

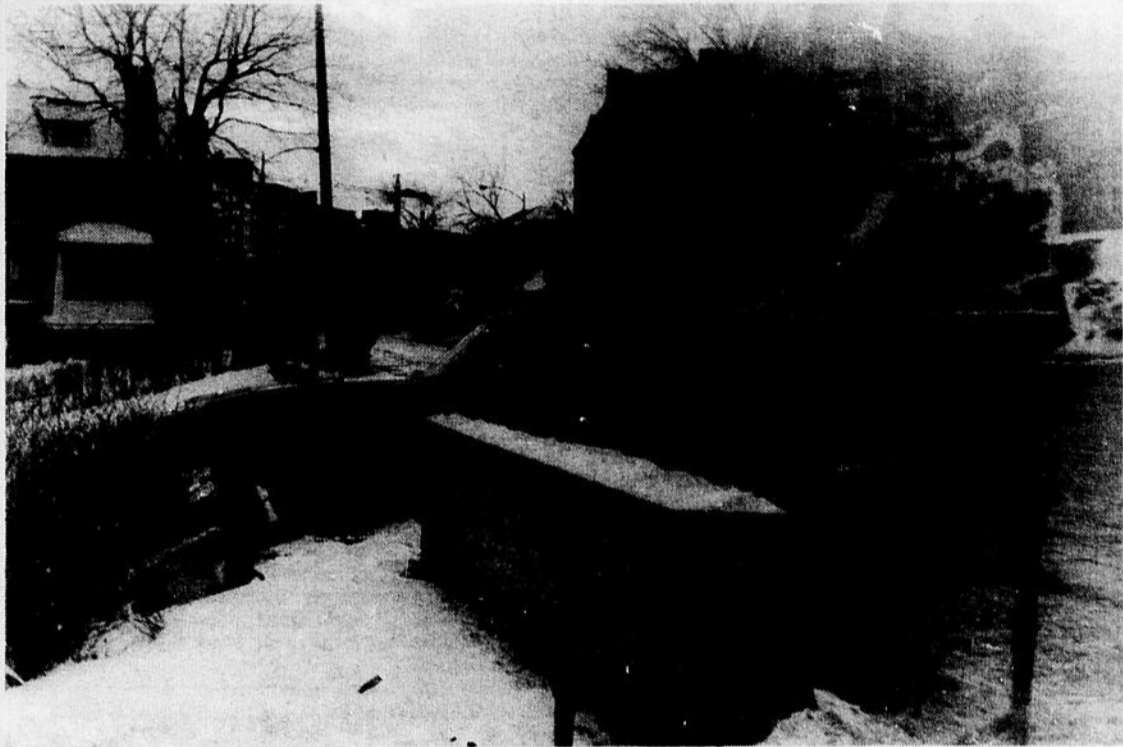
MUC taxes kill major local project

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DIDN'T MAKE IT INTO CHURCH: This 1971 Pontiac Le Mans, proceeding west on The Boulevard Monday afternoon, went out of control, caved in the side of an eastbound 1961 Comet station wagon and then breached this massive concrete wall in front of Dominion-Douglas United Church. The driver received head injuries but was released after treatment. That sign underneath which the car is parked reads: No parking; tow zone.

Miracle robbery of till

A clerk in the Miracle Mart, Alexis Nihon Plaza, was astounded on Friday about 3:15 pm to find her cash register looted while she was standing right next to it.

The woman was bending down checking something under the counter when she heard the cash bell ring. She looked up and was just in time to see a young man disappearing into a crowd with money from the cash register. He had simply leaned over the counter, pushed the button to

open the machine and took off with the money. The amount taken was not established.

In camera

A man purchased by cheque a camera valued at \$161 last Thursday morning at the Shut-terbug Centre Inc. in Alexis Nihon Plaza. The cheque was later found to be worthless.

Car crashes church wall on Boulevard

The driver of a 1971 Pontiac Le Mans went to the Montreal General Hospital Monday afternoon with apparently minor head injuries after his car went out of control on The Boulevard, crashing the side of a 1961 Comet station wagon, then colliding head-on into the concrete wall outside Dominion-Douglas United Church.

The force of the impact heaved a long section of concrete and its steel reinforcing bars off its concrete posts and also cracked the section. Neither concrete nor car rolled down the steep embankment into the church.

Valta Miles, 22, of Montreal, driver of the westbound Pontiac, was released after treatment.

Driver of the eastbound wagon was Victor Richard Gringham, 47, also of Montreal. His vehicle ended up turned around and half on the sidewalk just east of where the wall was breached.

Damage to the two vehicles was estimated at \$1,000. Cost of repairing the wall had not been determined.

Purse taken

An employee of the Westmount Gift Store at 1308 Greene avenue was robbed of her wallet containing \$24 and personal papers sometime last Thursday. The employee left her purse on a shelf behind the counter while she worked and discovered her loss about 5 pm.

Twin-tower complex of apartments axed

The twin tower project planned for the city's parking lot bounded by Dorchester boulevard, Atwater avenue, the proposed extension of Wood avenue and Tupper street will not be built.

The developers of the now defunct project, Woodpark Development Corporation and Ithican Development Corporation, allowed their option to purchase the land to run out on Dec. 31.

City officials said the developers had reported that high taxation, specifically the Montreal Urban Community tax of 40 cents per \$100 for buildings valued at over \$100,000, had made the project economically unfeasible.

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Mayors seeking Quebec redress

After 20 hours of discussion of the Montreal Urban Community budget in MUC Council and among the suburban mayors, debate if permitted "could have gone on for weeks and would achieve nothing."

Mayor Paul Ouimet told Westmount City Council Tuesday evening, in a vigorous report which dominated the statutory January meeting: "We felt we could do better if we presented our case before the Quebec Municipal Commission."

He added that "we chose the press release route rather than the debate route to explain ourselves."

The suburbs have until Jan. 15, under MUC law, to present their case to the municipal commission to "establish a financial prejudice" under the MUC budget, which automatically came into force last Friday at midnight despite the votes of 23 suburban mayors against it.

Mr. Ouimet's painstaking review was triggered by his own remark that "It is said in some milieux that we didn't explain our reasons for voting against" the \$160,000,000 MUC budget, \$85,000,000 of which would be for police costs. (Westmount's share would be \$275,000 for the balance of 1971 and \$675,000 for 1972, he said.)

Received nothing

Westmount has received nothing for this outlay, he asserted.

He added that the suburban

mayors were confident of their figures and their case, but so was the other side.

He quoted from the MUC constitution and said he was sure that the suburban mayors would be able to establish a "prejudice" against certain segments of the

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CITIZENS BACK OUIMET

The whole Westmount community is behind Mayor Paul Ouimet's position on the Montreal Urban Community budget.

That was the sentiment expressed by Ald. William Wood at Tuesday night's city council meeting, echoed by diverse voices including the council's arch-critic Fernand Leclaire, president of the Lower Westmount Citizens Committee.

Ald. Wood said he appreciated the clear articulation by the mayor of the council's views and publicly thanked him for the time and energy he has poured into the MUC problems.

Said Mr. Leclaire, who has tenants renting from him, after the council meeting: "I feel I'm in an untenable position to have to increase rents while neither I nor the city are improving services."

He also cited the problem of landlords who must give notice of May 1 rent increases by the end of this month, whereas the actual amount of tax increase due to

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Cheque lands girl in court

A young woman who allegedly attempted to pass a cheque for \$128 using a false identity at Heft's clothing store in the Alexis Nihon Plaza last Thursday pleaded not guilty to the charge in municipal court and was remanded for trial.

Susan Labelle of Montreal attempted to purchase a man's coat for \$128 by cheque before the charges were laid.

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Since nights are very cold, the "January thaw" may not be so pronounced as we normally expect. A sad prospect for many ski slopes, so don't count on pleasant conditions from mid-week onwards.

Snow and icestorms in the Prairies are followed by a "Chinook" and that mass of warm air flows across Manitoba toward Ottawa. In the east, the cold spell will continue to Tuesday, then we will have fogs, freezing rains, wet snow and icestorms; drizzle and mild winds for some regions.

Temperature range, nights and some days: beginning of week, -30 to 30F in the north; southern counties and Laurentians -20F. End of week, north -15 and 30 to 35F., Cantons, -10 and 40F.

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11:00 A.M. Mattins
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11:00 A.M. Church School, Nursery,
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Saturday Morning, January 8th at
11:30 o'clock. Sermonette by Rabbi
Bloomstone based on Torah Portion.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

Regular classes resume in both the
High School and Junior School this
Saturday Morning, January 8th at
9:30 o'clock. Hebrew classes com-
mence Monday afternoon, January
10th at 4:00 pm.

SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

The second semester of the 1971-72
season commences this Saturday
morning at 9:45 am. when Rabbi
Bloomstone commences a series of
lectures on "Great Movements in
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8:45 A.M. - In the Main Sanctuary

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4:25 P.M. - In the Chapel

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St. Matthias' choir to mark Epiphany

At St. Matthias' Church, in observance of the Epiphany, a special procession with scripture lessons and carols by the men and boys of the choir will be held on Sunday at 4:00 pm.

St. Andrew's Communion on Sunday

St. Andrew's United Church congregation marks the beginning of the New Year with the celebration of Holy Communion at this Sunday's 11 am service.

The Church School resumes classes following the holiday recess. The first post-service coffee period of 1972 will have the ministers' wives, Mrs. E.A. Kirker and Mrs. D.A. Bacon, as hostesses. Members of the congregation are invited to remain for this period to meet the growing members of new families and individuals attending St. Andrew's.

An organ recital takes place Sunday evening at 8:45 o'clock. One of a continuing series featuring both well-known organists and promising young musicians, this first recital of 1972 will have Helene Dugal as soloist. The public is invited.

Scientists look at relevance

The relevance of practical Christianity will be brought out at all Christian Science churches this Sunday in the semi-annual Communion Services.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, he works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." These words of Christ Jesus are included in the Scriptural reading.

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JANUARY 9

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Church School - Crib Corner

Coffee Hour
All are Welcome

Teenage program resumes

The L.T.F. (Leadership, Training, Fellowship) and teenage youth organisation of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim is about to begin its second term of activities.

This program, under the direction of Rabbi Herbert Mandl, will feature a series of provocative short films which will be followed by discussion and analysis of the topics covered, under the direction and leadership of leading Montreal educators, social workers and psychologists. This will be a follow-up to the first term's guest-speaker series which concluded in early December.

Continuing in the second term will be Rabbi Mandl's series of lectures on current Jewish issues and the youth of the Shaar will utilise stimulating Biblical texts, such as the books of Job, Ecclesiastes, Proverbs, etc., as the source of their discussion material.

Beginning this Sunday morning, the Men's Association will begin its new series of lectures, commencing with Prof. Burton Leiser of Sir George Williams University, who will speak on a number of scholarly topics of modern Jewish interest. The format will be service in the Chapel at 8.45 am followed by a study discussion group at 9.15, breakfast at 9.45, and the guest lecture at 10.30 am.

Death Notices

FLENLEY, Lawrence (Larry). At the Queen Mary Veterans Hospital on Saturday, January 1st, 1972. Lawrence Flenley, beloved husband of Jane Baillie, dear father of Ella (Mrs. Markell), step-father of Walter, Donald and Alan Cook, loving grandfather of eight grandchildren and one great grandson. Visitation was held at Clarke, MacGillivray, White Funeral Directors, 1459 Towers street (at de Maisonneuve). Funeral service from Tees Memorial Chapel on Wednesday, January 5, at 1 P.M. Interment Field of Honour, Pointe Claire. Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 14 service was held in the Chapel on Tuesday evening at 8:30 P.M.

LOW, John Sr. At Montreal on Tuesday, January 4, 1972. John Low Sr., beloved husband of the late Josephine Low, dear father of James, John, Alec and David, in his 88th year. Visitation was held at Clarke, MacGillivray, White Funeral Directors, 1459 Towers street (at de Maisonneuve). Funeral service from Tees Memorial Chapel on Thursday, January 6, at 11 A.M. Interment Mc-Masterville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the charity of your choice.

SPENCER, Beatrice. At the Griffith McConnell Residence on Tuesday, January 4, 1972, beloved sister of Charles Allan Spencer, Montreal, and Harry W. Spencer of Toronto. Visitation was at Clarke, MacGillivray, White Funeral Directors, 1459 Towers street (at de Maisonneuve) from noon Thursday. Funeral service in Tees Memorial Chapel on Thursday at 2 P.M. Interment Mount Royal Cemetery.

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Dec. 30

8:34 pm: 4000 de Maisonneuve, heat detector set off;
9:45 pm: 468 Mount Stephen, oil leak;

Dec. 31

9:21 pm: 3685 The Boulevard, vapor from chimney;

Jan. 1

5:36 am: 1367 Greene, fire alarm ringing;
9:11 am: 9 Douglas, steam from electric dryer;
4:50 am: 2123 St. Antoine, defective hot water tank;
5:50 pm: 505 Grosvenor, frozen water pipe;
9:14 pm: 49 Rosemount, leaking faucet;

Jan. 2

3:00 am: 4920 Sherbrooke, broken water pipe;
8:38 am: 3603 The Boulevard, burst radiator pipe;
12:40 pm: 416 Roslyn, short in electric stove;
2:00 pm: 4400 St. Catherine, apt. 501, fire; (see separate story)

Apartment fire hospitalizes woman

A middle-aged woman was carried unconscious from her smoke-filled apartment by two Westmount policemen just after 2 pm Sunday suffering from second and third degree burns to about 15 percent of her body.

Mrs. Irene Higgs, 4400 St. Catherine street west, Apt. 501, is in satisfactory condition in the Montreal General Hospital with burns to her left hand, the right side of her face, thighs and abdomen.

She was rescued by Csts. Gordon MacDonald and Stephen Roberts.

Firemen said Mrs. Higgs was frying bacon on her stove when the hot grease ignited. She attempted to lift the pan off the stove, burning her hand and spilling the grease over her clothes, which also caught fire.

She dropped the pot, causing other parts of the kitchen to catch fire and then passed out, falling to the kitchen floor.

Smoke from the fire was detected by occupants in the apartment above No. 501 and Westmount Police and the building's superintendent were alerted.

Legs seen in smoke

When the two police constables were let into the apartment by the superintendent, they were met by clouds of thick smoke but they spotted Mrs. Higgs' legs and went in after her.

The two constables used a

5:03 pm: 4556 St. Catherine, false alarm;

Jan. 3

10:15 am: 545 Lansdowne, defective oil burner;
12:52 am: 473 Lansdowne, short circuit in stove;
4:22 pm: 250 Clarke, glow from red bulb.

respirator on Mrs. Higgs after they carried her from the apartment, and called for an ambulance and doctor.

When Westmount firemen arrived they ordered an immediate evacuation of the seven-storey Hillside House and concentrated on extinguishing the fire, which was creating billows of thick smoke.

Board posts filled

Westmount's two new school commissioners were elected by acclamation on Monday with no dark horses appearing at the last moment to challenge the choices of the Westmount Municipal Association.

James A. Robb, 9 Renfrew avenue, was elected to Seat 7 while Harvey S.W. Goodwin, 572 Victoria avenue, won Seat 6.

Next school board meeting takes place on Monday at 8 pm in the board room at Westmount High School.

One of the first jobs of the new school commissioners will be to elect a new chairman to replace retiring Dr. Elton Pounder.

Another important piece of business which has to be decided is election of the board's representative to the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal. The board's previous representative, Reid Tilley who was also chairman of the greater board, decided against another term of office.



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We Say

Call for economy? Drop public housing

APART from the procedural snarl of passing the MUC budget, Mayor Paul Ouimet Tuesday evening in Westmount City Council issued a call which is the most sensible thing uttered in the dispute.

It was his ringing call for economy, to live within our means.

It is evident from adding the MUC budget as it stands to the island municipalities' local budgets that there has been a grossly abnormal load suddenly thrust on property owners. Clearly, something is wrong. There is a propensity to overspend.

There is a singular lack of published figures to go on. But there is one which sticks in every suburban craw: \$85 million for MUC shared police expense on top of continuing local police costs in every community. The bulk of that \$85 million goes to the City of Montreal, drawn from the suburbs.

One reason for Montreal's police expense is said to be the recent granting of wage parity with Toronto. But Toronto has 3,500 officers and men whereas the Montreal area combined, with fractionally more population, musters 5,000.

The MUC budget, we suspect, includes this and other items placed there by the MUC executive deserving of closer scrutiny and trimming.

If Mayor Ouimet is going to preach this gospel of living within our means, and seek whatever MUC economies might come from appeal to the Quebec Municipal Commission, he might institute another look at the local Westmount budget as well.

It would not be easy, in a well-run

city such as Westmount which provides superior services to its residents which they have come to expect.

However, a place to start would be with any new services.

An obvious one is public housing.

There has been much debate over Hillside Place, but there is room for more: clearly, with the new burdens which will be thrust upon us by MUC there is every reason to reopen the thorny issue of subsidizing former residents who would return here as non-tax payers. Council last month gave out as its first reason for going ahead with Hillside Place a debatable "moral commitment" to ex-Selby street people.

The new budgetary considerations, we say, have raised an over-riding, new moral commitment to Westmount's existing taxpayers—to halt any avoidable, or at least delayable, new expense to the city exchequer.

Such action, now, would give Mayor Ouimet another strong argument when the city goes before the Municipal Commission.

An argument to add to the potent one given him by the decision of the promoters of the twin-tower project at Tupper street, who have cancelled their development in face of the uncertainties and the burdens put in their way regarding MUC taxation.

We should be doubly cautious about doing in the public sector what private enterprise hesitates to do.

And we certainly should not be beguiled into doing as so-called "social measures" what commercial entrepreneurs refuse, for reason, not to do.

Suburb mayors did right thing

MUC Council President Jean Drapeau, mayor of Montreal, last week termed the vote of 23

suburban mayors against the MUC budget as "a negation of government and an incredible

our M.P.

Hon. C. M. Drury

says...



We regret to learn, for the second consecutive week from Mr. Drury's office in Ottawa, that Our MP is ill and as a consequence his regular weekly column is not available.

show of ignorance about any notion of parliamentary procedure."

His Worship has got carried away. His notion that the MUC represents "government" in any full democratic sense or that the MUC Council is a free "parliament" is a gross distortion.

Any doubt in his mind should have been dispelled by the ludicrous and disgraceful charade in his council chamber New Year's Eve when busy grown men were called together on what should have been a festive night to sit for 15 minutes until midnight to witness a \$160-million bill to the island's taxpayers adopted without their consent.

What was clearly demonstrated was that the MUC was brought into being on ill-conceived and hasty legislation which, for one vital thing, put excessive power in the hands of the executive committee, after the practice of the City of Montreal.

What the legislators failed to grasp is that the suburban municipalities, for the most part and including Westmount, base their practice of local government on the principle that the council, as

representatives of the citizens, is the real authority.

MUC's difficulties are not founded on suburban obstructionism, as has been suggested by Mr. Drapeau, Executive Chairman Lucien Saulnier and some of the Montreal press.

The suburbs recognize interdependence and the need for broad areas of metropolitan government—based on consultation, discussion and assent.

The various mayors, unlike Montreal's aldermen, who sit with them as equals on the MUC Council, have direct responsibility to and for the constituent municipalities and their interests. In fulfilling their duties, the 23 suburban mayors had no alternative but to reject this budget.

As Mayor Ouimet explained in Westmount City Council Tuesday evening, carrying the matter to the Quebec Municipal Commission, the only relief provided in the MUC law, was the only course left open to them.

In this they can be assured they have the broadest possible support of their local citizens—the people who will be called upon to pay the bills.

Grant to 4424 calls for facts

THERE will be many happy and relieved people following the news of another handsome grant of federal funds for the 4424 Inc. Youth centre on St. Catherine street.

For, undoubtedly, various needs of young people are met there, not least in the clinic.

More frequent and fuller reports to the community of the activities and achievements of the centre would serve the centre well. A less ignorant public, satisfied of 4424's worth

and usefulness, could lead to its perilous finances from the various public purses being put on a less catch-as-catch-can basis.

4424 has been durable. It has survived many vicissitudes. However, while respecting the idea that the youngsters who use the centre want to be left alone, there are sympathetic adults who would be valuable allies if there were the means of showing their concern and interest.

More disgrace in mail service

ONE does not have to be a Scrooge to say that the let-down of postal service over the holiday season was disgraceful.

The rush of Christmas cards—and from our observations, even that has been reduced by climbing postal rates—was long since over; even so, in our office there have been days' delay in delivery of even local mail.

This condition has been on top of three days' close-down of delivery out of six regular days since Christmas, on Dec. 27 and 28 and Jan. 3.

The granting of these extra days off by the post office confirms our view that the government long since has ceased to regard the prompt delivery of mail as an essential service. In our

books, it should rank with police and fire protection.

You Say

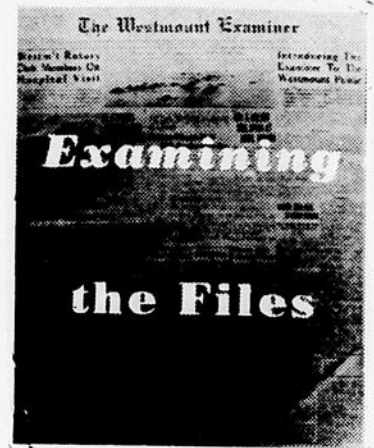
Extinguishers in homes urged

A copy of the following letter was addressed to The Examiner: Mr. E.C. Harper, Director of Public Safety, City of Westmount, Que.

Dear Sir:

Since the numerous fatal fires Westmount has had this past year, it might have been possible to have avoided some, and in future, possibly influence this rate, if the City of Westmount

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Thirty-five Years Ago
January 8, 1937

"At Tuesday's meeting of the Mount Royal Women's Liberal Club at the N.D.G. Community Hall in favor of suffrage for women in this Province, it was pointed out that an old objection to women suffrage in Quebec—that the women themselves did not want the vote—had again been advanced when the electoral law was under discussion last session.

"The objection on its face appears ridiculous. It is an insult to the women of the province to advance it. So long as one woman in the Province declared she wishes to exercise her right to vote, no government has any just reason to refuse her."

Twenty-five Years Ago
January 3, 1947

"Infant harbingers of the new year were noticeably absent on Jan. 1 as the birthrate of Westmount babies sank to zero. One child was born within the city precincts, however, although not of Westmount parents. Just 19 minutes after the first stroke of 12 had proclaimed 1947, the third child of Mr. and Mrs. L. Lacombe, 502 Bisson street, was brought into the world by Dr. Nutik, at the Herbert Reddy Memorial Hospital. The newcomer, a boy, weighed eight pounds, nine ounces, and to him must go the winner's crown, left vacant through lack of new Westmount 'citizens'."

Fifteen Years Ago
January 4, 1957

"The Examiner starts the New Year with expansion plans that promise to give this newspaper new high standards of service to the community. Hugh E. McCormick, founder of The Monitor in 1925, has announced that he has sold a controlling interest in the Monitor Publishing Company Limited, publishers of The Westmount Examiner. He will remain at the helm, continuing as president of the firm he started and built.

"Newly associated with Mr. McCormick will be John W. Sancton, like Mr. McCormick a native of Notre Dame de Grace, as managing director and publisher of the Monitor group of weekly newspapers."

Five Years Ago
January 5, 1967

"Westmount has condemned the three-storey apartment building at 323 Selby street—where a woman lost her life in a fire Christmas night. Notices have been served on the persons remaining in the premises to vacate, but at presstime no response had been heard from them—though the city offered to find other premises and to handle the moving of household effects.

"As a result, unless the premises are vacated forthwith, the city will seek a court order to have the residents evicted.

"Westmount city officials are still awaiting a date to be set by the Provincial authorities for the hearing of the special bill on urban renewal."

Let your daughter marry a chimpanzee?

By TONY MacGREGOR

Science may be able to upgrade chimpanzees to perform simple jobs in our society.

No scientist has said so yet, but as far as I can see, it won't be too long before chimpanzees are driving buses, working in factories and performing simple office work.

Scientists already have taught a chimpanzee to communicate in a simple language and experiments with earthworms and rats have indicated that knowledge or a propensity to learn can be transmitted from one animal to another either by injection or consumption.

But it won't be easy integrating the chimpanzee into our way of life. Although businessmen may go wild at the thought of a vast, unexploited pool of cheap labor which can be satisfied with a few truckloads of bananas, what about labor?

The shame of it

Think of the degradation, the humiliation, the shame of a worker having to return home with his lunch pail full, jobless. "But what happened, dear?" asks his wife. "After 20 years you told me you were indispensable."

"My job," he replies, his head hung low, "has been taken by a chimpanzee."

Out come the pickets and the placards: "Chimp Labor is

inhuman. Humans Stick Together."

And what about the theological problems. Christendom's best theological minds will have a field-day wrestling with the problem of "Do upgraded chimps have souls?"

Animal lovers will be out in force claiming that they have chimps who definitely understand the concept of a supreme Creator and arguing that converted chimpanzees have full rights to a Christian burial.

Others will refuse to be buried next to a chimpanzee, claiming that neither Holy Scripture nor traditions of the church justify the conversion of animals.

Five bananas a day

Then, what about the upgraded chimpanzees? Will they be content to let the humans argue about their destiny without joining in? I doubt it. Soon they'll be fighting for five bananas a day minimum rate, access to high-class residential areas and an "open Church" policy.

But the real crunch will come when the wealthy businessman returns home to his fireside and newspaper and is told by his blond-haired, blue-eyed daughter that she has decided to marry the houseboy.

"The houseboy," he splutters, "but...but...he is a chimpanzee!"

Association, the Westmount Tenants Association and the city administration. Property owners and tenants having an investment or commercial interest in the zone are represented by two persons and the street groups are represented by three persons. Chairman of the committee is John McIver, the city's assistant general manager.

Mayors . . .

Continued from page one community and therefore would persuade the QMC to amend the budget.

"This is the time to express our economic worries," he said.

The time has come, he added, for an awakening on the subject of costs and abilities to pay.

He emphasized the need for

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team work and said that Westmount has "no axe to grind with anybody."

"We're in great need of teamwork and I've said so to Mr. Saulnier," he said. "Both sides are in good faith so let us make our plea for better communications and understanding."

Since 1959, he said, Westmount has been in favor of partial integration of police forces "but we have economic concerns," he added.

Westmount's main bone of contention is that the suburbs are required to pay for the 1970-71 police costs while they received no benefits because police integration was not in effect.

Said an earlier City of Westmount news release: "The suburbs believe there is no justice in having 1970-71 police costs distributed among the member municipalities as police integration was not in effect during those years and no services were rendered."

"The suburban mayors who voted against adoption of the budget strongly feel that

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financial obligations for prior years are strictly Montreal's responsibility and that, with police integration in effect from Jan. 1, 1972, the suburban municipalities should be assessed only for costs incurred after that date.

The news release continues that no consideration has been given by Montreal to sharing its "enormous revenues" collected via real estate and business taxes, sales taxes and amusement taxes "which are, in effect, contributed by the taxpayers of the whole island."

Mayor Ouimet said in council here that apart from the economic concern, the budget was prepared by the MUC executive committee without consultation with the municipalities and that it was "arbitrary."

"I certainly was not consulted," he declared.

The Security Council budget should not have been presented until consultation with the

municipalities affected, he added.

He hinted that the presentation to the Quebec Municipal Commission would be "on the theme of living within our means," which both "Westmount and certainly Montreal must learn to do."

Mr. Ouimet was confident that the mayors had the complete support of the citizens of the community.

Southern owners meet

A meeting of proprietors of property below the CPR tracks in Westmount, to hear viewpoints and possibly pass resolutions concerning what might be done with that part of the urban renewal area, is scheduled for 8 pm Tuesday in the Ward Room of Victoria Hall.

Sponsoring the meeting are Robert Legeault, Lorenzo Imbibeau and Fernand Leclaire.

Twin-tower . . .

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The city set its price on the land at \$1,200,000.

Mayor Paul Ouimet said he was disappointed that the project had fallen through because the city needed increased revenues to offset rising costs.

Tax \$20 monthly per apt.

The developers had estimated that they would have to raise the rent of the apartments by \$20 per month to cover the new MUC tax. Plans for the project had been developed before the tax was applied.

The developers lost their \$25,000 deposit on the option.

The plans which had been available at city hall for public viewing, called for 751 apartments to be constructed in two "L" shaped, 25-storey buildings.

Four hundred and sixty one, or 61 percent of the apartments were planned to be one-bedroomed. The remaining 39 percent or 290 apartments would have had two bedrooms. If it were calculated that two persons would occupy each apartment, the project would have had a population of about 1,500 persons.

The 88,411-square-foot site was acquired by the city just over five years ago, left over from expropriations to widen Dorchester boulevard.

According to the city's urban renewal by-law, either residential or commercial buildings can be constructed on the site.

Job for liaison?

One big question which may have to be answered soon is what role the newly formed liaison committee of the urban renewal zone will play in planning for the site. City officials are not sure at what stage of development the committee will be consulted.

The city's urban renewal by-law calls for the liaison committee to facilitate understanding of the renewal scheme.

It consists of one delegate each from the Westmount Municipal

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'The Good Word'

School newspaper emerges from Journalism Club

By CASEY CAMPBELL

Back in October, when several of Westmount High School's new interest courses were being choked off in the bud, because of "lack of interest," one particular club managed to ward off the attack and today is surviving, if not flourishing.

This is the Journalism Club, a small body of students who, once a month, churn out the school newspaper, "The Good Word." The club was originally given a

grant of \$1,000 from the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal, to cover the cost of printing the paper for one year. After properly setting the club up by electing a president and secretary and appointing Mr. B. Adams as advisor, actual work on the paper began.

The first issue was more of a "dry run" to allow the students in the club to get the feel of the paper and to give them a chance

to decide for themselves what should be printed and what should be omitted. Reactions and opinions began to trickle in which was good in that we (the club members) now had a base on which to mold the paper in such a way that it would appeal to the student body.

Has style, form

After three issues, the paper has begun to assume a definite style and form. The Good Word is a four-page tabloid of school news, reviews and various articles of, hopefully, interest as opposed to Pages One, Two and Four of previous years, each of which reverted into one-page declarations which died disastrously.

Along with the regular features such as the editorial, sports section, Issues and Events, Eating Out, (As Opposed to Dining Out) there are various reports on clubs and the Entertainment Council, interviews with teachers new this year to Westmount High, letters, opinions as well as comic articles

Westmount High School NEWS



Civic election cost \$15,500 clerk reports

Cost to the city of the recent Ward 3 election was approximately \$15,500 reported City Clerk Ron Seaman at Tuesday night's city council meeting in reply to a question from city council.

The council was discussing the monthly list of accounts which amounted to \$671,577.68.

Ald. Douglas Robertson asked why there was a substantial increase and Ald. Leeds Nelson, commissioner of finance, replied that it didn't matter much when the city paid its accounts providing it stayed within its budget.

The bill for the city's payroll amounted to \$279,349.36 while accounts payable amounted to \$392,228.32.

Mr. Seaman said he had included in the cost of the election, the preparation of the electoral list which included employing people for several months to gather the names of the city's electors and the rental of a computer to organize the names by the new ward divisions. The city also had to employ deputy returning officers and poll clerks.

Mr. Seaman said expenses would have been greater had elections taken place in all three wards.

12-ft. snow claimed left on St. Antoine

A St. Antoine street resident complained of a 12-foot snowbank on St. Antoine street which the city had failed to clear at Tuesday night's city council meeting.

Fernand Leclaire, president of the Lower Westmount Citizens Committee, said the city had failed so far to clean St. Antoine street.

Mr. Leclaire agreed to consult with the city engineer, Ed McCavour, who was sitting in the audience.

to balance out the more serious items.

We have received tremendous support from the student body, particularly the junior school who "keep the candle burning in the darkness of apathy" with their assortment of articles.

Naturally it's not possible to print everything, but the club does vote on each contribution received from the school, as well as their own articles, after discussing its relevance in relation to the rest of the paper and its quality.

Place of each article in the paper as well as the editing is also done by the club; specifically, by the "issue editor".

Opinions flow in

Opinions from the students have flowed in steadily since our first issue. Some feel the paper is too gossipy, others that The Good Word should be more concerned with affairs outside the school. Still others feel that paper is the best to come along in quite some time and that it has a good chance to win the annual contest sponsored by The Montreal Star, wherein Montreal area high schools send in one or two issues of their own papers to be judged.

As a member of the Journalism Club, my opinion may appear somewhat biased, but I feel the paper is the best that has appeared in quite awhile. It is well balanced, possesses a wide range of topics and to my mind, is well deserving of the title, The Good Word.

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Dr. A. Thompson surgeon-in-chief at the General

The appointment of Dr. Alan G. Thompson, 492 Argyle avenue, as surgeon-in-chief to The Montreal General Hospital is announced by the president of the hospital, Melvyn G. Angus, and Dr. Robert E. Bell, principal and vice-chancellor of McGill University.

Dr. Thompson is a professor of surgery at McGill and was former chief of service (surgery), Queen Mary Veterans' Hospital, and a senior surgeon, The Montreal General Hospital. He is also a consultant to the Reddy Memorial Hospital, Westmount. A graduate of McGill, Dr. Thompson did post graduate training at the teaching hospitals of the university and in the United States prior to joining the staff of the Montreal General in 1953. He is a member of numerous medical and surgical societies and author of many papers on surgical research.

Dr. Thompson succeeds Dr. Fraser N. Gurd who has held the position since 1963 and who joined the staff of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada as associate secretary on Jan. 1.

Davis speaks

The Church Institutions and Social Change is the subject of an address to be given by Prof. Charles Davis, chairman, department of religion, Sir George Williams University, to the St. James Literary Society whose weekly meetings resume Tuesday at 8:15 pm at the Wind-sor Hotel.

Citizens . . .

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MUC charges likely will not now be known before mid-February.

Mr. Leclaire said he felt sure the people of Westmount were behind the mayor and suggested, if council wanted to be sure, to enclose a poll form with power bills sent out to Westmount residents.

Thanked for efforts

Another member of the audience said he believed the mayor had 100 percent support from the community and thanked him for his efforts.

Yet another member of the audience asked how hard the other suburban mayors were willing to fight the MUC budget.

Mayor Ouimet said the mayors felt the issue very keenly.

"There will not be too much difficulty in preparing an excellent case," he said.

The suburban mayors intend to petition the Quebec Municipal Commission to change the budget. The QMC must make a decision before Feb. 15.

Only six citizens sat in the audience while Mayor Ouimet delivered his report on the tense MUC situation, which vitally affects every local taxpayer.

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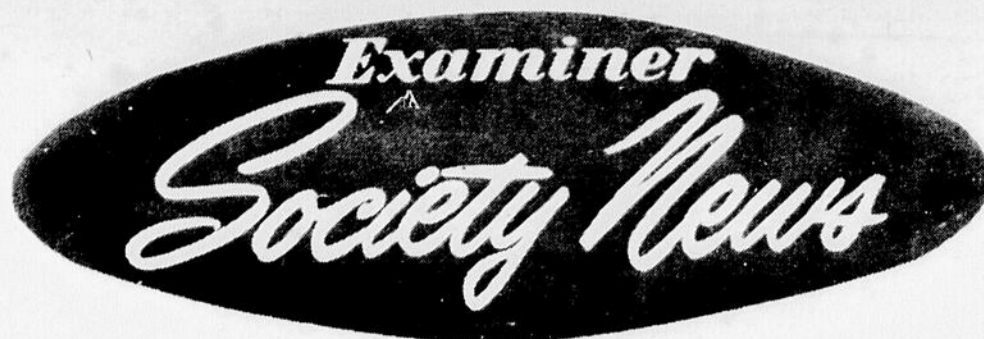
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Coming Events

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In preparation for the school opening today, mothers gathered with Marion Walsh of the

Duke talks to women

Don Umberto, Duke Pino di San Miniato, a fellow and past president of the National Society of Interior Designers, will speak on The Influence of Interior Design on Today's Lifestyle to The Women's Canadian Club of Montreal Monday at 1 pm at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. The luncheon address is illustrated.

Whiteside Taylor Center and the Quebec Council of Parent Co-operative Preschools, to preview and experience the opportunities made available by their involvement and contribution.

It is evident that books, fingerpaints, playdough, dolls, trucks, etc., are but tools for the expression of fun and joy, pleasure in learning, sharing and participating, they learned.

Mothers, after a short

discussion on the goals and plans for the opening, took delight in whipping up (electrically) fingerpaint and making playdough—a new experience for many—and the opportunity to see themselves and each other as individuals working together on common ground toward a common goal.

This awareness is what is hoped can be expressed when working with the three and four-year-olds.

Unity stops STOP

The Unity Boys Club on Greene avenue has had to stop receiving waste bottles for reclamation because the volume received exceeded facilities at the clubhouse to cope with them.

The Westmount Chapter of the Society to Overcome Pollution (STOP) reports, however, that its second depot 655 Victoria avenue is still operational and it hopes soon to have a replacement for Unity.

Judaism founder is topic

Sabbath services will be held in the Temple Emanu-El Sanctuary tomorrow at 8:15 pm. Dr. Harry Stern will speak on "The Founder of Judaism." Oneg Shabbat and kiddush reception follows the worship, auspices Temple Sisterhood.

Saturday at 11:30 am, Rabbi Bernard Bloomstone will deliver the sermonette based on Torah portion.

Regular classes in the Religious School in both the High and Junior schools resume Saturday at 9:30 am. Daily Hebrew classes resume on Monday at 4:00 pm.

The annual sisterhood Sabbath worship is on Friday, Jan. 14, at 8:15 pm, at which time members of the Sisterhood executive will participate in the worship.

Parents of Religious School students in Grades 7 through 9 meet with teachers at breakfast on Saturday, Jan. 22, at 9:45 am, under the auspices of the Home & School.

The third lecture of the Book Lovers' Forum takes place Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 2 pm in the Temple sanctuary when Prof. Klaus Hermann, department of

political science, Sir George Williams University, will review "Future Shock" by Alvin Tofler.

Jewish Music Month

Jewish Music Month and the Annual Youth Sabbath Worship takes place Friday, Jan. 28, at 8:15 pm. A special program will be held in conjunction with the Oneg Shabbat to which all are invited.

The Temple Brotherhood holds a Father, Son and Daughter Luncheon program in observance of Tu B'Shevat, the Festival of Trees, on Saturday, Jan. 28 at 2 pm in the Grover Auditorium.

The second semester of the School for Adults commences this Saturday at 9:45 am when Rabbi Bloomstone starts a series of lectures on "Great Movements in Jewish History." Breakfast precedes the class sessions, and all are welcome to join in these Torah discussions.

Women's Club recital

Leo-Paul Rodrigue gives a song recital to the Westmount Women's Club at Victoria Hall next Friday afternoon, Jan. 14.

Women Artists to hear Lowe

Columnist and magazine editor Frank Lower speaks on Homer and Headlines to the Women's Art Society of Montreal Tuesday at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. He will be introduced by Mrs. H.J.C. Russell, 250 Clarke avenue, and thanked by Mrs. F.L. McLearn, 352 Metcalfe avenue.

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1972 centennials

For many years musicians search for some reason to give more concerts—to promote interest, to stimulate the public.

Each season, centennials of the birth or death of famous composers or events, also premieres, are brought to light. The year 1972 will be no exception.

Pianists are probably searching and practising up all compositions they learned by Alexander Scriabin, the Russian pianist who became known for his daring harmonic innovations, mysticism and ecstasies. He has been considered the most creative pianist since Chopin.

Scriabin was born 1872 on this very date, Jan. 6, so you may be sure Scriabin works will be included on countless piano recital programs. His "Poem of Ecstasy" is one of his lasting orchestral scores and is in the repertoire of most symphony orchestras. The late Serge Koussevitsky (Boston Symphony) was one of his most fervent sponsors.

Ralph Vaughn-Williams, known as the "Grand Old Man" by his countrymen, will have his centenary this year also. Born in Down Ampney, Gloucestershire, England, Oct. 12, 1872, he has been popular with orchestras all over the world.

English leaders

What music lover has not heard Vaughn-Williams "London Symphony?" He and Sir Edward Elgar are perhaps the two foremost English composers. So we shall see if Vaughn-Williams will be specially featured this year on his 100th birthday.

Watch the great ballet companies do honor to Serge Pavlovitch Diaghileff, born in Novgorod, Russia, March 19, 1872. He is definitely the most important figure in the history of modern ballet and his tradition is being carried on by disciples of his art.

Diaghilev ("ev" or "eff" are both used) was brilliant, a unique individual. Perhaps few know that he studied law in St. Petersburg but from 1897 devoted himself to journalism and art.

After founding a "Review of Art" in 1899 (which continued to 1908) he transferred his activities to Paris to become an impresario, giving concerts of Russian music. Then Diaghilev produced Moussorgsky's "Boris Godunoff" with a superb cast including Feodor Chaliapin.

In 1909 he inaugurated his Russian Ballet. From then on the world heard and saw the greatest artists in this line. Diaghilev commissioned Stravinsky, Prokofieff, Milhaud, Poulenc, de Falla and countless more to write ballet music. He also had artists create sets. Nobody topped his organizing and the Diaghilev Ballet was the greatest. It was engaged in every centre, thus in this centennial year the man must be recognized.

Item of interest

Here is something to think about: The CBC's Sunday broadcast, "Cross Country Check-Up," had as its topic "The Canadian Music Industry"—well and good. It is somewhat on a par with the state of the Canadian book industry. Authors must go elsewhere to get their books

published. Musicians must go elsewhere to make a name; they must also cross the border to make records.

What struck me as particularly amusing was that the moderator, Pierre Pascau, is from abroad, his fluent English distinctly European.

The guest was Ritchie Yorke, who resides in Toronto and has been in this country three or four years. He speaks with an English accent. I have since been informed that he came from Australia.

Nothing they had to say was new since I know the state of music in most spheres. The people who phoned in voiced grievances heard frequently, and I turned off the dial.

You Say . . .

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The clinic-centre, he said, had received an official OK on the grant although it has not yet received its contract.

Of the \$26,154 grant \$22,890 will be spent on salaries. The rest will go to employee benefits, supplies, transportation, telephone costs, etc.

To employ eleven

The centre will be able to employ 11 persons: three clinic workers, three community workers, two people to work on the programs of the centre, one nurse, a secretary and a janitor. None will be paid more than \$100 per week.

Mr. Johnston said he hoped the injection of federal funds into the centre would keep it going until a permanent source of funds could be found.

Youths from the centre, he said, had been involved in the Miles for Millions march and that organization had tentatively agreed to provide a continuing flow of funds for 4424 Inc. after May 31.

Other sources sought

The centre is also negotiating with the innovative services section of the Department of National Health and Welfare. Also, just before Christmas, the centre received a \$400 grant from the employees' fund of Canadair.

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On sifting through the year's headline stories in *The Examiner*, it becomes apparent that the highway has had a sociological impact from which the city has yet to recover.

The first weeks of January 1971 saw city officials awaiting a call from the provincial government on the position of the Greene avenue ramp to the highway, which at that time had not been started in Westmount.

Spearheaded by the Lower Westmount Citizens Committee, lower Westmount citizens angrily protested the proposed demolition of Greene avenue homes to make way for the ramp and pressured city council to take a strong stand against provincial government plans.

WAC wades in

City council did, and the ramp plans were modified, but before the shouting had died down citizens from above the tracks, mainly in the Clandeboye-Prospect area, had joined in the fight and with their newly formed Westmount Action Committee, waded into the fight with all arms flailing.

WAC, headed by David Carruthers who was later to become an aldermanic candidate, vigorously pushed the fight against construction of the highway both at the provincial level, which caused Westmount's MPP Kevin Drummond some anxiety, and at the local level where city council was asked to take a stand against the whole highway.

City council refused, claiming that it had not the competence to rule on the provincial matter and hurt feelings were left on both sides long after it became apparent that in the west end at least, the highway would go through.

This bitterness and the feeling that neither city council nor the Westmount Municipal Association were responsive enough to grass-roots feeling resulted in residents of southern part of the city setting up their own convention to select Ward 3 aldermanic candidates.

The convention selected incumbent Ald. Douglas Robertson and Mr. Carruthers, president of WAC.

Shun Carruthers

The Westmount Municipal Association, which has traditionally selected the city's aldermen and mayor, refused to endorse the convention's decisions, accepting Mr. Robertson as a WMA aldermanic candidate and rejecting Mr. Carruthers.

Mr. Carruthers fought the WMA nominating committee's choice from the floor of the WMA general meeting and gained the endorsement of the venerable institution, beating the executive-endorsed candidate Peter Duffield.

This rejection of the executive's choice, which had never occurred before in the association's 63-year history, threw the association's leadership into a dither which eventually resulted in the resignation of WMA President Michael Hayes.

Although he later withdrew his resignation at the insistence of the organization's board of directors, the WMA leadership is still in the process of re-examining its role in local affairs.

Although the association in a previous municipal election had strongly supported its candidate, Fred Gross, who was opposed by an NDP candidate, the executive refused to back Mr. Carruthers who accused the association's executive of overruling a decision made by the general membership.

Three-way fight

In the ensuing electoral battle which saw three persons running for the same seat, another first in Westmount's history, Mr. Carruthers was defeated by Donald MacCallum who claimed "to represent the hundreds of tenants, apartment dwellers and proprietors in Westmount who otherwise would not be represented on the city council."

The third person in the battle, Arthur Dirkman, was also running indirectly as a result of the highway. He was vehemently opposed to the public housing project Westmount is planning to construct on Hillside avenue, near properties he owns.

The city's prime aim in constructing the complex is to rehouse in Westmount former residents of Selby street who were expropriated to make way for the highway.

Mr. Dirkman trailed badly in the scramble for the seat, gaining only 151 votes and losing his \$50 deposit. MacCallum won easily with 735 votes. Mr. Carruthers received 441.

Shortly after taking office, the new city council which is headed by Paul Ouimet, QC, overrode opposition to the housing project and voted to go-ahead with the first phase of the 96-unit complex.

None of the other WMA candidates for local municipal office was challenged at the polls. The mayor, two new aldermen and two who had served before, all WMA candidates, were acclaimed.

RCMP building

Another project which will permanently alter the face of the city and caused a burst of protest was construction of the RCMP building at St. Catherine street and Greene avenue, now underway.

The twin-tower apartments planned for the parking lot at Atwater avenue and Dorchester boulevard was another project which caused a flurry of protest from the Clandeboye avenue, Prospect street inhabitants who, through their consistent involvement in local affairs, have earned the name of the city's "activist radicals."

Another thread which has run through important stories in 1971 is police integration. *The Examiner* came out strongly against the integration bill which was recently passed, believing that the quality of police protection the city now enjoys will be threatened by the kind of integration proposed in the bill.

Another big story which erupted in the last month of the year was the dropping out of Reid Tilley from a school board electoral battle. Mr. Tilley, 15 years a Westmount school commissioner, has been chairman of the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal for about 2½ years.

Massey Award

But the end of the year was capped with a pleasant item—the city's winning of the Vincent Massey Award for excellence in the urban environment.

Pro-mayor Douglas Robertson accepted the award from the Hon. Robert Andras, minister of urban affairs, at a ceremony attended by a delegation of Westmount residents who had been involved in winning the award.

Said the citation: "Credit must be given not only to the citizens themselves and the grass-roots leaders who helped to articulate their views and their needs—in protest and in creative activity—but also to the municipality and general population of Westmount which accepted and responded to these democratic processes in the improvement of the urban environment."

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