglas Church will also have a family Christmas service on Sunday at 11 am. The service will feature special Christmas music and parents are encouraged to bring their children; there will be no Sunday school.

Two services are planned at Dominion-Douglas for Christmas Eve, at 7 and 11 pm. The early one is titled "Christmas in the Stable" and will be a brief family worship service.

The later one will be a Christmas Eve candlelight service with holy communion. Rev. Alexander Farquhar will deliver the third part of his Advent series of sermons on the theme "You Can Dance with a Stranger." The Christmas Eve topic will be "The Stranger in God." Also during the service, the Christmas truth will be interpreted through dance by Susan Churchill.

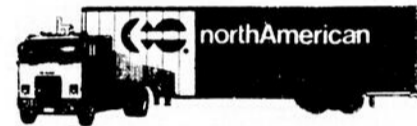
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None of the local United churches has scheduled services for Christmas Day.

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## 'A Christmas Carol' enrapturing

Over 200 persons were enraptured last weekend by two performances of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," adapted and directed by Gabrielle Soskin and performed by 18 girls and boys of the Pegasus Theatre for the Young at Westmount

Park Church.

"It was a very ambitious project to pull together in less than two months," said Ms. Soskin, "but it is our way of celebrating the festive season."

Each young actor entered into the spirit of the play and each

contributed moments of excellence. Scrooge, however, played by Paul Keleny, must get special mention for his impressive command of the crucial role.

Sarah Fletcher was strong and very convincing as Mrs. Cratchit, just as Chella Tingley as Scrooge's nephew was as un-failingly good-natured and cheerful as Scrooge was originally mean and ill-tempered. Scrooge's transformation through his insights with the "spirit" was portrayed very movingly.

The play was extremely well paced, with "professional" support from the musicians, the stage manager and the costumes, which included specially made frock coats, top hats and much else by Mary Smith.

The only criticism of the production is that some lines were occasionally awkward, thereby weakening one or two of the roles.

Ms. Soskin hopes the winter session of Pegasus Theatre for the Young will attract interested boys and girls over 10 years old, particularly boys in their teens. Registration will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 pm on Thursday, Jan. 8, at Westmount Park Church.

"The spring production," says Ms. Soskin, "ought to be a real challenge."

As for the most recent effort, Ms. Soskin and production manager Bonnie Fletcher deserve hearty thanks from the parents and children who participated. —SA

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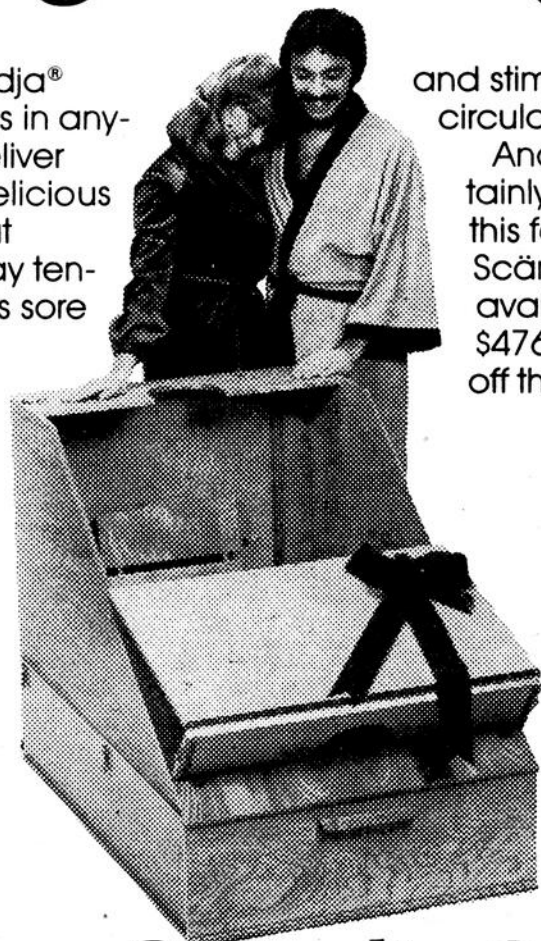
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A random sampler of things to see or do

## Westmount's

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## Borders

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### Ethnic choirs sing for UNICEF

In the week before Christmas, everything seems to slow down except the retail stores, which, as everyone knows, become a seething mass of humanity. Restaurants, however, are nearly deserted. Few persons seem to be out in the evening if they are not shopping.

If however, you are going to be venturing out in search of Christmas music, you'll find it Sunday, Dec. 21, at 7:00 pm, at Plateau Hall, 3710 Calixa Lavallée avenue, where the Vanier College choirs will join with ethnic choirs from the Polish, Italian, Slovak, Lithuanian, Ukrainian and Russian communities to raise their voices in an ecumenical festival. The concert is for the benefit of UNICEF and tickets will be available at the door.

### Winnie the Pooh soprano's favorite

Soprano Judith Lebane will be entertaining the kids with the "Songs and Stories of A. A. Milne" opening Sunday, Dec. 21 at the Saidye Bronfman Centre, 5170 Côte St. Catherine road, and running until Dec. 30. Ms. Lebane has written the show herself and she combines music and theatre in portraying such favorites as Winnie the Pooh, Piglet, Eeyore and Christopher Robin. She has performed the show across Canada in schools and on educational television and has performed it with the London and Edmonton Symphonies and with the Hamilton Philharmonic. Show times are Dec. 21 to 24 and 28 to 30 at 1:00 and 3:00 pm; Dec. 26, noon and 2:00 pm; and Dec. 27 at 5:00 pm.

### Chamber orchestra opens late season

The Montreal Chamber Orchestra is opening their 1980-81 season tonight at 8:30 at Pollock Concert Hall, 555 Sherbrooke street west. It's certainly late in the season to be starting the season. Nevertheless, they will be performing Haydn's Symphony No. 5, Mozart's "Concerto for Flute No. 1," Gluck's "Dance of the Blessed Spirits" and Elgar's "Serenade, Opus 20." A work by Canadian composer Barbara Jane Monk will also be performed. The or-

chestra is under the direction of Wanda Kaluzny. Admission is free.

### Photos recall clean winters

Winter in Montreal must have been a much more pleasant experience a century ago than it is now. The accumulated horse, uh, pollution that was revealed in the spring thaw could not have been as bad as the stench of dog droppings we now get along with the horrible dirty snow created by the automobile. You can see what those past winters were like in the photographs of William Notman, on display in the shopping concourse of Place Bonaventure. The exhibit should be there at least until Christmas.

### Museum shows old silverware

If silverware to you is more than mere utensils with which to eat your dinner, then you might be interested in the exhibition devoted to the Quebec domestic silverware currently at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. Many of the 30 objects on display were commissioned by the church, but others come from private estates. Little of this silverware has survived in Quebec because much was taken back to France with various families from Quebec after the English conquest, while some was destroyed or melted down for the silver. The exhibit continues until March 16.

### Officer sees entered cars

An alert public safety officer patrolling on Prince Albert avenue Friday spotted two parked cars which had been broken into. Police were called in to investigate.

The PSO apparently became suspicious when he noticed the first car parked with its driver's window open during a snowstorm. He went over to the car and found the contents of the glove compartment strewn across the front seat.

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A. R. Deane Nesbitt, 71 Belmont crescent, has done exactly that and the results are astonishingly good. In fact, he has made two albums. Mr. Nesbitt plays completely by ear and claims to be able to pick up almost any piece of music he hears. He also plays only on the black keys to simplify matters.

His first record, which he produced himself, was actually called "On the Black Keys and By Ear" and proceeds of its sale went to the Montreal Association for the Blind. His second album, out just in time for Christmas, is called "Ocean Rain."

Both contain similar music: favorite movie themes, a few pop classics and some old standard tunes, but the latest record also includes five of his own compositions, including the title song and other moody pieces such as "Kluane," "As it Was," "Song Unsung" and "Ask Me Tomorrow." The album might sell well, if only for the inclusion of such favorites as "Nadia's theme" and "You Light Up My Life."

Mr. Nesbitt plays synthesizer, honky-tonk and grand pianos, and organ and is accompanied occasionally by bassist Claude Allard and drummer Philip G. Baker. He plays with a style that ranges from simple to grandiose. The cover photograph, taken by Mrs. Nesbitt, and evoking a dramatic and expansive mood, is indicative of the music within.

**Testing the market**

A lawyer by profession, Mr. Nesbitt works on his own in order to have the time to in-

**New Brownies make promise**

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This was the promise made by 13 new Brownies enrolled in the 9th Montreal pack last Wednesday. The new Brownies are Jane Bauer, Tabitha Bedoukian, Betina von Eicken, Tilke Elkins, Lisa Fabelle, Joëlle Hall, Alison Hurley, Catherine Kalbfleisch, July Lanthier, Sasha Leprohon, Gillian Slaughter, Vanessa Walser and Tara White.

After the enrolment ceremony, which was conducted by pack leaders Gina Fitchett, Elizabeth Anglin, Joanne Linder and Nancy Duquette, tea and cookies were served to family and friends by the Brownies.

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dulge in his music. He felt it wasn't fair to the law firm he was with to spend so much time on such projects. "Ocean Rain" is testing the market to see just how many persons enjoy his style of playing.

"The people to whom I've played enjoyed my music," says Mr. Nesbitt, "and I thought maybe they can't get this kind of music."

The first pressing was of 2,000 copies and is apparently selling well. Printing of the album cover and pressing of the record, however, posed some problems when the original firms contracted to do the job weren't able to meet his demands of time or quality. Mr. Nesbitt was particularly concerned that the photograph be faithfully reproduced for the cover. "I really worked to get a first class product," he says.

When asked if not being able to read music places any limitations on him, Mr. Nesbitt says, "If there is something that I like I can pick it out," although he admits that the first notes of

"Nadia's Theme" gave him some difficulty. He did take music lessons when he was a youngster, but he never bothered to learn the notation because he could play by ear. His parents didn't press him to continue the lessons and he credits this with maintaining his love of music.

"Ocean Rain" was recorded sporadically since the summer of 1979 and was on the market by the end of November. Other albums will probably follow.

"I really enjoy it," he says, "I'll be itching to make another."

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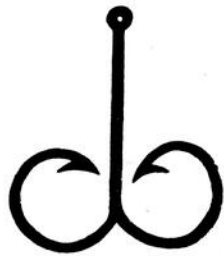
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Directors and deputies named to the organization, which would administer the emergency plan in event of major emergency or disaster in this community, are:

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Supply service: Director of services Frank L. Davis and purchasing agent R. W. White and secretary of the board of inspections E. K. Cameron (co-deputies);

Technical services: City engineer E. A. McCavour and assistant city engineer Frederick Caluori;

Communications: Power and communications director A. de F. Heron and light and power superintendent W. D. Munro;

Social services: Personnel Officer and welfare supervisor Charles Grant and chief building inspector J. G. Nurse.

Mayor Donald MacCallum said it was the first time that the city's emergency measures organization had included persons not employed by the city. He was referring to the naming of MUC police personnel.

The resolution was part of the current updating of the city's emergency plan in conjunction with the Quebec civil protection bureau.

## City auditors re-appointed

The firm of Thorne, Riddell & Co. was re-appointed city auditors for 1981 by resolution of council on Dec. 1.

The accounting firm has been on the job, apparently, since 1947 when it was known as Riddell, Stead, Graham and Hutchison, according to the city clerk's records.

Former WMA president Hubert de La Beaumelle, in attendance at Monday's meeting, asked what sort of fee the city paid the auditors. Finance Commissioner Ald. Alwyn Lloyd, an accountant himself, hesitated at the question but finally replied that the fee is set according to "reasonable agreement with them of what they would charge in each year."

He could not be more specific, he said, since the accountants spent varying amounts of time from year to year in auditing the city finances.

## Tools taken

Police said assorted tools valued at \$275 were reported taken from a 1968 Volkswagen truck parked at the rear of 55 Clandeboye avenue on Sunday. The right front door was found open.

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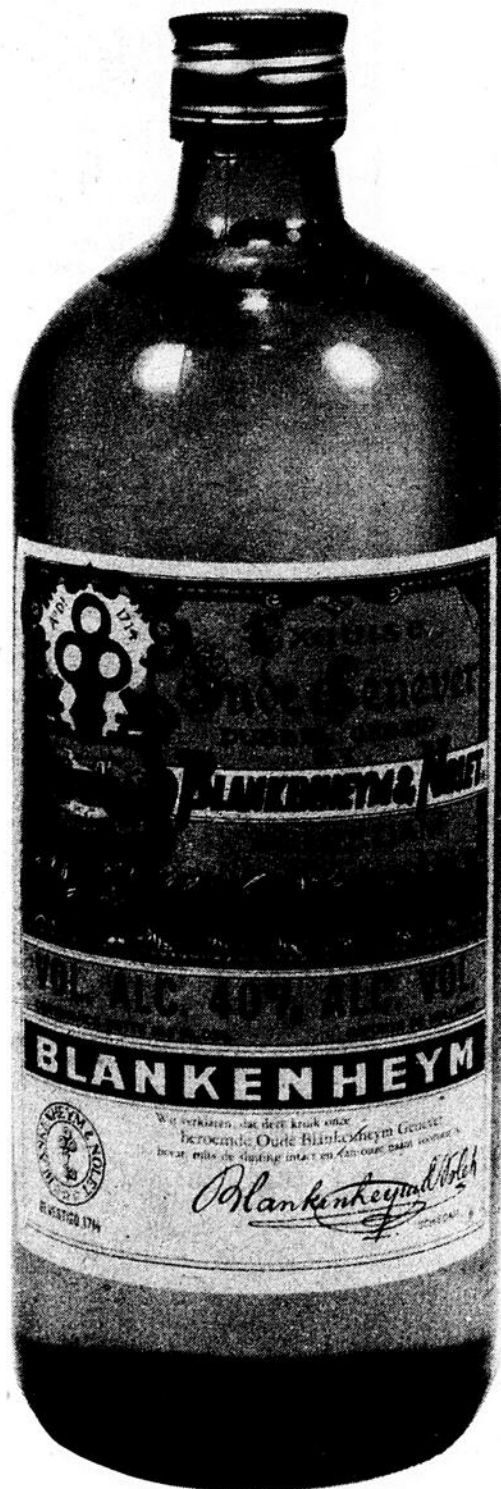


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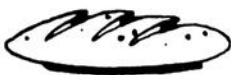
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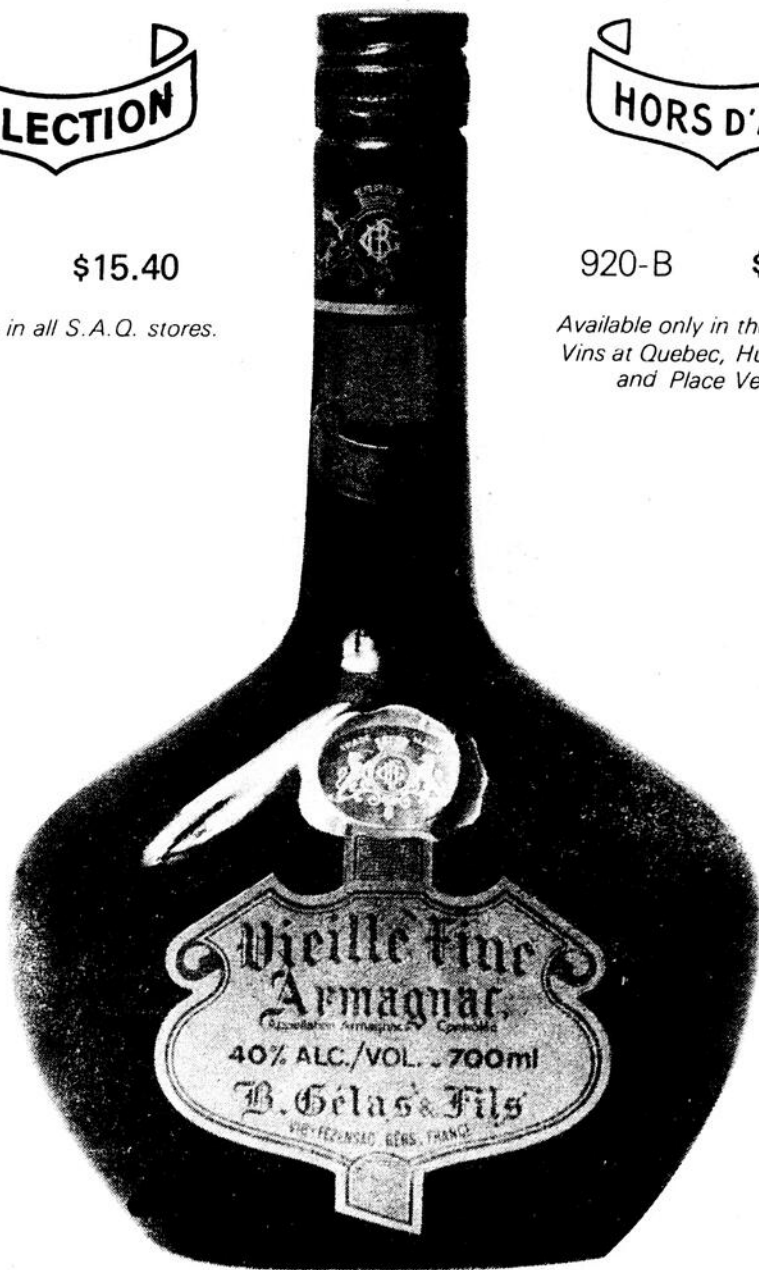
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### Parents, teachers meet:

## Course structure doesn't meet needs of WHS students

By RICK KERRIGAN

Parents, teachers and administrators of Westmount High School believe that current academic programs are not meeting the needs of the changing student population at the school.

At last week's joint meeting of the teachers' school council and the parents' WHS committee, teacher Pearl Grubert noted that while the school offers a mainly academic program, most of the students need technical or vocational courses.

Ms. Grubert said also that special classes were not the answer to the needs of weaker students because they tend to be stuck in the classes for a longer time than is necessary, which is detrimental to their education.

Students' frustration with the academic process, she added, is the cause of most of the discipline problems in the school. She noted that many of the students being tutored in reading enjoy the program because they are able to achieve at their own level.

Teacher Dick Williams pointed out one of the problems of the changing school population when he noted that some students with, perhaps, a grade 3 equivalent education are trying to deal with a grade 10 program.

#### Preparatory classes

Principal Peter Klym said that the grade 7 preparatory classes are one way in which the school is trying to deal with this problem. He said that different levels of various courses were offered but added that he would like to modify many of the existing programs.

Mr. Klym also believes many students who are not suited to an academic program could take fewer academic subjects such as drama and art, which required different skills. He said one problem is that many

parents are reluctant to enroll their children in a technical or vocational course.

WHS committee member Anne Elbourne felt that some students should be in a less pressured course where they could achieve. She doesn't feel, however, that strong and weak students should be placed in separate schools.

The role of the teacher in helping the weaker students was stressed by Bill Boswell, head of the WHS English department. He argued that if weaker students are segregated from the stronger ones, then the former will lose an important influence. He claimed that such students can learn much from the brighter ones in small groups which could be encouraged by the teacher.

He added that another problem of some students is lack of a quiet place at home to do homework.

### Firemen help injured woman

The Westmount Fire Brigade provided assistance last Wednesday evening to a woman apparently hit by a car in front of 4905 Côte St. Luc road in Montreal. They helped out until an MUC police ambulance arrived on the scene.

Fire officials said a passerby rushed into No. 2 fire station at the corner of Victoria avenue and The Boulevard to report the accident. A pump with emergency equipment and an ambulance attendant responded.

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## WHS dance for holidays; prefects get new look

By VICKY COMPTON

The second dance of the year at Westmount High School was held last Friday to celebrate the approaching holidays.

Music for the dance was provided by a live band, for which Alex MacSween, a grade 11 student at WHS, is the drummer. Three other members of the group, Martin Lemaitre, David Williams and Steven Nunns, graduated from WHS last June.

The band played a variety of music, including the theme from the movie "All That Jazz," the rock group The Who's "Substitute," music by Marvin Gaye and a song by the British reggae group The Specials. The appreciation of students goes to Susie Kovacs, students' council chairman, who organized this super start to the holiday festivities.

It was reported in error last week that Willa Crossen was responsible for the decorations at the dance. Apologies go to Pam Kertland, the WHS student who spent Friday evening hanging balloons and streamers over the gym.

On a less happy note, Westmount High's "Reach for the Top" television quiz show team went down to defeat last Thursday. Despite an impressive effort by all four team members, the students from Laval Catholic High School eventually won the game, which will be aired on CBC television Feb. 19.

### Cardigans for prefects

The school's prefects adopted a new look this week. Until



now, they have always worn purple blazers when they patrol and usher at school functions. These jackets, some dating back to the early 1950s, were beginning to show their age but rather than buy new ones at today's high prices, it was decided to outfit the prefects in white cardigans.

Although reactions to this reform vary, it is certain the change will provide a crisp, clean, new look as we enter the second year of the eighties.

Tonight, one of the last school events of 1980 will take place. The "Café Jeudi" promises to be a very enjoyable and relaxing evening for senior students.

The theme is "A Tribute to John Lennon" and among the musicians will be WHS students Rick Carpentier, Marc Gillett, Peter Ramsay and Richard Benedict.

## Westmount fee up for mayors' conference

The Conference of Montreal Suburban Mayors has decided to budget for the coming year on the assumption that all 28 member municipalities will pay their share in the cost of the supra-municipal organization, it became apparent Monday night.

This, despite the fact that at least four area municipalities have withdrawn their support of the conference in recent months.

Westmount city council approved payment of \$9,573.63 to the organization on Monday, representing Westmount's slightly increased share of the total conference budget. The city's share is up because valuations here have increased more than for most other municipalities.

Council agreed, however, that the organization is worth supporting as "our only hope to hang in there with any say at all" in the operation of the Montreal Urban Community, Ald. Alwyn Lloyd explained.

Mayor Donald MacCallum said that the conference — of which he is vice-chairman — is planning to convince those municipalities which have refused to contribute to come back into

the fold. Otherwise, he said, the conference would use some of its surplus to make up the difference.

Though the conference costs have gone up by exactly 10 percent, he added, Westmount's contribution is up 13 percent.

Mayor MacCallum had little else to say about either the conference or the MUC, both of which have devoted most of the last month to preparing the 1981 MUC budget. The MUC council was to have held a regular meeting last night, followed by a reception and dinner with key urban community staff.

That annual event, he said, was "a very useful affair."

### Wallets gone

Police said two wallets were reported stolen from patients at the Reddy Memorial Hospital in the past week. One wallet worth \$40 contained about \$1.50, while the second held \$15.

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**Budget analysis:**

# Power leads the way with \$1 million profit

By ANDY DODGE

Westmount expects to reap a profit of more than \$1 million from its light and power department next year, money which will be used for general operating expenses, thus easing the overall property tax burden.

The city grossly underestimated its net income from light and power in 1980, so the budget comparison with last year shows a quadrupling of the amount budgeted for this year; instead of earning the anticipated \$237,200 in profit, officials now suggest that Westmount will make \$952,800 in 1980.

Thus, the anticipated increase for next year is only 6.4 percent — to \$1,014,100.

Much of the boost has been because of the sharp increase in the amount of electric heating by residents of Westmount, according to Power and Communications Director A. deF. Heron. Starting on Jan. 1, power rates will go up again in line with Hydro-Québec rates, increasing more than 10 percent for most homeowners.

Increased demand for electricity, new electrical installations and careful control of expenses also have helped increase the net income, he said, despite the fact that Hydro-Québec's bulk power rate to Westmount is increasing faster than the city legally can boost its rates to individual customers.

The increase in the expected profit for light and power is one of the highlights of a line-by-line analysis of the city's 1981 budget, which shows municipal expenditures going up overall by 8.2 percent.

In fact, many of the 1981 revenue figures appear out of

line with comparable budget amounts for 1980, thanks mainly to the unpredictability of the items.

A doubling of "recoverable and other revenues," for example, represents simply the amount of payback the city will receive from utilities for street-cuts, specially from Gaz Métropolitain, as more and more citizens convert from oil to gas.

**Parking revenue down**

The city has reduced the amount it expects to obtain from parking lot revenues, on the other hand, since it received less than budgeted in 1980. Expenditure for parking lots has gone down sharply, as well, thanks to a reduction of staff looking after the Tupper street lot.

City officials said they are unable to predict the amount the city will make with \$15-a-month fees for overnight parking in city lots, so they have not made any provision for the revenue in the 1981 budget.

Also lower than expected in 1980 is the amount to be received by the recreation department (mainly for rental of the ice rink and arena), and with no increase in rental rates next year, the city has budgeted the same revenue it now expects to obtain in 1980.

The provincial government sharply increased its grants for libraries in 1980, and there appears little reason to believe the amount will go down next year. The \$100,000 Westmount has budgeted does not include the capital works grant for improvements to the building and installation of an elevator, expected next year.

Also higher is the amount anticipated from the real estate transfer tax, which reflects the sharp increase in the sale price of houses. As Finance Commissioner Ald. Alwyn Lloyd explained on Monday, Westmount reaped an unexpected windfall this year in the sale of two buildings (Westmount Square and Westmount Premier, on opposite sides of St. Catherine street at Greene avenue).

Though the city cannot predict those types of sales next year, the amount rendered by sales of residential properties is expected to increase by \$95,000, or 32 percent.

The city can also expect to get more interest on term deposits next year, though analysts cannot be certain of a continuation throughout 1981 of the present high interest rates.

**Council costs up**

On the expenditure side, one of the most notable budget increases is the amount to be spent for council meetings and legislation. The city finds that provisions of Bill 105, which force more formal council sessions and more legislative formalities, have driven up the cost of carrying out the city's business.

Also up is the amount to be spent by the municipal court, thanks mainly to increased activity there. Revenue from court fines also is expected to be up, but not by the same percentage as expenses.

Because next year will be the first full year for operation of the new Public Security Unit, the city has budgeted \$447,600 for public security officers and parking inspectors, compared to only \$331,900 in 1980.

The cost of collecting and disposing of garbage is expected to be up 18 percent in 1981, thanks mainly to a 32-percent increase in the cost of using dump sites. Ald. Lloyd mentioned on Monday that the city is able to keep its costs down by continuing to collect much of the garbage itself, rather than contracting out the entire operation.

Careful use of previous years' surpluses to establish a healthy working fund has allowed the city to keep down the increase for debt services to 6.5 percent — well below the inflation rate.

In fact, the city's very healthy debt ratio of 3.39 percent in 1979 (total debt to total taxable valuation) should drop considerably next year, thanks to repayment of outstanding debentures this year and the extraordinary increase in taxable valuation for 1981.

## \$3,500 loss from break-in

A collection of Canadian and U.S. coins valued at about \$2,000 was among the items taken overnight Friday during a break-in at an apartment house on Sherbrooke street at Strathcona avenue.

Entry to the second-storey dwelling was gained by the balcony, according to police, who said the place had been ransacked. Total theft was estimated at \$3,500.

## Street work, fire trucks in 1981 capital budget

Westmount plans to spend \$2,332,000 for capital works next year, hoping for lower interest rates to float loans but willing to utilize its working fund to cut down on borrowing at high cost, if it must.

Capital works will include reconstruction of Grosvenor avenue from de Maisonneuve boulevard to Sherbrooke street, Upper Belmont avenue north of Devon avenue, and St. Sulpice road, the replacement of two fire pumpers and one ladder truck, resumption of the city's street relighting program (see separate story) and \$157,000 worth of insulation improvements to the artificial ice rink.

Council also estimates it will need \$40,000 to repair the roof of the police-fire station on Stanton street and \$50,000 to acquire more dumping space for inert matter. The public works department plans to replace two garbage trucks, two sidewalk plows, two pick-up trucks, two dump trucks and a van next year.

The program also includes money for renovating the Westmount Public Library, though much of the money for that is coming from the provincial government.

Because of increased demand for electricity, the light and power department expects to have to spend \$100,000 to purchase new infeed circuits from Hydro-Québec.

In its long-term projections, council has planned \$350,000 to rebuild Atwater Avenue from St. Antoine to St. Catherine streets in 1982, and \$500,000 for reconstruction of the city incinerator in 1983—assuming that the cost of landfill will increase substantially by then.

Also in the projections for 1982 is \$80,000 for improvements to Victoria avenue, now that Greene avenue has been revamped. Planning and Redevelopment Commissioner Ald. JoAnn Issenman said that the city already is working on the options for such a scheme, but that it is "much too early" to make any definitive public announcements or to budget the project for the coming year.

Small sums will be set aside both in 1981 and 1982 to purchase and install electric "snow removal" signs, to warn drivers when snow-clearing crews plan to clear major Westmount streets. A similar system has been in operation in downtown Montreal for several years, and appears to be successful.

CITY OF WESTMOUNT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE  
BUDGET 1981

R E V E N U E		1980 BUDGET	1981 BUDGET
<b>TAXATION *</b>			
General property		\$14,971,400	\$16,242,900
Montreal Urban Community		-	-
Current Assessments		-	-
Surtax		-	-
Business		1,836,400	2,058,800
		\$16,807,800	\$18,301,700
<b>COMPENSATION IN LIEU OF TAXES</b>			
Government of Canada	\$	383,400	\$ 375,500
Government of Quebec		14,700	13,200
Community Enterprises		670,800	704,300
Private Enterprises & Individuals		482,600	336,500
	\$	1,551,500	\$ 1,430,500
<b>SERVICES TO OTHER MUNICIPALITIES</b>			
Fire protection	\$	4,000	\$ 4,000
Montreal Urban Community		116,100	140,700
	\$	120,100	\$ 144,700
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>			
Victoria Hall	\$	46,000	\$ 47,000
Arena, playground and swimming pool		26,000	22,500
Library		22,900	25,100
Parking Lots		124,000	90,000
Recoverable and other revenues		113,100	228,200
	\$	331,100	\$ 412,800
<b>OTHER REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES</b>			
Licenses and permits	\$	19,000	\$ 20,000
Duties on transfers of immovables		300,000	395,000
Court fines		600,000	675,000
Interest on short-term deposits		350,000	425,000
Interest on tax arrears		350,000	350,000
Sale of capital assets		40,700	40,700
Net revenue from utility operations		237,200	1,014,100
Sinking fund revenue over requirement		15,000	23,000
Appropriation from surplus		1,518,300	1,000,000
	\$	3,430,200	\$ 3,942,800
<b>UNCONDITIONAL TRANSFERS</b>			
Quebec sales tax compensation	\$	273,000	\$ -
Quebec per capita grant		-	-
Amusement tax		165,000	165,000
	\$	438,000	\$ 165,000
<b>CONDITIONAL TRANSFERS</b>			
Quebec Library grant	\$	45,000	\$ 100,000
Quebec student placement subsidy		8,700	11,500
	\$	53,700	\$ 111,500
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		\$22,732,400	\$24,509,000
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>GENERAL ADMINISTRATION</b>			
Legislation - council	\$	65,300	\$ 82,400
Law enforcement - municipal court		160,800	185,600
Finance and general administration		557,200	620,900
City Clerk		135,400	161,700
Personnel		71,000	79,200
Employee benefits - all departments		1,065,600	1,131,100
Grouped administration expenses		474,500	360,200
	\$	2,532,800	\$ 2,620,100
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			
Public security and parking inspectors	\$	331,900	\$ 447,600
Fire and civil protection		1,696,100	1,907,400
	\$	2,028,000	\$ 2,355,000
<b>ROAD TRANSPORT</b>			
Administration	\$	234,600	\$ 265,100
Streets and sidewalks		530,400	514,400
Snow removal and disposal		1,174,700	1,265,300
Street lighting		159,600	175,800
Traffic control		156,000	157,700
Parking lots		9,800	3,400
Public transport - deficit and debt service of M.U.C.T.C.		2,480,200	3,020,800
	\$	4,745,300	\$ 5,402,500
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES</b>			
Water purchased	\$	-	\$ 943,600
Sewer system maintenance		69,100	84,300
Garbage collection and disposal		540,400	650,700
	\$	618,500	\$ 1,678,600
<b>WELFARE SERVICES</b>			
	\$	27,100	\$ 29,200
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</b>			
Urban planning and zoning	\$	255,400	\$ 268,000
Municipal housing - shared costs		17,000	17,000
	\$	272,400	\$ 285,000
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES</b>			
Administration	\$	141,500	\$ 148,200
Victoria Hall		16,500	15,500
Arena and skating rinks		240,600	249,000
Swimming pool		70,100	75,600
Parks, playgrounds and greenhouse		835,700	865,900
Library		294,300	387,900
	\$	1,598,700	\$ 1,742,100
<b>OTHER ACTIVITIES</b>			
Maintenance		-	-
Municipal buildings	\$	539,600	\$ 614,700
Machinery and vehicles		616,100	734,800
Capital expense charged to operating fund		290,200	163,000
	\$	1,495,700	\$ 1,512,500
<b>OTHER EXPENDITURES</b>			
Debt service and other financing costs	\$	2,311,600	\$ 2,461,700
Bad debts		15,000	15,000
Montreal Urban Community		-	-
Shared costs		5,119,800	6,226,300
Surtax		-	-
Apportionment re 1979 M.U.C.T.C. deficit		1,897,900	-
Recoverable and other expenses		69,600	100,800
	\$	9,413,900	\$ 8,833,800
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		\$22,732,400	\$24,509,000
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE</b>		\$ -	\$ -
		\$22,732,400	\$24,509,000

## Award offered for property restoration

The rekindled interest in Westmount's architectural and cultural image and in property investment, coupled with the large number of architects who live here, make the latest announcement from Cr dit Foncier an object of local attention.

The 100-year-old financial institution is offering an award for the best housing renewal project in Canada.

The "Prix Cr dit Foncier" will be a grant, awarded in November each year, of \$20,000 to be divided between the architect and the developer of a project.

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by representatives of the Royal Architecture Institute of Canada, Heritage Canada and the Urban Developers' Institute - Canada.

Cr dit Foncier President Robert Gratton said recently that the grant would favor impor-

tant restoration projects or redevelopment projects with an important restoration component, particularly in urban areas.

Further information is available from Campbell Gordon at 282-1880.

## TOWNHOUSES . . .

Continued from page six explained last week. "Our intention was condominiums."

The plans had to change only slightly for the concept of four townhouses within the old frame. Since then, the wait has been long and patient.

The group - part of the Cytren development organization - is also renovating buildings in Old Montreal, and

has its eye out for more properties along Dorchester or elsewhere in Westmount which are ripe for reconstruction.

Because of the fire, the Dorchester-Weredale building is more amenable to renovation than most properties here. The proof that restoration can work as a way of defending Westmount's character against demolition and reconstruction will be in the returns the company enjoys on this project.

## Police will crack down on drinking drivers

Drinking and driving? Don't.

That's the word from local MUC police, who will pay special attention to persons driving while under the influence of alcohol during the festive season. The local effort is part of an island-wide campaign to crack down on tipsy drivers.

"The idea is to try and cut down the number of accidents caused by drinking," explains Capt. Stanley Tait, who said pamphlets were being distributed by his men explaining the campaign.

Police statistics show that between Dec. 15 and Jan. 15 last

year, 5,942 accidents were reported in the MUC area, as a result of which 293 persons were arrested and charged with driving while faculties were impaired.

More than 1,000 were injured and 21 killed in those accidents.

"Do not use your vehicle like a criminal," cautions one police spokesman. "Think of your family, of your fellow-citizens and of yourself."

Citizens are urged to consider it a duty to advise drinking persons not to drive their car, in an effort to possibly save a life. "Isn't life the best Christmas present?" police suggest.

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# 'Bargains' level off October realty market

By ANDY DODGE

A HEAVY volume of residential sales showed there were still relative bargains to be had in Westmount real estate during October.

The month was highlighted by lower-priced exchanges of property, mostly within a relatively tight range from \$100,000 to \$200,000. Eight sales were registered at prices of less than \$100,000, however, pulling down the average price from September, when only two such were recorded.



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In all during October, 46 residential sales brought an average price of \$160,972, well down from the \$180,773 average of September, when only 33 transfers could be classed residential.

The average was pulled down by bargain prices such as the \$65,000 sale of a brick townhouse at 61 Bruce avenue, the lowest residential price since July. Two other homes sold in the \$70,000s, one at \$80,000 and three others in the \$90,000 range.

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## OCTOBER STATISTICS

Following is a summary of the residential sales of one- and two-family dwellings registered in Westmount during October:

**Total sales:** 46 (up 13 from previous month)  
**Total price:** \$7,404,700  
**Total valuation:** \$3,186,550  
**Average price:** \$160,972 (down \$19,801)  
**Average markup over valuation:** 132.4% (down 7.0%)  
**Average price based on average valuation\*:** \$177,380 (down \$5,331)  
**Normalized\*\* average markup:** 131.1% (down 2.1%)  
**Normalized\*\* average price based on average valuation\*:** \$176,411 (down \$1,587)

\*Average valuation of one- and two-family dwellings in Westmount for 1980 is \$76,334. Applying the average markup for the month to this valuation provides the results shown.

\*\*Arrived at by removing the extreme sales, those with the highest and lowest prices and markups.

prices went up to \$280,000 for a modern dwelling at 65 Sunnyside avenue, but even this was not as high as the \$300,000-plus prices which were being registered during the summer months.

Despite the bargains, however, when the average markup for the month is applied to the average valuation, the normalized average price for October is \$176,411, just about the same as the September peak of \$177,998. The August average was \$171,496.

One perhaps should not be surprised that September and October real estate averages are about the same, since they are made up of deeds registered by buyers who were seeking property during the summer.

The September registrations involved many transfers to and from investors. There were a few of those in October, but not nearly as many. Instead, October featured more sales to corporate entities than did September and as interest rates in-



73-5 Hallowell  
highest markup, 283.1%

crease, this may become even more popular.

### Markups moderate

Markups, too, were only moderate in comparison with some recorded in Westmount this year. The stately duplex at 73-5 Hallowell street, which has been the object of considerable realty interest recently, brought a price soaring some 283 percent over its tax value — almost four times the assessment.

The low Bruce avenue price, on the other hand, was just 40.1 percent over the building's Montreal Urban Community valuation. Between those two extremes, markups were generally between 75 and 190 per-

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

### Dec. 9

639 Argyle: for P. Rubin by Universal Plumbing and Heating, to convert furnace to gas, \$1,700;  
1 Rosemount: for G. Blain by Belle-rose Plumbing, to convert furnace to gas, \$3,000;  
490 Argyle: for P. Fisher and J. Bentley by M. St. Germain, alterations, \$3,000;

### Dec. 11

4628-30 St. Catherine: for B. Gallery and M. Consiglio by F. Gagnon, alterations, \$1,000;

### Dec. 12

4160 Sherbrooke: for Tourville Realities by Construction Canvar Ltée, to use sidewalk in front of building site temporarily;  
119 Arlington: for Mrs. McKenna by Lewis Conway Ltd., to convert furnace to gas, \$2,000.

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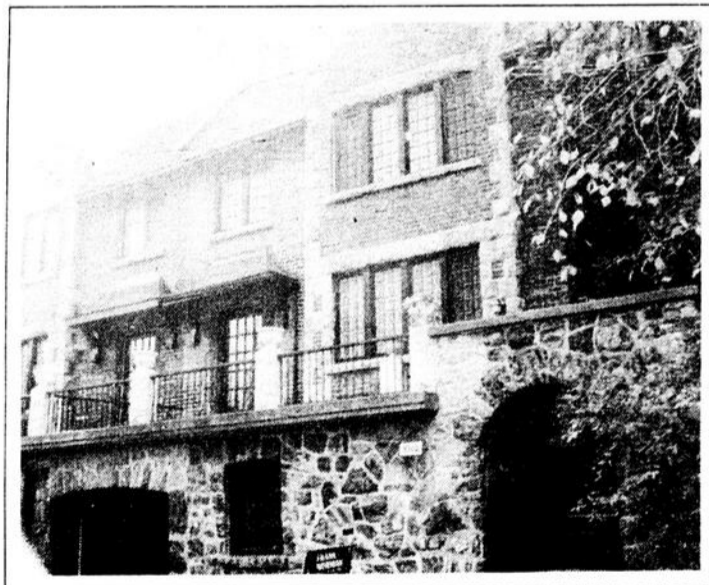
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## TRANSFERS . . .

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cent, with some exceptions (specially on the high side).

Of interest to those looking at new homes was the sale of 321

Prince Albert avenue, one of the new townhouses, for \$182,500. It and the sale of one of the new homes on Forden avenue at Côte St. Antoine road, 6 Forden, in September for \$200,000, are the first new-house sales in Westmount this year. Each is also part of a group of houses, so the initial sales might be good indicators of what the other homes in each project will go for.

Also of interest is the sale of 8,423 square feet of land between 23 and 31 Oakland avenue, where development could be contemplated. The only other non-residential sales involved an architects' office building on Sherbrooke street and a three-family dwelling on York street. There were also two sales of half-interests in residential property.

For the month, a total of \$7,404,700 changed hands in residential sales involving property evaluated by the MUC at \$3,186,550. Sales to corporations, share and non-residential

transfers involved total prices of \$924,000 for property evaluated at \$489,550.

Four other homes with an MUC valuation of \$361,150 changed hands through estates and property valued at \$455,800 was transferred within the same family.

### October details

Details of the October transfers in Westmount are as follows:

**44 Aberdeen:** from Robert L. Zoeller to Mrs. Thomas S. W. Bourne, sale price \$1 and other considerations (1980 MUC valuation \$141,800);  
**24 Anwoth:** Mrs. Peter D. Walsh to Mrs. Reginald MacDonald, \$1 and cons. (\$70,200);  
**23 Barat:** Dr. Robert Paul Bolande to Mrs. Kamran Kozan, \$195,000 (\$99,800);  
**598 Belmont:** Colin Donald French to Joel Avery Silcoff and Yvonne Fink, \$175,500 (\$71,300);  
**622 Belmont:** Mrs. Peter John McKinnon to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jalalbert, \$185,000 (\$79,850);  
**669 Belmont:** Sun Life of Canada to C. S. Bradeen, \$185,000 (\$88,550);  
**61 Bruce:** estate John Campbell Wilson to Mr. and Mrs. Mak Pan-chasi, \$65,000 (\$46,400);

**385 Claremont:** Samir Sehayek to Mr. and Mrs. Errunza Vihang, \$96,000 (\$39,850);  
**333 Côte St. Antoine:** Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried G. Sachs to Mr. and Mrs. Sajid Aziz, \$220,000 (\$80,300);  
**3 de Casson:** George W. Rutledge to Mrs. Patrick Cheung, \$195,000 (\$69,100);  
**54 Delavigne:** Peter O. Velan to Sergio Marchese, \$190,000 (\$104,500);  
**372 Elm:** Luis Briones and Mrs. Howard Maged to 100444 Canada Inc., \$127,000 (\$60,800);  
**382 Grosvenor:** Mr. and Mrs. John F. Brennan to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lecavalier, \$94,000 (\$42,600);  
**546-8 Grosvenor:** Robert H. Henderson to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lucyshyn, \$1 and cons. (\$70,650);  
**551-3 Grosvenor:** Nicholas Maxymych to M. D. First Equity Consultants Ltd., \$1 and cons. (\$84,700);  
**569 Grosvenor:** Mrs. Harold Urquhart Banks to Basil A. Rattray, \$150,000 (\$54,300);  
**681 Grosvenor:** Mrs. Michael Dennis to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Leahey, \$1 and cons. (\$90,800);  
**53 Hallowell:** Brian Walsh to Davis Drinkwater, \$75,000 (\$41,400);  
**73-5 Hallowell:** Michael Stewart Price to Leandre Laroche, \$190,000 (\$49,600);  
**81-3 Hallowell, half share:** Lyse Vanier to Johanne deMontigny, \$1 and cons. (\$29,450);  
**343 Kensington:** Ileana Barr to Wolf Kroeger Inc., \$158,000 (\$55,650);

**352 Lansdowne:** estate Mrs. Carrie Reid Hanna to Mr. and Mrs. Ian Rose, \$1 and cons. (\$67,400);  
**119 Lewis:** Lawrence Sydney Goode to Mr. and Mrs. George Nelson Lindsay, \$76,000 (\$33,400);  
**722 Lexington, half share:** Andrezej Koczela to Marta Gaj, \$1 and cons. (\$16,150);  
**736 Lexington:** J. R. André Bombardier to Restaurant A & W (Hamel) Inc., \$1 and cons. (\$127,300);  
**4311 Montrose:** Paul B. Smith to Mrs. Henri Heusdens, \$272,500 (\$100,900);  
**429 Mount Pleasant:** Andrew Franklin Pleatman to Mrs. James Andrew White, \$1 and cons. (\$59,400);  
**486 Mount Pleasant:** Mrs. Constantin Barcados to Roberto and Gianfranco Berloni, \$220,000 (\$94,250);  
**419 Mount Stephen:** estate D. Alexander MacInnes to Simon Pierre Marcil, \$150,200 (\$55,100);  
**470 Mount Stephen:** Timothy P. Slatery to William Osler, \$147,000 (\$64,300);  
**500 Mountain:** Mrs. Allan L. Wagner to Mrs. Allan G. Charest, \$235,000 (\$133,800);  
**Land between 23 and 31 Oakland:** Sherbrooke Trust Co. to Angelo Trimarchi, \$60,000 (\$37,700);  
**381 Olivier:** Dorothy Neve McCallum and Carolyn Neve Sawyer to Ileana Barr, \$90,000 (\$42,500);  
**220 Prince Albert:** Mrs. Archibald

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**The Godswept Heart, parables of family life by Marcia Hollis. With prayers by Reginald Hollis and illustrations by Vera Semple. Anglican Book Centre, Toronto, 1980. 95 pages.**

Author Marcia Hollis in her new book *The Godswept Heart* has taken well-known family experiences and scenes and drawn from them a spiritual message for today.

Among the 20 chapters are Making Bread, Changing Prices, Board Games, Home Sewing, The TV Set, Holy Housework, Country Cottage and The Charge Account.

Each chapter concludes with a beautifully simple poetic prayer by her husband, Rt. Rev. Reginald Hollis, Anglican Bishop of Montreal.

The finely executed illustrations are by Westmounter Vera Semple, art teacher at Centennial Academy.

Marcia Hollis recaptures the essence of Jesus' teaching in these parables about household objects, and, doing so, believes she is helping add a new dimension to our understanding of the Bible: the viewpoint of a woman running a house and raising a family.

This perspective has been almost ignored because until recently Bible study has been left almost entirely to men, most of them unmarried and with only a childhood view of family life.

"Now that women have begun to study theology," she writes in the preface, "more attention is being paid to the role of women in the Bible. Women scholars are attuned to matters of feminine concern in a way that men never have been. It's not a question of chauvinism. It is just the natural order of things."

Jesus, she points out, rose above the distinctions of sex, mixing "pithy comments about yeast and lamps and patching clothes" into his discussions of things of masculine interest. Mrs. Hollis believes we should all strive for this broader view, so she hopes that persons other than homemakers will find the book helpful.

"From my own perspective," she writes, "it's about God letting himself be known in even the dullest activity, and thereby putting his own shining finish on it."

**Spiritual clean-up**

The first chapter, entitled "The Godswept Heart," tells the parable about a woman sweeping her house. She lost a valuable coin, and then swept and searched diligently until she found it.

"I too use a broom, particularly in country cottages where we don't have the luxury of a vacuum cleaner," writes Mrs. Hollis. "I like to think of that sweeping woman, looking for her lost coin. I have the feeling that no corners will be cut, that every bed will be turned, that every chair will be moved, until finally the lost piece of silver comes to light. God doesn't give up on us either."

"We ask God for a clean heart, and what we really want is a Godswept heart, with clear views of the real issues in life. We want his Spirit, his wind, to blow through our lives, taking with it the tumbledown shacks of self-importance, and the dry leaves of the unforgiven past. We want the deadwood of unfruitful activity knocked out of our trees so that we can get on with new growth. We want that woman with her broom to come and sweep, to drive away the dust of our wrong-doing, to get everything spick and span and spotless."

Years ago, when her children were little, Mrs. Hollis remembers getting very depressed about the state of her house. Her friends' homes were immaculate but hers was cluttered and in need of vacuuming. She prayed for help in being a better housekeeper.

"What I really wanted from that prayer was a little gentle stiffening of the moral fibre. What I got were the plagues of Egypt! Red ants coming through my dining room window, black ants in the bathroom, some mysterious and never identified green bugs in the kitchen and moths in the linen closet. All in 48 hours. Needless to say, my house was cleaned out, tidy, and shipshape in no time. But help like that I can do without!"

"It was my first experience of God's unique sense of humor. I learned that after some prayers you had better duck, that God doesn't help us to do something we are quite capable of doing on our own, and that a lot of other things are more important than being an immaculate housekeeper."

**Respect and love**

Mrs. Hollis says that parents who demand respect from their children seldom find that this prevents love. On the contrary, it appears that children who respect their parents are more likely to love them. The three-year-old who calls his mother names and kicks her on the shins when he doesn't get a candy bar at the store is not learning to love her.

Mrs. Hollis remarks that there is so much waste of hu-



Marcia Hollis


man potential in our world: young children are brutalized in the unfeeling street culture of urban ghettos; teenagers become alcoholics and dope addicts; bright young men and women who lack educational opportunity or encouragement get stuck in mind-numbing, routine factory operations; a man in the prime of life is struck down by a fatal heart attack, or a young mother develops cancer. "The list seems to be endless, and we wonder what God can do to prevent the emptiness of all this waste."

"God does not see as we see, and his ways are not always our ways... We must try to look at the problem of waste from God's perspective. How impossible that often is, and yet God has given us standards by which to judge. It concerns the commitment of our lives to his will and purpose."

Mrs. Hollis says it took a number of failures before she finally developed the knack of

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### FINDING . . .

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making bread, and from that she got a message: "Always in a rush, eager to smell and taste the finished product, I had been baking half-risen loaves of bread, unaware that they needed either a warmer place or a longer time to complete the process. I think that very often we make the same mistake in our spiritual lives. Jesus said we were to be like the leaven in the lump, like the yeast in a bowl of dough. We forget that yeast can only work quickly in the right conditions. Sometimes we think that energy and effort will make a big difference in the world we live in. We go around stirring things up and making a big fuss, and then wonder why the result of all our labor is so small, so heavy and flat."

Former reporter

Marcia Hollis is a former religious reporter for *The Gazette* and author of *Down to Earth: Thoughts on God and Gardening*. She grew up in Westmount and attended Roslyn School, Westmount Junior High and The Study.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith B. Crombie, lived for 25 years at 156 Côte St. Antoine road and more recently at the Summit Apartments, 4444 Sherbrooke street west.

During their early married life Bishop Hollis and his wife lived in Westmount again when he was associate rector of St. Matthias' Church.

Mrs. Hollis' articles have appeared in *Chatelaine* and *Chris-*

*tian Herald* magazines. An experienced Bible study and prayer group leader, she has conducted many retreats and conferences for women.

She and her husband have three children.

Mrs. Hollis will be autographing copies of her new book on Saturday, Dec. 20th, at Christian Literature Crusade, 1251 Guy street, from noon to 2 p.m.

—JOAN CAPREOL

### Micky Sherker to Zionist post

Mortimer (Micky) Sherker has been appointed executive director of the Eastern Region of the Canadian Zionist Federation, headquartered at 1310 Greene avenue.

Mr. Sherker's appointment was announced recently by David Azrieli, 746 Lexington avenue, president of the Eastern Region.

Mr. Sherker has had a broad range of experience in community work, holding major public relations posts with Allied Jewish Community Services and the YM-YWHA & NHS of Montreal. He was the founding president of Ville Marie Social Service Centre and has been president of Temple Rodeph Shalom in Dollard des Ormeaux and vice-president of Shaar Shalom Congregation in Laval.

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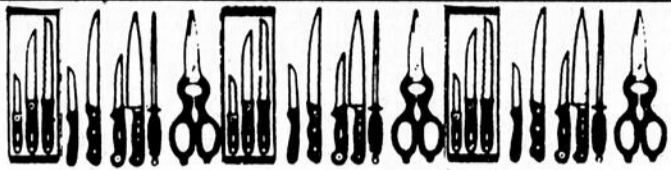
## Province checking up before paying

The new provincial fiscal reform measures, in effect this year, bring with them a significant payment "in lieu of taxes"

by the provincial government for schools, hospitals, and paraprofessional institutions in Quebec municipalities, but it appears the government is being extra-careful to validate its holdings and responsibilities.

Quebec has only paid 70 percent of the assessed tax billed by Westmount, for example, and is holding back some portions while it "verifies" the validity of some claims.

Specifically, it appears the municipal affairs department is not quite certain of the validity of Youth Horizon's status in Weredale House, 6 Weredale Park, city sources revealed, nor of the responsibility of the gov-



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### Snow safety

Although the school year seems not very far along, winter is at our door. I believe it is important at this time to remind you of a few safety tips concerning the snow.

One of the things we still see while we patrol, is bumper riding. Let me tell you that serious accidents can happen as a result of this dangerous activity.

When walking on the sidewalks, always watch for cars backing out of driveways, specially in the snowy weather when drivers may not have cleaned off their rear windows, well enough to provide good visibility. It is also even more important in winter to cross at street corners where motorists are expecting to stop. Remember, in slippery weather cars cannot stop as quickly.

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ernment to pay taxes for Belvedere House, the senior citizens' residence at 4505 St. Catherine street west.

Westmount has received only \$45,000 worth of grants from Quebec, an amount which covers schools, property owned by Ville Marie Social Service Centre and Hydro-Québec's Maisonneuve substation, among others. The total Westmount, however, claims comes to about \$650,000.

The government hesitancy to recognize Westmount's claims comes even as Municipal Affairs Minister Guy Tardif launches another criticism of the federal government for refusing to recognize the extensive

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## PARKING . . .

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out that the sides were chosen to encourage drivers to turn their cars around before they park for the night (if they have the required parking stickers). Thus, they can pull away from the curb without having to turn around in cul-de-sacs unlikely to have been cleared of a nighttime snowfall by 8 am.

### Elm two-hour limits

In the case of Elm avenue south of Sherbrooke street, the two-hour parking provisions remain during the daytime hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday on the east side (and no other times of day or night), and Tuesday and Thursday on the west side. The four-hour parking provisions and sticker parking will apply after 5 pm, weekends and holidays on the west side, as well.

Previous alternate-side provisions had been on a day-to-day basis with no recognition of hours; hence, parkers theoretically were required to move their cars at midnight.

One city official suggested that parking inspectors, public security officers and police probably will not try to enforce parking restrictions right around the changeover hour, thus giving residents time to move their cars, if they have to.

The provisions were part of an 18-point "traffic control" package approved by city council on Monday.

Other changes include designating the hours when the east side of Aberdeen avenue is to be considered a "loading zone" for St. George's School. People were taking undue advantage of the day-long provisions, Public Safety Commissioner Ald. P. André Gervais explained.

### Prince Albert parking

Also, council removed the no-parking restriction on the east side of Prince Albert between Sherbrooke street and de Maisonneuve boulevard, replacing it with a two-hour parking limit between 8 am and 5 pm, Monday through Saturday. Winter restrictions will be imposed, however, so the rule will not come into force until April. (That part of Prince Albert re-

ceived a no-parking restriction when the city bike route was put in, a limitation which was not removed when the bike route was closed.)

Another part of the resolution imposed a "no stopping anytime" rule on the west side of

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Hillside Lane outside the Hillside Armory, apparently to free up the lane for armed forces trucks (which, it seems, are exempt from the "no stopping" provisions).

Ald. Gervais said none of the provisions affect the new overnight parking regulations — except to determine where cars can park on the street during the "overnight" periods.



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## Amanda's Run-ins



*A dog's-eye look at life on the run*

Hi everyone! This is Franklin writing because Amanda is very busy.

As most of you noticed, Amanda had put on a bit of weight lately. I won't say she was fat, but we were calling her "Hindenberg." She waddled around acting funny, and our master came home one day with lots of wood, which he banged away at until it made a beautiful big box.

It looked pretty inviting to me, that box, but no, it was reserved for Her Ladyship, who got in and shredded about two weeks worth of newspapers, which she piled up until you could hardly find her.

I was beginning to wonder, but I just sat around, played with my little football and kept quiet. (That little football is quite something, actually. It's not like an ordinary ball which

just rolls around. This one goes flip-flop, wiggle-waggle, razzle-dazzle, ker-plunk. I love it.)

Where was I? Oh yes, Amanda. Well, she started spending all day every day in that box, looking sorry for herself. She didn't even want to go out walking, and if there's one thing Amanda likes, it's a walk. Come on, Franklin, get to the point.

One morning last week, Wednesday I'm quite sure, there were some light snowflakes, I woke up and went to check out the box. There was Amanda, licking something. I wondered how come she had a treat and I didn't. I said, "Morning, Amanda. What have you got?" She didn't even look up, which was strange because she is always polite to me.

So I asked, "What are you licking? A bone?" She raised her head for a moment, and I thought, "Oh, a little black dog. She's just licking a little dog." I couldn't imagine where it had come from.

### Another little dog

While I was puzzling over this, a funny thing happened. Another little dog started to come out of Amanda. It was all wrapped up like a piece of meat from the grocery store, and Amanda chewed off the wrapping very quickly.

As soon as it was out of its bag, I saw that the baby was attached to her by a string. Amanda bit this off near the little dog's tummy, and then ate the whole thing, except the puppy, of course.

"So this is where we all come from!" I thought. "Glory be! How miraculous! This is wonderful!" When a third one appeared, I got so excited I threw up in the hallway.

By the time the fifth puppy was all cleaned off and clamoring for milk, I began to worry that they would just keep coming until there was no more Amanda. It seemed that she had broke up into little pieces, each of which looked just like her. I went to the park.

The fresh snow was nice, and for a minute I thought I had been dreaming. What about the stork, cabbage leaves, pet shops? I rushed home to make sure those puppies were real and when I had finished counting, there were six. Amanda looked much thinner.

### The amazing part

Here is what is amazing. Amanda knew just what to do with those puppies, even though she is not even one and a half and has never had a litter before. The puppies also knew just what to do, even though they were five minutes old and couldn't see a thing. They knew where to find food and how to get it once they found it.

If you have ever watched a grown-up human struggling with the top of a child-proof bottle, even when he can read the instructions, you will appreciate what I mean.

"Amanda," I asked gently, "what are all those little dogs doing here?"

She sighed, "Oh Frankle-Dankle," (that's what they call me at home, when they're not calling me Frumplestiltskin, Monkey, Franklinstein, Big-Nose, The Gimp or John Merrick, which is better than Elephant Man - I tell you, I don't get no respect), "Frankle-Dankle, these are for you. Merry Christmas!"

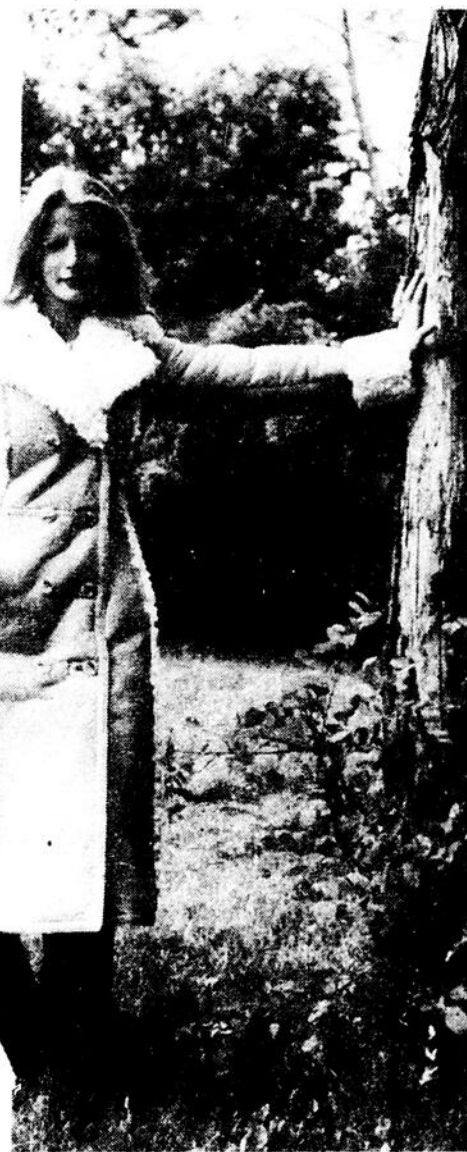
"How grand!" I said. "What a lovely surprise for my very first Christmas! Thanks ever so much."

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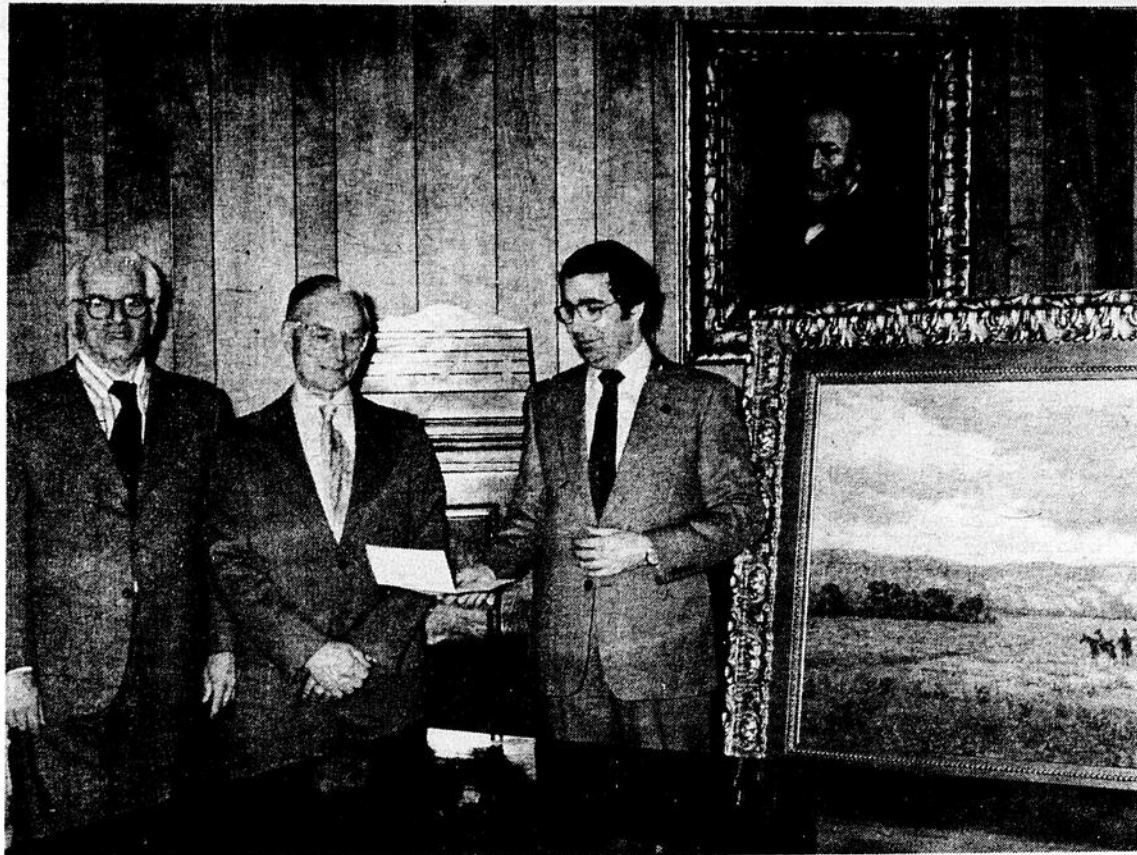
### Mother Teresa tape available

Father Gustave Houle has a videotape cassette of the latest movie about Mother Teresa of Calcutta, produced by Joyce Davidson less than a year ago, which he will make available to any group that might be interested.

Recently he showed the tape to a group at the home of Mrs.

John Hallward, on Trafalgar avenue just outside Westmount.

Fr. Houle, who heads the Quebec chapter of "Mother Teresa's Co-workers in Canada," is a member of the Westmount-based Fraternité Sacerdotale, 500 Claremont avenue. Those who would like to reach him should phone, between 9:30 a.m. and noon, 483-2030.



**MUSEUM GETS PAINTING:** Westmounter Jacques A. Lefebvre, right, Quebec director of Imperial Oil Company, recently presented, on behalf of his company, a large painting by Sir Cornelius Van Horne to the Canadian Railway Museum in St. Constant. Receiving the painting were Dr. Robert V. Nichols, left, director and curator of the museum, and J. Steven Walbridge, secretary-treasurer. Titled "Foothills of the Rockies," the oil painting was signed by the Canadian Pacific Railway pioneer in 1899. It will hang among the Van Horne furniture already on exhibit at the museum.

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## Councillors update holdings

Six Westmount city councillors celebrated the first anniversary of their installation for a second term by submitting new and updated "statements of interest," listing the holdings and positions which Quebec requires they declare under its new cities and towns act amendments.

The action follows by only three months the original deposition of statements, but must be done "within sixty days after the anniversary of his or her election or appointment."

Ald. JoAnn Issenman, chosen in a by-election last July, was exempted from the re-statement requirements, but everyone else had to file the updated forms.

Because of the short time period since the last filing, very little change could be seen in the council members' financial or official positions. For Aids. Alwyn Lloyd and Muriel Kaplan, there was no change at all.

Mayor Donald MacCallum has become a member of a syndicate known as Westward Resources Ltd.; both Aids. Brian Gallery and P. André Gervais have purchased shares of Copconda Resources Ltd., and Ald. Gervais has added Aberford Resources Corp. to his portfolio. He also purchased a self-administered registered retirement savings plan and obtained a loan from MMJS Investments Ltd.

Ald. Gervais has become a director of Coronet Carpets Ltd., while Ald. Gallery no longer is a director of the Loyola Alumni Association.

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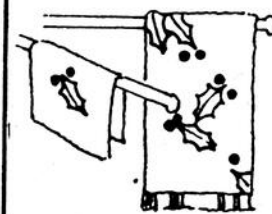
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**City to pay  
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The cost of collecting animals from Westmount and taking them to the Canadian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals shelter is going up nine percent, city council learned on Monday.

Approval of the year's CSPCA contract brought a stern reminder from Ald. Brian Gallery that the best way for dog-owners to keep track of their animals is to have them licensed, and to keep the licences on them at all times.

Last year, according to the CSPCA, the city called on the association 58 times to collect 70 animals, most of which had already stayed for more than 24 hours at MUC Police Station 23, waiting for owners to collect them.

(During part of the year the shelter was closed because employees were on strike; the CSPCA estimates it would have made 71 trips to Westmount had it been open during the entire contract year, from September to September.)

Using 71 as the cut-off figure, rates of collection from the city are going up from \$16.50 per call to \$18 per call for the first 71, then \$16 for every additional call.

Ald. Brian Gallery explained that the cost to Westmount of the CSPCA service had come to \$106.50 per month in 1979-80. The service is free to citizens who need animals picked up, he added; last year 123 calls came from private citizens.

Council must have been particularly put-upon by the seven citizens who attended Monday's formal session, it seems, or else were harking back to the politicking of mid-summer during the parking debate. Both Mayor Donald MacCallum and Ald. Gallery first referred to the organization (but quickly corrected themselves) as "The Canadian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Aldermen."

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**ROTARY SUPPORTS UNITY:** The Unity Boys' and Girls' Club on Greene avenue, created as a project of the Rotary Club of Westmount, received some further support last week when Rotary president **Oliver Retallack** (centre) presented a cheque for \$1,000 to **Peter Doherty** (second from right), president of the newly reorganized Unity Club corporation. Others in the photo, from left, are **Dr. David Flam**, chairman of the Rotary youth committee; **Brent MacPhee**, Unity Club director, and **George Sklivas**, Rotary representative on the Unity board. The presentation took place at last week's regular Wednesday Rotary meeting in Victoria Hall.

## Don't leave cars idling, police warn

Police are cautioning drivers not to leave vehicles unattended while warming them up in the cold weather, and to pay particular attention to local by-laws regarding the securing of their cars.

Cars should not be left running while the driver goes inside, "for even a minute," according to local MUC police Capt. Stanley Tait.

Car doors should be locked at all times and the key should never be left in the ignition while unattended, in accordance with local by-laws, he explained.

He said one theft had already been reported to the station involving a 1980 Chevrolet Malibu leased to a Vaudreuil man. The vehicle was apparently taken Sunday night from in front of 309 Melville avenue where it had been left idling from three to five minutes. The car was valued at \$8,000.

### Ford damage totals \$180

A 1980 Ford was vandalized last Friday while parked in the lot of the Sunshine Boys carwash at the corner of de Maisonneuve boulevard and Greene avenue.

Police said the left front door window was broken, the left tire was punctured and the side mirror smashed and left hanging "by a screw." The damage, which appeared deliberate, totalled \$180.

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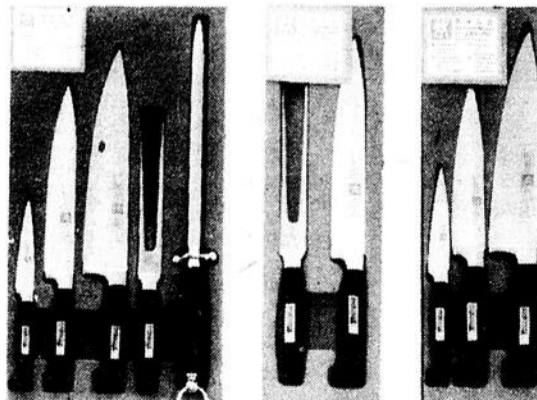
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Hence, apartment-dwellers can rest assured (in most cases) that their landlords will not have a tax increase to justify substantial rent increases, nor will they be receiving water tax bills in 1981.

Westmount is to be billed \$943,600 by the City of Montreal for water supply in 1981, a figure established by the Quebec Municipal Commission and representing only a moderate increase (less than 3 percent) over the amount citizens were charged (directly) in 1980. While the amount represents just over 14 cents per \$100 valuation of the tax levy, homeowners will pay a higher share of the overall bill, however.

Since Montreal used to charge on the basis of annual rental value, and since rental value does not increase proportionately with valuation (that is, per square foot or per dwelling unit) the homeowner will find that the 14 cents tacked on the 1981 bill for water represents far more than he paid in 1980 in actual water tax.

The anticipated granting of tax credits to smaller building owners, careful budgeting by the city and an expected surplus from 1980 revenues have combined, however, to ease the burden created by the tremendous valuation discrepancies.

**Local expenses by 8.2%**

Westmount's own municipal budget is increasing only 8.2 percent in 1981, but the city's share of Montreal Urban Community costs will be up some 22 percent, mainly because of the steep rise in Westmount's share of the overall MUC valuation (see separate story). Thus, the total city budget has experienced a 17.6 percent increase.

The city will be able to transfer a cool \$1 million from 1980 surplus to the general revenues for 1981, thus keeping down this year's tax rate by some 15 cents. Anticipated higher

**Local share up 22%:****MUC 'monster' keeps growing**

The Montreal Urban Community is becoming more of a "monster" every year.

That was the conclusion of Finance Commissioner Ald. Alwyn Lloyd as city council examined a 22-percent jump in Westmount's bill from the urban community on Monday.

The jump is largely caused by a staggering debt created by the MUC Transit Commission, a body "not under the control of anybody," as Mayor Donald MacCallum explained, despite the best efforts of municipal and provincial governments.

"The MUC by its very essence is a body where grand schemes are afoot," explained Ald. Lloyd. MUC taxpayers are paying now for the plans set in motion back in 1977, though — recalled Mayor MacCallum — things are not as bad as he predicted they would be three years ago.

As a member of the MUC executive committee, the mayor has helped bring expenses under control in the very limited area over which the executive committee has authority, he explained. That area represents only eight percent of the MUC expenditures, however: police costs, which make up a large proportion, have also come under careful control, thanks to the efforts of suburban mayors.

The provincial government, too, has done its share in assuming greater proportions of the debts for the MUCTC and the sewage disposal plant, and has declared a moratorium on further métro extensions.

**Fare share is low**

Users of buses and the Métro pay only 30 percent of the total MUCTC expenditures, Mayor MacCallum went on, while in other municipalities they shoulder (through fares) 50 percent of transit costs.

Ald. David Carruthers pointed out that the latest increase in

revenues from other sources will also help ease the property tax burden.

(Finance Commissioner Ald. Alwyn Lloyd even suggested that if things go well, the city could enjoy the same kind of surplus next year.)

As last year, when the sweeping municipal tax reform legislation was being debated in Quebec City while communities prepared their 1980 budgets, the 1981 budget had to be approved with a degree of uncertainty. The Quebec National Assembly still was in the process this week of considering legislation to allow municipalities to give "Credits" of up to 10 percent to owners of single-family dwellings, duplexes and triplexes, whose valuations have risen substantially, compared to other property, in the past year.

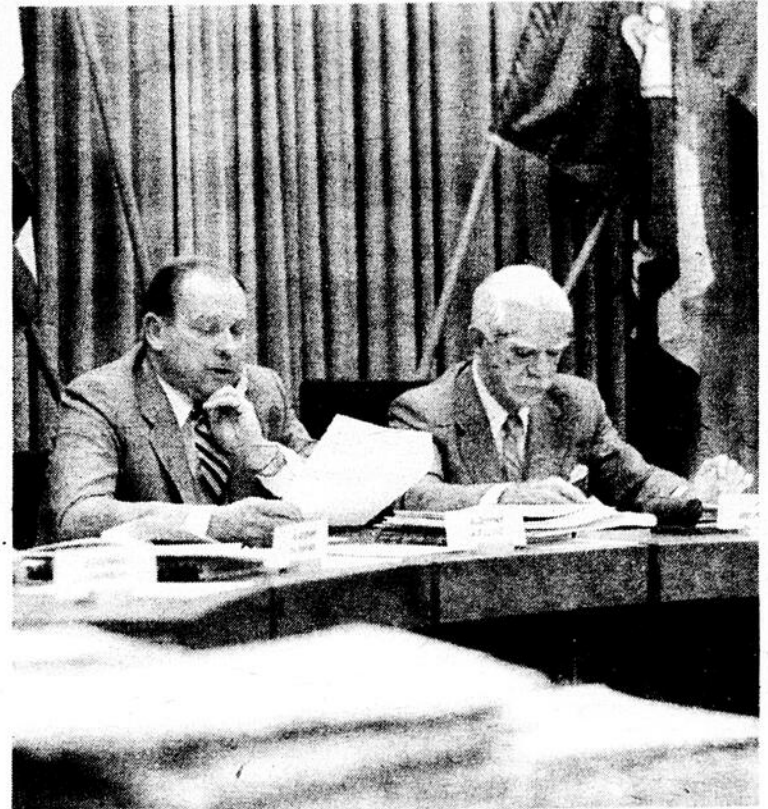
Though the scheme basically means a rate reduction for owners of such buildings, the "credit" will have to be inscribed on the tax bill so that the ratepayer can see what the difference means.

Last-minute research on the part of city officials brought a confirmation just last Thursday night that the city's plans for including the "credit" were, indeed, legal as the law stood at the time.

The budget by-law includes a proviso, however, that the "credit" provisions are "subject to the adoption and coming into force of Bill 12," the pending legislation.

**Net saving 4.5%**

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Finance Commissioner Ald. Alwyn Lloyd, left, delivers his budget address Monday to city council while Mayor Donald MacCallum listens.

MUCTC fares was supposed to pare five cents off the property-tax rate. Mayor MacCallum wryly pointed out that much of the \$9 million in extra revenue will be used to pay the higher fuel costs brought about by the latest federal budget, and higher short-term interest rates.

In fact, he added, the urban community was forced to pull other moneys away from a budget to improve the police communications network, simply because of the high transit commission costs.

For Westmount, which experienced one of the highest increases in total valuation of any MUC municipality, the MUC bill increase is greater than for

most others, though the 22 percent hike was not calculated with the city's proportion of the 1979 MUCTC debt included in the 1980 figure. That extra charge had to be paid as a surtax in 1980, to "clear the books" for the latest tax reform measures; once that is included, the MUC tax bill for 1981 is actually down slightly.

Ald. Brian Gallery, weighing the 22-percent MUC increase and the 8.2-percent municipal spending hike, wondered how long municipalities will have to keep cutting local services to compensate for the hefty MUC increases.

"It's not a very bright future," he concluded after receiving the explanation.

that payments be made in at least two installments, "one of which cannot be due before July 1."

**Equal instalments**

Traditionally, Westmount had asked for two instalments, one for the municipal portion due on Feb. 1 and one for the MUC portion due on May 1. Now, the instalments are equal.

Council decided to maintain interest on overdue taxes at 1.5 percent per month, or an 18 percent annual rate, despite the recent climb in the prime rate, out of a "sense of propriety."

Ald. Lloyd recognized that some ratepayers might use the (relatively) low interest rate to "take out a loan" by withholding their taxes, but he said, "I think it's worth a gamble."

This year, he noted at another point, Westmount has actually made money by collecting substantial amounts of interest on overdue taxes—though the city must spend money waiting for the cash to come in.

Other provincial legislation forced Westmount to reduce its business tax rate slightly, from 12 percent of annual rental value to 11.7 percent. Half the business tax is due on March 1 and the other half on July 1.

Rates for tax-exempt property remain unchanged, except for property owned by the city of Montreal and the MUC, which jump from 15 cents this year to 50 cents in 1981.

# LLOYD'S TEXT

Following is the full text of the comments by Westmount's commissioner of finance, Ald. Alwyn Lloyd, at a special meeting of city council held Monday evening for the presentation of the 1981 municipal budget and capital expenditure program. The budget was adopted in a by-law passed at a subsequent council session later the same evening:

Mr. Mayor, Members of Council, Ladies and Gentlemen:

In preparing for the City's budgetary requirements for 1981, we have been required to consider the following key elements:

1. The valuations for residential properties have skyrocketed by an average of 43 percent since last year. Apartment and commercial properties have seen their valuations increase by an average of only 9 percent;

2. As municipalities are not able to tax the various property groups at differing rates, the Provincial Government, at the 11th hour as usual, has introduced a tax credit scheme whereby municipalities may avail themselves of the opportunity to provide certain relief for residential property owners;

3. Westmount's portion of the MUC shared costs and the deficit and debt service of the MUCTC for 1981 total \$9,247,100, being 22 percent in excess of similar costs in our 1980 budget;

4. The cost of operating the City for 1981, excluding the electric utility, will increase by \$1,083,800 or 8.2 percent over the 1980 budget.

5. Operations for 1980 have seen expenditures held under budget, providing snow removal costs for December are not excessive, while several items of revenue will show substantial increases over budget. Thus we anticipate a satisfying surplus in 1980, enabling us to consider utilizing \$1,000,000 of this surplus to balance the budget for 1981.

6. As of 1981, the City and not the taxpayers will receive the bill for water to be purchased from the City of Montreal in the amount of \$943,600 and we, in turn, have decided to pass this on as part of our overall tax rate rather than render a separate bill. The increase over the aggregate of water tax bills received individually by all Westmount citizens in 1980 is less than 3 percent, and will represent 14 cents in the general tax rate.

I would now like to reflect on these various factors in somewhat more detail in order that everyone may fully understand what impact each has had on our deliberations in setting the tax rate for 1981.

## Valuation increases

With respect to the process of establishing valuations, there has been a general feeling in the MUC valuations department in recent years that the apartment, commercial and industrial properties have been valued very close to the criterion of 90 percent of market value. In an effort to bring residential properties closer to this yardstick, values were boosted substantially for 1981. As a result of the upward swing in resale values during 1980, a disturbing thought is that we can probably anticipate another fairly heavy increase in valuations next year.

Westmount has virtually no industrial base, and of the total taxable valuations, only 39 percent relates to apartments, commercial, industrial and other similar properties. Thus, in

Westmount, the private homeowners have the lion's share of the taxable valuations and stood to bear an inordinate share of the tax burden which this year has been shifted away from the apartment and commercial property owners. If we must apply a single tax rate to these valuations, it was evident that there would be considerable hardship worked on private homeowners in those municipalities, where such a group bulked very large in the total valuations. Representations were made to Quebec to provide municipalities with a vehicle whereby they may charge one rate on residential properties and another on apartment and commercial properties—but to no avail. The Provincial Government seems to want to preserve the concept of a uniform rate, but has introduced a tax credit scheme which I will outline when discussing the tax rate.

Looking at the expenditure side of our budget, we see regular MUC costs rising substantially over 1980, the major element of increase being for the debt service of MUCTC and the sewage treatment plant and system. We had anticipated, back in 1977, that the 1981 and 1982 MUC costs could be expected to balloon for these reasons. Police costs would seem to be under reasonable control, but this is as much due to cutting the services rather than the costs. In all fairness, by virtue of our approach, we feel we are obtaining as good a service from our local group as can be expected under the circumstances. To put the MUC bills in perspective, they will represent 39 percent of all expenditures next year, excluding the water taxes.

## Local costs rise

On the local scene, of our expenditure increases of \$1,083,800, salary increases represent two-thirds, with employee benefits moving up proportionately. Public security costs will be up by \$115,000 due to the fact that the new force will be in place for a full year rather than for a portion of 1980. Fire protection costs will be up as a result of reintroducing an intensified inspection service which will increase the number of properties visited each year. Garbage services will cost more than in 1980, as contractor's rates are up by 32 percent. Debt service costs will be \$150,000 greater than in 1980 due primarily to the continuing provision for the balloon payments on debentures in 1983 and 1985.

Before we consider the overall taxes which must be levied, both business and general property taxes, we must review the various other sources of revenue which accrue to the general fund. Although a number of revenue items will appear to be greater than the 1980 budget figures, in reality they will be less than the revenue actually enjoyed from such sources by the time we close the current year. We have been fortunate in 1980 in several areas, principally, duties on transfer of moveables due to the sale of two substantial commercial properties; interest on short term deposits and tax arrears,

due to the high level of interest rates; and the electric utility operations were budgeted ultra-conservatively for 1980 with respect to power sales and we will close with net revenue from this source of at least \$900,000 being \$650,000 in excess of budget.

In order to develop the reasons for the various elements of our tax bill for 1981, I will try to set out the components of net expenditures that must be covered by business taxes and the general property taxes.

Taking projected local expenditures as \$14,318,000, we first offset revenue from all other sources of \$5,207,000. As the required net expenditures of \$9,111,000 of the 1980 anticipated surplus to reduce the net expenditures to \$8,111,000. Thus essentially the same taxpayers will immediately benefit from the fortuitous results of the current year in progress.

At this point, we must consider what amount we are able to raise by way of business taxes. Since last year this tax rate is mathematically tied to the general tax rate and we are therefore able to charge only 11.7 percent on the assessed rental valuations for 1981, versus 12 percent last year. This will produce a total business tax of \$2,058,800 which is only \$222,000 in excess of last year, being based on slightly higher rental valuations. It is therefore quite clear that business generally, and on average, will have been treated lightly in this year's budget.

After deducting the business taxes from our local needs, we see our general property taxes being raised for the following purposes:

Local expenditures (net of other revenue...)	\$ 6,052,200
M.U.C. apportionment.....	9,247,100
Water taxes.....	943,600
	<u>\$16,242,900</u>

This brings us to the mechanics of setting the tax rate, which, under normal circumstances, would be a rather simplistic matter. In order to raise the above amount, we would have applied a tax rate of \$2.45. As previously mentioned, with the significant shift in the proportion of the valuation toward residential properties, it was obvious that this group of taxpayers would be bearing an average increase in taxes of some 23 percent, while the apartment owners, on average, would actually enjoy a decrease from 1980 of some 7-8 percent. These figures are inclusive of the water tax component.

In order to offer some relief for residential properties, including duplexes and triplexes, the Government of Quebec has put through Bill 12 which has yet to receive third reading in the Assembly. We have proceeded as if this had become law and our by-law reads accordingly. The provisions of this bill permit a municipality to invoke the use of a tax credit up to 10 percent of the amount otherwise payable by residential property owners in 1981. Such a credit will be reduced to 5 percent for 1982. Unfortunately, if we were to give a credit against the taxes which would otherwise be raised by applying the \$2.45 rate, we would be short approximately \$1,000,000, because, by applying the uniform rate, we could not raise any more from the apartment and commercial segment of our community. In order that this latter group should bear a proportionately greater element of the total tax bill, and in strict accordance with the methodology enunciated by Quebec, we were forced to raise the uniform tax rate to \$2.86 in 1980.

At this point, we will apply the tax credit to residential properties giving a net effective

## CAPITAL EXPENDITURE Programme 1981 - 1983

As it is now the required procedure, we must table our budget of anticipated expenditures on capital works for 1981, with estimates of such projects which could take place in 1981 and 1983. Such a budget does not constitute Council approval of the work detailed therein, but merely our best judgment, at this time, of the projects contemplated to be worked on in 1981. Expenditures of \$2,332,000 are planned for 1981, with the Public Works Dept. slated for \$992,500 of this total. The major

	1981	1980
For local purposes (after utilizing appropriations from surplus).....	.91	1.05
For M.U.C. - normal expenses	1.41	1.45
- MUCTC 1979 deficit		.36
	<u>2.31</u>	<u>2.86</u>
For water taxes.....	.14	
	<u>\$2.45</u>	<u>\$2.86</u>

We have applied the effective 1981 rate to the average valuations of different types of properties and the resultant taxes will relate to the 1980 municipal tax bills as follows:

	%Increase Including Water Taxes	(Decrease) Excluding Water Taxes
Single family dwelling..	17	10
Apartments.....	1	(6)
Commercial.....	(2)	(7)

As in the past, we intend to levy taxes on properties which might otherwise be exempt from tax at the following rates:

Owned by Montreal and

Local expenditures (net of other revenue...)	\$ 6,052,200
M.U.C. apportionment.....	9,247,100
Water taxes.....	943,600
	<u>\$16,242,900</u>

MUC: 50¢, being the maximum permissible;

Owned by cultural, social and charitable institutions: 15¢, remaining unchanged from 1980;

Owned by churches and religious organizations: 40¢, remaining unchanged from 1980.

The tax bills will be sent out by December 31, 1980, for the full amount of the year's municipal taxes.

Within the parameters of the new laws governing the payment schedule for municipal taxes, we have established the following timetable of due dates:

Property taxes:
50 percent Jan. 31, 1981;
50 percent July 1, 1981.
Business taxes:
50 percent March 31, 1981;
50 percent July 1, 1981.

Already covered by a loan-by law.....	\$ 230,000
Requires a new borrowing by law.....	1,103,000
Recoverable from Government grant.....	175,000
Chargeable against the working fund and repayable over 3 or 5 years.....	575,000
Chargeable against revenue.....	249,000
	<u>\$2,332,000</u>

Property taxes for otherwise exempt properties:

50 percent April 30, 1981;
50 percent July 1, 1981.

With this budget, we still anticipate that we may retain surpluses of \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 by the end of 1981, which together with our working fund of \$2,000,000 and an accelerated plan for setting aside amounts annually to provide for major debenture repayments in 1983 and 1985, we will be in a relatively liquid position during the next 2 to 3 years. We probably will require a debenture issue to cover the major elements of our street and sidewalk programme of the last three years, but we are able to hold off until the timing and rate of issue is more propitious.

elements will be replacement of vehicles, including two garbage trucks, at a cost of \$318,000 and repairs and reconstruction of roads and sidewalks will total \$608,000.

We have decided to reinstate our program of refurbishing the street lighting and \$263,000 is slated for expenditure in 1981. Traffic signals and snow removal electric signals at a cost of \$62,000 round out the light and power element of municipal activities.

Renovations to the library totalling \$207,000 highlight the \$403,500 to be spent for recreation and cultural activities. We anticipate a Quebec Government grant of \$175,000 to cover most of the library costs. Another major item will be roof repairs and insulation of the artificial ice rink amounting to \$130,000.

The electric utility has planned expenditures of \$361,000 including \$150,000 for the often-postponed additional transformer at the Olivier substation and \$100,000 for additional Hydro infeed circuits.

We intend to replace two fire pumps and one aerial ladder truck at a cost of \$200,000, which represents the major portion of a public safety budget of \$248,000.

The financing of 1981 capital expenditures should be as follows:

Looking ahead to 1982 and 1983, we do not anticipate as heavy a capital outlay as has been experienced during the past 3-4 years. The reconstruction of Atwater avenue, including sidewalks for \$350,000; the provision for the possible rebuilding of our incinerator at \$500,000; the continuation of the street lighting program for \$300,000; replacement of vehicles at a cost of \$377,000; the normal repairs to roads and sidewalks for \$720,000 and a modest provision of \$80,000 for improvements to the Victoria avenue commercial area are, at present, seen as the major items which will likely attract our attention and allocation of funds in 1982 and 1983.

## Hockey mask rule to be reconsidered

City council is willing to look at the new policy that adult hockey players must wear face masks on city rinks, starting Jan. 1.

again — but with no promises — hockey players must wear face masks on city rinks, starting Jan. 1.



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The agreement to reconsider came after council heard a vehement complaint from Neil Fernandes, 4931 de Maisonneuve boulevard, at Monday's formal session.

Mr. Fernandes, a former McGill University hockey coach and player in the Westmount system for the past 22 years, warned council that he "probably will end up not playing hockey" anymore if he has to buy and wear all the extra equipment.

He appeared more upset at the prospect of wearing a face mask than a helmet and chin strap; according to the city, the complete head and face protection will be required in the new year.

"This rule will do much to dissuade us from playing hockey," he suggested. "It's seen as an attempt to provoke rather than prevent."

Mr. Fernandes pointed out that the fathers' and senior leagues involve relatively gentle games, with no body checking or slap shots, and that the adult players have grown up without wearing the equipment and are more aware than younger players of the risks involved in playing the game.

He also noted that the Quebec Amateur Ice Hockey Federation and most other municipalities do not require adults to wear masks, even though they are mandatory in junior leagues.

Services Commissioner Ald. Brian Gallery responded only that the new requirements were suggested by city staff and imposed by council, simply to make city hockey as safe as possible.

He agreed, however, that council "certainly can consider it further."

### Mayors pick four reps

The Conference of Montreal Suburban Mayors recently elected its four representatives to the board of the Regional Council of Health and Social Services for Metropolitan Montreal (CRSSMM).

The names include Jean Morin, former chairman of the administrative committee for the regional council; Mayor Guy Descary of Lachine; Mrs. Dorothy Linkletter, long an active volunteer on the west island; and Mrs. Dorothy Heppner.

It is the first time Mrs. Linkletter has been chosen to the board, and second term for Mrs. Heppner and Mayor Descary. Mr. Morin has long been a member of the regional council.

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# High scoring in senior hockey action last week

By KRISTIAN GRAVENOR

Two high-scoring matches were played on Tuesday last week in the senior league of the Westmount recreation department's hockey program.

The Bruins whipped the Blues 11-3 to move them into a second-place tie with the idle Stars, while the league-newcomer Blues lost to the Wanderers 7-5. The win gave the Wanderers a two-point lead atop league.

In the Bruins' victory over the Blues, the offensive catalyst was Marc Just, who netted five of his team's 11 goals. The Bruins were overwhelming in the offensive part of their game and had the Blues dead tired by the beginning of the third period.

## Volleyball title lost

The Westmount YMCA volleyball team lost out to the Soviet consular team in a three-game match last weekend at the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association, relinquishing the downtown volleyball title it had won last year.

The Westmount team, starting the elimination rounds in third place, downed the MAAA No. 1 team in two games and took the Soviets 16-14 in the first game of the finals. USSR then came back and won the title with scores of 15-13 and 15-6 over Westmount.

The first period ended with the Bruins ahead 3-1, but by the end of the second period the Bruins had five more, to make it 8-1. Other goal scorers for the winners included Dean Kelly and Rick Chapman while Christopher Goodwin netted two goals in a losing cause.

The Blues are a new team in the senior league and although they played a weak game against the Bruins, time will only make them better.

### See-saw lead

While also a high-scoring match, the Sabres-Wanderers game was much closer and the lead see-sawed back and forth. Behind 2-0 at one point, the Wanderers scored five straight goals only to see the Sabres score three to tie the game 5-5.

A penalty call against the Sabres, however, gave the Wanderers new life with a power-play and they capitalized by breaking the tie on a slapshot by Stephen Burgess, one of three goals he scored.

Richard Atherton also got a hat-trick for the winners, scoring his third goal into an empty net to make the final score 7-5. Tommy Pederson also had a productive evening, earning four points.

The match was very even but the Sabres' skating style contrasted greatly with the hard-working style of the Wanderers, who appeared stronger and heavier for the most part.

## HOCKEY STANDINGS

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

NOVICE					
Knights	5	5	0	0	17 4 10
Dragons	5	3	2	0	10 7 6
Guards	5	2	3	0	10 12 4
Bears	5	0	5	0	3 17 0

ATOM					
Huskies	5	5	0	0	17 8 10
Bulls	5	2	2	1	13 9 5
Broncs	5	1	3	1	9 14 3
Mules	5	0	3	2	7 15 2

PEEWEE I					
Huskies	7	5	2	0	24 18 10
Broncs	7	4	3	0	18 18 8
Bulls	7	3	4	0	16 19 6
Mules	7	2	5	0	18 21 4

PEEWEE II					
Kings	6	5	1	0	25 17 10
Seals	6	3	3	0	12 12 6
Capitals	6	2	4	0	18 24 4
Scouts	6	2	4	0	15 17 4

BANTAM					
Bruins	11	7	2	2	41 25 16
Rangers	11	7	3	1	37 30 15
Flames	11	4	4	3	51 42 11
Flyers	12	3	5	4	33 38 10
Leafs	11	2	9	0	20 47 4

MIDGET					
Badgers	6	4	1	1	15 11 9
Spartans	7	4	2	1	37 22 9
Hornets	6	3	3	0	15 20 6
Mustangs	7	1	6	0	24 38 2

SENIOR					
Wanderers	9	6	2	1	43 27 13
Bruins	9	6	2	1	42 21 13
Stars	9	6	3	0	37 23 12
Sabres	9	2	7	0	29 43 4
Blues	8	1	7	0	16 53 2

ALL STAR					
Pee Wee	9	3	5	1	41 42 7
Bantam	2	0	2	0	5 14 0
Midget	5	4	1	0	20 12 8

EXHIBITION					
Old Timers	10	3	5	2	30 31 8

## HOCKEY SCOREBOARD

Following are the results of games played in the City of Westmount recreation department hockey leagues during the week ended Tuesday, Dec. 16:

NOVICE	
Dec. 13: Knights 5, Bears 2	Dec. 13: Dragons 2, Guards 0

ATOM	
Dec. 13: Broncs 3, Mules 2	Dec. 13: Huskies 3, Bulls 1

PEEWEE I	
Dec. 15: Bulls 4, Broncs 1	Dec. 15: Huskies 3, Mules 1

PEEWEE II	
Dec. 10: Kings 8, Capitals 3	Dec. 10: Scouts 1, Seals 0

BANTAM	
Dec. 11: Bruins 4, Flyers 2	Dec. 11: Flames 5, Leafs 2
Dec. 16: Bruins 7, Leafs 1	Dec. 16: Rangers 4, Flyers 3

MIDGET	
Dec. 11: Mustangs 8, Spartans 5	Dec. 16: Spartans 5, Mustangs 4

SENIOR	
Dec. 11: Wanderers 4, Bruins 4	Dec. 11: Stars 6, Blues 3
Dec. 16: Wanderers 4, Stars 2	Dec. 16: Bruins 6, Sabres 4

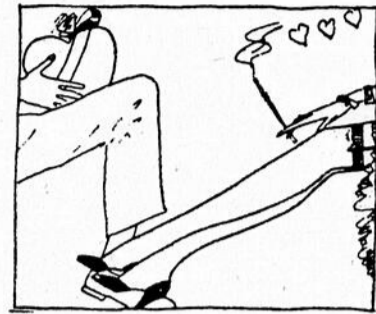
ALL STAR/OTHER	
Dec. 10: Verdun 10, Bantam All Stars 3	Dec. 12: Midget All Stars 5, Caughnawaga 1
Dec. 13: L.C.C. 5, Pee wee All Stars 4	Dec. 13: Verdun 4, Bantam All Stars 2

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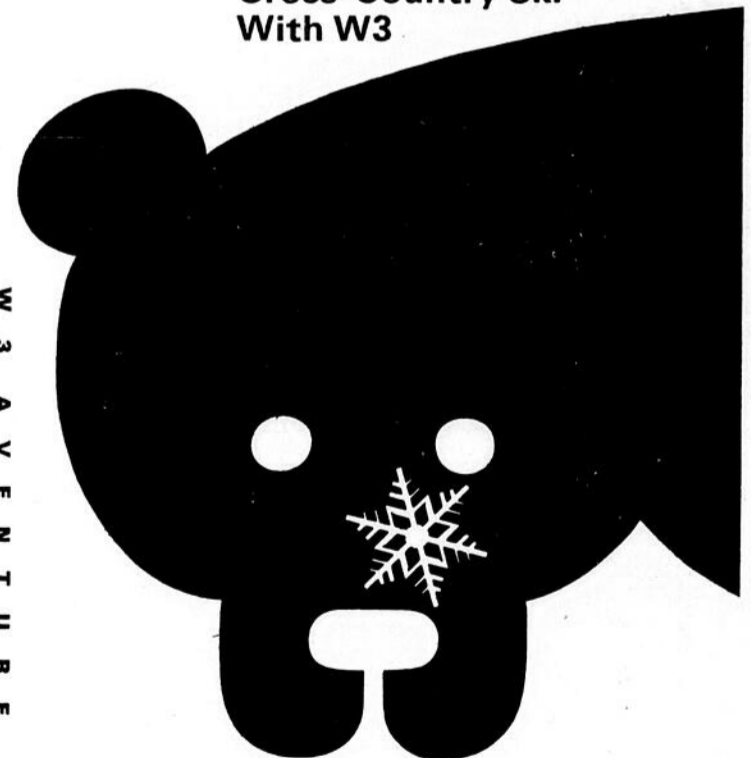
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## Police Cst. André Menard dead from heart attack

Funeral services were held Monday for local MUC police Cst. André Menard, 39, who died last Wednesday after suffering a heart attack during a broomball game with members of the station in the Gadbois arena in St. Henri.

Cst. Menard, a special investigator for Dir. Gabriel Ayotte, is survived by a wife and 17-year-old daughter. He came to the local station on Stanton street two years ago and would have served 20 years in the police force next March.

Police said Cst. Menard was stricken last Wednesday morning shortly after 11 am, moments after he had returned to the bench for a rest during the game. He was immediately taken by police ambulance 23-15 to the Montreal General Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

He was a regular member of the station's broomball team, which plays in a regular league. The funeral was held from Ste. Catherine Labouré Church in



André Menard

LaSalle where he resided. It was attended by his fellow officers of the station, including Dir. Ayotte, who was on holidays at the time.

## Development on vacant lot moves ahead

The long-vacant lot which once was the Mat Chenier (Shell) Service Station on the northeast corner of Victoria avenue and de Maisonneuve boulevard moved two steps closer to development on Monday, as city council approved redivision of the property and gave the owner permission to build a door-canopy over the building line.

The planned structure will be a six-storey condominium apartment building. Planning and Redevelopment Commissioner Ald. JoAnn Isenman explained, though she did not elaborate.

The developer is Les Placements de Caillières Inc.

THE EXAMINER has learned that 38 condominium units are planned.

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## Sunnyside fire loss \$30,000

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Both stations of the Westmount Fire Brigade arrived at the scene shortly after 11:16 pm and found smoke in a small cupboard beside the fireplace on the third floor. A 1 1/2-inch hose was laid as a precaution, but the fire was put out with two extinguishers.

The ceiling in the second floor bedroom was opened and the beams were found to be smouldering, officials said. They estimated damage at \$20,000 to property and \$10,000 to contents.

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