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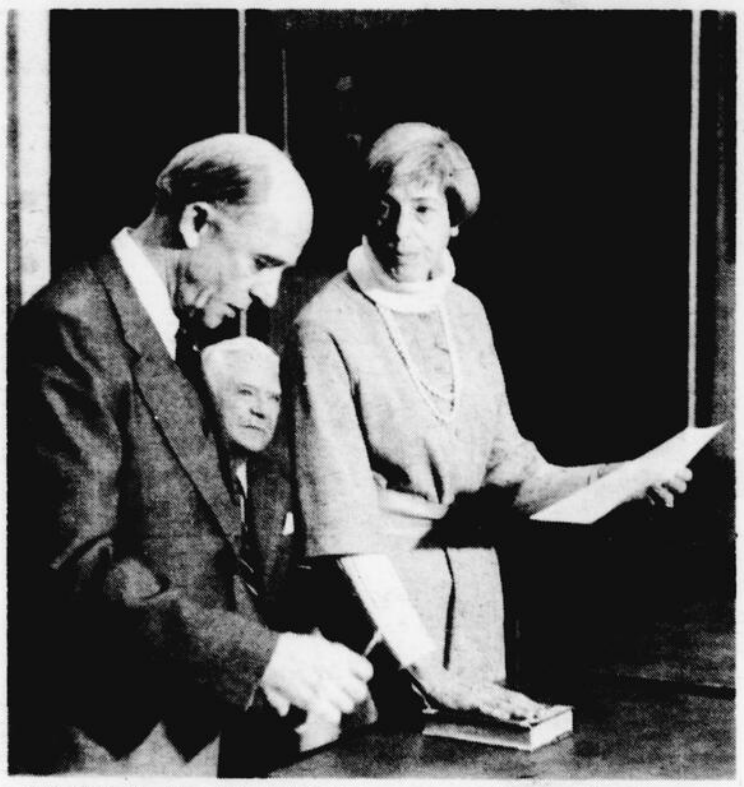

SWORN IN: Mrs. Muriel Kaplan was sworn in as a city alderman by **City Clerk Ronald Seaman** in a brief ceremony at city hall Tuesday afternoon, the first time Mr. Seaman or any other city official has administered such an oath to a woman in Westmount's 103-year history. Numerous press photographers and city officials were on hand to witness the historic moment, including **Mayor Donald MacCallum**, shown here peeking between Mr. Seaman and Mrs. Kaplan. The mayor later kissed Mrs. Kaplan, saying, "I'm really happy to be able to kiss an alderman without being called queer," after which Mrs. Kaplan expressed her hopes that she would be able to serve well the city in which she was born and grew up.

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Open letter:

Firemen go public with layoff protest

Westmount's firemen have "gone public" to register their chagrin over city council's decision to release three junior firemen from the Westmount Fire Brigade last month, and have issued an "open letter to citizens" (see "You Say") asking public support to pressure council to reconsider its decision for the sake of brigade morale.

The letter, dated last Tuesday and written by Fmn. Pat Geraghty, president of the local chapter of the International Association of Fire Fighters, expresses the fear that other firemen now have no guaranteed job security and accuses city council of "not living up to its word" after verbal promises of job security had reportedly been given.

Fmn. Geraghty reports that worry and concern have spread right through the ranks of fire fighters, since junior men are worried they might be the next to be released and more senior firemen worry they might be left alone to put out a serious building fire.

Issuance of the letter somewhat surprised Mayor Donald MacCallum and city staff, since, they said, the union chapter had been notified before the men left that staff cuts would be made. This decision was accepted reluctantly by officers of the union, Mayor MacCallum recalls, after it was explained that council was making "emergency" budget cuts to avoid increasing the municipal

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IN CABINET: While there are no Anglophone members of the Parti Québécois government, there is at least one Westmounter. He is Energy Minister **Guy Joron**, MNA for Mille Iles who lives at 1 Malcolm road, just inside Westmount's borders but accessible only from Montreal's Trafalgar road. Mr. Joron, recognized as one of the most experienced high finance and business men in the new government, accompanied Premier René Lévesque on his trip to New York early this week. Two other Westmount residents, both former Liberal cabinet ministers, are MNAs. They are Hon. Fernand Lalonde, 58 Sunnyside avenue, and Hon. Dr. Victor Goldbloom, 5 Grove Park. Westmount MNA George Springate lives in the riding but not in the city of Westmount.

Grant delayed:

Public pressure asked to push CLSC funding

The Westmount-NDG committee to establish a local community service centre (CLSC) here is asking for public pressure to be put on the provincial ministry of social affairs to come forward with a start-up grant which had been promised for Jan. 1.

The CLSC has still received no official word from the ministry saying why the delay has taken place, or when, or even whether, the funds will be forthcoming.

Head and Hands, Inc., an NDG youth counselling and medical clinic, which was to have been one of the community resources to be funded through the CLSC, received a letter last week from the social affairs department announcing that funds had been delayed until late February, despite the fact that the organization finished its one-year federal grant on Jan. 1. The federal grant had been made last

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Arrest follows attacks

A 27-year-old man was arrested last Wednesday night and charged with three purse-snatch-related crimes which had taken place in the previous week, the result of quick reporting on the part of citizens and hard work by Westmount's police patrols and detectives.

The man was stopped at 10:40 pm in the east end of Westmount by Csts. Roland Leger and Normand Jutras, acting on the basis of a description given them by two women who had been victimized by the man at the corner of Wood avenue and de Maisonneuve boulevard a short time earlier. The man was brought to the Westmount police station and questioned by

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Post office renovating

Minor changes are being made at Westmount's Victoria Post Office, 4895 Sherbrooke street west, including moving the counters toward the back of the building and bringing the post office boxes further forward. Postal officials say there will be no disruption of service during the two months expected for renovations. A building permit for the changes was issued last Friday giving an estimated cost of $29,000.

Murder not solved after two years

Just over two years ago, on Jan. 10, 1975, F. Barry Bunch was murdered in his home at 137 Irvine avenue, a murder which shocked the Westmount community as it was the first seemingly premeditated killing here in more than 50 years.

MUC Police homicide squad detectives have still not solved the case, nor have they solved two later Westmount murders, those of Jeannette Vachon on June 10, 1975, at 46 Surrey Gardens, and Alain Lavoie, found in the city snow dump off Belvedere road on Feb. 2 last year.

Officially, the Bunch murder is classified as "break-and-entry," while investigators suspect a lovers' quarrel resulted in the death of Miss Vachon. No motive has been espoused in Mr. Lavoie's death.

Investigations are continuing, police spokesmen say, though they admit it is likely no new turns will come unless somebody comes forward with new information in any of the cases.

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Police down on cabbies, old tickets

Drivers in Westmount, watch out! Stay on the good side of the law, or the Westmount men-in-blue will get you!

A large number of drivers found that out this week, to the benefit of Montreal, Verdun and provincial coffers, as police were spot-checking cars and taxis and arresting anyone with outstanding warrants or driving taxis without a pocket number. In one week's time, police effected 10 arrests on warrants and six arrests for not having pocket-numbers, including some cabbies who were violating the law in more ways than one.

The biggest arrest came during the early-morning hours on Sunday, when a man was found to have some $553 worth of traffic tickets from the City of Montreal outstanding, as well as an $80.98 speeding ticket (with interest accrued) owing to the Quebec Provincial Police who had stopped him in Laprairie, and a $37 ticket owing to the RCMP who had stopped him once in Dorval.

The list of less-momentous arrests goes like this:

Last Tuesday, 10:30 pm, Sherbrooke and Clarke, no pocket number;

Last Wednesday, during evening hours, $46.75 owing to Verdun;

Friday, time unknown, just outside Westmount in St. Henri after being spotted by Westmount's Station 30 patrols, $182.50 owing to Montreal and Verdun;

Friday, 10:25 pm, Sherbrooke at Arlington, no pocket number and an expired driver's license;

Saturday, location unknown, 8:20 am, a tow truck with $34 in Montreal warrants;

Sunday, 12:45 am, Claremont and Sherbrooke, $31 in Montreal warrants;

Sunday, 2 am, Sherbrooke and Strathcona, a warrant already issued for $31.50 from Montreal, besides which he had no pocket number;

Sunday, a short time later, the $670.98 worth of warrants;

Sunday, 3:18 am, St. Catherine just east of Lansdowne, no pocket number;

Sunday, 3:05 pm, corner Mountain and Sherbrooke, no pocket number (the taxi driver told police he had already been stopped once and billed for the same offence);

Sunday, 6:25 pm, a 1977 Trans-Am at the corner of Strathcona and Sherbrooke, $34 in warrants from Montreal;

Monday, 12:20 am, Clarke and Sherbrooke, no pocket number and $62 owing to Montreal;

Monday, 1 am, location unknown, no pocket number;

Monday, 5:05 pm, location unknown, $9.50 in Montreal warrants, and

Monday, 8:42 pm, Atwater and Tupper, $31 in Montreal warrants.

Contest open for heritage motto, emblem

Children who either live or attend school in Westmount have a chance to try their artistic and literary skills and gain a permanent place in Westmount history, by devising a motto and symbol for the Westmount Historical Association.

A contest is being called by the association to mark this year's celebration of Heritage Day, coming next month, to allow an expression of pride in one's country, one's province and one's city.

Deadline for the contest is Feb. 15, and the rules are as follows:

(A) Compose a slogan or motto of no more than 25 words which will express your feelings about our community and its heritage from the past. The words should encourage people to preserve and enjoy objects, buildings and ideas which have been left to us.

(B) Design an emblem, badge or symbol for the same purpose. It can be a picture, a design of letters or both combined and can be in black and white or color. The entry should fit into a 10 cm by 10 cm square.

Address entries to Heritage Day Contest, Westmount Historical Association, c/o Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke street west, Westmount H3Z 1G1. Include your name, address, school and age on the entry. Judges will separate the entries into three categories, up to nine years, 10 to 12 years, and 13 and over. Cash and book prizes will be given out in each category, and the best entries will be published in **The Examiner**.

For further information please phone Mrs. Sally Hooff, 932-5396, Dr. Hélène Saly, 937-1278, or Mrs. Maryla Waters, 484-6323.

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year under agreement with the former provincial government, which had promised to provide funding beginning in 1977.

The telegram last week did not make reference to a CLSC, so there is no indication a start-up of funding from Head and Hands would signal the beginning of the CLSC.

Westmount organizations which might come under the aegis of the CLSC include 4424, Inc., the local youth counselling clinic, the Westmount Senior Citizens' Centre and a home care program for the elderly. Both 4424 and the senior centre are now being funded partially by the City of Westmount, which has warned that the present grants, which end in June, will probably be the last ones to be issued.

"Led down garden path"

Mrs. Gail Tedstone, a member of the CLSC committee, reported that she understood Social Affairs Minister Dr. Denis Lazure was preparing a resumé concerning CLSCs, and expected to meet with the Federation of CLSCs next month. The delay in the start of funding, if it does come in February, would mean programs would be unable to adjust to the change until sometime in April.

"We were led down the garden path by a bunch of civil servants," she said, referring to promises the committee had been given in December that the budget was ready to go, and was simply awaiting Dr. Lazure's signature.

Westmount MNA George Springate told **The Examiner** Friday that he planned a meeting this week with Mrs. Yolande Masella, another member of the committee, to see what he might do to speed up the government.

In the meantime, the committee is asking concerned citizens to write Dr. Lazure, "requesting immediate action to save these respected and needed services for youth and the elderly in Westmount and NDG."

NEW BUYER: Ronald White (right photo) was appointed the city's new purchasing agent by city council last week, replacing **J. Russell Smithers** (left) who retired recently after almost 49 years on the city payroll, the employee of longest standing at the time of his retirement. Mr. Smithers joined the public works department as a clerk on Feb. 28, 1928, and was a buyer for public works at the time that the city established a general purchasing department on May 1, 1946, with him as the purchasing agent. Mr. Smithers handled all purchasing for the city and was in control of the central stores (established about the same time), eventually building up a staff of nine. Mr. White was his assistant for 17 years before taking over the top purchasing post on Monday. Mr. Smithers left the city on pre-retirement leave in August (and received hearty congratulations at the time from **Mayor Donald MacCallum**), and retired officially Dec. 16.

Woman hit standing in street

A 44-year-old Montreal woman was struck by a car as she tried to jaywalk across St. Catherine street from the St. Catherine entrance to Alexis Nihon Plaza at 5:50 pm—after dark—on Saturday. The woman was standing in the middle of the street waiting for traffic to pass when she was hit by a gold 1970 Chevelle, driven west on St. Catherine by a 21-year-old resident of Lewis avenue whom police would not identify.

The woman, who also was not identified, received injuries to her head, left arm and left knee and was taken by police ambulance to the Reddy Memorial Hospital, where she was admitted.

The woman was knocked onto the front hood of the Chevelle when it hit her, **The Examiner** has been told, and when it stopped she fell to the ground.

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

Jan. 18

8:55 pm: 552 Lansdowne, burst water pipe.

Jan. 19

Nil;

Jan. 20

6:50 am: 538 Cote St. Antoine, short circuit in wiring;
8:40 am: 4138 Dorchester, burst water pipe;
6:30 pm: 4343 Westmount avenue, burst water pipe;
7:45 pm: Alexis Nihon Plaza, fire alarm system trouble;

Jan. 21

1:20 pm: 10 Rosemount, apt. 607, ambulance transport to MGH;
4:15 pm: 633 Cote St. Antoine, fire in electrical panel;
4:27 pm: Melville and de Maisonneuve, child transported to MCH;
4:55 pm: 75 Columbia, burst radiator;
7:10 pm: 435 Prince Albert, man transported by ambulance to QEH;
10:04 pm: 141 Irvine, flooded basement;
10:20 pm: 516 Victoria, injured child transported to MCH;

Jan. 22

2:50 pm: King George Park, ambulance transport to QEH (see story);

Jan. 23

1:00 pm: 4300 de Maisonneuve, apt. 607 (west wing), ambulance transport of female to RMH;
5:15 pm: Victoria Hall, west side, strange odor;

Jan. 24

10:55 am: 4501 Sherbrooke, apt. 6E, person with acid burns transported to QEH (see story);
3:53 pm: 221 Victoria, transported man with broken leg to QEH;
7:45 pm: 4781 Sherbrooke, apt. 2, ambulance transport of female to QEH;
10:00 pm: 462 Elm, flooded roof.

SALESKIDS: Pupils at Westmount Park School succeeded in clearing a $1,665 profit through sales of chocolate bars in a nine-day period last month, funds which will allow a greater realm of outside student activities than could otherwise be provided. The 17 top saleschildren were given prizes during a ceremony on the day before Christmas, and are shown above with school principal **Cliff Sterling.** The winners, who averaged between 35 and 50 candy bars sold, included **Chris Pearson, Sid Katz, Mike Pantelidis, Alice Rohach, Tom Bartholl, Thor Bishopric, Alex Bove, Brian Neville, Sooka Wang, Mike Z'Graggen, Manon Dumas, Alex Howatson, Samantha Shatzky, Danny Bishop, Alex Oliver, Steve Williamson and Cheryl Annesley.** Alex Howatson also won a bicycle during a special drawing at the Christmas Eve ceremony.

Explosion of acid burns man

A man repairing a bathtub Monday morning in an apartment at the Parkview, 4501 Sherbrooke street west, was heard screaming by a neighbor who immediately phoned for the Westmount fire ambulance when it became apparent that chemicals had exploded in the repairman's face.

Paramedics arrived soon after 10:55 am and found the man washing his face with a lime substance, which he claimed was an antidote for the acid; instead of allowing him to continue, the firemen quickly turned on the shower and immersed him in water, flushing out his eyes and face which had been badly burned by hydrofluoric acid.

The 29-year-old victim was kept in the water and his eyes were flushed for a full 15 minutes while firemen telephoned hospitals to ensure they were performing the best treatment (they were). Eventually, once the burning had subsided, they wrapped his head with a wet towel and dressing and transported him to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, where an eye doctor was on duty.

The accident was serious enough to draw not only the paramedics assigned to the city ambulance, but also a crew from one city pumper truck which aided in getting the man bathed and wrapped. A fire department salvage truck arrived at the scene later to clean up the bathroom, which had been sprayed with the acid immersed in water from the shower.

The Examiner learned yesterday that the man had been able to open at least one eye by that time and had blurred vision, though doctors were unable to determine whether or not he would ever get back the coating on the eye, which had been completely burned off. The accident was apparently the result of human error, and occurred despite strict controls established by the company with whom he is employed.

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

Jan. 19

432 Wood: for R. Baker by Plomberie Yvon Enrg., to install seven new fixtures, $3,000;

Jan. 21

4895 Sherbrooke: for Government of Canada by René Chenevert Inc., alterations, $29,000.

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Arson probe delayed

Investigation of possible arson as the cause of the fire which destroyed the Westmount Pizzeria building at 4843 St. Catherine street west on Jan. 12 has been held up by the dangerous condition of the building, which has prevented detectives from entering the building to search for clues.

A crane has been ordered to come to the site and remove fallen beams so the men can move more freely on the site. Officials said the crane was scheduled to start work on the site yesterday morning.

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We Say

The non-French fact

THE Parti Québécois government has a problem of communication with its non-French-speaking people.

It is a double gap: not only of language, but that wider one lying between federalist and separatist philosophies.

English-speaking Québecers and their government stand, since Nov. 15, with precious few bridges, if any, across which understanding of each other's positions are being exchanged.

On the ministerial side of the legislature, and most certainly in the cabinet, there is not an elected person who can be recognized as having a handle on the feelings, the attitudes or the needs of, what the PQ nonetheless has acknowledged to be, an important 20 percent of the province's population, let alone the rest of Canada.

Nor is there much evidence that on the opposition side of the house, where sit members representing ridings which did not or could not support separatism, there is anyone—including our own Westmount deputy, Mr. George Springate, or perhaps even less, Westmount resident Dr. Victor Goldbloom—who has yet established known meaningful links with the Lévesque ministry.

For anti-separatists of all origins, and particularly those not at home in the language of which this government pretends to be the ultimate champion, there is a growing feeling of frustration.

Doing business with the Québec government never has been the easiest process, if for other reasons. With some regimes, the honest man or woman never knew if his difficulties arose from the normal inertia of a civil service or, more simple of solution if one chose to "play the game," if the right palms had not been greased.

The new government, we are confident, will be relatively immune to that kind of influence. In any event, we are not speaking of influence; we are concerned rather with the normal interchanges between the governing and the governed whereby unequivocal statements of policy, particularly in relatively routine matters, are made by ministers or responsible departmental people so that the day-to-day, non-political business of the people may proceed in an unimpeded and orderly way. And perhaps more important, that undertakings have a clear run ahead without shifting government positions to inhibit them.

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NOT quite two years ago, the publishers of Quebec's English-language community weekly newspapers meeting in the Laurentians had as their guest Mr. Jacques-Yvan Morin, one of the most bilingually articulate and well-read members of the then-opposition PQ minority at the Ancient Capital. He came representing Mr. Lévesque, who was unable to attend.

In a relaxed and informal address and subsequent discussion with the small group, Mr. Morin outlined the tenets of his party, spoke with great confidence of it gaining power, and was quite clear about the separatist main plank. The other, social objectives of the PQ were found reasonable. If only the withdrawal from Confederation was not the key aim, many editors there that night conceivably could have been won over to Mr. Morin's thinking.

Recognizing this, the speaker appealed in any event for understanding from those of English-speaking origin, stressed the importance of non-French Québecers to the future Québec he envisaged. "There is a place for you," he said, not condescendingly but for sound and practical reasons which he enumerated.

Premier Lévesque, prior to last Nov. 15, also repeatedly made the same kind of appeal to English-speaking people. Only a fortnight before the election, a capacity audience at The Canadian Club of Montreal heard him and, but for the insistence on separatism, could have been persuaded.

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NOW, two months in power, there is disappointment abroad in English-speaking Québec.

The initial shock, that separatism could become a reality, has worn off. The fear of some has given way to nagging worry about the future. For most, however, the more rational wait-and-see reaction is gradually giving way to frustration.

In what ways, one might ask, does the Parti Québécois intend that there be a role for the province's non-French people?

Surely something more than, as the more extremist people of that party are suggesting, that the Anglos settle down to recognize themselves to be and to behave as a minority--however it is a minority is supposed to behave.

Even the most superficial PQ philosophers acknowledge that, if only for historical and emotional reasons, this is not likely to happen, so long as most of us see ourselves as both Québecers and Canadians.

And most certainly not before Québec should no longer be part of Canada—still some way off, after the party now in power has managed to convince a majority of the population and received a mandate to attempt to untie the many knots which make this region part of a greater nation than it could be on its own.

Meanwhile, the workaday life of the province must go on, for French and English alike. For supporters of the PQ option there is still an euphoria of victory. For its opponents, some glimmerings that practical realities for the government and a marshalling of sound argument for a continued Canadian union will prevail.

The feelings of frustration should not give way to alienation, and certainly not despair.

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THE Lévesque government is missing some useful options.

For example, not out of charity so much as out of good self-interest, midst all its acknowledged preoccupations with getting comfortably seated in power, it should be making overtures to the non-French, pro-federalist elements of Québec.

Such overtures should be, primarily, in the opening of clear and direct channels of communication for consultation, for both input and output.

Already, the same Mr. Morin mentioned above, as minister of education, is leading himself into some of the same nettlebeds which entrapped a series of his Liberal predecessors on the subject of language in the schools. He has been led, either by the intractable civil servants of his department or by diehard doctrinaire colleagues, to break on questionable legalistic grounds a clear PQ election promise to abolish language testing of children. The coercion of the Liberals has been resumed by the Péquistes, to the needless disillusionment of the not-inconsiderable New Canadian population which otherwise could have been won over to support of the new régime.

The premier well might have recognized by now that there is a real need for someone, at ministerial level, charged with specific responsibility for "non-French affairs"—every bit as much as for inter-governmental affairs, or for cultural (presumably French) affairs.

This party, if it is sincere in declaring the English-speaking population an important, on-going element in the Québec of the future, should by now be making a conscious effort to recruit into the public service of the province persons of non-French background, at least in some approximation to their numbers among citizens—correcting one of the woeful omissions of the previous government.

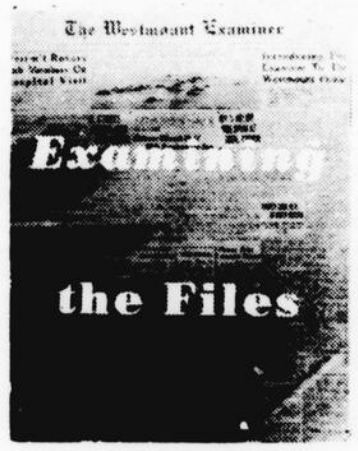
No government should be hostage to fortune, even in this one's prime objective of separation. Just suppose independence, for numerous, quite possible reasons, does not come off and Québec continues indefinitely in the Canadian partnership?

The pressing of the French fact, to the exclusion of all else, could lead this province into a limbo where it became even more unlike the nine others and still lost the benefits of being one of the ten.

I SAY!

As a mother mouse led her offspring across the kitchen floor, the household cat appeared in the doorway and prepared to spring on the family. "Bow-wow! Bow-wow!" cried the mother mouse, and the cat fled. "There, my children," she said. "You see how important it is to speak a second language?"

— The Tenaga, P.Q., Low Down to Hull and Back News



Thirty-five Years Ago
January 29, 1942

"The Westmount Victory Loan Committee, with headquarters at 1383 Greene avenue, is already preparing for the campaign which opens officially on Feb. 16. C. E. McKenna is unit organizer of the drive. The committee leading the campaign here is composed of George A. Campbell, KC, chairman, Mayor Walter A. Merrill, KC, François Faune, J. S. Norris, A. S. Fraser, M. A. Phelan, KC, S. Bronfman and Dent Harrison, Jr. While full plans have not yet been completed, it is expected that a house-to-house canvass will be made of every home in Westmount."

Twenty-five Years Ago
January 25, 1952

"A glowing tribute by his 'own home town' will be paid by Westmount Rotary Club next Wednesday at Victoria Hall when Mark Stevens is honored with a presentation from friends and will speak on 'Canadians invade Hollywood.' The tall, dark and handsome film star was raised in Montreal, lived and went to school in Westmount, and after five years in Hollywood has recently soared to stardom. Mark Stevens will probably dwell not so much on his own success, as on the success of other Canadians."

Fifteen Years Ago
January 26, 1962

"In a desperate attempt to get action, Westmount residents who live in the area from Academy road to the CPR tracks, and from Blenheim place to Metcalfe avenue, have sent a petition to Mayor John C. Cushing and the aldermen of the City of Westmount. The petition, signed by 237 adults, and a list of 106 children who are under the age of 21, requests the installation of traffic lights and an extra street lamp at the corner of Park place and St. Catherine street west. These irate citizens think something should be done 'for the protection of pedestrians before a fatality occurs' at this spot."

Five Years Ago
January 27, 1972

"With a gesture of gallantry not often seen in public office, Samuel Godinsky, QC, with 3½ years of his five-year appointment to the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal yet to run, has resigned to make it possible Tuesday for his next-door neighbour, Westmount School Commissioner Mrs. Sam Kaplan, to take her PSBGM seat without ado. Mrs. Kaplan was elected by her fellow members of the Westmount School Board to replace A. Reid Tilley as Westmount's statutory representative on the PSBGM but a problem was posed by the fact that the legal quota of five Jewish PSBGM members already was filled."

You Say

Layoffs displease firemen's union

Sir: The recent lay-off has not been taken too lightly by the fire fighters of this city and has a very demoralizing effect. A request to management and council to reconsider their decision and recall the three members involved back has failed.

A year ago, a new ambulance service was brought into our department to serve the citizens of this community. At that time, six new members were hired; eight new members were needed. Our hope was that two new members would be hired this year, to balance the shifts properly. Instead, three members were laid-off. Two shifts operated with 16 men and two, with 17 men. Council's decision is to have all four shifts operate with 16 men.

A year ago, a very worthy service was implemented into this community, with a lot of promises and verbal agreements. A year later, three men are laid-off.

There is dissension in the fire department, all because the leaders of your city cannot live up to their word. Once again, we have been assured that there will be no future lay-offs, but when we ask for a guarantee in writing, we are told they cannot do it, because they don't know what the future holds. Once again, another promise, verbally.

We are compared with other cities that operate with less manpower. These cities are increasing their manpower and have been, over the years. Their chiefs and unions are always arguing about insufficient coverage. They run their departments at a very high risk to lives and homes in their communities, with minimum coverage.

Your council compares our department with these cities because, so far, they have been lucky and had no major disasters. Has the dollar become that valuable that it has priority over human life? Have your homes, contents and children become valueless? Our department can survive with 16 members on duty. But, just survive, unless the city wants to pay overtime. But if they are trying to save the valuable dollar, why spend it on overtime?

At times, they will operate the fire department at a calculated risk, the calculated risk being that they hope nothing happens to your homes; that human life is not lost because of it.

The junior men of the department are worried and concerned. Should they risk injuries to themselves just to be told that they will be laid off? The senior men wonder if a junior man comes into a fire-involved building, will he stay or will he leave?

Fire department lay-offs are never heard of, if for no other reason than the mental attitude it can have on the men. Westmount has a lot to be proud of. They were the first in many positive areas. Now they can stand and say, "We were the first to have lay-offs in this province."

Most cities protect their fire personnel, because job security guarantees them a high calibre person. Job security is what he thinks of when applying, not the risk. Presently he has the risk of injury and no job security. A person that could be a good potential fire fighter will think twice before applying.

You can be proud of the men that serve this community. They were highly praised for the way they fought fires in Montreal. Montreal had a major crisis. They were professionals doing a professional job to homes that mean something to families.

Security and maximum manpower is needed. Dissension and fear will not allow the fire fighter to perform properly. These men protect your homes. They are asking you to protect their jobs.

Pat Geraghty
President, Local 981,
International Association of Fire Fighters,
21 Stanton street
WESTMOUNT H3Y 3B1

Capt. Timmons, firemen win citizen's praise

[A copy of the following letter has been sent to The Examiner:]

Director of Public Safety
Westmount City Hall
4333 Sherbrooke street west
Westmount, P.Q.

Dear Sir:

On Jan. 17 a fire was discovered next door at 485 Strathcona avenue, with which we have a common wall. The firemen arrived within five minutes of our phone call.

Quite apart from their obvious concern that the fire was not spreading to this house, the captain and other members of your department took the trouble to keep us informed, advised us, and helped us to move various things in the cellar when water came through the common wall into the cellar.

My wife and I want to express our appreciation, and ask you to give our thanks to Capt. Timmons and his men.

Sincerely,

L. S. Apedaile

483 Strathcona avenue
WESTMOUNT H3Y 2X2

Ald. Kaplan pledges to top expectations

Sir: I want to thank you for your kind words on my behalf in **The Westmount Examiner** of Jan. 20, on my appointment to Westmount City Council.

As a lifetime resident of Westmount I consider it a privilege to be able to serve our community. Mr. Thom, whose unexpired term of office I am completing, has made significant and lasting contributions to municipal life both on the WMA and city council. He has set a high standard for me to follow.

I shall try to fulfil council's faith in me, and to live up to the expectations expressed in your newspaper.

Muriel Kaplan

735 Upper Belmont avenue
WESTMOUNT H3Y 1K1

our M.P.

Hon. C. M. Drury

says...

The economy

The past year has been one of measured achievements—a year in which the critical economic problems that have confronted the industrial world since 1973 have at least been mitigated, if not finally resolved.

The problems of high rates of inflation, high unemployment and substantial unused industrial capacity are still with us, but the reduction in inflationary pressures and the strong growth in industrial output throughout much of 1976 have been reassuring.

The industrial world is, in general, well out of the recession of 1974 and 1975. The recovery has been moderate and new questions are arising as to whether additional fiscal and monetary stimulus will be required.

Canadians in general have been among the fortunate. In contrast to many other

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our M.N.A.

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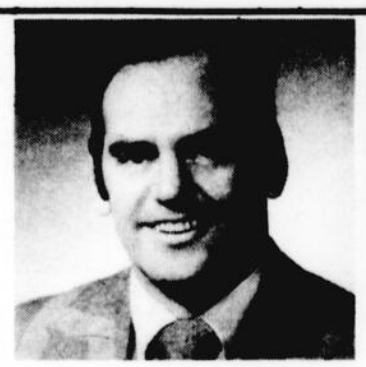

Shaw bid 'defeatist'

Last month, Pointe Claire MNA William Shaw proposed a plan he entitled "Partition." His theory is that if Québec can separate from Canada, then counties within Québec can separate from Québec and, therefore, remain within Canada. Corridors, as now exist in East Germany, would be built between the Canadian border and the county geographically situated in Québec but politically tied to Canada.

Mr. Shaw's partition plan died—as it should have.

Last week, Mr. Shaw came up with another brainwave: an 11th province. The Union Nationale member suggested that the Eastern Townships, the Gatineau region, the Montreal West Island and south of the St. Lawrence river as far as New Brunswick would form this 11th Canadian province, separating itself from Québec.

The Montreal Gazette wrote: "The idea of an 11th province is a flimsy thing, lacking popular support, legal entity, or good sense; it should be put to bed for a long rest."

The Gazette is right. Mr. Shaw's proposal is negative and defeatist in nature.

I will continue to fight for Canada. Québec will remain within Confederation. Groups, clubs, associations and individuals are now actively promoting what I call Team Canada. In Ajax, Ont., it is called "One Nation Ensemble," and in Aylmer it is entitled "Quebec-Canada Anti-Separatist Citizen Association." Whatever the name, the association is always the same: concerned Canadians actively working to keep Canada together. And that is the role I will continue to play.

WESTMOUNT WANDERINGS

I enjoyed speaking to the St. George Kiwanis Club at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel on Tuesday. . . . Met with representatives of Westmount Pre-School this week. I agree with their position and will help them all I possibly can... Will address the Young Progressive Conservatives of Westmount in late February. . . . Met with representatives of the N.D.G.-Westmount CLSC this week. Their problems are real. Hopefully, Québec will respond... Who do you think should be the new leader of the Québec Liberal Party?

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Dilemma in nomenclature:

We get a 'city mother'

By ANDY DODGE

The swearing in Tuesday evening of Mrs. Muriel Kaplan to city council may be an important "plus" for Westmount, in terms of official recognition of women.

Women have played an important part in the recent (and not-so-recent) genesis of Westmount, including Miss Alice Lighthall's activities of the past three decades and the impact of Mrs. JoAnn Issenman, Mrs. Glenda Scott and many, many more in more recent years.

More than once in the past, women have run for council, but the conservative attitude which prevails in Westmount always has rebuffed them. The Westmount Municipal Association showed the way in 1975 by endorsing Mrs. Issenman's candidacy, but seems to have been ever so slightly ahead of its time. This year, the WMA went one step further by submitting a recommendation to council that it choose a woman to replace the retiring Ald. James Thom. As we saw it, council already was leaning heavily toward that idea, and used the WMA recommendation as a blessing to go that way.

What has been happening is the result of years of activity in the women's rights field, to the point that even in conservative Westmount women are now receiving the recognition they deserve. No matter that the "break" in the all-male council tradition was made by Mrs. Kaplan rather than Mrs. Issenman, or even by the three women who had run for city council before her.

While Mrs. Issenman lost her election by only 26 votes, the original woman to run for council in 1955, Mrs. Rolande B. Cardinal, lost to Gerald Ryan with only 305 of 3,145 votes cast. That stunning loss kept women out of council balloting for another five years, until Mrs. Helena F. Reusing challenged for alderman the future mayor, Michael Tucker—and got 658 out of 2,632 votes cast. The women's movement was thus beginning to build, it seemed, so Mrs. Renia Nilski tried two years later against Fred Gross, but without success. She got 298 votes out of 2,511 submitted.

Anyhow, the break finally has been made. A woman is on city council, and those difficult decisions which must eventually be made can be put off no longer.

We must readjust our entire "newspeak" to the terminology of a new era.

Strike at council roots

The readjustments strike not only at the roots of council itself, but at all the activity surrounding council, including **Examiner** coverage of city council meetings. Though it may seem frivolous, we and city staff will have a tough time knowing how to refer to the new municipal administration.

Let's start with the word "alderman," which Webster describes simply as "a member of a city legislative body," with no sexual connotations added. Can Mrs. Kaplan be considered an alderman, therefore, or is she an alderwoman or just an alderperson? Of the "alder" part, there can be little argument; though derived as it is from the German "alter," which means old, it should be said that few women (or even men) like to be considered as such.

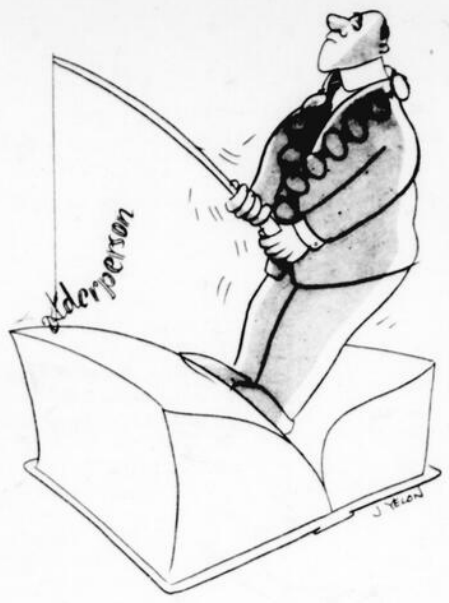
"Man," going back to its roots, also comes from German and even from the Sanskrit "manu," according to Webster. Cassell claims that the German "man" is really a pronoun which means "one, they, people, men," similar to the French "on," which is completely asexual. (Sorry, we don't have a Sanskrit-English dictionary readily available. Also note the distinction between the German pronoun "man" and the noun "mann," which is usually reserved for the male of the species.)

Webster begins its description of the word "man" as "a human being," but then adds, "esp. a male human being." Its next use of the word is for the human race, and then describes "man" as "a bipedal primate" and goes on to distinguish between apes and human beings.

Weighted toward male

Using all of these facts together, the majority rule would seem to show that Mrs. Kaplan can indeed be called an "alderman," even if it does twig the sensitivities of the purists who feel that the English language itself is weighted in favor of the male of the species.

Translators at city hall must also worry about whether Mrs. Kaplan becomes an "échevine," or whether because Westmount's majority language is English, the term can remain the same as (we have agreed?) it would be in English. If people worry about the weighting of the English



language in favor of men, remember that no matter what happens in the next few years, the group of city councillors in Westmount will continue to be known in French as "échevins," since the existence of one man on council directs the plural into the male category. Not until all of the representatives (outside of the mayor) are women does the plural receive a feminine orientation.

Of course, many persons already have suggested that the terms "alderman" and "échevin" are outdated, coming as they do from a British-oriented municipal structure. Henceforth, these people argue, members of municipal councils should be known generally as "councillors," a term which helps semantically since there is no sex-orientation at all.

Though that might help in English, the French, according to Mansion, divide members of councils into "conseillers" and "conseillères," so the translators will still have to worry. As for English writers like me, specially those who dwell so many times on the activities of city council, rest assured that "councillors" will continue to be used heavily (perhaps more heavily than before), but it is still nice to be able to have terms such as "alderman" at our disposal.

Hard deliberation

Staff at city hall (and at **The Examiner**) still must deliberate whether or not the switch should become official, and thus whether the proper title abbreviation should continue to be "Ald." or whether it should switch to "Cclr.," "Coun.," "Con.," or some other conglomeration of letters. Webster recognizes "Ald." as a legitimate abbreviation, but a careful scan of its abbreviations list shows no acceptable shortening of the word "councillor."

In any event, it is highly unlikely that, considering the time it has taken in electing a woman to council, the city will be willing to take the radical step of shaking off its old-country ties by relinquishing "Ald." from official jargon, specially since it could, if purists wished, stand for "alderwoman" or even "alderperson" as much as for "alderman."

Staff has another problem, which does not touch journalists quite so drastically. Tradition has dictated that reports to council from staff are addressed: "To the mayor and members of council: Gentlemen:" Some at city hall have deliberated a new form of address, perhaps: "To the mayor and members of council: lady and gentlemen:" "madam and gentlemen:" "gentlepeople:" or perhaps, now that we have established "alderman" as reasonably asexual, to become less formal and simply call them that.

The problem has not reportedly been resolved but will have to be in time for the next report on tenders, public meetings for zoning or loan by-laws, or numerous other reports submitted orally by City Clerk Ronald Seaman at council sessions.

While we leave that problem to Mr. Seaman, others remain for journalists to resolve. Collectively Westmount's legislative body is known as "city council," but that is rather impersonal and fails to recognize the members as people, whether male or female. The word "city councillors" is a little more personal, but still does not elevate the officials to the status they (hopefully) deserve. Thus have we used the term "solons" to describe the mayor and aldermen as a group, and will continue to do so.

Maybe 'city parents'?

The problem arrives when we try, for variety's sake, to interchange that term with "city fathers." Can the six men and one woman who guide Westmount still be known as such? Does Mrs. Kaplan become a "mother," if the rest are "fathers"? Do we have a council made up of "city parents"? Or do we change the term entirely, calling the members "city elders," (viz. at "alderman") despite their youth and energy?

Perhaps, some have suggested, we simply should drop the term altogether, but "solons" is rather a heavy word and quickly can be over-used.

Some people have suggested that Mrs. Kaplan has become the "first lady" of city council, first because she is the first woman to have entered council's ranks and secondly because she holds the highest municipal public office of any women in Westmount. "First lady" is an American term, meaning, according to Webster, either "the wife or hostess of the chief executive of a country or jurisdiction," or "the leading woman of an art or profession." The American dictionary is thus ambivalent on the subject, but it would seem more appropriate to leave Mrs. Peggy MacCallum, the mayor's wife, with the status she has enjoyed until now. Sorry, Mrs. Kaplan.

I write these words before **The Examiner** has established or pronounced an official editorial policy on the subject of terminology, in the hope of offering advice and arguments which my boss can consider, and also to give the public an idea of the extreme dilemma Mrs. Kaplan's election to council has caused us.

One only can hope that Ald. Kaplan can solve more problems during her tenure on council than she has caused in taking the seat.

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Our M.P. . . .

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industrial countries, the recession in Canada was relatively mild, although of longer than usual duration. Partly because of the automatic indexation of Federal income taxes and other stimulative measures, consumer expenditures on goods and services increased in '74 and '75 at normal rates, nearly 5 percent annually in real terms with an increase of over 5 percent in real consumer expenditures in 1976. In these three years, the standard of living of Canadians increased at a substantially higher rate than in any other major industrial country.

However, Canada has been less fortunate in some other respects. While the rate of inflation in Canada has been somewhat less than the average for the OECD countries, the Federal Government has been concerned about the disparity between inflation rates in Canada and in the United States, which emerged most strongly in 1975 and continued in '76.

Rise exceeds U.S.'s

The consumer price index increased nearly 11 percent in Canada in 1975 compared to 9 percent in the United States. The wage increases provided in new collective agreements in Canada in 1975 approached an annual rate of 21 percent, while those in the United States amounted to only 10 percent. This provided a clear indication of the dangers of an accelerated rate of inflation which confronted Canada in the latter part of 1975. Canada's competitive position was seriously threatened. It was for this reason that the federal government reluctantly imposed the incomes and price restraint program in October 1975.

We now have completed a full year of price and income controls. Although the program has been subject to criticism from various sectors, it has achieved its objectives in the first year—inflationary pressures have been reduced sub-

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A special message from the publisher

to the apartment-residents

of Westmount

If you live in an apartment house in Westmount and are not already a subscriber to **The Westmount Examiner**, this copy of the newspaper of the city-community in which you make your home is individually addressed to you with the compliments of the publisher.

I hope you will take a few moments to read on and let me tell you why this attention.

There is, of course, the obvious reason: I would like you to join the growing list of local citizens who receive **The Examiner** through their letter-boxes every Thursday—persons who faithfully renew every year, often two or three money-saving years at a time. Many have been faithful readers of this newspaper throughout its nearly half-century of service to this community. But more of this further on.

Why do Westmounters take* The Examiner*; indeed, quickly phone to tell us when occasionally a copy goes astray [we promptly hand-deliver another by car] with the almost universal plea: "We can't do without it in our house!"?

Primarily, they tell us, it is because of the strong sense of community in Westmount. This is a tightly-knit, compact, highly-identifiable city-enclave within a large metropolis—indeed, almost in the heart of and entirely surrounded by the City of Montreal. It is quite unique, both an attractive residential suburb and a bustling urban core and not entirely either.

This sense of community stems from many features of life here: it is a neighborly place, friendly and homey midst sophistication. No Westmounter need feel big-city alienation, nor proscribed by small-townish limits on outlets for activities and interests. Most everything is here, or near at hand.

Westmount is full of interesting and interested people. Contrary to the popular caricature of Westmount, it is not a preserve of special privilege or a bastion of Anglo-Saxon wealth. To be sure, among Westmounters are some of the most well-to-do, accomplished or well-known persons in Canada and beyond. But at the same time, our community represents almost every class, kind, station, race and creed—a fascinating cross-section of every interest. You are part of this mosaic, simply by living here.

The municipal government of Westmount is one of the best in the country: it is hard to tell whether this is because of Westmount's people, or the people were attracted because of it. Education is a big thing here: its schools, ranging from the most exclusive private institution to basic-public, are excellent: again, because the people—who include, incidentally, many prominent educators—demand them; or were our people attracted by the opportunities here for their children? Other community facilities such as an array of very active churches, the public libraries, the conservatories, the meeting places, the parks and the wide variety of recreation facilities, go to make Westmount.

. . . And to make news, feeding the consuming interests of Westmounters in the life of their community, and in turn prompting their views in a constant interchange as individuals and as groups constantly coalescing to heighten that sense of community.

All of which is grist for* The Westmount Examiner*—the LOCAL paper which appears in the letter-boxes of Westmount every Thursday morning, reporting and mirroring the many-sided interests which abound here.

It is claimed that apartment-dwellers don't get their roots down in the neighborhood. Not so. Many long-time residents, born and brought up here, live still happily tied to the community, tenants in our multi-storied dwellings, happy, interested and alert to the events immediately around them. The only difficulty sometimes is reaching some of them.

Four times a year we try. Until this free-sample issue of **The Examiner**, non-subscribers in apartments have been approached by leaving sample copies in the vestibules. We know this is not very effective, wasteful and, some say quite rightfully, often only a littering of lobbies leading to a clearing away of the papers by fastidious janitors before you have had a chance to pick up your copy.

Now we have changed that. Over the recent holiday season we employed a student who listed the name of every apartment resident in Westmount. These we have fed into our computer. This week's paper thus reaches you in the form of this personalized complimentary copy, with your day's mail.

We hope you enjoy it and, having read it, feel moved to want* The Examiner *every week.

A word about this free issue. It is larger than our normal paper, which averages through the year about 20 pages. The reason for the enlarged size is that many advertisers take advantage of the additional free circulation to carry their messages to you. However, the regular issue of **The Examiner** contains almost as much news, feature and editorial matter as you will find in these pages, sometimes more whenever there is more to report. Rarely does reading matter drop below 50 percent of the space—and I must add that the regular advertising, not forgetting the ever-popular Classifieds for which we are well-known, constitutes also an important source of valuable and useful information to Westmounters.

Staff and contributors together team up to bring readers each week a comprehensive picture of Westmount's seven days, plus the longer view of the local scene. Regular, detailed coverage of city council and municipal departments is our staple—information which, except for a skimming of the top by other media, is unobtainable from any other single source. Information which is of vital importance to you as a resident of this city, however indirectly it may seem that taxes, city services and other decisions made at city hall may appear to involve you in your high- or low-rise home. Local government alone makes **The Examiner** invaluable local fare to all Westmounters. But there are many pluses, which will catch your eye as you scan our pages.

While we have long taken an extremely parochial view of our coverage—the office slogan appears to be: "If it didn't happen in Westmount or happen to a Westmounter, it didn't happen!"—we do lift our sights quite frequently onto matters of general concern to local citizens of the province, the nation and the world. A recent new feature is a regular column, "Beyond Westmount's Borders," specially designed for the apartment dweller with perhaps more lively interests in greater Montreal.

More particularly, with the partly-true image of Westmount as a focal point of Anglophone Québec, there is a responsibility devolving upon all who live here and **The Examiner** as their principal means of exclusively local expression, to talk and listen, write and read about the vital issues now unfolding over the future of the country, the province and the city.

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Westmount vs. Town of Mount Royal:

What's $6 million between suburbs?

[PART ONE]

By ANDY DODGE

Westmount has always been a better place to live than the Town of Mount Royal, most Westmounters would argue. But few would deny that TMR does have a very good program of city services, in some cases even better than Westmount's. Most people here would even go so far as to say that, were it not for Westmount itself, they very well might choose to live in "the town."

In today's budget-conscious society, however, the reverse might not be true. People living in the Town of Mount Royal might even shudder at the idea of moving into Westmount, except perhaps to get a little closer to downtown Montreal.

Why? The answer is simple.

Westmount's tax rate is $1.07 per $100 of valuation, while in TMR property-owners pay a paltry (by comparison) 34½ cents per $100 valuation, so Westmounters are paying more than three times the taxes on property as their town counterparts. Not only that, Westmount struggled through 1976 with a $391,500 deficit, while TMR languished in the bliss of a $627,274 surplus; and while this city's financial wizards are scraping together every possible penny to come up with a balanced budget for 1977, TMR has planned another slight surplus, without even including in its budget some revenue items it can expect.

How can this be? Westmount is supposed to be "the rich community" of Quebec or even Canada, full of financial know-how. It receives far more in terms of provincial grants and subsidies than TMR, collects far more amusement tax and court fines, has a parking lot which brings in a tidy sum, reaps a healthy profit in its city-run light and power department, funds from which go to defray general expenses, and covers just over half the land-area of TMR. Yet it budgets for more than $6 million more in expenses than Mount Royal, and asks ratepayers to shoulder 35 percent of the city budget, while TMR property-owners pay only 20 percent of municipal expenses in direct property tax.

Vital differences

To react, however, by saying "Impossible!" is to ignore a few other vital facts about the two cities. Westmount is built on the side of a hill, a fact which costs more than the average city-dweller can imagine. Being in the central-city, more traffic passes through Westmount, causing greater wear and tear on the roads, among other things. TMR has a large industrial park, two shopping centres (compared to Westmount's one), and only 60 acres of parkland compared with 110 acres in Westmount.

Perhaps more important, 18.2 percent of the total valuation in Westmount is tax-exempt, compared with only 6.4 percent in TMR; though the town has some $50,000,000 less total valuation, it actually is able to spread the tax burden among more total taxable valuation than Westmount can. Also, the town uses a "pay-as-you-play" policy in its recreation department, which goes a long way toward balancing its recreation budget.

Most important, perhaps, Mayor Reginald Dawson of TMR instituted a policy 26 years ago, on becoming mayor, that the town would no longer issue debentures for periods longer than 10 years. While some Westmount officials are a bit skeptical that this could be so, a review of TMR's list of debentures shows that the town has fewer outstanding, and though each loan may cost more to citizens initially, there are fewer payments to make each year under the system, and the town's debt service is thus far lower than Westmount's.

Westmount's city council has already announced that they are looking with great interest at the TMR budgeting techniques and that an item-by-item study might give some indications of how Westmount could further reduce costs, or at least reduce the burden on property-owners.

Comparison problems

Though some of the items on the two budgets are extremely difficult to compare due to the nature both of the municipalities and the budgeting techniques, a study of their differences can give city council a brief insight into what is in store for them, should they choose to tackle the immense problem. The study might also give citizens a greater appreciation of Westmount, which, despite its faults, can still be proud of its municipal and fiscal management policies.

The items listed in each municipality's budget are set down by the provincial government, to whom copies of the annual budgets must be sent. Though such itemization certainly helps in comparing the budgets, it should be noted that each municipality must decide for itself what payments to include in each category, to a certain extent.

Looking first at expenditures, it is found that generally, in terms of broad categories, both Westmount and TMR apportion their budgets among the various departments (or at least the Quebec designations for departments) in about the same manner. TMR does spend significantly more for recreation, in terms of dollars, and actually expends 15.6 percent of its total budget for this purpose, while in Westmount only 9.1 percent of the municipal budget goes for recreation.

Westmount's past and present financial straits also cripple it somewhat more than TMR, as almost $2.5 million is being used this year to fund the debt service, any bad debts which might be written off (TMR has budgeted for none), dissolution of the 1976 deficit, contingencies and appropriation for a working fund. Because of the deficit-surplus relationship, it seems appropriate to include TMR's 1976 surplus to reduce its payments on debt for 1977, rather than to include it under revenue.

Water, power profits

Also noteworthy, on the broad overview, is the comparison of costs between Westmount's city-run power department and TMR's city-run water department. The town buys water from Montreal in bulk and distributes it to houses and buildings by meter, just as Westmount does electricity. While Westmount makes a 30.8 percent profit in the power department, TMR's profit is 37.6 percent, but the smaller expenditures and revenues mean TMR makes only about a third as much money to use in defraying other city expenses.

Beginning, as we should, at the top of the expenditures list, we find that TMR actually spends more for legislation than Westmount by some $5,300. Much of this can be explained by the fact that costs of the town's architectural committee, some $4,000, is included in this sum, while in Westmount the considerably-higher payments and costs of the city's highly-regarded architectural and planning commission are included in the "environmental development" portion of the budget.

Westmount's municipal court is far busier and more active than is TMR's, largely because the Westmount court has been given extended powers to issue warrants and subpoenas and to handle criminal cases, powers which few other smaller municipal courts have. City officials also note that Westmount has been attributed more policemen than TMR and handles more traffic within its bounds on a per-day basis (even including the Metropolitan Boulevard service road, it seems), so that more police activity, specially in the area of traffic, takes place here.

One might also note that the Westmount municipal court, which is expected to cost $120,000 to operate this year, will probably produce some $350,000 in court fines (166.7 percent return on investment), while in TMR the $65,670 cost of operation will produce only $115,000 in fines for use by the town (a 75.1 percent return).

Computer expensive

Cost of the finance department and general administration of TMR is far lower than in Westmount, largely because of a smaller staff and because Westmount will spend some $100,000 operating its own computer for everything from budget read-outs to power bills, while TMR plans to rent computer time for only $10,000. Westmount officials could not explain this wide disparity entirely, but suggested there might be any number of costs included in the general heading for both communities.

The same conjecture applies with city clerk-town clerk budgets, which are far closer in any event, but it could not immediately be determined what responsibilities the TMR town clerk has, nor how many staff she has at her disposal, compared to Westmount's.

Quite surprising is the fact that TMR actually will spend more on personnel administration than Westmount, including $7,000 for "labor relations" which Westmount city officials do not budget for. Westmount's personnel office handles a staff of some 430 employees, almost twice the 241 reported to be working for the town, meaning Westmount gets away with a personnel budget of $98.14 per municipal employee, while in TMR

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1977 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

	Westmount		Town of Mount Royal		Difference Westmount - TMR
General Administration:					
legislation	$ 85,900		$ 91,200		$ - 5,300
municipal court	120,000		65,670		54,330
finance and management	596,800		292,600		304,200
city clerk	139,900		116,150		23,750
personnel	42,200		45,180		- 2,980
employee benefits	1,133,900		724,500		409,400
other	288,700		222,280		66,420
TOTAL		$2,407,400		$1,557,580	849,820
Public safety:					
fire and civil protection		1,431,300		788,470	642,830
Road transport:					
administration	247,700		449,400		- 201,700
streets and sidewalks	518,800		396,500		122,300
snow removal	800,800		527,000		273,800
street lighting	97,700		127,200		- 29,500
traffic control	105,800		71,700		34,100
TOTAL		1,770,800		1,571,800	199,000
Environmental health:					
sewers	64,100		56,100		8,000
garbage	582,200		513,000		69,200
TOTAL		646,300		569,100	77,200
Health and welfare:		45,000		96,960	- 51,960
Environmental development:					
urban planning		219,100		70,640	148,460
Recreation and cultural services:					
administration	114,500		238,550		- 124,050
community centres	86,600		132,590		- 45,990
arenas and rinks	152,900		273,455		- 120,555
swimming pools	57,000		65,160		- 8,160
parks and playgrounds	657,900		415,235		242,665
library	239,650		269,650		- 30,000
TOTAL		1,308,550		1,394,640	- 86,090
Other:					
municpal buildings	371,600		501,600		- 130,000
machinery, vehicles	491,400		385,700		105,700
TOTAL		863,000		887,300	- 24,300
Finance:					
debt service, bad debts	1,729,100		1,231,617		497,483
deficit (surplus)	391,500		(627,274)		1,018,774
other	363,650		0		363,650
TOTAL		2,484,250		604,343	1,849,307
Services:					
power and light	3,210,300		0		
parking lot	37,600		0		
municipal housing	20,000		0		
water	0		546,000		
sewer—capital expense	0		217,031		
TOTAL		3,267,900		763,031	2,504,869
TOTAL MUNICPAL		$14,443,600		$ 8,303,864	$ 6,139,736
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Hillside Place deficit budgeted at $209,674

The Hillside Place public housing project is expected to incur a $209,674 deficit in the coming year, nearly 75 percent of the total operating budget of the premises.

The City of Westmount is responsible for 10 percent of the deficit, with the provincial government paying the remaining 90 percent, meaning the project will be costing Westmount taxpayers some $21,000 in the coming year.

The official budget for Hillside Place was approved by city council last week, after Mayor Donald MacCallum noted that the deficit will increase some $34,000, partially, he said, because it was dicided that garage doors should be installed to save on heating and maintenance costs for the building in the future.

The project expects to bring in some $72,320 worth of revenue during 1977, mostly involving apartment rentals but including also rents for outdoor parking spaces and garages. On the expense side, $20,072 will be used for administrative costs, $54,236 will go for services and $39,300 for upkeep and repairs, including $6,000 for the new garage doors and $9,500 for heating elements. Another $8,700 will be used to improve the heating and ventilation systems in the building.

In terms of increases, the administrative costs are expected to go up by 16.6 percent in the coming year compared to 1976; maintenance costs by 11.6 percent, and upkeep (including capital expense) by some 224 percent.

Also included in the budget are $66,289 in taxes to the city, the Montreal Urban Community and schools, and some $102,097—nearly half the total deficit—for amortization of the capital debt.

According to the budget, nine of the 64 tenants will be expected to pay more than $150 in monthly rents while 12 people will pay the minimum $45 rent. Rooms and rents are determined according to size of family and ability to pay.

Valuation report in limbo

It is highly unlikely anyone in authority will ever see the report on valuations prepared by former Municipal Affairs Minister Dr. Victor Goldbloom, Mayor Donald MacCallum suggested last week.

Answering a question from Mrs. Edythe Germain, 198 Cote St. Antoine road, the mayor said, "It's my guess it's gone forever."

He added, however, that the new provincial government had promised a complete study of municipal financing and property taxation beginning next month, and he hoped something might result from that which would help homeowners in Westmount and elsewhere in the province.

Westmount was not among the hardest-hit in terms of valuation increases this year, he assured Mrs. Germain.

Ald. Pierre Lamontagne pointed out that Westmounters do have the right to challenge their 1977 valuation increases by presenting appeals to the city clerk by the end of April. He warned, however, that it might cost something to carry through with such an appeal.

Expenditures . . .

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each worker will cost $187.47 to coordinate.

On the other side of the personnel question, however, is the fact that Westmount will contribute more than $1 million to employee benefits this year, $409,400 more than TMR intends to pay. Town officials admit that Westmount's staff is one of the best-looked-after in the Montreal area, though they claim TMR is gradually improving and will eventually reach parity with Westmount.

"Other expenditures" include sick leave, termination pay, training courses, postage and telegrams, telephones and a host of other miscellaneous matters, according to the carefully-itemized TMR budget, and purchasing and stores have been included in the category. Broken down on a per-capita basis, the sums come to a bit more than $10 per person in TMR, and $13 per person in Westmount.

Two fire stations

Public safety, including mainly the fire departments of the two municipalities, seems to be a sore spot, with Westmount spending 81.5 percent more than TMR on protection. Westmount has two stations because of the city's hilly terrain, however, and thus more fire vehicles and nearly twice as many men. Any arguments of reducing the Westmount Fire Brigade would be countered by claims of increased fire safety in this city, the reputation Westmount claims in the Montreal Urban Community and a host of other considerations. A glance at **The Examiner's** list of fire calls each week shows that the men are seldom relaxing.

Under "roads and transportation," it would seem many of the non-specified costs to TMR are accumulated in the administrative portion of the budget, which is some $200,000 more than in Westmount, while for Westmount at least half the difference is taken up in "streets and sidewalks." TMR claims 55 miles of roads in its 2.87-square-mile area, compared with only 32.2 miles of roads in Westmount, whose area is 1.526 square miles. The higher volume of traffic in Westmount can very easily account for the $34,100 difference in the cost of traffic control; noteworthy is the lower cost of street lighting for Westmount, but one must remember that electricity is a city-supplied resource here.

Snow removal is also much more difficult in Westmount because of the hill, and despite the cost-reductions included in the 1977 budget Westmount can be expected to spend fully 52 percent more than TMR in this category. Also costly is Westmount's snow-melting pit at Glen road, a resource TMR apparently does not enjoy. City officials point out that sloping streets must be cleared to the pavement to allow cars to move freely, and that very few Westmount by-ways are "quiet traffic streets," used by residents only, as are many of Mount Royal's.

TMR officials add that very few of their lanes are cleared, only those which are necessary as fire or heavy commercial lanes. "In fact," says the town's treasurer, "we don't have that many lanes."

More garbage here

Westmount's 35.6 miles of sewers cost $64,100 to maintain, compared with only $56,100 to maintain 55 miles of sewers in TMR. The steep slopes should have a beneficial effect for Westmount here, though they may be more difficult to get at when work is needed. Westmount city officials point out that the city sewers are much older than TMR's; the town is still paying Montreal dearly ($217,031 in 1977) for the capital expense of its sewers, while Westmount is paying almost nothing.

This city's 22,143 (revised 1976 Statistics Canada figures) residents dispose of some 263 tons of garbage a week, compared with 231 tons thrown away by 21,371 (TMR census, 1976) citizens of Mount Royal. It might be expected that the 0.618 tons of garbage generated by each Westmounter each year would cost more to cart and destroy than the 0.562 person-tons in TMR. While Mount Royal contracts out for garbage removal, the cost of $42.70 per ton does not compare favorably to Westmount's $42.57—though the size of the city may have something to do with that. Westmount officials also point out that much of the capital cost for trucks and the city incinerator is hidden in the debt service, while TMR must include such costs as part of its private contract.

Health is one area in which the Town of Mount Royal seems to benefit from higher expenditure. While in both communities the public health staff has been taken under government payroll and is being paid through hospitals, TMR has kept on two nurses and a psychologist as well as a social worker and a part-time medical officer of health (which Westmount also does, along with another health-care worker). Officials speak with pride about the town's "Hello" service, whereby nurses call elderly and shut-in citizens each morning to make sure they are having no difficulty.

Under "environmental development," which includes urban planning, it has already been noted that Westmount has added here the pay to the citizen-members of its architectural and planning commission, while TMR has not. Westmount also includes its rather large force of building and plumbing inspectors; TMR claims a building permits department is budgeted within the "urban planning" category for 1977, but the costs (and needs for costs) are far lower than here, since redevelopment is at a lower ebb.

User-pay in TMR

Recreation sticks out as another big difference between the two communities, and one which Westmount city officials are examining closely. The "user-pay" principle, whereby citizens pay for family memberships (expected to reap $15,000 for TMR) and then pay for each activity, allows the town to have a plethora of recreational activities unknown to Westmounters (a golf studio, for example, and a rug making course), many of which actually create a profit for the town. The $420,900 collected by the town in fees represents well over half the budget of the recreation department (not including parks and playgrounds and the library), and is actually more than Westmount pays ($411,000) for administration, Victoria Hall, arenas and rinks and the swimming pool.

Parks and playground, taken separately, seem to indicate that Westmount spends most of its "cultural service" money in this category, and this may be so. But when it is considered that TMR has 46 percent less parkland than Westmount, one realizes that Mount Royal gets to spend more money ($6,921) per acre compared to Westmount ($5,929 per acre).

The Reginald J. P. Dawson Library in TMR also spends more money—$30,000—than the Westmount Public Library, but there is no ready explanation for this. On the revenue side, Westmount expects to get back a full $20,000 in memberships and fines, twice as much as TMR does, so the cost to the town is really $40,000 more than it is to Westmount. Perhaps better management is responsible for Westmount's lower sums; in any event, this city's library enjoys an excellent reputation throughout the area, so the lower costs can only be appreciated.

Buildings comparable

Citizens can also appreciate the fact that Westmount spends less on its municipal buildings than does TMR, despite the fact that they are roughly comparable facilities (though town officials are in TMR Hall, while Victoria Hall stands separate from city hall), and though it is believed Westmount's building budget includes the costs of three power sub-stations. One city official suggests that Westmount has reduced its maintenance costs for buildings somewhat by contracting out to an efficient cleaning service, though whether the same holds true in TMR could not be determined immediately.

Cost of machinery and vehicles in Westmount is 27.4 percent higher than in Mount Royal, a factor perhaps having something to do with the mountain slopes and almost certainly with the number of snow-removal vehicles, garbage trucks, garbage-cart-towing pickup trucks and extra fire vehicles used here. The savings in building costs are completely lost by the difference in machinery and vehicle maintenance, resulting in a net extra expenditure by Westmount of $24,300.

Financing costs, as already mentioned, go heavily in favor of TMR due to the number of debentures still outstanding in Westmount (stretching from some issued in the 1930's to some which will not be fully repaid until well into the first decade of the next century) and the fact that Westmount must repay a deficit from last year while Mount Royal had a surplus. Also, Westmount has now nearly depleted its cash reserves, which it has been using since 1968 to defray general expenses, though it still has about $250,000 it wants to keep on hand in case of a bad winter, for example, or a serious fire. The reserve depletion has been done as a result of provincial government directives.

The intricacies of capital cost repayments cannot be analyzed here, but suffice it to say that Mayor Dawson, in TMR, has spoken proudly of his determination to keep serial debentures down to a 10-year repayment time.

Profit from parking

Expense for city services, including Westmount's power department, Tupper street and Greene avenue parking lots and the Hillside Place public housing project, come to far more than the costs of water and capital expense of sewers in TMR. Though the $2.5 million seems to be another figure hurting Westmount, it should be noted that when the revenues to be reaped by the parking lots (including the newly-metered ones) and the power department are put together, the items in the services section of the budget actually bring in $1,097,100 more than they cost.

If this profit is added to the revenue side, the city budget goes from $14,443,600 to $11,175,700, cutting in half the difference between total budgets of the two municipalities. TMR, on the other hand, will make only a $329,000 surplus off its water department, while cost of the new sewers accounts for 4.4 cents of the property-tax rate.

In the overall comparison of the two municipalities' expenditures it appears the major differences that could bear changing are in the debt service and the recreation department, since it is doubtful many Westmounters would be willing to save by having substantially less fire protection, inspections services, urban planning or snow removal. All other higher costs to Westmount appear to be explained by the hilly terrain or other valid reasons.

Two questions

One question, therefore, is: should citizens in Westmount pay for recreational services as they use them, or should Westmount continue with its policy of open recreational facilities for all citizens? The user-pay principle would probably increase the number of recreational programs available here, but, many would argue, citizens pay so much in taxes already that they should be able to receive the facilities and services gratis.

The second question is whether or not Westmount should begin revising its lending policies to shorten terms of loans. If this is the case, it would have to be at a time that few new capital expenses were anticipated, since the higher annual cost of each individual loan would hurt badly if the volume of dollars borrowed remained the same as it has in recent years.

These are questions city council must tackle, but the very active Westmount citizenry should help council ponder the questions, and perhaps come up with suggestions of its own during city council meetings.

In the second part of this study, **The Examiner** will examine the revenue side of each municipality's budget, to find out how TMR's ratepayers are able to pay so much less in property taxes, even though Westmount has more sources of revenue and makes so much of a profit from the light and power department.

Liberal fund raiser:

Solicitor General Fox to speak

The Solicitor General of Canada, Hon. Francis Fox, MP, will be the guest speaker at a fund raising buffet supper at Victoria Hall, Feb. 2 at 6:30 pm, sponsored by the Liberal Association of the Federal Riding of Westmount. Mr. Fox will speak on the current political situation in Quebec at the gathering which will be hosted by Westmount MP, Hon. C. M. Drury.

The 35-year-old solicitor general, who is MP for the Quebec riding of Argenteuil-Deux Montagnes, will speak not

Hon. Francis Fox

so much on the affairs of his own department, but on the problems that the two cultures are facing since the election of the Parti Québécois government in Quebec.

Mr. Fox's background, which stems from both cultures, gives him an understanding and insight into the current situation. A graduate of Jean de Brébeuf College in Montreal, he took degrees in law at both the University of Montreal and Harvard. A member of the bar of the province of Quebec, Mr. Fox attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar before returning to the practice of law in 1966.

He was first elected to the House of Commons in 1972 and was re-elected in 1974. In 1975 he was named parliamentary secretary to the minister of justice and attorney general of Canada and was named to the cabinet last September.

He has also participated in the work of parliamentary delegations to the United Nations, NATO and the United Kingdom. He chaired the special house committee on egg marketing in 1974 and in 1975 was appointed co-chairman of the national convention of the Liberal Party of Canada.

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- Do park in your driveway or parking apron, making sure the vehicle is at least two feet clear of the sidewalk. When cars project over the sidewalk, they hinder the operation of sidewalk plows and create accident hazards by forcing pedestrians onto the roadway. The recommended two-foot clearance permits plows to pass without risk of damage to either vehicle.
- Don't pile snow from private driveways onto sidewalks, streets or lanes. Snow may be deposited on a street only if it is spread along the snowbank in such a manner as not to create a hazard for motorists.
- The prime objective of snow removal is to ensure the flow of traffic and provide easy access routes for emergency vehicles and for normal delivery services to householders.
- While it is the City's policy to make efficient use of its disposal facilities, for reasons of economy some snow must be blown onto private properties.

VICTORIA HALL RENTALS

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ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

Students are invited to participate in the annual essay contest on the topic of civic government. All boys and girls who attend Westmount schools and Westmount residents who attend schools outside the City are eligible. Submissions may be in English or French and should not be less than 2,000 words or more than 5,000 words. They should be written on 8½ by 11 paper, one side only, and wherever possible, typed.

Entries should be mailed to the Westmount Scholarship Trust Fund, Westmount City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke St. West, before March 31, 1977. Each submission must be accompanied by a letter from the principal of the school the student attends, confirming this fact and stating the student's age and date of birth. Cash prizes of $300, $200 and $100 will be awarded for the best essays in order of merit.

PUBLIC SKATING HOURS

The artificial ice rink is available for general skating. Come out, put the blades on and enjoy yourself. The smaller surface is open to residents on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 9:45 p.m., except on Mondays and Wednesdays between 4 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. when it is reserved for the City's figure skating program. . . . The larger ice surface is available for general skating on Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. and on Saturdays from 2 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. . . . Both rinks are open on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Protest open

A register for signatures to demand a poll concerning a zoning change to allow a garage on the sideline of the lot at 21 Edgehill road opened yesterday morning and will remain open until 7 pm this evening. Only citizen-proprietors living in zone R-1, above The Boulevard and west of Lexington avenue are eligible to demand a referendum; as of Tuesday, no interest in protesting the zoning change had filtered into city hall.

Bad Prospect

Thieves broke through a rear window to a house on Prospect avenue sometime during the day last Wednesday, ransacking the building and stealing a stereo and two cameras, among other items. Total value of the break-in came to some $1,480.

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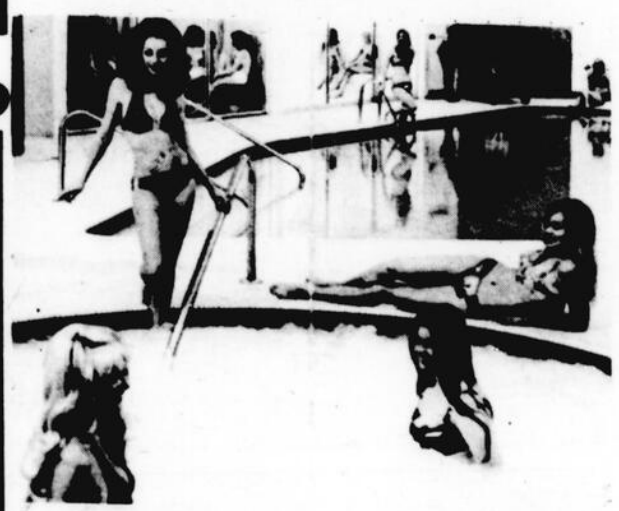

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Serbian theatre debut here

The Serbian National Theatre Kosovo of Hamilton, formed 17 years ago to perform Balkan musical plays, has grown to one of the best known organizations of its kind outside Yugoslavia, and one of the most consistent champions of Serbian music and the stage.

The company will make its debut in Montreal on Sunday, Feb. 6 at 2 pm, at Westmount High School, when they will perform Koshtana, a musical play in five acts. An added feature on the program, will be Mirko Roglich, a Montenegrin musician with incredible talent for an ancient instrument seldom heard by people, including Serbs—the gusla, a Serbian viol, with a bowl-shaped body of hollowed wood, a belly of parchment and a single string of horsehair.

Since it was established by founder-director Milisav Markovich, the Serbian National Theatre Kosovo has given in excess of 100 performance in both Canada and the United States.

Written by Serb Borisav Stankovich, the play Koshtana is about a Gypsy singer-dancer of that name who, after having succeeded in making men fools and disrupting whole families, is forced to marry a Gypsy boy she does not love so that others might escape her dangerous influence. In Koshtana the hero is Mitke, an aging man oppressed by the passing of time and the end of youth with its love and passion.

The most famous songs from the musical play are Zal'za mladost (Longing for youth) and Otvori mi, belo lenche vrata (Open the door, my little one), both sung by Koshtana in act five. The music is the work of the noted Serbian composer Petar Konjevich and, because of it and the dancing, the play can be enjoyed by non-Serbs.

Following the performance there will be a public dance in the Serbian Hall of the Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church, 349 Melville avenue.

Council meet was notable

Last Monday's meeting of city council was notable for more than one reason. Not only was the first woman elected to council, but the aldermen broke a vow never to discuss dogs again, and the meeting was the first mid-month council session in the past nine months, called mainly to elect a new councillor to replace Ald. James L. Thom.

Also significant is the fact that Ald. Brian Gallery was absent from the meeting for the first time since he took office in November, 1975; he was out of town on business. That left Mayor Donald MacCallum and Alds. David Carruthers, Pierre Lamontagne, Alwyn Lloyd and Mel Nixon to elect a successor to Ald. James L. Thom, whose chair was vacant following his resignation on Jan. 4. Neither Ald. Thom nor Mrs. Muriel Kaplan, the woman chosen to fill the vacancy, were on hand for the meeting, though nine onlookers were present.

The formal session started one minute late, lasted 38 minutes and was followed by a mere eight minutes of citizen-council discussion. Eleven items were on the agenda, but there was no Montreal Urban Community report, no official correspondence to read into the minutes, and the city's pension fund by-law amendment was deferred.

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Locally-based group fighting to help the 'rank and file'

By ANDY DODGE

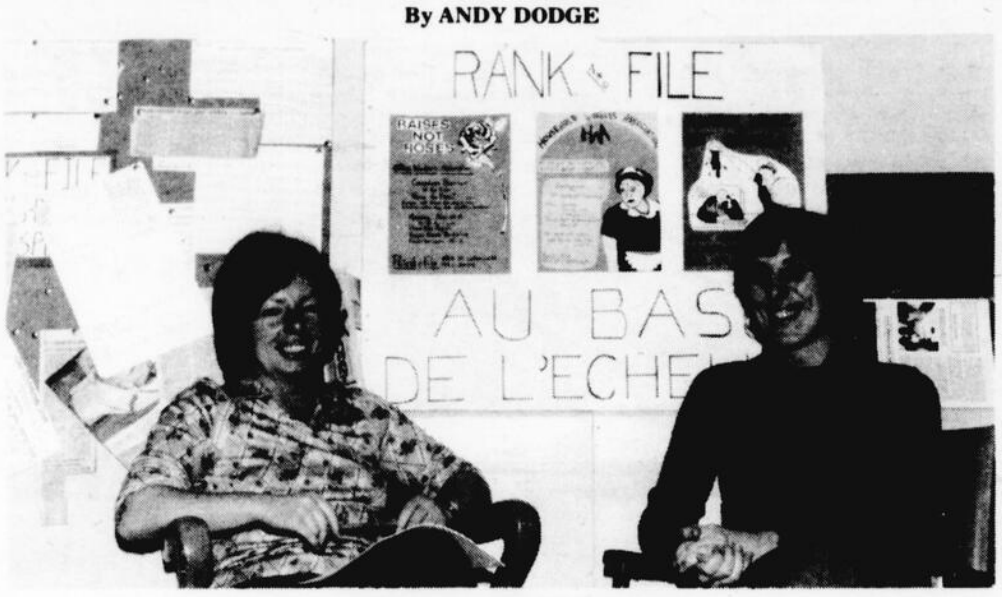
Westmount city council's election of Mrs. Muriel Kaplan to its ranks, the first female councillor in the city's history, reminds us all that women (and men) have made a great deal of social and economic progress in recent years, but we might not be aware that they still have a long way to go.

Nobody knows that better than four women working in the Family Service Association building, 4515 St. Catherine street west, to ensure that women get equal respect and opportunity in employment.

Gail Young, Marilyn Rowell, Linda Davies and Kor Kor Amarteifio are not so much worried about how many women find their way into politics, nor about how many are on the board of directors of the Royal Bank of Canada. There are many more women at the lowest levels of employment, among the rank and file, and these women are probably discriminated against more than the few top-level females in today's society.

The four make up the resource staff of Rank and File, an organization started in November, 1975, to voice the concerns of female secretaries and office clerks, which has now grown to represent domestics and waitresses as well, and has gained enough credibility—working mostly behind the scenes—to be asked for advice by the provincial government when legislation is being drafted.

Rank and File is now keeping a close eye on the results of its first substantial victory, an agreement by employment agencies to treat male and female job applicants equally.



Gail Young and Marilyn Rowell

Many concerns

Secretaries who are being exploited or discriminated against, domestics who have no legal employment status or are abused by their employers, waitresses who are being paid less than the minimum wage, or for whom the minimum wage scale is inadequate, all are the direct concern of Rank and File. Indirectly, the organization wants to hear about any type of exploitation, discrimination, or contravention of minimum-wage laws, and is interested in applying pressure in the right place to ensure that the problem is corrected.

"Our major goal is pressure, not direct action," claims Ms. Young, pointing out that in Quebec women are starting from Square One. She is also somewhat skeptical about the fair-employment promises put forward by the newly-elected government. The province does not have any legislation related to maternity leave or benefits, and still works with an outdated minimum-wage law written in the 1930s, which does little, they say, to protect the employee. As well, they point out, there is almost no effort to ensure the participation of women and minorities in the provincial civil service.

A year ago in November, Ms. Young, Ms. Rowell and Ms. Davies were discussing the problems of women workers, and decided the worst difficulties (as they saw it then) were among office and clerical staff. They talked to friends and acquaintances, and in almost no time formed a "core group" of about 20 women, from which the organization grew. Four months later, some 75 women were distressed enough about their status to fight a February snowstorm and arrive at the first office workers' conference held by the group.

"There is clear discrimination in terms of salaries, maternity leave, benefits and most other ways," Ms. Rowell says the convention concluded, adding, "It's almost impossible for (the secretary) to break out of the flow. Very often a woman will be evaluated on the basis not just of how she works but how she looks and what she is willing to do for her boss. Though attitudes underlie all the other issues, there are concrete tangible issues that can be tackled."

Hiring practices tackled

The first issue the women decided to tackle was hiring practices. Though it was already well-known that many employment agencies (and even employers) handed out different application forms to men and women, asked different questions about skills and even treated the applicants differently, the three decided to document the facts. Calling and visiting in the name of both applicants and employers, they discovered that, indeed, the irregularities were a part of the agencies' practice, and last summer at least two agencies were taken to the human rights commission and found to be contravening the law.

Rank and File has since worked with the agencies to change their practices, for example by classifying positions by occupation rather than sex, and by regularizing application forms and treatment of applicants. As of this month, the women are waiting to hear for complaints if the practices are not being carried out.

The office workers plan to keep working to establish an "affirmative action" program to acquire equal pay for equal work, as well as equal employee benefits and to fight sex discrimination in job-training offers, which are seldom made available to women to allow them to improve their status or employment skills.

Very soon after the office workers' movement was started, articles in city-wide newspapers described the plight of waitresses, many of whom work at rates below the minimum wage, must share their tips or are paid on the basis of how many tips they receive, are denied legal holidays or regular hourly work, among other problems. Very quickly a "minimum wage association" with its own steering committee was established, and began working with the provincial government to establish the rights of minimum-wage workers (including waitresses) within labor legislation.

Wage laws inadequate

In representing individuals in front of the minimum wage commission, the women found that the provincial body was totally ineffective, if for no other reason than that the maximum fine for infractions was $10! The minimum-wage law provided none of the protections so desperately needed by workers, who discovered that they could be forced to work 12 hours or more without a meal, had no rights to get sick (or pregnant) and could find themselves working three hours one day, then 15 or 16 the next.

During the summer, Rank and File submitted briefs to the provincial labor ministry and was called in to help work out draft legislation which was ultimately stalled because of the fall election. The women also worked with Robert Burns, then the opposition Parti Québécois' labor critic, and even found some of their proposals incorporated in the PQ platform during the campaign.

While the new labor minister, Hon. Jacques Couture, has been making statements favoring the status of women and minimum wage workers, Rank and File is waiting for results and hoping the new government will consult with them on any new legislation.

Last year Ms. Amarteifio joined the organization, expressing a direct interest in the problem of domestic workers who have no legal status in the province, even in terms of minimum wage. A third steering committee and association were formed after a November conference drew 80 women who had complaints ranging from lack of job descriptions to direct abuse by employers or their families.

Outreach to domestics

While most of the work of that association so far has been outreach—since domestics work individually and do not often congregate—workshops have been set up to try to establish a legal job qualification and wage level.

"Often they're considered 'a part of the family,' and they don't like it—it's just not true," Ms. Young explained. "It's a lovely way to exploit people. Until they get qualified as workers nothing will change."

In many cases, they point out, employers—even full-time employers—will pay domestics in cash rather than cheques, to "protect" them from having to pay income tax; this also protects the employer from any legal responsibility to the domestic, and denies the woman (or man) the right to Quebec pension, unemployment benefits or sick days, among other things.

Though the organization is still young, it is hoped that the pressure group can eventually become a bargaining unit for domestics.

The four women find that the need for their type of organization and efforts has, after a year, reached the breaking point; they admit some difficulty reaching the Francophone population, due to their own Anglophone names and their location in Westmount, and feel that a larger and more diverse staff and a new identification would help. Both the provincial and federal governments are being asked for grants, and few stones are being left unturned.

The success of the organization to date, however, is an indication that the women's movement is here to stay, as is the presence of women in the "rank and file" of the labor force. Organizations such as this, interested more in analysis and pressure than in publicity and criticism, might make the dreams of the '60s into the realities of the '80s, but it will be a long, hard fight.

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PCs want local candidate named within six months

Quebec Progressive Conservative Association President Roch La Salle will be calling for the naming of a PC candidate in Westmount within the next six months, and is hoping Michael Meighen will run again for the Tories, despite having been defeated in the last two elections.

Chances are good, Mr. La Salle submitted, that Westmount's Liberal MP of long standing, Hon. C. M. Drury, would not run again, and that Mr. Meighen, who is national president of the PC Association, could defeat Mr. Drury in any event, now that the latter has lost his cabinet status in Ottawa.

The provincial Tory president spoke to members of local media immediately preceding a meeting of the West Island regional PC organization in Dorval recently, and said he was hoping to work quickly to name candidates in the five Quebec ridings whose federal seats are now vacant, in anticipation of by-elections. Soon afterwards, he said, he would press for nominating conventions to be held in all other ridings of the province, so that the candidates could be firmly established and well known once a federal election is called, probably next year.

Mr. La Salle repeated his suggestion, made earlier that day, that the provincial Parti Québécois government should wait until after the federal election to hold a referendum on separation, so they could understand the "new formula" on federalism which a PC government would bring forward. He suggested also that the present groundswell of PC support in Quebec was "about 50-50" a negative reaction against the Trudeau policies and a positive reaction to statements made by PC leader Joe Clark.

Optimistic smile

Asked specifically about the prospects of a new Liberal candidate coming forward in Westmount for the next federal election, a broad and satisfied smile came across Mr. La Salle's face at the thought that perhaps the PCs would be able to carry the riding.

Michael Meighen, Mr. La Salle thought, "will still make a very good candidate," despite his having been defeated twice by an incumbent cabinet minister. "I hope to see him there again," he said.

The Joliette MP suggested also that the 20-percent showing of the resurgent National Union Party in the recent provincial election was an indication that conservative strength was growing in the province.

Mr La Salle has been touring the province since December, and on his first visit to the Montreal area he extended an invitation to local press from the west-island region to meet with him. Only three representatives showed up, though he thought it was "very important" to gain a rapport with the local press and to push for riding meetings every month, in order to increase the visibility of constituency associations.

"I want to motivate my groups," he said.

Later in the evening, during the meeting of the west island organization, members put forward the suggestion that there be more input from local groups in the determination of where and when Joe Clark would speak to organizations. The group also sent back for further study its reaction to a bill that 50 percent of deductible political campaign contributions be held in Ottawa for use by candidates during elections. Some members, including those from the Westmount riding association, felt the present 75-percent constituency amounts could better be used by the local associations.

Westmount was represented at the meeting by Michael Price, local association president, and vice-presidents Brian Gallery and Keith Hamilton.

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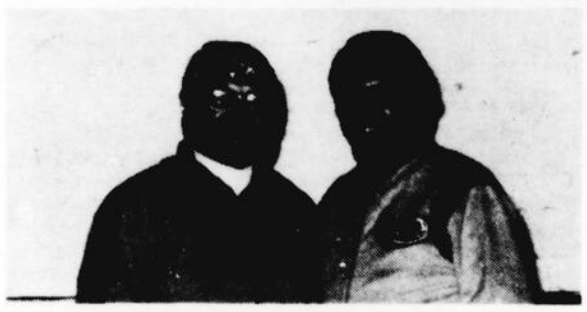

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Beyond Westmount's Borders

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

By RICK KERRIGAN

The Forum PR department is nothing if not persistent. Over the past several weeks we have received enough Ice Follies posters and press releases to almost redecorate the office walls. However, our taste in interior design doesn't run to full colour pictures of the muppets on skates. I doubt that Camil DesRoches, the man who signs all the releases, writes all the material because he'd have no time for anything else. More likely, it's some hack being paid by the word. Everyone knows about the Ice Follies so there's no need to expound upon them here, and you've probably seen the ads. The kids will love the show and you will, too. It's a real spectacle and it starts Feb. 1 for a one week stay at the Forum.

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Everyone loves Bach. His is classical music for people who hate classical music. And if you like choral singing the performance Saturday of Bach's "Mass in B minor" by the 200-voice Montreal Elgar Choir should send a few shivers down your spine. The accompanying orchestra is drawn largely from the Montreal Symphony. The Mass in B minor, we're told, "surpasses the limitations of religious service and represents a heavens-shaking universal statement of human faith and divine presence." Four Quebecers will be the featured soloists: soprano Anna Chornodolska, mezzo Mariana Paunova, tenor Pierre Boutet and baritone Pierre Mollet. The concert begins 8:30 pm at the Salle Claude Champagne, 200 Vincent d'Indy. Tickets are available at the International Music store on St. Catherine street. $6.00 for the general public and $3.50 for students and golden agers. For more information call 931-7452 or 932-6775.

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You can hear a free recital for piano and clarinet at the Loyola campus chapel of Concordia University on Sunday, 3:00 pm. Sherman Friedland, the clarinetist, is the ensemble coordinator of Concordia's music department and Lauretta Milkman, the pianist, is a faculty member of the Concordia music department. Sounds like a good way to spend Sunday afternoon.

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"Bubble, bubble, toil and trouble." I was told not to say that out loud lest calamity beset my household. I was also informed that when Shakespeare presented the play "Macbeth" for the first time one of the actors dropped dead on stage. It doesn't pay to fool around with witch stuff. However, Theatre de la Main is defying fate and staging a unique production of "Macbeth" in which Macbeth and Lady Macbeth reenact the history of their crime. The rest of the cast "act as facilitators entering into the action as different characters, providing sounds and music and marking the progress of the story." The play starts Feb. 2 amd runs Wed. to Sun. at 8:30 pm until Feb. 20 at the theatre, 1585 St. Lawrence. For further information, call 844-3236.

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The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts is currently exhibiting a series of original manuscripts by Claude Péloquin, poet, author, film maker and all-round smart guy. He's the one who wrote the song "Lindbergh" which Robert Charlebois made famous. The manuscripts are illustrated by such painters as Bonet, Pellan, Riopelle and Surrey. The exhibition entitled "Oeil pour Oeil" continues until Feb. 20.

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Twenty-six paintings of the late Quebec painter Marc-Aurèle Fortin are being shown in the lobby of the Salle Wilfrid Pelletier of the Place des Arts. The works were chosen as representative of the various periods of his career. Fortin delivered himself wholly to "the one passion which lasted all his life: to paint . . . his native country, to translate the energy of the land, the immense variations from season to season, the rugged sensuality, in tones which are sometimes resounding, sometimes melancholic and often moving." Show goers will be able to see the paintings at intermissions and the general public can see them during guided visits on Sundays and Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. The show runs until Feb. 20.

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Cast your fate to the wind or a fly to the fish. Piscivores in pursuit of piscatorial pleasures will be glad to hear about the fly casting course being offered by the Montreal Hunters and Anglers Inc. The course started on Jan. 17 but you might be able to sneak in. The fee is $8.00 plus a membership fee of $5.00. For more information phone 271-3579. Tell them you want to sign up just for the halibut.

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Science week continues at the Sir George Williams campus of Concordia University until Saturday on the mezzanine of the Hall building. There are exhibits by science departments and by the Greenpeace Foundation and today you might catch the "Women in Science" panel discussion at noon in room H-110. For further information call the Science Students Association at 879-4526.

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As much as I dislike promoting blatantly commercial enterprises, I have to admit that Les Galeries 2001 does come up with some useful gimmicks. Until Saturday it is featuring "Preventive Medicine Week" called "to increase public awareness of the precautionary and preventative measures which can be taken in a wide variety of medical areas." The Heart Foundation, Canadian Cancer Society, Montreal Chest Hospital, Mental Health Association, Family Planning and the YMCA are among the organizations participating in the display. There will be brochures and audio-visual displays and you can test your fitness if you dare.

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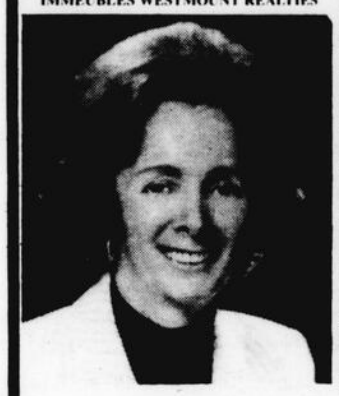

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One of the two was a two-year-old girl from St. Henri who was sliding with her mother, who injured her left ankle when they hit the icy bales of hay at the bottom of the hill. The girl was taken to the Montreal Children's Hospital by police ambulance.

The second incident involved a 34-year-old NDG woman, who injured her right leg, also on impact with the hay. The Westmount fire ambulance took her to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for treatment.

Both injuries occurred at about 2:50 pm.

Police had closed the hill because of severe icy conditions on the toboggan run, and because the bales of hay at the bottom of the slope were encrusted in ice and thus ineffective buffers. A park ranger was reportedly in attendance, and fences had been placed at the top of the hill to indicate that it was closed.

Citizens shou'd respect such police decisions, which are made in the interests of safe sledding. Ice on the hill causes toboggans to travel far too fast, and the hay bales at the bottom offer no protection when they, also, are solidly frozen.

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Other new officers elected include C. H. Wilkins, 4858 Westmount avenue, as chairman of the Worship Committee, Tom Hodgson, 488 Mountain avenue and Jenny Marsh, co-chairmen of the Christian Development Committee.

Honorary Treasurer K. J. Thorne presented the financial report for 1976, noting that offerings exceeded the expected amount by $3,000. Receipts for the year were $114,891, an increase of $6,000 over 1975. Nearly $25,000 was given to the church's outreach program, with additional gifts of money and goods bringing this total to well over $30,000.

Committee reports submitted at the meeting indicated progress in almost every area. Session Clerk R. M. Canavan reported 29 new members were received during the year, with the church roll standing at 761 at year's end.

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11:00 am Morning Worship
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Organist: Mr. David Hall, B.Mus.

JANUARY 30

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9:30 am Mattins
Sermon: Rev. G.L. Campbell
11:00 am Choral Eucharist and Baptism
Sermon: Rev. G.L. Campbell
11:00 am Church School and Nursery
TUESDAY
4:00 pm Confirmation Instruction
WEDNESDAY
10:00 am Holy Eucharist
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8:00 am The Holy Eucharist
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(Church School and Nursery)
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Evening Services: Sunday-Thursday, Jan. 30-Feb. 3, 4:55 pm.

Studied in Colorado:

For Ann Sargent, dance is part of act of worship

By ELSIE MITCHELL

To 25-year-old Ann Sargent of London, England, dancing in church can be an act of worship, like hymn singing.

She feels so strongly that through dance "something of beauty can be created reflecting the glory of God" that she has just spent six months studying with the Sacred Dance Group in Boulder, Colorado.

"It's nice to worship with your whole being rather than sit rigid through a service," said the visitor to Dominion-Douglas United Church, who was here over the holidays with her cousin, Olivia Gall.

On her way home to her work in "The Kitchen," a Christian fellowship project located in London's Gloucester road, Miss Sargent spoke of the course she had just completed with the Boulder group.

In Boulder she learned both the technical and spiritual side of the dance. She enrolled in jazz ballet and modern dance but she also attended classes to learn about dance and worship. "We would study the Bible to see what it says about dance and worship and then act this out," she explained.

The aim of the group, started by Paula and Bill Duffit in 1969, is not dancing just for pleasure but dancing as worship, she emphasized, noting that Paula had been a professional dancer whose pastor encouraged her to use her talents for the Lord.

Miss Sargent first saw the Sacred Dance Group perform when they were on tour in England last year. She found their performance of "Tapestries," based on Galatians 5:22 dealing with the "fruit of the spirit," so powerful and moving that she knew that this was what she wanted to do.

"I felt the truth of Psalm 149:3 which says: 'Let them praise his name with dancing'."

Sense of freedom

Asked if she enjoyed her session at the Boulder school, she said she felt "a great sense of freedom and joy dancing in the final performance we put on. And to me, it seemed that the other dancers were radiating God's glory. Dance is very transparent and you have to be careful not to let the pride of accomplishment block out the spiritual truth you are trying to portray."

What kind of music does she dance to?

All sorts, from Bach cantatas to modern Christian music and from choral to folk music. "We try and use music that will appeal to different tastes and ages," she said.

Miss Sargent plans to carry on her technique classes in dance in London and use what she has learned in "The Kitchen." Serving lunch and supper four days a week and staffed by a nucleus of six persons, this is a small group fellowship for people who find they cannot relate to an established church, she explained.

Educated at Benenden, she was in the same class as Princess Anne. After graduation, she took a degree in home economics which she finds useful in working in "The Kitchen." Housed in a garage, the premises are large enough for religious services, and Miss Sargent is looking forward to dancing at some of the Bible study evenings when people talk together and give spontaneous testimony.

Fast planned at Park Church

Last Sunday at Westmount Park Church over a dozen members of the congregation joined the choir to sing two spirituals at the beginning of the service. This week the hymn Amazing Grace will be sung in an arrangement by David Hall, the organist.

For the past two weeks there have been displays in Webster Hall to publicize the upcoming Ten Days for World Development. To further bring home the needs of the world, a fast will be held at the church from Friday night to Sunday, Feb. 11-13. Anyone wishing to experience two-day hunger is welcome to join our group.

The annual meeting will be held after the Sunday morning service and a light lunch on Feb. 6.

Lecture Feb. 2

"What détente means for Israel and Jews" will be the topic of a lecture to be given Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 8 pm at Temple Emanu-El, 4100 Sherbrooke street. Lecturer will be Alan Rose, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Dominion-Douglas 'Unity in diversity'

This Sunday at 11:00 am, the theme of the service at Dominion-Douglas Church will continue to be "Unity in diversity." The guest preacher will be Father Tony Mancini of the Ecumenical Centre, and two members of the choir, David Bourke and Richard Neufeld, will participate in the service by telling of their experience at the Ecumenical Consultation on Quebec, held this past fall.

Reception of new members into the fellowship of the congregation will be held at the next communion service on Feb. 6. Anyone wishing to join by certificate of transfer should speak to one of the ministers as soon as possible.

Saturday morning, members of the TNT group (age 18-25) will be meeting at 8 am at the church to leave for a weekend of cross-country skiing. Anyone interested in further information should call Bruce Macaulay at 937-6640 or Merrilyn Hodgson at 488-5682.

The Tuesday evening Bible studies (8 - 10 pm) are continuing, led by Dr. Phyllis Smyth. The theme of this series is "How do we find God? (or does He find us?)" All are invited to come and learn and grow in faith.

Knowledge of the Bible is being emphasized in the Sunday School. The theme of this season is "Discover the Bible with Children." The book of Proverbs teaches, "Train up a child in the way that is right and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6), and this is one of the aims of Christian Education.

The Sunday School needs a teacher for the kindergarten for the months of March and April. Teachers are also needed at the primary and junior levels. There are two sessions of five Sundays each in February and in March. All these classes are held at 11 am Sunday mornings. Anyone interested in further details should call Mr. Nichols at 486-1165.

Recital Sunday at Ascension

A recital of music for woodwind ensemble and organ will be given in the Church of the Ascension of Our Lord, Westmount, on Sunday, Jan. 30 at 3:30 pm. Phillips Motley, organist, will be assisted by the Island City Woodwind Quintet, consisting of Julie Ranti, flute, Dave Wilson, oboe, Bernie Lafontaine, clarinet, Ricky Ranti, bassoon, and Elaine Gardiner, horn. All are welcome. A collection will be taken.

Alderman, Jewish leader Michael Garber dies

Michael Garber, former Westmount alderman and leader of the local and national Jewish community, died last Thursday after a lengthy illness. He was 85.

An attorney, Mr. Garber was an articulate, quiet-spoken man of gentle wit who for many years was president of the Canadian Jewish Congress. His long-time Westmount home was at 4338 Montrose avenue.

Mr. Garber was elected to Westmount city council in March, 1956 and he became health and welfare commissioner. He served until 1960.

Born in Lithuania, the son of a prominent rabbi, Mr. Garber came to Montreal in 1906, living in the Jewish community around St. Urbain street before moving to Westmount in 1928.

He was a dedicated civil libertarian and early fighter for human rights and in 1962 he was chosen to succeed fellow-Westmounter Samuel Bronfman as president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, the representative body of Canadian Jewry.

In serving the Jewish community, he was also a member of the Jewish School Commission which was established by the provincial government following the Hirsch case in 1928 which challenged provisions of the British North America act which, in effect, forced Jewish children to attend Protestant public schools.

While the Jewish School Commission had the mandate to set up a separate Jewish school system, this was never done because of a long-term arrangement reached with the Protestant Board of School Commissioners and the Jewish community.

Michael Garber

Mr. Garber also served as president of the Canadian Zionist Organization and was a member of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim. His wife was the late Isabel Yohalem.

He is survived by his son, Harry, and two grandchildren. They reside at 5 Winchester avenue.

Funeral services were held Sunday from Paperman and Sons Chapel to Congregation Shaar Hashomayim Cemetery.

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Union officers were assured that all three men—who had only eight months' experience in the department and were thus still under probation—would be offered other city jobs with equivalent net pay, and that the three would be given top priority to return to the fire brigade once vacancies occurred. At least three fire officers are expected to retire within the coming year, thus opening the way for the men to return to their fire duties; their uniforms were even hung in the storeroom awaiting their return.

"Unless we had other jobs available we might have had to wait (for vacancies to occur)," Mayor MacCallum told **The Examiner** on Monday, "But it was such an emergency that we get the 1977 budget in shape that we had to do it."

As it turns out, one of the firemen is now working in another city department. A second accepted a job with the city and then backed out, while a third moved with his family to Vancouver and has found employment there.

Early this month the union met with senior city staff, expressing concern where earlier there had semed to be acceptance. Union officers were told that if they needed further explanation, they should request a meeting with city council, according to the mayor. Nothing further transpired, he says, until issuance of the letter last week.

Mayor MacCallum, General Manager Norman Dawe and Assistant General Manager John McIver met with union representatives throughout the morning on Monday, and report the firemen left the meeting with mixed emotions.

Cites other cities

In the letter Fmn. Geraghty says other cities had promised job security to their men, and that some departments were actually increasing staff, but that certainly none were laying off fire fighters. St. Laurent, they said, is adding firemen to its staff; on Monday Mr. Dawe retorted with statistics which show that now St. Laurent has one fireman for every 492 citizens, while Westmount has one for every 328.

The firemen also said Hampstead had guaranteed all its firemen jobs, but Hampstead town officials deny this, though the town now has just the minimum number of firemen acceptable for inclusion in the mutual aid firefighting pact, so no more cuts can be made.

"We aren't really interested in comparing ourselves with other cities," Mayor MacCallum said of the charges, "We want to be uniquely Westmount, but it is good just to check with other cities to keep ourselves in line."

Will there be future cuts?

"At this point I do not anticipate cuts in 1977," he answered, "but I can't guarantee anything."

The Examiner learned of the staff cuts in mid-December, only after the men had left. Included in the shake-down were two firemen, two of six who had been brought on in May after the institution of the city's fire ambulance made more staff necessary, and the position of one fire inspector, one of two men working under Platoon Chief William Timmons in the Westmount Fire Prevention Bureau.

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BANKER IN ROTARY: **Raymond J. Webb** (left), newly-appointed branch manager of The Royal Bank of Canada at Victoria avenue and Sherbrooke street, last Wednesday was welcomed into membership of The Rotary Club of Westmount at its weekly luncheon meeting in Victoria Hall by **President William R. Rutherford**, rear. As both bank manager and club member he replaces T. Wallace Doyle, who has moved to a branch in St. Laurent. Mr. Webb was introduced by **Richard H. Fillmore**, Royal manager in Westmount Square. Later in the meeting the Rotarians heard a talk and saw a film on Ontario's St. Lawrence Parks Commission. This week's address, yesterday, was to be by Yves Jasmin of National Museums, Canada.

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Local artist:

Humor and awareness found in ceramics by Virginia McClure

By RICK KERRIGAN

From political statements to fanciful flowering columns, the ceramic artwork of Virginia McClure, 461 Lansdowne avenue, reflects her awareness of her social and physical environment and her sense of humor.

A hypodermic needle represents the CN tower in a series of pieces on Toronto and Montreal which are populated by little green frogs; a bee takes a cruise on a ship of the Bee Line; Mayor Jean Drapeau is sitting under a pink frosted cake bearing the inscription "Let them eat cake" and a rubbery, madly distorted racing car with a forearm and clenched fist protruding from the cockpit appears to be in constant motion.

The 48-year-old Westmount artist believes viewers are intrigued by her work even though they might not understand it. "I want them to feel delighted," she says, sitting in her bright, sparsely furnished living room. The chairs and sofa are molded plastic and the floors are slate. A huge chair in the shape of an egg stands in one corner of the room. Green plants adorn the window and the table in the adjoining dining room is antique pine. The feel is one of arty spaciousness. Nothing superfluous, nothing that reflects the sensuous shape and color of her art work.

Mrs. McClure is a short woman, her fair hair cropped closely to her round face. She is casually but neatly dressed in a sweater and slacks and looks like any of the women one sees waiting outside Roslyn School in their cars to pick up their children. One's preconceptions would be better satisfied if she had long dark hair and had been wearing jeans and a man's shirt, untucked, the whole spotted with dried clay and dyes.

Virginia McClure with one of her sculptures.

20 years' experience

Mrs. McClure has been working in ceramics for 20 years. She graduated from McGill in 1950 with a BA, studied ceramics at the Boston School of Fine Arts and returned to Montreal in 1955. Since then she has integrated well into the Québécois art scene, becoming a friend of Maurice Savoie, a potter and ceramic artist who helped in the design of the McGill métro station. He has become a considerable influence on her work. In return, she says, "I think they (Québécois artists) admire what I do. They respect what I do."

She says art, for her, fulfills many needs, specially "to be more than just a housewife. I feed off meeting people and exchanges," though she admits, "I haven't lived completely for my art," adding that her time has been divided among art, community work and family.

Her husband is an insurance broker and has done very well with his own company but Mr. McClure feels she could support herself with her art if she supplemented her income with teaching. At present she teaches at the Visual Arts Centre on Victoria avenue. She says she could give up material things for her art but not the basics like

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Mrs. R. V. Pelnar, 637 Lansdowne avenue, is in charge of an exhibition of rare and authentic Czechoslovakian costumes sponsored by the Women's Art Association. The costumes will be shown on live models on the group's members day, Feb. 15, at 2 pm in the Maxwell Cummings Auditorium of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.

Glass works

The glass works of Astri Reusch will be on exhibit at the Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria avenue, from Feb. 3 to 26. A Montrealer who has taught at Sir George Williams University and has exhibited at the Canadian Guild of Crafts, Ms. Reusch quite early developed a vocabulary of components that excluded color to give her work a characteristic look.

Dance Friday

The third monthly dance of the Westmount-Hampstead chapter of the One Parent Families Association of Canada will be held Friday at 8:30 pm at the Hillside Armory, 3 Hillside lane.

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food and shelter. Her work is very bright and gay, she says, and if she had lived entirely for and by art it might have been more bitter. "Maybe it would be a more profound social statement," she says.

Up the ladder

Mrs. McClure's studio is found a few snowy steps from the back of the house, over the garage. An almost perpendicular ladder leads up to the spacious room housing work benches and kilns. The first attempts of some of her pieces lie cracked and broken in the corner. She is pleased with the car series she did and it remains the favorite of her family, which includes two teenagers.

She explains that she did technical studies first so that she would become thoroughly familiar with the physical aspect of cars, and then she tried to discover just what "carness" is. "I don't hate technology," she says, "it's us."

Her work of a car with a fist and forearm becomes more than just a car, she says, becoming a personified car that is "the essence of carness."

She describes her frog series as expressing her anger at Toronto which she hates because it "epitomizes waspishness." She concedes that some people are doing terrific things in art in Toronto but says it is in a self-conscious "look-at-me" way. She adds that one can look at the series as a straight fairy tale, too.

Enjoys Quebec

Mrs. McClure enjoys working in the artistic community of Quebec. She thinks Quebec, because of the changes happening within it, is a good place to be for an artist. Her only complaint is that the government has no education set-up to allow practising artisans to improve their design and technique. She thinks most Quebec artisans don't do well-designed work and she bemoans the lack of any program to improve the situation.

She says her art form, ceramics, requires a good knowledge of techniques such as firing, glazing and hand building and this is probably why more isn't done. In spite of the abundance of technique necessary Mrs. McClure considers her work not just a craft but art.

Her work is currently on exhibit at the Visual Arts Centre gallery.

Workshops set

Several workshops have been planned for the month of February at the Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria avenue. Those being offered include a concentrated course in creating with cardweaving, paper making, a clay workshop and a weekend session entitled "Quilting without quilting."

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J.C. Knowles' renovation wins award

Architect J. C. Knowles, 225 Kensington avenue, has won a Canadian Housing Design Council award for his work in restoring a badly run-down row house at 3557 Colonial street in Montreal. His project is one of four in Quebec honored in the council's residential design program awards.

After purchasing the run-down building, Mr. Knowles decided to restore it himself in order to gain personal construction experience. The result, the jury noted, was a further demonstration of the great possibilities for renovation and restoration which are offered in some parts of cities, particularly the row houses in old Quebec.

Mr. Knowles' award was one of three given for Quebec projects and one of 22 given across the country in the annual awards program. The other Quebec award was an honorable mention.

The awards for residential design have been offered since 1957 by the Canadian Housing Design Council as part of its continuing activity to encourage the improvement in design of housing and residential areas in Canada.

Our MP. . .

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stantially in part because of a world-wide moderation in consumer price index, which rose by 11 percent in 1975, increased by only 7 percent in 1976 with the year-over-year increase at the end of the year down to less than 6 percent. New wage settlements in the third quarter of 1976 have been reduced to less than 13 percent—still inflationary, but much better than the 1975 level. The erosion of our competitive position largely has been arrested and our trade balance is improving.

Canadians are also more fully recognizing the hard economic realities, that continued increases in real incomes are dependent on increases in production. This, in turn, requires that we leave an adequate reserve for reinvestment—for business to maintain and expand its capital plant.

The share of national income going to corporate profits is, therefore, exceptionally important for the coming years.

Profit erosion must end

It is in the interests of all segments of Canadian society that the corporate profit position not be further eroded, as it was in 1976, but that it might even be enhanced in the near future.

Sometimes we misunderstand the role of corporation profits in generating income and wealth. During 1976, only 20 percent of corporation profits were paid out in dividends to investors—about the same proportion as in 1975 and nearly the lowest level in the post-war period.

Dividend yields in 1976 were only about 5 percent—substantially lower than the rates on alternative investments. The rest of corporation profits, or some 80 percent, went not to individual investors, but to the larger community in the form of either taxes or investments. For example, in the final three-quarters of '76, approximately 39 percent of corporation profits were paid out in corporate taxes where they helped to meet the costs of a wide range of public services. The remaining 40 percent were used to expand and improve productive capacity in creating and maintaining jobs for the future.

Inadequate business profits could deter business from appropriate levels of investment with consequent reduced productivity and real wages. High wages, improving productivity and adequate profit levels go hand in hand.

In next week's article, I shall look at some of the international influences and industrial trends of the past year.

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Deferred

Amendments to the city's general pension fund by-law, notice of motion for which was given at the Jan. 4 council meeting, were deferred for the time being since some of the wording had to be reworked, Ald. Alwyn Lloyd told city council Monday night. The amendments, which apply to all city employees outside the police and fire departments, are simply "housecleaning" measures to comply with recent provincial legislation.

The United Church of Canada operates eight hospitals on the frontier areas of Canada. Past experience has been that when a community group is able to take over, the church willingly bows out.

DIVISION CHAIRMAN: Senator Thérèse F. Casgrain, 250 Clarke avenue, has been named chairman of the women's division of the approaching campaign of the Rehabilitation Institute of Montreal. The campaign will run from Feb. 1 to 15 and hopes to raise $375,000. In commenting on the need for these funds, Sen. Casgrain says, "To reintegrate into the society of the well-being, the physically handicapped face expenses not encountered by other citizens. These basic necessities for them are not covered by health insurance. Their rights as individuals must be respected and help from the public is a must."

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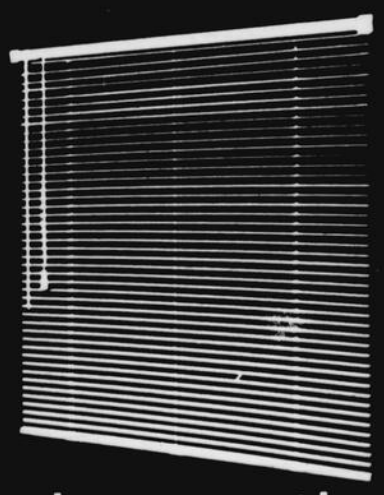

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Result of zoning vote:

Westmount's seniors' home has opened in St. Lambert

Six and a half years have passed since a referendum defeated the zoning amendment required to allow construction of a high-rise senior citizens' residence on the old Dent Harrison Bakery lot at Somerville and Prince Albert avenues.

The amendment was defeated because of local residents' objections to having a high rise building in the residential area and now $100,000 townhouses are nearing completion on the long-vacant lot. But, as yet, there is no senior citizens home in Westmount though recent efforts indicate one may be forthcoming in the near future.

The senior citizens residence on the bakery lot was to have been a nine-storey branch of Central Park Lodges, a division of Trizec Corporation, but the defeat in Westmount hasn't stopped them from bringing their concept of a residential retirement home to Quebec.

Last October, the building that was originally planned for Westmount opened in St. Lambert, giving Quebec its first member of the 19-strong chain of Central Park Lodges which now house more than 3,000 people in 15 cities. The home caters to the type of senior citizen that abounds in Westmount—elderly persons who do not require full-time nursing care but cannot, or prefer not to cope with the problems of looking after themselves, often alone in an apartment or a hard to maintain house.

"We are not operating a nursing home," says Don Russell, director of the Central Park Lodge in St. Lambert. "We encourage our guests to maintain their dignity, to keep active and to take an interest in the other guests at the lodge."

The concept of Central Park Lodge (CPL) is credited to Walter Steininger, formerly head of geriatric services with the Saskatchewan government, who now heads CPL operations across Canada. Until recently, government operated homes were the only accommodation available to indigent people, thus creating a prevalent attitude that there wasn't any point in saving money if everyone invariably ended up in the same place, namely a government operated home.

Mr. Steininger's proposal that an alternative to bland retirement homes be made available to senior citizens became a reality with the opening of the first Central Park Lodge in Winnipeg and the operation has since expanded across Canada.

At the St. Lambert home, Mr. Russell declares that Quebec is some 12 to 15 years behind Ontario in providing services for the elderly and there is no regulatory body to oversee the operation of old age homes nor is there government funding for these homes. The St. Lambert lodge can, says Russell, be converted to a nursing home, if Quebec catches up to Ontario in providing for the elderly.

Each room at the home is tastefully furnished with carpeting and the normal furniture, and guests are encouraged to brighten up the rooms with personal effects from home. The rooms and adjoining bathrooms are equipped with call buttons which signal an emergency when activated.

Each of the eight floors in the lodge contains two lounges with color television sets, refrigerator, card table and balcony. A garden outside will be tended in the summer by residents who will then enjoy the products at meal time.

"Another thing we encourage here," says Mr. Russell, "is for the guests of the lodge to invite friends and family over for meals and even to spend the night. By doing so, the residents of the lodge feel right at home."

A main lounge with bar, piano and fireplace add to the homey feeling, and there is also an exercise room, a swimming pool and sauna which, while available to the residents, are intended for use by younger visitors to the lodge.

The success of the Central Park Lodge idea is attributed to a properly run organization which caters to the specific needs of a growing segment of the population who, living on fixed incomes, are victimized by inflation. Collective living, say lodge officials, also helps fight the loneliness of old age and allows the residents to maintain their dignity by not becoming wards of the state.

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Police need communication:

It's up to tenants in apartments here to help cut crime

Westmount is known widely as a highly-residential district adjoining downtown Montreal, with houses stretching up Westmount Mountain toward the summertime sunset. But it is also the city of many apartment buildings, including some of the most luxurious and some of the most reasonably priced units in the Montreal area.

It is also a city with a healthy residential crime rate, as **Examiner** readers see from week to week, but criminals in Westmount seem not to discriminate between apartments and houses, generally, though some might be more partial toward one type of dwelling than another.

Westmount's 3,500 apartment units pose a special problem in terms of crime prevention, however, since they are accessible from inside, away from the view of police who regularly cruise the streets and lanes. Apartment-dwellers are less likely to know their immediate or close-by neighbors than homeowners, since the population is more transient, and thus unfamiliar faces are lost in the anonymity of public hallways.

Despite these disadvantages in the fight against crime, apartment buildings do have distinct advantages, since agents or superintendents are usually on hand to verify the identity of visitors, service people and others who might be in the building, and because tenants can verify the identity of visitors before they are standing at the tenant's door. Both superintendents and police should be used to the fullest advantage, to make Westmount's apartment buildings part of the safe and secure community we all could enjoy. The key to the safe community is communication, with the individual taking an active part in looking out not only for himself but for neighbors and friends.

Police have motto

"Report Suspicious Actions" is the motto police are asking apartment-dwellers to remember, as they plead for more participation by citizens to help them reduce the crime rate and increase security in this city. If anyone in a public hallway or lobby seems to be less-than-certain what he or she is doing there, tenants should refer them to the building superintendent.

"People become somewhat passive when they see strangers in an apartment building," Lieut.-Det. Frank Pilkionis, head of Westmount's local detective office, told **The Examiner** Monday. "They don't advise the superintendent of suspicious people in halls or in the building.

While the general observation is said without any malice, Lieut. Pilkionis did report that on some occasions, when he has business in some Westmount apartment buildings, he will walk around in plain clothes and deliberately look suspicious, just to test the residents of the building. Though several people have looked at him with a wary eye, he reports, calls to the police station and the superintendent's office shortly afterwards indicated that nobody had taken the time to make a quick phone call and report their apprehensions about him.

Westmount detectives remind citizens not to take matters into their own hands by challenging a suspicious person on his or her reason for being there. If someone seems to be lingering in hallways, listening at doors or in some other way acting suspicious, the wary tenant should phone the superintendent or, failing him, the police. The superintendent knows who lives in the building, and where; police are trained to be discreet, and will never identify the caller to the suspect, nor arrest suspects unless there is valid reason.

The morning after

"I heard the glass breaking last night," Lieut. Pilkionis quoted a fictitious tenant, "but it wasn't my apartment."

This is the type of report they receive the day after a robbery in questioning people living near the scene of a crime. It is also the type of attitude they hope can be eradicated, or at least reduced.

"We are as good as the citizens make us," he added. "They're helping us to help them."

Apartment-dwellers must be not only vigilant, they must be careful and conscientious. Newspapers left outside apartment doors can be as dangerous as they are outside house doors. Get a neighbor or the building superintendent to pick them up, if you are out of town for a few days, or even have your deliveries cut off temporarily. In any event, notify the superintendent if you are going away.

If a strange person comes to your door, knocks or rings the bell and then excuses himself, he was looking for Mr. Jones, tell him to ask the superintendent for the proper apartment number. And don't leave it there; call the superintendent and notify him that someone is coming down to ask where Mr. Jones lives. If the "super" does not hear from the person within a reasonable time, he will notify police.

Mailboxes can be as tell-tale about a person's absence as newspapers left at the doorstep. If a person goes out of town, they should have mail held at the post office until their return, or have a neighbor collect it for them.

Buzzers cause trouble

Most important is the ever-present menace of door-buzzers. Most Westmount apartment buildings which do not have full-time doormen have intercom systems which are there for a specific purpose. Use them, speak to visitors, say police. Do not let a person into the apartment building unless they are coming to visit you; if a person does convince you of his purpose for seeing you, and then never shows up, notify the superintendent.

Keep balcony doors locked when not in use, even in the summertime and no matter how high up in an apartment building you might be. Good thieves are notorious for ciimbing around on balconies, and can easily slip into an apartment without being heard, if the door is open.

A quick call to the superintendent will verify the legitimacy of any maintenance contractors who might be working in or around the building, including window washers, rug cleaners, electricians or plumbers. Some service people have even been known to "borrow" cash advances from unwitting tenants so they can rush out and get supplies to begin working right away; such excuses are seldom, if ever, legitimate and money should always be refused.

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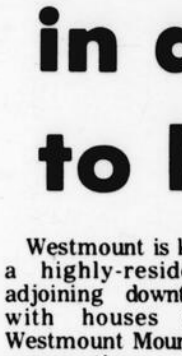

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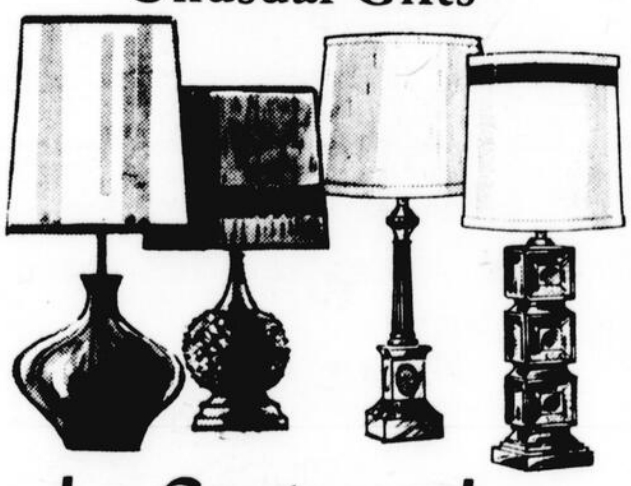

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Helping families grow:

Communications the key to family life courses taught by Westmounters

By RICK KERRIGAN

For Westmounters Joan Drymer and Janet Elder interpersonal communications are a prime ingredient for successful living. "If we can develop better communications skills," says Mrs. Drymer, a resident of Montrose avenue, "then we have better skills for living in a changing world."

Mrs. Elder, 588 Lansdowne avenue, and she are staff members of the family life education program at the Mental Hygiene Institute on Peel street and are involved in helping people become more aware of their inner selves so they can better communicate with and understand others. The courses in the program cover a wide range of personal situations from childhood to parenthood with many resulting permutations and combinations. Mrs. Elder believes that most of the participants come because of a feeling of dissatisfaction with some aspect of family life.

The course for children involves an observation nursery and, according to Mrs. Elder, is as beneficial to the mother as to the child. While the 3 and 4 year-old children are learning to get along with their mates, the mother realizes she is not alone in having problems with her kids. The mother must accompany the child to the sessions and Mrs. Elder finds that this "helps women to see their children as people and not as objects to be molded."

Joan Drymer and Janet Elder

She adds that in the 10 week course the mothers discover that other mothers have the same problems with their kids and this takes a lot of pressure off them. Mrs. Drymer says this discovery is an important aspect in all the groups. Once the person can verbalize the problem, she says, then he feels support because he realizes others have the same problem. This frees the person from worrying about the problem and enables him to confront it.

Preventative step

Mrs. Elder likes to get young families in the courses with the aim of improving communications skills among the members. Getting a young family before the problems start is a preventative step and, she notes, "when they are younger there is a better chance."

The courses for divorced and separated people involve more of a crisis-handling situation, she says, because they have to learn to handle their new status and loneliness. "We try to get them to look at their own contribution to the marriage breakdown and when they know this they can choose their next partner better."

There are programs for couples but the family life education service branch of the institute doesn't do marriage counselling. Relationships between the couples Mrs. Elder sees are not necessarily bad but there is always room for improvement, and Mrs. Drymer says couples are usually seeking marriage enrichment and better interpersonal relationships.

She cautions, however, that increasing personal awareness can be threatening to both sides of a relationship because the roles can break down. She feels this is positive if the individuals can cope with it and says that is the reason she likes to have couples involved in the personal awareness course she leads.

How does Mrs. Drymer feel about possibly destroying a relationship by helping one member of a couple emotionally outgrow the other member who is not participating?

"I couldn't function if I felt that responsibility," she says. "Somebody seeking further awareness will find it."

A risky business

She adds, however, that "awareness is a risky business, but the benefits outweigh the disadvantages." And she warns that people who have increased their own awareness should be wary when approaching the outside world because it may be hard for others to understand this new level of openness. She says most people finish the courses with a sense of accomplishment.

There were 13 persons in the awareness course Mrs. Drymer conducted during the last session and they ranged in age from 25 to 60 years old. She says they come because they are asking themselves, who am I? where am I going? and what do I want out of life? She believes the course provides a safe at-

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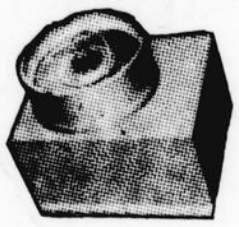

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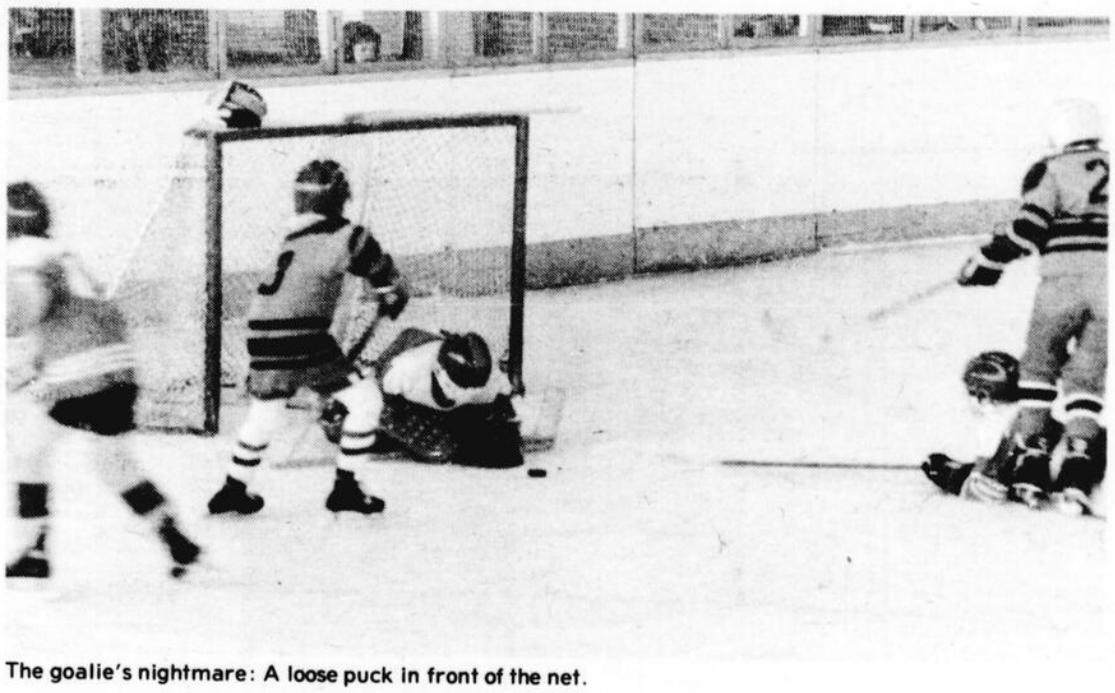

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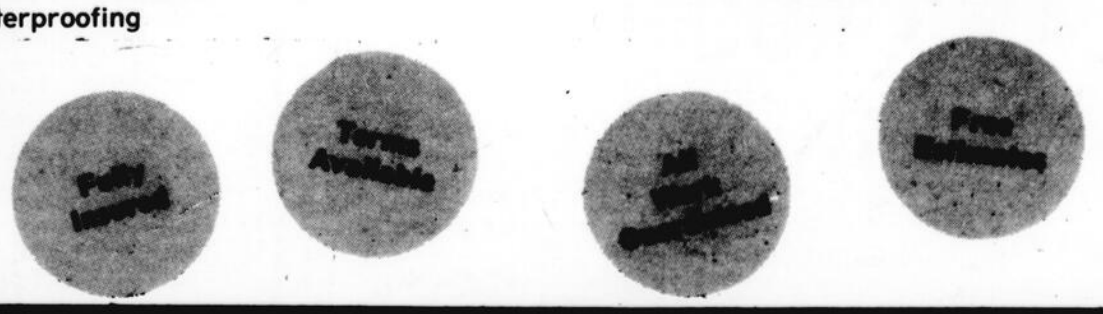

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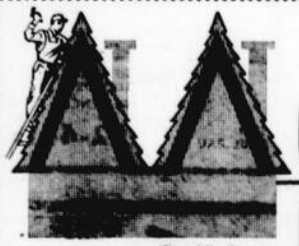

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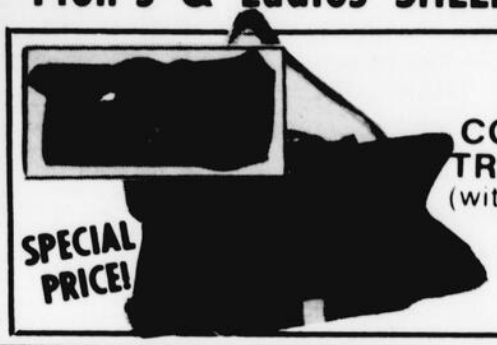

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Tenants...

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The Montreal Urban Community Police Department has a crime prevention bureau which is always ready to help building superintendents go over security routines in their buildings. The Westmount detectives suggest that the best move might be for superintendents in this city to form small groups or organizations which prevention personnel could address collectively, in order to share experiences and hear about events which might have occurred in one building and which could be repeated in others.

Above all, communicate, verify and report, whether to building staff or police. Westmount detectives have had excellent cooperation from building superintendents, janitors and security personnel, but in every case the onus rests on the person who suspects something amiss somewhere in the building.

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By HOLLY HIGGINS JONAS

With the new year, Western Valet Service is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Established in 1927 by a Latvian immigrant known widely as the "Old Man" or "Pop," it has continued to serve Westmounters for a half-century, using the same name, the same basic telephone number and the same site.

The "Old Man" was Tailor Phillip Antecol, the last of four brothers from Latvia to settle in Montreal.

He opened up his shop at the corner of Metcalfe avenue and St. Catherine street at a time when the area was still relatively undeveloped. Nearby ran a creek which wound its way around some elegant private estates and a farm (where The 4300 apartments now are) and a potato patch.

Ruby, Phillip's son and the present proprietor, remembers having to deliver his Dad's lunch every day on foot after disembarking from the old "Windsor 83," or the "Van Horne 97" streetcar at the Forum. Then, sure as not, Ruby would be sent over to "Jack Light's" for cigarets, "for Pop was a real chain-smoker—René Lévesque couldn't compete with him!" The "Old Man's" specialty was custom tailoring and alterations. One suit could take months to make, and the tailor established a reputation for himself as a fine craftsman.

When Phillip died in 1962, it was son Ruby who took over the business following three years of studying the textile trade in the evening at Sir George Williams and eight years of work in the men's clothing trade with Freedman Co. in the old Belgo Building. Ruby recalls: "All I had was one broken sewing machine, a leaky boiler, an old Hoffman press machine, and one rack."

Modernization

Ruby recognized the need for modernization and change. He added a large range of cleaning services for his customers and introduced methods which enabled him to compete with the "two-hours service" which had emerged around that time. Ruby also abandoned the old method of dry-cleaning with the varsol-type chemicals, which had a strong odor, and began to use the new perchlorethylene, which is odorless and non-flammable and evaporates at room temperature—thus the term "dry-cleaning." This has been the biggest breakthrough in the cleaning business these past 20 years. Ruby also uses filter cartridges which capture all the residual particles after a cleaning cycle, instead of the old method of cooking impurities out.

Ruby no longer can take the time to labor over one suit, as his father did, but mending and patching services are still available, and are performed on a very old but wonderfully serviceable sewing machine. Only the laundering of shirts and table linens, suede-cleaning and weaving are sent out.

Gone, too, is the Old Man's delivery bicycle, a familiar sight to many old Westmounters with its tall pole installed in front bearing hangered garments wrapped in an old coat or paper. In response to modern demands for speed in services, Ruby owns a jeep-type truck instead, driven by George. He thus continues to offer pickup and delivery services to his Westmount customers—"no matter how steep the hill or how bad the weather." In the shop, he is helped by George's father, Armand, who works the counter and phone, and by a presser and a checker.

A typical day for Western Valet Service begins at 6:00 am with the arrival of George the driver. Ruby is next to arrive, having first walked his dog, "Tootsie," a miniature schnauzer, and stopped en route for a cup of coffee. Customers start arriving around 6:30—policemen, city workers, the "early birds." A steady stream of customers can be expected until closing time at 6:30 pm. Monday is the heavy day, "although Saturdays used to be very busy, too, in the days when families would prepare themselves for Church," Ruby explains.

When Ruby can spare a minute, he likes to run over to have a coffee and a chat with one of his neighbors, the restaurateur or the shoemaker, but he wistfully recalls the time when life was not so pressured and these visits were less hurried. "There used to be more of a neighborhood atmosphere here. Those were the days of 'Marybill's Coffee Shop' at the corner and MacDonald's grocery store to the right; the days when you paid a quarter for seven tram tickets, when a shirt was laundered for 15 cents."

Ruby sees his work as holding up a mirror to life itself. Because today in our "disposable society" people tend to throw things out rather than repair them, the shop receives fewer and fewer mending jobs. "But why throw out a pair of trousers when all it needs is a new zipper, or a half-pocket, or a new waistband?" People also have got away from the more economical, preservative "sponge and press" approach—once a stock in trade for this establishment. Ruby would not mind seeing a revival of sponge and press as an alternative to dry-cleaning. It is cheaper, and "why pass the garments through the chemicals unnecessarily?"

No passing down

"There are a lot of what I call stylish clothes in the market today," adds Ruby. "Everyone dresses in his or her own way—making for a wide range of fashions. But we are seeing much fewer grey flannels, blazers, tuxedoes, even suits. And practically no school tunics and fedora hats!" Pockets are out, even for men, but white shirts and vests are coming back.

What about the future? Ruby

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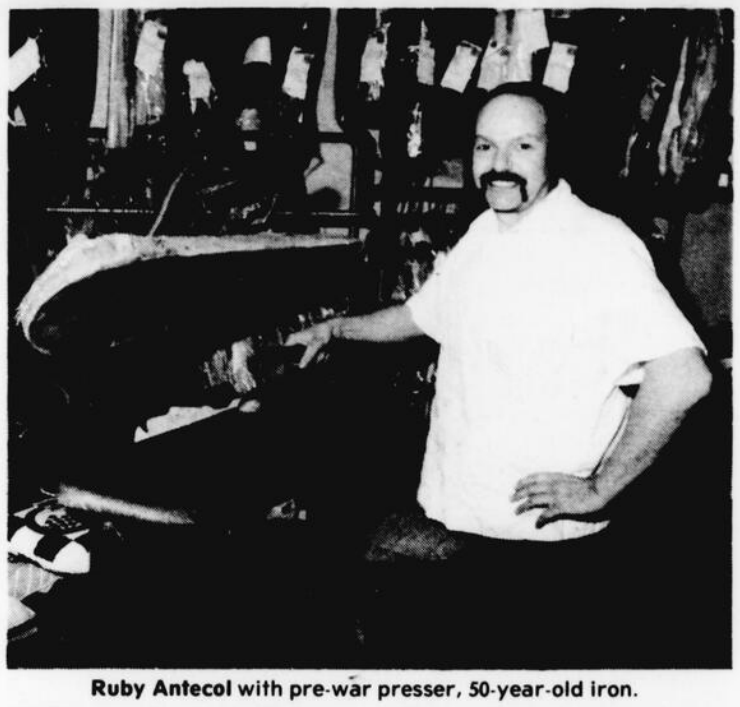

Ruby Antecol with pre-war presser, 50-year-old iron.

admits it is not clear. He has a daughter in Wagar High School and a son majoring in biology at Vanier College, but there is no prospect of passing the business down in the family. Ruby concludes, however: "I'm happy the way things are now. Since odor and dirt, pollution and winter salt are a part of city life, there will always be a demand for cleaning. I'll go until I drop. I've never missed a day yet."

And how does he like serving Westmounters?

"Westmounters are wonderful," he beamed. "They are very faithful. I get business from old customers' children and grandchildren. Westmounters who have moved away go out of their way to visit me. They make me feel very linked to the past. I have a good memory for faces—even addresses. I just can't help it." Ruby paused, then added, "All this is because of my Dad."

Surely Ruby exemplifies the ideal entrepreneur. He combines modern know-how with old-world craftsmanship and adds a personal touch and a concern for conservatism. Many Westmounters will applaud him and heartily congratulate him in his 50th anniversary celebration.

Arrest. . .

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detectives; though he initially denied everything, pursuit of the matter by detectives resulted in the pressing of charges against him.

At 12:45 am on Jan. 14 two women walking in the tunnel between Alexis Nihon Plaza and Westmount Square were assaulted by a man who used considerable violence in trying to grab a purse from one of them. The women tussled with him and held tight to their purses; eventually the man fled, without the purses.

Ten minutes later, a woman walking on Greene avenue south of Dorchester boulevard was assaulted by a man who struck her several times, apparently in an attempt to get at her purse. Again, however, he fled without actually accomplishing the theft.

The seeming relationship between the two cases resulted in a step-up of patrols in the lower area of Westmount throughout the following week, but not until last Wednesday did the break occur. Westmount's police ambulance was in the area when the women at Wood and de Maisonneuve were accosted by a man, so they were able to report the incident quickly and the arrest resulted.

The charges laid for the first offence involved attempted robbery, since there was violence and the intention of the criminal was clear. For the second offence, detectives chose to lay a charge of assault with intent to do bodily harm. The third charge was simply attempted theft, since there was relatively little violence involved.

Locked doors no deterrent

A driver left his navy blue Lincoln running, but with the doors locked, on Forden avenue for 10 minutes last Wednesday night to get it warm, and discovered at 11:25 pm that the auto had been stolen. Police in St. Henri discovered the car abandoned at the corner of Richmond and St. Jacques streets at 8:38 pm two days later. There was no damage to it, but neither were there any suspects, nor any keys.

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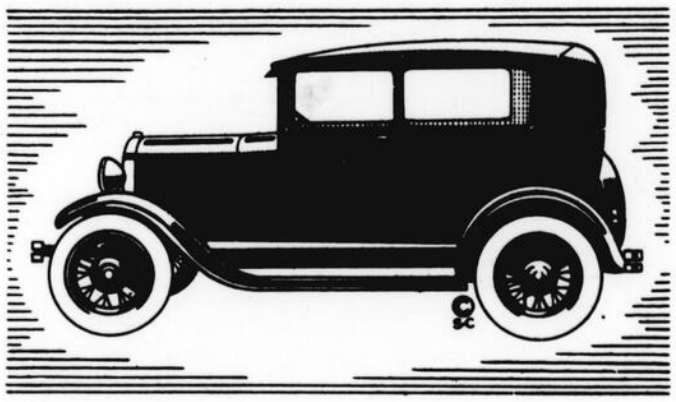

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mosphere for opening new doors participants may not like but they feel the need to talk and share experiences. A young person, she has found, can be just as reluctant as an older person to try new ideas.

Each group is different, she says, and it is important to build up a level of trust among group members and between the group and the leader. However, she maintains, "you only take out what you put into it."

Mrs. Drymer has been a staff member at the institute for five years but her relationship with the programs began 13 years ago when she took her first child to the observation nursery. Years later she took a personal awareness course for herself and then took the 18-month leadership training course before joining the staff. Twenty years ago Mrs. Drymer taught at the old Queen's elementary school on Olivier avenue and she often worked there with boys from Weredale. She was educated at Roslyn and Westmount High Schools.

Jokes about 'shrink'

At age 40 and with two teenage children, she says her attitude has been one of openness and intimacy in family relationships and, despite the occasional jokes about the family shrink at work, she feels her children are proud of what she is doing. She thinks her involvement with the course has had a positive effect on her, "I hope I've changed. I'm in the work for myself as well, and I'm learning as much as teaching. You can't keep going without some updating of skills. I hope it will keep on happening."

Mrs. Elder, as Mrs. Drymer, has lived most of her life in Westmount. She also became a staff member at the institute five years ago. "I got involved," says the 51-year-old, "because I reached a point in life when I realized the kids would not be around forever and I'm not a bridge player or a stay-at-home type." She has four children between the ages of 14 and 30.

She was trained as a librarian at McGill University and ran the library at the institute before taking the leadership courses and joining the staff. She says she has always been interested in psychiatry and psychology and wanted to learn and apply some skills.

Like Mrs. Elder, she also thinks her involvement with the family life programs has affected her family positively. She says her children have noticed a change. "My kids were never keen on a rigid upbringing. Now I've become less rigid but I don't let them run all over me."

Year-long course

Mrs. Elder takes summer courses at the National Training Laboratory in Maine and is hoping to enrol in an MA program at Concordia University. Her "skills for living" course is a year-long program which deals with, among other things, the consequences of behavior and freedom of choice.

"Many are housewives," she says of the participants. "They've been somebody's wife or mother and it was easy to blame others for their problems. We hope to make them more open about their needs and rights." The sessions mostly consist of talk, testing to see how open they can be. "It gets pretty frank," she notes, "but hopefully they become aware of what it is that makes them miserable."

The 13 women in her class range in age from 32 to 58 years old and she says that the spread of ages is good because the generations don't often get the opportunity to mix. She feels that each generation gains insights from the other and sometimes an older woman may remind a younger one of her mother or the older one may see her daughter in the younger. In this case, they can help each other work out family problems that might exist.

"I'm not here as any big expert," Mrs. Elder explains, "I point out inconsistencies or ask them what they really mean by what they said."

She encourages conflict in the group to get the participants to care about each other's problems and she adds, "I told them it's okay to be angry at the leader."

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Unity bows to Dawson by four

The basketball game of the month took place on Monday at the Showmart with Westmount's Unity Lions senior team meeting the Dawson Blues. Unity staff and members were in attendance, but it was not enough to bring a victory, as the final score was 84 - 80 for Dawson.

The junior and intermediate youth went to Mount Royal on Saturday for a day on the mountain with sleigh rides and toboggan rides. Beans and wieners and hot chocolate were served when they returned to the Club and a good time was had by all.

In other activities, Suzy from the East End Club has started ballet classes on Wednesdays and Fridays from 4 to 6 pm. (Registration is still open). The "Kiss" was here last week in preparation for the Valentine Dance which is planned for Saturday, Feb. 12, and a day in the Laurentians at St. Sauveur is planned for Saturday, Feb. 5.

Local hockey leagues at midpoint of season

By NICK KASIRER

The Westmount recreation hockey leagues reached the midpoint of the 1976-77 season this past week. Standings show that the top teams in all divisions are fighting to hold on to first place while the others aim for the remaining playoff spots.

Pee wee teams have all played at least seven of their 15-game schedule. Capitals goaler John O'Brien played a standout game in his team's 4-0 win over the Broncs last week. This win put the Capitals in a tie with the Seals in the standings, but later in the week the Seals edged out the Kings 3-2 thus regaining the top spot. The Bulls are in third place after Andrew Mouland's three goals helped them beat the Huskies 5-4. The Scouts had to settle for a 5-5 draw with the Mules as a result of the Mules' surprisingly strong offence.

The first four teams in the bantam league are only one point apart, and only the top two teams go on to the playoffs. The Hawks beat the Bruins 4-0 on goals by Steven Siblin, Bruce Gibbons, Adam Caruso and Anthony Griffin to move into a tie with the Flyers with nine points. The Flyers only managed a 3-3 draw with the Rangers. Robert Paskulin scored four goals, and Shane Ahwai another in the Flames' 6-5 victory over the Leafs.

The Mustangs have nine points and the Badgers eight in the four-team midget league. Stuart Wainberg, Daniel Macoosh and Marty Collier scored in the Mustangs' 3-1 win over the Spartons. Bert Gow scored the lone Sparton goal.

Going into the third period, the Hornets and Badgers were tied with three goals each, but then the Badgers took advantage of some Hornet penalties and scored four quick goals to win the game 7-3.

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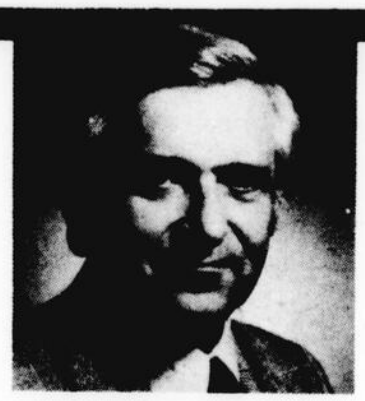

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