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Hillside seniors' projects not 'fact' yet, says city

By PETER BLACK

"It's not a fact until it becomes a fact," is how Westmount Mayor Brian Gallery described the status of two senior citizens' projects proposed for the southeast end of Hillside avenue.

At Monday night's meeting, Marcia Addleman, a Seniors of Westmount Action Group (SWAG) activist, congratulated council for supporting the project and asked Mayor Gallery for more details.

The mayor said an EXAMINER report on the project last week "reads as if it's practically settled. I can't give you any more information."

Earlier in the meeting, Alderman

Sally Aitken, commissioner of community affairs, congratulated THE EXAMINER "on getting the scoop" but added, "It's a bit premature."

She said "there's no firm commitment," from the provincial government on either the "nursing home" project or on a 20-apartment addition to the Hillside housing project to be allocated to seniors.

The seniors' residence would combine at least two existing facilities, St Margaret's Home and the Good Shepherd residence, into a 96-bed complex, to include a day centre for seniors on the ground floor.

The provincial government would pay for all of the \$4 million facility under the ministry of social affairs and 90 percent of the cost of the seniors' apartments on the adjoining property, through the ministry of municipal affairs, a senior city official confirmed.

At present the city is negotiating with Quebec for the transfer of city property at the southeast end of Hillside, where the Public Security Unit and car pound are now quartered.

Cycling thief grabs jewels worth \$20,000

A 58-year-old Westmount woman lost her purse to a cyclist Tuesday night outside her house on Abbott avenue, police report. The bag contained jewelry valued at \$20,000.

The purse snatch occurred about 9:20 pm as the woman was returning home and looking for her house key.

The thief, who was described only as male, drove up on a bike and grabbed the purse, which contained diamond rings and a bracelet.

Of eight Canadians:

Two Westmount women named Rhodes Scholars

Of eight Canadian Rhodes Scholars announced this week, two are Westmount natives.

Astrid Guttman, a 1982 graduate of The Study, and Elizabeth Elbourne, a graduate of Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School, are off to study at Oxford University from 1987 to 1989 with the help of \$15,000-a-year scholarships.

The coveted scholarships are awarded annually to university students who achieve outstanding marks, display leadership and moral character and have a fondness and aptitude for sports.

Miss Guttman, daughter of Dr Ronald and Dagmar Guttman, 19 Aberdeen avenue, is currently majoring in history at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

While at The Study, Miss Guttman was president of the debating society, the senior treasurer, a house head, a prefect and a member of the soccer team and yearbook committee.

The 21-year-old now acts as treasurer and co-chairperson of the Amnesty International branch at Harvard and supervisor of the University Lutheran Church Shelter for the Homeless.

Fluent in English, French and German, Miss Guttman is a recipient of numerous awards and scholarships including, most recently, the Elizabeth Cary Agassiz Certificate of Merit from Radcliffe College and

Dawson gym plan an 'abomination' council is told

By PETER BLACK

Opposition to Dawson College's proposed new building on the former Mother House property surfaced at Monday's city council meeting.

One resident of Willow avenue expressed his concern about the "abomination going up at the Mother House," asking council to see whether the entire facility "could be put underground."

"People go to Europe to see sites like that," Lawrence Capelovitch said of the Mother House property during question period.

Once the site is altered, Mr Capelovitch said, "you can't replace this — ever."

He decried the "spoiling of beauty we have in our midst," should the college's physical education facility be built.

Alderman Peter Trent, who, as commissioner of planning and redevelopment, is responsible for overseeing the design of the structure, told Mr Capelovitch that if the zoning on the site, changed just a year ago, were any more restrictive all building would be banned.

"We think that would have been truly punitive" to the college, Ald Trent said, as Dawson has a genuine need for the physical education facility.

As the zoning is now, he said, nothing can be built on either the Wood avenue or Sherbrooke exposures, "not even a parking lot." Buildings on the de Maisonneuve side would be limited to under 39 feet; lower than the base of the Alexis Nihon complex, he noted.

He said the existing zoning is "a tremendous change" from what existed previously, which would

have allowed the construction of a six-storey building on the site.

Ald Joan Rothman added that when public consultation hearings were held on the zoning changes, in spring 1985, "most of the citizens agreed with the changes."

During the council meeting Ald Trent stated the college's proposal "will be in total conformity within our existing by-law." He envisioned a design consisting of three long, narrow buildings, connected by a one-storey building, and featuring a one-storey gymnasium.

He said neither the building "design nor scope" would have any resemblance to a depiction carried on the cover of an October edition of *The Dawson Digest* showing a wide monolithic block flush against de

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Kitty stuck on roof again?

A cat was rescued from a roof at 334 Elm avenue Tuesday last week and returned to its owner across the street, public safety officers report.

It was at least the third time in a month that officers had been called to take a cat off the roofs of the row houses.

The cat, called Mumms, was chased around several rooftops before being subdued about 7 pm.

Westmount joins push to allow variable tax rate

Westmount city council Monday night backed a resolution by the Town of Mount Royal asking the Quebec government to grant municipalities the right to use a variable property tax rate.

The request seeks establishment of a variable municipal tax rate "to distribute more equitably the tax

burden among all categories of properties."

Westmount had made the same recommendation last summer to the Parizeau Commission on the future of Quebec municipalities. The commission's report was scheduled to be released yesterday afternoon.

The variable tax rate also had been one of the solutions proposed several years ago by the citizens' tax action group which mushroomed from a tax protest in Westmount.

Alderman Phillip Aspinall, who proposed the resolution at Monday's city council meeting, noted that under the present property tax system homeowners ended up shouldering the bulk of the tax burden.

Westmount is particularly affected because it does not have a large industrial tax base to share the tax load.

T.M.R. was now taking specific action, he said, "and I feel we should support them."

Ald John Shingler called it a "critically important matter."



"No used cars? What kind of a drugstore is this anyway?"

WHATEVER THE WEATHER SHOP



WESTMOUNT SQUARE GALLERIES

NEXT WEEK'S WEATHER

By Capt Eric Neal
December 4 to 11

Cloudy, windy and cold in the north, with sunny periods. Mild in the south to start the week, with morning mists or fog, more like November than December conditions. Squally windstorms follow with rain, soft snow or freezing drizzle, then powder snow and gale winds with 40 to 60 km/h gusts. Tree damage probable. Deep drifts and icy roads will interfere with traffic. Improving and very cold everywhere from the middle to the end of the week, with wind-driven powder snow.

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Astrid Guttman

the Harvard College Scholarship. Both were earned in 1985-86.

Upon graduation from Harvard this spring, Miss Guttman plans on studying philosophy and theology at Oxford.

Miss Elbourne, 23, is working towards her master's degree specializing in British social history. A graduate of Roslyn School, ECS, Collège Brébeuf and Trinity College in Toronto, Miss Elbourne participated last summer in a World University Services Canada seminar in Thailand.



Elizabeth Elbourne

She plans to pursue her interest in social history at Oxford, in particular the development of her research on the impact of colonial missionaries on their homeland.

Both Miss Elbourne's parents, Gavin and Ann, 4706 Westmount avenue, read at Oxford.

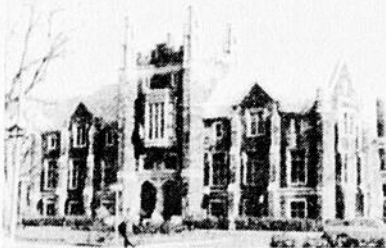
Miss Guttman was one of two Rhodes Scholars named from Quebec. Miss Elbourne was named as one of two from Ontario. Four others are from B.C. and the prairie provinces. The Atlantic region recipients have not yet been announced.



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Les avis concernant ledit règlement ont été publiés les 6 et 20 novembre 1986 conformément à la loi. Aucune demande de vote suffisante n'ayant été faite, le règlement est donc réputé avoir été approuvé par les propriétaires et locataires habiles à voter.

Les détails relatifs à dit règlement sont contenus au complet dans le Règlement 978, lequel est ouvert pour inspection par toutes personnes intéressées, au bureau du greffier de la ville, Hôtel de ville, 4333, rue Sherbrooke, Westmount.

DONNÉ à Westmount, P.Q., ce 2ième jour de décembre 1986.

Robert C. Wilkins
greffier de la ville



WESTMOUNT BY-LAW 978

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law 978, entitled "BY-LAW TO REGULATE ZONING IN THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT" was adopted by the Municipal Council of Westmount at a general sitting held at the City Hall on the 3rd November 1986.

Notices concerning the said by-law were published on the 6th and 20th November 1986, as required by law, and, as no sufficient demand for a vote was made, the by-law is deemed to have been approved by the proprietors and tenants eligible to vote.

Details relating to the said by-law are fully set out in By-law 978, which is open for inspection by all persons interested at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke, Westmount, Québec.

GIVEN at Westmount, P.Q., this 2nd day of December 1986.

R.C. Wilkins
City Clerk



WESTMOUNT

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné par le soussigné, greffier de la ville de Westmount,

QUE le budget d'exploitation de ladite ville pour l'exercice financier 1987 ainsi que le programme triennal de dépenses en immobilisations de ladite ville pour les exercices financiers 1987, 1988 et 1989, seront déposés pour adoption à une séance spéciale du conseil municipal de la ville de Westmount qui se tiendra le mardi 16 décembre 1986, à 20h00 dans la Salle du conseil de l'Hôtel de ville, 4333 rue Sherbrooke, Westmount, Québec; et

QUE, lors de ladite séance spéciale, les délibérations dudit conseil et la période de questions porteront exclusivement sur ledit budget d'exploitation et ledit programme triennal de dépenses d'immobilisations.

DONNÉ à Westmount, P.Q., ce 1er jour de décembre, 1986.

R.C. Wilkins
Le greffier de la ville

PSU stripped of flashers until police views heard

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council members Monday night formed a special committee to review the matter of red flashers for Public Security patrol cars following concern voiced by MUC police.

Alderman Paul Fortin, Westmount's commissioner of public security, told THE EXAMINER yesterday the committee would study possible alternatives to the red flashers which were approved Aug 6 by council in general committee.

"It was felt that there was some point of view that had not been expressed before we took the decision, mainly from the MUC police department," he said.

"They feel there is some confusion in the minds of citizens concerning the role of our public security as being police or crime fighters," Ald Fortin explained.

"That mandate clearly belongs to the MUC force."

He said he hoped the committee, which he will chair, will reach a decision on the flashers in about a month. Other members are Mayor Brian Gallery and Peter Patenaude, the city's director general.

Although the city bought four roof flasher bars for the PSU cars and installed two of them several weeks ago, they subsequently were removed when the question of authorization was raised by police.

Westmount's unit is one of the few which does not use flashers on its vehicles.

Under the Quebec highway code, vehicles must fall into certain categories to use red flashers, such as fire or ambulance vehicles, Ald Fortin explained.

"We do some of that," he said of the public security cars, "but in an accessory way."

He said the committee may well choose to adopt that route for classifying the cars.

A survey conducted recently by the city revealed that a number of municipalities use red flashers on public security cars. Some register them as fire vehicles. Others have installed the red flashers with or without Quebec approval.

Kirkland operates cars with yellow flashers while Verdun and Pointe Claire, like Westmount, do not sport any type of rooftop lights.

MUC police are known to object to Westmount's use of red flashers on the vehicles, which are painted in navy blue with white doors, the traditional markings of marked RCMP and Ontario Provincial Police vehicles.

Public security cars in other municipalities are painted in solid colors of yellow, fire red, black, grey and police blue. Pointe Claire operates in private unmarked vehicles.

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WESTMOUNT

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

THAT the operating budget for the said city for the fiscal year 1987 and the three-year capital expenditure program of the said city for the fiscal years 1987, 1988 and 1989 will be tabled for adoption at the special sitting of the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount, to be held on Tuesday, 16th December 1986, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke, Westmount, Quebec; and

THAT, at the said special sitting, the deliberations of the said Council and the question period shall deal exclusively with the said operating budget and the said three-year capital expenditure program.

GIVEN at Westmount, P.Q. this 1st day of December 1986.

R.C. Wilkins
City Clerk

Next Scheduled City Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 16, 8 pm

Date de la prochaine séance du conseil municipal
Mardi, le 16 décembre, 20h00

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WESTMOUNT Community Calendar

The following events are scheduled in Westmount this week:

Today, Dec 4

Art exhibition: Paintings by John Collins, Galerie Artlenders, 318 Victoria, until Dec 13

Art exhibition: Oil paintings of Marion Kaye, Westmount Public Library, until Dec 8

Art exhibition: "Miniature Madness," Galerie Stilnov, 4928 Sherbrooke street, until Dec 24

Art exhibition: Art and artifacts from the five continents, Galerie des 5 Continents, 1225 Greene avenue, until Dec 24

Christmas fair: The work of 50 artists, Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria avenue, until Jan 5

Friday, Dec 5

Sale of wrapping paper, stocking stuffers: To benefit Giant Steps program, Westmount Park School, 20 Academy road, 3rd floor

Saturday, Dec 6

Creative writing workshop: Sponsored by WARM, Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater avenue, 10 am - noon; registration at 9:30 am

Christmas flea market: Westmount Park Church, de Maisonneuve at Lansdowne, 10 am - 4 pm

Christmas bazaar: Unity Boys' and Girls' Club, 1090 Greene avenue, 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday, Dec 7

Vernissage: Paintings by Ladouceur and Foreman, Galerie Westmount, 4935A Sherbrooke street west, 1 pm; exhibition until Dec 18

Christmas party for diabetic children: Sponsored by the Knights of Pythias and the Parents Auxiliary of the Diabetic Children's Foundation, Victoria Hall, 1 pm - 5 pm

Organ recital: Henry Abley will perform works by Bach, Reger and others, Church of the Advent, 4119 de Maisonneuve blvd, 5 pm

Monday, Dec 8

Meeting: Montreal Camera Club, presentation by Kathryn Mason, "The Icebergs of Greenland," Westmount Park Church, de Maisonneuve at Lansdowne, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Westmount Historical Association, audio-visual talk by historian Allan Raymond on "The Jews of Westmount," Victoria Hall concert hall, 4626 Sherbrooke street west, 7:30 pm

Lecture: "Stop the world, I want to get off - coping with stress," with psychologist Mordechai Glick, in the community hall of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom, 4100 Sherbrooke street west, 8 pm

1986 Allan Bronfman memorial lecture: "Ben Gurion's Israel - Vision and Reality," with Dr Howard Sachar, Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, Metcalfe avenue hall, 425 Metcalfe avenue, 8:30 pm

Wednesday, Dec 10

Luncheon meeting: Rotary Club of Westmount, Victoria Hall, 12:30 pm

Auction: Of miniature Christmas trees, sponsored by the Montreal Fashion Group and four design schools of Montreal, Victoria Hall, 6:30 pm; reservations, Nicole Di Bello, 932-1660

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4:57 pm: 4550 Bonavista, Montreal, sparks
from incinerator;
10:53 pm: Metcalfe and Sherbrooke, car
accident (see story);
11:33 pm: 250 Kensington, apt 65, first
responder unit;

Nov 26

2:57 am: Atwater south of Dorchester, hiss-
ing manhole (see story);
9:39 am: 4476 St Catherine, water leak at
construction site (see story);

Nov 27

3:51 pm: 4645 Sherbrooke, code 2 automat-
ic mutual aid from Côte St Luc cancelled at
4:04 pm, smell of gas, no readings
recorded;
6:26 pm: Claremont and N.D.G., first
responder unit (see story);
9:16 pm: Area of Bruce, smell of burnt
wires, false alarm;

Nov 28

7:15 am: Greene and St Catherine, first
responder unit for car accident (see story);
8:00 am: 4646 Sherbrooke, Manoir West-
mount, first responder unit (see story);
10:44 am: Weredale Park, firebox 116, false
alarm;
2:42 pm: 4646 Sherbrooke, Manoir West-
mount, code 3 automatic mutual aid from
Outremont and St Laurent cancelled at
2:50, strange odor, (see story);
10:44 pm: Front of 488 Elm, smell of gas,
exterior gas leak;

Nov 29

9:26 am: Dorchester and Clondeboye, fire-
box 125, false alarm;
10:05 am: 318 Grosvenor, first responder
unit;
11:36 pm: 250 Clarke, apt 206, first
responder unit;

Nov 30

2:33 pm: 4557 Sherbrooke, code 3 automat-
ic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outre-
mont cancelled at 2:43 pm, fire in rubbish
(see story);
6:24 pm: 640 Lansdowne, defective circulat-
ing pump on gas furnace;
7:00 pm: 536 Prince Albert, defective pipes
for oil furnace;
7:20 pm: 78 Somerville, smell of smoke in
basement, fireplace in operation upstairs;
8:45 pm: Sherbrooke and Victoria, gas spill
from car;
9:10 pm: In front of 69 Columbia, broken
interior water pipe;

Dec 1

6:18 am: 463 Clarke, water leaking in
ground;
1:05 pm: 11 Côte St Antoine, St Paul's
Centre, first responder unit;
1:05 pm: Hillside and Hillside Lane, gas
spill from car;
8:29 pm: 354 Olivier, first responder unit.

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PUTTING DOWN ROOTS: Lovely weather one day last week offered city employees a last chance to finish off planting of new trees in Westmount Park, capping off the \$250,000 park renovations. From left, Lloyd Smith, Joseph Roberto and Michael Horton place the fresh shrubs in the earth where it is hoped they will weather well their first Westmount winter.

Man taken by ambulance avoids impaired charge

AN INTOXICATED man who was found slumped over the wheel of his car last Thursday night at Claremont and N.D.G. could not be charged with impaired driving since he was removed to an ambulance before arrival of police, public safety officers said.

He had been spotted by a worker from the Corporation Yards who advised the Public Security Unit about 6:26 pm.

Officers said they found the car with its motor running and a large black dog in the rear seat.

Urgences Santé and police were called but the man, a 63-year-old resident of N.D.G., did not want to go to hospital.

A bottle of Scotch which was found in the car was emptied onto the street by police who drove the man home. His wife came to retrieve the dog.

Boy, 8, hurt in collision

An eight-year-old boy hit his head but was not taken to hospital Friday in a two-car collision at Westmount and Lansdowne avenues, police report.

The mishap took place about 4:10 pm when a southbound car driven by a Westmount man collided in the intersection with an eastbound vehicle.

The young victim was riding in the rear seat of the eastbound car and struck his head on the front seat.

The southbound car sustained

more than \$500 damage and had to be towed away. Damages to the other were estimated at less than \$500.

No ID

A 22-year-old Montreal man was charged with refusing to identify himself Tuesday last week after his car was stopped outside 356 Olivier avenue, police report. The incident occurred about 4:35 am. The man was arrested and later released.

Tenant dispute draws referees

A civil dispute between a landlord living in Westmount and two tenants from St Laurent summoned both public safety officers and MUC police to the landlord's home on Somerville avenue Wednesday last week.

The landlord claimed the tenants, both youths, had been harassing her by repeatedly ringing the doorbell, PSOs said.



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We Say

Westmount and the Grits

WHAT does last weekend's Liberal Party of Canada convention mean to Westmount? Not much.

To Canadians generally, not much either.

We remain fortunate in our representation in Parliament in the person of Hon Donald J. Johnston, not because he is a Liberal but because he represents us well. The weekend didn't change that. It probably did change, however, any possible thoughts which our MP may have had that, had the convention called for a leadership review, the Johnston name might have come under active consideration once more.

He did see, however, some of what he wanted happen: the question of the leadership of Mr Turner laid aside for the present and some new policies for the party agreed by the delegates. The St Henri - Westmount representation went to Ottawa with more resolutions than most.

The Grits who partied and worked in the nation's capital over the weekend may have been pleased with what was wrought. Back home, though, they should not be surprised to find that the earth has not moved and that the great party to which they give so much of their enthusiasm, time and some substance still is in a parlous position: deep in debt, party structures in disrepair, a decimated and ineffectual 40-seat opposition in the Commons, a woeful lack of prospective candidates in the ridings, a leader confirmed not so much because of newfound positive thrust but because of a newly refurbished

and tidied-up personal image...

And, most important of all, nothing yet to move the electorate to clamor: "Let's chuck out the Tories and re-elect the Liberals."

All of which is very sad for many Westmounters, their riding having for long enough returned Grits to be called "traditionally" Liberal.

Sad for the country, too. The Mulroney Conservatives seem to be frittering away much of their magnificent majority and power on grand designs, such as free trade with the U.S., and relatively few smaller designs which Canadians can grasp and call accomplishments.

The Liberals and the other alternative, the New Democrats, can promise little instead.

It will require more than a better-looking leader, and probably more than the couple of years left before another general election to formulate some semblance of a platform out of last weekend's resolutions.

It will require a better leader and a real policy based on what Canadians generally, not just Liberal delegates, want.

It was encouraging to see the Liberals appearing to have recovered their enthusiasm, the first essential to getting on the road back. But they run the danger of mistaking the kind of "democracy" at their convention, so widely touted, for the kind of democracy which wins elections.

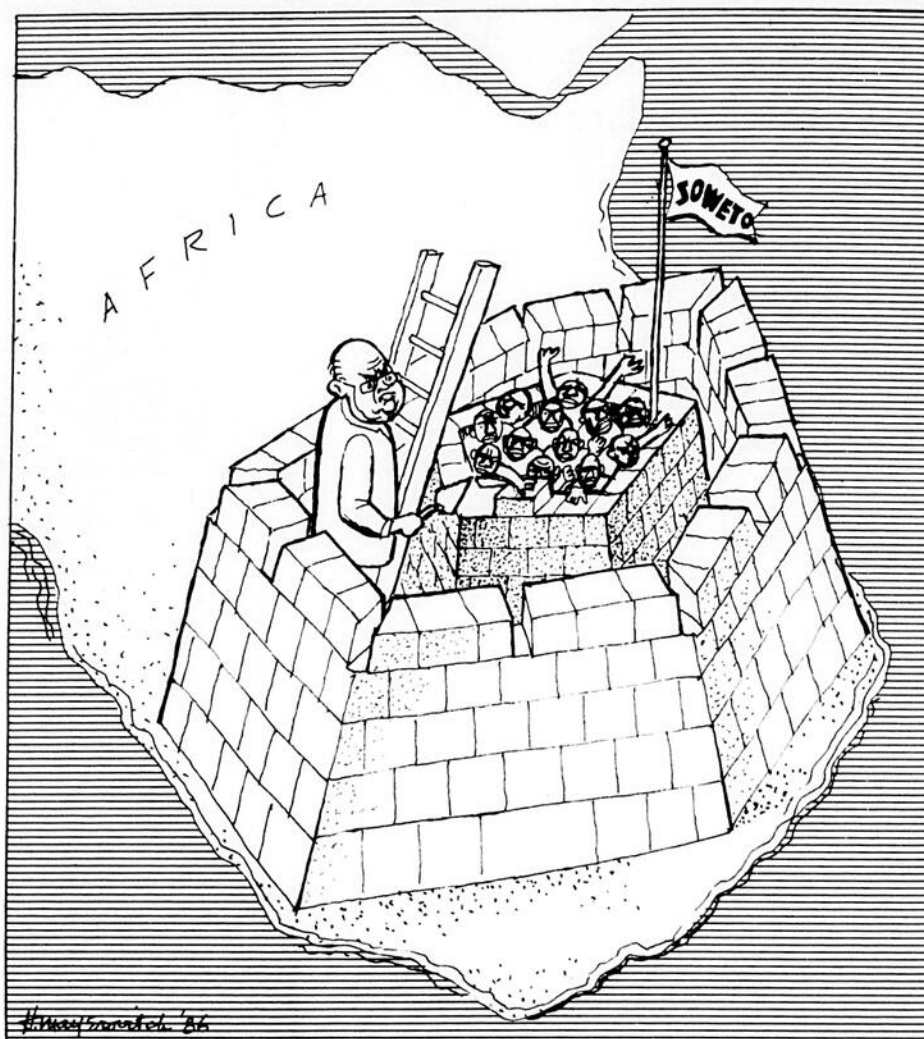
They may have confused the two.

Editorial Notes

TO say anything but good of *The War Amputations of Canada* may seem akin to attacking motherhood, but the Amps seem to have gone overboard in their pursuit of the National Film Board over its film on Billy Bishop, *The Kid Who Couldn't Miss*, written, produced and directed by Westmounter Paul Cowan. We had thought all the outrage possible had been expressed, in and out of the Senate. Now we have received a bulky package, including a copy of a heavy tome titled *Hanging a Legend*; The National Film Board's Shameful attempt to discredit Billy Bishop, VC — A digest by H. Clifford Chadderton, OC, CAE, chief executive officer of the Amps. It is a fascinating collection of material in support of the admirable Bishop cult, but it prompts an uneasy feeling that it "protesteth too much," reinforcing the opposite view that there is indeed perhaps some myth surrounding the great Canadian air hero. Exaggeration, such as "an objectionable reflection on all those who served in combat in Canada's wars," doesn't help. We happen to feel that the Bishop legend remains intact whatever may be said now, that the Amps' application for an injunction against the film's distribution is an illiberal attempt at censorship (the type of thing against which we fought two wars), and the *Hanging a Legend* book, with arty, full-color cover is extravagant and risks stemming financial support for the good purposes of the association and the real needs of its members....

You Say

NEWS ITEM: A concrete wall is being built around Soweto, the great black township near Johannesburg



WALLS WITHIN WALLS

Harry Mayerovitch

WESTMOUNT

Illegal parkers, not store, to blame for towings

Sir: Further to Ms Sutherland's letter last week: Maybe on reflection she will have considered her right to park in Mac's small parking area while she conducted business elsewhere. I was in the store at the time, and was witness to Ms Sutherland's ire after she found that her car had been towed away. Contrary to her statement she had no difficulty in getting a sensible answer from the people at Mac's, who under the circumstances were most generous and allowed her to use the store telephone, despite the fact that they had a full store at the time. Ms Sutherland was in no way apologetic, and at the time her only justification for parking there was that she had been a customer in the past.

To answer her questions: Yes I guess we could find this a "trifle unfriendly," but so was her questionable behavior in using a parking space reserved for legitimate customers.

Secondly, I can assure Ms Sutherland that Mac's only gain is a better control of its parking area, and no way financial. While \$95 does seem an excessive sum to pay for a lesson in "good manners," it now seems that she has legal recourse against the towing company.

I should add that for years Mac's has had to tolerate its lot being used as free parking space by inconsiderate motorists who are shopping everywhere but Mac's. It is sad that it has had to resort to this kind of arrangement to make room for its own customers.

The parking lot is clearly posted in both English and French and states that customers who make use of the parking have to be inside the store, or take the risk of being towed. It is difficult to believe that drivers still ignore all these warnings and then have the gall to complain about the consequences.

All Mac's has done is to transfer its parking problem to its creators: those who abuse its parking area! It might not seem fair to Ms Sutherland but it seems eminently fair to me. Though regrettable when a little courtesy could avoid an unpleasant situation.

Gordon Renny

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'Gilbertian' poem is enjoyed by reader

Sir: Congratulations to you for publishing and many thanks to Mr Harry Mayerovitch for creating his delightful Gilbertian poem on President Reagan's foreign policy ("You Say" last week).

Since part of four lines in the second verse were missing on a number of copies, it would be great if you could run, at least, that verse again.

Marjorie Bourke

4455 de Maisonneuve boulevard
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Editor's Note: We apologize for the faded spot that appeared in some copies last week. Here again is the second stanza of the poem:

I criticize vigorously all governments
tyrannical
Whether Libyan or Syrian or of course
Iran-ical
I pledge no hostages to trade with regimes
charlatanical
Except if it conflict with my great mission
messianical —
To rid the world of all regimes corrupt, evil,
satanical
And install democracies with outlooks
puritanical
Providing that I can ensure an influence
organical
Controlling their resources whether
min'ral or botanical.

Antifur ad seen as welcome change

Sir: Although I do not live in Westmount, I occasionally pick up a copy of THE EXAMINER to read the classified ads section. Leafing through the Nov 20th edition, I was very surprised, and pleased, to see the anti-fur ad "Fashion To Die For." I am used, at this time of year, to quickly pass in disgust the unending stream of ads encouraging people to waste money on the grossly indecent products of an industry that confines, traps, mutilates and kills endless numbers of defenceless animals.

Despite the efforts of those with a financial stake in the matter, and their attempts

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Forty-five Years Ago
December 4, 1941

"Speaking on 'Youth in a Changing World,' Vernon T. McAdam, secretary-treasurer of Weredale House, declared that 'It is criminal that the Province of Quebec hasn't compulsory education,' while addressing the Canadian Progress Club at noon Tuesday. A large percentage of juvenile delinquency was due to the fact that the school, the home, the church and business had failed to provide youth with proper facilities for the outlets of its natural energy. ... Modern apartments, without a woodshed, are also responsible for the change, he added. 'A pat on the back is good for a boy — if it is administered young enough, often enough and low enough.'"

Thirty-five Years Ago
November 30, 1951

"T.J. Hughes, Westmount's general manager, told THE EXAMINER today that the number of roomers and boarders affected by the rooming house by-law was 455. He pointed out that there are only 54 rooming and boarding houses left in the city. City officials knew how many each was housing."

From a "We Hear in a Roundabout Way" column: "That Russel E. Gaul (the E is for Electrolux) created quite a stir among the feminine toilers when he visited THE EXAMINER offices last week. Females were swooning all over the place and Miss Adtaker nearly committed the cardinal sin by forgetting to get a customer's address. Too bad, girls, Russel has already been spoken for."

Twenty-five Years Ago
December 1, 1961

From a letter to the editor: "Sir: By the way, whatever happened to the great fallout cloud which began sweeping across Canada some weeks ago and, according to reports, was endangering the very existence of Canadians and Americans. Is milk safe to drink? What about vegetables next summer? How radioactive is the rain and snow?"

In another letter concerning bomb shelters: "There are some rather sturdy but spartan ones available for next to nothing to the do-it-yourself man and, of course, if you have money you can go to extremes."

Fifteen Years Ago
December 2, 1971

"Heated debate flared at times at the city's public housing meeting at Westmount Park School last Thursday evening as aldermen listened to the residents' fears and sometimes imaginative viewpoints. One of the most far-out ideas expressed was that of a Clandeboye avenue resident that the public housing complex on Hillside avenue be transferred to the Dorchester parking lot west of Atwater avenue and the twin-storey apartment project planned for the parking lot be built on Hillside."

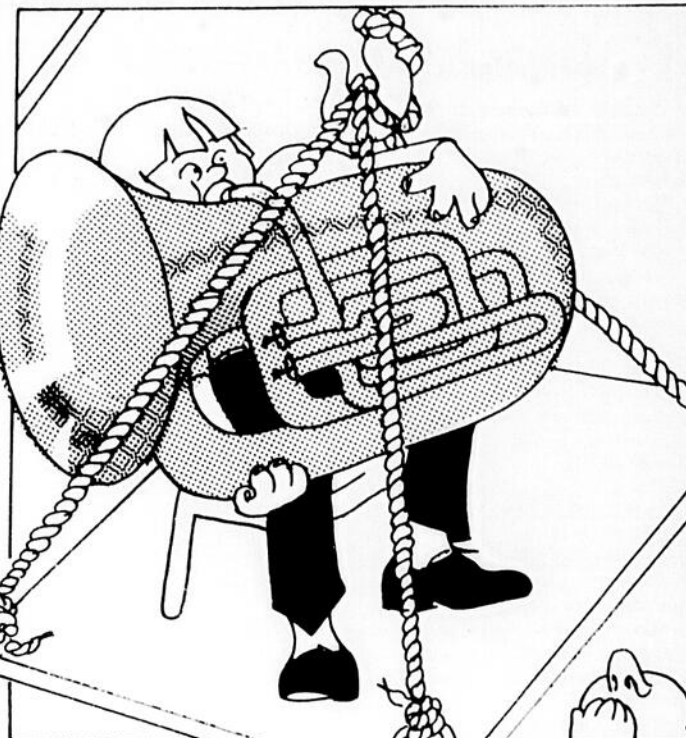
Five Years Ago
December 3, 1981

"Westmount is virtually the only municipality of its size in the Montreal Urban Community which clings to the notion of free access for citizens to recreational programs and facilities, instead of a user-pay system. It is one of few which does not offer the public a complete directory of recreational and leisure programs, which does not encourage community control over those programs and which has almost no inter-municipal sports contact. Perhaps most surprising, all of these items were among recommendations put forward four years ago by a city-appointed Recreation Advisory Committee, whose report was hailed by Commissioner of Services Ald Brian Gallery."

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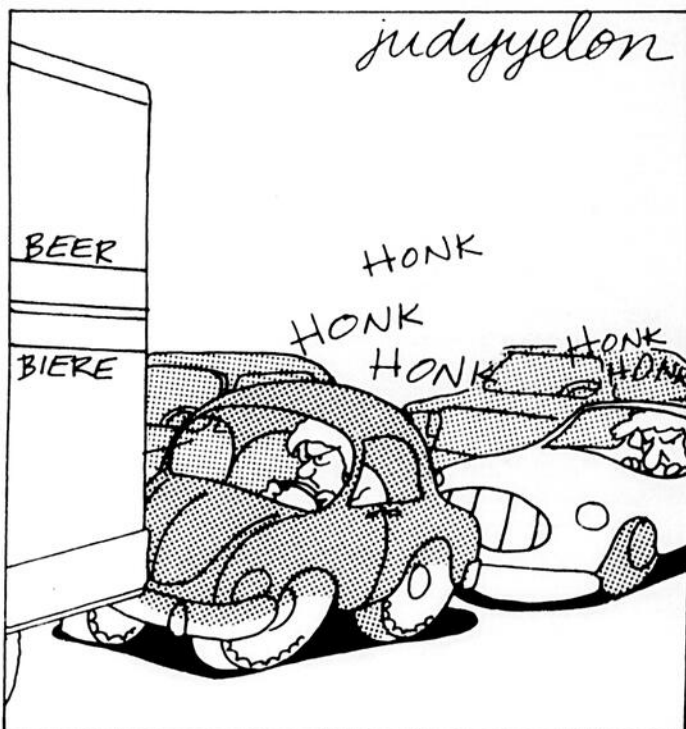
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OUR M.P.
Hon. Donald J. Johnston
says...

Policy differs, message clear

IT WAS A good convention and if it did not unite the Liberal Party on policy, it certainly put us squarely behind John Turner as leader. And apart from the obvious division on trade policy there seemed to be solid support for a number of good liberal themes including a new approach to income security.

As expected, the media and the government are trying to exploit the disagreements such as making Canada a nuclear free zone. While I voted against this particular resolution, I recognize that the spirit behind it is positive and constructive. A growing number of Canadians are frustrated by the failure of the superpowers to make major breakthroughs on nuclear disarmament. They want to send a concrete message, especially to the United States. Calling for a nuclear free zone is their way of sending that message.

To deny NATO allies access to our ports or air space because they are carrying nuclear

armed missiles would be in breach of our NATO obligations. (I doubt that a resolution calling for Canada's withdrawal from NATO would have passed.) Moreover, if we want Canada to be a nuclear free zone, surely we would be inviting our NATO allies to follow suit.

It would be somewhat hypocritical to deny the same right to other NATO allies. But is that what we truly want, unilateral nuclear disarmament by the western powers? Of course, if the East Bloc led by the Soviet Union agreed to follow in lock-step the world would rejoice. I do not think going it alone is realistic nor fair to our partners in collective security.



OUR M.N.A.
Hon. Richard D. French
says...

Tentative roots sunk

ONE OF THE things that is most difficult about being a politician is the amount of time most have to spend away from home and family. In effect, one becomes a citizen of two cities — or, rather, of one's constituency and of the seat of government. The

atmosphere in a government town is, for the out of town members, that of a sort of combined fishbowl and pressure cooker, with occasional overtones of a boarding school.

Some thrive in such an atmosphere, most manage to adapt, and some discover that they or their families simply cannot handle it.

I must admit that it took me a very long time indeed to get used to Quebec City. I knew, objectively, that it was a beautiful place, but arriving as an anglophone Liberal in 1981 was not the easiest entrée imaginable. I would say it took me about three years to feel comfortable in Quebec and to get to know some of its neighborhoods and its charm.

I say all this because I recently made a decision to buy a condominium on the lower town waterfront of Quebec City, near the Place Royale. The small apartment is on the first floor of a renovated warehouse, which is built on stone foundations. I have been busily acquiring the bare minimum of bits and pieces required to set up a pied-à-terre, something I once swore I would never do in Quebec. It is quite a relief, however, to know that I will not have to live in hotel suites and out of suitcases for the next few years.

Or will it be a "few years"? Now that I have made this financial and emotional investment, I can't help thinking that politics will come along in its unpredictable way to disturb my carefully laid plans...

August data show red hot realty scene

By PETER BLACK

Westmount home prices in August continued their unrelenting ascent begun in the spring, an EXAMINER survey shows.

Based on 27 sales recorded in August, the average mark-up of sales price over municipal evaluation was a whopping 71.5 percent, up a full seven points over the previous month.

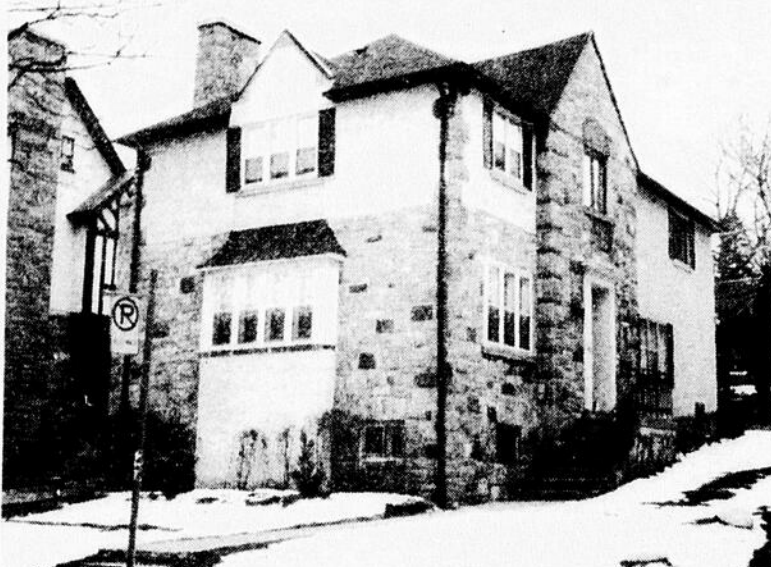
If that mark-up is applied to a typical Westmount home, which the city's finance department calculates has a 1986 assessment of \$191,400, that home should realize something like \$328,251.

The magnitude of the realty market eruption is best viewed through a comparison to last year. According to data for August 1985, the typical Westmount abode then would have been worth \$234,655.

Based on that figure, homes in the Garden Suburb are now worth 39.8 percent more than at the same time last year.

If the highest and lowest sales are removed from the calculation, the average mark-up works out to 68.6 percent. The typical Westmount home, based on this adjusted formula, would fetch a handsome \$322,700.

All but seven of the 27 sales of single- and two-family homes recorded in the month were over \$200,000, nine of them — one third — over \$300,000.



777 Upper Belmont
highest recorded price (\$470,000)

Transfers logged in August would normally reflect sales transpiring at least two months previous.

Highest price

The highest price listed in official documents was \$470,000 for **777 Upper Belmont avenue**; three homes sold for more but are listed as \$1 and consideration on the deed.

Bargain of the month would appear to be **377 Claremont avenue** which went for \$133,000, 51.6 percent over its municipal evaluation of \$87,700.

Another reasonable exchange would be **574 Claremont**, which had the least mark-up at 32.9 percent, selling for \$249,500.

Highest mark-up was for a duplex at **325-327 Grosvenor avenue** which, although assessed at \$100,800, drew \$264,000 on the open market — a 161.9 percent mark-up.

All these joyous tidings bode well for the already well-fed realty agents plying their trade in increasing numbers in Westmount. But for the family not out to cash in on

soaring prices by selling off the homestead, this red hot market means only one thing — higher taxes.

After several comatose years, the realty market in the MUC is roaring to life and jacking home prices to unprecedented highs as demand outstrips the supply of desirable homes.

Taxman off track

As a consequence of this turbulent market, the taxman is hopelessly behind in assigning a "market value" to properties on which the municipality levies its mill rate.

Three examples of how far off track Mr Taxman is:

36 Anwoth road: Sold for \$385,000, with a 1986 assessment of \$218,000, for a mark-up of 76.4 percent. The valuation on the 1987 roll is \$241,400. That valuation would have to go up 59.5 percent to equal the true "market value" of the property.

471 Argyle avenue: Sold for \$250,000, with a 1986 evaluation of \$115,700 — a 116 percent mark-up. The 1987 roll pegs it at \$127,900. That valuation would have to rise 95.4

percent to reach the actual sale price.

28 Burton avenue: Sold for \$160,000, with a 1986 valuation of \$75,600. The new assessment is \$94,900. The sale price agreed on six months ago is 68.5 percent below the valuation set for 1987 and it would be a reasonable bet that home prices have jumped considerably in that time.

Whether the MUC valuation department narrows the gap or not, valuations have nevertheless leapt considerably. Barring major market changes, homeowners can expect these hikes to be reflected in the 1988 roll to be deposited next September, increasing homeowners' share of the tax burden and Westmount's portion of MUC costs.

But for realty agents and homeowners hoping to take advantage of capital gains tax exemptions, the times could not be better.

Total sales value of single- and two-family homes for the month of August was \$8,099,900.

August details

Following are details of August transfers, listed alphabetically by street:

36 Anwoth: from Camillo Luciani to Susan Paton, sale price \$385,000 (1986 MUC evaluation \$218,200);

473 Argyle: from Irene Maria Wagner to Illoma Anne Carr, \$1 and consideration (\$163,500);



325-327 Grosvenor
highest mark-up, 161.9 percent

68 Belvedere: from Karen Robin Schiff to Earl Takefman, \$1 and consideration (\$396,200);

Belvedere Circle: from Corporation Immobilière Investissements Midanco Ltée and Propriétés Zaidan Inc to Immeubles AME, \$250,000 (\$300,000) 59,175 square foot vacant lot;

28 Burton: from Danielle Groven to Valorie Irene Kew, \$160,000 (\$75,600);

3303 Cedar: from Ivan Todorov and Maria Geler to Pliska Investments Inc, \$1 and consideration (\$196,800);

377 Claremont: from Trinh Thi Lien and



377 Claremont
least expensive at \$133,000



574 Claremont
lowest mark-up, 32.9 percent

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AUGUST TRANSFERS

Following is a summary of sales of single- and two-family homes in Westmount registered in July. Transfers of homes due to successions, family or business transactions are excluded, as are commercial or industrial properties.

- Total sales: 40
- Total price: \$8,099,900
- Total valuation: \$4,720,000
- Mark-up of average price over average evaluation: 71.5 percent
- Mark-up of average price over average evaluation (adjusted*): 68.6 percent
- Average price based on mark-up of typical evaluation (adjusted**): \$322,700

*To compensate for the effect of extreme unusual sales, the adjusted value eliminates the two highest and lowest mark-ups from the calculation.

**The City of Westmount calculates the average evaluation for municipal tax purposes in 1986 to be \$191,400

Nguyen Dinh Tan to Stanislaw Miadlikowski and Aleksandra Borowiak, \$133,000 (\$87,700);
574 Claremont: from Annie Ling Ho Kam to Paul Cowan and Katie Malloch, \$249,500 (\$187,700);
de Maisonneuve: from Immeubles Impala to 97588 Canada Ltée, \$160,000 (\$154,000), 9,490 square foot lot, northeast corner at Victoria;
4855 de Maisonneuve: from Canmont Investment Corporation to Donald Bulua, \$135,000 (\$94,200), condominium;
4134 Dorchester: from Gisèle Boucher to Gisèle Richardson Holdings Ltd, \$1 and consideration (\$87,900);
349 Grosvenor: from Diane Trudel and Jacques Beauregard to Soja Park Cohen, \$175,000 (\$109,500);
325-327 Grosvenor: from Adam Balazinski and Bozenna Rednarek to Janusz Plaski, \$264,000 (\$100,800);
480 Grosvenor: from Suzanne Legge to Michael Baxendale and Anne Osvoldik, \$1 and consideration (\$113,700);
61-63 Hallowell: from Judith Zelles, Johanne Lepine and Jean Beaulieu to

Mary Hughes, \$187,400 (\$89,100);
355 Metcalfe: from Mary Gertrude Leith to Charles Ulyatt and Janet Matthews, \$1 and consideration (\$188,000);
540 Prince Albert: from William Miller to Serge Lacroix and Melanie King, \$180,000 (\$118,700);
20 Renfrew: from Kenneth Blackader to Rosemarie Schutz, \$380,000 (\$229,500);
374 Roslyn: from Raymond Cloutier and Claudette Guay to Hugh Cameron and Heather Hume, \$1 and consideration (\$168,200);
St Catherine: from 133617 Canada Inc to Orican Construction, \$465,000 (\$210,000), vacant lot, at Gladstone across from Westmount Square;
4652 Sherbrooke: from Gaetano D'Addario and Sylvia Fedorenko to Diversiwealth Investments (Rita Blitt, Colpan Karan, Samuel Galpenn), \$515,000 (\$303,000), apartment building;
4908 Sherbrooke: from Studio 2 + 2 Inc to 91431 Canada Ltée, \$350,000 (\$108,700), commercial building;
Summit Crescent: from Price Waterhouse as liquidators of the Banque Commerciale

du Canada to Claude Pasquin, Urbatech Ltée, \$50,000 (\$74,900), 8,836 square foot vacant lot;

29 Thornhill: from Illoma Anne Carr to Nairn Scott, \$1 and consideration (\$131,200);

777 Upper Belmont: from Ian Greenberg to Carol Lynn Boxer, \$470,000 (\$260,800);

759 Upper Lansdowne: from Richard Dubrovsky to Annie Ling Ho Kam, \$450,000 (\$309,900);

245 Victoria: from Investissements Peru Ltée to 97588 Canada Inc, \$2,235,000 (\$2,475,000), office building;

655 Victoria: from Jacques LeLorier to Griselda Viniegra, \$1 and consideration (\$160,700);

630 Victoria: from Helen Lavinia McMurray to Henriette A. Zolty, \$255,000 (\$166,800);

73-75 Windsor: from Donald Baird and Patricia Ivy Lea to Wendy Batchelor, \$250,000 (\$150,000);

28 Willow: from George Freeman and Jean Marie Collins to Stewart Gottfried and Shelley Lennox, \$1 and consideration (\$171,000);

426 Wood: from Michael Chow and Veronique Hsieh to Alvi Sabir and Malik Sajida, \$290,000 (\$187,800);

486 Wood: from Howard Schwartz and Ellen Louise Neumaier to Godfroy Marin and Michèle Belair, \$1 and consideration (\$288,900).

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Central with West Island system:

Link of mutual aid fire systems explored

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A plan by fire chiefs in two mutual aid fire systems to provide back-up help to each other in the event of major emergencies needs further study by city managers, according to Westmount's director general Peter Patenaude.

The proposal by chiefs from the central (which includes Westmount) and West Island systems has been discussed by the managers at one meeting so far, he said.

"All we did was agree at that meeting that we wanted a clearer definition of when the plan might be used."

Mr Patenaude said he would be discussing this soon with Westmount's fire chief as he expected other city managers would be doing in their communities.

The plan is similar to one drawn up in 1981 which never was implemented. At present, the two mutual aid systems operate independently.

The central system involves Westmount and the five other cities of Hampstead, Côte St Luc, St Laurent,

Outremont and the Town of Mount Royal.

The West Island system includes all fire departments from Verdun, Lachine, LaSalle and Dorval west to the end of the Montreal island.

There are occasions, according to fire officials, when major fires drain the resources of each system to the point where fresh firefighting manpower might be required in the event that additional major fires should break out simultaneously.

Entry made, nothing gone

Nothing appeared to have been stolen from a house under construction which was discovered to have been broken into Sunday, police said.

A door was discovered open by an MUC patrol at 4 am. The interior was checked and the place locked up.

Flower prowler?

A window was found broken in the city greenhouses last Thursday, public safety officers said. All appeared in order inside. Footprints led up to the window in the hothouse section.

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Pedestrian hit at Claremont

A 61-year-old Westmount man sustained a sore knee and pain in the back after he was struck by a car Wednesday last week on Claremont avenue at Sherbrooke street during rain, police said.

The victim, a resident of 4300 de Maisonneuve boulevard, told officers he would go to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital on his own.

The mishap occurred about 7:45

pm as the man was crossing west-bound on Claremont.

The driver of the eastbound car, a 21-year-old woman living in Montreal, was attempting to turn left up Claremont and claimed not to have seen the pedestrian in the rain.

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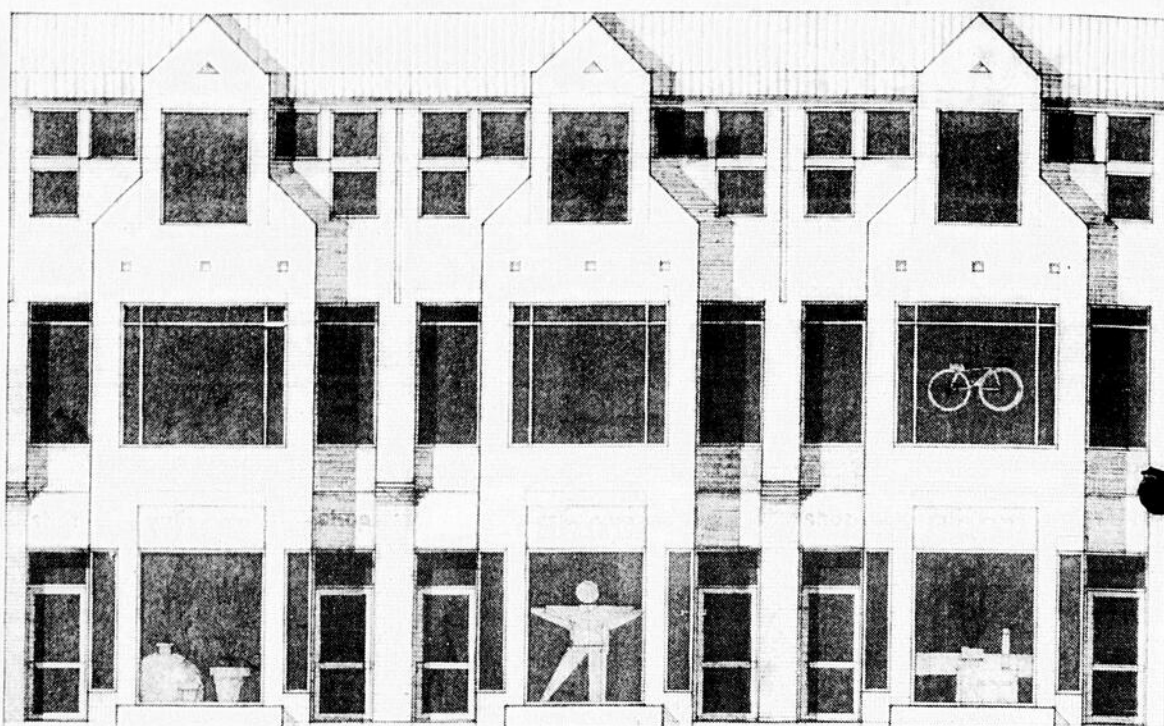
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This is the new look of Greene avenue as of sometime next spring. The design is by Westmount architect Bernard Rosen.

New Greene buildings 'harmonize' with street

Construction is under way on three new buildings to replace the three which burned down on Greene avenue almost a year ago.

The new structures are described by architect and Westmounter Bernard Rosen, of Rosen and Associates, as "three distinct buildings," with façades which will "harmoni-

nize" with the Victorian village character of much of Greene avenue.

"They will have a reference to the traditional buildings on the street," Mr. Rosen told THE EXAMINER this week.

He said "an attempt was made to find elements of the street's traditional architecture and incorporate

it in a contemporary way."

City hall officials worked closely with the project's developers to come up with a design satisfactory to the aesthetics of the street. As a consequence there will be three smaller buildings rather than one large one, Mr. Rosen said.

The structures are to have turreted, mansard roofs capping three above-street storeys, with façades sporting bay windows.

Mr. Rosen said he is exploring the possibility of using Quebec-quarried granite for the façades which are slated at the moment to be adorned with bricks and some stone.

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Although not sprinklered, the buildings will be constructed of fire-resistant materials such as steel joists and concrete slabs.

Each building will be approximately 6,000 square feet, 1,500 per floor, and contain full basements which would be used as commercial space.

The top floors of each unit are to contain skylights.

Estimated cost of the project at this point is under \$500,000 with a completion date set for May 1.

Building permits for the buildings issued last week listed a projected cost of \$160,000 per building.

The project developer is Trisam Developments Inc, which also owns the recently restored former Westmount Realty building immediately north of the new project.

Condo project basement floods

Workers were asked to remove nine bottles of propane found to be blocking the sidewalk in front of the construction site at 4476 St Catherine street Friday afternoon, public safety officers report.

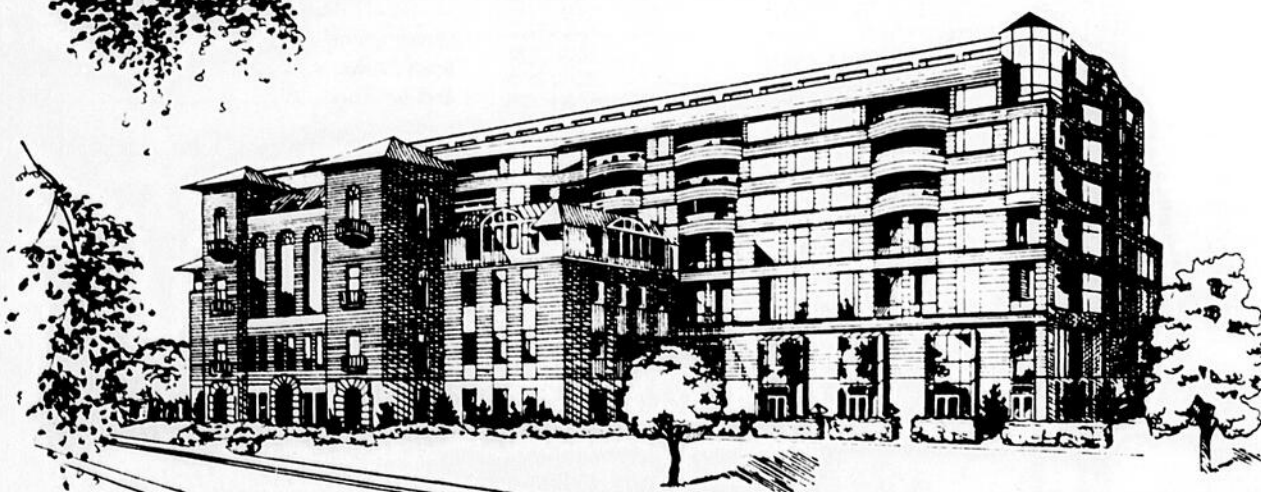
Officers also had attended the site two days earlier when a water entrance pipe broke about 9:40 am. Firefighters who responded found three to four feet of water in the basement and around the foundation. It was pumped out by the workmen.

Suspect workman stole treasures

Two metal boxes containing valuables were reported missing from a house on Springfield avenue Saturday and were believed stolen by a workman, police said.

They contained coin and stamp collections as well as a pocket watch and bonds totaling about \$17,000.

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Westmount inks pact with 145 blue collars

Several innovations for Westmount blue collar workers were included in the two-year 1986-87 collective agreement signed last week between the employees' association and the city.

Among them are earlier lunch hours, emergency stand-by pay for electrical workers, premiums for operators of major machinery and extended provisions for the wear and use of safety gear.

Although a general wage hike of 5 and 4 percent for the two years had been announced by city officials in September, the additional changes remained under discussion until the signing of the contract Monday last week, explained Peter Patenaude, the city's director general.

The contract governs about 145 manual workers, most of whom are employed in the departments of public works, light and power, and parks and recreation.

It sets up a specialized category of premium pay for operators of such "valuable technical" machines as snow blowers, mechanical sweepers, back-hoes, flushers and salt spreaders.

"This is fairly common practise in bigger cities," Mr Patenaude said.

Some machines will carry a premium of an additional \$0.75 an hour; others, \$0.50.

The contract also provides a bonus of \$60 a week to those light and power workers who are on-call for emergency situations — another innovation to Westmount's work force.

Such call-back or stand-by pay also is offered in some municipalities.

A man on call-back status who cannot be reached when needed will

forfeit his \$60 for the week.

E.A. McCavour, the city's assistant director general for operations who outlined details of the contract, told THE EXAMINER this pay was being offered only the electrical workers because of the dwindling size of their crew.

"Over the years we've cut down on the numbers of men which means there are not many available to be called in for an emergency."

The city, he said, now employs only six or eight men able to perform all types of repairs. Two are on stand-by around the clock at all times on a rotating weekly schedule.

The financial incentive to be readily reachable should relieve the burden of responsibility on the foreman,

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

he said, as well as assuring citizens manpower is available at all times in the event of electrical problems.

Under the contract, an electrical linemen "B" will be earning \$32,843 for a regular 40-hour week.

Under the change in lunch-hour, blue collars who work a 7 am to 4 pm day will eat at 11:30 am, a half-hour earlier than previously.

This is expected to provide a more equitable balance between the morning and afternoon periods resulting in increased afternoon productivity, explained Mr McCavour who, until his recent promotion, was city engineer.

An even earlier 11-12 o'clock lunch

hour was tried out over the summer, he said, but "we finally split the difference."

Under the new contract, clauses regarding safety equipment and gear have been extended to include upcoming recommendations from the city's health and safety committee.

This will mean that all workers, including regular summer help, will be required to wear protective gear as supplied by the city.

"Failure to do so will result in said employee(s) being immediately suspended without pay," reads the agreement.

In addition, "the city is to be reimbursed by the employee concerned for lost clothing or equipment."

General approval of a proposal for the collective agreement between the city and its Association of Municipal Employees had been given by city council at its statutory September meeting (see story Sept 11).

Junked fridge secured by PSU

A discarded refrigerator was deemed to represent a possible hazard to children when it was put outside at 234 Redfern avenue last Thursday with the doors left on, public safety officers said.

The doors were then tied open and the unit pushed face-down on the lawn.

House key stolen after being dropped

A key to a house on Grosvenor avenue was reported stolen Tuesday last week when it was dropped on the floor of the liquor store at Sherbrooke street and Victoria avenue and picked up by a man who refused to return it, police said.

The suspect was described as about 35 years of age, French-speaking and wearing a green jacket.

He put the key in his pocket and ran away along Sherbrooke. It had been dropped by a babysitter about 4:30 pm who had been sent on errands. The key was valued at \$10.

Car hits van; youth injured

An 18-year-old man was taken to hospital Friday after the car in which he was riding hit the rear of a postal truck at St Catherine street and Greene avenue, police said.

The victim was described as lightly injured.

The impact occurred about 7:05 pm when the driver of the car turned to speak to his son, the victim, police said. The car sustained more than \$500 damage.

Hockey gear carted off

Hockey equipment valued at \$850 was reported stolen from a car parked Saturday at 4028 St Catherine street, according to police.

The vehicle was broken into through a vent window on the right side causing \$350 damage.



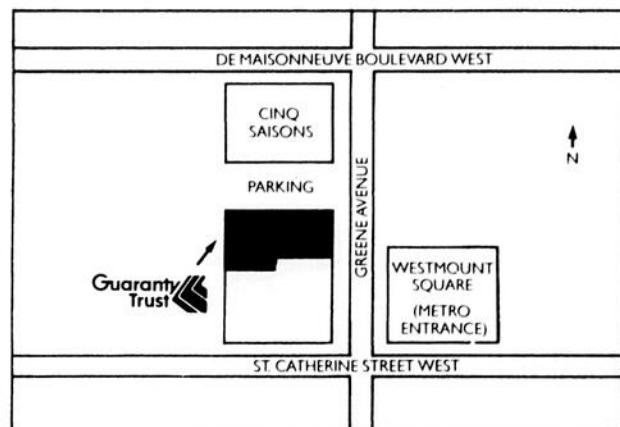
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Local Liberal resolutions become party policy

The Liberal riding association of St Henri-Westmount experienced considerable success in having its home-grown policies adopted at the party's national convention in Ottawa last weekend.

The association contributed six of 282 policy resolutions to be debated at the convention. Five were adopted at the workshop level and, of those, two moved on to the plenary session where they were embraced as priority party policy after being adopted Saturday virtually unopposed.

One resolution calls for the initiation of an international tribunal, under the auspices of the United

By THOR VALDMANIS

Nations, to protect the environment and sanction negligent countries.

The other supports increasing foreign aid and renewing the party's commitment to devote 0.7 percent of the annual GNP to official foreign aid by 1995.

Resolutions to enhance Canadian sovereignty in the Arctic, to improve Canada's water resources and to set more effective pollution controls (including acting on recommendations by the special envoys on acid rain) were all welcomed at the workshop level.

When reached yesterday, Robert Cowling, the St Henri-Westmount riding association president, expressed some disappointment over the defeat of his group's resolution calling for a steady reduction in the national deficit.

"I'm a little unhappy about the deficit resolution not making it, but there's always another time," Mr Cowling maintained, referring to the next national convention to be held in two years.

Free trade debate

St Henri-Westmount MP Donald Johnston had a tough time of it Saturday afternoon on the Convention Centre floor, as he, supported by former Liberal finance minister Donald Macdonald and former trade minister Gerald Regan, spoke out against a motion rejecting free trade talks with the United States in favor of a multilateral trade agreement through the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

The dramatic debate pitted the St Henri-Westmount MP against caucus colleagues Lloyd Axworthy, the Liberal trade critic, and house leader Herbert Gray.

The resolution passed 277 to 273. After a recount, the resolution held, 331 to 310.

At the workshop level on Friday, however, a resolution backing free trade negotiations with the U.S. had been adopted, although with caveats.

Where do the newly adopted resolutions go from here?

"They'll go on record as part of Liberal thought," Mr Cowling began.

With some of the more controversial resolutions, such as those on cruise missile testing and free trade, he said, other factors and responsibilities, in addition to the delegate vote, may have to be taken into account by the party's policy committee.

"But that's just my personal feeling," Mr Cowling added.

The riding president mentioned that in the case of resolutions which went virtually unopposed, such as those from St Henri-Westmount, "I think it's a pretty good indicator that they are something the party wants and probably something the country wants."



St Henri-Westmount MP Don Johnston shares a chuckle with caucus colleague and MP for Winnipeg-Fort Garry Lloyd Axworthy. Odds are they were not talking free trade.



Sharing a relaxing moment Saturday before the next day's leadership vote results were MP Don Johnston, Brenda Norris, a St Henri-Westmount delegate and sister of Liberal leader John Turner, and Maria Schaeffer, a St Henri-Westmount alternate delegate.

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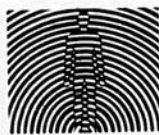
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Rubbish fire doused quickly

A small fire in rubbish at the base of an apartment elevator shaft at 4557 Sherbrooke street Sunday was probably started by discarded smokers' material, fire officials said.

The fire had been extinguished by the superintendent before the arrival of firefighters shortly after 2:33 pm. No damage was reported.

An automatic code 3 call to mutual aid firemen in Côte St Luc and St Laurent was cancelled at 2:43 pm.

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Council query limit stays, mayor tells questioner

City council does not intend to lift its restriction of two questions per citizen at public council meetings, Mayor Brian Gallery said at Monday night's session.

He was replying to a statement by Ramzi Ferahian, 4998 de Maisonneuve boulevard, who said a number of citizens felt they could not receive adequate answers when questions had to be stripped to "bare bone."

The mayor said his council had been more receptive than other councils to questions and that answers did not always have to be obtained in the council chamber.

His Worship then asked Mr Ferahian for his question, which was whether or not the city would "pass a law" making it mandatory for persons storing dangerous materials to make them known to the city.

He then handed over to the city clerk a copy of a brief seeking greater environmental protection in Quebec municipalities which he had submitted last February to the Parizeau Commission.

The report of the commission was made public yesterday afternoon. Mr Ferahian's brief urged the com-

mission to consider requiring building owners to remove or drain electrical transformers filled with PCB coolant.

He also asked that legislation be enacted to ensure that citizens be promptly informed of any environmental contamination of their habitat.

PSU on lookout for peeper

A worried resident of Sydenham avenue asked public safety officers to search the basement of her house Wednesday last week after she spotted a man peering into a rear window.

Officers said the basement door had been left insecure but no one was found inside. The matter was then referred to MUC police. PSOs reported staying in the area for an additional 25 minutes but no suspicious persons were noted.

The man was described as a slim black person wearing a hat and dark clothes.

Cause of mishap, woman flees scene

A taxidriver was taken to hospital Saturday morning after his east-bound cab hit two cars parked facing east on Sherbrooke street, police said.

The cabbie told police he had swerved to avoid striking a car which turned suddenly off Mountain avenue onto Sherbrooke about 10:20 am.

The driver of the car, reported to be a woman, ran off after the collision of the other vehicles, leaving the

blue AMC Spirit in the middle of Sherbrooke.

The car was identified as belonging to a car dealership. It was not reported as stolen.

Two of the cars sustained more than \$500 damage. The victim suffered a scratch on the forehead.

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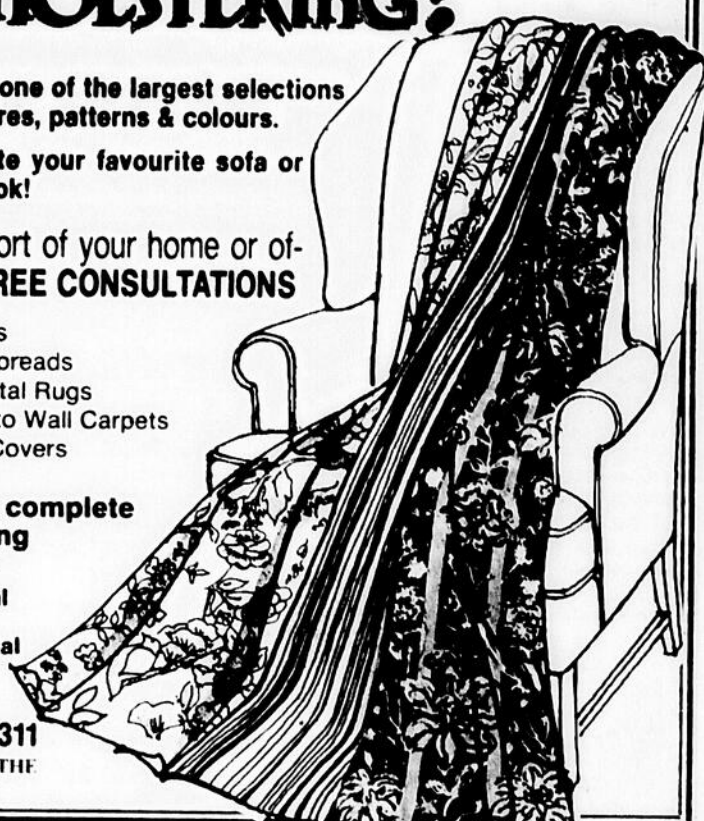
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William Munro retiring; 32 years with city power

William Munro is scheduled to retire Feb 10 after 32 years with Westmount's light and power department.

A native of Nova Scotia, Mr Munro began his career in Westmount Jan 1, 1955, accepting the post of assistant superintendent of light and power.

He arrived in Westmount shortly after Alex deF. Heron, who took on the position of superintendent.

Today, Mr Munro is superintendent of the department and Mr Heron

is the director.

Agreeing that Mr Munro was his right hand man, Mr Heron added, "Bill is a pretty easygoing guy."

"We've had no problems ... even after 32 years," Mr Heron recalled.

Mr Heron said his colleague "provided the day-to-day administrative supervision" and was responsible for the preparation of estimates.

Mr Munro developed expertise in a number of areas including traffic signal systems, Mr Heron said.

'Suicidal' woman pays traffic fines

A 47-year-old Montreal woman paid up \$104.50 in outstanding traffic warrants last Thursday after she had been taken to the Reddy Memorial Hospital, police said.

She was reported to have been transported to the hospital "often"

by Urgences Santé for suicide attempts at the St Henri Metro station.

Police said they were contacted by the hospital about 4:10 pm regarding the unpaid fines.

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MUC POLICE CHIEF VISITS: City council invited the MUCPD's chief, Director Roland Bourget, second from left, to lunch Monday at city hall. With him from left are: Ald Paul Fortin, the city's commissioner of public security, Mayor Brian Gallery and Dir Gilbert Côté, commanding officer of local MUC station 23. Among city officials at the luncheon was Dir Richard McEnroe of the Public Security Unit. Mayor Gallery said later the visit provided Dir Bourget with a good opportunity to learn how much co-operation there was between the MUC and PSU forces.

Truck troubles:

Pride of fire force back after more repairs

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's "quint" combination fire truck is expected to be back in service today or tomorrow following the latest round of repairs and modifications, fire officials said Tuesday.

The three-year-old aerial ladder-pumper vehicle was sent two weeks ago to Pierreville where it was built to correct vibrations and retraction problems in the ladder.

It was not known how much the repair bill would be, said E.A. McCavour, the city's assistant director general for operations.

The cost, he added, would be shared by the city and the firm of Thibault Inc which services the truck.

The vehicle, a prototype, is the top of the fire brigade's firefighting fleet. It has undergone a number of lengthy repairs over the past year which city officials hope have now corrected on-going problems.

During such occasions it is replaced by the brigade's "faithful" 1962-vintage back-up Thibault ladder truck normally kept in semi-storage.

"I have the utmost concern for the reliability of our equipment," Mr McCavour said. "I would not want the truck on the road until it is functioning properly."

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Maisonneuve.

The publication's reference to the facility was first brought to the attention of concerned citizens by Westmount Municipal Association director Alan Bull at a recent WMA meeting.

Ald Trent said the college "had been taken aback by the adverse reaction to this publication," which all members of council had seen.

Five members of council — Alds Rothman, Rhoda Vineberg, Peter Duffield, Paul Fortin and Mayor Brian Gallery — had earlier in the day attended an official ceremony at the Mother House campus to mark the signing of a \$28 million contract for renovations of the facility, to begin immediately.

Council members were informed at the ceremony that the student population expected at the college could reach 7,000, up from the 4,000 original estimate.

Ald Duffield suggested the higher figure may include evening and part-time students, not the number attending at any one time.

He said more frequent inspections would be made of the sophisticated truck now that some of the former problems have been pinpointed.

In this respect, he has arranged to engage a representative of the ladder manufacturer "to review with our personnel from the garage and the fire department the proper operation and maintenance of the ladder."

The latest repairs concerned a year-long vibration on the ladder when it was being retracted from a full extension at a 70-degree angle, explained Assistant Fire Director René Morin.

This was attributed to wear on the polyethylene sliding pads at the top and bottom of each of the ladder's four sections. They were changed to teflon, described as a more durable material. A new type of grease was used to lubricate the ladder sections, he said, and cables were adjusted to provide less play on the ladder.

Other recent modifications included the addition of a mechanical safety valve to engage the lock on the ladder in event of insufficient hydraulic pressure.

Another locking device was added to the truck's braking system to prevent the vehicle from being moved when the ladder is extended.

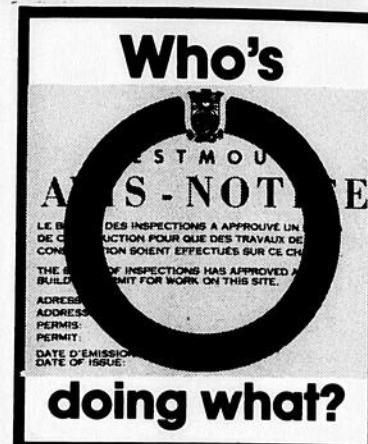
A month ago the quint also underwent repairs when a universal joint broke during a drill on the summit causing the ladder to retract on its own. Stabilizing jacks also would not operate, Assistant Director Morin said.

This resulted in the vehicle being out of service during the Alexis Nihon tower fire Oct 26.

In February, extensive repairs to the quint's electrical and hydraulic systems had cost the city \$13,200. They failed during the Greene avenue fire Jan 19, rendering the ladder inoperative and keeping the truck off duty for a month (see story July 3).

It was also out of use for about a month over the summer when a leak of hydraulic oil caused the ladder to jam during the roof fire in the former Mother House building at Dawson College July 9. This was finally attributed to the type of sealing O-ring used.

The truck was put into duty by the city in November 1983 at a cost of \$250,000. It is now going into its fourth year, Mr McCavour pointed out, and is experiencing some of the same problems encountered by other fire departments operating vehicles made by various manufacturers.



The following building permits were issued at Westmount city hall recently:

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4150 Sherbrooke: for Imperial Century 21, by Moderne Néon Ltée, erect sign, \$1,700;
632 Lansdowne: for Mr Elner, by Plomberie Bellerose Inc, water entrance, \$900;
734 Lansdowne: for Mr Nimberg, by Plomberie Europe, plumbing alterations, \$500;
690 Aberdeen: for Mr and Mrs Perlman, repair roof wall, \$15,000;

Nov 25

565 Argyle: for N. Hoare, by owner, alter balcony and window, \$1,000;
385 Clarke: for Mrs Hart, by John H. MacIntyre, install plumbing, \$1,350;
4848 Sherbrooke: for Banque d'Epargne, by Plomberie Michel Inc, gas installation, \$12,000;
250 Clarke: for A. Cohen, by Lousel Inc, alter compacter, \$11,000;
239 Kensington: for Mr Mariani, by Lousel Inc, alter compacter, \$6,900;
320 Roslyn: for Mr Errett, by owner, alterations, \$20,000;

Nov 26

1353 Greene: for C. Cornell, Chroma Graphique, erect sign, \$1,000;
4192 St Catherine: for H. Antony, by Chroma Graphique, erect sign, \$1,000;

Nov 27

4732 The Boulevard: for Mr Sawyer, by Rumko Plumbing, plumbing renovations, \$600;
245 Victoria: for 97588 Canada Inc, by owner, alterations to third floor, \$8,000;
116 Blenheim Place: for Christopher and Francis Logan, by owners, alterations, \$20,000;

Nov 28

504 Lansdowne: for Dr Gerstein, by owner, alterations to basement, \$5,000;
1363 Greene: for Kenstar Enterprises/First Permanent Management, by owners, erect new building, \$160,000 (see story);
1359 Greene: for Kenstar Enterprises/First Permanent Management, by owners, erect new building, \$160,000 (see story);

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1357 Greene: for Kenstar Enterprises/First Permanent Management, by owners, erect new building, \$160,000 (see story).

Octogenarian returned home

An 80-year-old man living on Victoria avenue in Montreal was returned home by police Monday last week after he was discovered lost in front of 694 Victoria.

He was taken inside by a resident who called police. The man had been reported missing at MUC station 25.

Vivid Christmas pageant Sunday

The 21st annual Christmas pageant, a vivid dramatization of the story of Christ's birth, is to be presented by the children of the Church School of St Andrew and St Paul, corner of Sherbrooke and Redpath streets, on Sunday afternoon, Dec 7, at 4:30 pm.

Though no camels have been hired for the occasion, the costumes and music promise to be as exciting as ever. And no one will want to miss the bright shining faces of the little angels dressed in white with halos sometimes askew as they wander down the church aisle toward the stable scene.

The readings which provide the text for the pageant will be taken from the King James version of the Bible.

No tickets are required, but people may want to get to the church early to assure themselves of a good view. A freewill offering will be taken for Head and Hands, a Montreal community health and social service centre working for youth and young adults.

For more information call 842-3431 or Kate Williams at 484-3476 after 6 pm.

Yule dinner, national costumes at St A-D-D

On Sunday, St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church welcomes new members to its church family, at the 11 am service.

Following the service at coffee hour the Advent event theme "Christmas Around the World" is to continue. Children and other members of the congregation are to dress in traditional costumes of other nations. A display is planned depicting the traditions of Christians around the world and how they celebrate the birth of Christ.

At 4 pm the congregation hosts the annual Christmas dinner.

This is the church's outreach to the community when it provides entertainment and a home-cooked turkey dinner, with all of the trimmings, to shut-ins in its community — including Meals on Wheels clients.

Erskine & American holds carol service

Erskine and American United Church is to present the Christmas story in readings and music at its annual Candlelight Carol Service.

This year the choir will sing music representing the last seven centuries of the English carol tradition, beginning with anonymous medieval carols, and moving through the centuries to finish with a contemporary homage to the carol's medieval origins.

Congregational carol singing will complement the readings of the Christmas story and the choral presentations.

The service will be held on Sunday at 4 pm at Erskine and American United Church on Sherbrooke street west at Crescent street. The public is welcome.

For more information phone 849-3286.

Organist Abley plays at Advent

Henry Abley is to present an organ recital at the Church of the Advent, de Maisonneuve boulevard and Wood avenue, 5 pm Sunday.

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W.E.

Montrose sign a hazard; resident wants it gone

City council was asked at Monday night's meeting to remove the stop sign facing northbound traffic on Clarke avenue at Montrose avenue.

Alan Bull, a director of the WMA, made the request after council approved the removal of a stop sign on Sunnyside avenue as well as the installation of several others.

He said the Clarke sign, posted on the steep hill, would present special problems for motorists during winter months.

Mr Bull was told the sign had been installed on an experimental basis and would be monitored.

Mayor Brian Gallery said, "I think we're going to try to get through the winter" with the sign in place.

The removal of a similarly placed one on the steep Mountain avenue hill was requested last summer soon after it and the one on Clarke were put up (see picture July 3).

Firemen probe hissing hole; gas not cause

Westmount firefighters were called to a "hissing" manhole on Atwater avenue south of Dorchester boulevard Wednesday last week at 2:57 am, fire officials report.

The manhole cover was marked for natural gas but no gas reading could be obtained by firemen.

Gas crews were called. The strange hissing was found to issue from a relief valve and resulted from trouble with equipment.

Crews called to Manoir thrice in week

Emergency personnel were called to Manoir Westmount on three separate occasions during the past week, according to incident reports.

Firefighters went to the seniors' residence twice on Friday. The first time was at 8 am when a 79-year-old woman sustained chest pains and had to be taken to hospital by Urgences Santé.

Firemen were called back at 2:42 pm to investigate a smell of smoke on the fourth and fifth storeys. The cause was traced to heating oil spilled on a fresh air exchanger which resulted in a slight odor when starting up, fire officials explained.

Public safety officers were called again Saturday evening when a resident became frightened about 6:50 pm by someone looking in her window as well as a shoe being thrown at the window. No one was caught.

Alarm spooks burglary try

An alarm system was believed to have scared off burglars breaking into a house on Lexington avenue Saturday night, police said.

The alarm call was received at 8:29 pm by police who reported finding the side door of the house forced. A screwdriver was believed to have been used.



A city work crew, far right, was busy Tuesday morning cleaning up ice that had formed on Edgehill avenue from water leaking over the wall at left.

Cutting off water forces resident to act:

Water leak on Edgehill causes havoc on street

By THOR VALDMANIS

The source of a continuous stream of water at the summit of Edgehill road has finally been plugged.

At 8 am Tuesday, the City of Montreal cut off water to the home at 157 Edgehill, at Westmount's request, and by press time yesterday, the resident's contractors were completing the replacement of what is believed to be a one-inch, defective steel or lead water pipe underneath the front lawn of the home.

Westmount ordered the water shut off because the leak was deemed a hazard to public safety, Fred Caluori, the city's director of public works, told THE EXAMINER Wednesday. The move followed repeated requests to the resident to make the needed repairs.

The top eastern half of Edgehill, severed by Lexington avenue, has been cause for concern as recent freezing temperatures have transformed the leaking water into a road of ice.

Last Thursday, Dr Marie Subak, a resident of Edgehill, reported having a minor accident after avoiding, "by a miracle," a potential head-on collision with a car heading south down Edgehill, towards Sydenham avenue, that had apparently "lost control."

"We had to drive up onto the sidewalk at the last second," Dr Subak said Tuesday. "But we were still hit in the back fender."

"There was a great deal of ice constantly forming over the retaining wall," she continued, adding that she was upset her neighbor neglected to have the leak fixed before winter. "The problem was known for a long time," she said.

Began in September

The pipe began leaking in September, at which point Robert Burris, the city's plumbing inspector, served notice on the owner of 157 Edgehill, a Mr Kogan, to have it repaired, according to public works officials.

"Because the leak is on private property, repairs to the pipe are strictly the responsibility of the owner," Mr Caluori said.

Mr Caluori added that the owner was contacted on a number of occasions since Mr Burris' first visit, by both authorities in Westmount and Montreal, asking that he repair the pipe.

"We've been paying special attention to this problem," the director of public works said, noting the city has been doing an inordinate amount of salting and scraping recently on the street.

After labelling the leak a safety hazard in light of the ice, Mr Caluori said, the city opted for "drastic action" and sent Mr Kogan a hand-delivered letter Friday outlining their intention to shut down his water Monday at 4 pm until necessary repairs are done.

Mr Caluori said the city was subsequently contacted by Mr Kogan, who asked for an extension until 8 am Tuesday at which time his plumber was scheduled to arrive.

He was granted the extension. Mr Caluori said the city intends to bill Mr Kogan for salting and scraping services made necessary due to the leak.

Entry gained through door

A video machine was stolen from a house broken into overnight Sunday-Monday last week on de Maisonneuve boulevard near Kensington avenue, police said. It was valued at \$1,000.

Entry was gained by breaking a window in the back door and unfastening the lock causing \$30 damage. Fifty dollars in U.S. cash also was taken.

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Playwright makes honey

It seems that Anton Chekov, when he was a young man, wrote a play called *Platonov*. Now, Michael Frayn, playwright and the author of *Noises Off*, has reworked Chekov's play and created *Wild Honey*, which will be presented by the National Theatre School Tuesday until Dec 13, 8 pm, at the Monument National, 1182 St Laurent boulevard. There is a preview performance Monday night. The play is described in the lines "A Russian scoundrel, four beautiful ladies, a warm moonlit night in the forest, a crazy month of wild honey..." Johanna Mercer will be directing the production. Admission to all performances is free.

Double dance performances

Montreal has proved itself to be one of the most active dance cities on the continent precisely because of the type of show that is to be held Friday and Saturday, 8:30 pm, at the Studio Jo Lechay, 372 St Catherine

street west. On Friday, Andrew Harwood and Jo Leslie will join forces with Jacqueline Lemieux and Alain Gaumond and with musicians Matthew Fleming and Marvin Green for a show of improvisation of dance and music. You will see on-the-spot creation. The Saturday show will be an unlikely mix of Aikido, Tai Chi, social dance, animal games and gymnastics which is called "contact improvisation." Gurney Bolster, Dena Davida, Daniel Godbout, Andrew Harwood and Michael Seamus Linehan will be the dancers for this show. Because the show is held in a studio, seating is limited, so get there in good time.

Women writers on film

Firewords is a film by Dorothy Todd Hénaut about three Quebec women writers, Louky Bersianik, Jovette Marchessault and Nicole Brossard, and it will be presented Sunday, 1 pm, at the National Film Board cinema in Complexe Guy Favreau, 200 Dorchester boulevard

west, as part of the Cinémama festival. A panel discussion with the three writers and the filmmaker will follow the screening of the movie.

Films for young and old

The children's library of the Jewish Public Library will be presenting Walt Disney's animated film, *Robin Hood*, Sunday, 2 pm, at the library, 5151 Côte St Catherine road. Children under seven must be accompanied by an adult.

Harry and Tonto, starring Art Carney, will be shown as part of the Montreal International Jewish Film Festival Sunday, 1 and 3 pm, at the Cinémathèque québécoise, 355 de Maisonneuve boulevard east. Old age is the theme of the film and the screening is geared to seniors with a discussion after the film animated by David Weiss, educator and social worker. For information call 735-3541, ext 241.

Auction helps theatre

Playwrights' Workshop Montreal's third annual dance-auction, *Winter Rites III*, will be held Saturday, 8 pm, at PWM, 4001 Berri street. Augusta Lapaix of CBC Radio will be hosting the event and Colleen Curran, playwright, will be auctioning all manner of donated goodies such as a dinner with Helen Rochester, vintage wine, gift certificates, a professional massage, theatre tickets and autographed books. The Ministry of Truth will be providing the music for dancing. Price of admission includes one drink. For ticket information call 843-3685. The event is a fund-raiser for Playwrights' Workshop Montreal.

Music from McGill

The Contemporary Chamber Orchestra with soloist Daniel Desjardins, guitar, will give a concert Monday, 8 pm, in Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke street west.

On Tuesday, 5 pm, student soloists will be performing on contrabass, piano, guitar and voice in Pollack Hall. Mimi Blais and François Couture will perform a piano duo at 8 pm.

Collegium Musicum will perform works by Handel, Boismortier and Rachmaninov Wednesday, 8 pm.

Over at Redpath Hall, 3461 McTavish street, the Early Music Ensembles will perform Baroque music for voices and instruments Monday, 8 pm.

The Woodwind Quintet under Gerald Danovitch will give a concert in Redpath Hall Wednesday, 8 pm.

The trombone and tuba studio will give a Christmas concert Dec 11, 1 pm.

Shimmy at the café

The Café Hora will be featuring Soraya, a belly dancer, at their next Israeli Café Saturday, 9 pm, at the Snowdon Y, 5480 Westbury avenue. There also will be Israeli and social dances in an Israeli atmosphere for everyone.

Jazz meets rock

Larry Coryell, considered a pioneer of the jazz-rock fusion movement, will be the next performer in the Jazz International Series tonight, 9 o'clock, in Salle Claude Champagne, 200 Vincent d'Indy street. You may remember his group The Eleventh House. Tickets are available at Ticketron counters or for reservations call 343-7682.

"Messiah" returns

The St Lambert Choral Society will be singing their version of Handel's "Messiah" Saturday, 8 pm, and Sunday, 3 pm, at the St Lambert Parish Church, 41 Lorne avenue in St Lambert. L'Orchestre Symphonique de la Montérégie will be accompanying the choir. Soloists will be Helen Pridmore, soprano; Gabrielle Lavigne, contralto; John McKeown, tenor; and Duncan Campbell, bass. For ticket information call 671-1678.

Concert for family

Montreal's Lakeshore Concert Band will perform a "Family Holiday Concert" Monday, 8 pm, in the Unitarian Church, corner of Simpson and Sherbrooke streets. The Rosemount High School Chamber Choir will be appearing with the band. Admission will be charged.

Concert in chapel

The Orpheus Singers will present a concert titled "A Renaissance

Christmas" Saturday, 8 pm, in the chapel of the Grand Séminaire, 2065 Sherbrooke street west. Fred Stoltzfus, new artistic director of this chamber choir, will be directing a cappella program of Renaissance Christmas music. For ticket information call 761-3218.

Tudors sing for Christmas

The Tudor Singers of Montreal will be giving a concert Sunday, 8 pm, in Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke street west. The major work of the concert will be Respighi's "Lauda per la Nativita del Signore." Guest pianists Paul Helmer and Paul Stewart will perform Ravel's "Mother Goose Suite." Also on the program are a suite of French carol settings by Donald Patriquin and Poulenc's "Le soir de neige." A new work by Patrick Wedd, director of the choir, also will be performed by the Tudors. Tickets for the concert are available at Ticketron counters or by calling Teletron at 288-2525.

A Grimm opera

The Atelier Lyrique de l'Opéra de Montréal will perform Engelbert Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel* Saturday, 2 pm, at the Maison de la Culture Plateau-Mont-Royal, 465 Mount Royal avenue east. Admission is free but you must pick up a ticket at the maison or at a Banque d'Épargne in the district.

A busy orchestra

The Orchestre des Jeunes du Conservatoire de Musique de Montréal is performing three concerts during the next week. On Saturday, 8 pm, in Eglise St-André-Apôtre, 10530 Waverley street, the orchestra will perform a concert of works by Vivaldi, Corelli, Holst, Michel Perreault and Bela Bartok. They will repeat that program Dec 12, 8 pm, at Eglise St-Charles-Grenier. On Sunday, 8 pm, in Théâtre Maisonneuve of Place des Arts, the orchestra will be under the direction of Raffi Armenian for a concert of works by Beethoven, Prokofiev and Mendelssohn. Admission to the concerts is free.

Concerts in Atrium

The Jeunes Virtuoses de Montréal will give a concert today, noon, in the Atrium of Maison Alcan, 1188 Sherbrooke street west. On Friday at noon the Boy Choristers of Christ Church Cathedral under Gerald Wheeler will sing. Admission is free.

Two choirs on bill

The Saint Lawrence Choir will present its traditional concert of Christmas music Sunday, 3 pm, in Eglise des Saints-Anges, 1400 St Joseph boulevard in Lachine. The FACE school Senior Treble Choir, winners of the 1986 CBC Choral Competition, also will be performing on the program. Alice Smiley on organ and Dorothy Slapcoff on piano will be accompanying the choirs. Iwan Edwards will be directing.

Players goes to church

The Saidye Bronfman Chamber Players will perform music by Telemann, Quantz and Milhaud Saturday, 5 pm, at Christ Church Cathedral, corner of St Catherine and University streets. This is one of

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Music and candlelight

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Exhibitions about town

An exhibition of 200 pre-Columbian terra-cotta pieces from the collection of Rollande and Jean-Claude Bertounesque is at the Marsil Museum, 349 Riverside drive in St Lambert, until March 15. ... An archaeological jewelry exhibition is at the Archaeologia Gallery, 1486 Sherbrooke street west, until Dec 31. ... "18 x 18" is the title of an exhibition of works by Le Conseil des Artistes Peintres du Québec from Sunday to Dec 23 at the CAPQ gallery, 4060 St Lawrence boulevard, suite 307. ... The Montreal YMCA is holding an exhibition of photographs tracing its history from 1851 to the present in the Ernest Cormier Building, 100 Notre Dame street east, until Jan 11.

Bits 'n' pieces

The Mickey Stein-Mont Habitant Skiathon for cancer research will be held Sunday at Mont Habitant. Pledge forms are available at most schools, Kanes and Cumberland drug stores and sports stores. For more information call 861-9227. ... Sharon, Lois and Bram will be at Ogilvy's department store Monday, 12:30 to 1:30 pm, signing copies of *Sharon, Lois and Bram's Piano Book*. If you don't know who this trio is, ask the closest child. They are performing three sold-out shows Sunday at Théâtre St Denis. ... Rabbi Ezriel Tauber will give a lecture titled "The Computer Takes on the Bible" Monday, 8 pm, at the Saidye Bronfman Centre Theatre, 5170 Côte St Catherine road. It has to do with a mathematical model of the Bible. ... Dr David Hartman will speak on "Pluralism in Israel and the Diaspora" tonight, 8 o'clock, at the SBC Theatre, 5170 Côte St Catherine road. ... Monique Bégin, former minister of national health and welfare, will speak on current health issues Sunday, 4 pm, at the SBC Theatre, 5170 Côte St Catherine road. ... Dr Wolfgang Max Faust will speak on "What is German in German Art?" Sunday, 3 pm, at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.

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PINTER TRIO: A new theatre company called Imago is to present *Other Places*, a trilogy of Harold Pinter plays from Wednesday to Dec 14 and from Dec 17 to 21, 8 pm, at the Atwater Library. The plays are *Family Voices*, *Victoria Station* and *A Kind of Alaska*. Appearing in the latter are Westmounter **Dany Levy**, right, and **Kelly Patterson**. The plays are directed by Andres Hausmann and also star former Westmounters Vicki Barkoff and Paul Stewart, Paddy Cardarelli, Gavin Patrick and Kelly Patterson. The company hopes to "explore a synthesis of narrative and visual theatre" and to present international and Canadian works. For ticket information call 279-5226.

International expert named to head print club council

A leading Canadian authority on prints, Jan Johnson, has been named chairman of the advisory council of the Montreal Print Collectors Society.

Miss Johnson has lectured on prints throughout much of Canada and Europe, and is an internationally recognized dealer in prints.

Joe King is president of the society, Canada's first group organized to encourage broadened knowledge of this branch of fine arts.

Recently, the Ontario Art Gallery organized Canada's second such study group, a move which was "warmly welcomed" by Mr King at the recent initial meeting of the season of the Montreal society.

"Creation of a second print society

is significant because, for no apparent reason, Canada has had no organized study groups whereas a score or more flourished in the United States," Mr King said.

The Montreal society is now in its third year and is interested in encouraging appreciation of prints among individuals or groups.

Three society-produced audio-visuals on the etchings of Rembrandt, the lithographs of Daumier and Toulouse-Lautrec, and on prints in general entitled "Five Centuries of Prints," are made available to interested parties.

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Photo club sees Greenland photos

The Montreal Camera Club is to meet Monday at Westmount Park Church to hear and see a presentation by Kathryn Mason on "Icebergs of Greenland."

Ms Mason's photographs portray the striking images of Greenland as well as scenes from the artist's trip to Ellesmere Island last summer.

The meeting commences at 7:30 pm.

'Mini Madness' at Stilnovo show

Galerie Stilnovo, 4928 Sherbrooke street, is presenting an exhibition called "Miniature Madness."

Featured artists are Mirella Aprahamian, Sylvia Ary, Ormsby Ford, Louise Dandurand, John Donovan, Evelyn Dufour, Dorothy Grostern, Claudia Hulme-Yull, Ann McCall, Christopher McRae and Jackie Rae.

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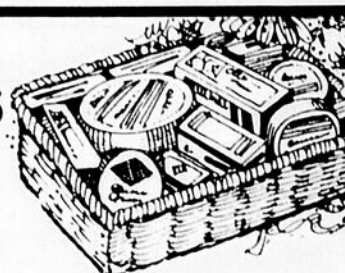
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St George's Blackfriars present Edwardian romp

The Blackfriar Players, St George's School's grade 10 drama class, is to present Jean Anouilh's comedy charade *Ring Around the Moon* Dec 10 to 12.

The Edwardian romp revolves around a cynical young man, Hugo, and his lovelorn twin brother Frederick (both parts performed by Robbie Blumenstein).

Hugo attempts to break up his brother's engagement to Diane (Kim Wenger) at their aunt's evening gala. Hugo employs a dancer (Anna Salpeter) to woo Frederick.

Bedlam breaks loose when the

Driver charged

A 29-year-old man has been charged with impaired driving after being stopped Wednesday last week at Sherbrooke street and Rosemount avenue, police report. The man, a resident of Candiac, was picked up at 3 am.

invited guests assume that all is not quite straight in the household.

Other cast members include Cory Laing as Patrice Bombelles, Robert Finkelstein as Messerschmann, Joanna Shapiro as Lady India, and Carl Freed as Romanville.

For ticket information, call 937-9289.

Thieves take TV, but leave VCR

A \$700 television set was stolen from a house broken into on Holton avenue Friday, police said.

A video machine, which was set out by the front stairway, was left behind.

Access to the home was gained between 6:30 am and 10:20 pm by breaking a window in the back door causing \$80 damage.

Manager tells Rotary:

Montreal's port one of busiest on continent

By THOR VALDMANIS

The Port of Montreal has grown into one of the primary transportation and distribution points in North America, Dominic J. Taddeo, general manager and chief executive officer of the Port of Montreal, told the Rotary Club of Westmount last week.

"Montreal is by far Canada's leading container port with a 50 percent share of all containers handled in our country," he said. "On the Canadian east coast we handle 60 percent of all container movements."

Containerized traffic, first introduced to Montreal in 1967, has grown on the average of 10.3 percent annually since 1978, Mr Taddeo continued, making Montreal a current leader on the east coast, after New York and Baltimore, in terms of volume.

The Port of Montreal's dominance, even on a global scale, the Loyola graduate said, is attributable to "over 300 years of human imagination, industry and perseverance, ingenuity and engineering."

Samuel de Champlain founded the original site for the harbor in 1608 when he built a waterfront trading post.

"For the next two centuries, our port mainly served the canoes, flatboats and barges engaged in the booming fur trade," Mr Taddeo said.

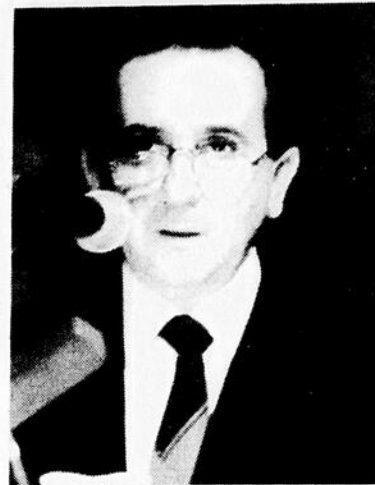
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The port also has its own railway system which hooks up with the CN and CP transcontinental lines, Mr Taddeo added, in addition to a ship repair facility with two floating dry-docks capable of accommodating ships of up to 30,000 tonnes, operated by Versatile Vickers.

Clearing up a common misconception, Mr Taddeo told his audience that the Port of Montreal maintains its operations year round, serving



Dominic J. Taddeo at Rotary last week

primarily the Great Lakes, even though the St Lawrence Seaway closes down for the winter months in mid-December.

Despite being 1,600 km from the sea and lacking a deep, natural harbor, Mr Taddeo said, the port is blessed with a favorable strategic location, serving a population of more than 100 million people.

"About 30 percent of American exports originate in the midwest, which is about the same distance from Montreal as it is from New York," Mr Taddeo continued. "Railway service between Chicago and Montreal, for example, is much more efficient and reliable than between Chicago and New York."

"Furthermore, Montreal holds an edge over ports in the Maritimes

because, when a steamship line decides to call at Montreal, it can very efficiently serve not only central Canada, but also the American midwest, an equally important market."

Maritime ports are at another disadvantage in that the cost of water transportation is approximately four times lower than that of rail.

"It pays to bring cargo as far inland as possible, especially today with intermodalism," Mr Taddeo explained.

The success of the Port of Montreal has a large impact on Montreal, the province, even the entire country, Mr Taddeo said, quoting a recent study which indicated the port is directly or indirectly responsible for more than \$750 million in economic benefits and the employment of over 17,000 people in various sectors of the economy.

As a Crown corporation, operated under the auspices of Ports Canada, the Port of Montreal is financially self-sufficient, unlike many of its counterparts.

"The port has had a total net income surplus of about \$100 million for the past six years and its net result or profit totalled \$19.8 million in 1985," Mr Taddeo said.

The port's future looks bright, he added, mentioning a current expansion and upgrading plan that involves nearly \$170 million in capital expenditures between now and 1990.

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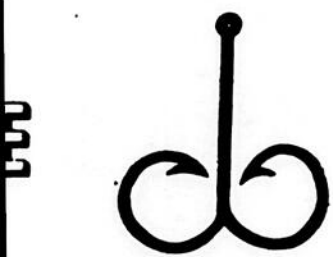


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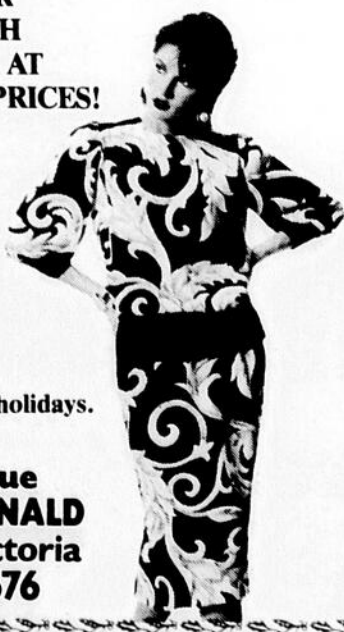
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The next meeting of the Westmount Historical Association is Monday Dec 8 at 7:30 pm in the Victoria Hall concert hall. Topic: "The Jews of Westmount from Moses Judah Hayes to the Bronfmans." An audio-visual presentation and discussion by historian Allan Raymond. All welcome.

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Sale of antiques, costume jewelry, Orientalia and collectibles. Westmount Park Church, Saturday Dec 6, 10 am to 4 pm.

COPING WITH STRESS

The Sisterhood/Brotherhood of Temple Emanu-El Beth Shalom presents Dr Mordechai Glick, clinical psychologist, speaking on "Stop the World, I Want to Get Off" Monday Dec 8 at 8 pm at the community hall, 4100 Sherbrooke street west. Refreshments. Nominal charge.

CHINESE PAINTINGS

China Gallery is holding an exhibition and sale of authentic paintings from Peking at the Guy Favreau Complex, 200 Dorchester blvd west, Level 00, from Dec 10 to Dec 23. Daily from 8 am to 9 pm.

ART AUCTION

The Allon Group of Na'amat Pioneer Women hosts an art auction Saturday Dec 13 at Centennial Chateau, 6975 Mackle, Côte St Luc. Preview at 7 pm, auction at 8 pm. Refreshments and a free lithograph to each couple or single attending. Cover is \$4.50, proceeds to Spiritual Adopt-A-Child Fund. Information: 735-1679.

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Duplicate bridge club. Everyone welcome. Tues 12:45 pm and 7:45 pm. Novice section Thurs afternoon 12:45. Member \$2.50 and non-Y member \$4. Refreshments are served, pleasant atmosphere in Grover Auditorium, 5500 Westbury, corner Côte Ste Catherine.

David Lank guest at WCC

The Women's Canadian Club of Montreal is to have as guest speaker Monday Westmounter David Lank, author, artist and photographer.

His topic will be "The Last Day — Life and Death on the African Plains."

The meeting is at 2 pm in the Royal Bank Auditorium, Place Ville Marie.

Coffee will be served at 1:15 pm. For further information, contact Pat Senez at 688-4743.

Parkinson group has Noël party

The Parkinson Foundation of Canada, Montreal chapter, a self-help group, is planning its Christmas party for 7:30 pm Dec 15 at the Constance Lethbridge Rehabilitation Centre, 7005 de Maisonneuve boulevard west.

Santa Claus plans to be there with fun, games, prizes and refreshments, heading an original skit by Anita Ness.

The public is welcome. For further information call 866-2511.



Family History Society has Fabergé presentation

The Quebec Family History Society is to meet Tuesday at 7:30 pm at La Maison du Brasseur, 2901 St Joseph street in Lachine. Guest speaker is Gerald T. Iles, who plans to speak on "The House of Fabergé — a Russian Monarchy Evening."

A year ago September Mr Iles presented "The British Royal Family" to club members. He is well known in Montreal for his zoological, whale-watching and African safari interests and pursuits.

Mr Iles is to show the film *Lost to the Revolution*, which portrays the association of the famous goldsmith and jeweller, Carl Fabergé, with the imperial court of Russia.

While Fabergé was principally

renowned for the exquisite Easter eggs created for the czar's family, many other wonderful pieces were produced in St Petersburg. In addition to the beautiful color shots of Fabergé's works, old film of the czar and his family is included.

Mr Iles introduces the film and shows color slides of other masterpieces created by the Fabergé, many of which are in the collection of the Queen.

The public is welcome. For additional information contact Mary Rose at 488-7798.

BEWITCHING: The Ladies' Auxiliary of the German Benevolent Society held their Christmas fair Saturday afternoon at Victoria Hall. Among the items for sale was this homemade honeycake "hexenhaus," or witch's house, modelled after the story of Hansel and Gretel. It is being displayed by, from left, Sylvie Schmitz, Helga Schmitz (mother-in-law to Sylvie) and Hilde Hum.

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Old Brewery shelters destitute through generosity of citizens

This week as most folks are preparing their Christmas shopping lists, the Old Brewery Mission begins its annual drive. This year's target for the privately funded mission for destitute men is \$425,000.

The Clark street downtown mission, currently housed in a converted glass factory, began as an emergency soup kitchen in 1880. Its name is taken from quarters it had in the old Williams Brewery in the last decade of the 19th century.

What started out as an emergency

operation to help destitute men in 1889 continues to this day. Last year close to 58,000 overnight stays were recorded by the mission; it served over 214,500 meals and distributed 390,000 articles of clothing. In addition, 9,350 jobs were found for men who visited the mission.

More destitute

This year's needs and the expense of meeting them are expected to increase as the number of destitute

younger men grows.

The mission is entirely privately funded and donations, which come to it as a result of the annual drive, are the major source of revenue. The only other income comes from the nominal charge contributed by visitors who can afford it.

Many Westmounters are involved in the project, as well as being faithful contributors.

On the average, 225 men visit the mission every day and remain for 15 days.

Little known to many, who think of the Old Brewery Mission as only a way station for destitute men, is the fact that it has sponsored a summer camp for impoverished mothers and children since 1906.

A donation of \$60, for example, can help provide a mother and child a two-week stay at the Mission's Camp Chapleau in the Laurentians.

Donations can be sent to executive director Rev J.W. McCarthy, Old Brewery Mission, 915 Clark street, Montreal H2Z 1J8.

Alan Rose talks at Shaar

Alan Rose, recent recipient of an Order of Canada for his work with the Canadian Jewish Congress, is the scheduled guest speaker at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim's next breakfast forum, Dec 14 at 10:15 am.

Mr Rose plans to offer an update of CJC activities. The event begins with a Shachrit service at 8:45 am, followed by breakfast at 9:30 am.

University and CEGEP students are invited as well as other members of the public.



REFORM REUNION: Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom recently hosted a convention for lay readers and rabbis of reform congregations throughout Canada. From left are Rabbi Bernard Baskin, who was honored by the assemblage for his 36 years of active rabbinate in Hamilton, Ontario. On the right is Leon King, the outgoing president of the Canadian Council of Liberal Congregations. In the centre is Rabbi Kenneth I. Segel, spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El - Beth Sholom.

AJCS women leaders hold motivation session

Members of the Presidents' Council of Women's Federation, Allied Jewish Community Services, are being invited to learn more about "effective organizational motivation."

The council, a forum for presidents of Montreal Jewish women's organizations, will meet on Dec 11 for an "intensive learning session" on how organizations may "successfully motivate volunteers... attract them, involve them and keep them."

Conference leaders for the occasion are Irene Devine, PhD, assistant dean of the faculty of commerce and administration of Concordia University, and Westmounter Libby Labell,

MA, adjunct professor in the applied social science department of Concordia.

The three-hour session will be held in Cummings House, 5151 Côte St Catherine road.

The council is co-chaired by Westmounters Elaine Dubrovsky and Evelyn Schachter, while the president of the Women's Federation, Elaine Goldstein, serves as co-ordinator.

Information on the council meeting may be obtained by calling 735-3541, local 254.

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U.S. consul at women's club

The American Women's Club celebrated its annual American Thanksgiving luncheon recently at the Royal St Lawrence Yacht Club in Dorval. Approximately 65 women attended.

The speaker was Robert W. Maule, United States consul-general. The topic of his speech was "Some Candid Thoughts about the Diplomatic Service."

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Christmas party for diabetic kids

The annual Christmas party for diabetic children is to be held on Sunday from 1 pm to 5 pm in Victoria Hall.

For the 29th consecutive year, this party will be held under the sponsorship of the Knights of Pythias and the Parents' Auxiliary of the Diabetic Children's Foundation.

Parents' Auxiliary membership includes parents of diabetic children from all over the province but mostly those treated at The Montreal Children's Hospital, Ste Justine and Maisonneuve-Rosemont hospitals.

Some 400 persons are expected, including 160 diabetic children from one to 17 years old. Several are year-

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Everyday life in mid-1800s shown in letters of Montreal's Wood family

What could be more boring than reading a history of someone else's family? Well, in a lot of cases, not very much. Too often such stories consist of little more than a confusing array of meaningless names and dates.

Not so with *The Days of John Wood Watchmaker*. William Archibald Wood, a great-great grandson of said John Wood, has put together a book that is more like an engrossing novel than a staid family history. It's a book of interest to all — whatever

their surnames — who would like to learn firsthand about Montreal's and Canada's past.

What makes this family history unique and so interesting is that the current author wrote very little of it. Rather, he became the editor and researcher of a mountain of family letters collected by the watchmaker's son, Rev John Wood, from 1847 to his father's death in 1872, backed up by information from Rev John's own *Memoirs* published in 1899. What they reveal is the story of the every-

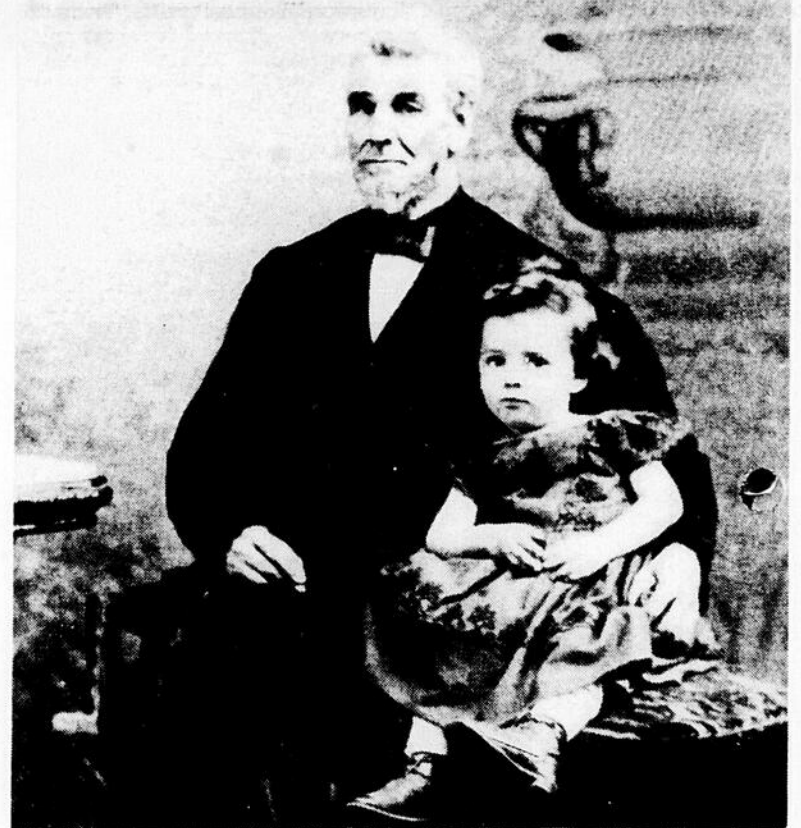
day life and concerns of a family and family-owned business making its way in the young Canada of the middle of the last century.

It is the stuff of which fine films or engrossing television series are made as it does what few histories do — tell about the days of yore from the vantage point of ordinary people. We have had far too few such efforts to bring our interesting Canadian history to life.

Came in 1832

John Wood brought his family from the south of England to the wilds of Canada in 1832. Though a skilled watchmaker, he abandoned the city for a small farm (actually just a few acres of "cleared" land, meaning the trees had been cut but the stumps remained) near what is now Howick, southwest of the city. Two years later, he returned to Montreal and founded a family firm of watchmakers, J. Wood & Son.

The letters begin when his youngest son, also John (repetitive names are an unavoidable hazard of a family history), left the nest in 1847 to



Photograph taken in 1865 shows 72-year-old John Wood, who brought the Wood family to Canada in 1832, with his grandson George Winks Wood, then 3. George Winks Wood became a well-known architect and lived in Westmount for many years before he died in 1941. The photo is credited to "G. Martin, Photographer to the People, corner of Craig and St Peter Sts, Montreal."

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journey to theological school in Toronto. Young John never lived near his parents again but fortuitously kept almost all his letters, so there was a steady flow of correspondence among family members from which the present-day Mr Wood was able to draw his material.

Over the years covered in the book, the family grew and prospered and bore witness to larger events and the growth of the city and country. In particular, the Wood family were stalwarts of the early days of the Congregationalist Church here (which in the 1920s merged with the Methodist Church and most of the Presbyterian Church to form the United Church of Canada).

The present-day Mr Wood speculates that were his family not so devoted to the church the family business might have prospered even more and with a few lucky breaks might have survived to today like that of another watchmaker of the same period, Henry Birks.

Founding Y member

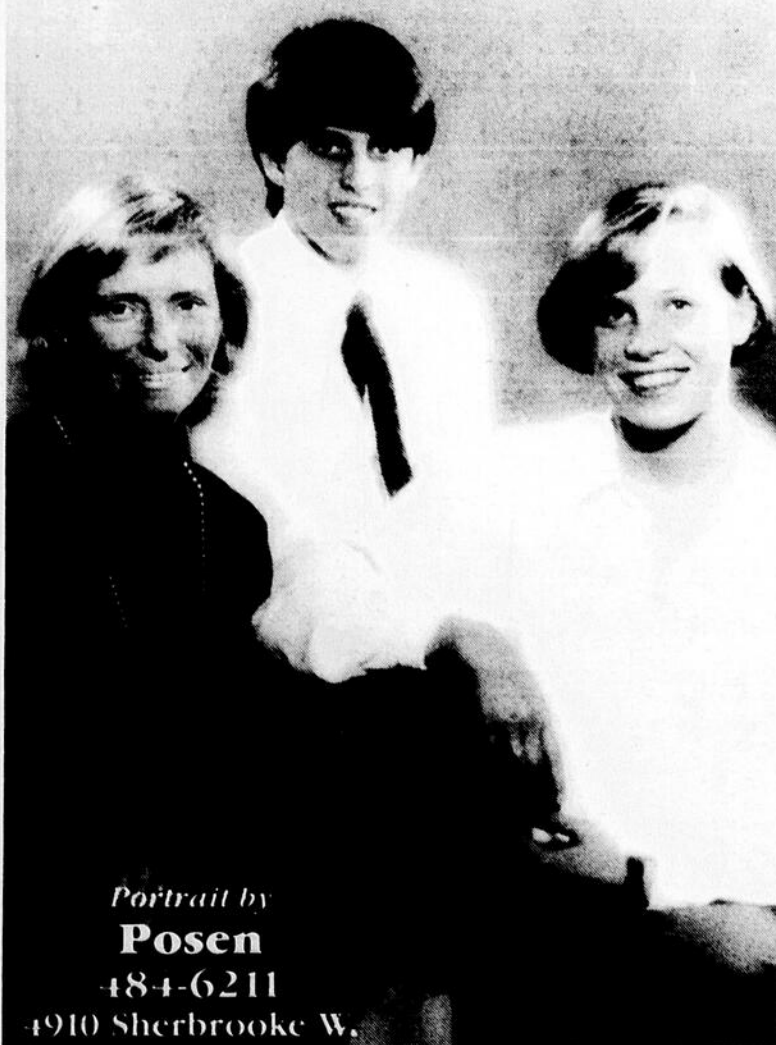
It was an era of the founding of a number of present-day institutions. Another son of John Wood, Peter, was a founding member and first treasurer of the YMCA, which grew out of the Congregationalists' Young Men's Improvement Society. Peter later lived in the western part of the city and was a founding member of Calvary Congregationalist Church which used to stand at Dorchester boulevard and Greene avenue.

In the book we also get a firsthand account of a major event in the life of another Christian denomination, the burning of the original Anglican Christ Church on Notre Dame street near St Lawrence in December 1856. John and Peter Wood were "very early on the spot" and were "in and out of the church for about an hour" saving many memorial tablets and paintings that remain in the current Christ Church Cathedral. After the fire, John Wood wrote to his son that the Anglicans were planning to "build a very splendid cathedral somewhere on Sherbrooke street."

The family also had to come face-to-face with developing technology. They watched in 1861 as the first rails of the Montreal City Passenger Railway were laid past their shop and home on Notre Dame street.

On a trip to New York the same year, John Wood first saw an elevator and wrote about it to his son: "In this hotel, if you want to go upstairs, the porter opens a door in a very small room. You take your seat on the sofa, and away you go to the top."

John's wife, Anna, in 1853 passed on this news, a little ahead of time: "Peter tells me they have invented a



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The family also gradually got used to something else — Christmas presents. In his *Memoirs* written in 1899, Rev John Wood recalled that

"Christmas presents in my boyhood days were like angel visits, 'few and far between,' or were of a very simple and inexpensive character. Santa Claus, and Christmas trees, were hardly known, and the present foolish and extravagant custom of everybody giving something to everybody else had not yet begun. We were contented with a nice dinner of roast beef and plum pudding."

Lived in Westmount

While there remains no longer any Wood family jewelry business, the

Wood family has continued over the years in Montreal, and in Westmount. A grandson of the original John Wood, George Winks Wood (1863-1941), lived in Westmount and was a well-known architect. His three sons — Alexander Campbell, George Arthur and Douglas Fletcher — all lived in Westmount and were active leaders and top curlers at the old Heather Curling Club.

The author, William Archibald (who shares the name with males in

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four other generations of his family), lived in his childhood on Prince Albert avenue and later on The Boulevard. He attended the old Sunnyside School kindergarten in Victoria Hall before the original structure burned in the 1920s and later went to Roslyn School and Lower Canada College.

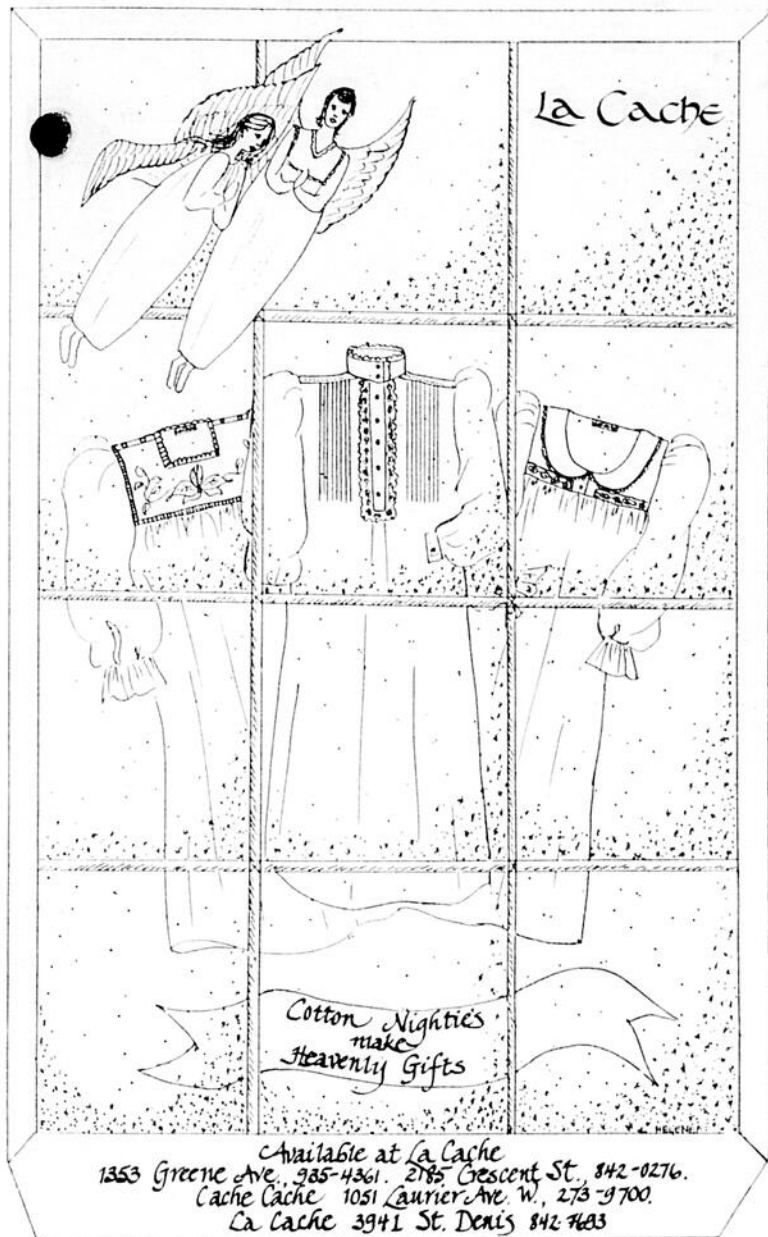
Now retired, he has lived for some years in Hudson and already is working on another volume of fami-

ly history covering the period from 1872 to 1912.

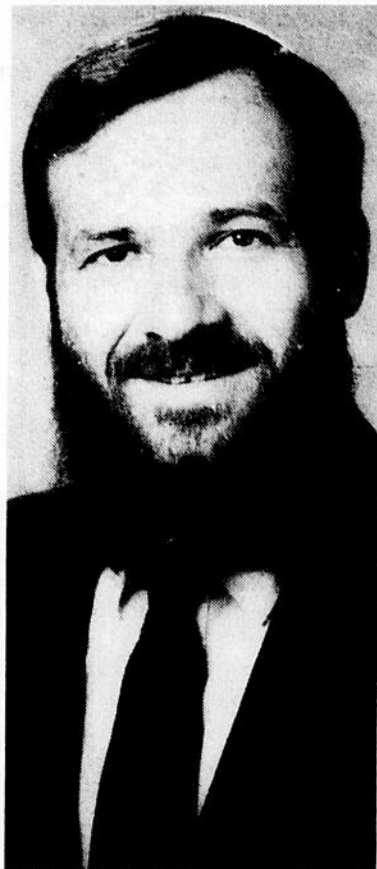
The Days of John Wood Watchmaker, which the author had very professionally typeset and printed, complete with color photographs, is available at The Double Hook on Greene avenue. It also may be borrowed from the Westmount Public Library.

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TEMPLE SPEAKER: The Sisterhood and Brotherhood of Temple Emanu-El - Beth Shalom are to host a talk by clinical psychologist Dr Mordechai Glick, who plans to speak on "Stop the world I want to get off," a lecture on how to cope with stress. The event takes place Monday, 8 pm, in the Temple's community hall. There is a nominal charge for the session and refreshments are to be served.

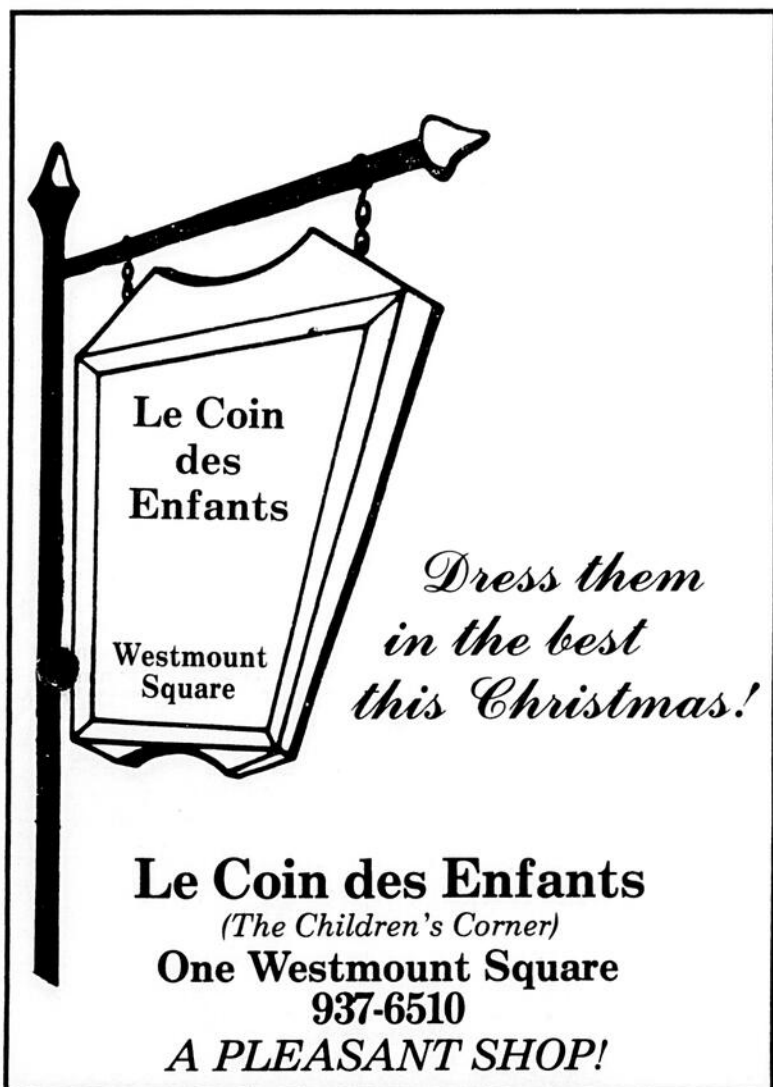


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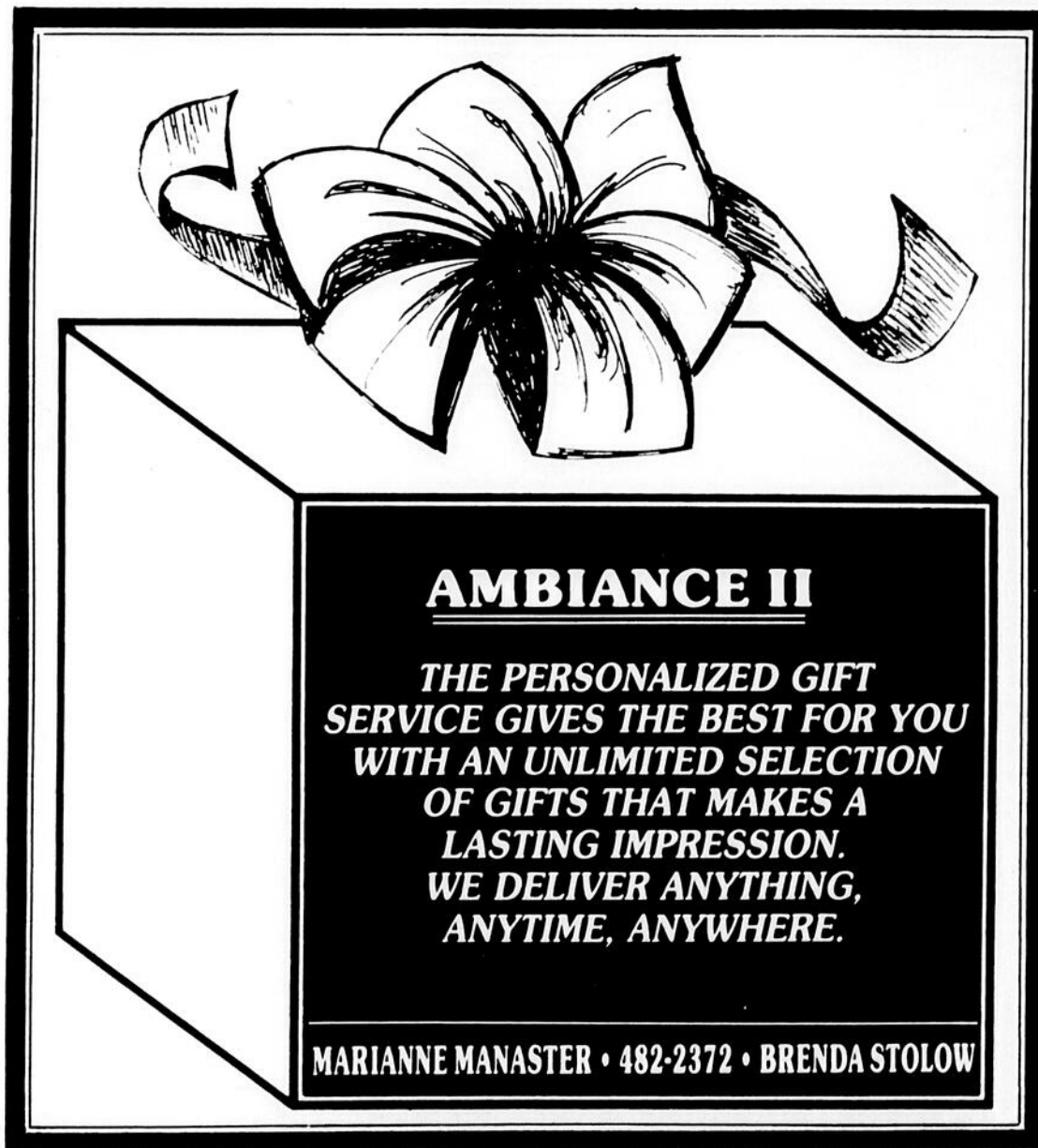
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The three in turn direct another

group of volunteers who keep in close contact by phone or visit with people shut in at home. They are Jane Bradley, Ella Good, Doris Green, Yvonne Heenan, Sylvia Housez, Isabel Joseph, Jan Kuilman, Eleanor Ormston, Margaret Wright, Dorothy Wyer and Ron Wyer.

What makes the task of visiting



Lay pastoral visitors from St Matthias', from left, Dawn Strathy, Dr Hilary Bourne and Marjorie Morgan discuss plans for their program for shut-ins and the ailing.

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with lonely people bearable, indeed pleasurable, say the three, is the ability to listen — and to get people to talk.

"People living at home like to talk," Dr Bourne said. In the case of hospital visits, however, patients often have to be eased over their fears first. "Once you get them going, they will socialize."

Won't tell family

He noted that hospitalized persons will often tell visitors "things they won't tell their family" for fear of upsetting them.

Mrs Strathy explains the growing necessity for the visits. "Doctors change, nurses change, families move. It's gotten a lot worse."

About 90 percent of St Matthias' list of visitees are Westmounters or former Westmounters.

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"Dull, rainy days," said Mrs Morgan, "they're the worst."

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"I don't do this just to do a good turn," Mrs Strathy explained. "I think it's part of one's Christian duty."

The visits are not a substitute for the pastor's rounds, the three are quick to note, but a complement to the church's on-going care.

Dr Bourne notes that some people are hesitant to open up at first when approached by pastoral visitors, fearing some religious fund-raising come-on. "Some denominations ... go out to recruit parishioners" from among the lonely and ill.

"We often have to break down barriers to convince them that we are there to help. We're trying to sell

ourselves, but only as friends," Mrs Morgan said.

Most people visited are interested in keeping up with happenings at the church.

Gossip session

In one case, a scheduled half-hour visit turned into a three-hour gossip session, in which a shut-in woman asked about developments in the families of the St Matthias' congregation, said Mrs Morgan.

Every second Tuesday of the month, the church holds luncheons which now boast 34 regular attendees who call themselves the Happy Gang. At the next one, house organist Steven Crisp is to lead the group in Christmas carols.

While the work can be tiring and time-consuming, the lay pastoral visitors find there are justifying rewards.

"It's really not depressing," Mrs Morgan said. "It's most rewarding. When you walk into a room and ... there's that big smile to greet you."

YOU SAY...

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to glamorize and sexualize the wearing of the skins of dead animals, I think it is about time that we as a society address the reality of the situation: fur cannot be obtained without horrible cruelty to our fellow creatures.

Bravo to Beauty Without Cruelty, to CARA, and to THE EXAMINER for advancing the humaneness of humanity.

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(Editor's Note: Thank you for the bravo, but it is unearned. The item referred to was a paid advertisement and the views on any subject in a paid ad are not necessarily those of the newspaper, which states its opinions in editorials under the "We Say" banner. THE EXAMINER has taken no editorial position to date on the fur issue.)

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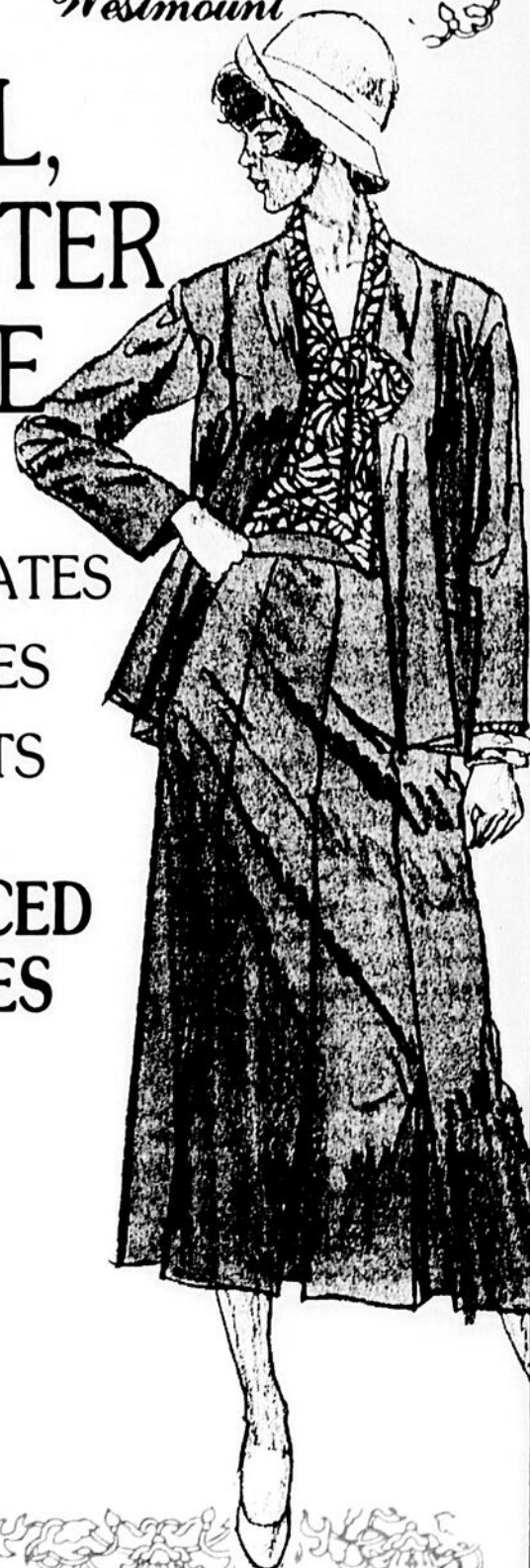
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Since 1967, the information centre has been directly responsible for the

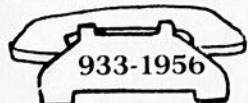
publishing of the bilingual reference book intended for persons looking for pertinent and up-to-date information on community health and welfare services — federal, provincial and private — available to the Greater Montreal population (including the South Shore, the North Shore and Laval).

The 1986 directory covers more than 30 different topics (health, financial assistance, elderly citizens, housing, legal services) and details over 3,000 agencies.

A French section and an English section list a broad range of public services plus the community services particular to each linguistic group.

The 1986 directory can be purchased at the Information and Referral Centre of Greater Montreal. Its price is \$28 if picked up at the office, 1800 Dorchester boulevard west, or \$30 if mailed. All orders must be prepaid. A complete update will be offered in 1987 for \$10.

For more information call 931-2292.



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"Anxiety in the heart of a man weighs it down, but a GOOD WORD makes it glad."

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Youth Horizons sets up Christmas card project

Has Christmas become too commercial? Clients of the Youth Horizons Contact day treatment program don't think so. In fact, they are using the holiday season to gain work experience and some useful business skills.

The teenagers have gone into the greeting card business in an effort to raise money for special activities. The youngsters, aged 12 to 18, are responsible for every aspect of the project from artwork design and production, to budgeting, marketing and sales.

The Youth Horizons reception centre, 6 Weredale Park, provides treatment and care to troubled young

people between the ages of two and 18 and predominantly from within the English-speaking community. The Youth Horizons network includes emergency shelters, day treatment, community based services and residential programs.

Funds raised by the teenagers are used to pay for additional programs or equipment not provided for in the agency's operating budget, which is allocated by the ministry of health and social services.

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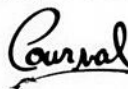
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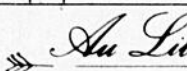
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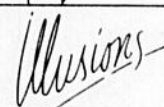
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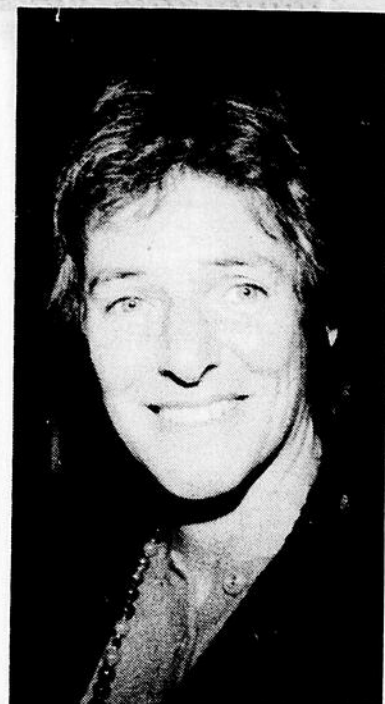
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TOP AJCS DESIGNS: The chairman of public relations for women's division in the 1986 Combined Jewish Appeal, Westmounter **Susan Levine**, and the communications department of Allied Jewish Community Services shared honors when the Council of Jewish Federations awarded Montreal a silver award for the design of invitations. Mrs. Levine originated the design of three award-winning invitations used in the women's division campaign. They involved a visit to the Picasso exhibit at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, an umbrella concept for an educational meeting and a session with the Montreal Symphony Orchestra. Graphic artist for AJCS Communications is Judy Wolkowicz-Rothstein.

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A 16-year-old Westmount youth was arrested in connection with an alleged attempted break-in at 6 Weredale Park Friday night but released without charges when no sign of forced entry could be found, police said.

Public safety officers who initially received the call for a break-in at 11:26 pm involving the Youth Horizons centre told THE EXAMINER the information given by the caller had been "all false."

When PSO Patrick Sheehan arrived on the scene, he reported seeing two youths in the lane at the rear of the building who started to run, jumping over a fence to Prospect street.

They were followed until they arrived back in the lane where they were discovered hiding in shadows. When MUC police entered the lane, one remained on the scene while the other fled.

He managed to outrun officers and was not caught.

ON DREAMS AND GIANTS: Allen Morgan, an author of a number of children's books, visited the Westmount Children's Library recently to read stories and send red and yellow balloons to the "giant's cave" with the help of grade 1 and 2 students from Selwyn House and Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's schools.

Children's books needed for fund-raising event

Cleaning out toy chests and bookshelves before Christmas?

The Montreal Children's Library needs your donations of English and French children's books for a fund-raising book sale scheduled for late January. If books are in good condition, they may even be suitable to add to the branch collections.

The Montreal Children's Library has four branches in areas of the MUC where city library services are not available for children. Rising book costs and chopped budgets mean that privately raised funds and grants simply cannot provide the libraries with enough good books.

Citizens are invited to help these libraries continue to grow and offer local communities valuable services. Donations can be dropped off at the Atwater branch, lower level of Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater avenue.

For further information call 931-2304.

Man hurts hip when cars hit

A 33-year-old Montreal man was treated for pain in one hip after the car he was driving collided Tuesday

night last week with another at Metcalfe avenue and Sherbrooke street, police said.

Both drivers claimed to have been proceeding on a green light. One was heading north and the other west when the impact occurred about 10:30 pm.

Jaguar captured from summit

A green Jaguar valued at \$45,000 was reported stolen from a house on Lexington avenue overnight Saturday-Sunday, police said.

The 1986 model was discovered missing at 6 am when the owner went to move it into the garage.

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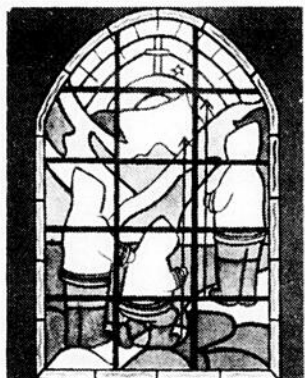
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Fate of PSBGM schools to be debated here

The fate of seven English language PSBGM schools hinges on the verdicts reached by its board of commissioners at a Dec 17 meeting, 7:30 pm, at Westmount High School.

The setting is somewhat ironic since, as little as two years ago, WHS itself was targeted for potential closure.

While Westmount's three PSBGM schools are not slated for closure in the PSBGM's current "Target Network" dossier, the closure of Argyle Academy, one of two high schools threatened, could mean increased enrolment for WHS, if not structural changes as well.

In addition, observers say, the closure of either elementary schools Guy Drummond in Outremont or Bedford in Côte des Neiges could result in a modest increase in enrolment for Roslyn School, which is already packed to the brim.

As for Westmount Park School, the closure of Lorne in Pointe St Charles could result in a large number of new students next year, on top of an already healthy student body.

Malcolm Campbell High School in

St Laurent and Glencoe elementary school in New Bordeaux are the other schools identified as potential closure candidates.

Visiting the WPS committee last week, Joan Rothman, PSBGM commissioner for the area including Westmount, encouraged parents to attend the Dec 17 meeting, saying it was open to the public.

"After discussions and the meeting afterwards, some schools will remain open and others may be closed," the commissioner said on the significance of the meeting.

PSBGM school closures are necessary, officials say, in light of declining enrolment and a mounting operating deficit, currently in the range of \$3 million.

"We are falling behind (in funding) in the province of Quebec, I'm afraid," Mrs Rothman said.

The commissioner added that, at some point, parents will have to band together and lobby for increased government support.

"We have to reverse the trend," she said.

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'Jolly great giant' welcome at city hall

THE festive Christmas spirit has invaded city hall with the addition of many new decorations for the festive season.

"What we've tried to do is bring the spirit of the jolly great giant to city hall," Mayor Brian Gallery announced proudly at Monday night's city council meeting.

His enthusiasm was not shared, however, by one attendee at the meeting who considered the decorations in "bad taste."

Christiane van Renesse asked His Worship to discard them.

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"Oh my God," said Mrs van Renesse.

Along with the several decorated and lighted trees are a number of wreaths. A large red paper bell hangs at the entrance of the council chamber and a rotund paper Santa looms over the entrance to the office area of the director general.



DECORATING OUTSIDE: Outside city hall, a 40-foot spruce tree from Lac L'Assomption was installed Friday morning to herald the start of another Christmas season.

Hélène Holden — late-blooming writer transforms daydreams into stories

By SUSAN GRAY

Hélène Holden, versatile writer and a silent partner in the Double Hook bookstore, has been a Westmount resident for most of her life.

"My parents brought me home from the hospital to a little duplex on Grosvenor where the floor slanted," she recalls. "Since Grosvenor, I moved in other places with slanted floors. In one of them, if you dropped a marble or a pencil, it would actually cross the room and go nest in another corner!"

Judging from Mrs Holden's substantial output over the years, she has been able to catch her pen long enough to jot down more than a few sentences. Her latest novel, *After the Fact*, has just been released by Oberon Press. Prior to this were two novels and a translation: *The Chain* (Longmans Canada, 1969), *La Chaîne* (Aries Books, 1970) and *Goodbye, Muffin Lady* (Curtis Books, N.Y., 1974).

In addition to the novels, many of Mrs Holden's short stories, both in French and English, have been published in magazine, anthology and journal form. One story, published in *Les écrits du Canada français*, won the author the Prix de Littérature Benson and Hedges in 1977.

Dramatic, film and television scripts round out her writer's portfolio. Many of her plays have been produced at the Quebec Drama Festival, but while she was paid for the film scripts she was commissioned to write, she has yet to see one pro-

duced.

"It is much harder to raise the money to produce a film than it is the author's fee," Mrs Holden explains. Luckily, one script over which she has had complete control is her monologue, *Take a Canadian Author to Bed*, which she occasionally performs in full costume.

"The content dictates the form I'll use for a particular piece. For many years, I felt like a jack-of-all-trades. Now I want to work on projects alone because when I work with other people, it means constantly motivating and organizing them. I'm past the age now where I have time to do this."

Mrs Holden decided to become a writer because "It was the last boat for me. If I'd done the thing that comes most easily, it would have been singing, it would have been music. My second choice would've been the theatre or painting or something like that. But it was not *bien vu* for a woman of my background to do any of these things — not that one was supposed to have a career anyway — but rather a tool for personal fulfillment."

As Mrs Holden says in her monologue: "Writing is cheap, clean, quiet, respectable and it doesn't smell."

To pursue her socially sanctioned goal, she enrolled in a creative writing class at what was then Sir George Williams University, where she blos-

somed under the guidance of Edmund Fancott, a novelist, economist and fiction editor for the defunct *Standard* magazine.

"He encouraged me to complete my first novel before I got married because he knew I'd give up writing then," she admits. The time was the '50s.

"My professor was proven right as I only picked up my writing again when I was pregnant with my second child and realized I had to do something with my head — something I could do for the rest of my life. So I wrote to him asking if he would read my manuscripts. He did so for years. He was very encouraging."

"Maybe I was always a writer," Mrs Holden added. "When I was young, I never did anything. I would live through my imagination, an unabashed romantic. To this day, I still sometimes derive greater pleasure from my daydreams than from reality. When real life intrudes, it can spoil everything."

She concedes that *After the Fact* is based on one of her chief desires: to run away with a great love to a beautiful place by the sea.

Mrs Holden does manage to get away to the sea, her favorite destination, from time to time, but she prefers to stay close to home as she finds travelling tires her out. Things were different in her youth, however, as her father, who was in shipping, brought his family on extended trips to Europe, trips that meant his chil-



Hélène Holden

In Holden's *After the Fact*:

Cruelty of small village life metaphor for evolving Quebec

Hélène Holden's latest novel, *After the Fact*, is, in the author's words, "an imagined situation," set at a time when Quebec has been torn apart by a social upheaval which has significantly changed life here as we know it.

The narrative is told from the viewpoint of two narrators: Catherine Lemoyne, a Québécoise who has just fled to the village of Cap des Vents, in the Lower St Lawrence region, with her young daughter and English lover, and Marie-Ange, a schoolteacher and village resident.

Because the novel is set in Quebec, it carries an immediacy for Canadian readers which makes it difficult to totally distance ourselves from the extreme situations depicted in the book. As such, it can be a valuable mirror through which we can study ourselves, as the events in *After the Fact* are not far from the realm of present-day reality.

The fact that Catherine and her entourage have come from what was a privileged class prior to the upheaval is a source of great friction throughout the novel. The poverty-stricken villagers do their best to make life miserable for the Loyalists, as they are known, invading their home and the adjacent beach, throwing rocks at the house and, when Catherine ventures out, tripping her and hurling insults at her.

Her daughter Natalie receives similar treatment at school where Marie-Ange, her teacher, victimizes the child to buttress her belief that the Loyalists are remnants of an unjust, obsolete regime that had to fall.

Of Catherine's "family," her lover Lawrence is the most accepted by the community, an ironic twist on the political reality in Quebec during the late '60s and '70s. While there are definite hate factions in Cap des

After the Fact
Hélène Holden



Vents, still, a tiny number of devoted friends support the Loyalists' existence there.

One of these is Justin, Marie-Ange's lover. The complications that arise because of his attraction to Catherine provide a source of intrigue in *After the Fact*. Characterization is strong, if somewhat on the dark side, in the novel.

For one, Marie-Ange comes off as an embittered woman who, nevertheless, possesses some human qualities. The majority of the villagers, whose characters are not fleshed out to the same extent as Marie-Ange's, show almost no empathy for the Lemoynes; but, the author provides a societal context for their behavior by repeatedly mentioning the lack of food and the hardships of life under the new régime. The acts of goodness make a strong impact on the reader because of the severity of the cruel actions.

As Mrs Holden says, "In dire situations, people can go both ways. I don't know why it happens but it does and it does independently of

what's within themselves. Sometimes they'll become very good and very heroic and sometimes they'll become very bitter, angry and dangerous. Especially when they have nothing to fight for any more."

One of the problems of *After the Fact* is the slow pace with which the narrative unfolds. Bursts of action do make their way into the text only to be broken up by long stretches which lack a dramatic focus. This slowness of action is related to another problem which is the obscurity surrounding the events of the upheaval itself. The book could do with more details on the subject while still remaining a story with intrigue as well as acute social and political analyses.

Mrs Holden has a gift for powerful poetic images, something she could have exploited more in her latest work. One of the most striking metaphors in *After the Fact* is: "But even from a distance, I see the flutter of the wind on the mourners who are trembling up the cape like a column of black butterflies."

The ruggedness and sharp beauty of the land are brought out effectively in many places, thus suggesting the land itself has molded the extreme temperament of its inhabitants.

Mrs Holden says that she began writing the novel at the beginning of the '70s, when it seemed that a revolution was a real possibility in Quebec. Now that the social and political climate has changed significantly, the book remains relevant as it focuses on class conflicts and factionalism which transcend language barriers. The novel is not light reading but rather thought-provoking. One hopes it will help its readers see the potential for malice within themselves and reject this in order to live by more noble principles.

— Susan Gray

dren were often late starting school in the fall.

Wherever the family would go, they would take in the local opera as the writer's Greek father was a passionate opera-goer. "It's something I've inherited from him."

On her mother's side, Mrs Holden has extended the older woman's love of storytelling to the written page. "My mother should've been a writer," she insists. "Even the maids would cry when she told her stories. Sometimes she would adapt existing tales but usually she would invent them herself."

As a child, Mrs Holden spent a lot of time in St Joseph de Beauce, a village near Quebec where her mother, a French-Canadian, was born. "I know what I'm writing about in *After the Fact*" states the author. "There is a lot of violence in small villages, especially in a cold country."

Horizons not limited

The author's horizons are not limited to speculation about the lives of human beings alone. She consumes books about astrophysics and astronomy, possesses a telescope and believes that the most important thing for earthlings is to contact creatures from another planet.

"When we do, our theological and world views will change. It'll be fascinating to see if Christ or Mohammed came for them too."

"As for the future of the human race, she is optimistic."

"We've always been violent with each other but we are becoming more and more lucid. I think... I hope things will improve because the biggest problem we're faced with, bigger than natural disasters, is the potential for human cruelty."

How does her writing reflect this

concern for the plight of her fellow human beings? "The writer's duty is to amuse, not present propaganda in his or her work," states Mrs Holden. "If there is a message, it must arise naturally from the text."

Political themes have appeared rarely in her own writing although she was married for 22 years to Richard Holden, a lawyer, writer and former politician who sat both as a Progressive Conservative and an independent. The two are still good friends and Mrs Holden admires her ex-husband's political acumen. "He's very acute politically. His predictions are usually right on," she says. "It was through him that I became more politically aware."

The couple raised three children, now all in their 20s, one of whom still lives in her mother's home. Caroline is studying voice at McGill's Faculty of Music but Mrs Holden is quick to point out that she is not living the dreams of her youth vicariously.

"What I do do is give Caroline the support I never had. I curtail my social life — I love giving parties — so as to allow her daily practising time."

Arthur is an actor who has appeared in several Montreal productions and a writer who was a finalist in CBC's radio drama contest last year. Christopher, a student of economics, mathematics and statistics, has his grandfather's talent for making money.

"When Christopher was just a kid, I would accompany him to the bank where I would sign so he could take out loans. He would invest in stocks and play poker rather than babysit because he knew he could make more money!"

The Double Hook bookshop is another child which, along with Judy Mappin and Joan Blake, Mrs

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Dedication of Macaulay premises adds first-class facility to Selwyn

By CHARLES MAPPIN

The Selwyn House campus? The concept has become a reality, as old boys and friends of the school observed at the annual Founder's Day Wednesday last week.

From its origin as Lucas School in a Crescent street flat with seven boys, the school continually has grown and changed over the years. Captain Algernon Lucas opened his school in 1908, responding to a need for a small private school in the "Golden Mile."

When the students outgrew the premises in two years, the school moved to Mackay street. In 1914, Colin Campbell Macaulay took over as headmaster and changed the name.

The next move came in 1930 to a house on Redpath street. The numbers continued to grow. The student population reached 292 by 1960, resulting in the following year in a change to the current location, the old Westmount High School building

at Côte St Antoine road and Argyle avenue.

The board of directors then set a maximum limit for the student body at 400. Over the past 25 years the number has crept up slowly and now stands at 502.

The latest and most dramatic change in the school's history came two years ago. St Andrew's Church across from the school on Stanton street went up for sale. Selwyn House bought it. Although some classes were held in the new building last year, renovations were only completed hours before this year's Founder's Day.

Founder's Days have primarily been fund-raising events — an occasion to pester Old Boys and parents to cough up more money yet again. This year, that aspect was put aside. The evening was just an opportunity for all to explore the new building and to reminisce about teachers,



classmates and snowball fights. After being greeted by the grade 11 hosts, guests were given a tour of the two-storey building.

The church, or the Macaulay building as it is now called, had undergone an extensive transformation. The chapel has become a first-class gymnasium with Plexiglas basketball backboards and an electronic scoreboard. Classrooms, offices, a weight room, locker room facilities, and even a resource centre have all been added.

The tour ended in the gym, which became the focal point for the rest of the evening. Old Boys, parents, teachers, former teachers and other friends milled about, catching up on all the latest news.

Platters filled with delicious hors d'oeuvres adorned a huge central table. Grade 10 boys also circulated

Selwyn House students exercise the flesh where St Andrew's Church worshippers once soothed the spirit.

throughout the building, offering hot snacks. The food was the result of the labors of the school cook, Russell Henwood, and his wife Blanche. If this reflects in any way the current state of school lunches, the students are indeed lucky.

After food and drink had been consumed, the dreaded time for speeches arrived. As promised, however, remarks were sensibly brief. Headmaster William Mitchell welcomed the members of the Selwyn House community to the expanded school.

The Speirs Medal, given annually to someone who has made a significant contribution to the school over the years, then was presented to William Daly.

Mr Daly, an Old Boy and the father of two Old Boys, has been involved with Selwyn House in many capacities for many years. He sat as a member of the board of governors from 1971 to 1979 and as treasurer from 1971 to 1977. He is the current vice-president of the Selwyn House Old Boys Association.

Caroline Cooper, the school's development officer, spoke warmly of Mr Daly. "He has a tremendous

interest in the school. He works very hard and has done so for a long time. Mr Daly comes in frequently and is friends with many of the staff. He's very much part of what goes on here."

Mr Daly joins the impressive list of previous Speirs Medal recipients: Edgar Moody in 1985, F. Gordon Phillips in 1984, David Culver in 1983, and G. Miller Hyde in 1982.

Marc Krushelnyski and his staff worked around the clock the night before Founder's Day setting up tables, installing the sound system, and putting on the final touches.

Everyone left the evening impressed by the new building and the new facilities. As one of the guests was leaving, she was overheard telling a grade 11 student what a wonderful time she had had. The boy replied, "Oh, yes, Mr Mitchell always gives a good party."

Photographs of years past have been taken out of the attic, dusted off, and now adorn the walls of the Macaulay building for all to see. Old Boys are reminded that they have an open invitation for lunch. They might give Mrs Cooper a call in advance just to say they will drop by.



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Westmount High scores well on exam result comparison

"While in the majority of cases, the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal averages are lower than the provincial averages, there are nevertheless many examples of outstanding results, of which the schools should be justifiably proud."

It is conceivable that Dr H. de Groot, the PSBGM's assistant director of instructional services, had Westmount High School in mind when he wrote the above conclusion in the PSBGM report on 1986 high school leaving examination results, released last week.

Of 137 students enrolled in secondary V at WHS in 1986, 111 students received high school diplomas,

By THOR VALDMANIS

resulting in a success rate of 81 percent — 9.1 percent above the PSBGM average of 71.9 percent.

The WHS success rate places it sixth among 17 PSBGM secondary schools.

Wagar High School in Côte St Luc led the pack with 86.1 percent of its students obtaining a leaving certificate last year.

Lachine High School was second (85 percent), Riverdale third (84.7) and Royal West Academy and Sir Winston Churchill tied for fourth (83.9).

Results from 11 high school leav-

ing exams produced by the provincial government last year give WHS students an academic average of 68.7 percent — identical to the provincial average in the same exams.

The overall PSBGM average was 67.8 percent.

"Westmount High has a long history of doing quite well in high school leaving exams," WHS principal Richard Jack said Tuesday.

The relatively strong WHS academic standing, "is a message that doesn't get out very often," the principal added.

Noting his students had a 100 percent passing rate in English composition and math 532 last year, Mr Jack said the WHS results display "the strengths in both our students and teaching staff."

"We're not leading the province, so there's still work to be done," he continued. "But at the same time we've done quite well ... I'm not disappointed."

The PSBGM report was the first detailed comparison of its secondary V programs in a number of years.

The statistics, broken down subject by subject, are to be used for future board planning in reinforcing good programs and upgrading those found lacking, PSBGM officials say.

WPS supports ban on strap

By THOR VALDMANIS

The Westmount Park School committee has come out strongly in favor of a Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal amendment to abolish officially the use of corporal punishment in its schools.

According to David Birnbaum, information director for the PSBGM, "It's more a theoretical decision than a practical one, because in practice the option is used very, very rarely."

The strap was used only twice throughout the entire school board system last year, Mr Birnbaum said.

"We haven't used a strap in this school for many years," chairman Sandra Guinness said during a WPS committee meeting Tuesday evening last week.

"In this school, we have no policy of corporal punishment, only a policy of discipline."

The PSBGM council of commissioners is scheduled to meet at the end of January to vote on dismantling the little-used practice in time for the 1987-88 school year.

The Central Parents Committee has asked school committees to submit their opinions on the issue.

No one seemed to have any use for corporal punishment around the WPS committee table.

Except, that is, for principal Richard Eggleton.

Mr Eggleton admitted he had recently found an old strap and had placed it on his desk for effect.

Shortly afterwards he found himself slapping the strap against his desk to ward off a student who had gotten out of hand.

"I had to," Mr Eggleton jokingly told parents, "otherwise he would have beaten me up."

"He's in grade 3."

The principal told committee members that he had been in the educational sphere for 30 years "and I've never found that it was an option."

The school committee agreed and passed a motion to support the abolishment proposal. There were no dissenters.

Roslyn School committee passed a similar resolution three weeks ago (see story Nov 13).

PSBGM commissioner Joan Roth-

Unity to host Yule teen dance

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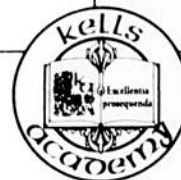
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Dragons	15	4	3	1	0	29	19	6
Guards	15	4	3	1	0	26	22	6
Bears	15	4	2	2	0	21	22	4
Canadiens	15	4	0	4	0	13	26	0

ATOM

Canucks	15	4	3	1	0	16	10	6
Canadiens	15	4	2	2	0	19	16	4
Penguins	15	4	2	2	0	10	8	4
Nordiques	15	4	1	3	0	10	21	2

PEEWEE

Scouts	15	5	3	1	1	23	14	7
Canadiens	15	5	3	1	1	18	18	7
Seals	15	5	2	2	1	17	16	5
Capitals	15	5	0	4	1	17	27	1

ALL STAR

Novice	-	1	1	0	0	4	3	2
Atom	-	5	3	1	1	25	16	7
PeeWee	-	2	1	1	0	13	9	2
Bantam	-	2	1	1	0	6	10	2

EXHIBITION

Competitive	-	4	3	0	1	16	8	7
Old Timers	-	4	2	1	1	15	21	5

Hornets smite Canadiens; Flames scorch Bruins

Last week in Westmount's bantam-midget league, the Canadiens and the Hornets faced off against each other.

The Hornets opened the scoring 10 minutes into the first period as Theodore Teryazos put the puck away. Two minutes later, Stephen Capom-

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bassis of the Hornets boosted the lead to 2-0.

Moments later, Gael Gravenor scored another goal for his team, to make the score 3-0. With 15 seconds left in the period, David Redwood of the Hornets snapped one by the goaltender to take an early first period 4-0 lead.

The Hornets scored their fifth straight goal two minutes into the second period. It seemed as though the Canadiens had no chance, then suddenly they were fighting back.

The Canadiens' substitute, David Disalvio, scored their first goal to make the score 5-1. Two minutes later, Aryan Lirange and Disalvio combined to get their second goal of the night.

With three minutes left in the period, the Canadiens scored their third goal of the night, to narrow the lead to 5-3.

The Canadiens struggled into the third period, trying to even up the score. With two minutes remaining in the game, Robby Velan of the

Canadiens scored an unassisted goal to make the score 5-4. That is all the Canadiens could manage, as they remained behind one goal by game's end.

Bruins open scoring

In other Westmount hockey action, the Flames and the Bruins went at it in the senior A league.

The Bruins opened the scoring with 55 seconds left in the period, as Dean Kelly and Michael Baranyai combined to make the score 1-0.

The Flames' Mengo McCall came through for his team in the second period when he tied the score at one. The Flames also opened third-period scoring, when Matthew Levinson put the puck into the net.

With the score so close, both teams were trying to keep control of the third period. However, it was the Flames who were able to do it, as Paul Desjardins got a goal with only three minutes left.

The final score in the game was 3-1 for the Flames. The score would not have been so close if it were not for the fantastic efforts of both goaltenders.

Ticketed

The driver of a truck was ticketed Tuesday morning last week for backing into a car at Wood avenue and St Catherine street, police said. The accident was reported to have taken place at 9:50 am.

NOVICE

Guards 5, Canadiens 4
Dragons 6, Bears 4

ATOM

Canadiens 4, Nordiques 2
Penguins 5, Canucks 0

PEEWEE I

Canadiens 4, Scouts 3
Seals 6, Capitals 2

BANTAM/MIDGET

Hornets 7, Rangers 3
Leafs 6, Canadiens 6
Leafs 11, Rangers 3
Hornets 5, Canadiens 4

SENIOR 'A'

Devils 7, Flyers 4
Fathers 8, Jets 4

SENIOR 'B'

Flyers 11, Aces 5
Hawks 2, Oilers 1
Flyers 7, Fathers 3

SENIOR

Flames 3, Bruins 1
Stars 4, Sabres 0
Bruins 9, Stars 1
Wanderers 2, Sabres 0

ATOM ALL STAR

Westmount 3, LCC 3

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Westmount 8, Kirkland 2

BANTAM ALL STAR

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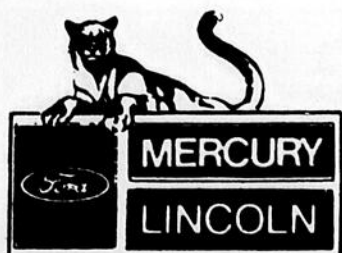
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HAPPY FEET: Dance students at the Westmount Y showed off their fancy footwork Saturday afternoon in the Y gym. The beginner II tap dance students of Gail Gresko performed "Bei Mir Bist Du Schon" with choreography by John Stanzel. Tap, jazz and ballet students from beginner to advanced and from children to adults participated in the show.

HOLDEN...

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Holden nurtured. The only bookstore in Montreal featuring exclusively Canadian material came about because of Mrs Holden's becoming a writer. When she began meeting writers in Toronto she'd never heard of, she realized there was a gap in the market. After she discussed it with Mrs Blake and Mrs Mappin, the three plunged into the venture, which has become quite successful.

"The bookstore took years away from my writing," says the author. "I worked extremely long hours without pay for two years full-time and a few years after that part-time. My

romantic dream of typing in the midst of all the books never came true. But I did get to meet a lot of nice people through the store. I actually met the publisher of my latest book that way, as he used to deliver all his stock in person."

Now, with her activity at the Double Hook being relegated to the back burner, Mrs Holden makes her major focus her writing. She balances five hours a day she spends on her work with rope skipping and exercise routines to keep in shape. Her trim physique is a testimony to the benefits she derives from the exercise.

As a teenager, on scholarship at Collège Marguerite Bourgeoys, she contracted tuberculosis and since her recovery in the Trudeau Sanatori-

um has been extremely careful about her health.

"I don't want to be one of those old women whose muscles can't support her skeleton properly," the writer shudders.

While one can't predict the future, judging from the range of literature she has produced to date, Mrs Holden won't be "one of those old women" who sits around staring into space for want of an engaging activity to keep her busy.

Silver, jewels gone from home

An unknown amount of silverware and jewelry was stolen from a house on Summit crescent between Nov 18-25, according to police.

The home was discovered broken into Tuesday last week by someone checking it during the absence of residents. Access was gained by breaking a window in a rear door leading to the living room, causing about \$100 damage.

School peddles chocolate to finance new equipment

FOR Westmounters with a sweet tooth, Westmount Park School has good news.

In the weeks leading up to Christmas, chances are a number of local residents will be called upon to purchase WPS chocolate bars with almonds at \$2 each. (A sample of the product, obtained by the THE EXAMINER recently for research purposes, proved to be outright delicious.)

The WPS chocolate bar campaign, organized by the school committee, is intended to raise funds for new acquisitions by the school.

"Everybody will get involved in selling," principal Richard Eggleton replied to a parent query at a committee last Tuesday evening, "the parents, teachers, students, caretakers."

Under the terms of the agreement with a distributor, the school is to keep close to 50 percent of net income from sales, committee chairman Sandra Guinness said.

Mr Eggleton had some suggestions for use of the proceeds. "We are in desperate need of a photocopier," Mr Eggleton said.

Referring to the school's temperamental, powdered-ink feed copier, "It's the type of thing businesses used 20 years ago," he said. "It's constantly breaking down."

A television set, books and a rock collection were among other items mentioned.

Profits from last year's fund-raising basketball toss, approximately \$2,000, went towards the revamping of the elementary school's library.

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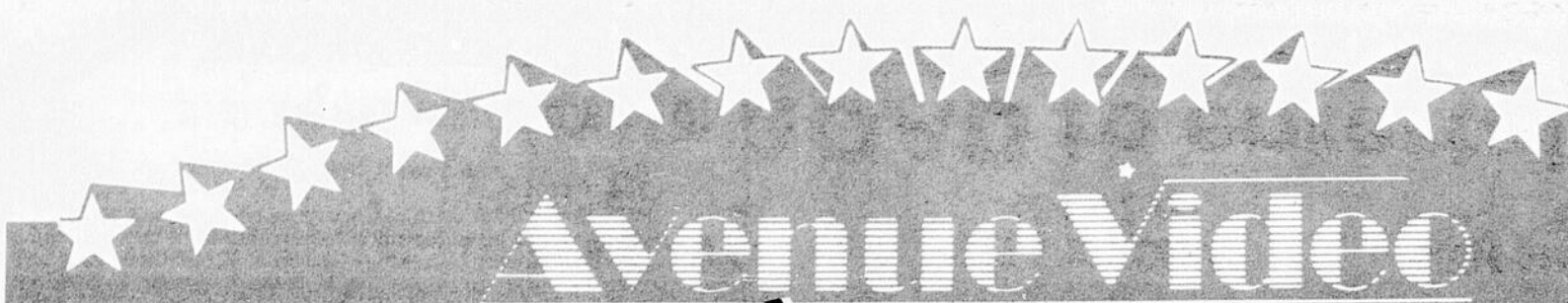
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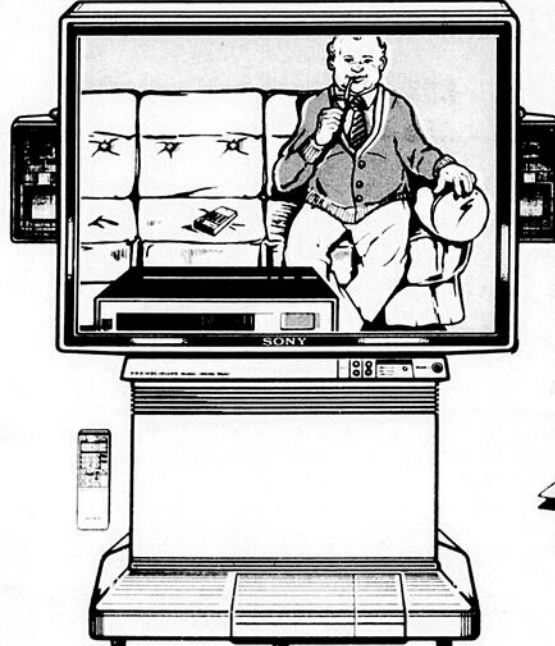


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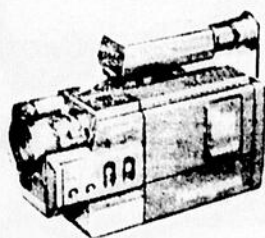
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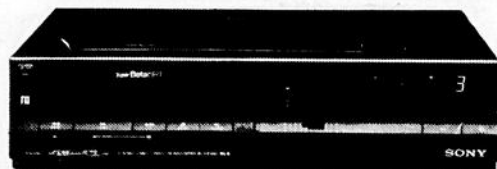


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