

NO WESTMOUNT TAX BOOST SEEN

St. George's wins rezoning

Nary a demand was made last night for a referendum of area citizens on a rezoning by-law to permit St. George's School to convert the disused St. George's Snow Shoe Club on The Boulevard into a pre-school and elementary-grade branch of the private institution.

Twenty-four persons appeared for the mandatory public meeting. A pleasant hour was passed, mostly in discussion of other subjects, before Mayor Peter M. McEntyre declared the by-law approved by the meeting.

Given first reading a month ago, city council is scheduled to give the by-law final passage at its next meeting, to be held Tuesday night. The school will then be able to finalize its purchase and renovations.

Traffic worry

Only misgiving over the establishment of the school was expressed by M. Locke, 121 Aberdeen avenue, two houses down from the Boulevard nearly opposite the site. He was worried about traffic and the danger to children. The mayor acknowledged that there were risks and promised that the administrative traffic committee of the city would be asked to make a thorough study and any changes in traffic controls which might be indicated.

Figures produced by school officials said that they might expect some 34 youngsters to arrive by foot in the mornings, between 8 and 8:30 am, and about 41 departing about 3:15 pm daily. The remainder would unload and load from about 15 cars and 2 small vans, on school property.

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Lotta Loto tickets stolen

Someone stole unsold Loto-Quebec tickets valued at about \$400 Tuesday night from the JMJ tobacco store in Alexis Nihon Plaza.

Later in the night and again yesterday morning most of them were recovered by Westmount Police, on the south side of St. Catherine street on the sidewalk opposite the plaza.

It was believed that the thief or thieves had decided that they were too "hot" to handle if one or more came up a winner they might easily be traced.



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Highway ramps set



BUILDINGS SLATED TO GO: These buildings, mostly stores below with tenements above, are to disappear to make way for the Trans-Canada Highway eastbound access ramp on St. Antoine street, just east of Greene avenue.

It didn't appear this week that anything the City of Westmount may say would deter provincial highway authorities in proceeding with expropriations and siting a Trans-Canada Highway access ramp smack in the middle of the St. Antoine street housing problem area.

City hall's request last week for information about intentions brought a copy of the March 1968 expropriation plan which it turned out already had been deposited Nov. 19 in court for action, a full week previous to the enquiry.

The plan showed ramps exactly where engineers had originally

put them and where the city had clearly pointed out, two years ago, they would be least desirable for local considerations.

This over-riding of Westmount's wishes has come despite the fact that the entire cost of access and exit ramps to the highway are a local municipal responsibility.

No developer

The city's objection to the access location, from St. Antoine street just east of Greene avenue, probably has lost some of its impact, since no satisfactory developer has come forward to take up Westmount's urban renewal proposal for the area, and none appears to be in sight. However, city fathers continue to have the area residents and supporters to contend with, those

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Motorbike stolen; owners warned

A 1961 Harley-Davidson motorcycle, valued at \$300, was stolen last Wednesday from outside 4022 St. Catherine street west.

Police usually note an increase in motorbike thefts at this time of year. They believe perpetrators use the winter months to strip and rebuild bikes for sale in the spring.

It might be a good idea to be specially careful of where you leave your motorcycle.

Quench pinch

Back to the old fire-extinguisher bit. Two of the blaze-quenchers were reported Tuesday stolen from the lobby of the apartment house at 6 Park place.

Deflated

A Cote St. Luc resident returned Sunday to where his car was parked near 4026 St. Catherine street west to find two of his tires had been punctured.

Today's World



"There goes the whole neighborhood."

Good news for Westmount property owners.

No increase is expected in city taxes for 1971.

This is the word from City Manager and Treasurer Norman T. Dawe this week as city hall staff are in twin drives to finish off the valuation roll and the budget for the coming year.

The list of property valuations is scheduled to be homologated by city council Tuesday night and notice of motion given, as well, to the budget so that it may be presented for adoption a week later, Tuesday, Nov. 15.

The cheering word will come as a pleasant surprise to citizens who have watched forlornly as the Montreal Urban Community last week adopted a whopping budget which has thrown on island suburbs large chunks of costs of the City of Montreal police department. Some suburbs already have announced tax increases of about 2 mills, or 20 cents per \$100, in their next year's rates.

Westmount different

Mr. Dawe explained the Westmount situation this way:

The valuation roll likely will end up with about the same total as that for the current year. There has been a slight downward revision of values across the board to take account of a sagging property market, but the total of the roll will be maintained by the value of new construction added through the year.

At the same time, the budget of the city is expected to aggregate about the same as that for the current year, too. Abatement of old Montreal Metropolitan Corporation assessments have gone a considerable way to negate the immediate impact of the \$267,000 which Westmount must kick in to the MUC police costs. Various miscellaneous revenues are expected to be up, to make up most of any difference. Thus the MUC charges likely will be met out of normal cash flow.

Mr. Dawe warned, however, that his encouraging outlook is for 1971 only. What 1972 and beyond may bring is anyone's guess. For one thing, under Bill 75 the provincial government has made appreciable grants to the fledgling MUC and there is no indication that these will be continued or at what level. The costs of the urban community are ultimately the responsibility of the 29 member-municipalities.

Appeals all heard

The Westmount valuation was in the hands of the board of revision this week. Tuesday they were hearing the last of 39 appeals and already had made their decisions on most of the others. Next week's homologation by city council will make it the official base for taxation.

The budget has been undergoing the same careful scrutiny, department by department, which it got a year ago when the word was out that unnecessary spending was to be curbed. It resulted in one of the smallest capital works lists in decades. While there may be some easing this year to maintain the city's physical assets—perhaps as much as \$500,000 may be made available under this heading—no single major projects are slated.

If any such unforeseen work arose, the city is regarded in good shape insofar as its borrowing power and debt burden is concerned.

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NEXT WEEK'S WEATHER

By ERIC NEAL

December 5 to 12

Tornadoes in the central States will be followed by coastal storms lending their rainy fringes into Townships. Blizzards probable in northern and Gulf provinces. For the St. Lawrence valley, morning fog, hoar frosts, and 4 to 6" of soft snow. Heavy rains could wash away our snow. Conditions will be unstable everywhere until Thursday, when we will enjoy clear, cold days and moonlit nights for 8 to 10 days.

Temperature range: south, 20-35 degrees F.; Laurentian, Quebec and Sherbrooke regions, 15-35F.

Drummond to take up problems at WMA

Quebec Cabinet Minister Kevin Drummond will speak to the problems of some of his constituents at the Westmount

Municipal Association on Monday at 8 pm at Victoria Hall. The city is affected by the new Trans-Canada Highway route,

medicare matters and the problems of being a part of the English-speaking minority in the new Quebec.

A large gathering of citizens is expected to be present to hear his talk and ask questions from the floor.

Members also will be asked to accept in nomination the names of Dr. Stanley French, Mrs. Joan Rothman and Peter Kohl to stand for election to the Westmount School Board.

It is considered a particularly difficult year to be a school commissioner as the Board will be a transitional one between the present system and the revised Bill 62 system of a possible Island-wide board system.

All citizens will be welcome to come and participate in the meeting. Mayor Peter MacIntyre will speak to the subject of Westmount in the Montreal Urban Community during the meeting.

Cars with items on view broken into and robbed

'Tis the season to be jolly, to go Christmas shopping, to leave presents on display on the seats of cars—and to have them stolen.

Such as in the Alexis Nihon Plaza parking garage on Saturday where hand-made curtains and drapes valued at \$300 were stolen from the back seat of a car.

Or, the same day, three cars entered in the garage of the apartment house at 250 Kensington avenue and had thefts made from two of them of various items, total value \$144.

Or Monday morning, when packages of good things valued at \$100 were taken from a car parked on Selby street, west of Atwater avenue.

Westmount Police keep saying, but not enough people listen: Don't leave things in view inside a parked car—lock 'em away in the trunk, out of sight.

Tuesday at 10 am on Quesnel street, just below St. Antoine street. It was undamaged.

Car rams van, two injured; damage \$500

Two chaps moving furniture at 4006 Montrose avenue just after nine o'clock Monday night escaped with leg injuries when a car rammed into the rear of their truck as they worked behind it.

Harold MacDonald, 33, of N.D.G., had a bone in the top of his right foot chipped and his helper, John Smith, 36, of Montreal suffered a broken ankle when struck by a 1968 Peugeot driven by Richard de Grandpre, 40, of Rosemount.

De Grandpre said he was driving east on Montrose, stopped at Mount Pleasant avenue and then proceeded. He said he suddenly saw "something" ahead and jammed on his brakes, but too late. The "something" was the rear of the MacDonald Transport van which, witnesses said, had sidelights and interior lights showing at the time.

Smith was taken to Montreal General Hospital by ambulance and MacDonald by Westmount Police patrol car.

Damage to the Peugeot was estimated at \$500.

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Car go

A 1969 Mustang, parked on Dorchester boulevard west in Westmount at 4 pm Monday, was recovered by Montreal Police

WESTMOUNT MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

OPEN GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 8:00 P.M.

VICTORIA HALL, WESTMOUNT.

Speaker: **HONOURABLE KEVIN DRUMMOND**
M.N.A. WESTMOUNT
MINISTER OF LANDS AND FORESTS

Mayor Peter M. McEntyre will also be in attendance and will speak to the subject of the Montreal Urban Community.

Report of the Nominating Committee for School Commissioners and Library Trustee will be received.

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Rotary Club becomes Air Cadets sponsor

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they going?

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

Nov. 24

Noon: 4337 Sherbrooke, strange odor;

Nov. 25

2:14 pm: 4101 St. Catherine, heavy black smoke from chimney;

Nov. 26

4:46 pm: 115 Aberdeen, overheated motor;

Nov. 27

3:05 am: 3 Hillside, strange odor;
12:02 pm: 3 Hillside, internal alarm;

Nov. 28

4:00 pm: 4350 St. Catherine, (WHS) black smoke from chimney;
8:06 pm: 44 Rosemount, broken water pipe;

Nov. 29

6:50 am: 95 Cote St. Antoine, broken water main;

Nov. 30

Nil;

Dec. 1

10:34 am: 369 Clarke, mat smouldering.

The Rotary Club of Westmount has taken over sponsorship of No. 1 Air Cadet Squadron.

Capt. Ted Hill, chairman of the youth action committee; Hunter Wilson and W.W.D. Whitley, manager of the Royal Bank in Westmount Square, who will be treasurer, will be on the sponsoring committee of the squadron.

Rotary had been considering starting its own air cadet squadron, but after discussion with officials of the Air Cadet League it was decided to look at No. 1, which at the time was in need of revitalizing. Rotary investigated the squadron, and Mr. Hill said that they were most happy to take on the unit's support.

The local Rotary Club will give the cadets up to \$1,500 per year for their various activities, such as the band, reorganization of the squadron and new-cadet recruiting.

Private citizens who wish to remain anonymous also help in the support of the unit.

Up to this time, sponsorship has come from the Air Force Veterans' Association, Branch 84, RCL.

First in Canada

No. 1 Air Cadet Squadron was the first Air Cadet group to start in Canada, dating from the earliest days of the Second World War, when Westmount High School students elected to be associated with the RCAF. A group of Westmount citizens led by Maj. Hugh M. Scott, G.B. Foster, and H.P. Illsley made representations to the government and through the offices of late Mayor Walter Merrill, K.C.

The Westmount sponsors made a considerable contribution to the formation of the Air Cadet League of Canada, and were later rewarded when their squadron was named No. 1 Westmount Squadron.

Mr. Foster was the first CO, and is still active on the national level.

The unit operated through the



Dr. Redding, yesterday

Manicouagan is the topic at luncheon

Power development at Manicouagan, located in Quebec's hinterland, was the subject of the weekly luncheon talk given to members of the Westmount Rotary Club in Victoria Hall yesterday under the chairmanship of President Andy Durso. The speaker was John Redding, consulting engineer.

A full membership attendance greeted the speaker who with the aid of colored slides enlightened his listeners on the various facets of the enormous project. The development will take several years to complete.

The speaker gave a rundown on the development since it was first conceived to harness the potentiality of the Manicouagan and Outard rivers whose combined water horsepower vies with, if not surpasses, anything Soviet Russia can boast of.

The development required the construction of three dams to make full use of the river flow and chosen after over 20 possible sites were studied. Manicouagan 5 will be finished next year, according to the speaker.

Don Whitley was given birthday congratulations by the assembly.

All members attending were recipients of a handsome, illustrated brochure explaining the Manicouagan development in detail. Visitors, several of whom were from out-of-town, were given a hearty welcome by the group.

support of an active citizens' committee, which raised funds for their uniforms and equipment. The peak enrolment during the war was over 600 cadets, who encompassed all senior schools in the City of Westmount.

Many served

Many graduates of the unit served and gave their lives in the armed forces during the war. After the war, many returned to serve at the unit as officers in the newly named West Montreal Squadron. This squadron, reactivated in the fall of 1947, was sponsored by the Air Force Veterans' Association, Branch 84 of the Canadian Legion. Forming the group were over 150 cadets and a trumpet band.

More recently, the unit has received high standings in efficiency ratings, last year achieving a 93.3 percent average. Enrolment was 40 boys, and their quota is 51.

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Nov. 26

4998 de Maisonneuve: (Chateau Maisonneuve) for Campeau Corp. by H.L. Durand, instal gas heater, \$8,000;

165 Edgemoor: for H.R. McCuaig by D. Salesio, garage, \$3,500;

167 Edgemoor: for H. Lapin by D. Salesio, garage, \$3,500;

419 Roslyn: for Dr. J.P. Robb by Hasko Construction, alterations to rear balcony, \$1,000;

Nov. 27

4326 Sherbrooke: (Apt. 36) for M. Lavy by Charles Szell, alterations to kitchen, \$1,200;

4326 Sherbrooke: (Apt. 31) for M. Lavy by Charles Szell, instal new sink, \$1,200;

635 Murray Hill: for Fraser Lindsay by Hasko Construction, alterations to kitchen, \$2,000;

754 Upper Belmont: for Dr. H. Barkun by City Plumbing & Heating, gas test, \$100;

746 Lexington: for D.J. Azride by Paradis Plumbing, instal gas furnace, hot water heater, \$100.

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We Say

Information for the people

WE'VE just dug out and ploughed through Hansard for April 21 last.

That was the date of the last big House of Commons debate on the role of the auditor-general, brought on by Mr. Drury's out-of-parliament wondering aloud about looking "for another kind of person" to fill that office.

An opposition want-of-confidence motion on the issue then was, needless to say, defeated, but not before some of this parliament's best speeches, including an excellent contribution by our MP, the president of the treasury board.

Which is not to say we think Mr. Drury was right then, or now that he has introduced legislation to define more rigidly (if not to curb) the role of the auditor-general.

Last week we sought to have Mr. Drury state his position to his constituents in his column on this page. He declined and we understood his reason to be that he was reserving his arguments for the up-coming House debate—which the opposition has promised to make hot and heavy.

We were not a little chagrined, therefore, to hear the minister from Westmount take to the airwaves Sunday evening to do for a national CBC radio audience what he had refused to do for Examiner readers.

To be fair, as it turned out he added little that was new on "Cross-Canada Checkup" to his April 21 Commons speech. Still, he might have done the same for us.

Some will say, of course, that having a cabinet minister for a columnist is a privilege. We think this cuts both ways, and believe Mr. Drury appreciates having regular communication with his constituents through this newspaper.

Thus, while we are not in position to exercise an editor's discipline as we might, on a regular Ottawa correspondent for producing dull stuff in the midst of political excitement, neither is Mr. Drury apt to take umbrage at our criticism of his policy.

It is just possible that Mr. Drury forgot, when producing last week's column, not on the auditor-general but on Information Canada, that in that April 21 debate the leader of the opposition, Mr. Stanfield, saw a relevance between the two subjects:

"Attacks by ministers on the auditor-general should be seen as part of a large strategy," said Mr. Stanfield, "a strategy that is designed to control information." He referred to Information Canada as a propaganda agency.

Whatever its intended roles—Mr. Drury outlined four of them—Information Canada promises to be centralizing of an existing major trouble with big government, even more expensive than the existing tangled means of communication between electors and elected.

"Information - in" and "information - out" is little more than a public relations man's substitute—and not a very good one—for members of government at all levels both listening and making themselves available, to hear what citizens think and, in turn, explain government policy and action.

Editorial Notes

NOT TO FLOG Mr. Drury, but to point up again just how miserable postal service remains: Last Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Drury's office in Ottawa had not yet received its copy of the previous week's Examiner, mailed as usual on Thursday night. From the opposite direction, Lennoxville, a subscriber reports this week that the issue of Nov. 19 reached him on the 23rd, followed three days later, on the 26th, by the issue of Nov. 12. Which, it was noted in sadness more than anger, is an average travelling time of 7 miles per day!

ALSO worth noting is that the postal administration under Mr. Cote appears to be cutting

back service with as much abandon as under Mr. Kierans. Gone from around here are collections from post boxes in the evenings. Since times of collections were reinstated on the St. Catherine street box nearest us, in a busy business section, (the collection times were not given during the later stages of the depredations attributed to the Lapalme drivers) latest weekday pickup has been pushed back to 5:30 pm. Which gives neither business nor the private citizen much of a break.

THERE is one agency of government which recognizes the mails are unreliable. The CBC has taken to mailing to us an unsolicited copy of its French-language publication, "Ice Radio-Canada," in a large, sealed manila envelope emblazoned, as first-class mail, at 14 cents per throw.

NOT only the post office is inefficient and not giving a dam for the public it is supposed to serve. A prominent Westmounter has relayed to us his experience last week at the department of veterans' affairs' Queen Mary Veterans' Hospital. His 90-year-old father, treated there before, was told to return if he had a recurrence—which he had, alarmingly for his family. Our informant says he took his Dad up to that institution at 7:30 am in an obviously distressed condition. It was nearing noon before he could get a doctor to look at him, and it was 5:15 pm before the rigmarole and run-around was completed to have the gentleman admitted.

MAYBE one of the things wrong with government is the quality of constituency organization of some of the parties which vie to control our affairs. It appears that week before last the provincial Liberals for Westmount held a meeting. They didn't bother to publicize it much—The Examiner didn't hear about it until afterward, and what we heard was mighty unflattering of the organization or lack of it. Two disillusioned Liberal stalwarts, independently, later bent our ear to tell us what an utter shambles the meeting was.

IN CASE it be thought we have become completely jaundiced in this corner this week by things political, here is a bit which is unrelated and more cheerful: Maybe panty hose don't always stand up to the roughest wear, comments Style, Canada's women's wear newspaper, but they do come in handy sometimes in a pinch. An enterprising nurse, after witnessing a car accident in

You Say

Westmount kids collect \$2,800

Sir: Westmount youngsters again combined their Hallowe'en fun this year with a thought and a deed for other children.

Deposits made this week bring the total collected for UNICEF on Hallowe'en through Westmount volunteers to \$2,800.

This amount is enough to establish a rural health unit, comprising a main health centre and three village units. Equipment would include: 4 sets of clinical instruments, 5 midwifery kits, 5 bicycles for health workers, 1 refrigerator, 1 set of technical books, 1 year's supply of supplementary drugs, vitamin capsules and soap, 1 set of basic clinical laboratory equipment, 1 portable set of dental equipment.

This type of unit serves over 25,000 children. On behalf of the United Nations Childrens Fund, may I express thanks to all the Westmounters, the young and the not so young, who together achieved this result.

Mrs. R.E. Parsons
Quebec Committee, UNICEF
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WESTMOUNT 217.

Two 4424 youths praised for aid

Sir: I would like, somehow, to express my public thanks to two young people who gave up their Sunday afternoon and evening (3.30 pm through midnight) last week to sit in a hospital and help the overworked nursing staff care for a severely disturbed patient.

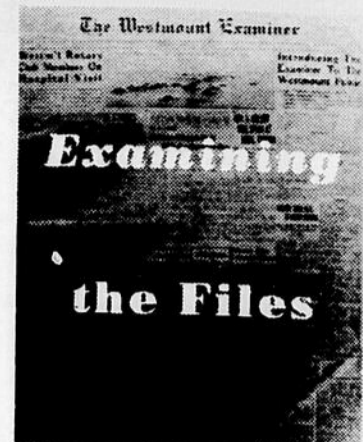
This young girl needed around-the-clock attention, which, owing to weekend shortage of hospital staff, they were not able to provide. These two young men are David Assels and John Taylor of Westmount and, on my request, provided this useful and valuable help through the Centre and the Clinic at 4424 St. Catherine street west.

I am writing this, also, to let the adult population know that "all is not lost" as far as the "younger generation" is concerned.

When I asked for this kind of help, I had more volunteers from the "kids" at the centre than I could possibly use. This was after numerous telephone calls to various adult members of the community - with only negative (but polite!) responses.

Marjorie Bedoukian, PSW
4424 Youth Clinic.

which a youngster was badly hurt, applied her panty hose as a tourniquet successfully until an ambulance arrived. Another panty hose came through in an emergency when a carload of tourists was stranded after their fan belt broke. One of the women in the group used hers as a substitute fan belt which worked well enough to get them to the nearest garage six miles away.



Thirty-five Years Ago
November 29, 1935

"Brig.-Gen. Chas. A. Smart was returned by popular vote of the people at Monday's provincial election in which this stronghold of Toryism in direct contrast to the rest of the province had its majority severely cut at a time when the very foundations of the Taschereau Government were endangered by the vote-earquake occasioned by an oppressed and tax-burdened electorate who rose to the bait of the amalgamated 'L'Action-Liberale-Nationale-Conservative,' and gave the Premier and his cohorts the worst scare they have had since they have been in office. The near overthrow of the Taschereau regime was expected by many."

Twenty-five Years Ago
November 30, 1945

"Wastepaper which Westmount citizens put out with refuse to be picked up by city collectors is no longer contributed to the National War Salvage Committee. A City Hall spokesman told The Examiner that this body was essentially a wartime effort which was dissolved at the end of September."

"Employees of the city's light department were busy most of Monday night seeking the cause of a short circuit which deprived homes of power between 5:35 pm and 4 am. The faulty cable was located under Western avenue."

Fifteen Years Ago
December 2, 1955

"Dr. John Alexander Johnston of Westmount Baptist Church will retire from the regular ministry on March 31, 1956, after a ministry of fully 22 years. Dr. Johnston is a veteran of the First World War in which he won the Military Medal, at Villiers Drocourt, while serving in the ranks. A native of Scotland, he has played a large part in the affairs of the Baptist denomination. The Westmount congregation has prospered under his leadership. His influence among young people has been almost unique and, as a consequence, seven members of the congregation are now serving as missionaries."

Five Years Ago
December 3, 1965

"After months of hard, dirty work, the West End Plaza (now the Alexis Nihon Plaza) is beginning to show signs of structure. The months of digging through rock and clay are almost over and the concrete supports have been laid. In this huge hole, which takes up the best part of the whole block, if you look down into it from the buildings on the south side of St. Catherine street, you are able to see the shape of the bases which will support the Plaza's massive columns. Steel work has already begun in one part of the massive complex. Hopes are that, by the end of the year, all the ground work will be completed and the building will begin to rise from all sides."

our M.P.

Hon. C. M. Drury

says...

Mr. Drury didn't get his column written last night.



Public housing site slated on Hillside

The former residents of Selby street, scattered throughout the metropolitan region since before Expo by the premature expropriations for the Trans-Canada Highway, remain a Westmount municipal concern which surfaced once more this week.

The city has been holding meetings with representatives of groups with any possible interest in public housing and has revealed that the city has an open option on a piece of land owned by the CPR facing on Hillside avenue.

without regard to the type of housing to be constructed, has won general approval though mixed feelings are expressed, particularly in the immediate area, over the city getting into public housing at all.

vanced is that the city, under a Quebec Housing Corporation scheme, would construct about 40 units for immediate requirements plus another 60 to accommodate other qualified residents-possibly the new group to be ousted from St. Antoine street.

Specific discussions are just being opened with QHC.

Residents of the area bounded by Hillside, St. Catherine, Abbott and Bethune have been canvassed and have had invitations to view a model and tentative plans at city hall.

It is understood that the site. The project now being ad-

Plaza Tower robbed

Burglaries of Westmount homes appeared to be back into normal, pre-emergency-measures swing over the past week.

Topping the list was a series of three entries into apartments of the new, prestigious Plaza Towers at 4000 de Maisonneuve boulevard west, all during Monday afternoon. By the circumstances, Westmount detectives suspect the thief or thieves picked the locks of the apartments.

In one apartment a mink coat, jewelry and cigaret lighters, total value \$1,595, were taken. In a second there was an equally substantial list but it had not been tallied yesterday. In the third it appeared nothing was missing, pending a more thorough check by the tenant.

On Tuesday, a \$425 coat was reported missing from upper-level 29 Willow avenue.

By contrast, in a break-and-entry at 4549 Sherbrooke street west discovered on Sunday, the only thing apparently gone was \$1—in change!

And last Thursday an apartment at 200 Kensington avenue was visited by a burglar, but nothing at all was missing.

Car left, taken

A 1964 Volkswagen, parked in the CPR lot in front of Westmount Station for over a week, finally was stolen, the owner discovered Tuesday. Value of the car was put at \$400.



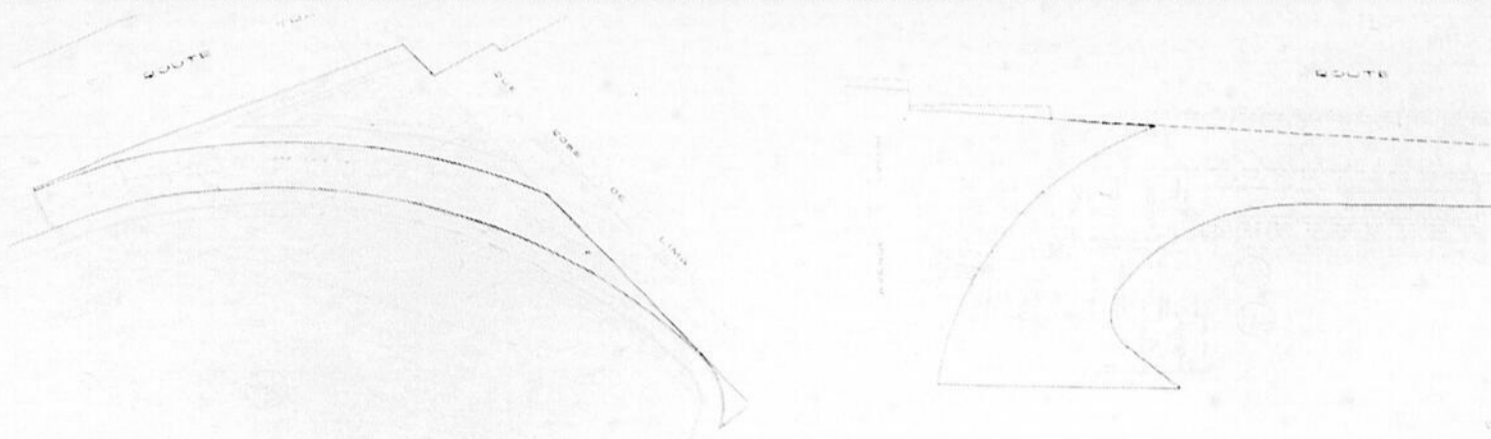
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who maintain that the grey stone-faced tenements should be rehabilitated with at least partial public subsidy. The contention has not yet been accepted by the city, and the highway program throws a new complexity into the debate.

The expropriation plan indicates that 28 St. Antoine street and Greene avenue families will be displaced, probably by May 1 next year. However, houses adjacent to the access ramp,

EXIT RAMP: The eastbound exit ramp from the Trans-Canada swings into Hallowell avenue (described mistakenly in the official plan as "Rose de Lima street") to St. Antoine street, just west of Dawson College.

Exit at Hallowell

The highway exit ramp, affecting housing, is shown curving off into Hallowell avenue to St. Antoine street, just to the west of Dawson College.

Westmount Architect Joseph Baker, as co-chairman of a Montreal Council of Social Agencies-sponsored group, has called for total abandonment of the highway project but there was little indication this week that provincial authorities were about to shelve the route, on which first expropriations took place five years ago.

ACCESS RAMP: The plan shows where vehicles would turn up off St. Antoine to curve east onto the new Trans-Canada Highway.

More movies

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Mayor sees 'great problems' in MUC police integration

Council meets Tuesday

"I foresee great problems," Mayor Peter M. McEntyre said last night concerning the drive to integrate the police forces of the Montreal Urban Community members.

He expects heavy debate, public hearings and briefs before implementation.

A new contract between the policemen's brotherhood, embracing all island policemen and the MUC would have to be worked out, with difficulties over seniority, uniform provisions replacing existing differing contracts, and other points.

As for impact, he declared: "Life as we know it will change." He saw great variety in metropolitan systems worked out elsewhere, and many of these were changing their patterns.

He said that Bill 75, bringing the MUC into being and decreeing the police provisions, was "forced through" the legislature last year. The

"duress" and "speedy passage" then have resulted in the effects of some provisions not being foreseen; the police cost-sharing formula was an example.

Potpouri Discussion

This was one of the unrelated topics discussed last night at a public meeting at city hall waiting out the required hour on the St. George's School zoning by-law change.

Harvey Goodwin, one of the chief ball-carriers of the school's board in the new building project, asked if the city had found a non-corrosive salt for the streets. Frank Davis, director of services, said that an additive had been tried.

M. Locke was critical of parking on some streets, particularly Argyle avenue and Church hill. The mayor said the traffic committee would be asked to take note.

Another member of the audience who didn't identify himself, obviously enjoying the meeting, said "I have been paying taxes for years but never really enjoyed them until tonight." He asked why grass was permitted to grow long on some private properties. The mayor said that owners received notices and if they didn't take action the city did the work with its own crews and billed the property owner.

Mr. Locke came up again with a question about the Arthur Campbell garden. The mayor explained that this has been purchased advantageously by the city. It was a historic landmark, and green areas were not so plentiful in the district as they were in lower parts of Westmount. There had been a fear that the garden might have become building sites. The city already had gardeners and the conservatory from which to maintain the garden at little additional expense to the city. It was the city's intention to continue to maintain the garden, which Mr. Locke said was famous in distant places.

St. George's . .

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At present, there is a crossing guard at Roslyn avenue, to the west, and special traffic signals at The Boulevard and Westmount avenue, to the east, where at present many children for The Study and Miss Edgar's & Miss Cramp's school now cross.

Other subjects

At 7:55 pm—25 minutes after the meeting was convened, Mayor McEntyre threw the occasion open to other subjects to spin out the mandatory one hour in which objections might be voiced. (See separate story.)

During the general discussion, Mr. Locke asked if there had been other offers for the snowshoe club property. The mayor said it had been widely offered, that it had been suggested that it become semi-public for more general city use, or that it might have been demolished and subdivided for home-building. As it was, it was being sold to the school at a

"rock-bottom" price, well below market value.

His Worship added that it was one of the oldest clubs in Canada, that it had proved an asset to the city and he was sad to see it disappear as a club. Mr. Locke commented that the club was highly seasonable, being mostly used for curling and that summer-time bowling had dropped off. The mayor remarked that the club had lost members, taxes were high and it was unable to carry on.

Tax loss queried

William H. S. Dunn, 698 Aberdeen avenue, asked what tax revenue would be lost to the city. The current city valuation of the property was \$243,550, which meant that the club had been paying at the current rate about \$3,700 in municipal taxes and about \$4,000 in school levies. The school would be paying about \$700 in land tax, the mayor thought, but the loss in revenue spread over the whole city would be minuscule.

At 8:30 pm other discussion stopped and the mayor declared the by-law approved by the meeting.

Whereupon E.H. Veinich, chairman of the school, rose to thank the mayor and council and city officials for their co-operation. He assured everyone concerned that the school intended to be "good neighbors."

The existing school premises, which will be used for secondary grades, is in the City of Montreal,

In addition to homologation of the valuation roll and notice of motion of the 1971 budget, Westmount city council Tuesday night will receive a report of last night's public meeting on the St. George's Snow Shoe Club zoning change.

Ald. Ian Craig, who stood in for Mayor Peter McEntyre at last week's Montreal Urban Community council meeting, probably will report. Ald. Craig and the mayor of Kirkland were the only two suburban mayors to vote against the adoption of the MUC budget under which there is an island-wide subsidizing of the City of Montreal's police.

The agenda includes also a redivision of the land west of Atwater between Tupper and Dorchester where a twin-tower apartment project is scheduled.

Council is expected to maintain the present 8 3/4 percent interest rate on unpaid taxes in an effort to discourage ratepayers failing to pay taxes in lieu of borrowing elsewhere.

While the normal December statutory council meeting should take place Monday, this would have conflicted with the semi-annual meeting of the Westmount Municipal Association scheduled for that time to accommodate the main speaker, Hon. Kevin Drummond, MPQ for Westmount. Mayor and aldermen generally attend WMA meetings. Accordingly, council will deliberate Tuesday at 8 pm.

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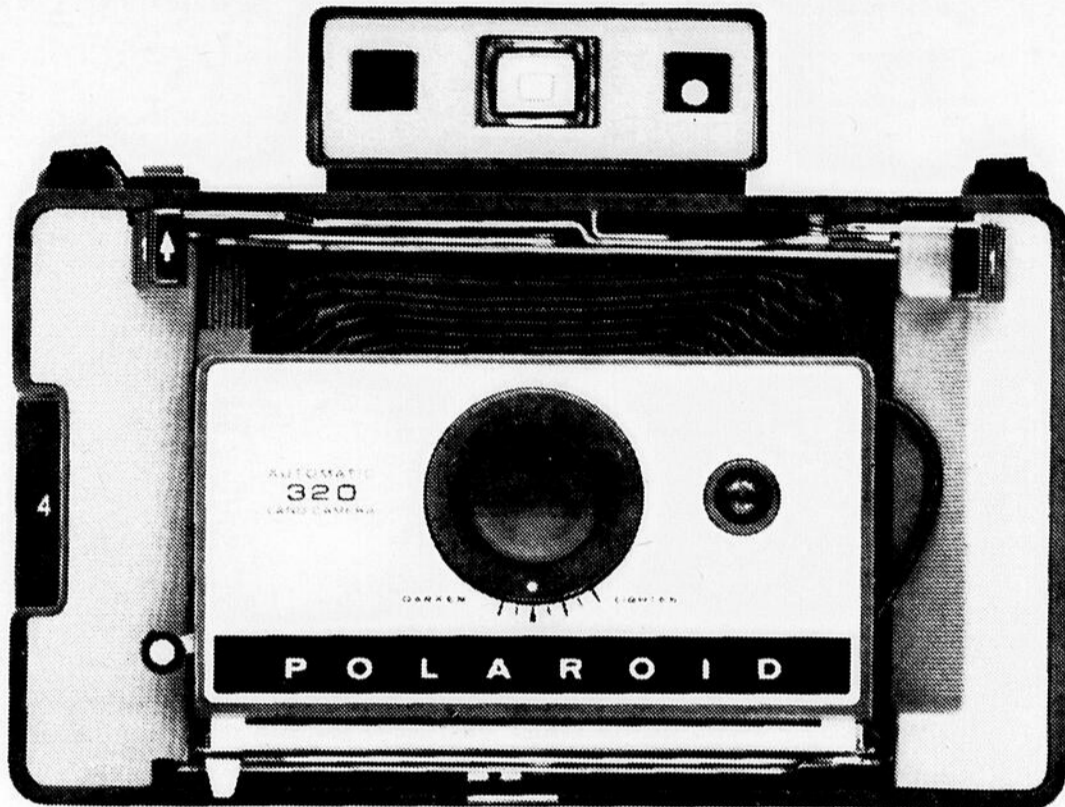
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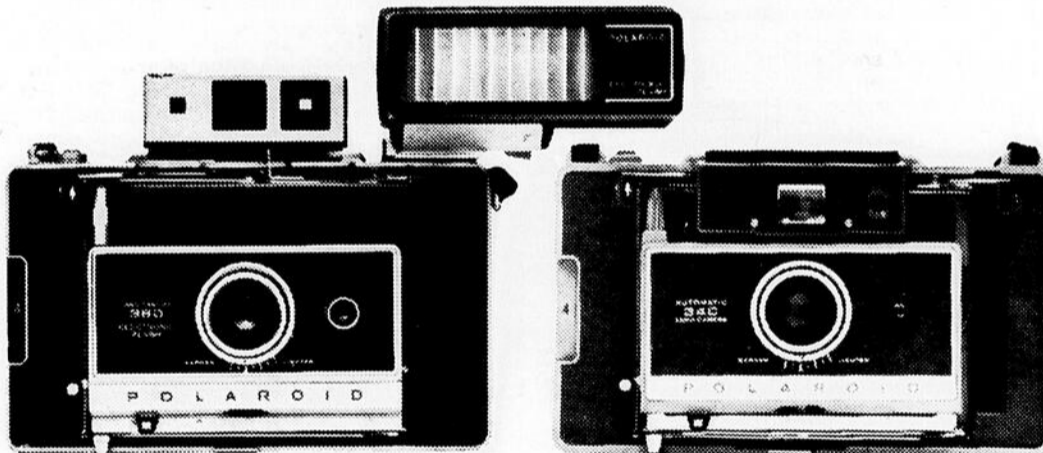
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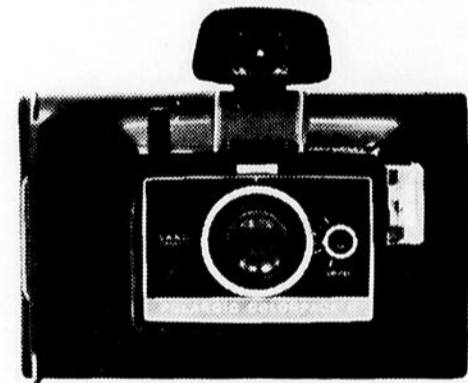
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Saturday Morning, December 5th at 11:30 o'clock - sermonette by Dr. Stern based on Torah portion.

SCHOOL FOR ADULTS
Final session of first semester, Sunday Morning, December 6th at 10:15 a.m. preceded by worship and breakfast at 9:45 a.m.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS
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Christmas tea at QE Hospital
The Woman's Auxiliary of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital will hold their Christmas Tea on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 2 pm in the auditorium of the nurses' residence.

Westmount Park Church to hear Kenneth Lowe

This will be Communion Sunday at Westmount Park Church.

Special guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lowe of Kingston, where Mr. Lowe is in the middle of his course in preparation for the ministry of the United Church of Canada. The Lowes are former Westmounters and members of Westmount Park Church.

In 1968, after about 10 years in the business world, Mr. Lowe decided to present himself as a candidate for the ministry. He then faced the challenge of going back to serious study in order to fit himself for his new career. In June 1969 the Lowes left Westmount and Kenneth enrolled in summer courses at Queen's University so that he could start the regular theological studies in the fall.

He is now in second year theology, living in married quarters in Leonard Hall of the university and acting as don in residence. In the summer of 1970, under the Home Mission Board of the United Church, he carried out a special ministry in Peterborough presbytery in the tourist and vacation area of the

Kawartha lakes. He will be telling something of this unique summer experience at the service this Sunday.

After the service there will be a "Hungar Luncheon" in aid of Pakistan relief. All members are invited to show their concern by taking part in this event.

Clothing piled at Dominion

The Roslyn avenue entrance to Dominion-Douglas United Church is piled high with clothing which has been brought for the aid of Canso fisherman. The appeal was sponsored by Dominion-Douglas Teens' Club.

A letter to one of its members was read to the Teens and immediately a decision was reached to do something about it. The clothing is being shipped this week.

Dominion-Douglas Financial Appeal has been completed and Arthur Minnion, campaign chairman, reported that the 1971 and 1972 budgets have been almost underwritten. There are still some cards not completed.

This Sunday there will be two services of Communion, at 9:30 and 11 am. New members will be received. Rev. Dr. Douglas Smith's sermon will be "Good News for Modern Man."

Progress base Sunday project

Why progress depends on understanding the source of all that is substantial and good will be explored at Christian Science services this Sunday.

Scriptural readings include these words from Psalms: "Oh Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches."

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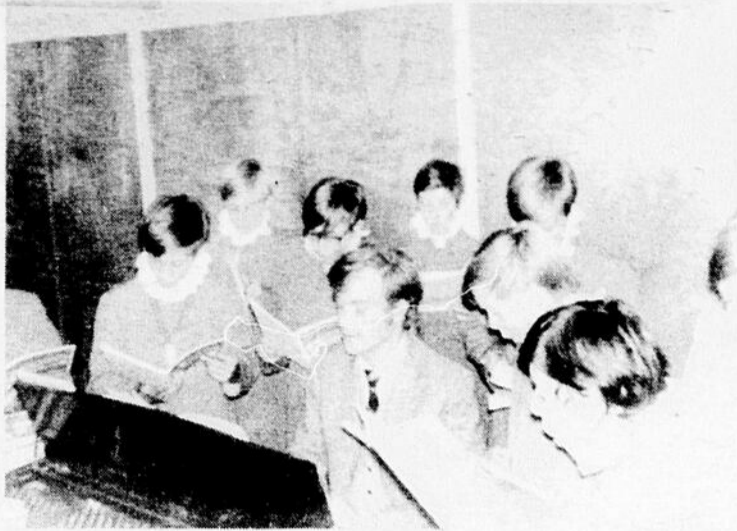
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Heaven, Earth sermon topic at Emanu-El

Rabbi Bernard Bloomstone will speak on "Heaven and Earth" at Sabbath services at Temple Emanu-El tomorrow at 8:15 pm. Oneg Shabbat and kiddush reception follows under the auspices of the Temple Sisterhood.

Saturday at 11:30 am, Rabbi Dr. Harry J. Stern will deliver the sermonette based on Torah portion.

The School For Adults holds its final classes of the first semester this Sunday morning at 10:15 when Dr. Stern will discuss "Crossroads in Judaism," with special emphasis on Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Judaism. At 11 am, Mr. Jacob Neuhoff will lead the class in the study of Hebrew conversation. Prior to class sessions a brief period of worship followed by breakfast takes place at 9:45 am. The Sisterhood and

Brotherhood Fiesta New Year Dance is to be held Thursday, Dec. 31, in the Grover auditorium. Co-chairmen are Mrs. Cecil Vineberg and Herman Gruenwald.

In the high school, the junior department and the Hebrew school programs are being rehearsed for the Chanukah observance which commences Tuesday evening, Dec. 22. The annual school Chanukah program and dramatic presentation takes place Sunday, Dec. 20, at 11:30 am by members of Grade 4, under the direction of Mrs. Shulman, class teacher. The Home and School Chanukah latke party for parents and children takes place at noon.

The annual Sabbath Chanukah candlelight service is to be held Friday, Dec. 25, at 8:15 pm, as a family Sabbath. Participants will be members of the 1971 confirmation class.

This Saturday the Men of St. Andrew's United Church conduct a congregation-wide drive to collect food and clothing for mission projects in the city. Church members have been informed of specific needs, as determined by the men through visits to these agencies. Teams of drivers, assisted by Boy Scouts, will visit homes in the congregation to collect the donations.

Holy Communion will be celebrated by the St. Andrew's congregation Sunday at 11 am. After experimenting with several new forms, the worship committee has decided to follow the traditional observance on this occasion.

At 8:45 pm Sunday, a recital will be given on the tracker-action pipe-organ by Donald Patterson, organist at Cornell University. The public is cordially invited. It has been announced that a presentation of Christmas music will be given by the choir at 4:30 pm on Sunday, Dec. 13, in the chancel of the church. Under the direction of Gordon White, organist and choirmaster, the choristers will be assisted by a chamber orchestra as well as by flutes, oboe, cello and harpsicord.



ORGANIST IN RECITAL: Donald R.M. Paterson, university organist and assistant professor of music at Cornell, Ithaca, N.Y. who will give a recital at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday at 8:45 pm. Mr. Paterson holds a Mus.M. degree from the University of Michigan, and is well-known both as a performer and a contributor to musical journals. His program includes works by Frescobaldi, Gigault, Pachelbel, Buxtehude, Boyce and Bach.

'Dirty old man' sought

Think the "dirty old man" making passes at a young girl, as portrayed on "Laugh-In," is far-fetched.

Westmount police Tuesday night were investigating a complaint of a young girl who, while walking on Dorchester boulevard west, had the experience of "an elderly man" putting an arm around her as he passed by.

Police promptly picked up a man, known to them with a record of such offences, who is in his late 60s. However, he wasn't responsible this time.

The charge awaiting the real offender is common assault.



Majors and Minors

By FRANCES GOLTMAN

Very important and similar

Intelligence is gauged quite differently by many educators. Since learning is the basis of knowledge, children start to read at different ages.

Along comes Dr. Egil Pedersen, who is chairman of McGill's department of educational research, with the theory that "most kids are not ready to read at six and reading is 90 percent of everything you do."

I agree. Reading and arithmetic are the two fundamentals of education.

Children of average intelligence, who have not had preliminary home training, find it difficult in a class with other seven and eight-year-olds who are familiar with elementary reading.

I wonder if Dr. Pedersen saw the item the previous week, that "a boy of 15, youngest to enter Oxford in England, could read fluently at two. The parents, noting that he was extremely intelligent, began immediately to "work on him" and the result proved a point — the younger you start, the quicker you succeed.

But — how many are ready to be taught fundamentals of education at three, four, five? The reason is that some have greater "brain power" than others.

Few become great who do not plug at it even with extraordinary talent. I agree wholeheartedly with Dr. Pedersen when he exposes the dangers of labelling children. "Intelligence quotients go up if a person reads well and down if does not." Very true.

Since this is a very important factor in any stage of schoolwork and music (some are capable of starting sooner than others) the following pointed anecdote illustrates perfectly. Incidentally, this true story is being included in the book I am writing but is condensed here.

A lady that I taught has two sons, a year different in age. Meeting her at a symphony concert, she was extremely distressed over something that happened concerning her two boys. She knew her second son was quicker at learning than the older teenager but he always passed.

When the older one, John X, was in Grade 10, his brother Bob got the same class teacher as he had in Grade 9.

Tactless teacher

This tactless man, when calling out the list of names in his new class, came to Bob X said, "Ummm - Bob X, any relation to John X?"

Replied the student, "Yes, sir, he's my brother."

I do not like the word "Stupid" and it should never be said to any pupil, but it does apply to this psychologically unqualified high school instructor when he uttered, "Well, I hope you are not as dumb as your brother," in front of the whole class.

It was embarrassing to Bob X also but when he went home and teased his brother about it, can you imagine what that did to John X? And his parents?

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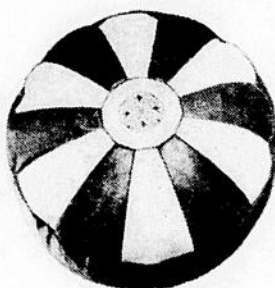
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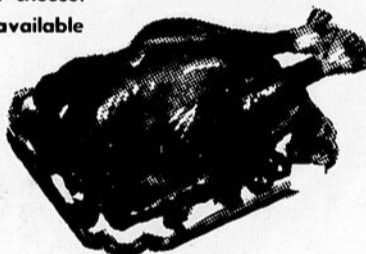
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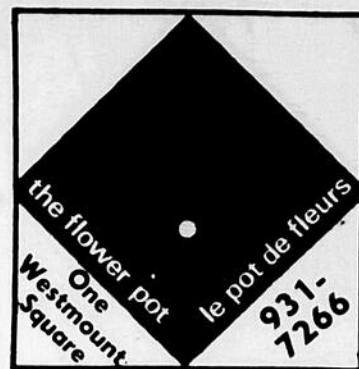
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Way Ahead Nursery School great success with children

By MARGOT ANDREWS

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"The children love it," full-time director Miss Wally Weng said when *The Examiner* visited the school recently. "Their mothers tell us they start to put their clothes on at six am so they won't be late!"

Way Ahead is the brainchild of a 22-year-old Dawson College student, Connie Darling, an American who grew up in Harlem, and the nursery school is just one of its many projects. It was felt that where families are large, earnings inadequate and parents' energies consumed by the fight for day-to-day existence, there is often no time to provide other essentials needed for the healthy growth of body, mind and spirit.

Free and bilingual

The school, which is free of charge, is bilingual. A group of eager-eyed three-year-olds, led by one of two permanent teachers, Mrs. Nichole Gehring, circled chanting "Frere



Jacques." Later, they enjoyed an art lesson.

"We improvise with everything," Miss Weng said, indicating the low table in a corner near the large, chipped, walnut piano. The table supported a tidy litter of paper and cloth remnants, bottle caps and plastic containers of buttons and beads.

Miss Weng is a trained nursery

school kindergarten teacher from Berlin. A tall, slender girl with long, straight, black hair and sparkling black eyes, she is a graduate of Pestalozzi-Froebel College, one of the first educators in the pre-school field in Europe. Where the Montessori method puts more stress on intellectual growth, Miss Weng's is more free, individualized.

"I believe in more freedom of thought, emotions and socializing," she said.

Besides one other permanent assistant, Miss Elaine Archambault, the school operates with the help of mothers in the community and one student.

Parents participate

The plan is to run the school on a parent-participation basis. Assistants were given a course as teacher aids in the spring, are now gaining practical experience, and will be given further training later on. Social events such as Christmas and Hallowe'en parties are planned with the parents and it is hoped

the parents, with Way Ahead's help, will form a fund-raising

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Coming Events

A Happening

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Museum ladies hold Noel '70



As part of the fund-raising activities of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, the Ladies' Committee is again sponsoring an exhibition of decorated Christmas trees, doorways, mantles and Nativity scenes from different countries.

Noel '70, as it is called, opened Friday on the top floor of the museum and will last until Dec. 13.

The museum is closed on Mondays, and open until 9 o'clock Wednesday evenings.

For the duration of Noel '70, there will be various programs. Tomorrow at 4 pm there will be a presentation by a dog obedience school. St. George's Church boys' choir will sing on Saturday at 2:30 and 3:30 pm. Sunday a Lithuanian musical group will perform at 2:30 pm, and Musica Viva, another group, will sing Wednesday at 8 pm.

Dec. 11 at 4 pm, a choir from L'Institut Nazareth will sing. A Polish folklore group on Dec. 12 and a Ukrainian group on Dec. 13 will perform at 2:30 pm.

Children's films will be shown weekdays at 2 and 4 pm, and on Saturdays at 10:30 am and noon.

Local club sets carols

The Westmount Women's Club will present a Christmas program of carols and music, with a showing of slides of previous parties at next week's meeting, Friday, Dec. 11, at 2:30 pm in Victoria Hall.

A special tea will be provided by members of the board. Mrs. R. Stackhouse, 34 Thornhill avenue, will preside.

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Westmount High School NEWS



By ANNE REYNOLDS

The Westmount High Old Boys' Association held its panel discussion, "Contemporary Problems of Common Interest to Parents and Youth," on Tuesday.

The audience was rather sparse, numbering 68 -mostly adults. However, the discussion was lively between the audience and the moderator, Dr. John Unwin, and panel members Perry Meyer of the Superior Council of Education; Wayne Tuttle, Director of 4424 Inc., and your reporter, Anne Reynolds. Unfortunately, Hon. Kevin Drummond could not be present. Such topics as the drug scene, apathy, unemployment and education were discussed. After the meeting, coffee was served in

the gym and individual discussions were continued.

Cinema Club

The Cinema Club's presentation of the Impossible Years was changed on the day of the showing, Nov. 26, to "My Mother's House" with Dirk Bogarde, which was well received by the rather small crowd.

WHS Band is now selling "Poppycock," as it did last year, to raise funds for a possible trip. The delicious nuts and popcorn mixture will be sold door-to-door in Westmount and at concerts, at less than the lowest price it is sold for in stores.

Today, library prefects under Head Library Prefect Donna Doerning will be holding a food fair in the library. Cakes, cookies, sandwiches and drinks will be served with proceeds to help 40 underprivileged families have a happier Christmas.

Way Ahead . . .

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committee and circulate a newsletter.

"Right now we hope to recruit more children from French-speaking families," Miss Weng told *The Examiner*. "Those mothers are not so inclined to let their children out of the home. We've advertised the school in churches and in newspapers but now we are thinking of a door-to-door campaign."

At the moment there are 23 pupils enrolled. The program operates twice daily, morning and afternoon. Teachers are bilingual but address the children in French. The atmosphere is relaxed and among other things the youngsters enjoy water-play, play-dough and a doll centre.

There is also Ginger, the guinea-pig, who bulged his white

ruff at the sound of adult footsteps and scurried into his pink Kleenex-box house inside the cage. But he likes children and lets them feed him carrots.

Transport is need

The school's chief need right now is for transportation.

"We would like to introduce three disabled children per class and the Social Service Centre of the Montreal Children's Hospital has them lined up for us but we have no means of getting them here," Miss Weng stated.

It is felt the integration of disabled children into a group of physically normal would provide the former with a sound foundation for future experience and calm the deep-rooted anxiety and discomfort felt by some others in their presence.

Among those on the board of directors for the program is Mrs. Marian Strub of 59 Columbia avenue, teacher at Dawson College.

Others include Colin Tisshaw, vice-principal of the MacKay Centre; Mrs. Charlotte Weiner of the day treatment centre of the Montreal Children's Hospital, Dr. Charles Pascal of the McGill Centre for Advanced Learning and Development, and Psychiatrist Dr. Klaus Minde, with the Montreal Children's Hospital.

Church Women's party Tuesday

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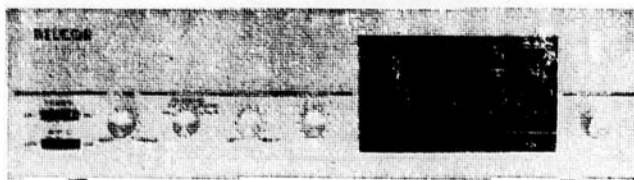
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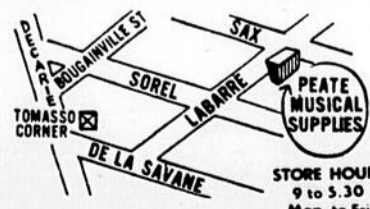
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French immersion probed at Park School

French immersion for kindergarden and grade one classes received a good reaction from parents at last night's meeting of the Westmount Park Home and School Association.

In an attempt to show various methods of teaching French, bilingual education was the main topic of discussion, and many of the 75 parents present participated in the question period.

Parents from Roslyn and Westmount High schools had been invited, but few attended.

Chairman of the meeting was Donald Peacock, president of the Montreal Teachers' Association. Panel members were Dr. Michele Paradis, head of the French department of Wagar High School; Dr. G.R. Tucker of McGill University, and Mrs. Muriel Parks, a St. Lambert parent. Mrs. Parks has a child in a totally French school and three younger ones in French immersion classes in St. Lambert. Also on the panel was Malcolm Stanley, director of curriculum of the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal.

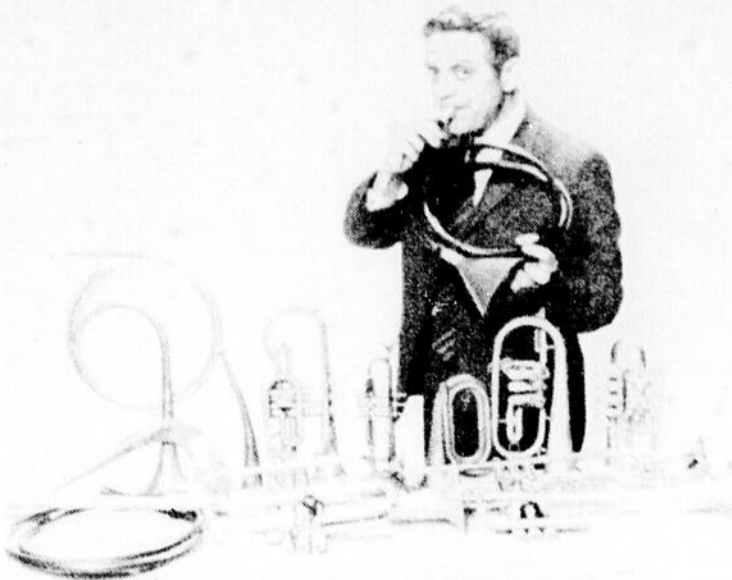
Dr. Tucker is involved in French immersion programs on the south shore. The desire in schools is to turn out functionally bilingual and bicultural pupils, he said. There is some faculty to do so, but not to the desired degree. This is not as it should be, he said, and something may be lacking in the schools.

Three Methods

There are three methods of teaching French, he explained. The first is the treatment of French as a second language. The pupil hears and copies, eventually attaining a fluency in the language. The second approach is the teaching of a content subject in the second language, such as mathematics, geography or history. This is usually taught following the audio-visual learning basics, and can be developed into an immersion program. The third method is bilingual education per se, possibly as a 50-50 program, either in time or subjects. Alternate days in French and English could also be a form of such a program.

Dr. Tucker said there were few critical studies of bilingual teaching made, but it has been tried in many places. Some were systematically evaluated in South Africa, the Phillipines, Wales and in Canada. The Quebec South Shore Protestant Regional School Board program is now a model for many parts of North America.

The four basic "myths", as Dr. Tucker called them, about bilingual education are that (1) if a second language is introduced



VISITS LOCAL SCHOOLS: An exciting concert series began in Roslyn and Westmount Park schools Monday. All the children from kindergarden to Grade 6 in both schools, in two separate concerts, heard James Ranti, well-known trumpeter, demonstrate concert and modern brass instruments including the SHOFAR (5000 BC), a Renaissance hunting horn, a Baroque clarion (constructed from a garden hose), and the modern trumpet. The children were thrilled by his performance of the Haydn trumpet concerto. Mr. Ranti was 12 years solo trumpeter with the Montreal and CBC symphonies. He is teaching at McGill, Wagar High School and privately, and is engaged in many such educational concerts. The next concert in the series will be Mario Duschenes, flutist, on Feb. 2. This series, sponsored by the Westmount Fine Arts Committee, is made possible by contributions by the parents of both schools, support of the Home and School associations, and a considerable grant from the Recording Industries music performance trust funds, obtained with the co-operation of the musicians' guild of Montreal.

to a child before he has mastered his native tongue, he will not acquire native language skills similar to his monolingual control counterparts; (2) if a second language is introduced at an early age, retardation in understanding or intelligence will result; (3) the child will be master other subjects, and (4) the child will be neither French nor English, and as a result will not be able to affiliate himself with other groups, i.e. will become normless and cultureless.

From experience with other programs, Dr. Tucker said that he did not believe these "myths" were valid. He stated that his role was to evaluate the success of the St. Lambert project impartially, for the five years that it has been in operation.

Must be trained

He also went on to add that teachers must be fully trained in applied linguistics. A teacher may be a Frenchman, and be a teacher of French pupils, but this

relatively small class. The reason behind this is that the children hear only one true version of the language, and at the same time hear so many bad examples. Thus they may tend to take on the same bad habits of the majority of the class.

In normal classroom training, the method used was that of memorizing and translating. But this method, he said, would only serve to perpetuate English thinking.

Also, Dr. Paradis brought out the fact that in many cases, the classroom teachers had to teach French even if they themselves spoke it improperly. Half the teachers at the present kindergarden level cannot understand enough to interpret the instructions given them from the board. Complaints had come in from teachers that they could not understand the directives, and that they wanted them in English.

A parent's experience

Mrs. Parks' address was in the form of a self-introduction, and she went on to tell what her

children were doing under the
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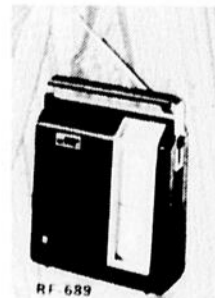
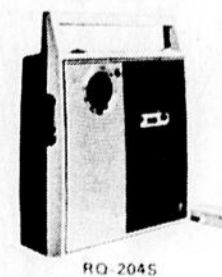
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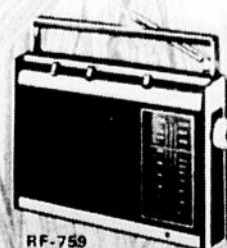
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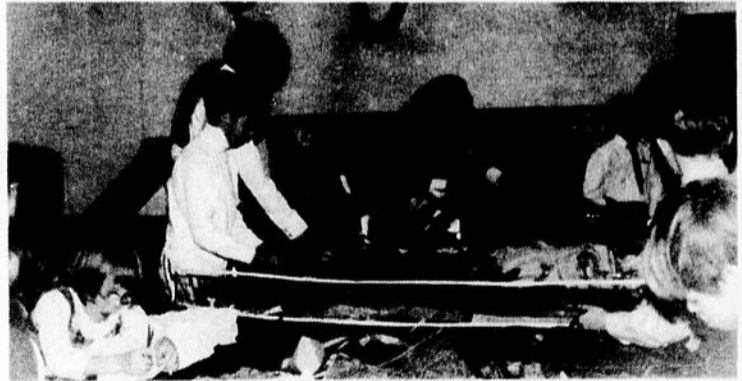
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She told Westmount Police she could not recall laying her purse down. Anyway, it went. It was later recovered, still containing her plane ticket but minus \$120 in cash.

**ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION AT SCHOOL:** Westmount Park School pupils are being taught artificial respiration three days per week throughout the school year. The program is made available to the school by the Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation Teaching Centre, who provide a nurse to give the instruction, along with a manequin and a film. Under the direction of Nurse Mrs. Cynthia Laws, Arthur Holden, 359 Kensington avenue, learns the correct method of performing artificial respiration by practicing on the life-size manequin, Resusi-Ann. Standing by is Jennifer Gunyon, 378 Wood avenue. Pupils soon learn that this is easier said than done, but with a little practice the manequin's chest starts heaving up and down to the breathing of the would-be rescuer.**YOUNG ARTISTS:** Children in the art group last Sunday prepare some of the handwork creations in the St. Andrew's Church "Celebrate Christmas" program. A wide variety of articles made from various pieces of scrap material, under the direction of Mrs. Doreen Szilasi, 483 Grosvenor avenue, who has a master's degree in art education, will be displayed at the church for the youngsters' special 7 pm candlelight service Dec. 20 and then given to needy persons at Christmas.**HONORED AT DINNER:** The Jean Brillant VC Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion honored the Legion's national president, Col. the Hon. Judge Redmond Roche of Westmount, at a recent dinner in the officers' mess of the Regiment de Maisonneuve. From left to right, Brigadier-General J. De Lalanne, 633 Lansdowne avenue, honorary treasurer of the Legion, judge Roche, Lt-Col. Jean-Claude Dubuc, president of the Legion branch.

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French immersion program. Her child in the all French program has difficulty identifying with others, while her other three on a bilingual program have no such problems. She brought out the fact that one of her children had a learning deficiency, and even she had no problems under this program. Furthermore, Mrs. Parks feels that the program may have had a therapeutic effect on her.

Questions arising from the discussion period which followed were mainly on deployment of teachers, the need for fully qualified instructors and the grouping of students in classes by ability.

It was mentioned by Mr. Stanley that teachers had normally been deployed to higher grades when they were more qualified than others who were placed in the lower grades. This was due, he said, to the consensus that the upper levels were more important than the lower. The placing of teachers is up to the principal of the school, and he said that the board had complete faith in its principals' decision making.

Mrs. Parks, after it was brought out by Dr. Paradis that there were few qualified teachers able to teach immersion program French, stated that this did not matter to her. We should not wait around for qualified help to appear, she affirmed. The schools are well on the way to bilingual education, and way ahead in learning anyway. The total immersion of a child in a totally French school may cause alienation and difficulty for the child, and the same applies to a French child in an English school. In answer to this, Dr. Paradis affirmed that the training a teacher would need could take the form of a three or four week course during teachers' college.

Not for all

Dr. Tucker went on to add that total immersion may be good for some students, but not necessarily all. Attitudinal and sociocultural aspects of education must be remembered. A proper balance must be kept, he said. That question at this point is unresearchable, and the answers given are purely individually pertaining to one student, he explained.

A questionnaire was circulated. Its purpose was to see how many parents felt in favor of a French immersion program starting in grade one or kindergarten.

Questions were also asked about how the parents felt the program should be taught, and whether or not they were

satisfied with the present French language instruction. The questionnaires were requested back tomorrow morning.

No damage seen

He has found that the English skills on the part of the students in the immersion program have not suffered, and are as good as their English control counterparts. Likewise, their grasp of control subjects like mathematics, was as good. IQs showed no retardation, and the usual patterns of English liking English and not French children did not occur. The children as a result read, write, speak and understand French. "It has worked out very well, indeed," he said.

Programs are now going on experimentally in Meadowbrook school, Bannantyne school and Roslyn school.

As a word of caution, Dr. Tucker said that this was an exciting thing, but it was not necessarily the perfect answer to the problems of teaching French. All parents and teachers can do is weigh the evidence, consider the alternatives, and not abandon one system for the other.

On the grade seven level in some schools experimental programs are being conducted, Mr. Stanley said, for those who missed the program in kindergarten. These are in progress at Cartier, Royalvale and other schools. Also, French wings are in operation in various schools.

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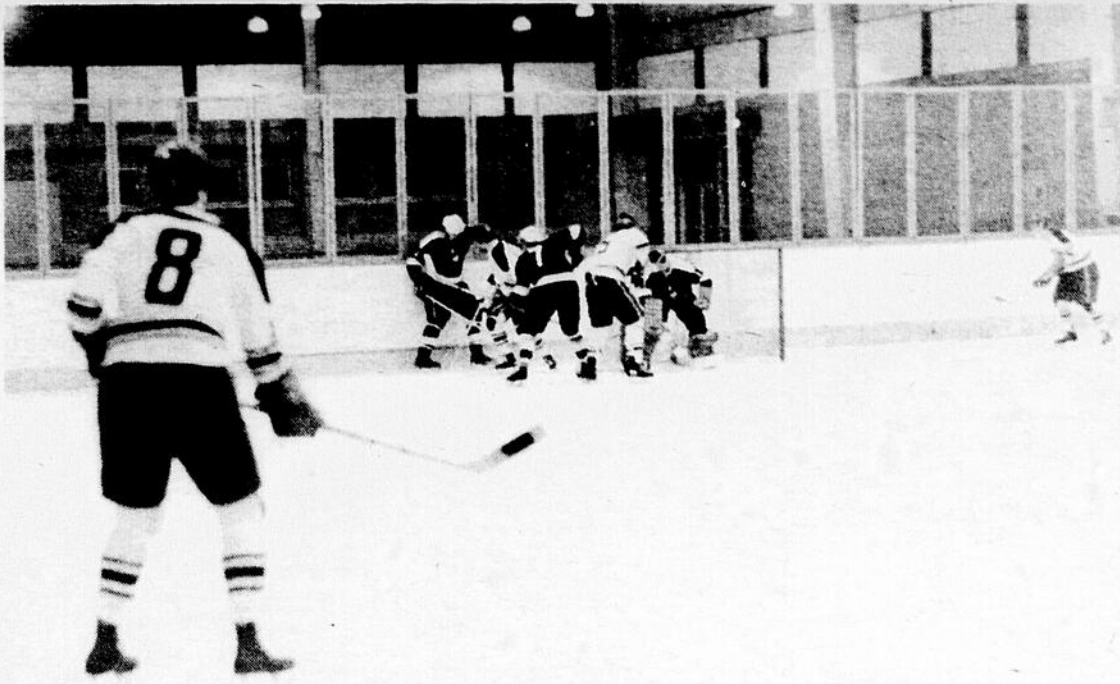
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FLQ raid nets grass

Westmount Police last Friday went to check out a house on Claremont avenue on a report relating to terrorist activity. The reported proved negative.

While they were in the neighborhood, however, an officer was surprised to see a plastic bag contained "greenish-brown stuff" come sailing from a back window of a nearby house. He suspected it was marijuana.

It was.

Evidently someone seeing all "the fuzz" around feared a narcotics raid and decided to dump his "grass" rather than get "busted" with it in his possession.

The India-Canada Association of Montreal will hold its annual general meeting on Saturday, Dec. 12, in Vanier CEGEP Auditorium, St. Laurent, 380, at 8 pm. Guest speaker will be Rev. Robert Vachon, immediate past vice-president of the association and new director of Centre Monchanin. He has recently returned from a six-month pilgrimage to India. His subject: "Witness to India."

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