

We Say

At least clean the stable before you leave

THIS week of the ban of THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER's chief reporter, Laureen Sweeney, from doing her lawful work at the Westmount fire headquarters was, on the surface, indistinguishable from the sorry spectacle of the 15 weeks which preceded it.

(The childish tactics staged for her appearance this Tuesday included the studied shutting of the usually-open doors of the several offices where normally she would have business. She was met in the corridor by Platoon Chief Robert Nicoll who was otherwise pleasant — as are all brigade personnel except the chief, Edward Martell.)

There had been cause to expect that this public disgrace might have ended this week.

But the ban-as-usual was eloquent of a city administration gone mad in evident determination not to settle it.

It is a monument to the skills of Westmount's general manager, John McIver, who has orchestrated and escalated it throughout.

Vehement support and encouragement has been given all along to this display of spite, pique and vindictiveness by the mayor, Donald MacCallum, who others say has engineered it.

Blind approval of these unseemly tactics has been provided by enough aldermen to carry the day, the likes of Alwyn Lloyd, CA, our finance commissioner; the two women on council, JoAnn Issenman and Muriel Kaplan, despite the clearly sexist bias in the case, and perhaps saddest of all, P. André Gervais, QC.

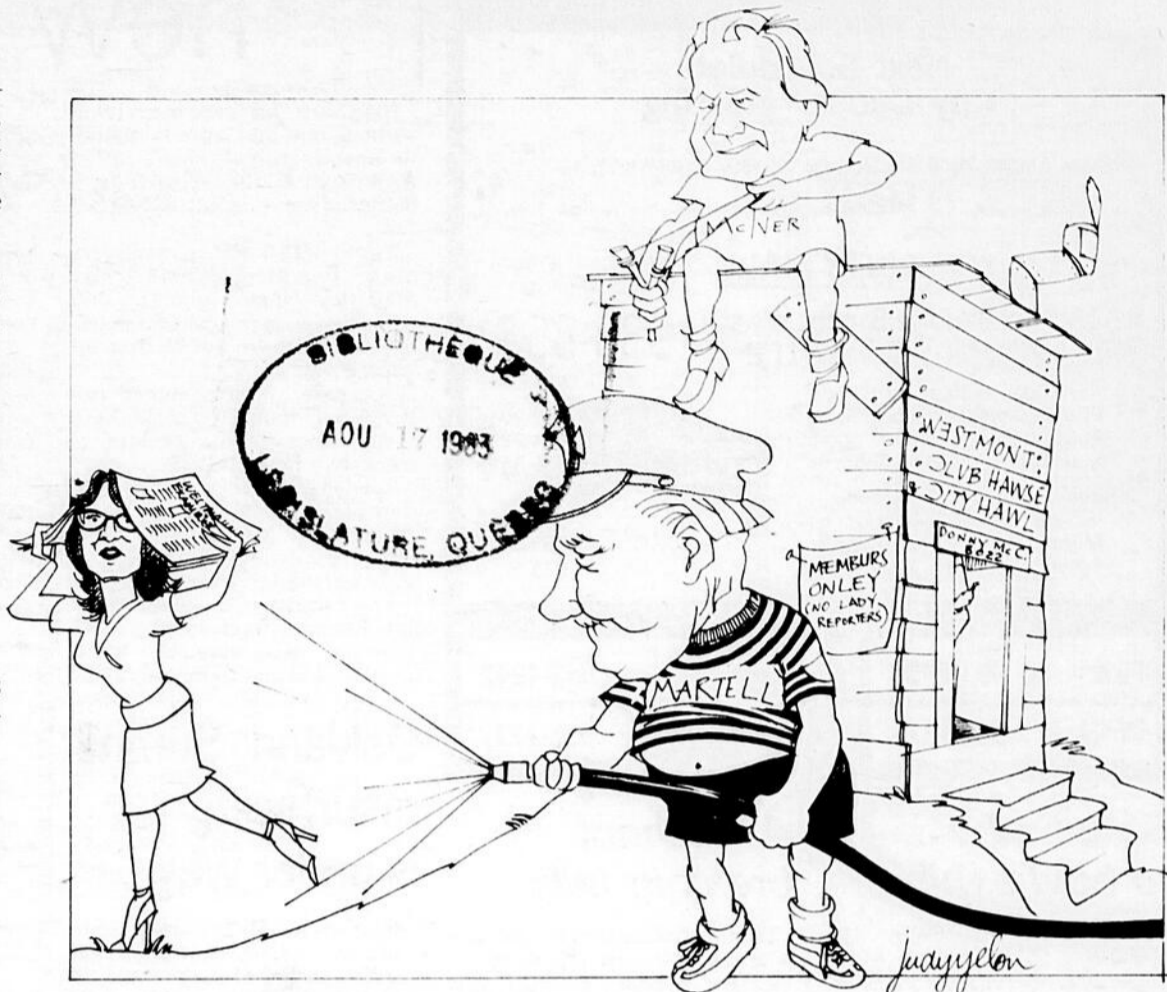
Mr. Gervais is special because he is the commissioner of public safety, the alderman who is supposed to be responsible for the fire brigade. He would appear to have little to say which might influence his colleagues on council or city staff.

Yet it was he who arranged for a special caucus meeting of council Monday evening, looking for a resolution. He evidently failed.

Up to yesterday afternoon, we have not heard from him nor of any development arising out of that meeting. Tuesday morning's ban-as-usual indicates to us that the city is determined to attempt to bully through this horrendous administrative error and failure toward some undefined and illogical non-conclusion.

Thank heavens this council is nearly through its sorry term.

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To link rail and M tro:

Council on Monday to debate underpass

Monday night's meeting of city council will consider COTREM plans to build an underpass linking the Westmount railway station with the Vend me M tro station, according to the agenda.

COTREM is the regional transportation committee overseeing the integration of M tro and commuter train services.

The August city council meeting takes place at 8 pm in the council chamber of city hall and is the regular monthly meeting, postponed for two weeks this month because of summer vacation periods.

Other items on the agenda in-

clude the approval of expenditures for June and July as well as approval of purchases.

Among the purchases are 5,000-volt cable for the light and power department, the printing of 10,500 electoral lists for the November municipal elections and janitorial services for city hall, the library and 4 Hillside avenue as well as for the garage.

Also needing approval is the in-

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Mounties lose another badge

Another RCMP badge has been reported missing — the second in three weeks.

This one was contained in a Mountie's wallet lost at the corner of Dorchester boulevard and Greene avenue Friday, according to MUC police.

A fellow RCMP worker previously reported the loss of his badge when his car was broken into July 13 at the rear of the divisional headquarters at 4095 St. Catherine street.



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NEXT WEEK'S WEATHER
By Capt. Eric Neal
August 11 to 18


Still warm and pleasant all this week, but really hot periods are coming to an end. Heat fog or valley mists each morning, widely scattered thundershowers some evenings. Temperature range 12-30°C. Bright and quite warm in the middle of the week with some risk of rain and hail in the southern counties and Vermont. Tornado conditions for some places. Fog on the eastern coasts probable. Pleasant conditions will continue with blue skies, soft winds and rare showers. Fishing disappointing.

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StatsCan releases new 'can' stats

It's hard to imagine living without one, but approximately 10 occupied private dwellings in Westmount would appear to have no bathroom — neither half nor full.

The finding is among the figures most recently released by Statistics Canada from the 1981 census and based on data collected from one in five Westmount households.

Together, Westmounters can boast more than 8,000 bathtubs in their homes, to say nothing of more than 15,000 toilets.

The federal agency reports 8,265 occupied private dwellings may be found in the City of Westmount. An overwhelming 8,255 — or 99.9 percent — have bathrooms.

The corollary is more surprising. Rounded figures make it difficult to determine the exact number, but approximately 10 oc-

By JAMES MILLS

cupied private dwellings appear to lack even the most rudimentary bathroom facilities.

Another column notes 45 dwellings are equipped with only one half-bathroom. The facilities in 40 other occupied private dwellings are limited to two or more half-bathrooms.

Adding these together, the statistics seem to suggest that nearly 100 Westmounters must leave their homes in order to bathe.

Most Westmounters, though, have more convenient arrangements and many reported having a choice of facilities within their own homes.

Dwellings with only one complete bathroom number 3,565 — or

43.1 percent of the total. One complete and one half-bathroom are found in 880 dwellings, and one complete and two or more half-bathrooms are found in 180 occupied private dwellings.

Two-bathroom homes represent 16.7 percent of all occupied private dwellings — 1,380. Two-and-a-half bathrooms serve Westmounters in 525 homes. An additional 350 occupied private dwellings offer two complete bathrooms with two or more half-bathrooms.

Westmounters in 1,300 homes — some 15.7 percent of all homes in the city — have three or more complete bathrooms. Three-bathroom dwellings are not further divided according to the number of half-bathrooms in the figures.

Sara Colby to hold exhibit

Westmounter Sara Colby will be holding an exhibition of her works at La Bernache, 1116 Main street, in Ayer's Cliff, this Sunday until Aug. 28. A vernissage is to be held on Sunday, 1-5 pm.

Her work includes flowers in colored pencil and oil paintings of landscapes.

For more information call (819) 838-4202.

Art school break-in fails

Damage estimated at \$400 was reported at an art school at 350 Victoria avenue Tuesday last week when someone tried unsuccessfully to break in, police said.

The lock on the front door was forced open but an office door on the fourth floor apparently held fast.

Police said a former employee was considered to be a possible suspect.

Oakland, Summit resurfacing is under way

Resurfacing of Oakland avenue and Summit Circle with the standard 1½ inches of asphalt should be getting under way today, all corrective work having been completed, a public works official said.

Problems with contractors and certain "deficiencies" in both sidewalk and road base repairs have prolonged the work, which started over two months ago. (See last week's EXAMINER for details.)

The major work on Mt. Pleasant avenue is advancing on schedule and it was tentatively planned to begin concreting Mt. Pleasant between DeLavigne and Severn yesterday and between Severn and St. Sulpice today. Asphaltting usually is done one week later, according to the public works official.

He said the roadway between Rosemount Crescent and DeLavigne will not be excavated until the other section of the roadway is resurfaced to assure ease of access to local residents.

The preliminary road base repairs on 10 streets have now been completed and resurfacing on Weredale Park should have begun yesterday, the official said. By the end of next week all the resurfacing work on the 10 streets should be completed.

Repairs to cuts in the streets made by the telephone, natural gas and waterworks crews is still under way by Les Pavages North State, but should also be complete by next week, the public works official said.

Occupancy Permits



The following occupancy permits were issued at city hall in the past week:

- August 2**
- 4937 Sherbrooke, nos. 12, 13, 14, 15: Guitar, Keyboard and Vocal Study Center;
 - 1 Westmount Square, no. 411: Westhaven Medical Clinic;
 - 1 Westmount Square, no. 348: Bank Leumi Representative Office;
- August 3**
- 4131 Sherbrooke, ground floor: Givaudan Limited;
 - 4626 St. Catherine, ground floor: Eden Press 87245 Canada Inc.;
 - 4141 Sherbrooke, no. 540: Dr. N. J. Nadler and Labmed Inc.

Building Permits



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

- August 2**
- 480 Strathcona: for Mr. R. Davis by Arklow Systems and Construction, extensions and renovations, \$40,000;
 - 14 Sunnyside: for Globe International by Arteco Concept Construction, driveway and retaining wall, \$40,000;
- August 3**
- 22 Burton: for Samuel Smyth by Roger Langlois, gas main, \$2,000;
- August 4**
- 629 Clarke: for Roy Heenan by Centrale Plumbing Co. to convert furnace to gas, \$2,000;
- August 5**
- 3664 The Boulevard: for J. P. Miller by owner to erect a new set of stairs, \$500;
 - 540 Argyle: for Jack Goffman by Pierrefonds Inc. to convert furnace to gas, \$3,000;
 - 3269 Cedar: for Justice and Mrs. B. J. Greenberg by Maisons Develac Ltée to repair retaining wall;
 - 478 Strathcona: for Mr. Robert Lecker by Plomberie Populaire Ltée to install five plumbing fixtures, \$4,000;
 - 57 Holton: for Ann Murchison by D'Alesio Contracting Ltd. to remove old retaining wall and construct new wall, \$2,700;
 - 1040 Atwater: for Montreal Children's Hospital by Raymond Matto Ltée, renovations, \$100,000;
- August 9**
- 350 Selby: for Dawson College by Belair Restoration Inc. to repair masonry, \$82,000.

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98 tickets for parking cost \$4,713

A Westmount resident has paid \$4,713 in unpaid court warrants for 98 parking offences Wednesday, according to court officials.

The man, a 48-year-old dentist, was picked up outside his home at 1 am by a court bailiff Wednesday last week and taken to local MUC station 23, police said.

He apparently had never applied for a parking permit and had disregarded parking tickets and subsequent court warrants.

The original amount of the fines had been about \$1,000. All but one were \$10 tickets. The other was in the amount of \$25.

The tickets dated back to Jan. 15, 1981 with the most recent one being issued July 26 this year.

All tickets were Public Security Unit ones except for a lone MUC ticket.

13 plaques from synagogue found in Florida

The RCMP have recovered 13 sculptured religious plaques belonging to Temple Emanuel - Beth Sholom Synagogue and missing since 1980, according to local MUC police.

The plaques, valued at \$5,000, turned up in Florida.

A spokesman for the synagogue told THE EXAMINER the plaques had been mounted on the exterior of the building formerly occupied by the Beth Sholom congregation before its amalgamation with the Temple.

The slate plaques were described as depicting festivals and holidays in *bas relief*.

The matter was presently in the hands of lawyers, she said, and no further information was available.

The items apparently could not be returned to the synagogue until they officially had been reported stolen.

It seems the plaques disappeared three years ago when someone had been commissioned to clean them. They were sent out and never returned, it was stated.

Police said the disappearance of the plaques in 1980 had not been reported to MUC police until Tuesday last week.

Council backs Bill 101 study

Westmount city council passed a resolution at its last regular meeting July 4 to back a proposed study by the City of Montreal executive committee into the advisability of making public representations to the Quebec government regarding certain aspects of Bill 101.

Although Westmount's council passed the resolution unanimously July 4, the study has run into opposition in the Montreal council chamber and has been deferred for the time being.

The aspects of Bill 101 considered for change were those:

Crime rate falls 17 percent in July compared to last year

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

July's crime rate in Westmount fell 17 percent from the same month last year, according to figures released this week at MUC police station 23.

The number of robberies was up during the month, burglaries dropped slightly. Curiously, there were 30 cases of breaking and entering in July of both 1982 and 1983.

"I believe we are continuing to have good statistics," reports the station's commanding officer, Director Michel Groulx.

Although there had been an increase in burglaries generally here this year, he pointed out, "July has been our lowest month since January."

"The way it is going so far in August, it looks as if there might be a tendency for break and entry cases to be on the decrease."

Last year, Westmount burglaries increased during the holiday period of July, August and September.

This year, however, it appears they may be dropping over the summer period.

Break-ins get attention

Dir. Groulx said the station would pay special attention to breaking and entering in September if the rate rises again.

There were 14 robberies in July this year, up from 9 in July last year and 8 in June this year.

July's crime solution rate of 25.7 percent was the poorest yet in 1983. It compared with 46.3 percent in June.

It was slightly better than the 24 percent recorded last July, however, which was the year's lowest month for crime clearance during the entire year.

Dir. Groulx, who was on holiday last month, said he could not account for the drop in crime solutions.

Of the 175 crimes reported in July, 32 were solved by arrest, 12 by other means and one was reclassified as being without foundation.

Soup was on

Firemen were called to a house at 470 Argyle avenue last Thursday and found that a pot of soup stock had burned dry. The pot had been left on the stove while occupants of the house had gone out. The incident occurred about 7:30 pm, public safety officers reported.

Crime in Westmount as reported by MUC Police Station 23

	July 1983	July 1982	1983 to Date
Murder	—	—	—
Sexual crimes, other than rape	—	2	2
Robbery, including purse-snatch	14	9	74
Break and entry	30	30	226
Theft of vehicles	6	4	35
Theft from vehicles	21	30	129
Other (theft, vandalism, rape, etc.)	104	137	890
TOTAL, All Crime:	175	212	1356
Cases referred to MUC squads	9	18	90
Cases without foundation	1	3	19
Total cases cleared	45	51	528
—by arrest	32	36	366
—other than arrest	12	12	143
SOLUTION RATE:	25.7%	24.0%	38.9%
Accidents reported	35	34	251

Above statistics pertain to Westmount sector only and do not include those relating to the local station's St. Henri territory.

Extra quiet Sunday

Quiet in Westmount these days?

As the dog days of summer continue, Sunday must have been a near record day for few police incidents reported at station 23.

There were only six events worthy of report in the entire Westmount-St. Henri district compared to some 20 or 30 normally.

One of the two Westmount incidents for the day was a break-in at an office at 4999 St. Catherine street causing \$6 damage.

The other was the transportation of an N.D.G. woman by patrol ambulance 23-15 to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. She was found in front of 4024 Dorchester boulevard. Police said she was suffering from a "mental disorder."

Last Tuesday must have been wallet day here

Tuesday last week must have been wallet day in Westmount.

Four wallets or purses were reported to police as lost that day while one was found and subsequently returned to the owner.

One of the items was a red wallet containing \$10 lost by a Wood avenue resident near Greene avenue.

Another was a brown suede purse containing \$23.41 lost in Prince Albert Park.

A red leather wallet and \$50 cash went missing at Sherbrooke street and Victoria avenue as well as a purse that was reported gone at 1500 Atwater avenue.

A brown leather wallet containing \$3 was lost Monday last week as well, this one at Sherbrooke street and Victoria avenue.

And a Mountie lost his wallet,

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We Say

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THIS tired city council must go. It has lost its zip, its bearings, its balance. It has lost sight of its primary purpose: to represent the best interests of the people of Westmount. It would be a good thing to have some continuity after the November elections. But not at the price of carrying over to a new administration any of its sleaze in the guise of experience. We need a fresh start. From the top down.

THE malaise which has overcome the MacCallum council is difficult to pin down. It has several focal points. The ultimate responsibility, however, is clear. With the mayor himself. He is the one, once to be relied upon like his predecessors to represent Westmount and Westmounters with charm and grace in the best traditions of this community. Westmount city council once was akin to a gentleman's club or a St. James street board room, the mayor its chairman of the board. It traditionally has been the mayor who set the tone of impeccable behavior, grace, consideration for council colleagues and citizens alike. By his example the aldermen followed suit. It was unheard of that any city staff, particularly senior department heads and general manager, behaved with anything but utter civility, even toward the most aggravating of citizens with whom they came in contact. Any deviation was not tolerated. It was not Westmount.

The tragedy of the MacCallum years is that in terms of capacity for work and grasp of detail, which he has exercised to a fault, he has had no peer. It might be said that for this he should be urged to continue in office. However, the mayoralty of Westmount never was meant to be a one-man show. Council's task, with the mayor first among equals, has been to set policy and make sure that it is carried out by a competent general manager, who, in turn, advises council. It hasn't worked that way for some time.

The system which has served Westmount so well through the years has broken down for no more reason than that the mayor has usurped the responsibilities of both the aldermen and the general manager. No mayor before in recent Westmount history has conceived of the office as a full-time job. But they were good, perhaps better, at grasping the essentials of broad issues affecting the city and its people. They were good at utilizing and inspiring the skills, talents and experience of their elected council colleagues, sharing with them the responsibility of setting policy and, together, expecting it to be carried out efficiently

with the advice of competent management. There was little flash and spectacle about the de Lalanne, Bruneau, Cushing, Drury, Tucker and even McEntyre and Ouimet administrations. But all had a running quality of totally disinterested concern for the best interests of Westmount.

THE excuse has been offered for the present mayoral style that times have changed, that the office demands more than a few meetings a month and an occasional visit to city hall to see or sign important papers.

That is not quite in accord with the facts. Mayors Peter McEntyre and Paul Ouimet competently faced radical changes and new complexities arising from the emergency of the Montreal Urban Community and the centralizing government interference in municipal affairs. None of them pretended to run the city; rather, they saw it as their responsibility, along with the aldermen in their various commissioners' portfolios, to assure that the city was run well by a skilled general manager and the various expert department heads.

The changes in this role of the past 8½ years have not been the result of the demands of office but of the inclinations of the incumbent mayor.

Wrapped up in the new style also have been altered attitudes toward civic administration in the choice, qualifications, responsibilities and limits of senior staff; public posture; openness and relationships with citizens; receptivity to ideas and reaction to criticism both internal and from outside — indeed toward the very institution of mayoralty both in a democratically elected council and in a general-manager form of government.

Few who have observed city hall in recent years, and specially from the perspective of a quarter-century or more of covering it, can fail to see the sharp turn taken in Westmount's administration. It would be hard to proclaim it as being for the better.

THE foregoing will be taken, and is acknowledged to be without apology, as being colored by recent untoward experiences of THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER with one department, the Fire Brigade, and with the general manager's office. However, our lack of disinterest can be

City hall citizen 'circus' is described as 'healthy'

Sir: James Wright, president of our local Westmount Municipal Association, has called us, citizens of Westmount, during question period in city hall "a circus," and now he believes we create a frightening situation being there in front of the mayor. Dear James, I must say, I find it healthy. Finally some people are coming to see what is going on at city hall. I am proud of our democratic system, where nobody has to be afraid to speak up and, hopefully, nobody is going to change that. Some persons are

balanced by our firsthand knowledge of what can go wrong, and has, in a public administration. It may perhaps help to transpose the situation which we are in to a hypothetical one which has been suggested to us of, say, a supplier to the city perceiving unfair practices in purchasing which prejudice fair and open tendering.

Might we expect that if the complaint was brought to the mayor's or an alderman's or the general manager's attention that, instead of it being dealt with forthrightly and the perpetrator disciplined, a stone wall of defence of "our man right or wrong" were thrown up. And, stemming from that, a blackballing of the complainer from future business with that department or even the city as a whole were to be applied. Still worse, if it were left to the indicated culprit to mete out punishment himself — simply because the complainant dared to complain.

The implications of such a happening, the vindictiveness supported and extended by the general manager and endorsed by the mayor and even by a majority of city council bent to the mayor's and the manager's view, are frightening.

In our case we happen to think that the additional result of interference with the free flow of city information to citizens, accomplished by a ban from a public department of a citizen-journalist, to say nothing of attempted tampering with the freedom of the press by a democratically elected government, should cause serious qualms among the ratepaying electorate. What else might such a government be doing, what else might it be hiding?

For that matter, what may any concerned citizen who questions this administration expect in retributive treatment? Some have experienced it: spot inspections of their properties, prevaricative answers to substantive questions, physical removal from the council chamber, denial of the right to speak, unsubstantiated slurs and insulting remarks.

THIS council must go.

Its legacy of distrust, rancor, tolerance of less-than-expected performance by senior public servants, the careless fostering of suspicion that all is not well, stonewalling, incivility and all the rest must go, too.

The MacCallum council is on the way out, you say, so why waste these words now? There is a need to clean the administrative house before a new council takes over. It would be intolerable if a new group of willing citizens must simultaneously familiarize themselves with office and face what must come: a shakeup of management methods and attitudes, possibly even replacement of the general manager.

This is a priority. Westmount will have been illy served indeed by the present council if it does not address itself urgently to it.

In short, be good enough to clean the stable before you leave.

more gifted, some less; but one certainly learns a lot from it.

Of the WMA's activities, we would like to see more results for the community as a whole. Where have you been most of the time, and your so-many director colleagues? Behind the scenes work, perhaps. Did somebody write a letter to the mayor in favor of Laureen Sweeney's case? Would you not agree that members of the association would under-sign it with pleasure?

How about taking up more of our issues, propositions for new by-laws, safety, inspection, housing, preservation of Westmount, a nuclear referendum along with the municipal elections, management direction, and what else?

We would have less to say in the meetings of city council.

Last but not least, the buses need to be back by winter. Since I have received such a favorable letter, we should reply to it very soon.

Let's see what you can do.

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Turn out Monday night and look for answers

Sir: As the council meeting approaches next Monday night, Aug. 15, I am both encouraged and disappointed by the diversity of Westmount attitudes.

Notwithstanding the fact that it is the middle of summer when Westmount appears to "die" both spiritually and politically, I dread next Monday's council meeting when again so few of our citizens will appear in person to observe their "council in inaction."

So many questions remain to be answered:

- 1 - Where is the missing tape of Firegate; who requested its erasure; why was it erased after only 20 days; and what did it say?
- 2 - Why will not the city manager talk to Mrs. Sweeney?
- 3 - Why has Mrs. Sweeney been "banned" from the fire department?
- 4 - What is Westmount's perpetual problem with Urgences Santé?
- 5 - Why has our administration spent a half-million dollars on a new computer when the old one probably was adequate?
- 6 - Why is the city having so much trouble with its road-fixing contractors?
- 7 - Why does our city have so much trouble rebuilding one park watercourse?
- 8 - Why can't the city get rid of unwanted pigeon dung?
- 9 - What is our city administration doing to lower outrageously high municipal taxes?

10 - And, finally, why does the city administration treat citizens as it does?

I must say that I am encouraged because of the citizens who telephone or stop me on the street to support the work of exposing a poor administration. But I am discouraged because of the citizens who leave the work of opposition to a small few, without themselves participating in this urgent democratic process.

I can only urge Westmounters to attend the city council meeting Monday next, to demand full answers to the above questions, and to see for themselves the status of our Westmount administration.

Allen E. Nutik

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14 fire investigations of interest to citizens

Sir: I read with much concern "City GM refuses to meet Sweeney" (THE EXAMINER, Aug. 4). There can be no good reason for the city's refusal to make the annual report of the fire department public and release a copy to THE EXAMINER. The causes of the 14 fires investigated by our fire department last year are of special interest to the citizens. There can be no good reason — certainly not in the interests of the citizens of this city — for this sudden change of policy this year.

With reference to my letter of June 27 addressed to Mayor D. C. MacCallum ("Per-
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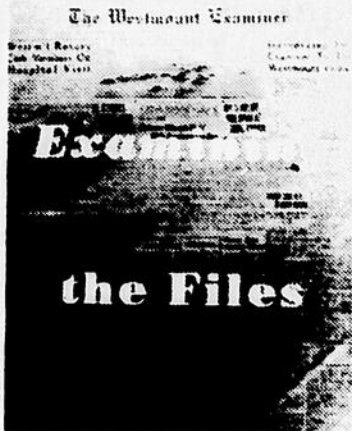
I Say!

The man was looking at a girlie magazine at the news stand. "You know," he remarked to the newsie, "there is a whole generation now grown up thinking that girls fold out."

PROFILE

A visual painter

By JOAN CAPRÉOL



Forty-five Years Ago August 12, 1938

"The most successful of the weekly sing-songs presented under Westmount's city-sponsored recreational program took place at the Westmount Athletic Grounds on Wednesday evening when the first amateur show to be staged in connection with the events attracted a record crowd of nearly three thousand persons. The acts, which surpassed all expectations in quality and number, were made up largely of local talent, many of those participating appearing before an audience of this magnitude for the first time. Program at Wednesday's sing-song consisted of a toe-dancing routine by Eleanor Roy; Frank Seymour, baritone; Victor Hemmings, vocalist; Irene Waldate, tap dancer; Arthur Meilleur, vocalist; Ramsey Stirling, harmonica player; and Jean Jones, Russian dancer."

Thirty-five Years Ago August 13, 1948

"Time turns all things to dust, but human hands are helping things along right now as Westmount loses one of its oldest buildings, the huge mansion at the top of Forden Crescent, which formerly belonged to the Misses N. and E. Raynes. Over 120 years of history lie behind this structure, but now its hallowed halls and silent rooms are feeling the rough blows of demolition men who are tearing it down to make room for a more modern building. It is reported that the land has been purchased by another Westmounter, Harry Bronfman. The land was first bought by Charles Bowman on April 28, 1828."

Twenty-five Years Ago August 15, 1958

"A former Westmount Mayor and still a prominent citizen, Jimmy de Lalanne, was recently appointed auditor for the 1959 accounts of Canadian National Railways. But the appointment was not without parliamentary repercussions. George McIlraith, Liberal member for Ottawa West, charged that the naming of de Lalanne indicated political patronage. CNR accounts had been audited 'efficiently' every year but one since 1923 by George A. Touche and Company, also of Montreal. Transport Minister Hees described Mr. McIlraith's statements as cheap."

Fifteen Years Ago August 15, 1968

"A vigorous citizens' campaign against the site of a proposed Quebec-Hydro sub-station ended successfully Monday with an announcement by Mayor M. L. Tucker that it would occupy the Selby Park area, rather than that of Clandeboye-Prospect streets. A check by Quebec-Hydro revealed that costs would be about the same for a Selby Park site, south of the CPR tracks, as they would for the Clandeboye-Prospect area, and Monday, only half an hour before the special WMA meeting, agreement was reached to move the site."

Five Years Ago August 10, 1978

"One of Westmount's largest employers, Reader's Digest Association of Canada Ltd., might be leaving this city in the next year or so because of overcrowding in the complex of offices it has developed locally. Already Reader's Digest is taking up space in four different Westmount buildings, including its large headquarters at 215 Redfern avenue. Two weeks ago employees were sent a questionnaire asking about their family and living conditions, wanting to know if employees would be willing to relocate and if so, where. The thoughts of change in no way related to the political mood of the province, according to a spokesman, even though Digest President E. Paul Zimmerman told the press last fall that Reader's Digest had dropped all plans for expansion in the province."

PAINTER and sculptor Vivian Corran is showing the large, lyrical abstracts she painted in Mexico this year at the Merton Gallery in uptown Toronto from Sept. 19 to the end of the month.

There are six paintings in acrylic with a floral theme, more figurative than her usual abstractions.

Two large 5½ by 7½ foot acrylics of her "sea" series were inspired by underwater scenes in tropical countries.

Three are of a "ground" series, with the perspective looking down from a great height at the configurations on the ground.

The remaining four paintings in the exhibition are based on organic forms.

All the paintings are powerful, displaying high contrasting color in the staining technique.

Calm and character

Mrs. Corran is a blond, charming, articulate woman with expressive, vivid blue eyes. She exudes an aura of calm and character.

In the living room of her room on Lansdowne avenue is a 5½ foot square, glowing abstraction in reds with some purple. A fibreglass sculpture is an abstraction of a head. There is an aluminium head of a Mexican Indian, a woman's figure in mahogany and two abstract sculptures in pine.

In her studio are four large acrylics which are warm and splashed with color. A smaller one has a different orientation with subtle use of color. They are extensions of the Mexican paintings and capture and sustain your interest.

How does she see herself as an artist? "I feel that my painting is visual," Mrs. Corran replies. "It doesn't convey symbolism or messages. It's a visual experience."

The environment in Mexico during a three-month stint affected her painting which, she says, flowed easily. "Here I feel closed in, in a studio. There I painted outdoors in a milieu which was conducive to good painting. I hope to paint in Mexico again, or in Spain in the future."

In Mexico she painted and studied with Yugoslavian James Pinto, an internationally known painter.

'Painting is hard work'

"Painting is hard work and sometimes you have to fight it," Mrs. Corran smiles. "Talking is more spontaneous than painting. When a day goes right you get a feeling of exhilaration."

What is her opinion of art today? "There are so many kinds of painters," she answers. "Some record history. Others are just painting their environment or their ideas. We are seeing a trend to the kind of expressionism which was evident just before the Second World War."

"In New York last year I saw a show which revealed an expressionism reminding me of the work done in Europe in the '30s. It seems to be full of anger and aggression. I have seen more work that seems to repeat this angry expressionism."

"I travel quite a bit and see a lot of art. I don't think the artist's position today is any different than it ever has been. The artist is still expressing himself but he is doing it in different ways through different media. For example, there are computers, electronics, audiovisual, film, etc. It is unending. Artists are using everything."

More potential in Toronto

Is Toronto a better market for artists? "If you are comparing the market in Montreal and Toronto, Toronto has more potential," Mrs. Corran replies. "I feel the market here is limited to small, figurative painting. I feel other places are more eclectic. It is difficult to sell contemporary painting in Montreal. People here want a small painting, particularly of a Laurentian scene or still life. In the corporate field, too, to decorate their offices, they are hanging small paintings that people can relate to."

"In Mexico they told me that in California, Florida and Texas they buy any kind of painting. It doesn't have to be figurative or small."

The painters she admires are the late Jack Bush, of Toronto, Jack Shadbolt, of



EXAMINER photo by Rick Kerrigan

Vivian Corran

Vancouver, Dorothy Knowles, of Saskatchewan, and Americans Georgia O'Keefe, Helen Frankenthaler and Milton Avery.

Mrs. Corran exhibited at the Graduate Students' Show, Concordia University in 1972, the Elca London Gallery in 1979, the Châteauroux in 1980, and at photographer Olive Palmer's Westmount studio in 1982.

Her work is in private collections in New York, Vancouver, Venezuela and Montreal.

Teaches art privately

Mrs. Corran has taught art in a few high schools in Quebec, at Concordia, and privately.

She was born in Winnipeg. Her late father, Howard Fuller, was a sales executive there. Her mother is Clare de Gruchy Fuller. She has two brothers and two sisters.

"Painting runs in the family," Mrs. Corran laughs. "Both my sisters paint. Two nephews are artists and a niece is showing tremendous ability."

She was educated at St. John's High School in Winnipeg. In 1969 she got an honors BA, majoring in painting, from Sir George Williams University. In 1970 she received a diploma in art education from Sir George Williams, Concordia University. In 1972 she got her MA in painting from Sir George Williams.

Before getting her degrees Mrs. Corran studied art independently in Britain and Eire where she and her husband, Randal Corran, of Vancouver, who just retired from Air Canada, were posted for three years after the Second World War.

In 1950 they were transferred to Moncton

where Mrs. Corran first got involved in painting and where she lived for five years.

From 1954 to 1959 she painted in Ontario with Tom Matthews, of the Ontario Society of Artists.

In Montreal she painted with the late Adam Sherriff-Scott, RCA, during the year 1959 to 1960.

Then in 1964-1965 she studied drawing, design and painting at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts with Patrick Land-sley and C. Gabriel-Lackie.

The Corrans have two grown children. Clare is married and raising a family in Ontario. Dal is studying journalism at Carleton University and working with Air Canada at the same time.

Mrs. Corran's favorite composers are Mahler, Albinoni and Mozart. "I guess I like the Romantics although I like some of the contemporary composers, too," she says. "Sometimes I have classical music on when I am painting."

She reads nonfiction, particularly sociology, which she studied at university, and fiction for entertainment.

Her family has always been sports-minded and Mrs. Corran lists golf, swimming and riding as her recreation.

Next Week's Profile:

Tony Shine

They Say

More than meets the eye

'Lou Miller's Note Book' in *The Monitor*, N.D.G.

The battle between the City of Westmount poo-bahs and THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER's editorial department concerning fire department coverage has more ramifications than meet the eye.

When John McIver, Westmount general manager, stated that "he had no further interest" in meeting with Laureen Sweeney, the EXAMINER reporter, he seriously interfered with the role of the press in filling its capacity as the mirror of the community.

What is to be feared is that in a so-called democratic society, government can censor, control and "will" what it wants published

and what it deems unpublished.

The "not sharing" of information is a common occurrence in many parts of the world, particularly in Eastern Europe, China and the Middle East. But for this to be happening in this country in this day and age is revolting.

Westmount's mayor, manager and council have been derelict in not chastising or even firing the fire chief who (if the truth be known) acted improperly during this entire episode.

Lou Miller, publisher of *The Monitor*, is a resident of Westmount.

Something I Want to Say

Creating a better future for education

By HARRY WAGSCHAL

AS QUEBECERS face Dr. Laurin's "re-vamped" educational structures with some trepidation, much reflection on schooling and learning undoubtedly is taking place. After a debilitating school year which saw government and teachers locked in battle over nearly every aspect of the educational system, what can be done, considering all these adverse circumstances, to improve the state of education?

In my own estimation, creating a better future for education should involve the strengthening of the human and social features of the present system, so that meaningful human interaction or "conviviality" (as Ivan Illich has suggested) will emerge as dominant features.

But how can such humanistic goals be achieved within an educational system based upon a bureaucratic and organizational mentality inherited from the 19th century?

With all the inherent deficiencies of contemporary educational systems, I believe that more effective learning experiences for students could exist if certain measures were taken within each school board district and school. I would recommend the following priorities for institutional revival by those parties actually affected by educational changes:

Four priorities set out

1. All elected school board members and trustees be given an opportunity, as part of their responsibilities, to form study groups where they would be exposed to the educational theories and philosophies of such as Plato, Whitehead, Dewey, Illich and Buckminster Fuller. This type of self-study, would produce a much more educationally aware and critical decision-maker among school board members.

In addition courses might be offered on cable television or through local universities and colleges and should be considered

a necessary prerequisite for proper functioning of a school board trustee;

2. Study groups for parents on child development, educational sociology and psychology, and basic pedagogical techniques should be offered by all school boards for interested parents. If these programs were treated as particularly social (as well as educational) event, many parents would become much closer to members of their own communities, and some of the social isolation and alienation of modern 20th century industrial society might be replaced by a common concern for the development of the child;

3. Due to the complexity of decision-making and large number of choices open to students in our technological society, courses in value-clarification and critical thinking should be offered from the earliest grades. Material from popular television programs, lyrics of rock music and other manifestations of "mass culture" might be utilized to great advantage by creative teachers trained in values-education techniques.

My own research on pedagogical approaches in values-education indicates that a "journal" of students' reflections on everyday life, expressing personal reactions to class material, life experiences and media information, is a highly effective tool for involving the student's self in the educational process;

4. To modernize the teaching-learning process, teachers should be given the opportunity and rewarded (either through remuneration or status) for continuing their education in areas such as "future studies," "the teaching of thinking" and "alternative teaching styles." Teachers' unions should also consider funding their own cable television programs for teachers who wish to develop professionally. Values-education courses for teachers, which critically analyze their own belief



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Richard D. French
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Canada Tomorrow

THIS week I provided further details of the Canada Tomorrow Conference which I had earlier announced as part of our technology policy for Canada. The conference will be held in Ottawa from Nov. 6 to 9 and will be an important step in our understanding and analysis of new technological trends. It will allow us to explore ways whereby Canadians can adapt to our rapidly changing society.

I believe that the priority of the federal government must be directed to the need for all regions and sectors to meet and respond to the challenges of technological change. This conference will address this priority.

Technological progress will affect virtually all elements of our economy and our society and it is critical that we ensure that future decisions — whether taken as individuals, as employees, as managers or as union leaders — consider the powerful and pervasive impact of this progress. There is no doubt that some of the changes brought on by technology will be positive while others will be negative and this forum will consider all of them.

I am looking forward to the debate and discussion which will be generated by this conference. I am convinced that the results will provide important information for us in our understanding of the opportunities and benefits provided by technological change and progress.

structures about society and the educational process, should be made available as part of a teacher's life-long education. This type of "self-knowledge" education might prevent propagandists and political fanatics such as Alberta's Keegstra from inflicting their own warped and un scholarly prejudices on a generation of students.

Needed despite technology

Even if major technological breakthroughs do occur within the traditional education system, and I believe that they will, the suggestions I have mentioned still will be necessary if we are to achieve a better future for education. As Aristotle pointed out over 2,000 years ago, man is a social animal and, thus above all, the educational process must strive to become an enriching social enterprise.

A recent presidential commission on education in the U.S. stated that American education is largely a "mediocre" enterprise which creates boredom among students and "burn-out" within teachers.

From my 20 years of teaching and writing about education, the mediocrity of present day schooling (which is not only endemic to U.S. education) stems largely from a lack of motivation for learning by students from fragmented and alienating educational structures which lack any real meaning or purpose for them.

A better future for education will demand a combination of both the technological miracles of the electronic revolution and a decentralized system of learning where, in the late British economist E. F. Schumacher's terms, "Small is beautiful."

Harry Wagschal is chairman of the humanities department at Dawson College and author of the recently published book, *Crisis and Creativity in Modern Education*.

Are politicians crooks?

A friend of mine recently asked me, quite seriously if not very subtly, if "all politicians are crooks?" I laughed self-consciously. I don't beat my wife anymore, either!

I have often wondered why, in a democracy, we go about masochistically condemning our elected representatives with sweeping generalizations in one breath, only to regret in the next that "more good people" don't go into politics.

Even the oldest profession has its defenders, or at least its rationalizers. The second oldest is held in a permanent state of cynical contempt by the right-thinking of all ages and classes. Still, until we design a better system for collective decision-making, we are going to need politicians. Why tar them all with the same brush?

As a global judgment, "all politicians are crooks" ranks right up there with "all businessmen are exploiting workers or consumers," "all athletes are dumb," and the other staples of complacent simple-mindedness which pass for critical judgment. They don't say much for the perception of the discrimination of those who voice them.

Crook but sometimes savior

It seems to me that in a democracy, the relationship between elector and elected should be one of equality, but we seem in our culture to vacillate wildly, the politician cast normally as crook and sporadically as savior.

I try to respect all my constituents, but I am equally unimpressed by those who expect miracles and by those who imagine I will do virtually anything to get their vote.

There are good people and bad people in every walk of life. I have now in my career been a professor, a bureaucrat, a business consultant, and a politician, and I cannot say that any particular line of work has a monopoly on corruption in the broadest sense.

YOU SAY . . .

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mits, plans, minutes still worry Mr. Ferahian," THE EXAMINER, June 30), I wrote, among others, about the openings that were dug out in the garbage chute concrete block wall the day after the Jan. 20, 1983, fire in my apartment building regarding which the fire chief would not allow his officers to be interviewed by Mrs. Sweeney. Starting last week, work was started to install sprinklers for the garbage chute. Again there was no permit issued by the city for this work.

I cannot let it pass without commending the Quebec Press Council for taking up the fire news ban (THE EXAMINER, July 28). I do hope this will shake some sense into this — if nothing else — ugly chapter in the administration of our city.

R. H. Ferahian

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LETTERS always are welcome. However, correspondents are reminded that all submissions must be signed and bear the writer's address for publication. Deadline for You Say is 2 pm Tuesdays for same-week issues. Brevity is a virtue.

Woman spies break-in attempt

A break-in at a home on The Boulevard Wednesday afternoon was foiled when two men spotted a resident inside, according to police.

The two suspects were described by the resident as about 20 years old.

Police said they had broken a window in the front door about 5:15 pm and were trying to get at the lock when they saw the woman inside and she saw them.

Damage amounted to about \$100.



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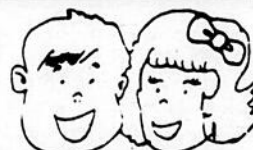
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Concordia's Family Life program opens up 'new world' for students

A sign of the continuing popularity of Concordia University's Family (FLE) program is the sharp increase of the number of students graduating with a certificate in the program.

At this year's graduation ceremony 23 students were awarded FLE certificates, up sharply from the first five who graduated seven years ago.

At the graduation ceremony, Bunny Lechter, 122 Aberdeen Avenue, a graduating student, explained what the Family Life Education program, sponsored by Concordia's Applied Social Science department, was about and what it meant to her:

"The FLE certificate is a program open to mature students, which means, open to men and women who are mature by virtue of age and by virtue of life experience. There is no time limit for completion, and scheduling of subjects and courses are tailored to permit family and business obligations."

"The program is interdisciplinary — it brings together knowledge about individuals between the individual, the family and the rest of society."

"It also involves the study of such disciplines as sociology and psychology and such subjects as group dynamics, sexuality and human relations. The exploration of these subjects is done through work in small groups and involves role playing and facilitation."

Helps to re-enter school

Being an FLE student, Lechter said is also a good way to re-enter school. "I have learned how to work towards a deadline on a project. I have delighted in the challenge of research and learning. I have gained by working with others on group assignments as well as on my own."

The experience was so encouraging that she intends to go on to get her BA. (The 30 credits required for the certificate can be used towards a Concordia BA degree).

This sentiment was echoed by another graduating certificate student, Christina Deza, who is one of several graduating students intending to continue in the Concordia University BA program. Said she: "The certificate program was an invaluable experience for me. It helped me develop as a person and as a family member. My relations with the rest of my family were greatly improved and it helped me encourage and guide my children's education more effectively."

"Now I want to do the BA which I didn't have the chance to do in my native Germany". Ms. Deza said she intends to use her FLE skills during her studies by working with senior citizens and adolescents.

Enter intern programs

A number of graduating students are chosen to participate in intern programs with Montreal institutions like the YM/YWHA, Catholic Community Services, Golden Age Association, Alpha Co-op, and the YMCA, according to the program coordinator, Pauline Gross. She said that many of the interns end up with permanent jobs with those institutions.

As examples, Gross pointed to last year's graduates Paula Merovitz, Joyce Gampel and Carol Fogel who participated in an internship program with the Jewish Family Services. After their internship, they were hired by that institution.

Former students Libby Monaco and Madeline Ballard-Kennard,

Gross noted, are other examples of interns who are successfully working in the field. Monaco now works for the Laurenvale School Board Adult Education Services where she coordinates and facilitates Parent Effectiveness Training. As for Ballard-Kennard, she is a successful freelancer who has worked for the YMHA, Saidye Bronfman Centre and Golden Age Association in such programs as stress management, learning and creative enhancement.

Gross explained the reasons for the program's popularity: "Family Life Education attracts students, especially married women with children, because the skills necessary to leading a meaningful and satisfying life as well as having a functioning family are not generally taught at school."

"Because our society is organized in units of isolated nuclear families with parents and relations usually separated from their children", Gross said, "family-raising skills are not passed on from one generation to another".

Gives social skills

Family Life Education courses give the students the social skills which help them understand and deal with the different problems and situations they and their families normally face, she noted, adding:

"Our students learn to understand life at all ages and stages of development—from womb to tomb so to speak. They know how to help people help themselves find solutions to their problems. Through constant participation in group situations they are able to lead discussions with all types, from children to the aged, on any subject, from sexuality to senility".

The program encourages open-mindedness and tolerance of different life and family styles. Because they are exposed to a variety of social practices, students learn to deal with alternative life styles. They are thus able to help others learn family life skills, Gross said.

Enter education field

It is no accident that many of the program's students enter the family life education field, Gross said. In addition to those already mentioned, one student became the coordinator of the Widowed Resource Centre at the YMCA; another obtained work from the Big Brother, Big Sister Association of Montreal; another will be working for project M.O.M. (Mothers on the Move), a program sponsored by the Protestant School Board.

Two other graduates are the co-founders of a program for weight control called "The Best Weigh" and another graduate is working at Shawbridge Youth Centre.

The program attracts students from many different educational backgrounds. Of this year's graduating class, according to Gross, eight already held bachelor of arts degrees, one had an MA, four held teaching certificates, while others held professional certificates in Family Life and Leadership from Dawson College.

Yet the program also benefited those students without degrees, Gross explained, since it helped ease them into regular university degree programs. Eight graduates are planning to enter B.A. programs at Concordia. Her students find it easy to go on to a degree program because it is designed with adults in mind, she explained, adding:

"Our students range in age from

over 20 to some over 60 years. The Applied Social Science department traditionally has been geared to providing a comfortable climate for mature students; indeed, it's part of Concordia's pioneering tradition of providing adult education to the community."

Students also found it valuable to have the opportunity to discuss some of their day-to-day problems during classroom or workshop time. Concurring with this view, graduate Gail Grundman said:

"Being in the program has proven to be very helpful in my own personal life in understanding a situation and being able to sit back and study it and find out the reason why it happened. Because of Family Life Education, I have learned to deal with life experiences more effectively."

Opens new world

Graduate Miriam Pinchuk summed up a whole new world for me. I am going to be interning under the Concordia internship program which I'm very excited about. I'm also excited about participating in a program at the Children's Hospital as I will be part of a support group helping parents of children born with congenital heart disease."

For more information about the certificate program in Family Life Education, call 879-8017.

If you are not ready to subscribe to THE EXAMINER, it can be purchased at a dozen shops around Westmount.

Woman injured as bike collides with hood of car

A 31-year-old Westmount woman was taken to hospital Monday last week after the bicycle she was riding collided with a car at the Dorchester - Clarke - St. Catherine intersection, police said.

The victim, who lives on Melville Avenue, fell onto the hood of the car on impact and sustained a 2½-inch cut on the right leg.

She was transported to the Reddy Memorial Hospital.

The victim had been driving her bike west on Dorchester about 4:45 pm when she came out into the intersection to make a left turn west along St. Catherine street.

The car, a 1982 Dodge, was driving south on Clarke Avenue with a 61-year-old woman at the wheel. She was a resident of the street.

Police said both women claimed they had proceeded on green lights.

The two vehicles each sustained damage reported at up to \$250.

Bottom dollar

A wallet containing \$1 and a cheque was found Tuesday at Gladstone Avenue and Dorchester Boulevard. It was turned in at the Public Security Unit and then to police station 23.

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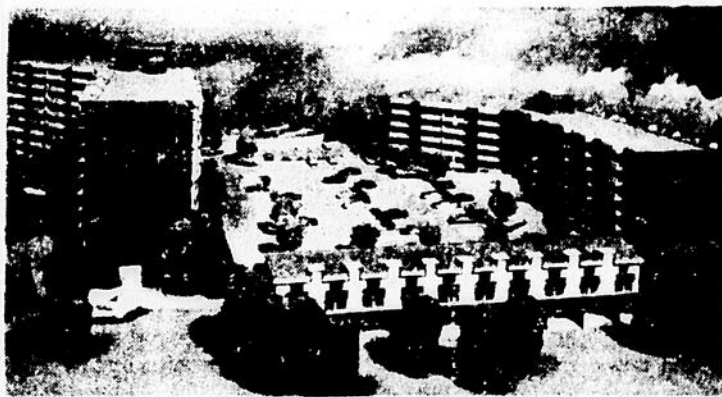
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Two young men steal handbag

Two young men made off with a purse containing \$430 after pushing a 69-year-old woman in the back at Alexis Nihon Plaza Saturday afternoon, police said.

The thieves, aged about 17 years old, apparently came up from behind the woman. One of them pushed her in the back, causing her to drop the purse which he quickly grabbed up.

"Excuse him, madam, he's not all there," said the other.

The two youths then took off together with the handbag.

Rabbit nicked

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Give blood

With so many people away on holiday but with accidents and the like continuing at the same rate, the Red Cross always has a tough time during the summer keeping the city's blood supplies at a safe level. There are several convenient blood donor clinics

downtown in the coming week, so if you are in good health and between age 17 and 65, take a few minutes to give a pint. On Monday, there's a clinic on the sixth floor of Place Sherbrooke, 1010 Sherbrooke street west, from 9:30 am to 4 pm. On Tuesday, a clinic will be open from 10:30 am to 5 pm at the Berri-de Montigny Métro station. Wednesday's is at O'Keefe Brewery, 1110 Notre Dame street west, from 10 am to noon and 1:30 to 5 pm. On Thursday, there's a clinic at Les Galeries Dupuis, the old Dupuis Frères store, from 10 am to 5 pm and on Friday there's one at the Sheraton Centre, 1201 Dorchester boulevard west, from 10 am to 5 pm. And for those up north, there's a clinic in the St. Jovite parish hall from 2:30 to 8:30 pm Monday, Aug. 15.

Piggery's last

The third and final play of the summer season at North Hatley's Piggery Theatre opens this evening and will run until Aug. 27. The play is *Sea Marks*, by Gardiner McKay. According to the publicity, the play "weaves the lyric love story of Colm Primrose, a fisherman from a remote and isolated Irish fishing village, and Timothea Stiles, a beautiful and ambitious Welsh lass who has renounced her country heritage for the excitement, broad horizons

and anonymity of city life." Starring is Michael Mawson, a National Theatre School teacher who played the title role last summer in the Saidye Bronfman Centre's *Rezy!* Playing Timothea is Nancy Palk, last seen here in Centaur's *Translations* last fall. Shows are at 8:30 pm Tuesday through Friday, 6 and 9:30 pm Saturday and 2 pm Wednesday. And, of course, there's the Piggery's famous country suppers before each performance. To reserve, call 819-842-2191.

A steamy trip

To accompany the steamy weather, Via Rail is offering a steamy trip. The passenger rail people have decided to cater to the nostalgia for the era of steam locomotives and are running trips from Ottawa to Wakefield, Quebec, and back on 14 different dates through Oct. 10. To make an outing of it for Montrealers, Via offers a package including a modern train ride to Ottawa from Montreal, an overnight hotel stay in the capital, the return trip to Wakefield and a train ride home. The steamer is a 1915 locomotive and it runs from the station at the National Museum of Science and Technology up the Gatineau River to Wakefield. The excursion is offered in cooperation with the National Capital Commission. For details, call Via Rail.

Port gets buggy

One might expect to find bugs and other creatures down near the water of Montreal's Old Port, but a display on there until Oct. 2 is not just of your regular mosquitos and blackflies. It is a collection of exotic insects caught and preserved over the past five years by entomologists Georges Brossard and Suzanne Schiller and it's open to the public at the Old Port's "Nonia," a 1956-vintage Scottish ferry which is docked at the Old Port's "beach" near the foot of Place Jacques Cartier. The collection contains more than 20,000 species from some 70 countries, including such nice things as a quarter-pound Malaysian tarantula. The exhibit will continue until Oct. 2 and is open Tuesday through Sunday from noon to midnight.

Painting is back

A long-lost painting belonging to the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts has been restored and is now back on view as a special exhibit at the downtown museum. The painting is "St. Martin's Summer: Halcyon Days" by Sir John Everett Millais (1829-1896) and besides the work itself the exhibit looks at the painting's critical reception at the Royal Academy in 1878 and at Millais' whole

career. The painting was donated to the museum by Lord Strathcona but was lent to the Royal Victoria Hospital in 1927 and eventually forgotten. After a long search by museum employees, it was rediscovered, restored and is now on view. The exhibit will continue until Sept. 18.

Tour the old city

If you or your out-of-town visitors are looking for a way to spend a nice summer's day, there are daily walking tours of Old Montreal offered by the City of Montreal. The two-hour tours leave the hall of honor of the Montreal City Hall, 275 Notre Dame street east, every day at 1:30 pm and the tour passes by many of the buildings painted by Georges Delfosse, whose works are on exhibit in the hall of honor. The tour costs \$5 and is offered until Aug. 29.

Summer music

The parks of Montreal are alive with music this summer with many concerts taking place every week. In the coming week, for example, the wind quintet of the

Conservatoire de Musique will play, among others, at Beaver Lake Sunday at 4 pm. The Quatuor de flûtes de Montréal will perform Saturday at 2 pm at the Botanical Gardens and Sunday at 2 at Lafontaine Park. Guitar concerts are offered Saturday at noon in Place Jacques Cartier, Sunday at 2 at Maisonneuve Park near the Olympic Stadium, and Tuesday at 2 at Châteaufort Park, Van Horne avenue and Darlington street. There's lots of dancing planned too. Folklore dancers will perform Monday at 8 pm at Beaver Lake, Quebec folk dancers at Maisonneuve Park Tuesday at 8 pm and there will be square dances in Dominion Square at 8 pm Wednesday. For details of these and other activities in Montreal parks, call 725-6451.

Calling all grads!

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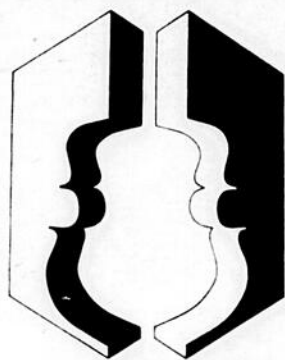
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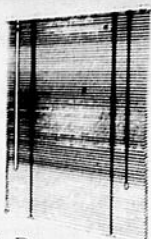
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French courses for immigrants

Semi-intensive language courses in French for immigrants who are in Canada three years or less are being offered at the Saint Paul Center, 11 Côte St. Antoine road.

These courses by Le Service de l'éducation des adultes de la Commission des écoles catholiques de Montréal are given over a period of eight weeks, four times a week: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday morning. There are six different levels in which the students will be placed according to the result of their placement test.

Those interested must register at Saint Paul Center, August 22-24 from 5-8 pm. For further information, please call 849-4792.

Huguette Uguay to present program of Baudelaire poems at Arts Festival

By JOAN CAPRÉOL

Attractive Huguette Uguay, professor of phonetics and diction since 1969 at one of Quebec's leading theatre schools, the Conservatoire d'art dramatique de Montréal, is presenting a dramatic French program, "Les Effluves du Mal," based on Charles Baudelaire's poems, at the Arts Westmount Festival at Victoria Hall on Thursday evening, September 22.

"It will be a very interesting program for Arts Westmount and it is a pleasure to perform here in French," says Mme. Uguay, who is an attractive blonde with sparkling dark brown eyes.

The performance will be given by a troupe of 10 Montreal actors, all graduate students of Mme. Uguay. It will recreate the languorous ambience of a 19th century salon, using as its medium 20 poems taken from Baudelaire's well-known "Fleurs du Mal." "The presentation is modern with music and songs by Leo Ferré," says Mme. Uguay.

"Les Effluves du Mal" was first presented last March at the Journée Mondiale du Théâtre. It is another example of Mme. Uguay's wide grasp of the poetry of France and Quebec.

Many poetry lovers have come to enjoy the various recitals she



Huguette Uguay

has directed, inspired by works of poets as diverse as Lefrançois, Verlaine, Maeterlinck, Carême, Desnos and her niece Marie Uguay.

Marie died from cancer at the age of 26. She produced three books of poetry and won a prestigious, posthumous honor — a medal dedicated in the name of the famed French Canadian poet Emile Nelligan.



The Ville Emard cultural centre and library is named for her.

The 10 actors participating in the French poetry session at Arts Westmount are: Claire Gagnon, Pierre St. Jacques, Pascal Belleau, Geneviève Rioux, Pierre-Luc Delorme, Pascale Malaterre, Richard Brunais, Gisèle Rousseau, Claude Paiement and Annie Pierard.

Daughter of violinist

Mme. Uguay is the daughter of the late violinist Caesar Uguay. She attended Collège Marguerite Bourgeoys.

From 1961 to 1971 she taught French courses at the University of Montreal.

Her husband, Gilles Leroux, is an executive with Radio Canada.

The Uguays have one son, Patrice, 21, who just returned from Spain where he went to learn Spanish. He goes into his second year in literature at the University of Montreal next month.

Mme. Uguay's favorite poets are Gaston Miron, Victor Hugo,

Latin music by the lagoon is appreciated

It was lovely and sunny last Sunday and about 100 persons turned out at the lagoon in Westmount Park to listen to Sybil-Angelica and Carlos Umberto play a selection of well-known Latin American songs and South American folk songs.

"It was really pleasant," according to concert organizer Merrin Donley-Crevier, who said many individuals came over to her to comment how they had enjoyed the show. Sybil-Angelica plays a South American folk harp and gave a running commentary during the show while Carlos, from Ecuador, adds his strong voice and guitar playing to the proceedings.

This Sunday, 3-5 pm, by the lagoon, a brass trio led by Alain Monast will perform, followed on Sunday, Aug. 21, by the Ensemble du Carré St. Louis, a group which plays various instruments, in the last concert of this summer's performances.

The seven-concert series was organized by Ms. Donley-Crevier for the Westmount YMCA, the City of Westmount and the Music Performance Trust Fund.

Alfred de Musset, Nelligan and Chamberland.

She loves chamber music by Mozart, Beethoven and Schubert. From 1955 to 1969 she had a part in the children's TV series called La Boîte à Surprise.

Mme. Uguay has lived in Westmount for 22 years.

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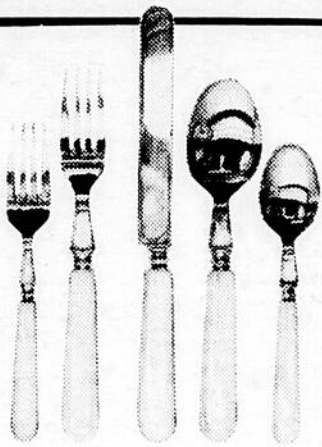

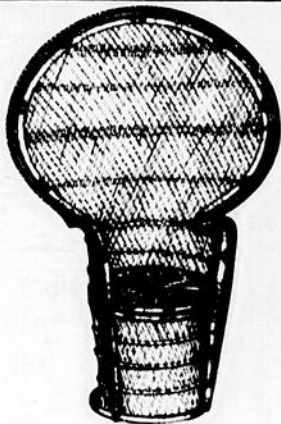


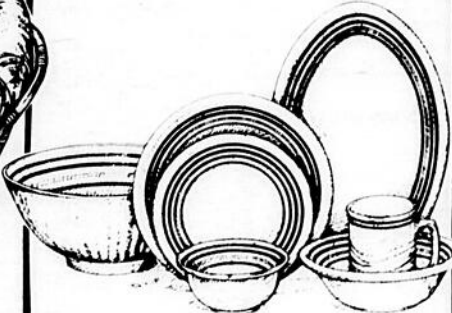
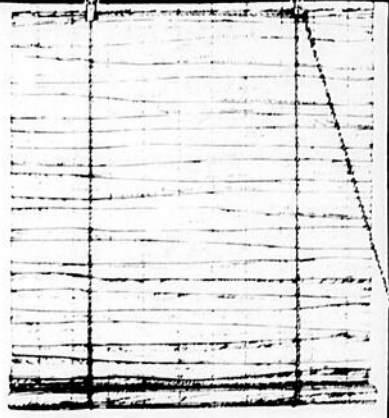


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Wall-to-wall six-, seven-year-olds:

Kids, computers and hot weather spell fun in program at local YMCA

By MALCOLM GUY

It is stifling hot in the tiny room on the third floor of the Westmount YMCA.

The space is packed wall-to-wall with six- and seven-year-olds, Atari 400 computers, TVs and, somewhere in the crowd, instruc-

tor Richard Figueredo and his two young helpers, Allan Peretz and David Sheremata, both 12.

The oppressive heat, however, does not seem to prevent 20 little eyes from being glued to a screen before them where a tiny dot under their control is forming various wonderful shapes and colors.

"You're not pressing the key hard enough," Richard Figueredo is explaining to one of his charges through the din of children's voices and the beeps and bops of the machines. "Press it harder."

"Look, your imaginary turtle is here," he says, pointing to the dot on the screen. "Now how are we going to make him turn so that you can complete your diamond?"

'I can't find the W!'

Suddenly from over in the corner comes the cry, "I don't know where to go." "Where's the W, I can't find the W," exclaims another.

Welcome to the computer age, YMCA style.

During four two-week sessions this summer, young local residents, 6-12 years old, are enjoying a truly 1980s style of day camp which includes 45 minutes a day in front of the little screen on the top floor of the Y.

From early in the morning until the last group leaves in the afternoon, 26-year-old Mr. Figueredo and his assistants guide the children through a program which teaches them how to draw with the computer, and then how to color, add sound effects and program the machine.

"I gave them a tough problem this morning," Mr. Figueredo explains, perhaps somewhat embarrassed by the difficulty some children are having making a diamond and filling it in with colors. He explains that while some of the children are old-timers with a week of instruction under their belts, some are newcomers and it's taking them longer to catch on.

The difficulty does not seem to affect the children's enthusiasm, however.

The engineering student at McGill says he is using the PILOT language with the children. It's also referred to as "turtle graphics," he explains, since a little point on the screen crawls around like a turtle and the youngsters have to tell it whether to DRAW a line, TURNTO the left or the right and when to PEN in the appropriate color.

Mr. Figueredo personally knows six computer languages.

Meanwhile, six-year-old, pony-tailed Olivia is having a tough

time. Her turtle looks as if it has lost its way and is meandering idly across the screen. "It's maybe a little bit harder this morning," she says, searching valiantly for the elusive number 2 on the keyboard.

Six-year-old Jamie, meanwhile, is looking much more confident and proudly states: "I worked on a computer before, at my father's office . . . because he owns the office!"

"Come on, you guys, no fooling around," Mr. Figueredo suddenly tells two youngsters in the corner. Well, it seems kids will be kids, and even a miracle of modern technology cannot keep a small child's attention forever. Michael, 5, momentarily has lost interest and, besides, occasionally making it tough for his friend by punching a wrong button on the computer, is playing with his cards. "Return of the Jedi" cards, of course.

It's not long before the 45-minute session is up and the next crowd of eager 8-10-year-old computer whizzes is at the door. They pile into the seats and soon the screens light up with ATARI PILOT, READY.

Mr. Figueredo explains that the group is going to make a diamond and color it in and make sounds to go along with it. "You all know how to make a square, we learned that last time," he says. "A diamond is just a square on its side so all we have to do is turn it how far? . . . 45 degrees, that's right."

Immediately the room is a jumble of electronic beeps and bops as little imaginary turtles crawl over the TV screens to the instructions of the pairs of children in front of the computers.

"It's really too bad the facilities are so small," Mr. Figueredo says, "because everyone seems to want to learn how to use the computers." This is the first year the Y has presented such a program and they didn't know anything about them when it got under way, he says.

The engineering student works for a company called KIDBITS, which supplies the computers,

TVs and specially trained instructors. Seven other Ys in the Montreal area are following the same program, he says, and children as young as three years are being taught in Pointe Claire.

Computers at home

Many of the youngsters taking part have access to computers at home and he affirms that it is definitely an asset. "It's like learning to drive a car; if you don't have one at home to practice

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CANCER SUPPORT: Dale Boidman, 657 Murray Hill, education chairperson of Hope and Cope at the Jewish General Hospital, announces that Dr. Jimmie C. Holland, chief of psychiatric services at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, is to speak on "Psychiatric problems of the cured cancer patient" at a program for staff and volunteers Sept. 19. Hope and Cope is a volunteer organization dedicated to the support of cancer patients and their families.


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on it's a lot tougher," he says. Would the youngsters like to make a career out of computers?

Nine-year-olds Jacques-Yves Gadbois and John Cusmarus are well advanced into their diamond. "I'm good at it," asserts John, who says he would perhaps like to work in computers because "it's fun." Jacques-Yves enjoys the classes, but isn't quite as clear about making a life of it. "I'd rather play sports," he says.

Melissa Rawlins and Joanna Campbell, both 11½, have both used computers before, at school. They enjoy making graphics and playing computer games, but as for a career in the field, well, they aren't too sure.

Neoni Lopinto, 9, is sitting strangely on the sidelines, reading a book, *The Mystery of the Green Cat*. Don't worry, it isn't that she would rather be reading than playing with the turtle; it's just that all the machines are full up.

"It's my favorite part of the day," she asserts. "Last time when we were told it was time for computers, everybody went YEA!"

Mr. Figueredo can see no difference between boys and girls when it comes to learning computers. In the younger class there were six girls and four boys, while the girls were outnumbered five to nine in the older group.

Helpers show their stuff

At last the class piles out and it is lunch time. The two helpers, Allan and David, each grab a computer to show me their stuff and soon there are alien monsters and Tron cars racing across the screen, games made up by Allan himself and programmed on tape. The screen shimmers as Allan sends it into "hyperspace."

David is frantically pecking at the keyboard and before long the screen is a mass of swirling colors leading into what appears to be a deep hole.

These two computer old-timers have been into the business for 1½ years. The first time they met, they explain, they went into a computer shop to play and they haven't stopped since.

It's going to be a long, hot day for Richard, David and Allan. But the looks of enjoyment and satisfaction on the faces of the youngsters they are helping to learn the computer skills so necessary in today's world must help the hours go by a little bit faster.

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ing before Aug. 30. Write to the reunion committee, Beaconsfield High School, 84 Beaconsfield Court, Beaconsfield H9W 5G7.

Loyalist exhibition

The year 1983 marks the 200th anniversary of the Loyalist settlement in Quebec and to mark the event Parks Canada has mounted a travelling exhibition which is visiting the centres in Quebec where such settlement was strongest in the wake of the American Revolution: the Eastern Townships and the Gaspé. The travelling show was opened recently in Sherbrooke and it has now moved on to the Missisquoi Museum in Stanbridge East, a pleasant drive from the city. It may be seen there until Sunday, Aug. 14. The exhibition consists of 14 panels combining pictorial materials and explanatory texts about the Loyalist influx in Quebec.



BOLD COLOR: Local designer and artist Anthony Hobbs, of 57 Windsor avenue will be showing his recent paintings as part of the Festival Lac Massawippi. The exhibition will open at 7:30 pm, August 16, in the Hovey Manor in North Hatley. The exhibition will run until August 21. Mr. Hobbs portrays scenes of particular local interest on large canvasses, boldly treated, with a rich use of color, showing rolling landscapes, round barns, maple syrup cabins and Lac Massawippi itself in the spring, summer, autumn and winter. Mr. Hobbs, who spends his time between Westmount and the North Hatley area, is a graphic designer with his practice in Montreal. He studied art and design in London, England, before coming to Canada in 1965. He settled in Westmount in 1968. His graphic design work covers a wide range of projects ranging from postage stamps to the exterior of Voyageur buses, trademarks, and annual reports for major corporations. He is currently participating in the design of the main poster for Arts Westmount 1983.

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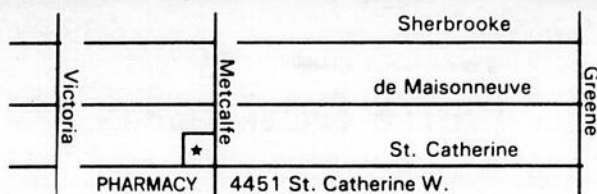
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Menachem Begin to head Hecht Tribute Committee

Israel Prime Minister Menachem Begin will head up the distinguished International Honorary Thomas O. Hecht Tribute Committee.

This news was announced August 8 by Gordon Brown, overall chairman of the committee planning the Hecht tribute dinner sponsored by the Montreal Branch of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University.

The dinner is scheduled for December 1, 1983, at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue.

Joining Prime Minister Begin as members of the honorary committee are other Israeli figures, including science and development minister Yuval Ne'eman, opposition leader Shimon Peres, Geula Cohen, MK, Major General (Res.) Shlomo Gazit, president of Ben-Gurion University, as well as a number of Israel's ambassadors to various countries.

Other international leaders on the committee include Sam Rothberg, United States; Lord George Weidenfeld, Great Britain; Julius Varga, Australia; Arao Sahn, Brazil; and Bertram

Lubner, South Africa.

At the same time Mr. Brown announced that Betty Reitman, the well-known Montreal communal leader, will chair the dinner arrangements committee. She will be joined by a number of other leading Montrealers associated with Ben-Gurion University.

The universal affection for Thomas Hecht, Mr. Brown said, is clearly reflected by the wide participation in the tribute committee.

Shoes, radio stolen from car

A car radio and a pair of shoes were reported stolen Friday last week from a 1981 Dodge parked at Dorchester boulevard and Atwater avenue, police said.

They were valued together at \$320.

Damage to the side door in forcing it open was \$175.

The car belonged to a LaSalle man. The missing radio was a Pioneer AM-FM cassette model.

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Man admits false alarms

A young man from N.D.G. admitted recently to pulling two false alarms at fire boxes on the summit, police report.

The man apparently is a patient at the Douglas Hospital. He was released to his mother.

Police said the man was found on the scene by the fire captain, Gerald Gauthier, after he and his crew responded to two false alarms.

One of the calls came at 10:50 am from the box at Lexington and Devon avenues, the other at 10:55 am at Lexington and Sunnyside avenues.

PSU goes fishing down local sewer

A man who dropped his keys down a sewer catchbasin recently opposite 4050 St. Catherine street has public safety officers to thank for fishing them out.

The man dropped the keys to his apartment and car accidentally while walking along the street at 10 pm.

A Public Security Unit patrol came to his rescue by removing the sewer grate and getting the keys out with the help of coat hangers, officials said.

Thieves light torches

Someone broke into a house on Westmount avenue recently and was believed to have lighted paper to use as a torch, police report.

Remnants of the burnt paper were found during discovery of the incident last week.

Occupants of the house were away at the time and it was not known if anything had been taken, police said.

The house had been entered through an unlocked kitchen window and all rooms were visited.

Blue chip thief strikes

Bonds worth \$5,000 were reported missing from an apartment at 10 Rosemount avenue Wednesday last week.

Police said it was the second incident involving investments in a blue chip company reported by the residents. Another loss of \$4,000 was reported July 23 (see story July 28).

There were no signs of forced entry.

Nocturnal dip

Four adults, one of them a Westmount woman, were found swimming in Westmount pool Sunday at 2:11 am by a Public Security Unit patrol. They were warned against it and asked to leave.

Quiet week

It has been fairly quiet over the past week, except for a number of noise complaints, according to the Public Security Unit. Noisy parties, loud talking on the street and bothersome radios have upset the quiet of the summer nights.

Jewelry stolen

Jewelry valued at \$200 was reported stolen from the master bedroom of a house on Forden avenue, according to police. Someone apparently entered the house through a small window.

Face to face encounter

A 40-year-old woman living on Claremont avenue entered her house recently to come face to face with an intruder.

Police said she asked him, "What are you doing here?" "Nothing, madam," he answered. "I'm leaving." And with that, he left, reportedly taking with him \$350 cash.

He was described as being about 18 years old, short-haired and wearing jeans and a red sweater. He spoke in French as did the woman and appeared nervous.

He apparently entered the house by breaking through a screen in a side window, causing \$20 damage. He had visited a bedroom.

The burglary took place between 5:15 and 6 pm.

Discrimination to be protested

A mass demonstration against racial discrimination will be held on Saturday, August 13, at 11 am. The march begins at Atwater and St. Catherine and ends with a public meeting at Victoria Square. It is sponsored by the National Black Coalition of Canada (Montreal chapter). The Afro-Asian Foundation of Canada and the Negro Community Centre.

Centre teachers to exhibit works

The teachers at the Centre des Arts Visuels will be presenting an exhibition of their works Aug. 18 to Sept. 17. A vernissage will be held Aug. 18 at 8 pm.

The Centre, 350 Victoria avenue, will have new hours in September from 10 am to 6 pm, Tuesday to Friday, and Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm.

Telephone 488-9558 for more information.

Device sounds false alarm

Firefighters responded to an alarm ringing Saturday night at an office building at 4650 St. Catherine street but had to break in to find out what the problem was.

Police said they broke in through a garage, but repaired the damage before leaving.

The problem turned out to be a defective alarm for Capt. Gerald Gauthier and his crew.

Wallet lost

A wallet containing \$150 cash was reported lost somewhere in Westmount July 23. The wallet belonged to a resident of de Maisonneuve boulevard.

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stallation on one truck of a reversible plow, water tank, A-frame as well as a dump box and hoist.

Tenders considered

Tenders will be considered for heating oil, garbage collection and the reconstruction of landings on the Summit steps.

The by-law for the installation of parking meters on Victoria avenue and Sherbrooke street also will be submitted for approval.

Two traffic control items are also on the agenda.

A 30-kph speed restriction on Melbourne avenue will be established.

Stop signs also are planned for eastbound traffic at the Devon avenue-Surrey Gardens intersection and for westbound traffic at the lane south of Dorchester boulevard between Columbia and Bruce avenues.

Approval sought

Approval will be sought for two items for building over the building line, one for a retaining wall at 39 Thornhill avenue, another for an ornamental gate at 9 Gordon crescent.

A cadastral operation to redivide property at 3730 The Boulevard also will be considered.

Another item for consideration is the commitment of funds for the installation of snow removal lights.

These are planned for Victoria avenue between Sherbrooke and St. Catherine streets as well as on de Maisonneuve boulevard, on the north side between Atwater and Clarke avenue and on the south side between Elm and Greene avenues.

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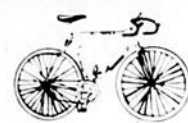
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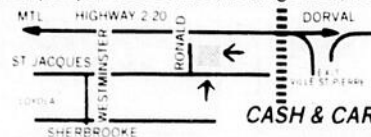
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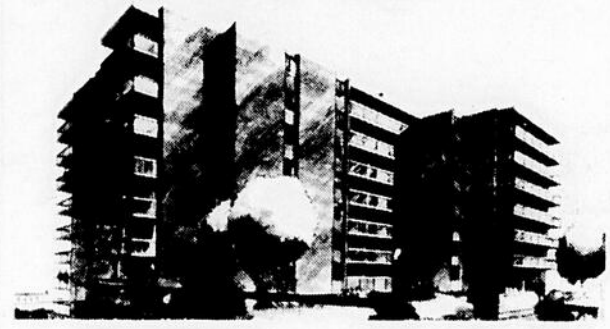
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POTPOURRI

NOT every item makes it into print each week. Here is a potpourri of leftovers from the last two weeks. The time elements have not been up-dated:

It happened while at Forum

A man who parked his car in Westmount while he attended an event at The Forum Wednesday night last week found, on his return to the vehicle, that someone had made off with its stereo radio system.
A door had been forced open, causing \$100 damage to the brown 1976 Volvo. The amount of the theft was listed as \$525.
The car had been left in front of 4050 St. Catherine street between 8 pm and 11:10 pm.

Unlucky strike

A 50-year-old man was taken to hospital Sunday after he struck his head against the Royal Bank building at 4849 Sherbrooke street at Victoria avenue, police said. The victim, described as a patient at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, who was out for a walk, was returned to the hospital in police ambulance 23-15.

Hit-and-run

A hit-and-run accident was reported by police Friday on the fourth parking level of the Alexis Nihon Plaza garage. A car apparently was hit in the right rear side between 12:05 and 12:45 pm by another vehicle. Damages were estimated up to \$250.

It's Supercycle

A Supercycle men's three-speed bike was found in Westmount Park near Melville avenue and de Maisonneuve boulevard Friday night by a Public Security patrol. It was taken to local MUC police station 23.

Hot car

A fire in a car outside 4000 de Maisonneuve boulevard was extinguished shortly after 6 pm Wednesday last week by local firefighters. The car, a Renault, was from Pennsylvania, according to public safety officers.

Prying door

The front door of an apartment at 331 Clarke avenue was pried open Friday afternoon while residents were away, police said. It was not known if anything was taken. Damage was estimated at \$100.

Warrants paid

A Beaconsfield motorist paid up \$110 worth of outstanding traffic warrants Tuesday last week when he was stopped by police at Atwater avenue and Dorchester boulevard. He was arrested at 3:30 am.

Bye, bye, wallet

A Westmount resident lost a black wallet containing \$240 cash Monday morning last week at Victoria avenue and Sherbrooke street.

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Men's softball series heats up; Aug. 17 final day for tennis

Play-off action is heating up in the men's senior softball league here in Westmount, as the PCs and the Stars are hooked up in an intense semi-final series.

The PCs took the opening game of the series 7-6, only to have the Stars come back and tie it at one with a 6-4 victory. This set the stage for the final game of the best of three semi-final; however, with the score tied at five at the end of the seventh inning, the game was called due to darkness and rescheduled in its entirety for this week.

The winner goes on to play Magnum (beginning Thursday, August 11) in a best-of-five series for the league championship. All games begin at 6:30 pm Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and are played on the Westmount Park softball diamonds located on the corner of Melville avenue and de Maisonneuve boulevard. Spectators are most welcome, as additional seating has been provided

Aimée Brender chosen to go to world meet

Sixteen-year-old Aimée Brender, 574 Victoria avenue, has been selected by the Canadian Rhythmic Sportive Gymnastics Federation to represent Canada at the Eleventh World Championships in Strasbourg, France, Nov. 10-13. Other members of the team selected are Lori Fung and Adrienne Dunnett.

The selection was based on scores obtained in a trial meet held Aug. 6 in Toronto, the last national championship in Vancouver, and recent international competitions.

Aimée Brender is the youngest gymnast on the Canadian world team and she is coached by Hilja Paul of the Questo Rhythmics Club of Montreal. Aimée is presently Quebec champion, ranked second in Canada and is a member of the National "A" team.

In her most recent international competition in Monaco she placed third, helping Canada to win the Princess Grace Cup. Her next meet will be the U.S. Invitational in California this month.

One can get a preview of the newest Olympic sport on CBC's Aug. 20 "Sports Weekend" when the Aug. 6 trial meet will be presented. Rhythmic sportive routines feature dance, gymnastics, and acrobatics combined with the spectacular use of balls, clubs, ribbons, hoops and skipping ropes.

No peace

Two men have been charged with disturbing the peace after they were arrested Wednesday last week at 8 pm at Greene avenue and Selby street, according to police. The two, aged 20 and 21, were Montreal residents.

By **GARY ROUSE**

for the play-offs.

Aug. 17: tennis deadline

There is still time to register for Westmount's annual autumn tennis tournament. You can do so by dropping by the recreation de-

partment office located inside the artificial ice rink, or if you wish to have further information contact John Garland or D. J. Reynolds at 932-4293. Make sure you register as soon as possible as there will be no extensions past the deadline date of Wednesday, Aug. 17, at 4:30 pm.

Julie Lefebvre at 12 is among top swimmers

Twelve-year-old Westmount swimmer Julie Lefebvre, after four years of intense training and lots of sacrifices, finally has achieved something she always wanted — a Division II standing which places her among the top swimmers in eastern Canada.

Division II standings are given to 300 of the top swimmers in the eastern part of the country who achieve a certain time in their events. It is open to all ages. Julie has gained her Division II in four events, the 100- and 200-metre breaststroke and the 200- and 400-metre individual medley.

At the end of last winter's season she also received Canadian Standing silver certificates in the 100- and 200-metre breaststroke in her age group and she has been chosen by the Quebec Swimming Federation to represent the province in upcoming meets.

Last week she participated in Division II races in Thunder Bay, Ont., and took part earlier in the National Youth Championship in Toronto, the Coupe du Québec in Montreal and Division II races in Sudbury, giving a good showing in races against swimmers much older and more experienced.

In May this year in competition at the Olympic pool in Montreal she won a silver medal in the 100-metre breast and 200-metre breast and placed fourth in the individual medley. This competition regrouped 650 swimmers from across Canada and the U.S.

In the provincial championship this July at the Claude Robillard



Julie Lefebvre

pool she placed first in her age group in two events and she was second in three. She is placed third in Canada in the top age group in the breaststroke.

Experts see a bright swimming future in store for this young, local sportswoman.

Shattered

The rear window of a car was reported shattered Wednesday last week when it was parked opposite 4820 Sherbrooke street west, police said. Damage was estimated at \$150. The red 1981 Malibu Classic was from Pennsylvania.

Bobby Salomon is best player

Bobby Salomon, 12, was selected the most valuable player on the Côte St. Luc PeeWee baseball team following a game last Thursday against LaSalle. The game was part of the second annual Côte St. Luc PeeWee baseball tournament held in Kirwan Park.

Sixteen teams from across the province took part in the tourney, which was won by Iberville. Lachine took the consolation final.

LaSalle wants football players

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Man, 58, injured getting off bus

A 58-year-old man living on Hillside avenue was taken to hospital Saturday night after he fell getting off a bus at Metcalfe avenue and St. Catherine street, police said.

The man injured his left arm and was transported by police ambulance 23-15 about 11 pm.

Both our local soccer teams come up losers

Both Westmount soccer teams came up losers last week.

In the Premier division, hard luck Westmount "A" was stung with a 5-0 defeat when they failed to show for a game against Sabra at the Westmount Park grounds last Wednesday and as a result forfeited the game.

In the Montreal Urban Soccer League's second division, league-leading Westmount "B" went down 3-0 at the hands of International, but still hang on to first place.

Tomorrow, Westmount "A" finally will play a previously cancelled first round game in the Knockout Cup against Swiss Wings. The next round of the Knockout is to get under way Aug. 22.

In regular league play, sixth-place Westmount "A" met the Rams last night at Prince Rupert Park in Laval and will play league leading Eurocan "A" Aug. 17 at home in Westmount Park.

Westmount "B" took on last-place Atlas at home yesterday and will play away in Verdun's Therrien Park on Aug. 17. Both Westmount teams had played 13 games as of last week and had eight games left in the 21-game season.

Wallet stolen

A wallet was reported stolen from a purse sometime last week from the fourth floor of the Reddy Memorial Hospital, according to police. The wallet contained \$9 in MUCTC tickets, \$8 cash and some earrings for a total theft of \$38.

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No, it's not another rate hike. It's a pamphlet from the Westmount Parks and Recreation Department describing the upcoming fall and winter program.

The distribution of the pamphlets was promised earlier this spring and is the result of public demand, said Bob Aiken, assistant superintendent at the Recreation Department. This should help residents be aware earlier than usual about the programs offered, he said.

Courses are being presented as usual in hockey, badminton and touch football, skating, dance and fitness and general interest.

One of the few changes in this year's program is the fact that Novice hockey will now be offered to seven- and eight-year-old boys, instead of just eight year old as in past years. Mr. Aiken said parents and youngsters had been requesting this change.

Three adult general interest courses are being offered. Registration has been lacking on these courses in the past and the recreation department hopes at least 15 people will take advantage of the courses in drawing and watercolor, singles and basic

cooking, and St. John's Ambulance.

All registrations will take place at the Artificial Ice Rink, 4675 St. Catherine street west. For any additional information, call the recreation department at 935-8531, local 220 or 212.

Mr. Aiken said that the department is busy getting things in shape for the program but that the arena is set up for indoor games such as shuffleboard, ping pong, badminton, tennis and roller skating for residents' participation in the weeks to come.

Bedrooms ransacked

Bedrooms on the top floor of a house on Grosvenor avenue were ransacked during a burglary sometime between July 31 and Aug. 5, police report.

It was not immediately known if anything was taken since residents were on vacation.

The break-in was discovered by a person living on de Maison-neuve boulevard who contacted police.

The house was entered by breaking a small pane of glass in the front door. Exit was made through a basement door which was left open.

Rabbit hit accidentally

A car mirror was broken Saturday when it reportedly was hit accidentally by another car in front of 4050 St. Catherine street, police said.

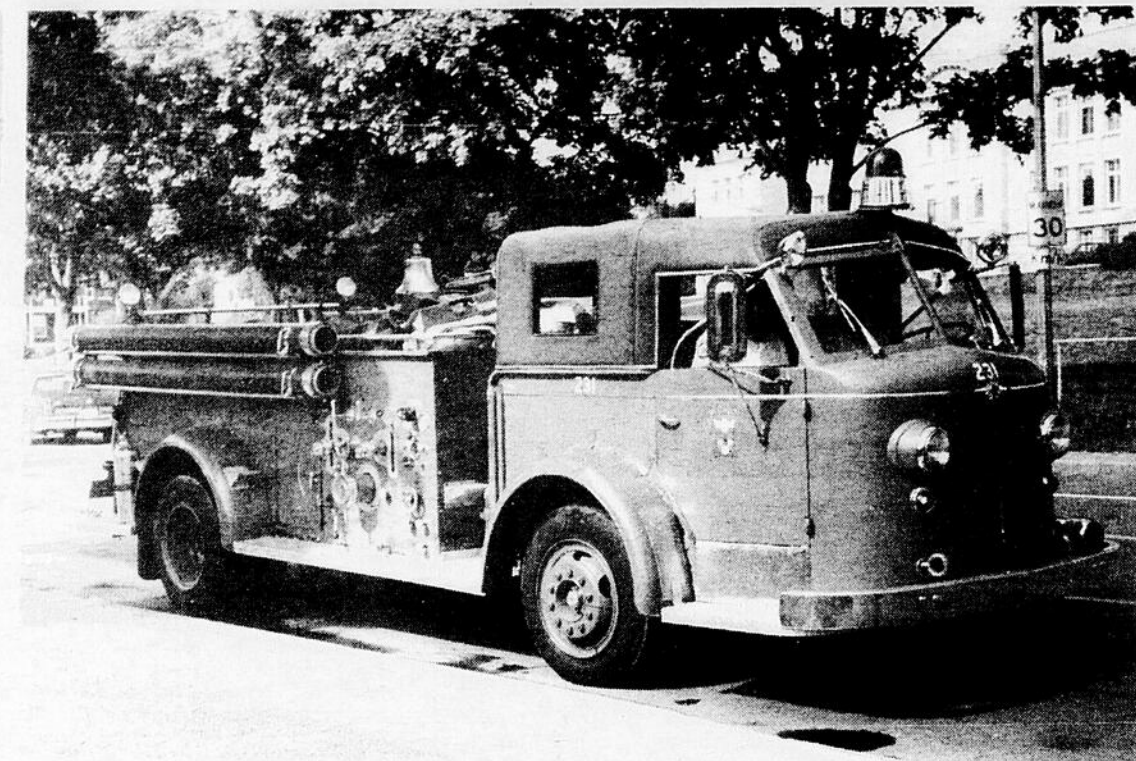
A witness to the incident told police he saw a BMW damage a Volkswagen Rabbit, but it appeared that the driver of the BMW did not realize he had hit the other vehicle.

He was able to provide police with the licence number of the BMW.

Damage to the Rabbit was \$50.

Cash taken

Offices at 4444 St. Catherine street were broken into about 8:30 am Tuesday last week after a rear door was forced open, police report. A metal cabinet was damaged in one office and about \$200 in cash taken from a desk drawer. A possible suspect was seen by a receptionist in another office.



BRING BACK THE 1950s: The 1950s are back in style these days. So is Westmount's 1950 Lafrance fire engine which was answering fire calls and involved in in-service inspections. The ancient 800 gallon-per-minute pumper had to be pressed into front-line service this week when the fire brigade lost the service of both its 1966 and 1976 Thibault pumpers. The new mini-pumper also broke down. The 1,050-gallons-per-minute truck, the brigade's main pumper, was off the road Monday for much of the week when the 840-gpm pumper ran into transmission problems after working at a mutual aid fire in St. Laurent. That left the brigade with its 250-gpm mini-pumper and the well-worn Lafrance. But all was not well with the mini and it was off-duty Tuesday with alternator problems. The Thibault 840 returned along with the Lafrance. The machine was expected to be off for most of the week. Arrival of a new combination aerial-pumper truck originally set for early summer has been delayed. Meanwhile, the Lafrance carries on.

Fire prevention is key, say firemen

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Fire departments should place increasing emphasis on fire prevention in the wake of cuts in firefighting personnel.

This was one of the main points brought back to Westmount firemen from the biennial convention of the Quebec Federation of Firefighters held June 22-25 in Jonquière.

"If we're going to have fewer men to fight fires, we have to have fewer fires," said Fireman Hugh Clarke, secretary of the Westmount Firefighters Association, who attended the conference.

Fire departments in Ontario were generally ahead of those in Quebec in the area of fire prevention, Fmn. Clarke reported.

Positive step

The recent adoption of smoke detector by-laws by Westmount and other mutual aid communities was seen as a positive step toward the reduction of fires, he said.

The mandatory installation of smoke detectors should result in smaller fires.

"We'll be talking more of property protection than life-saving."

To cut down the incidence of fire, he said, "municipalities need increased fire prevention staff, particularly more fire inspectors on the road."

Westmount was at one time in the avant-garde of fire prevention in Canada, winning several national awards in the field in the 1970s.

Reduced one third

Since 1975, however, the size of the uniformed fire prevention staff has been reduced from three to one. The number of building inspections has decreased from 2,188 in 1975 to 1,213 in 1982.

Home in-service inspections by fire crews fell to a low 653 in 1982, compared with 1,319 in 1977.

Over the same period, the Westmount brigade was reduced from some 75 firemen to 57 today.

The compulsory installation of smoke detectors is one example of how fire prevention measures can help compensate for cuts in firemen, Mr. Clarke explained.

"If smoke detectors have already alerted occupants to the fire, then, hopefully, they will have already escaped before the fire department reaches the scene.

"We won't be crawling around smokey basements to rescue people."

Greater numbers of firefighters are needed initially at a fire if evacuation is required, he pointed out.

"Even with mutual aid, we don't have extra back-up for at least 10 minutes," he said.

"Years ago," he recalled, "we didn't even stop to put on breathing apparatus when we went into a burning home because we knew another fireman would come in when we had to come out. Now there isn't always that back-up."

Fmn. Clarke said union locals were united in realizing that "times are tough and we're bidding with the times."

Even so, he said, as many fire

departments face sharp cuts in the number of firefighters for austerity purposes, most of the same functions still must be provided.

The maintenance of equipment, such as hose testing, now must be performed by fewer men.

The cuts in firefighting personnel in Westmount have resulted in the recent closure of fire station number 2.

Shift sizes have declined from maximums of 17 to 13. Today's shift size during sickness or holiday can drop to nine or 10.

When mutual aid calls take five of those men outside the community, Westmount is then left, on occasion, with as few as four or five firemen to cover the community.

Takes 30 minutes

It can take up to 30 minutes or longer to call back enough off-duty men to bring the shift size back up to minimum as several incidences have shown.

One such example took place July 9 when the fire department received a fire call for a kitchen fire in a home at 4467 Sherbrooke street while five of the Westmount men were tied up in Outremont.

Fortunately, the local fire broke out only minutes after the off-duty men made it in to work. That was an hour after the Outremont call.

There was considerable smoke at the fire and a line had to be laid.

The Jonquière convention noted that the Westmount Firefighters Association had been one of five founding members of the Quebec Federation in 1945.

It also discussed pending fire safety standards expected from Quebec, Fmn. Clarke said.

The Westmount local withdrew from the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) last year in favor of retaining affiliation with the Quebec Federation.

Columbian loses Colombian belt

A camera as well as a belt made of old coins were among items believed stolen recently from a home on Columbia avenue, police said.

The rear door of the house had been forced open sometime between July 28 and Aug. 1 while the residents were away on vacation.

The break-in was discovered by neighbors checking the property.

The belt, described as being made of old pesos, came from Colombia and was valued at \$400.

"Examining the Files" tells EXAMINER readers what happened in Westmount 5, 15, 25, 35 and 45 years ago.

Royal bomb is hoax

A bomb scare at the Royal Bank branch in 1 Westmount Square Monday last week turned out to be a hoax, police report.

A man apparently called the bank about 2:15 pm asking for the manager and saying "Hurry up!"

He said he had put a bomb in the bank and wanted \$50,000. All of a sudden, the caller hung up before getting his reply. Police were called to search the premises.

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