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Man thrown from Renault in collision

A two-car accident Saturday morning resulted in slight injuries to the driver of one of the vehicles, who was thrown from his car in the collision.

Peter Howitt, 23, of the Town of Mount Royal, was proceeding west on The Boulevard when he drove through a red light at the intersection of Victoria avenue. He struck a 1971 Renault going south on Victoria, driven by Jean Marie Malavoy, 23, of Montreal.

Mr. Malavoy hit his head on the pavement after being thrown from the vehicle on impact. He was rushed to Queen Elizabeth Hospital, where X-rays of his skull were taken. He was then treated for slight injuries and released.

Mr. Howitt was not injured.

Lockless

A Westmount patrolman on duty early Christmas morning found the lock removed from Cyril's Beauty Shoppe, 380A Victoria avenue, at 1:15 am. A stereo tape player had been removed from the premises, though the speakers were left intact. Detectives surmised vice grips had been used to remove the lock, which the thief had then taken away with him.



FAVORITE CAROLS: Westmount Rotarians last week sang carols at the conclusion of their weekly luncheon meeting in city hall, led by this in-club, ad-hoc group of vocalists accompanied by David Yongson at the piano. Leading voice, left to right, are John Perry, George Sklivas and Leslie Griffiths.

Council date set

The January statutory meeting of Westmount City Council probably will be held next Wednesday evening. No new business is expected beyond the regular reports.

No word has yet been received from the Montreal Urban Community concerning the closing of de Maisonneuve boulevard through Westmount Park, according to City Clerk Ronald Seaman.

Not so sweet

A purse containing \$100 cash was removed from the Sugar and Spice Shop in Alexis Nihon Plaza Friday at 7:05 pm. The victim said she had placed it down for a moment, and when she looked down to retrieve it, the purse was missing.

No spark

Police were notified last Wednesday night that the battery had been stolen from a 1964 Meteor parked in Alexis Nihon Plaza.

Happy Christmas here

Westmount Police reported a quiet Christmas Day on Monday, described as "excellent" by Deputy Chief Sidney Ashford. Four traffic accidents occurred during the holiday, though none resulted in injuries. The fire department was called upon four times; all four calls were considered minor.

Dejeweled

A locked door at 3011 St. Antoine street was forced open last Thursday, and there was evidence that someone had rummaged through drawers and cases in the building. Westmount Police say some jewelry has been reported missing, though a complete list is not yet available.

Cash leak

Westmount Police were told last Thursday that \$232 in petty cash had been removed from an office at 4342 Sherbrooke street. The cash had been taken "over a period of time," police said. Detectives are investigating.

Check-out

A \$156 welfare check was reported stolen from 18 Weredale Park Saturday afternoon. The check had been placed in the hallway of the building along with the rest of the mail.

Party-poopers

A coat and wallet were removed from Dawson College during a party Friday evening.

Snowblower fumes fell man using it

A woman called Westmount Police last week to say a man who had been pushing a snowblower along Aberdeen avenue had collapsed on the sidewalk.

Patrolmen answering the call could not determine the man's problem, but rushed him to Montreal General Hospital. He was diagnosed to have suffered carbon monoxide fumes from the snowblowing equipment.

The man was treated and later released, little the worse for wear.

Calculated

An electronic calculator and a typewriter worth \$1,200 were removed from an office at 4999 Ste. Catherine street west during the holiday weekend. The theft was reported to Westmount Police Tuesday morning. Detectives said they found no signs of a forceable entry.

Rat bites boy of 7

A 7-year-old boy was bitten by a rat on Devon avenue on Sunday, Dec. 17.

The boy apparently saw the rat in the street and said it crawled up his leg, biting him on the thumb.

Year of the policemen for Westmount citizens

The year of nineteen hundred and seventy-two can in many ways be considered "the year of the policeman" for Westmount and its citizens.

The local man-in-blue not only kept the peace for the city, but caused a little furore himself in several sectors.

In Quebec City, in accounting offices and council chambers of the Montreal Urban Community, at Westmount City Hall and the auditorium of Victoria Hall, and in the pages of *The Examiner* and

other Montreal newspapers, Westmount police and those of other municipalities represented the central issue of an ongoing debate lasting from New Year's Day throughout the year.

The debate centered not so much on the effectiveness of police per se as on the effectiveness of police integration, or the de-localization of Montreal Island police forces.

Jan. 1, 1972, meant the de jure control of Westmount policemen by the MUC, although in fact the

men were pursuing their normal duties from their normal station with the same amount of payment for their services. Things had changed for Westmount citizens, however, who found their pockets being picked to pay for Montreal policemen as well, also part of the MUC force but not operating in Westmount.

Appeal to commission

Westmount Mayor Paul Ouimet made note of this fact on Jan. 4, but said he and Montreal suburban mayors were complaining about the problem to the Quebec Municipal Commission. The Commission hearings took place in February and eight study committees were subsequently set up to examine the whole structure of the MUC.

Westmount discovered on Jan. 20 that it was being forced to pay costs for policing it never received, to the tune of \$16 million. On Feb. 24 this handy sum, added to the MUC takeover of payments for 1972 for Westmount Police, brought the total increase Westmounters would make to the MUC to 16 per cent. In December Westmount found that the MUC was not satisfied with that tax increase. For 1973

Blown

A snowblower valued at \$600 was removed from the basement of 4998 de Maisonneuve boulevard last Thursday.

they wanted a further 35 per cent hike in payments by the city.

Although it should be noted that not quite all of the most recent increase can be attributed to police costs, Westmounters are well aware that they are in the middle of a railroad yard concerning the whole MUC takeover of police services, both financially and realistically.

In August the realism became apparent to Westmount citizens. *The Examiner* published an editorial (Aug. 31) revealing the recommendations of MUC Police

Director Daigneault suggesting reorganization of police forces on Montreal island and the virtual destruction of Westmount's own public security. According to the report, Westmount would lose its own station and receive the services of a police station located in Ville Emard, three miles from the city, of just over two police vehicles (2.31), and of an undisclosed number of policemen.

Quebec repercussions

The revelation had repercussions as far away as Quebec City, with resolutions from City Council, petitions from the Westmount Municipal Association and Westmount High School, letters from individuals to Kevin Drummond, Jerome Choquette, Mr. Tessier, Mayor Ouimet, and *The Examiner*. All (or nearly all) praised the high quality of the Westmount police and pleaded for its retention. Ultimately, West-

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Today's World



"Who says I can't go over to the Remsen's with the price tag on my coat?"

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By ERIC NEAL

January 1 to 6

Storms in the northern States, and another low-pressure system passing along our northern coast will bring to the St. Lawrence and Ottawa river valleys blustery winds, freezing drizzle, smog and 10 to 15 inches of fluffy snow to mark the mild, sloppy partial thaw usual for this last-quarter-to-new-moon week, the 15th before Easter. A bright, bitterly cold weekend follows. The deep freeze could extend into Florida and Louisiana. When the mercury says "below zero," no snow possible; the air is too dry. Only hexagon shaped ice needles or thin plates of ice, also hexagon in shape, shimmering in hazy morning sunshine will be seen.

Second issue out of Spectrum paper

By MARK ELLWOOD

Last week the second issue of Spectrum, the school newspaper, came out. It was larger than the first issue, containing eight instead of four pages.

Unlike other years when the only articles written were cries of lack of school spirit and documentaries on the poor condition of the school, this newspaper contained various articles which ranged from the humor of chess and Christmas holidays to the seriousness of war and religion.

The paper was much better than the first issue although some students still felt the photography was a bit lacking.

From reports I've heard, last Thursday's Junior Corn Show wasn't too good (but then who said it had to be?), although the senior one was a great success. Among the highlights were Roberto Cucci who came on dressed once again as Dracula and told vampire jokes, myself and Pieter Botman in a spoof on grand prix wrestling, and the teachers who came on with a surprise skit.

At the end of the show a rock band was to come on and play for a half hour but students don't

usually seem too fond of this sort of thing and about half the audience left after a few minutes. All in all, though, the show was well done.

\$50 is raised

Last Friday afternoon the Foster Child Club held a square

Westmount High School NEWS



dance and collected about \$50 in donations and from the sale of drinks and cookies. It was the last afternoon of school so not too many students showed up (can

Be a better host: watch over your guests' road condition

Canadians can keep ambulances and fire engines where they belong—in the garage—this holiday season by taking common sense precautions, the Canada Safety Council says.

"First be a friend - then a host" is a good guideline for festive parties which too often lead to traffic mishaps. James Thackray, president of the council, said in a holiday message.

Hosts should adopt a sense of responsibility toward guests who have to drive home, he said. That one for the road might very well put the guest off the road.

The average person's system can absorb a 1½-ounce drink of spirits or a 12-ounce bottle of beer an hour. The guest who overdoes it despite the best intentions of the host should be sent home in a taxi.

The office party is potentially dangerous for employees who drive to work. A number of firms solve this problem by asking

employees not to drive to work the day of the party and arranging transportation home after the event.

A snack with coffee at the end of the party will not sober up guests but it will gain valuable time for the body to eliminate the alcohol. However, guests who try to sober up with a lot of coffee, cold showers and exercise merely turn themselves into wide-awake drunks whose functions remain impaired by alcohol.

En route to a family holiday or parties, drivers should make sure they can see out of all windows and that their vehicles, including lights, can be seen. In this season combining slippery roads, dense traffic and darting pedestrians, drivers should make sure there is enough space between them and cars ahead and be mind in which to stop safely in the event of an emergency.

Turning to home accidents, studies show alcohol is a major factor in falls, fires and cuts, dissipating the fallacy that heading home before engaging in heavy drinking ensures a safe holiday.

Falls are the most common home accidents. Ice-free walks around the house prevent accidents. Securing a firm footing when putting up decorations is essential. If available, taller people should decorate places out of reach of other people rather than employing makeshift ladders.

With a lot of people around, main walking areas should be freed of potential hazards such as foot stools.

Policemen . . .

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mount's representative in Quebec received petitions from the WMA which held 8,000 signatures; 297 signatures were collected in two days from

Westmount High School; 35 people showed up at one City Council meeting and more than 1,000 people appeared at a special meeting of the Westmount Municipal Association to discuss the subject.

The reaction from Mr. Drummond to the overwhelming citizen concern was inconclusive. He accused WMA organizers as "appealing to emotions." He reminded Westmounters several times that the proposal was merely a "working paper." He claimed he had no authority over the matter, since Bill 281, which created the MUC force in the first place, was "law."

His sentiments were not accepted by The Examiner or, for that matter, by Justice Minister Choquette, who offered slight changes in the bill during November, thus proving that it was not infallible.

Reply by Westmount

Locally, discussions and proposals culminated in the filing last week of the city's official comments on the Daigneault report with Mr. Daigneault.

The comments suggested the report was far from complete, but that what was proposed was unacceptable to Westmount. "We will not accept any loss of local control," the official document read, "or of our police station, any reduction in the number of or dispersal of our police personnel or equipment, or any loss or impairment of our existing police communications."

The above statement might be considered a New Year's resolution for the City of Westmount. While 1972 was a year of discussion, argument and disagreement, 1973 will be the year of action. City officials will keep a close eye on integration—or disintegration—procedures with a firm resolve to maintain some control over the process.

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Dec. 21
7:14 am: 3 Hillside, internal false alarm;
Dec. 22
10:05 am: 39 Prospect, strange odor;
10:48 am: Sherbrooke and Redfern, strange odor;
11:49 am: Westmount Square, apt. 3, burnt toast;
Dec. 23
11:43 am: 4039 Tupper, internal alarm;
2:40 pm: 352 Lansdowne, burnt fuse;
2:50 pm: 1336 Greene, burnt fuse;
Dec. 24
3:10 am: 4998 de Maisonneuve, garbage fire;
5:15 am: 750 Lexington, no cause for alarm;
Dec. 25
7:30 am: opposite 3231 St. Antoine, gas leak;
8:24 am: 218 Edgehill road, defective smoke pipe;
9:33 am: 32 Thornhill, ashes on

Stolen Chargex brings arrest at Pant City

A salesman from Pant City in Alexis Nihon Plaza called Westmount Police Tuesday to report the use of a stolen Chargex card. A 20-year-old Montreal resident had attempted to purchase a pair of pants and two shirts totalling \$8.94 with the card.

Police arrested the man and later released him pending formal charges. At his arraignment the man said he had been given the card by a friend, who had found it last June.

The card is the property of a Montreal resident.

Study goes on of site use at Atwater

The city is still giving detailed study to the two entries in its competition of proposals for the development of the vacant land, owned by the city, bounded by Atwater avenue, Dorchester boulevard west, Tupper street and the proposed extension of Wood avenue, Planning and Redevelopment Commissioner Charles Aspler reported to city council recently.

"We are still studying the matter, we have reached no conclusion and I have nothing to report," he responded to the item on the agenda which called for a

lawn;
4:14 pm: 1 Westmount Square, steam scare;

Dec. 26

2:17 pm: 400 Kensington, alarm ringing.



PLATES FOR AUTHOR: W. Earle McLaughlin, 67 Sunnyside avenue, chairman and president of The Royal Bank of Canada, receives a mounted replica of press plates used in printing the article "How Sovereign is Canada's Economy" which appeared in recent issues of Reader's Digest and Selection du Reader's Digest. Digest President E. Paul Zimmerman (right), 4449 de Maisonneuve boulevard, makes the presentation. The article, written by Mr. McLaughlin, examines economic relations between Canada and the United States.

"report on results of the study of tenders received from Wotton Holdings Limited and Sun Investment Corp."

The land is residue from expropriations for the widening of Dorchester boulevard and earlier had been the site of a proposed twin-tower apartment project, since abandoned.

Reddy credit

A wallet and credit cards were removed from a purse in the common room of the Reddy Memorial Hospital last Tuesday evening, Dec. 19, between 7:30 and 8:00. Westmount Police believe the thief is still using the credit cards.

CITY OF WESTMOUNT
What's doing
ON THIS SITE

No building permits were issued at city hall during the past week.

Chess program at Unity Club

There is an active chess program within the Unity Boys' and Girls' Club, 1090 Greene avenue.

The Club held its second novice tournament on Nov. 15. Ian Vardi, 15, won this event after defeating Victor Lamparski, 12, in a playoff match. Both players had finished the tourney with 4 wins and no losses, and 36 participated.

A match was played between Unity and East End on Nov. 17 and 24. Unity won by scores of 8-2 and 6-4.

The following events were scheduled for December:

- (1) Novice tournament: This event is for the benefit of beginners or those with limited experience. The tourney will be played on Dec. 13 starting at 6:30 pm. Everyone plays 5 games. A trophy will be awarded to the winner as well as prizes to others with good results. Free entry to members, others 50 cents.
- (2) A friendly match will take place between Unity and Devonshire Boys' and Girls' Club on Dec. 11 and 18.
- (3) Chess instruction for beginners starts on Dec. 28.

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We Say

Now local zoning powers threatened

QUEBEC centralizers have gone mad. Now it is local zoning. Perhaps more than anything, ballot-box power in communities determines the character of towns and cities. Neighborhoods reflect what people in them want or will tolerate. People can be too sticky and they can be too lax. But zoning is in their hands, where it belongs.

Distant politicians and their functionaries are no substitute.

We could laud Municipal Affairs Minister Tessier if he put forward legislation to assure minimum standards, prevent uncontrolled sprawl, ban eyesores.

But he goes too far if, as reported, he proposes to make the Quebec Planning and Development Bureau "ultimately responsible for all urban development in the province."

No longer may local affected taxpayers protest local zoning changes of which they do not approve by forcing referenda.

"Instead," says this news of folly from Quebec, "they must appeal to the director of urban planning at the Quebec department of municipal affairs to have the zoning changes reversed."

Thus, another bureau and a bureaucracy are proposed to obliterate yet another vital power of local government.

And appeal, instead of to fellow citizens who by and large should know best, is to be to a bureaucrat who not only is far away but has a vested interest in upholding the decisions, good and bad, of the lesser bureaucrats under him.

This is the classic governmental "reform" of the present Quebec government, and we say it is obnoxious and indefensible by any measure of democracy and good sense.

Quebec meddles in taxi business

QUEBEC centralizers have gone mad. Now it is taxicabs.

If ever there was a role for metropolitan government, this long has been one of them.

But it certainly is not the province's.

The issuing of permits for and regulation of taxis is a stupid mish-mash on Montreal island. It is asinine for each municipality, including Westmount, to have its fingers in a business which should have no local borders.

Even so, it is not Quebec's role either. The politicians and bureaucrats down-river

are too far removed from the reality of the metropolis to really know what is required in numbers, colors and, so help us, dome-lights of hacks.

The government and its ineffectual, me-too opposition have more abiding concerns than this eternal meddling in municipal authority, be it the MUC or Trois-Pistoles.

You Say

Pointe Claire idea may be last resort

Sir: I applaud your resolutions for the coming year and your change of heart about Pointe Claire's method of dealing with the MUC. Their method may be our last resort.

What results did we get with our meetings, protests and petitions? A big fat nothing! Some soothing drivel from our representative in Quebec! "Don't worry, everything will be alright in Westmount," says the Hon. Mr. Drummond.

Well, I do worry! Things won't be alright if I am forced to give up my home because the taxes have risen all out of proportion. Don't forget that all these taxes (municipal, school, MUC, sales, cigaret, liquor, etc.) are considered "income," and are taxed as such. I wish you could show in your much-appreciated weekly what the actual amounts come to! It is quite shocking.

The "truth in lending" regulations force banks and stores to state the actual annual rate of interest. Something similar should apply to the above-mentioned taxes.

Why should a property-owner be saddled with a school tax, when Quebec regulates education. Let it be a provincial tax instead of a municipal one.

Why should a property owner pay for anything but a municipal police force? Riot-control and organized crime are mentioned as the cause of the enormous MUC police budget. What about the Quebec Provincial Police, and the RCMP? Don't they have facilities and manpower to deal with such matters? Why should I as a property owner, or rather as somebody who bought a house to live in, pay for that? Why not all the people of Canada, or at least all the people of Quebec?

Municipal taxes are for local necessities and niceties, not for the defense department, and not for MUC's special forces! It is not fair, and a horrendous farce.

A budget that cannot be opposed, or limited, by anyone. "Ask, and it shall be given to you," seems to be the MUC's policy.

Why the vote on the budget? It is insulting. Where on earth, in a democratic system, can one be assessed to pay tax and

our M.P.

Hon. C. M. Drury

says...



A year-end round-up

The last few working days which close out the calendar year are inevitably very busy for ministers and their departments. While there are not necessarily all that many activities, programs or projects which terminate or begin automatically by virtue of a statute on the first day of the New Year, it is psychologically an appropriate moment to finish off certain matters and launch others.

This is particularly true this year in view of the immediacy of the new parliament which opens Jan. 4. The development of the speech from the throne has occupied a great deal of my colleagues' time in cabinet, in caucus, and in consultations with senior departmental officials.

New policy initiatives

A great deal of time is invested in the process of identifying and developing new policy initiatives for the government to bring before parliament. These proposals are then weighed against a general set of criteria which serve to evaluate them in relation to the government's overall policy objectives and available resources. The number of proposals is slowly but surely whittled down to a package that can reasonably be expected to be ready in legislative form for parliament.

The Treasury Board secretariat, having just completed drafting the guidelines for the implementation of the new phase of the policy for bilingualism in the public service, is in the process of developing detailed discussions with department heads, staff associations and the Public Service Commission. These will commence early in the New Year under the general supervision of the new secretary of the Treasury Board, Gordon Osbaldeston, formerly deputy minister of consumer and corporate affairs, and prior to that deputy secretary of the Treasury Board.

Projects for Westmount

The preliminary selection of Local Initiatives Projects is intended to terminate on Dec. 31, although some marginal projects probably will be funded after re-examination early in January. Already, several of the many interesting projects located in the constituency of Westmount have been approved for

not have a voice in how much and on what it is spent? Surely we don't have to support such an unfair, undemocratic, inefficient bungle!

Alderman Leeds Nelson calls it a disaster about which he can do nothing. Shame!

Almost any group these days has bargaining power. There are strikes, sit-ins, withholding of services, arbitrations. And we can do nothing?

Are we just sheep, that pay and pay and pay?

I say, let's join Pointe Claire, and withhold the money. Maybe then Bourassa will at least acknowledge that we exist, and give us some explanations.

Maria M. Botman

360 Kensington avenue,
WESTMOUNT 215.

'Positive attitude' wins endorsement

Sir: Referring to your editorial of Dec. 21, I can do no more than wholeheartedly agree with the positive attitude you propose to adopt for the coming year.

I do believe no one has ever regretted sinning from an over-positive attitude, but one can ruefully consider erring negatively.

The general attitude of passive ac-

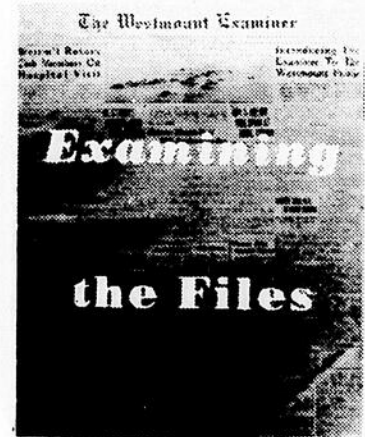
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grants, and I am hoping to visit many of them in 1973, as I did with other projects funded by earlier OFY and LIP programs.

These are but a few of the activities that are winding up at the present time which serve to keep many members in Ottawa between Christmas and New Year's.

I would hope that the constituents of Westmount have been able, in spite of travel difficulties, to achieve the reunions planned and perhaps even to have been able to get away for some skiing or some sun.

To all of you, my very best wishes for a Happy New Year.



Thirty-five Years Ago
December 30, 1937

"Season tickets for skating at the Westmount Athletic Grounds rink are now available, and may be obtained at the clubhouse office, 4350 St. Catherine street. The rink will be open Saturday, New Year's Day, from ten in the morning to six at night. The rink is a spacious one, and special provision has been made for those wishing to do fancy skating. A section has been boarded off in the centre of the regular rink for this purpose."

Twenty-five Years Ago
December 24, 1947

"H.R. Beaumont, of 2 de Casson road, has been appointed steamship passenger traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, it was announced on Saturday.

"New manager of the Bank of Montreal's main Westmount branch, at the corner of Greene and Western avenues, is William M. Jackson. In charge of the Hull office for the past four and a half years, Mr. Jackson succeeds Athol D. Horne, Westmount manager since June 1945, who will shortly take over the management of the bank's Peel street branch."

Fifteen Years Ago
December 27, 1957

"Skiffle—a new word around music circles—is taking the city by storm, in the form of a skiffle combo, the 'Applejacks,' made up of four West End boys. Skiffle is a form of music, undoubtedly, and if you dig the beat, you're solid, man, solid. Though it is comparatively new to this country, teenagers who have been confronted with it have quickly taken up the new beat."

Five Years Ago
December 28, 1967

"Selby street is becoming the site of another traditional Fire Brigade event, the annual Selby Christmas weekend fire. Last year 323 Selby was stricken by a multi-alarm blaze that had firemen struggling all through the night. This year the visit was to a next door neighbor, 347 Selby. The fire, apparently started by playing children, burnt its way up through the back of the building and was eventually contained in the roof planking."

You Say . . .

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ceptance already has done too much to reinforce the assurance of Mr. Bourassa's government in railroading through legislation, unbaked and disorganizing measures.

Mr. Bourassa sees himself as the savior of Quebec social peace, but at no time in our history has a leader so well paved the way for an unruly revolution.

He has surrounded himself with a cohort of either very effective vandals bent on destroying all the good of our historical and traditional ways, or with ineffectual, silent followers uttering pacifying non-senses to the population in hope to hide their evil long enough to forestall retribution in their time.

The informed and well-bred electors are discovering this, but their naturally pacific ways have lured them in using the traditional civil methods of resolving the conflicts. Unfortunately the present provincial leaders do not understand this language; they understand only the power of the majority, their own present one in the cabinet, or the power of strength itself.

So, it is with great hope I read your editorial, since it could be instrumental in having intelligent and pacific people show the necessary unity and strength to oppose this phalange, redirect or replace it, before more violent forces destroy peace on our earth, in our country, our province, our City!

F.A. Leclaire

3209 St. Antoine street,
WESTMOUNT 215.

School Board stand on Bill 71 scored

Sir: The last paragraph in your article on Bill 71 (Dec. 14) states: "Westmount's school commissioners also expressed sympathy for the plight of English-speaking Roman Catholics who are not represented in the proposed school board structure."

Was this sentiment expressed in the telegram which the school commissioners sent to Dr. Cloutier? If it was, do the commissioners feel that an expression of "sympathy" would be strong enough?

What is at stake here is the rights of a minority, not with respect to confessionality, but with respect to language.

These rights should be of concern to our commissioners, since they also find themselves in the position of an English-speaking minority.

If these gentlemen do not now take a stronger position on the rights of English Catholics for representation as an English-speaking minority, how can they expect to be immune from similar treatment by the Francophone majority in the future?

S. Kennedy

4823 St. Catherine street west,
WESTMOUNT 215.

'Canada in Quebec' surveys Liberal ills

Sir: A lengthy study of the recent federal election was concluded and discussed at our last weekly meeting. We feel that the Liberal Party brass might well start listening to some of us nobodies out here in the streets.

Our findings show that while most of our pundits' given "reasons" had some tangential or factorial influence, they do not, even when added up, come close to explaining the decline in strength. The patient has a fundamental ailment which must be recognized and treated first if he is to recover. All the hasty application of band-aids to presumed sores only serves to accentuate the people's perception of the brainlessness rampant in the boardroom of their directors.

For instance, we can now affirm with certainty that the changes in unemployment insurance did not hurt the party, rather it retained or attracted countless votes that would otherwise have gone to the NDP, for whom there is a real trend going in this country. For every individual in the social circles of Mr. Drury or Mr. Turner who went Conservative for that reason, there were at least 20 who rallied to the Liberals for it. What dunderhead in the cabinet fathered the idea that our average well-paid worker on the good side of things resents the basic living he can count on if misfortune comes to him, or the few extra cents he may be assessed?

Historically the Liberal Party has been the party of the common man, the average citizen, the protector of the weak among us from the rapacity of the strong, the arbiter of such fair-sharing as is possible between the lucky and the unlucky, the proponent of the principle that we are all one big union, and the forum of free discussion and protest, with the back-bench member

encouraged and heard. We find that during the past decade the Liberal Party has been steadily losing this identity outside Quebec, and even here the first twinges of alienation are being felt. It is in this alienation that the root cause of the rejection must be sought, in the prevailing mentality and thinking within the party at the top. In short, the Liberal Party is suffering from a self-imposed separation from increasing masses of the Canadian people. We predict this trend will inexorably continue.

Perhaps a statement made to one of us by a back-bench Liberal member from Ontario could give us a clue here. He said, "We are told from the cabinet how to vote and that is all there is to it. If you want to stay in with the party, you go along with this."

Regarding Mr. Marchand's repeated assertion that the loss was due to an anti-French reaction, we find there were almost as few who actually voted against the Liberals for that reason as there were who rejected them because of the liberalized unemployment benefits. However, there is substantial evidence on this point that a tangible beginning of such a reaction has been created and will increase. Of the many examples of naive arrogance and simple stupidity chargeable to the past administration, those affected in the implementation of the bicultural policy stand out as the most blatantly inept.

In our questioning of some hundreds of native French Quebecers, we were told overwhelmingly that their leaders in Ottawa are badly misinterpreting their aspirations. Many suggest this is a deliberate policy for political purposes. For instance, a solid majority of them state that Mr. Real Caouette in philosophy, concept and preaching embodies and represents French Quebec far more truly than Mr. Pelletier. Is it really essential that we keep Mr. Trudeau there to "save" Canada?

We find that most non-separatist French Quebecers are quietly proud of Caouette, in full agreement with his concept of Canada as one nation, and would support him acclaimingly if he were just in the Liberal Party. That has been their Party so long now they feel mostly it must remain their Party for Ottawa. Surely there must be many eligible French-Canadians similar to Mr. Caouette in outlook, Canadian citizenship and

courage, who could be brought forward in the Liberal Party to solve and settle for all Canadians this harmful, exasperating and largely manufactured "French problem."

May we explain that this study was carried out by some 17 interested members of our group here in Montreal, six residing in country ridings throughout Quebec, and 13 corresponding members scattered across Canada, including two in Alberta. The target for each of them was a fair cross-section of all social strata and classes. We find as great a majority in agreement with this consensus among the professional and business people as among the so-called blue-collar workers. Eight hundred and forty-seven were polled and listened to. We found most people very willing, indeed anxious, to talk.

We find that the magnitude of the alienation will demand fundamental change in Liberal Party thinking. Perhaps Mr. Diefenbaker was right in his denunciation of Pearson's two-nation concept of Canada. People everywhere are disturbed about the insidious fragmentation of the country into 10 more or less independent "partners" in a loose "confederation." Their concern about this will continue to have far more effect on how they vote than any examples of waste and incompetency unearthed by the auditor-general. Incidentally, the treatment of that official is one more example of what has become wrong with the Liberal Party.

As a by-product of our study, we find that the original "Trudeaumania" arose not from any charisma emanating from Mr. Trudeau personally, but sprang from a genuine feeling, widely spread at that time, that Canada had not been "fair" to the French minority. The times demanded another Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Unfortunately, the management abilities Laurier showed just aren't there. In fact, there is no one in the cabinet at this time who could replace him to any advantage for the Party. Certainly not either Sharp, Drury or Turner. In nearly all our pollings, only Mr. Bryce Mackasey came out with consistently high approval.

For the working population of Canada who still need the real Liberal Party, will Mr. Mackasey please reconsider?

Leonard F. McRae,
Secretary

Canada in Quebec,
4771 Sherbrooke street west,
WESTMOUNT 215.

Bilingual play is hit at Westmount Park School

A short, bilingual play written by members of the sixth grade French class at Westmount Park School was presented recently to the entire student body of the school in two performances.

The play, complete with costumes and scenery, was created by Mrs. Elaine Holden, an interested—and French—mother whose enthusiasm overflowed onto the students. The eight pupils spent a month working on the play, on Monday and Friday afternoons and before and after school during the week.

"Au Clair de la Lune" is a

delightful play, designed not only to teach French to the actors but to the audience as well, as four "dandies"—three English and one French—watch the action from the sidelines. They play games with the words being used in the performance itself, but usually come up with proper definitions of French words. Sometimes they have to ask the audience for help.

Meanwhile, at centre stage, the song of "Au Clair de la Lune" is enacted, with a French "neighbor" trying to borrow a pen and candle from an Englishman with

a French name (Pierrot) and a French wife but who, nevertheless, does not understand French.

After several frustrating and humorous attempts to get his message across, the "neighbor" goes next door to the house of a ravishing blonde. Once she gets him a pen and candle, the two feast their eyes on each other, forget their past concerns, and madly embrace. The curtain falls.

All of the parts are played by girls, as Mrs. Holden explained she found it easier working with

them than with boys. The only exception was Gordon McJannet, who managed the light and sound in the school's auditorium.

"I love these girls passionately," Mrs. Holden said as her enthusiasm reached its peak. "I really enjoyed doing this."

Gary Muzin and Marcia Liwski, French teachers at the school who helped Mrs. Holden, were equally excited. They sat through both performances, the first for the upper classes and the second for kindergarten, first and second-graders at the school. Principal A.L. Tedford also took

in both events, obviously enjoying every minute.

The 10 actress-writer-directors ended both performances by giving Mrs. Holden a bouquet of flowers in appreciation of her hard work.



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PLAYING THEIR ROLES: Sixth-grade French students at Westmount Park School performing in a handmade rendition of "Au Clair de la Lune." Performers are, from left to right, Diane Gaty, Liane Desmarais, Mimi Laliberte, Jennifer Laskey, Francine Elvidge, Jennifer Jones, Kerry Hellmann, Helene Udy and Lila Spritzer. Behind-the-scenes participants include curtain monitor Suzanne Mills, monitor Kim Baizer, announcer Avery Gibbard and technician Gordon McJannet.

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10:45 A.M.

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Ted McLearn - Organist

11:00 A.M.

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Sermon:
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Friday Evening, December 29 at 8:15 p.m. RABBI BLOOMSTONE will speak on "What's In A Name." An Oneg Shabbat and Kiddush Reception follows the Worship in the Community House, under the auspices of the Temple Sisterhood.

TEMPLE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Classes will not be held this Saturday, December 30. The School resumes classes on Saturday, January 6 at 9:30 a.m. Daily Hebrew classes resume Wednesday, January 3rd at 4:00 p.m.

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SABBATH SERVICES

Sabbath Eve - 4:10 in the Chapel
Sabbath Morning - 8:45 in the Main Synagogue
Sabbath Twilight - 4:15 in the Chapel

DAILY SERVICES

Sunday, December 31 - 8:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m.
Monday, January 1 - 8:45 A.M.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 7:30 A.M.
Tuesday - 7:15 A.M.
Monday - Friday - 4:15 P.M.

No classes at Temple

Sabbath services take place at Temple Emanu-El tomorrow at 8:15 pm. Rabbi Bernard Bloomstone will speak on "What's In A Name." An Oneg Shabbat and Kiddush reception follows the worship in the community house under the auspices of the Temple Sisterhood. Temple Religious School classes will not be held this Saturday due to mid-winter

recess. Classes resume on Jan. 6 at 9:30 am. Daily Hebrew School classes resume Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 4 pm.

The Temple Sisterhood holds an executive meeting on Tuesday, at 10 am in the constituent societies room of the Temple.

The Brotherhood holds a board meeting on Monday, Jan. 8, at 6:15 pm.

New books received at the Library

New books recently become available at the Westmount Public Library:

Fiction

John Barth. Chimera.
John Buell. The Shrewsdale exit.
Agatha Christie. Elephants can remember.
Robert Crichton. The Camerons.
Daphne Du Maurier. Rule Britannia.
Edward Morgan Forster. The life to come.
Frederick Forsyth. The Odessa file.
Lois Gould. Necessary objects.
Graham Greene. Collected stories.
Marjorie Kellogg. Like the lion's tooth.
Alistair Mair. Where the east wind blows.
Thomas Rogers. The confession of a child of the century.
Janet Gregory Vermandel. Last seen in Samarra.
David Harry Walker. The Lord's pink ocean.
P.G. Wodehouse. The world of Mr. Mulliner.

History and travel

Iika Chase. Worlds apart.
Alan Lloyd. The maligned monarch.
Winston Graham. The Spanish Armadas.
John Philipps Kenyon. Popish Plot.
Lucian W. Pye. China.
Han Suyin. The morning deluge.
Dan Kennedy. Recollections of an Assiniboine chief.
Donald Grant Creighton. Towards the discovery of Canada.
Oliver Warner. With Wolfe to Quebec.
H. Blair Neatby. The politics of chaos.
Anthony Westell. Paradox.

Music and the arts

Yehudi Menuhin. Theme and variations.
Fred Gettings. Your child is an artist.
Ernest Hans Gombrich. Symbolic images.
Frank Eliscu. Slate and soft stone sculpture.
Abram Chasins. Music at the crossroads.
Paul Horgan. Encounters with Stravinsky.
James Harding. The ox on the roof.
Howard Schott. Playing the harpsichord.
Yehudi Menuhin. Violin.
Andre Bazin. What is cinema.

Bronfmans are honored

Allan Bronfman, 9 Belvedere road, has been elected president of Canada-Israel Securities Ltd. Over 700 persons attended a testimonial dinner Sunday, Dec. 17, to mark his 77th birthday and the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Bronfman.

John Russell Taylor. The Hollywood musical.

French

Herve Bazin. Cri de la chouette.
Andre Langevin. L'elan d'Amerique.
Gabrielle Roy. Cet ete qui chantait.
Marcel Adam. La democratie a Montreal ou le vaisseau d'or.
Jean-Rene Ostiguy. Un siecle de peinture canadienne, 1870-1970.
Jean-Louis Curtis. La Chine m'inquiete.
Claire Culhane. Une quebecoise au Vietnam.
Simone de Beauvoir. Tout compte fait.
Jean d'Estrees. La beaute mon aventure.

Children's extensions approved

A request for an extension to the Montreal Children's Hospital, at the edge of Westmount at Tupper street and Atwater avenue, has been approved by Montreal city council.

Authorization was given at a recent meeting of council to the hospital to extend, alter and redevelop some of its premises in the quadrilateral bounded by Tupper and Closse streets, Dorchester boulevard and Atwater avenue. The plan calls for extensions plus a car-park.

Height of the hospital's existing buildings is between three and 15 storeys, but the proposed extensions will not exceed 40 feet. A large area including a three-storey building at the intersection of Dorchester and Closse will be used for parking.

The two-storey extensions would comprise emergency rooms, waiting rooms and a canteen. The main entrance would be moved to Tupper st. and the ambulance entrance to Dorchester boulevard.

Details on the structure and access to this car-park building have been agreed to by the project architects and Montreal Housing and City Planning Department architects.

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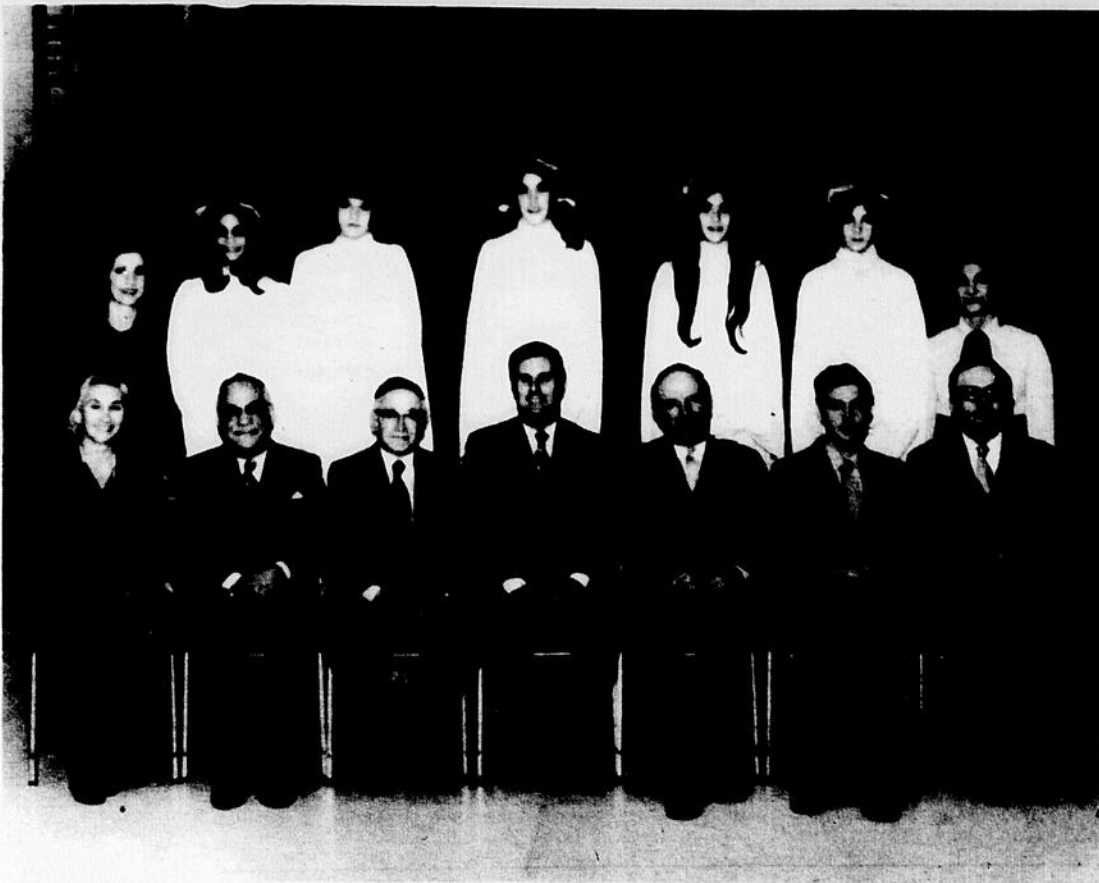
DECEMBER 31st

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DAUGHTERS OF THE COMMANDMENT: Five girls recently were consecrated at a special Ma'ariv service at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim as Daughters of the Commandment. They are, centre of rear row, left to right: Gail Aber, June Ortenberg, Gail Schreiber, Claire Berger and Caren Weinstein. They are flanked by their instructresses, left, Mrs. L. Goelman and, right, Mrs. Y. Glustein. In the front row, left to right, are Mrs. H. Kassie, president, Sisterhood; Dr. W. Cohen, Parnass; Dr. A. Stilman, chairman, school committee; Dr. C. Solomon, president of the congregation; Rabbi W. Shuchat, Rabbi H. Mandl and Yechiel Glustein, principal.



Enter 1973

There is always something exciting about the New Year. What is in store for us? What resolutions are made? (Or does anyone make them anymore?) What are our aims?

The year 1973 presents the annual mystery.

Let us make a plan to carry out our goal—do it step by step and the result will be progress. Try to finish what you start.

As the years pass, one finds fewer and fewer people make resolutions—some young folks don't know what the word means. Why? Because parents do not bother to instill this wonderful idea in their offspring. Each lives in another world. Is it too "old-fashioned"? Maybe.

Resolutions could be defined as something creative. They produce some very worthwhile ideas such as "determination," "industriousness," "independence," "the power of thinking"—courage to do something on their own and the ability to stick to the resolution.

Ask your friends how many make "New Year resolutions"

and you will be amazed how few do. Go ahead, laugh at me, I still do.

Join the club

"Handle Carefully—LP Stereo Record Enclosed" This was in large print on a fawn colored envelope that I thought was a Christmas greeting. No, indeed, a paper-thin small record from Time-Life Records (doubtless printed before the demise of "Life") which I have played—a man telling about the Swing Era (The music of 1940-41) and a few excerpts from the big bands: Benny Goodman, Tommy Dor-

sey, Artie Shaw, Harry James. Absolutely wonderful, this tissue-thin record demonstrating the difference of the 78s of that period to the LP stereo of today's perfection.

A really clever ad. There is a note enclosed advising to send \$15.95 for the first set (every two months another set at the same price). The same idea probably as the "Book of the Month Club" but this time with records. Wonder what results they get because thousands and thousands must be mailed.

Chuckle of the Season: An exasperated father had tried just about every reason he could think of, trying to talk his hippie son out of becoming an atheist. Suddenly with real gusto he asked: "Why do you want to be an atheist?" and before the son could reply, he added: "They don't have holidays, and no presents."

A happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to all our loyal readers.

The changing scene

There is hardly a profession, a business, a government or a country that is not undergoing some transformation.

Since 1972 is coming to an end, it was surprising to hear about the demise of Life magazine. Happening last week, it arrived as a shock to the many subscribers who really enjoyed the picture magazine. I am all the

more surprised because this kind of news was "instant news" absorbed by people too busy to read and thus Life answered the purpose. And the photography was phenomenal.

There were interviews with the top men and one said TV could be blamed. Hmmm!!! This is so true.

Television has literally killed many things. To name a few: Concerts - big names do not draw like they used to; last week Nicolai Petrov, a superlative pianist (with terrific publicity, interviews, a half page in one of the local dailies) had a very sparse attendance in the largest hall of Place des Arts. Do not count the full attendances of the three music series, because for the size of Montreal, we find many of the same people at these concerts which proves something. One can see the same musicians on TV and hear them on radio. So why go out?

And records! Columns can be written on that subject.

Are the movie houses full any more? Only on certain nights. Countless people wait to see a new film at lesser prices later in a neighborhood theatre or watch TV movies. Every channel presents them, as well as specially produced TV films. All the stars are getting work, even those who would not go on TV are doing so now.

There are fewer and fewer newspapers as time marches on because TV gives instant news. Radio reports give happenings on the spot, and which automobile owner does not have a radio in his car?

Sports events probably draw more viewers than any other sphere. Most people just would not go to anything on Grey Cup day and since many cannot afford the high prices of hockey seats, they watch on TV. Why not?

Children are brought up on TV. Sports is the only sphere that is gaining the youth - parents really urge their offspring to participate (visions of Bobby Orr, Mark Spitz) and, beginning young, they will be proficient at the right time. Hockey, football, golf, tennis, swimming, skiing - but what of the arts?

'Mush' Davis speaks

"Mush" Davis, a fine speaker, was the guest on the final program of the music fiesta for senior folks who chose, "Comparison of Music - Twenties to Seventies." He traced the birth of the gramophone to the present day stereo—the men who founded and built radio and television, his connection with the industry interspersed with interesting stories.

I must add that Mr. Davis is also a sports enthusiast but his recent talk about the growth of the Berliner gramophone, Marconi radio and RCA Victor certainly appealed to the audience, who applauded vociferously.

Many thanks are due Bill Russell, director of the YMCA, and the board for approving of the series and for the use of the nice hall. Last but not least to the two young gentlemen, Joe Allen and Eldon MacMillan, for their services every session—Joe for his running of the stereo and Eldon for looking after the refreshments. Everything ran without a hitch. Many present wanted to know when the next series would be and wish it to continue.

What happened with Christmas music sales?

Never have I received so much data from the publishing houses offering big discounts on carols, instrumental music and vocal selections. Even a free sample of the newly produced "Music Carol Index." On this item one receives a 20-percent discount with large orders. Isn't this a price war with the stores, who give little or no discount?

If I did not have so many dictionaries and encyclopedias, I would be tempted to buy Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians, now in paperback edition—10 volumes for \$75.00, special for \$60.00 (with "This special offer is not available on the instalment plan.") Every type of music is listed by one of the best known publishing houses, with such discounts that I am wondering why? why? why?

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604 Carleton avenue; Mrs. James Plant, 476 Strathcona avenue; Mrs. David Angus, 636 Murray Hill; Mrs. Andrew Ten Pas, 52 Summit circle; Mrs. G. L. Cheesbrough, 46 Forden crescent, and Mrs. Harvey Goodwin, 672 Roslyn avenue.

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Youtheatre new home operating

Youtheatre, formerly on St. Catherine street at Greene avenue, is alive and well and offices and rehearsal space are now located at 1583 St. Lawrence boulevard. The group is still trying to secure a suitable place to offer once again public performances for children.

This fall the company has been performing in schools in Montreal with the production of "Rumpelstiltskin." During November, Youtheatre toured schools in and around the Suburb area for a total of 27 performances.

Last winter the theatre received a grant from the Department of Manpower and Immigration which enabled it to perform for isolated groups who would otherwise not normally see Youtheatre productions. This grant has been extended and there will be a new Youtheatre local initiatives program mounted for the new year.

Once again creative drama classes are being offered for children between the ages of 5 and 15. The fall term was postponed; however, classes for the winter term will begin Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 4:30 pm. They will be held in our rehearsal hall at 1583 St. Lawrence, right across the street from the St. Lawrence Metro station on de Maisonneuve. For information call Miss Lynn Leonard at 844-8781 or 844-8751.

Jewish Women shape up Gala

An "Angel's Gala," billed as "the ultimate in theatre galas," will replace the traditional Angel's Ball of the Montreal Section of the National Council of Jewish Women in Canada. The Gala will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 7:30 pm at Theatre Maisonneuve in Place des Arts.

The show will feature the opening of the Stratford Festival with a performance of "The Taming of the Shrew," which will be followed by a formal reception and dancing.

The Angel's Gala will be the major fund-raising event for the

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Westmount fights back against the automobile

Automobiles and traffic
congestion long have been a
problem for urban dwellers.

Only recently have citizens
been spurred to action to stop or
control the massive increase in
private transportation which has
begun to clog cities from coast to
coast throughout the continent.

Westmount citizens might be
proud of their efforts to remind
the speeding vehicles that they
are slaves to humanity, and not
vice versa. Many of their efforts
have borne fruit already; others
seem likely to do so in the very
near future.

The city got its first taste of
success in February even though
the aftertaste of construction by
the province of the Trans-Canada
Highway through Westmount
was still lingering. City officials
had been meeting with highway
designers to work on noise, light,
and visual pollution from the
expressway into the homes of
Westmount residents.

Said Alderman Charles Aspler
in February, of the meetings:
"I'm convinced the designers are
committed to making the study."
His sentiments were endorsed by
Westmount Action Committee
Chairman David Carruthers, who
in April reported several
precautions had been taken and
others were being discussed.

Future use in air

The only problem thus
remaining for Westmounters was
the question of ownership and
occupancy of the houses on
Greene avenue at Selby street.
For two of those houses, the
answer came June 13, when one
burned down in a spectacular
fire, weakening the wall of its
neighbor beyond repair. Both
houses were promptly
demolished as a safety measure.

The fire reminded provincial
officials they should do
something with the remaining
buildings so they would be looked
after and their safety assured. On
June 20, City Manager Norman
Dawe reported the province had
plans to renovate them.

Nearly four months later
another message was received by
the Westmount Municipal
Association that, indeed, the
houses were unlivable, therefore
the government would not sell or
renovate them. Despite the
claims of two tenants that there is
little problem with noise or dirt,
no word has yet come from the
province regarding the future of
the dwellings.

While Greene avenue adjusted
itself to the new highway, opened
in November, residents of de
Maisonneuve boulevard were
working in exactly the opposite
direction, trying to get their
street closed to through traffic
speeding through toward the west
end. In early April speed-limit
signs were put up prominently in
front of Westmount Park School
to slow traffic to 20 miles per hour
along the boulevard; police
assured parents the new law
would be "strictly enforced."

Habitats to fore

The Habitats organization,
headed by Town Planner John
Udy, felt this was not enough, and
began working to have the street
closed. Although one member of
the WMA executive committee
suggested the existing lights
should be synchronized to smooth
out traffic flow, reaction against
the idea by Habitats and others
was enough to quash that idea
early on.

City Council gave notice of
motion on Mr. Udy's plan to close
the street on Aug. 7, again on
Sept. 26, and again on Oct. 17
before action was finally taken.
In the meantime, several groups
suggested reconsideration of the
idea, both in terms of time and
place. Suggestions for the closing
in November when the Trans-
Canada was opened clashed with
opinions that studies should be
made of the "effect" of the new
expressway on traffic from
downtown Montreal. The
problem of how much of de
Maisonneuve should be closed

narrowed down to Melville
avenue and Academy road,
which would release Westmount
Park from traffic.

Residents of Cote St. Antoine
were able, by petition, to stall the
question for two weeks while city
council determined whether the
closing of de Maisonneuve would
adversely effect the thoroughfare
up the hill.

Finally, on Nov. 6, council
approved the closing and lasting
for a six-month trial period. The
resolution was sent for
ratification to the Montreal
Urban Community, which is
expected to act on the proposal in
the very near future.

Among the discussions and
resolutions about automobile
traffic and its effects on people,
bicycle riders stood up for their
rights to travel freely and safely
in Westmount, within acceptable
limits. The Sunday morning
bicycle route which had been
enjoyed for two years previously
by Westmount cyclists, again
met the approval of city council,
but with a mid-summer
suspension in 1972. The
recognition by city council of the
sport's ever-increasing
popularity augurs well for the
future.

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Some don't mix

The Canada Safety Council
warns motorists of the danger of
mixing different types of
automobile tires. This affects
snow tires which many motorists
are buying as the winter driving
season approaches.

The danger of intermixing has
increased sharply because of the
large number of different new
tire types and sizes.

The tires should not be mixed
because they differ greatly in
performance when supporting
similar loads, in their side
slippage and even in braking.
Because of these differences, the
vehicle's handling charac-
teristics may be seriously af-
fected by intermixing the tires.

Tests show the most common
effect of intermixing tires is a
fishtailing, weaving condition.

The Canada Safety Council
advises motorists to follow the
recommendations in the owners'
manual or of reputable tire
dealers. New tires should be
mounted on the rear for better
traction and handling and should
be broken by limiting speed to 60
mph for the first 50 miles.

For the highest degree of
safety, all four wheels with the

same type of tire—bias, belted-
bias or radial ply. This applies to
snow tires—if your regular tires
are bias, fit bias snow tires on the
rear wheels.

It is exceptionally dangerous to
intermix bias, belted-bias or
radial ply tires on wheels on the
same axle. It is similarly most
dangerous to intermix radial
tires or the new "60 series" tires
with other tire sizes or types.
They should be used in complete
sets.

The radial or "60 series" tires
should not be applied to any
vehicle unless they are approved
by the tire or vehicle manufac-
turer.

Car owners who insist on taking
a chance by intermixing tires
should at least ensure that tires of
the same type are mounted on
wheels on the same axle, the
council says.

City gets deeper into social work

Westmount struggled on the verge of a deep commitment to social services during 1972, sometimes faltering, sometimes doubting, but meeting the challenge head-on.

"Social services" for Westmount meant primarily programs in the areas of health, pre-school nurseries, youth and senior citizens. Involved in all of these, however, and the greatest headline-grabber during the year, was the Office for Community and Social Development, run semi-independently by three and sometimes four young, aggressive, forward-looking persons with money from Westmount city hall.

The "Office" spearheaded several projects during the year, including a senior citizens centre, a legal information program and a prescription drug counseling service. It may have moved too fast, in all its enthusiasm, for the city to realize what was happening.

Westmount watched and some citizens struggled with the death and resurrection of the 4424 youth centre and a pre-school program for Westmount children, both of which were clamoring for funds.

Start on high note

The year started out on a high note, with the announcement that the 4424 youth centre had local initiatives funds, that the pre-school program had had the same luck, and that the federal government was granting funds to start a senior centre. The Way Ahead pre-school project raised money through benefit performances at the Saidye Bronfman Center. Everybody seemed happy.

In the wake of the grant approvals, the senior centre opened at Westmount Park United Church on Feb. 14. 4424, Inc. reconstituted its board of directors, with Mrs. Charles Bronfman as chairman. In April Ald. William Wood announced the city would choose Dr. Antoine Valois to fill the position as medical officer of health, vacated by the death of Dr. Angus Boright in December.

Good news, however, cannot continue forever, and Westmount's social services learned this in one giant crash. Funds which had been granted until the end of May were about to run out.

Directors of 4424, Inc. said they didn't have "the energy" to raise funds for the drop-in centre at the youth clinic. The senior citizens centre received a \$500 grant from the federal department of youth, leisure, and sports, but announced it would appeal to the city to get enough money to continue full operation. The Way Ahead project ran out of funds in September, but resolved to keep going on a volunteer basis in the hopes new funds could be found.

Hitting the bottom

In the middle of the downhill plunge was the Office for Community and Social Development, which was accused on June 20 of diverting funds earmarked for the pre-school summer camp. Though the Office did, soon thereafter, apply for and receive Manpower funds for the camp, city officials began to feel the tangle of social services around them, and decided to examine its own commitment in the entire field.

While launching a survey to find out the involvement of

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similar municipalities in social services, Westmount decided to get its own feet wet by offering grants to 4424 and the senior citizens on the understanding they would soon find their own funds elsewhere.

Dr. Valois suggested in October the city might soon start a social affairs department, or at least have a co-ordinator for the various services. His conviction was parroted by the various other groups, including the Westmount Municipal Association. Results of the survey launched in June indicated some other cities were moving in this direction.

The down-swing continued into December, when it was learned the Office for Community and Social Development would be closed by the YMCA, which had administered its funds, and the Way Ahead pre-school program

announced it would probably have to close.

Hope in sight

Despite the gloom, it looks at year's end as though hope is in sight. 4424 is back on its feet, having reorganized to undertake a more professional approach toward youth rehabilitation. Last week a column answering questions about the centre reappeared in *The Examiner*, telling the public it was invited to visit and help with the revitalized organization. Senior citizens held a party for 100 members, offering hope for progress in 1973.

To close off the year, city council announced it would devote \$100,000 to social services in the new year, and would make a "fresh, businesslike look" at the entire field. The commitment is there, and an upswing is assured.

Hillside Place deficit seen \$109,000 a year

The Hillside Place Public housing project will cost taxpayers some \$109,000 a year to maintain, according to a report given by Ian Hyde, chairman of the Westmount Municipal Association's housing and zoning committee.

(The project has been long stalled between the city and the Quebec Housing Corporation, from whom there now are indications that the green light for proceeding soon may be given.)

Mr. Hyde, who gave the report recently at the semi-annual general meeting of the WMA, said that income for the 64 low-cost units was estimated to total \$101,000, less than 50 percent of the cost of maintaining and operating the building as well as paying taxes, mortgage, and debt payments for the location.

In response to a question after his presentation, Mr. Hyde did observe that only \$27,000 was going to be paid by the City of Westmount for the project, based on the provincial government paying 75 percent of the cost.

Greene avenue news

A further revelation by Mr. Hyde was that the future of the houses on the east side of Greene avenue between Selby and St. Antoine streets, now the property of the Quebec government, expropriated when it was thought that the highway ramp to Greene

Borrowed

A truck was reported stolen by the Flower Pot in Westmount Square last Wednesday at 3:35 pm. Westmount Police were notified the next morning that the truck had been returned, unharmed, to its original parking spot.

avenue would replace them, hinges on reports from the department of the environment and the Quebec Housing Corporation about whether they are considered habitable.

"Should these reports be negative," Mr. Hyde explained, "then the buildings would be levelled as of July 1, 1973, the tenants relocated, and the land turned over to the City of Westmount for park purposes. Should the reports be affirmative, then the houses will be sold at public auction."

Mr. Hyde invited the residents affected by the impending decision to use the housing and zoning committee "as a liaison with the Provincial Departments concerned."

The report also touched on the report of the Somerville Area Residents Association and his hope that the group would work with the WMA in developing its plan for "Victoria Village."

Dorchester plans

Mr. Hyde made mention of the fact that the City of Westmount is now negotiating for a new commercial development in the parking area between Dorchester boulevard and Tupper street, adjacent to Atwater avenue.

The WMA committee voiced its support for the project, but noted that the city should "inform the citizenry as a whole, and more particularly the citizens most affected in the immediate area, of the details of the development and...be prepared to sympathetically weigh any suggestions which might be offered."

Once the formal WMA meeting had ended, a great deal of discussion came from the floor about Mr. Hyde's report, and specially the Hillside Place project.



CITY OF WESTMOUNT Election of Library Trustee

I give notice to the elector-proprietors of the City of Westmount that the nomination of a candidate for the office of Library Trustee for the said City of Westmount shall be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Sherbrooke Street, in the City of Westmount, on the eighth day of the month of January in the year 1973, from noon until two of the clock in the afternoon, and that, in case a poll becomes necessary and be held in the manner by law prescribed, such poll will take place on the fifteenth day of the month of January in the year 1973, at the hour of eight in the evening at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke Street, in the City of Westmount, and that, I have appointed Alfred Andre (Pete) Patenaude, Assistant City Clerk as my Election Clerk.

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