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Westmount left in the cold for MUCTC ticket outlets

Cargo Canada holdup

Employees of Cargo Canada, 4026 St. Catherine street west, had a not-so-merry Christmas eve this year, as a rifle-brandishing bandit held up a store clerk for \$400 at 5:30 pm, just before store closing.

The man, described as being in his late 20s with curly hair and gold-rimmed glasses, reportedly came into the store and browsed for a while until no customers were at the cash counter; only two cashiers and Assistant Manager Peter Kelly.

The man pulled the rifle from under his coat as he approached one of the cashiers, relieving her of the \$400 and taking off into St. Catherine street.

Mr. Kelly, who said he had seen the man but noticed nothing suspicious about him before the holdup occurred, said this was the first time the store had been held up. On the basis of the one episode, the interior of the store will be changed slightly to deter future thieves.

Mustang out of Continental

A Ford Mustang was stolen from the garage of the Continental Westmount, 4282 Dorchester boulevard, some time between 9:30 pm Dec. 19 and 7 am the next day.

Westmount commuters have only three locations within the city limits to purchase MUCTC bus tickets.

With the change to the exact-fare system on city buses and the promise that tickets could be purchased at local stores, Westmount found itself stranded by an alleged lack of interest among local merchants—and a lack of planning on the part of the Montreal Urban Community Transit Commission—to the point where almost no tickets can be acquired locally.

Books, sets and individual tickets may be bought at the Metro station in Alexis Nihon Plaza, upstairs at the Loto-Quebec booth in the same centre, and at the Institut Marguerite-Bourgeois on Westmount avenue (designed mainly for staff and students at the school, presumably).

A list published Friday includes only the Alexis Nihon Plaza location. A commission spokesman told The Examiner Friday of the Institut Marguerite-Bourgeois distribution, and promised that more applications for distribution were being accepted on a daily basis.

This morning, for example, at least 40 requests for applications were received from around the Montreal area, including at least two from Westmount. Approval of the applications and issuance of the tickets is expected to come rapidly.

'Not favored'

The spokesman admitted that Westmount—along with Montreal

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In by rear

Thieves broke through a rear window at 348 Wood avenue Thursday between 4:30 and 6:30 pm, making off with jewelry, a portable television, an alarm radio and a small amount of cash.

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December 30 to January 8

This holiday week we are favored by very cold but bright full moon nights; indeed many places will see the thermometer drop far below zero. January will open with almost the same pleasant conditions experienced in those other early Easter years, 1959, 1964, 1967, then 1970 and 1972. March 29 is Easter Sunday in 1975.

Most of our ski slopes will start the year with 7 to 8 inches of new snow on a good base. Days will be mainly sunny. Nights clear with some chance of ice crystals or flurries of snow grains. And to end the period, gusty winds and clouding for some sleet and four inches of wet snow. We will have a partial thaw next week.

Property transfers show slight drop locally in October

Volume of real estate transfers in Westmount showed a slight drop during October this year, while prices of residential properties seemed to settle down to a comfortable 78 percent markup over valuation.

Property worth \$833,510 according to Montreal Urban Community assessments sold for \$1,425,250 in 19 transfers during the month, meaning the average markup was 70.1 percent. When residential properties—single and two-family dwellings—are considered apart, the average markup moves to 77.9 percent.

(Markup percentages are based on 1975 MUC valuations which came into effect Nov. 15. These are on average between 2 and 4 percent higher than the 1974 valuations. For homes where improvements or sales took place during the year prior to last May, valuations could be considerably higher in the new roll.)

In September, sale of certain high-cost properties took the average residential markup to just over twice their MUC valuation, but the previous four months' averages generally were in the 70 to 85-percent markup range.

The Montreal Real Estate Board released statistics last week showing that among multiple-listing sales, mostly of residential properties, Westmount had the second-highest average price of real estate of any city on Montreal island during September, October and November. During that time, they declare, the average of 19 MLS sales locally was \$78,941, topped only by Senneville which recorded one \$165,000 sale in the three months.

The Examiner's listing of all properties registered shows a figure close to the board's, with the average for October at \$74,466.

Apartment tops list

Highest price for a property transfer registered in October was \$160,000 paid for the St. Angelo apartment building at 396

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

THE EXAMINER, its publishing schedule altered by the Christmas and New Year's holidays, today appears for its last issue of 1974. There was no paper last Thursday; next regular issue will appear next week, on Thursday, Jan. 9.

For most local business, opening hours this week appear to be similar to last week's. City hall will be closed from 4:30 pm tomorrow, Tuesday, until 8:45 am Friday, as will all but essential municipal services except for garbage collections which will be normal today and tomorrow as well as Thursday and Friday—on usual pickup schedules.

The Examiner and Weekly Adservice offices will close at mid-day Tuesday and will be open again for normal business from Thursday morning to kick off 1975.

Our entire staff wishes readers, advertisers and other friends a happy new year.



396 Olivier avenue
\$160,000

Villagers 'very happy' over post office plan

"Very happy" were the two words which summed up the reaction of Greene Avenue Village Association President Mrs. JoAnn Isсенman following receipt of the Dec. 19 Examiner announcing restoration of the Greene avenue post office building.

"It really made my day," she said the morning after the paper was published. "I had heard all these rumors, but nobody had told us anything."

Mrs. Isсенman suggested the construction of boutiques and a restaurant in the old stone structure at the corner of de Maisonneuve boulevard would "bring a great deal of needed pedestrian traffic to Greene avenue." She expects the restaurant will be open evenings, helping maintain the pedestrian

atmosphere not only during the day but at night as well.

The elation expressed by Mrs. Isсенman on behalf of the association was tempered, however, by her criticism of the city for not adopting a "heritage building" policy to defend worthy structures around the city. Without such a policy, she said, her organization and others would have to continue to petition the city and work extensively for preservation of individual buildings, on a piecemeal basis.

In speaking of the post office, Mrs. Isсенman said her group had spoken with officials at Headway Management Ltd., which is refurbishing the

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Flat raided

Thieves broke into one of the Kensington Court apartments, 227 Kensington avenue some time between Dec. 14 and 21. Police are still awaiting a list of stolen goods.

Youths caught after \$60 grab

Two youths walked into a Westmount Square boutique at about 3 pm last Saturday (Dec. 21); one distracted the store clerk while the other stole a cash box containing \$60.

A quick call and fast action by Westmount Police resulted in the apprehension of two youths near the Denbigh apartments, 4163 de Maisonneuve boulevard, soon after the incident. Both were charged with theft and will appear in Montreal Social Welfare court.

Art, antiques

Art objects and antiques of undetermined value were stolen from 3189 The Boulevard over the weekend. Thieves forced the rear patio doors sometime between 10 am Saturday and 9 pm Sunday to accomplish the theft.

TODAY'S WORLD



"I'm having a New Year's Eve party and I'd like five of your cheapest lampshades."



26 Sunnyside avenue
\$155,000

Property...

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Olivier avenue, followed closely by a residence at 26 Sunnyside avenue which went for \$155,000. Lowest price for property—and the only under-value transfer of the month—went for 65 Somerville avenue in a seeming family transaction involving \$14,500.

A boarding house at 1113 Greene avenue valued by the MUC at \$12,700 sold for \$39,500, more than three times its value and the highest markup of the month.

Five buildings worth a total of \$267,940 went for prices involving



1113 Greene avenue
Biggest markup

"a dollar and other considerations," including the undeveloped land at Prince Albert and Somerville avenues, formerly site of the Dent Harrison bakery, on which a new low-rise development is now being planned by Immobilia, Inc. and architects Ross Hayes and Bruce Pickersgill.

Another three properties worth a total \$495,250 changed hands through wills and estates, while two more title transfers for \$40,550 worth of property were registered. In all, therefore, 29 transfers of land and buildings valued at \$1,637,250 were recorded during October.

Details for October

Details of the month's real estate transfers are as follows:

- 92 Columbia: from Miss Marguerite Ann Ford Pendleton to Dennis Sharp, sale price \$45,000 (MUC valuation \$21,490);
- 1113 Greene: Mrs. Elizabeth Alma Pavey to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis J. Pelee, \$39,500 (\$12,700);
- 484 Elm: Mrs. Victoria Madge Holland to Mrs. David John Musson, \$58,000 (\$32,350);
- Land—The Boulevard: Donald Robertson McRobie and Arthur Deane Nesbitt to Camille Dagenais, \$51,750 (\$34,200);
- 325 Metcalfe: Abe Gershberg to Norman Janelle, \$74,500 (\$29,750);
- 119 Aberdeen: Estate John Hollis Brace to Mrs. Victor Zyfo, \$68,500 (\$42,630);
- 363 Kitchener: Mrs. William F. Corning to Mrs. Matthew C. Holt, \$1 and other considerations (\$31,060);
- 411 Clarke: Mrs. David Y. Hodgson to Mrs. John Churchill-Smith, \$1 and cons. (\$58,370);
- 26 Sunnyside: Mrs. C. Antoine

- Geoffrion to Soren L. Juell, \$155,000 (\$81,390);
- 394 Lansdowne: Lawrence E. Morgan to Roynold John Morley Gold, \$50,000 (\$28,340);
- 651 Lansdowne: Joseph Guttman to Arthur Lee, \$95,000 (\$90,320);
- 135-137 Irvine: William Donald McLean to Frederick Barry Bunch, \$1 and cons. (\$18,100);
- 582 Cote St. Antoine: Est. Mrs. Gerald J. Lerner to Mrs. Phillip Shron, \$68,500 (\$37,560);
- 72 York: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Warbuton Patterson to William Chipping, \$57,000 (\$28,000);
- 624 Carleton: National Laundry Cleaners Equipment Ltd. to Mrs. Jacques Kessler, \$135,000 (\$75,660);
- 41-43 Bruce: Mrs. Christian de Laet to Miss J. Kathleen Macculloch, \$44,000 (\$19,610);
- 73 Clandeboye: Daniel E. Dreyfus to Mrs. Dreyfus, \$1 and cons. (\$25,510);
- 396 Olivier: Est. M. Alfred Forest to Robert Applebaum, \$160,000 (\$130,900);
- Land—Prince Albert: Catelli Ltd. to Immobilia Developments Ltd., \$1 and cons. (\$134,900);
- 3777 The Boulevard: Mr. and Mrs. Axel Jerome to Mrs. James G. Keogh, \$120,000 (\$53,900);

Villagers...

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building, "many times" while tenders were being prepared to submit to the federal government for development of the site. Headway was not one of the groups backed by GAVA, however.

The association will hold a meeting in the coming week to consider its next course of action, Mrs. Isenman said, probably involving the now-vacant property owned by Mondeve Corp. on the northeast corner of Greene avenue and St. Catherine street. She expressed fears that a parking lot may eventually be built there pending announcement by Mondeve of an extension to Westmount Square. "We're also quite aware of what's going on on the south side of St. Catherine," she added, pointing to the land assembly now under way by First Quebec Corporation directly opposite the vacant Mondeve land.

Someone cut the screen of a window to gain entry to 385 Clarke avenue recently.

More pot luck

Last issue we printed this story:

Pot luck

A woman entered the ladies' room at Le Bonjour Buffet in Alexis Nihon Plaza at 8 pm Monday, entered one of the stalls and placed her purse on the floor beside her while using the facilities.

Suddenly, the lights went off.

By the time she found her way to the light switch, her purse containing about \$150 cash has been stolen.

That Saturday evening, between 8 and 8:15 pm, exactly the same crime befell another woman in the same ladies' room. The result was a loss of \$200, all the money the woman had to her name.

MUCTC...

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North—"is not favored for the time being," but said maps were being prepared to find out where tickets were unavailable. When these are singled out, the commission will make attempts to seek distributors.

Advertisements published in La Presse and The Montreal Star asked retail proprietors to apply to become sales agents, but to date no pressure has come from the MUCTC to promote sales in individual outlets, it was stated.

Those who would like to become sales agents are asked to contact the MUCTC treasury office for more information.

The commission probably will publish new lists on occasion, perhaps at two-week intervals for the time being, announcing new distribution points. Each new location will be designated with an appropriate sticker on the front door, according to the spokesman, even before having been announced publicly.

In the meantime, however, local commuters would be well-advised to stock up on tickets if and when passing through the Metro turnstiles, shopping in Alexis Nihon Plaza, or passing by designated agents in Montreal or other MUC municipalities. The alternative is to have 35 cents exact change in hand, or to wait two weeks for change from the MUCTC.



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

Dec. 17

2:15 pm: 4470 St. Catherine, false alarm;
7:46 pm: 4000 de Maisonneuve, garbage fire;
9:37 pm: 472 Wood, flooded roof;

Dec. 18

8:54 am: 3161 St. Antoine, defective hot water heater;
4:31 pm: 4574 Sherbrooke, child trapped in stair bannister;
7:30 pm: 4168 Sherbrooke, suspected arson (see story, Dec. 19 Examiner);

Dec. 19

Nil;

Dec. 20

9:25 pm: Alexis Nihon Plaza, overheated motor;

Dec. 21

12:18 am: de Lavigne and Mount Pleasant, false alarm (see story);

12:18 am: Wood and Holton, false alarm;
4:39 pm: 4780 Sherbrooke, defective light fixture;

Dec. 22

Nil;

Dec. 23

10:30 am: 176 Edgehill, defective electric motor;

Dec. 24

1:01 pm: 82 Somerville, overheated motor;

Dec. 25

10:52 am: 243 Kensington, steam scare;
6:15 pm: 71 Belmont crescent,

Second holdup at ANP mart nets \$1,000

A second armed robbery in the week before Christmas occurred at the Miracle Mart store in Alexis Nihon Plaza on Friday, Dec. 20, at 7:40 pm as a man pointed a revolver at a cashier and asked for all her large bills, totalling over \$1,000.

The robbery followed by four days another one, the previous Monday (The Examiner, Dec. 19), in which the man reportedly threatened another cashier with his fist.

In both holdups, the criminals reportedly asked cashiers to hand over all of their \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills; a Miracle Mart spokesman said that in each case, "pickups" of cash by store collectors had occurred soon before the criminals occurred, though police reported a loss of \$1,500 in the first instance and just over \$1,000 in the second.

The Friday holdup seems to have been handled by a lone gunman.

Miracle Mart officials said security arrangements had been stepped up during the Christmas shopping period, but admitted little could be done about individual instances of such robbery. "The pressure of Christmas" was blamed for the two pre-holiday events, which are still under investigation by Westmount and MUC holdup squad detectives.

Alarm count

Speedy police investigation following a false fire alarm at de Lavigne road and Mount Pleasant avenue early last Saturday morning, Dec. 21, resulted in the arrest of a 16-year-old juvenile, who will appear in Social Welfare Court to face charges of pulling the alarm. There was another false alarm the same morning at Wood and Holton avenues.

smoke scare:
11:30 pm: 598 Argyle, defective wall outlet;
11:50 pm: 461 Elm, smoke scare;

Dec. 26

5:07 pm: 789 Lexington, smoke scare.

Centennial Houses



CENTENNIAL HOUSE NO. 1: This home at 44 Rosemount avenue represents the first of a series of 100-year-old buildings The Examiner will be presenting during the coming weeks, with whatever facts Mrs. Dorothy Connell of the Westmount Historical Association was able to acquire. This home, for example, was built by a Mr. Ward whose daughter, Lady Aylmer, died only last year at the age of 104, according to Mrs. Connell. The Examiner is asking the public to provide further information about this home and about the others in Mrs. Connell's repertoire as part of the effort to provide full documentation for Westmount's "centennial homes," including, hopefully for the next two issues, stories and data about the Weredale mansion at 6 Weredale Park and the former Clandeboye home at 51 Clandeboye avenue.

Pick fails

Someone tried to use a pick, it seems, to open the front door of 642 Sydenham avenue some time between 10 am and noon last Sunday, Dec. 22. The attempt, however, was unsuccessful.

Cedar break

A home at 3261 Cedar avenue was broken into some time between 4:30 pm Christmas day and 10 o'clock the next morning. Nothing appeared to have been stolen, however.

AM mischief

A window was broken in the Seville apartment building, 4921 Sherbrooke street, early last Sunday morning. Police who received a report of the damage at 4:05 am, suspect it was merely mischief.

Thief foiled

A potential thief who broke a showcase window on the north side of Frederick's jewelry store in Alexis Nihon Plaza at 11:12 pm last Sunday was seen by a security guard and ran off before anything was stolen.

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

Dec. 17

626 Murray Hill: for L.E. Kent by D.C. Excavation, changing water main, \$400;
398 Roslyn: for J. Marsden by J.H. MacIntyre, changing defective stack pipe, \$200;

Dec. 19

1110 Greene: for B. Hanna by Sam Wiseman Plumbing, to install one toilet and one basin, \$500;

Dec. 23

1131 Sherbrooke: for Givaudan Ltd. by Brouillette Signs Ltd., to erect a sign, \$500.

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We Say

Rule by regulation

BILL 22 probably will go unchallenged for the title of most unsettling Quebec event of 1974.

In the long haul, it could be one of the most fateful moves for the future of Quebec. Only that future can tell to what extent the French-speaking Canadian will be ghettoized in his own province through unilingualization with one official, working language.

This clear possibility is of concern to all Quebecers of whatever tongue. For exclusivity and uniqueness can be made so rare that Quebec could become by its own hand isolated and cut off from the mainsprings of an ever more interdependent world society. If that happens, all who live here could suffer. Self-interest has a way of asserting itself. It will be for the majority of this province to decide how far down the road of separatism, if not separatism, they wish to go.

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WHAT bothers us is more than anything about Bill 22 is not the understandable assertion of a paramount place for the French language in Quebec.

It is the means. Quebec needlessly is pursuing the course of coercion, or arbitrary administrative decision, of rule by regulation, rather than by law clearly and unequivocally drawn up and assented to by those—all who live in Quebec—to whom it is to apply.

Any law, except perhaps emergency legislation which dictates that wide powers must be given to the executive to meet swiftly extraordinary situations, should be explicit. Wide authority given to ministers, to civil servants, to cabinet council, even to tribunals is bad law, dangerous and to be avoided. In the case of Bill 22, such powers have

been deliberately so given—indeed, one could say deliberately reserved by the framers to themselves.

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IT is the illiberal nature of the official language act, as much as its effect, which has aroused so much opposition to it.

Most non-French citizens could readily sympathize with the aim of preserving the French language for daily use and for enrichment of both Quebec and Canadian life.

But, six months after its passage, Bill 22 is looming more and more as the monster it was feared to be. Rules and regulations relating to its application in the education sector now have been published. The government has not even had the good grace to vouchsafe them first to the elected representatives in the National Assembly of the people to whom they will apply. Here they are. There is nothing you can do about them.

For us here in Westmount we have the additional frustration that our member of the National Assembly is tongue-tied, does not represent us, and freely admits he favors this legislation over the opposition of the vast majority of his constituents. He places his hanging onto government office ahead of the interests of those who sent him to Quebec.

That scandalous situation apart, it is evident from the legislation, imprecise and reliant upon subsequent interpretation, that the majority government has engaged in bad lawmaking. It has not thought through, it has not known or else has been afraid to state clearly where it is going.

Never has there been greater cause for the utmost watchfulness on the part of citizens.

We get what we pay for

LEGISLATORS should be among the highest paid persons in the land. Government is too complex to be left to hacks and opportunists.

Politics should be attracting the best talent in the nation. Men and women at the top of business, industry, labor and the professions

They Say

IF THERE is an apologist for the long silences of Westmount's provincial member, Hon. Kevin Drummond, he or she should explain not only to us but to our favorite radio commentator, CBM's Paul Rush. Among the hoked-up post-Christmas letters presented on the air this morning by Mr. Rush was one along these lines: "I was the only person on my block to receive 'The Collected Speech of Kevin Drummond'."

You Say

St. Stephen's buyers get resident's reply

Sir: R. E. J. Layton, one of the investors who wishes to tear down St. Stephen's Church and construct in its place an eight-

storey office building, has taken the time to state his case in a letter to The Examiner.

It would have been appreciated had he taken the same amount of time to answer the letter sent to him and the other purchasers on Nov. 27 by the group hoping to save the church from demolition. In this letter the purchasers (R. E. J. Layton, Ben Saskin, Mela Robady and Guy Bouthillier, under the name of broker Montreal International Investment Properties Ltd.) are asked to reconsider their decision to buy the property because of the public outcry against the sale, and because of the fact that several community, charitable and cultural uses for the church have now been found to bring additional revenue to the congregation.

I note that Mr. Layton believes that the St. Stephen's Church property "can be developed as an attractive locale and environment for work . . ." He also states that it would be his and the other purchasers' intention "to design and construct so as to enhance to the utmost the community . . ."

I trust then in this case that Mr. Layton would not follow in any way the design of his present building at 245 Victoria avenue, Westmount, which I took the time to examine the other day. This building is a tall, grey, square, concrete box, entirely surrounded by more concrete. There is not an inch of green space to be found, and even the front lawn is paved over. At the back is additional parking space which during the week is filled with cars, and on the weekend is waste space. The inevitable air conditioner outlet, although not quite as noisy as the outlets of the RCMP or Order of Nurses buildings, is equally as rude and unsanitary in its discharge of foul and polluted air into the back gardens of the houses on Grosvenor.

On the day that I inspected the site there were a number of cartons and beer cans lying about in the parking lot, no doubt the remains of an office party, but none the less not the most cheerful sight for the neighbors. The building itself is completely out of scale and style with the houses that surround it. Its bulk and height blot out the sun from the gardens on Grosvenor, and make Victoria a darker and less hospitable place for pedestrians.

Mr. Layton claims he finds the Westmount environment attractive for work because it is "safe, clean (white in winter, green in summer) convenient to home and shops." I claim that it is developments like the one he shares at present and like the one he proposes to build on the St. Stephen site that are destroying what is attractive about Westmount.

What is "safe" about the additional number of cars that a community must put up with when a large commercial enterprise moves in? What is "clean" about air conditioner outlets blowing polluted air into neighboring gardens? How can he talk

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... one small voice ...

by Janus

Talking of "ephebexhibitionnisme" (that's a new Quebec City term for streaking)—which we were last week . . .

The phenomenon is hardly the only method of bruising public sensibilities.

In Australia, for instance, they practice a couple of things called "dak drop" and "limp fall." The former is a variation of "mooning" which has appeared in some parts of this continent. It involves simply dropping one's pants while in deep conversation.

The idea of "limp fall" is to collapse without warning in mid-sentence as though suffering a heart attack and to remain "unconscious" until someone rushes to your aid. Whole clubs have been formed, leading to mass limp falls of up to 30 persons spread all over a posh country club.

How correct Oscar Wilde was when he said: "A bored man is the most desperate individual on earth."

PARTICIPATION in government no longer is a part-time occupation. It should be recognized for what it long has been, a full-time undertaking.

It should be rewarded according to that reality as well as to the need, never greater in our history, that the quality of men and women presenting themselves for our votes, to represent us, be the best in the land.

It is a truism that we get the government we deserve. It is another truism that we get what we pay for.

Quality in government is unlikely to improve until we attract to the nominating conventions and to the ballot papers names which vie in the voters' minds for the best of good choices rather than, as alas too often is the case, the lesser of two or more indifferent alternatives.

Money alone, of course, in the form of stipends won't do it all. There will still be aspirants to power for power's sake. There will still be power brokers and attempts to parachute hacks into heretofore "safe" seats.

But anything which can bring more brains and potential leaders to the backbenches, by putting real talent up against old pols and party machines, is worthwhile. Truly attractive parliamentary salaries are one way.

OUR M.P. Hon. C. M. Drury says...



The ancient god Janus, after whom the month January is named, is portrayed with two faces, one looking backward, the other looking ahead. It is a fitting symbol for, from the dawn of history, the close of one year and the beginning of a new has been for mankind a time of stocktaking, of assessing the past and finding guides for

the future, yet an occasion filled with the brightest of hopes, for before us lies a chance for a fresh start and a better life. The year 1974 for each of us I am sure has had individual lessons. But there has been one that applies to all of us, one that we have all seen illustrated in stark simplicity this year: the absolute necessity of sharing.

Our small planet

Our planet is small, its resources limited and unevenly distributed. How small, how limited, how unevenly distributed, has been graphically described to us daily in our news.

We have had brought home to us with renewed emphasis a sobering fact: we are among the world's most favored nations, not only in our own time, but in history. We are in the small minority of the fortunate. Elsewhere, millions of men, women and children are suffering from malnutrition and dying from starvation. We as a privileged nation, then, have a grave responsibility to share with others less favored materially than ourselves.

We must share too, of course, with those less favored who live in other parts of our community, and in other parts of our country. That is why in parliament the legislation we consider on your behalf has as its bedrock this principle, that our resources and the fruits of the toils of Canadians from coast to coast must be more fairly distributed.

Sharing season

The holiday season is characterized by sharing. It is a happy time of year principally because all that is best in us rises to the fore, because we are united by what we have in common rather than divided by our superficial differences. It is a happy

for one of the two city council seats which become vacant in 1960. 'The only swimming available in Westmount is provided by the YMCA pool,' he pointed out, 'and that cannot and should not be expected to provide for the needs of the many children and adults in the city.'

Five Years Ago December 30, 1969

"Stranded, abandoned and just plain parked cars have been the biggest single factor slowing down the clearing of the weekend, record 30-inch snowfall. Round-the-clock effort by Westmount works crews and equipment supplemented by extra men brought in originally for supplemental garbage collection Saturday, had by mid-day today nonetheless put the city back into presentable shape, even if side-streets—as in other municipalities in the region—were difficult to navigate."

Snow job

by the city snow-blower. Residents, heeding the warning, parked on the Montreal side of the street where no such signs were posted.

All went well until 1:30 am, when Mr. Leclaire was wakened and notified by another resident that police and tow trucks had arrived to pull all the cars off the Montreal side of the street. As the lower-Westmount activist watched, the cars were pulled to the Westmount side of St. Antoine and dumped into the snow-heap, which had not yet been removed. Tickets were slapped on many of the autos, charging their owners \$25 for

having parked in a snow-removal zone. About an hour later, the Westmount snowblower reportedly arrived at the street and was stymied. Mr. Leclaire said the local crews were nice enough not to tow the autos back across the

time, in short, because we are full of goodwill.

The year 1975 will be a challenge to us all—a challenge to translate into permanent reality for all Canadians, for people in all parts of the world, the spirit of sharing which offers the best hope for peace and stability in our troubled times.

You Say . . .

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about Westmount being "green in summer" when his own establishment has concreted over its entire property? And how can he talk about Westmount being "convenient to homes and shops" when his own home is in the lush and green suburbs, far removed from the "attractive" atmosphere of Westmount?

To whose homes is a tall, concrete office building convenient? Certainly not to those who must suffer because they live next door, or on the same block, or behind, or within sight of such a building.

Mr. Layton should look again at St. Stephen's Church standing now, as it has for the past 75 years, on that busy corner. Could he, or any architect, really design anything better for that corner? And if Mr. Layton is sceptical that community uses can be found for the present buildings, let him meet with us and representatives of the charitable and cultural institutions that would like to inhabit the church.

Mrs. Susan Rice

25 Stayner street
WESTMOUNT H3Z 1W3

Anglican Church asked re-examine church sale

Sir: What is the Anglican Church doing about St. Stephen's Church in Westmount now that a group of concerned citizens in its neighbourhood are working to save the church?

On Christmas morning, Bishop Maguire preached a very moving sermon at Christ Church Cathedral. He spoke of the return of the desire for enchantment in our lives, the need for the mysterious, the unknowable in a world fast becoming devoid of wonder. He seemed to affirm the reawakening of the religious spirit in the 1970s.

But when faced with a strong citizens' group which has more than doubled the congregation of St. Stephen's Church in six weeks, without a fulltime minister, which has brought 200 people into the church for a carol concert, and 75 people for Christmas Eve communion, the only response this group has had to our numerous requests that the Anglican Church meet with us has been a complaint about our methods of bringing people to the church (circulars and posters).

We are asking the Anglican Church to change its mind. To say we are too late, the deal has already been made, is to deny the changes which have occurred in the community since the church decided to sell St. Stephen's. Is it possible for a spiritual revival to be too late, for a rebirth of community spirit to be less important to the church than a business deal?

After Jan. 15 it will be much more difficult to stop the sale of the church. Even if our request is denied, let it be done face to face, not by simply avoiding and using delay tactics. We ask that the Anglican Church meet with our group, and soon. We

street and invoke new fines.

Officials at the city public works department said this morning they had heard nothing about the problem.

Mr. Leclaire told the story in complaining that Westmount put up snow-clearing signs far too long before actually clearing the streets. This week, he added, when notices appeared on sides of St. Antoine at the same time, "everybody parked on the Westmount side!"

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OUR M.P.Q. Hon. Kevin Drummond says...



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Susan H. Poteet
Lewis J. Poteet

1113 Greene avenue,
WESTMOUNT H3Z 2A1

Changes recommended to be made in 1975

Sir: Some changes I would love to see in '75:

1. For the Church: No raffles, no bingo and no collection. Just prayer and meditation, everybody welcome;
2. For the pharmacy: No toys, no appliances, no food. Just medicines and safe drugs;
3. For the Bell Phone Co. No expensive automated equipment, just courteous operators. Therefore, our rates are lower and our service is better;
4. Department of Welfare: Closed! Due to full employment;
5. Royal Mail: Prompt delivery anywhere in Canada within 24 hours;
6. Insurance company: No small print! What you see is the coverage you get.
7. For SARA: A permanent vacant lot;
8. For Place Des Arts: All seats \$1.00. This building was built and paid for by the taxpayers. First come, first served! No season tickets;
9. And for our not so humble leaders: No raise in pay that is more than many of their constituents earn in a year's work!

Martin Overland

116 Irvine avenue
WESTMOUNT H3Z 2K2

A plea in behalf of 4424 youth centre

Sir: I am concerned that 4424 Club Inc., the Westmount youth centre and clinic, did not receive a LIP grant.

It is one of our more valuable community services that has helped over 10,000 young people in the last four years. If the citizens' advisory group (CAG) awarded a LIP grant to the Children's Hospital which already is provincially funded, I do not understand on what basis this decision was made. The existence of 4424 is again threatened by the loss of this governmental support.

Hopefully, our own city council will make every effort to see that this vital community service remains available to our troubled youth.

Joan Domville

50 Holton avenue
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Canadians learned with a great deal of interest the past week that the soldiers of the First Canadian contingent, arriving in England, carried a flag which may become the official flag of Canada. On it the Union Jack holds the place of honour, of course, symbolizing our British connection. Opposite it is the fleur-de-lys of old France, while beneath are three scarlet maple leaves—the whole on a background, or field, of white. It is probable that, having been baptized in battle, the flag will be made the official one of this country."

Twenty-five Years Ago December 30, 1949

"Graduates of St. George's School, 3100 Westmount Boulevard, met on Thursday and decided to form an alumni association. In its 17 years of operation the school has maintained only informal contact with graduates but lately there has sprung up a feeling amongst parents of graduates that some organization was needed to keep the contacts made at school by the students more closely welded, hence the calling of the meeting at which definite action was taken. Owen Owens was elected president of the new organization."

Fifteen Years Ago December 31, 1959

"A city the size of Westmount should have a swimming pool," maintains Irving Backler, a vice-president of the Westmount Municipal Association and nominee

Residents of St. Antoine street in Westmount apparently became victims of a lack of co-operation between Westmount and Montreal and between Montreal Urban Community Police Sectors 30 and 12 following the season's second major snowstorm.

A bizarre tale was related by Fred Leclaire, 3209 St. Antoine street, to members of the city's Urban Renewal Implementation Advisory Committee on Dec. 18 concerning snow removal following the Monday night snowstorm three weeks ago.

It seems City of Westmount crews had put out "no parking" signs along the Westmount side of St. Antoine street between Atwater avenue and Rose de Lima street, on top of a neat windrow which was to be removed

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9:30 a.m. Mattins
Sermon: The Rector
11:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist
Sermon: The Rector
11:00 a.m. Church School & Nursery

**MONDAY, JANUARY 6
THE EPIPHANY**
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8
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9:30 A.M. Wednesday Circumcision of Our Lord Jan 1st.
5:45 P.M. Monday - (6th) Epiphany of Our Lord
9:30 A.M. Wednesday (8th)
Organist and Director of Music: Michael Prescesky B.Mus.

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JANUARY 5
10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
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Rev. J. E. Nix, B.A., B.D., S.T.M.
Ruth Lloyd, B.A., B.Mus.Ed.
JANUARY 5
11:00 am COVENANT FOR 1975
Coffee Hour Crib Corner
The Church School is in recess until Jan. 5

DOMINION DOUGLAS
Westmount Boulevard and Lansdowne avenue
Rev. Phyllis Smyth, B.A., B.D., Ph.D.
Rev. John T. P. Nichols, M.A., B.D.
JANUARY 5
10:45 A.M.
Music Before Service
Madeleine Osborne, Soprano
11:00 A.M.
Morning Worship "God With The Faith"
Rev. Phyllis Smyth
Ted McLearn, ARCCO,
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Cantor Herman K. Gottlieb

SABBATH EVE SERVICE
Friday Evening, January 3rd at 8:15 p.m. RABBI BLOOMSTONE will speak on "WHAT'S IN A NAME?" An Oneg Shabbat and Kiddush Reception follows the Worship.

TEMPLE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
No classes on Saturday, January 4th. All classes resume Saturday Morning, January 11th at 9:30 a.m. Daily Hebrew School classes resume on Monday, January 6th commencing at 4:00 p.m.

THE SCHOOL FOR ADULTS SECOND SEMESTER
Saturday, January 11, 10:00 a.m. Cantor Gottlieb commences a series of lectures on "Songs of the Synagogue."
The Tuesday Mid-Week Class - January 14, 8:00 p.m. Rabbi Levi continues with his lectures on "Living Judaism."
The Wednesday Mid-Week Class - January 15, 8:00 p.m. Rabbi Bloomstone continues with his lectures on "The New Prayerbook."
The Wednesday Hebrew Class - January 15, 8:00 p.m. Cantor Gottlieb continues with the course on "The Elements of Hebrew."

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January 5
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MIDWEEK SERVICE: Wednesday, 8:00 pm

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Sabbath Day, 8:45 am in the main Synagogue
Sabbath Twilight, 4:10 pm in the Chapel

DAILY SERVICES
Sunday, Jan. 5, 8:45 am and 4:20 pm
Monday-Friday, Jan. 6-10, 7:30 am
Monday-Thursday, Jan. 6-9, 4:20 pm

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Wesley's Covenant service

At morning worship on Sunday, Jan. 5, the Westmount Park United Church will follow John Wesley's Covenant Service of 1755, as their entry into the New Year and the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Church Union of 1925. Sunday Church School also will resume its regular program on Jan. 5. During the Christmas season the church school, congregation and the 7th Brownies donated cash gifts sent to assist the work of St. Columba Mission of the United Church in Point St. Charles, and also the hunger appeal of the Church World Service for air to the people of Bangladesh.

Over 200 at concert in church

Over 200 persons attended a candlelight carol concert at St. Stephen's Church on Dec. 22. The program was presented by the friends and congregation of St. Stephen's and the Arcadians Musical Theatre Society, planned in part to focus attention on the threatened sale and demolition of the church buildings, which have stood on the site at Atwater and Dorchester since 1898. Susan Palmer contributed her talents on the harpsichord with "Rowland" and "The Bells" by William Byrd, and two Purcell Groundes. Lillian O'Brien of the Arcadians sang "Ave Marie" and Leslie Gail Hill sang "O Holy Night." Alan MacMillan of the Arcadians narrated the Christmas story. Rev. F. Greer offered a prayer. It was pointed out on the program that in addition to celebrating Christmas the concert was dedicated to the preservation of St. Stephen's Church. It was stated that St. Stephen's could be utilized for charitable and cultural purposes that are in harmony with the spiritual function of the church.

St. Andrew's sets program for 75th year

St. Andrew's United Church congregation begins its 75th anniversary year with a celebration of Holy Communion on Sunday, Jan. 5, at 11 am. Other events planned for the year include visits from former ministers, including Dr. Leonard Griffith who will address a service in April which couples married at the local church will be specially invited to attend. Other events include an exchange of choirs with neighboring St. Matthias' Anglican Church, a flower show in May, a tour of sites in Britain and Europe associated with the Reformation, and special events in October and November marking the actual anniversary. The Rev. Robert Mumford, a former assistant minister now teaching at Queen's Theological College, has been invited to be the anniversary speaker on Oct. 26. Following next Sunday's service the next event in the anniversary celebrations will be the visit by Dr. Harry Joshua Stern, rabbi emeritus of Temple Emanuel-El on Feb. 9.

It was announced during the holidays that St. Andrew's congregation contributed over \$1,000 to help needy families in the Montreal area at Christmas.

Lockers forced

Three lockers in the basement of 4282 Dorchester boulevard were forced open during the past several weeks, police learned at 9:15 am Sunday, but nothing appears to have been taken.

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Head injuries for Audi driver in 'sandwich'

Three vehicles were involved in a sandwich-type tangle early last Tuesday morning on Kensington avenue as a 1973 Porsche Audi and a taxi tried to pass each other on the wrong sides of the street. The accident occurred at 12:45 am opposite 316 Kensington avenue, just north of de Maisonneuve boulevard, when the Audi, driven by James Lafleur of 12 Melbourne avenue, was going north on Kensington, apparently on the west side of the street. As he went past a 1973 Valiant which was parked on the east side, he was confronted by the southbound taxi, a 1973 Chevrolet driven by Gordon Spence, 44, of Montreal. Mr. Spence decided to try to squeeze between the two autos facing him, but was struck on the right front by the Audi and bounced into the parked Valiant. He received injuries to his head as a result of the collision, and was taken by police ambulance to the Reddy Memorial Hospital for treatment. Damage to all three vehicles was assessed at over \$500.

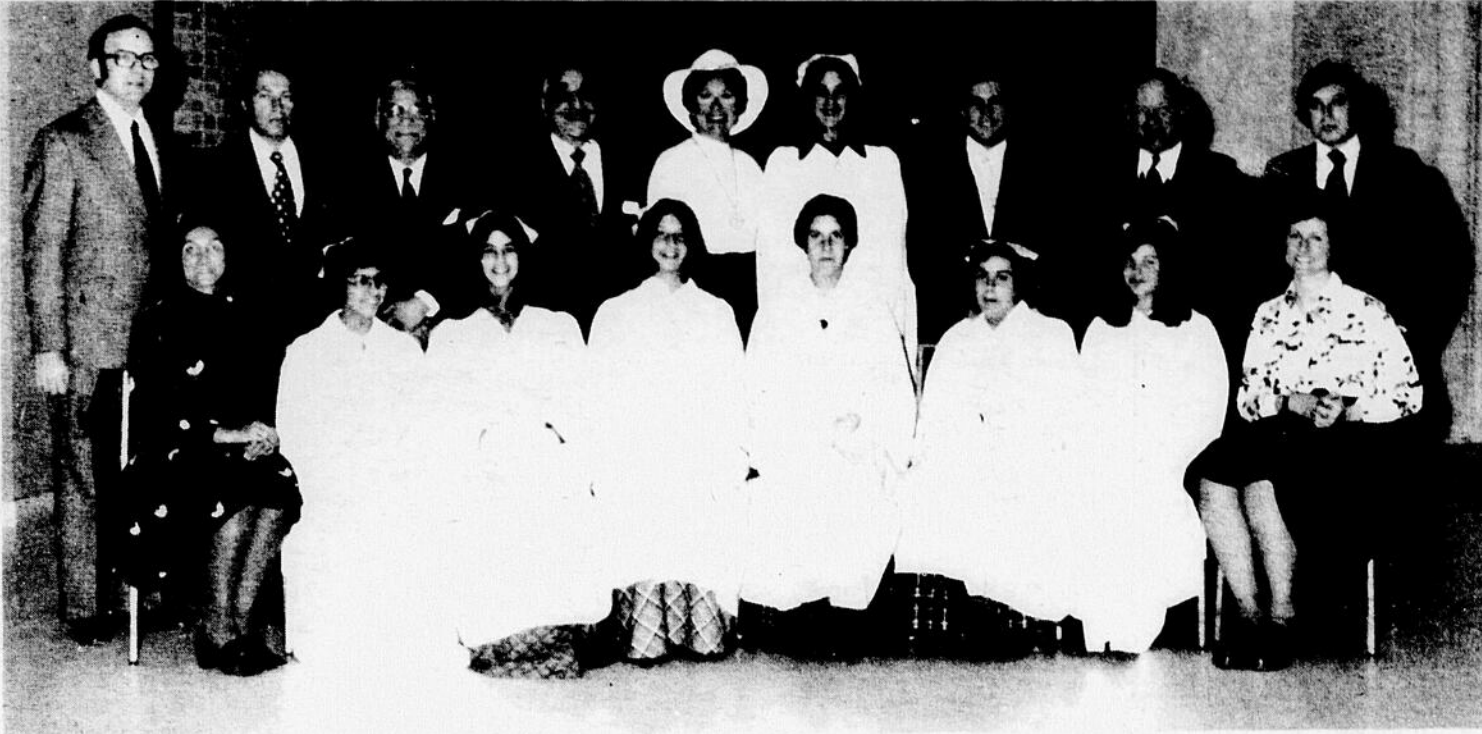
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B'NOT MITZVAH AT SHAAR: Seven girls were consecrated at a special Chanukah Ma'ariv Service, as Daughters of the Commandment, B'not Mitzvah, at Shaar Hashomayim on Dec. 15. The service commenced with a processional into the Main Synagogue for the Ma'ariv service conducted by **Rabbi Wilfred Shuchat**, **Rabbi Herbert J. Mandl**, Hazzan Joseph Gross, and the Synagogue Choir under the direction of **Joseph Milo**, director of music. The Choir gave a special rendition of Psalm 30. The B'not Mitzvah presented an impressive pageant, "The Words of the Prophet" (Isaiah). A freewill offering to a school in Israel was made by **Naomi Abbey** and **Vivian Halperin**, on behalf of the B'not Mitzvah, and was accepted by **Monroe Abbey**, QC president. Rabbi Shuchat addressed the B'not Mitzvah and interpreted the historical significance of the

occasion. **Yechiel Glustein**, director, introduced the B'not Mitzvah to the congregation and each consecrant was presented with a book gift from the Sisterhood by its president, **Mrs. Norman Halpern**. A reception in the Metcalfe Avenue Hall followed. This ceremony marked the conclusion of the course of study in the fundamentals of Judaism under the direction of **Mrs. Glustein** and **Mrs. Lewis Goelman**. Left to right, 1st row: Mrs. Glustein, instructress, **Sara Heppner**, **Karen Palayew**, **Wendy Mendel**, **Jill Victor**, **Naomi Abbey**, **Vivian Halperin**, **Mrs. Lewis Goelman**, instructress; 2nd row: Mr. Glustein, **Dr. Harvey Sigman**, chairman, co-ordinating committee education and youth; **Dr. William Cohen**, parnass; Mr. Abbey, Mrs. Halpern; **Bonnie Nathanson**, **Rabbi Mandl**, **Rabbi Shuchat**, and Mr. Milo.

\$500 is stolen from a wallet in shop cart

For weeks, years even, The Examiner and Westmount Police have been warning ladies to keep purses with them while shopping in supermarkets, so thieves can't grab wallets out of car-riding handbags.

The warning still holds as evidenced by one woman who lost \$500 and her wallet from what she thought had been a closely-guarded bag in a Westmount Square shopping cart at 2:45 pm on Friday, Dec. 20.

Those who carry their bags should be wary as well, however. The day after that theft occurred, a woman carrying her bag in Steinberg's Victoria-Sherbrooke outlet was bumped into by a man who lifted her wallet and the \$200 inside it.

Another shopping car theft resulted in a \$50 loss to a woman in Steinberg's Victoria-Sherbrooke outlet on Christmas Eve at 12:10 pm.

The same store was the scene of a theft on Saturday at 3 pm, of a wallet containing \$15.

Lock slipped

Entry was gained by someone at 4823 Sherbrooke street west by slipping the lock recently. A clock radio and a high-intensity lamp were taken. The loss was put at \$50.

Futile break

Someone forced in the back door of 356 Kensington avenue sometime between 8:30 and 12:40 pm recently, but apparently did not take anything from the house.

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Park H&S president:

Mrs. Hooff offers praise for street safety steps

The President of the Westmount Park School Home and School Association gave a round of thanks to city council Dec. 16 for numerous actions taken to

improve safety for children in southern Westmount.

Mrs. Sally Hooff, 138 Abbott avenue, first offered thanks directly to Public Safety Commissioner Ald. J.L. Thom for seeing that 10-mile-per-hour speed limit signs were posted in the laneway behind her house. The problem now, she said, was enforcing it not only for motorists but for the many youthful bikers who ride in the lane!

Next Mrs. Hooff thanked the city for painting a crosswalk on St. Catherine at the ever-treacherous corner of Melville avenue, an action she claimed had slowed down traffic on St. Catherine to a certain extent. Still, she said, the corner was extremely dangerous not only for Westmount Park School children but for adults as well; in this regard she offered a word of praise to the school crossing guard posted at the corner who often stayed until 5 pm to help older people across the street.

Crossing guard appreciated

A word of thanks then went out on behalf of the parents of de Maisonneuve boulevard school children for the posting of a crossing guard at de Maisonneuve and Lansdowne avenue, which is dangerous at rush hour despite the traffic signal there, Mrs. Hooff said.

Mrs. Hooff's final word of

thanks went not to council but to Mrs. Peggy Maude, 598 Cote St. Antoine road, for arguments published in The Examiner last week against the closing of de Maisonneuve.

"I'm sorry I ever signed the petition," Mrs. Hooff said of her own past action concerning the thoroughfare. "I see now the 'You can have have it, I don't want it on my street' philosophy, and I regret it."

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Notice of Meeting

A General Meeting of the

Westmount Municipal Association

will be held at 8 P.M. on Monday, January 13, 1975 at Victoria Hall, Westmount

AGENDA

- 1) Minutes of the May 29, 1974 Annual General Meeting
- 2) Announcements
- 3) Nominations to the Nominating Committee for Directors and members of the Advisory Council of the Westmount Municipal Association.
- 4) An address by the Honourable Fernand Lalonde, Minister without Portfolio, Government of Quebec, on the subject of Bill 22. Mr. Lalonde will respond to questions from the audience.
- 5) New Business
- 6) Adjournment

We urge our members to attend this meeting to hear the Honourable Fernand Lalonde. He is the cabinet minister of the Quebec government responsible for the implementation of Bill 22, so this will be an ideal opportunity to receive accurate information on the status of this important legislation.

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Coming Events

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Powerhouse Gallery, 3738 St. Dominique, is having a New Year's Eve Dance open to the public. There will be live music by the Back Door Blues Band. Admission is \$1.50. Time: 8:30 p.m. There will be a 10-Best-Dressed Women Artists Contest with prizes. All women artists are invited to wear their zaniest and most outlandish fashions to join in the fun and bring the New Year in with a Flash!

Meatless cad

Someone stole \$100 worth of meat from the trunk of a Cadillac parked on the first parking level at Alexis Nihon Plaza last Friday (Dec. 20) between 4 and 7 pm. The thieves broke into the locked auto and pushed a button to open the trunk, police report.

Radio taken

A car radio, valued at \$220, was stolen from a car parked at the rear of 4968 Sherbrooke street west sometime between 8:30 am and 12:30 pm recently. Entry was gained via a rear window.



Library shut

The Atwater Library will be closed all day tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 31, Jan 1 and 2, for New Year's.

READER'S DIGEST SOCIAL CLUB PROJECT: This Christmas 77 French- and English-speaking senior citizens in Montreal received crocheted and knitted afghans as a result of the efforts and ingenuity of a Reader's Digest staff member, **Martha Beaton**, and 50 other employees through the Digest's Social Club. Distribution was arranged by five group presidents of Meals-on-Wheels, an autonomous organization co-ordinated by the Volunteer Bureau, a Federated Appeal agency. Miss Beaton (left) is shown at the Digest's Redfern avenue headquarters presenting some of the afghans to **Eva Mask**, co-ordinator of Meals-on-Wheels. From left: Mrs. Beaton, Mrs. Mask, Meals-on-Wheels group presidents Mrs. E. Neil (Verdun), Mrs. S. Hurtubise (St. Germain d'Outremont), Mrs. Lorna Willis (St. Matthias, Westmount) Mrs. Claire Dozois (St. Jean de Brebeuf) and Sister Marie Labrecque (Cote St. Paul - Ville Emard).

Party at YMCA is 'great success'

The YMCA "Centennial Party" Vicki Verthuy, so much so that on Dec. 14 was a great success, prizes for the "penny fair" were according to the youth organizer, exhausted a full hour before the

Seniors' home feasibility being readied

Six concerned citizens braved Dec. 16's snowstorm to plot further action in attempts to have a senior citizens' residence in Westmount, and agreed to begin compiling information on the financial and practical feasibility of the home.

Peter O'Brien, chairman of the citizens' committee pressing for the residence, reported that he, Architect Michael Fish and Mrs. Pat McKendry of the Somerville Area Residents' Association had met with the federal Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation last Thursday and had been told of various ways such a project might be government-financed.

As a result of the meeting, Mr. Fish is preparing a feasibility study, while others are drawing up a questionnaire to find out how other such residences around Montreal have been financed and operated. Mr. O'Brien said a group would be visiting the Griffith-McConnell Home today to discuss operations with officials there.

The possibility of city participation in the project still is being considered, according to Ald. Charles Aspler, though he and the city's architectural and planning commission have asked for more details about financing the project.

Incorporation of the citizens' group, which had been expected to be advanced at the meeting, has been postponed until requirements for recognition by CMHC can be determined.

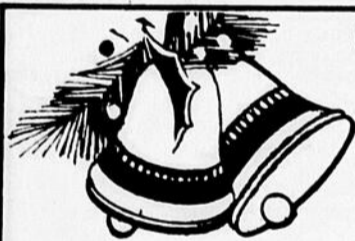
planned closing of the event.

The extended party began at 1 pm with an opening speech by Ald. James L. Thom and Westmount Municipal Association President Ian Sinclair. Included among the events were an appearance by Santa Claus at the Westmount artificial ice rink, a historical picture display by the Westmount Historical Society, gym and pool events, the penny fair, a sing-along supper with Gary Bowden playing guitar, and an evening dance.

Beside Ald. Thom and Mr. Sinclair, appearances were made at the celebration by Miss Alice Lighthall and Dr. Helene Saly of the historical society and by Mrs. Joan Rothman, area commissioner on the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal.

Miss Verthuy listed the gym program, penny fair and historical exhibit as the most popular features during the day. The dance was sparsely attended, she admitted, but there was "good music" provided by We Three Plus One, with a sound-and-light show provided by Mark Ellwood.

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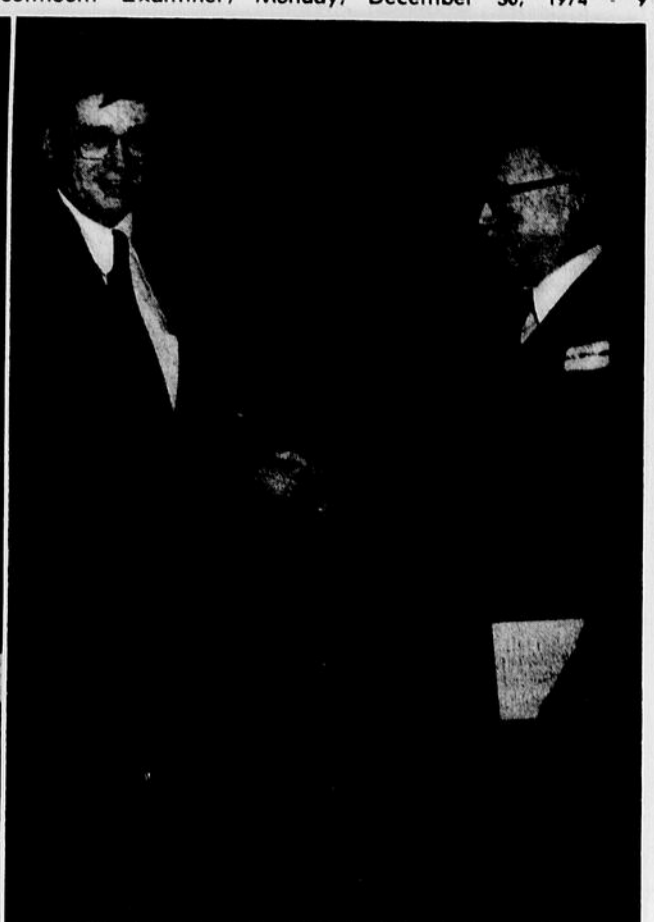
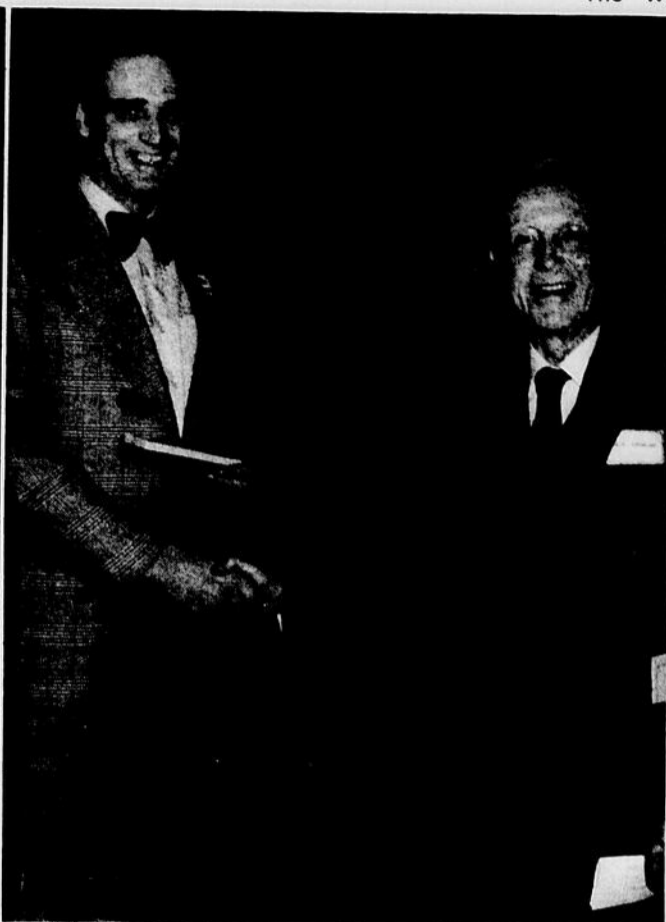
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FIRE, POLICE HONORS: Receiving special honors at the recent City of Westmount Quarter Century Club banquet were Deputy Fire Chief Paul Motard, (left) getting his 30-years' service award from Former Mayor J.A. de Lalanne; Police Sgt. Lloyd

Parliament (centre) and Det.-Lt. Frank Pilkionis (right) receiving 20-year awards of the Canadian Association of Police Chiefs from, respectively, Former Mayor A. S. Bruneau and Brig. de Lalanne.

TEXT OF MR. DRURY

Following is the text of a statement received Dec. 19, just after we had gone to press, from Westmount's MP, Hon. C.M. Drury, minister of public works, relative to the news we carried on our front page of that issue concerning the new role for the disused Westmount post office at Greene avenue and de Maisonneuve boulevard west:

The re-utilization of the Westmount Post Office, or former Postal Station "L" as it is designated officially, is one of the first working examples we have in Canada of the new Federal Land Management Policy of the Federal Government.

This is an auspicious day because it represents the culmination of the efforts of the community of Westmount and the efforts of the Federal Government to adapt to the changing times by recognizing social and

community values in the disposition of surplus federal buildings.

There is a short but important history of events which led up to the announcement of the saving of this locally historic, and locally architecturally significant building.

The department of Public Works announced on March 30, 1974, a public tender in an attempt to find a party who would lease the old Post Office site and either

(a) renovate the existing building for further use, or

(b) demolish the existing structure and launch a completely new development.

The tender period extended longer than usual, to enable local community groups to mobilize and secure participation of interested developers. This procedure was in keeping with the new Federal Government criteria of considering the social and community, as well as the economic values of a surplus federal building.

Thanks offered

To be thanked are the Greene Avenue Citizens Association, who took up a petition and gathered nearly one thousand names and addresses of people in the community who expressed an interest in preserving the Old Post Office. This petition was presented to the City of Westmount. Because of the interest and work of the Greene Avenue Citizens Association and the cooperation of the City of Westmount, it was made possible for me to write to those 1,000 interested citizens, explaining to them the new federal government policy. At the same time it was possible to encourage them to assist in the search for potential developers of the old Post Office. Another to be

thanked is The Westmount Examiner. The Examiner assisted by running articles explaining the Federal Land Management Policy and calling for community effort in locating potential developers.

The result was, that on May 15, 1974, the day the bidding closed, seven tenders had been received. Five of these tenders contained plans to preserve the Old Post Office.

Meets criteria

December 19, some six months later, the Department of Public Works was happy to announce that one of those preservation tenders had fully met the criteria of the Federal Government Land Management Policy. Headway Management has signed an agreement with the Federal Government to use those premises in a way which will provide a considerable number of services to the community.

These services will include colourful boutiques, restaurants, a sidewalk cafe, and a mini-bank. The net result will be the preservation of the architectural heritage of the old, while at the

same time, strengthening the site as a focal point of Greene avenue.

The most impressive part of this short history is the extent to which the local community has been able to mobilize its resources to achieve some of the environmental goals of the community. Last year a local organization from Westmount constituency invited a group of federal, provincial, and municipal heritage experts to Montreal to discuss ways and means of citizens groups preserving the heritage. In the meeting, which went well past midnight, Robert Phillips, Director of Heritage Canada summed up the message with which heritage groups could best realize their goals, "Organize! Organize! and Organize!" I am happy to see the Westmount constituency took him at his word.

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Someone tried to force open the passenger window of a 1974 Volvo parked outside 437 Argyle avenue. The attempt apparently failed.

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**Pedestrian hit
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The victim, 68-year-old Hyman Shister of Montreal, was crossing the street from east to west at 11:10 am when he was struck by a 1975 Comet driven by Fernand Jean, 27, of Montreal, who was travelling north on Gladstone intending to turn west onto St. Catherine street.

Mr. Shister was taken by police car to the Reddy Memorial Hospital for treatment of injuries to both of his knees.

**Light agenda
for council**

City council will start off the new year with a very light agenda Monday night at its January statutory meeting, with only one specific item of business beyond the regularly-scheduled entries.

Approval of accounts for October and November 1974 is the only additional item scheduled for Monday night, beyond regular reports by Mayor Paul Ouimet on the Conference of Suburban Mayors and the Montreal Urban Community, any new business which might arise, and announcement of official correspondence received by the city since its last meeting Dec. 16.

Decision on a new tax rate for MUC purposes, which might be expected following announcement of a provincial grant to the island body, will await receipt of a new bill from the MUC.

Pocketed

A pocket calculator was stolen from a sixth-floor office at 345 Victoria avenue while the premises were closed Thursday, Dec. 19, night or early the next morning. Police report no signs of a forced entry.

Door forced

Thieves forced open the front door of 136 Clandeboye avenue recently, sometime between 9 pm and midnight. Nothing appears to have been stolen from the address, however.

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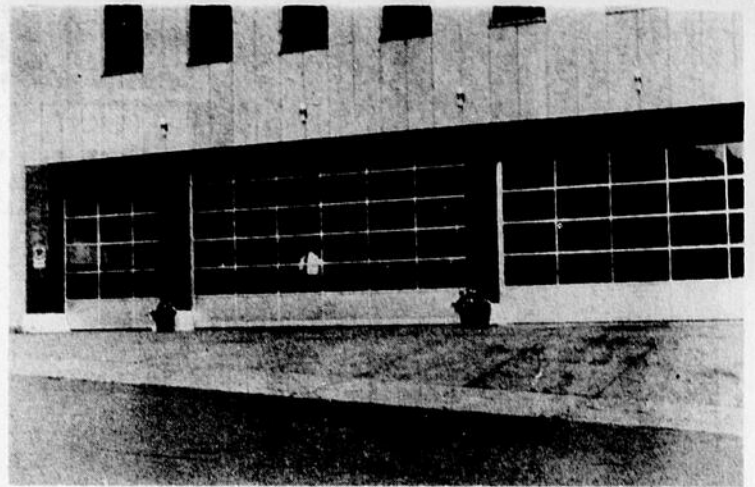
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The accident occurred as the Cougar, driven by 19-year-old Glendon Flynn of Montreal, travelled to the left of the Chevrolet, which was under the control of Stephen Matthew Morantz, 29, also of Montreal.

As the cars passed Roslyn avenue, Mr. Morantz is reported to have pulled his car to the left in front of the Cougar; Mr. Flynn applied his brakes but struck the turning auto, and both ended up on the southwest corner of the intersection.

Mr. Morantz received injuries to his left leg and was taken by police ambulance to the Reddy Memorial Hospital, from which he was released after treatment. A passenger in his auto, 27-year-old Stephen Marsh of 504 Roslyn avenue, received injuries to his head and was taken to the same hospital by patrol car.

Both autos suffered over \$500 damage in the collision.

Door forced

Someone forced open the door of room 440 at 1310 Greene avenue some time between 7 pm Thursday, Dec. 19, and 8 am next morning. Police have not yet received a list of stolen goods.

N.J. tags go

A set of New Jersey license plates were stolen from a car parked behind the apartments at 4470 St. Catherine street west recently.

VW gone

A 1971 Volkswagen was stolen from the parking lot of the garage at 4400 Cote des Neiges road recently.

What to do with empties

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Women hurt in two-car hit on Dorchester

Two women were injured in a two-car accident at Dorchester boulevard and Greene avenue last Monday at 10:35 am as a 1971 Datsun slammed into the side of a 1970 Ford truck mid-way through the intersection.

The Datsun, being driven north on Greene by Mrs. John Joubert, 58, of 1109 Greene avenue, struck the truck which was travelling east on Dorchester, driven by 29-year-old Marcel St.-Pierre of Montreal. Mrs. Joubert hit her head against either the steering wheel or a window, while Liane Joubert, 32, of the same address, struck her head against the dashboard. Both were taken to the Reddy Memorial Hospital by police car for treatment.

Damage to the car was assessed by police at over \$500, while the truck suffered between \$200 and \$500 casualty.

GOLD KEYSTONE AWARD: Former Governor-General Roland Michener receives the Gold Keystone Award, highest honor of the Boys' Clubs of Canada, from retiring national president John C. Cushing, former mayor of Westmount, at the recent annual meeting in Toronto. Mr. Michener was honorary patron while governor-general. Looking on are two youngsters of the Dovercourt, Toronto, Boys' Club.

Residents heed caution, fires are few

Christmas came and went peaceably for the Westmount Fire Brigade this year, even though the men were called out to various addresses four times to answer minor requests for assistance.

The only daytime call was at 10:52 am, to 243 Kensington avenue, where someone had seen steam dissipating from a dryer into the cold Christmas air.

At 6:15 that evening, residents of 71 Belmont crescent called to report smoke in the basement, a trouble which resulted from wood chips and hot ashes which had dropped to the cleaning hopper below the fireplace before extinguishing themselves.

At 11:30 that night, residents of 598 Argyle avenue reported a faulty electrical outlet, a problem quickly righted by the firemen.

Twenty minutes later they found themselves at 461 Elm avenue, where a fire apparently had been started beneath a cold chimney in the basement fireplace. Smoke from the fire, unable to pierce the pocket of cold air, had chosen instead to fill the interior of the basement.

"We thank the people for the lovely Christmas they gave us," Deputy Fire Chief Paul Motard said of the day. "An ounce of prevention was certainly worth 10 pounds of protection."

Buick raided

Liquor and jewelry were stolen out of a Buick parked on the second level of Alexis Nihon Plaza on Tuesday between 10 am and noon. Police suspect the thief or thieves used a piece of wire to unlock the car door.

Theft aided

A \$250 tape player, locked in position in an unlocked car in the parking lot at 250 Victoria avenue, disappeared sometime between 9 am and 5 pm recently. The owner of the 1973 Chevrolet had conveniently—for the thief—left the keys in the vehicle.

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