

Quarterback mayor prepares to tackle 1985 problems

This is the last of a series of interviews with Westmount's mayor and aldermen. The series began following the council's first six months in office.

WESTMOUNT'S mayor, Brian Gallery, doesn't make New Year's resolutions, he says, but he does make predictions.

The city's major problems in 1985 will be: "a lack of funds," parking, dogs, and the casting of snow on lawns, he says.

A tight lid on spending will curb "grandiose" projects, he says, such as

indoor swimming pools, the burying of wires, elevators in Victoria Hall or the landscaping of de Maisonneuve boulevard through Westmount Park.

'Never disappear'

New attempts will be made to "better" the parking situation but the mayor sees the issue as "a problem that will never disappear."

He plans to tackle issues with a team

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

approach, he says, perceiving his role as mayor as that of a quarterback.

"I'm a team player," he says. "The one thing I learnt as quarterback of my college football team in 1957 was that you couldn't go up the field if you didn't have a good team with you."

His job as mayor, he says, "is to create a team spirit between the city council, staff and citizens."

In 1984, his first year in office, a new era was begun in the city administration

here, he says, calling it a positive, family approach made possible by a completely "new group" on council and a new director general.

Has quarterback drive

He has the quarterback drive and he loves a challenge.

During the election campaign a year ago, some of his friends said he had been running for mayor ever since he was a

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SNOW BIRD: Murray Park hill was a busy spot Wednesday afternoon as sliders of all ages took advantage of the sunny weather and fresh snow. Flying high over a convenient bump in one corner of the park was Carole Carrier watched by friends, from left, Sarah Gardner (just visible), Jwana Godinho, and Alex Gardner.

Snow tangles traffic:

Local emergency crews pass holidays quietly

SNOW removal problems probably were the biggest "unpreventable" headache by far for most Westmount residents and

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

visitors here over the holiday period.

Heavy ice from melted

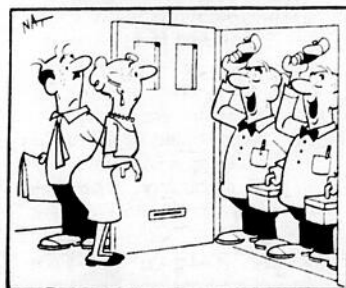
uncleared snow over Christmas was covered by mounds of more uncleared snow at New Year's, causing what long-time local residents and emergency personnel called the worst situation they had seen in many years.

Two small house fires occurred New Year's Eve and the day before, but the city otherwise was relatively quiet, according to local MUC police, fire and public security officials.

Accidents handled

A number of traffic accidents and calls for sick or injured persons were handled by emergency crews reduced generally to minimums.

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WHATEVER THE WEATHER SHOP MÉTRO

NEXT WEEK'S WEATHER

By Capt. Eric Neal
January 5 to 11

Mainly sunny with blue skies and extremely cold. Some powder snow. Temperature range: some nights down to -30°C, days up to 3°C during the week. Easing a little in middle of week for morning frosts and wind-driven freezing drizzle and snow grains. Heavy snow, as much as 40 cm, would be normal. In the north and on both shores of the St. Lawrence, temperatures of -40°C will complete the freeze-up and end all navigation.



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Decision on schools delayed by PSBGM

By ROB SOUTHCOTT

Two of Westmount's public schools will have to wait until next Tuesday to find out what the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal is planning for their futures.

Representatives of Westmount Park School and Westmount High School had expected to find out before Christmas if they were slated for major changes next September.

The PSBGM has been considering proposals to close Westmount Park School and to change Westmount High to a French language secondary school.

Urgences Santé public meeting next Thursday

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A PUBLIC consultation meeting being held for Westmounters next Thursday at Victoria Hall by Urgences Santé comes one year after the Westmount Fire Brigade ambulance became a first responder unit under the provincial ambulance network.

The brigade's mini-pumper just has been converted and designated as the first responder, or rescue unit, a direct outcome of its new purpose providing emergency first aid treatment rather than ambulance transport.

Cases of "walking wounded" now are being taken to hospital by Public Security patrol car.

A number of calls logged by the fire unit to Westmount homes and public places over the holidays to assist Urgences Santé personnel shows at a glance how the system now works.

A detailed explanation of the emergency medical system will be outlined to the public at the special meeting next Thursday starting at 7:30 pm.

"We urge all Westmount residents to attend this meeting," says Ald. Peter Duffield, the

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At a meeting on Dec. 19 though, the board announced that it would wait until Jan. 8 to decide which schools would be targeted for changes.

Chairman Allan Butler said the decision was being delayed because of the pending passage of Bill 3, which proposed reorganization of the administration of education in Quebec.

Opened door

The passage of Bill 3 on Dec. 20 opened the door for the provincial government to begin the reorganization of school boards along linguistic lines. This could mean that over the next two or three years, the PSBGM and the Montreal Catholic School Board would be replaced by French- and English-language boards.

The same day, a ruling by the Supreme Court of Canada found parts of Bill 57, a previous Quebec education bill, to be unconstitutional.

Education officials are not yet certain what effect that ruling may have on the implementation of Bill 3.

"It has been an extremely dif-

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Carolyn may be first baby

Carolyn Bergier is the first entry in the First Baby of 1985 Contest sponsored by THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER and its advertisers.

The daughter of Michel and Dorothy Bergier, 19 Springfield avenue, arrived Tuesday, Jan. 1, at 8:34 am at the Royal Victoria Hospital, attended by Dr. Haber. Carolyn weighed in at 3.61 kilograms.

A proud father delivered news of her arrival to THE EXAMINER Wednesday morning.

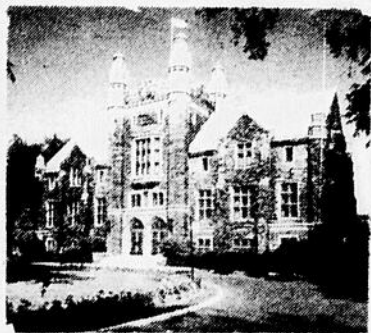
Carolyn will be showered with an array of gifts from local merchants, as detailed in THE EXAMINER's Dec. 20 issue, unless word of an earlier 1985 birth to Westmount parents is reported before the Tuesday 2 pm deadline for our next issue.



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Take notice that the electoral list of Electoral District No. 1 of the City of Westmount is now deposited in the office of the municipality, 4333 Sherbrooke, Westmount, Québec, and that any interested person may there take cognizance thereof.

Also take notice that applications to enter or strike off names must be made in writing and filed in the Office of the Returning Officer before the 8th January 1985.

Also take notice that the sittings of the Board of Revision will take place at the Municipal Court, 21 Stanton, Westmount, Québec, on:

Friday 11th January 1985 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Monday 14th January 1985 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Individuals who have appealed will receive notice of the time to appear.

Given under my hand at Westmount, this first day of January 1985.

Peter Patenaude
Returning Officer



WESTMOUNT

AVIS DU DÉPÔT DE LA LISTE ÉLECTORALE DISTRICT ÉLECTORAL No. 1

Prenez avis que la liste électorale du district électoral no 1 de la Ville de Westmount est maintenant déposée au bureau de la municipalité, 4333, rue Sherbrooke, Westmount, Québec, et que toute personne intéressée peut y en prendre connaissance.

Prenez également avis que les demandes en inscription ou en radiation doivent être faites par écrit et transmises au bureau de la municipalité avant le 8 janvier 1985.

Prenez également avis que les séances du bureau de révision auront lieu à la Cour Municipale, 21, rue Stanton, Westmount, Québec:

le vendredi 11 janvier 1985 15h00 à 17h00
le lundi 14 janvier 1985 9h00 à 11h00

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Président d'élection
P. Patenaude

Central Trust branch robbed

Two men armed with a revolver held up the Central Trust Company branch at 4825 Sherbrooke street last Thursday at noontime, police said.

They were reported to have made off with some \$8,000.

The robbers, both dressed in jeans and nylon jackets, went into the branch, saying: "This is a hold-up."

One was described as calm and polite, the other nervous.

Blood clinics here next week

The Red Cross plans to hold two blood donor clinics in Westmount next week and urges all persons in good health between ages 17 and 65 to give blood.

One clinic is to be held Wednesday next week in the first-floor conference room of the Reddy Memorial Hospital, 4039 Tupper street, from 10 am to 4:30 pm.

A second clinic will be held Friday next week at Alexis Nihon Plaza from 10:30 am to 8:15 pm.



WESTMOUNT PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION RE URGENCES-SANTÉ

All Westmount residents are invited to a public information session on Urgences-Santé and its services, to be held at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke, Westmount, Québec, on Thursday, 10th January 1985, at 8:00 p.m.

P. Patenaude
City Clerk



WESTMOUNT SESSION D'INFORMATION SUR URGENCES-SANTÉ

Tous les résidents de Westmount sont invités à assister à une session d'information sur Urgences-Santé et ses services. Cette session se tiendra au Victoria Hall, 4626, rue Sherbrooke, Westmount, Québec, le jeudi, 10 janvier 1985 à 20h00.

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Next Scheduled City Council Meeting

Monday, Jan. 7, 8 pm.

Date de la prochaine séance du conseil municipal

Le lundi 7 janvier

EMERGENCIAS/URGENTES

FIRE INCENDIE	935-2456	Ambulance	842-4242
Police	934-2121	PUBLIC SECURITY SÉCURITÉ PUBLIQUE	935-1777

Prince Albert closure on council agenda

The city council meeting Monday night is expected to move to close Prince Albert avenue at

Sherbrooke street permanently, according to the agenda.

By press time, only three items had been prepared for the agenda, delayed by the holidays.

The closing of Prince Albert by by-law is a necessary step before starting work as proposed by plans from the Architectural and Planning Commission, city officials said.

The meeting also is expected to reschedule the date for the sale of immovable properties for unpaid taxes from Jan. 14 to Jan. 30.

This resulted from holiday delays at the registry office regarding sending out required notices by law in connection with the sale.

The council also will be asked to approve the purchase of three computers for the light and power department.

Dynamite found on corner

A 31-year-old Westmount man was "playing with dynamite," police said, when he found a stick of the explosive material on St. Catherine street near Park Place and put it in his car.

The man, a resident of St. Catherine street, picked up the dynamite on the north-west corner Dec. 18 about 11 pm and kept it in the car until the next day, when he took it to local MUC police station 23.

The origin of the dynamite was not known.

Key turned in

A key, found on Clarke avenue, was turned in at local MUC police station Saturday.

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Community Calendar

The following events are scheduled in Westmount this week:

Monday, Jan. 7

City of Westmount: meeting with residents of Kensington avenue on speeding, city hall, 4:30 pm

City of Westmount: statutory council meeting for January, city hall, 8 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 9

Reddy Memorial Hospital: Red Cross blood donor clinic, first floor, 10 am to 4:30 pm

Thursday, Jan. 10

Urgences Santé: public information meeting, Victoria Hall, 8 pm

COMING UP

Jan. 11: Red Cross blood donor clinic, Alexis Nihon Plaza, 10:30 am to 8:15 pm

Jan. 14: Roslyn School, committee meeting, Roslyn 7:30 pm

Jan. 14: Westmount High School, committee meeting, WHS, 7:30 pm

Jan. 16: Arts Westmount and Westmount Historical Association, meeting on Westmount station, Victoria Hall, 8:00 pm

Feb. 4: Ward 1 by-election

Feb. 19: City of Westmount, meeting with residents of Holton avenue, city hall

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Three named QCs

Westmount had its share of representation among the 26 new Queen's Counsels named recently in Ottawa by Hon. John Crosbie, minister of justice.

St. Henri - Westmount MP Hon. Donald Johnston was one of the notable names on the list of appointments released last week. Mr. Johnston is currently finance critic for the official Opposition.

Westmounter Peter Blaikie, 465 Argyle avenue, also was appointed a Queen's Counsel. Mr. Blaikie, a former president of the Progressive Conservative Party, entered the 1983 Tory leadership race, but withdrew before the convention that elected Brian Mulroney as party leader.

Also appointed was W. David Angus, 4389 Westmount avenue. Mr. Angus also has had an affiliation with the PC party.

Library to show watercolors

An exhibition of watercolors by Louise Drouin Robinson will be presented at the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke street west, from Jan. 7 to 20.

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The following calls were answered by the Westmount Fire Brigade during the past two weeks:

Dec. 18

2:15 pm: 4150 St. Catherine, alarm pull-station activated by unknown person;
6:14 pm: 4332 Westmount avenue, first responder unit;

Dec. 19

4:33 am: 250 Clarke, Apt. 517, first responder unit;
10:45 am: Gladstone and Dorchester, first responder unit assistance for intoxicated man;
3:39 pm: 139 Abbott, oil furnace problem;
8:30 pm: 1 Westmount Square, Jockey Club, first responder unit for woman feeling faint;

Dec. 20

10:26 am: 4675 St. Catherine, Westmount arena, first responder unit, four girls taken to hospital (see story);
12:12 pm: Sherbrooke and Claremont, first responder unit for traffic accident (see story);
1:10 pm: 7925 Côte St. Luc road, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled at 10:13 pm;
2:05 pm: 71 Belmont crescent, defective alarm;
5:32 pm: 139 Abbott, service call, furnace problem;
9:00 pm: 19 Stanton, first responder unit for fireman with cut hand (see story);

Dec. 21

11:52 am: 4145 Sherbrooke, Royal Trust, first responder unit, bank customer taken to MGH by Urgences Santé;
4:03 pm: 467 Mount Stephen, fallen roof cover (see story);

Dec. 22

9:46 am: 1303 Greene, Bank of Montreal, possible defective alarm;

Dec. 23

3:42 am: 263 Melville, first responder call, cancelled by Urgences Santé (see story);
3:37 pm: Sherbrooke and Claremont, first responder unit for traffic accident (see story);
9:07 pm: 728 Upper Lansdowne, first responder unit;
11:25 pm: Windsor and Victoria, oil spill on street (see story);

Dec. 24

10:20 am: 4646 Sherbrooke, Manoir Westmount, smell of gas (see story);
12:39 pm: 4642 Sherbrooke, Victoria Hall, smell of gas from furnace (see above story);
1:15 pm: 30 Stanton, man freed from stuck elevator;

Dec. 25

3:30 pm: 42 Forden crescent, chimney problem (see story);
8:37 pm: 20 Decasson, power failure in area;

Dec. 26

2:46 pm: 651 Belmont, possible defective alarm;
5:45 pm: 4675 Sherbrooke, Westmount arena, first responder unit for injured boy (see story);
6:43 pm: 753 Lexington, smoke detector activated by fireplace problem (see story);
8:31 pm: Rear of 4107 Richelieu, smoke scare from train, steam from heater on railway box car;

Dec. 27

5:17 am: 651 Belmont, alarm ringing;
9:00 am: 15 Stanton, health department, first responder unit for sick city employee;
12:54 pm: 26 Burton, delayed ignition in oil heating unit;
1:27 pm: 418 Mount Stephen, defective gas furnace;
5:00 pm: 554 Lansdowne, flood in basement from disconnected pipe;

Dec. 28

3:49 am: 4680 St. Catherine, sprinkler system activated, possibly by open window;
1:03 pm: 16A Sunnyside, smoke detector activated by dust from vacuum;
1:48 pm: 10 Rosemount, Apt. 407, broken radiator pipe;
2:12 pm: Lobby of 1310 Greene, first responder unit (see story);
3:08 pm: 421 Roslyn, first responder unit;
3:27 pm: 4675 St. Catherine, Westmount arena, first responder unit (see story);
6:46 pm: 4141 Sherbrooke, sprinkler alarm activated (see story);
8:54 pm: 6795 Korczak, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled at 9:00 pm;

Dec. 29

2:21 am: 6795 Korczak, code 3 automatic mutual to Côte St. Luc cancelled at 2:36 am;
7:26 am: Corporation Yard, public works office, first responder unit;
7:50 am: 383 Roslyn, smoke detector activated by smoke from defective element in hot water tank;
1:03 pm: 10 Rosemount, person trapped in elevator (see story);
10:44 pm: 464 Grosvenor, broken radiator in rear porch;

Dec. 30

1:17 am: 7600 Earle, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled at 1:25 am;
7:05 am: 594 Côte St. Antoine, fire in house (see story);
9:35 am: 422 Mount Stephen, smoke scare, downdraught from fireplace damper left open;
4:39 pm: 464 Victoria, defective gas furnace;

Order of Canada appointments recognize three Westmounters



David J. Azrieli



Dr. Lloyd D. MacLean



L. Yves Fortier

THREE Westmounters are among 69 Canadians appointed to the Order of Canada, the country's highest distinction, by Rt. Hon. Jeanne Sauv , governor general, chancellor and principal companion of the order.

L. Yves Fortier, QC, and Dr. Lloyd D. MacLean have been made officers of the order and will be able to use the initials OC following their names.

David J. Azrieli will become a member of the order and use the initials CM.

The governor general will present the insignia of the order to recipients at a ceremony to be held April 10.

The Queen is the sovereign of the order, established in 1967 to recognize outstanding achievement and service in various fields of human endeavor.

Mr. Fortier, a noted lawyer, served the Canadian Bar Association for a number of years before becoming its national president for 1982-83, according to the Chancellery of Canadian Orders and Decorations.

It also is noted that he has "contributed significantly to the development of the Montreal community through active participation on many well-known administrative bodies."

Dr. MacLean, surgeon-in-chief at the Royal Victoria Hospital, "has achieved international recognition for his work in the field of surgery, specially in kidney transplants."

The chancellery also remarks Dr. MacLean's contribution to science in his encouraging an emphasis on research in departments of surgery in Canadian hospitals.

Mr. Azrieli, a builder, designer, architect and developer, is recognized for his development of the Promenade de l'Outaouais in the National Capital Region.

The chancellery notes the project has become the focal point of social, cultural and other community activities and has helped to integrate the Gatineau into the NCR.

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We Say

Snow job

CAPT. Eric Neal's estimable weather forecast for this week and last on the front page of our Christmas issue was, as is more often than not the case, uncannily accurate. This week's heavy snowfall, blowing snow and cold were foretold dead-on.

With variations, this is typical of this time of year in unofficial and official forecasts and in actuality. Severe weather generally may be expected in these parts over the holiday period.

We mention this in background to the inexplicable City of Westmount performance once again this week in dealing with a post-storm cleanup. Correction: it is explicable, but no one in authority in either this or the previous administration has bothered to explain to beleaguered citizens, in precise terms which resident taxpayers and tenants might assess, the city's rationale.

There is an obvious reason behind the absence of snow-removal equipment and crews during some periods of need. It is when they might occasion considerable overtime work. It is known as budget-beating, contract-bind, or both.

A deliberate attack by the city administration on snow-clearing costs was made several years ago. Once the exemplar for all municipalities in the Montreal region, Westmount used to be ready for and got out to clear the white stuff virtually from the start of its falling. The result was a spic and span city very soon after the storm ended, day, night, weekends or holidays.

This admittedly was an expensive practice, but undeniably appreciated and in the eyes of many indispensable to the maintaining of Westmount's standards of excellence in all departments. Citizens were aware it was costly but evidently were prepared to pay for it in their tax bills. There was a large element of civic pride in being able to move around a well-kept city in winter when all around us, in Montreal specially, relative chaos reigned on the streets and sidewalks.

Now, sadly, that is reversed.

On Wednesday, 24 hours after the big New Year's Day storm, Westmount looked like a disaster area. There had been little more done than quick passes of the ploughs and some clearing of corners so that pedestrians could, at least, slither across the intersections — though, some doubted they could make it over the treacherous, unsanded, polished ice along the blocks between.

This was a major storm. The ploughs built great, wide windrows out from the curbs, cutting traffic lanes even on main

thoroughfares. Many side streets were little more than single-track and parking, on-street, off lanes and even in private driveways, was rendered difficult if not impossible.

Instead of taking advantage of the bright, sunny Wednesday and the relatively light traffic of post-holiday (still holiday for some, including city workers), hardly a public works vehicle or man was to be seen anywhere in Westmount.

Maybe, some citizens thought, the city was marshalling its forces for a major overnight blitz, to make the outdoors within our boundaries habitable in time for Thursday morning's return to normal rush-hour and weekday traffic.

Not a bit of it. After nightfall, along St. Catherine street, those expensive and little-used orange "Snow Parking" lights were turned on. Not the steady signal prohibiting parking after 7 pm but, alas, the flashing mode which means work would commence only sometime after 7 am Thursday!

It remained to be seen what mess and chaos would ensue.

We and most Westmounters share with their mayor and aldermen their admirable, on-going concern to keep municipal expenses down to the essential. But what is essential?

We think snow removal ranks at least as important as garbage removal, or an excellent conservatory, or good recreation facilities and programs, or a fine public library. In the wake of a heavy storm, we would wager that most citizens would place snow clearance and the making of pavements negotiable and safe above all the rest; at least, until the job is done.

Unfortunately, once the task is accomplished (and it still is in the end well and thoroughly done in Westmount) people tend to forget how badly they were served when action was needed but neglected.

Penny-pinching is a relative term, and snow removal even on straight time is no matter of pennies. Yet there is no question that this is precisely what the city administration is doing: withholding essential service, when the cities and towns around us appear to have a far more balanced view of economy versus what must and should be done. This is the telling point, despite the contrary argument of at least one alderman in a similar, shamefully slow clean-up last winter.

Wednesday morning a man came into our office from Pointe Claire where he said that city already was back to normal. We got a similar message from the Town of

You Say

Where are hooded figures which adorned the Square?

Sir: Where, oh where is that beautiful sculpture by Sylvia Lefkowitz of the five hooded figures that used to stand above the entrance of Westmount Square?

It was the jewel in the crown of those three dark buildings. I miss it!

Susan Clarkson

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Ukraine, Quebec analogy is claimed misleading

Sir: Your apology for confusing Ukraine with Russia will be taken as a welcome gesture not only by Ukrainians but by all your readers who appreciate precise and correct terminology on Eastern Europe. Treating all of the U.S.S.R. as "Russia" may still be part of the uninformed popular usage, but it has no place in serious journalism, and brings no credit to the newspapers which perpetuate it.

Your implied comparison of ultra na-

tionalist Quebecers, who dislike being called Canadians, with presumably ultra nationalist Ukrainians, who resent being called Russians, is most misleading. There are many analogies between Ukraine and Quebec, but the terminological usage to which you refer is not one of them. If "Canada" were the proper name of only the Province of Ontario, and the whole confederation were officially known as, say, the "Confederation of the North," then the similarities would be closer. Then Quebec could not be said to be a part of Canada, just like Ukraine is not a part of Russia.

A more meaningful comparison of the Ukraine-Russia-U.S.S.R. terminological triangle can be found in Scotland-England-U.K. Edinburgh and Glasgow are cities in Scotland; they are also in the United Kingdom. Kiev and Kharkiv are in Ukraine and in the Soviet Union. To place Edinburgh in England would be ignorance, as is the location of Kiev in Russia. One does not have to be an ultra nationalist Ukrainian to resent being called a Russian.

A simple rule of thumb can prevent errors and unintended offense: when in doubt as to whether a geographical location is in

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Rights and road safety

THE holiday reports of carnage on the roads, close to home and elsewhere, provided a stark backdrop to two items in the news earlier this week.

First, we heard from macho "Texas North," otherwise known as Alberta, that it has reluctantly, kicking and screaming become the penultimate province to adopt an automobile seatbelt law.

It was startling enough to hear that Lougheed land has only just now got around to this fundamentally sound requirement of its motorists. What shook us, however, was to find that it applies only to restraining seats for children under five years of age or under a certain very modest low body weight.

The rest of the country will be waiting to

Mount Royal Wednesday afternoon where full crews were working flat-out. Even little Dunbar avenue, outside the office of our sister paper, *The Weekly Post*, was immaculate.

And Montreal, bless 'em, when we drove in from the country early Wednesday morning, had a massive troop of machines and men well along with the job on Upper Lachine road.

Imagine our chagrin, even shame, upon reaching Claremont and St. Catherine at de Maisonneuve, proudly posted as the border of Westmount, to find it a city too parsimonious to make at least a token showing against the performance of its neighbors.

We are angry, not just because little Hillside avenue outside our office was narrowed to one slithering lane and the sidewalks like a newly-surfaced skating rink all Wednesday and into Thursday and customers and clients were saying that coming in to see us was not worth the effort and the risk to limbs.

We are angry, rather, because of the bloody-mindedness which has prevailed at city hall in this matter, starting half a dozen years ago, and perpetuated through several renegotiated labor contracts, even unto the present administration without improvement; nay a worsening.

Who decided the day after New Year's Day was to be yet another non-working day, anyway?

hear why those of riper years — say, six years and up — are considered somehow immune from becoming projectiles within or from a moving car when said vehicle hits some object which brings it to a sudden or, more aptly put, "dead" halt. Perhaps older Albertans are of tougher, more indestructible stuff than the rest of us mortals.

We suspect this attitude may spring from the spirit of another piece of grim nonsense coming to us from the great republic to the south, where an outfit called the American Civil Liberties Union is protesting that the practice of law enforcement agencies stopping vehicles to check for drinking drivers is, to use that U.S. shibboleth, "unconstitutional."

As much as we admire Americans' respect for the rule of law, starting with "The" constitution and its various amendments, we do think they get carried away at times — such as they did with the one that was supposed to prohibit the consumption of alcohol and, by the way, materially assisted the founding of at least one of Westmount's great family fortunes.

We fail to see, however, why the ACLU should view repeal of prohibition or whatever as establishing the right of persons in charge of that most lethal of weapons, a motor vehicle, to drink and drive without any check on his or her fitness to do so. After all, if it is proper to stop cars to check drivers' licences or for vehicle safety, it would seem all the more important to check the drivers themselves — if only to be sure that they are not a hazard to other road users or pedestrians, whatever they may be capable of doing to themselves.

Intrusions of governments and their agencies into the rights and freedoms of individuals are to be resisted when they serve no over-riding interest of society in general. But many such intrusions are patently necessary. Requiring seat belts and detecting drunk drivers in a modern wheeled society would seem to rank high among such priorities.

Maybe our Alberta brothers and sisters will come to regard other provinces as no less concerned for individual rights because of their concern for safety and good sense.

I Say!

AND I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

— Minnie Haskins in *The Desert*



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

Reforming Parliament

SITTING now as a member of the Opposition, I am even more convinced of the need for a complete overhaul of our parliamentary institutions.

During the leadership campaign, I argued strongly for immediate changes in the rules governing the House of Commons. The object is to give a meaningful role to backbenchers on both sides of the House.

In truth, it is more stimulating to be in Opposition as a backbencher than in government, if only because of frequent participation in question period.

Prime Minister Mulroney will be hard pressed to maintain the interest of a large majority of the 211 Progressive Conservative members once the novelty of being a new elected MP has worn off. There are many able MPs whose talents are not being used. They should be.

Whom to leave out

The prime minister himself noted recently that one of his most difficult decisions was deciding whom to leave out of cabinet. But if the role of individual MPs were to be enhanced, then the importance of being in cabinet would be greatly diminished.

There is a joint committee currently studying parliamentary reform. I hope that members of that committee will concentrate on strengthening the role of individual MPs.

If the committee brings forward solid recommendations for that purpose, the government should act on them without delay. The house would be greatly improved as a forum of debate and decisions and Canadians would gain much more respect for the work of parliamentarians.



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

End-of-session abuses

WHEN a minister gets a majority in a sovereign parliament to play with, the citizenry can only pray for a certain sense of restraint and respect for principle, the better to rise above the temptations of partisan politics and (normally worse) of administrative expediency.

The traditional end-of-session legislative fire sale this December produced a couple of good examples.

They were both in Bill 81, a bill to amend the highway safety code and other transport legislation. The first example: a clause under which all of the regulations adopted by the Régie de l'Assurance Automobile are declared to be part of the safety code itself.

Hold on to your rights! What this means is that whatever the appointed members of the Régie decide, it has the force of statute law. The government invites Parliament to confer its sovereign law-making power upon a group of non-accountable quasi-anonymous commissioners. This means that appeals focusing on the legality of the regulations can no longer be entertained since the "regulations" in question are invested with the full measure of Parliament's power to do anything but turn a man into a woman.

Clause retroactive

The second example: another clause to apply retroactively to December 1977, which would rob thousands of accident victims of their right to indemnity for pain and suffering after automobile injuries. A recent decision by the Quebec Court of Appeal confirmed these rights, but the minister was unconvinced.

Presto! A piece of retroactive legislation, the bane of the constitutionalists everywhere, to set things right. Right, that is, for everyone but those accident victims whose

In 1985 snowflakes will be caught here before they hit the ground; there will be no more parking problems in Westmount; all power and phone lines will go underground; frequent buses will serve all parts of the city; a year-round swimming pool will be built; we'll separate from the MUC — and maybe Quebec... and no more local taxes!



You Say

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Russia or in one of the other 14 Soviet republics, use the term "U.S.S.R." or "Soviet Union."

Roman Serbyn

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Repeal CBC cuts here, Paterson urges Masse

A copy of the following letter has been sent to THE EXAMINER.

The Honourable Marcel Masse
Minister of Communications
Parliament Buildings
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N2

Dear Mr. Minister:

The stories that have appeared in the press in the last two weeks relating to budget cuts at the CBC, affecting English-language services in Quebec, are alarming to the English-speaking people of this province. They should be equally alarming to all Canadians.

Having read the stories, I personally investigated further to verify their accuracy,

recourse to legislatively mandated benefits has just gone up in smoke.

To this government, they are just a nuisance, just an occasion for a little end-of-session abuse of legislative principles.

and have come to the conclusion that not only a grave injustice is being perpetrated, but an injustice that will cause long-term damage to Canada as a whole.

Having worked with you personally for three years in the cause of national unity and attended weekly meetings with you for at least a year, I know your personal views in depth on the subject. I therefore realize that a plea will not fall on deaf ears and I know you will take the opportunity to re-investigate when I lay before you not only my reaction but the reaction and perception of hundreds of others in this province to the events of recent date.

I understand that a total of 10 people have been laid off by the television news program "Newswatch." This includes five reporters and two editorial assistants, plus a sportscaster, weathercaster and announcer. Furthermore, one producer in each of drama, entertainment, current affairs and fine music, and a sports editor, have either been cut or will not be replaced for CBC English radio. Thirty of 225 staff positions overall in the English side of the Quebec region having been cut, many areas outside Montreal will be without any service.

The impact of such cuts is clear. Four reporters in Montreal will be left to cover, in one shift, the preparation of the program Newswatch. Tuesday's tragic gas explosion, for example, would normally require

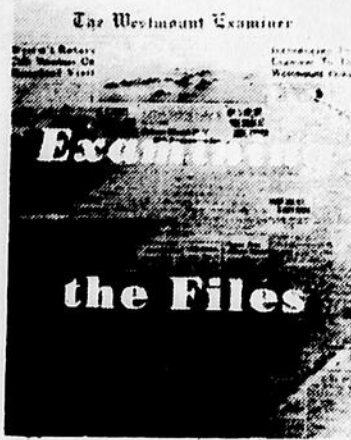
two to three reporters, leaving only one to cover all the rest of the news in Montreal.

An outstanding service, both on radio and TV, which now exists throughout the Province, equivalent to those emanating from other cities, is effectively being emasculated. As has already been underlined in some editorials, Newswatch will have approximately half the staff of the similar service in Winnipeg, and yet it is supposed to serve an English-speaking population that is greater.

Undoubtedly, Mr. Minister, the president of the CBC, and other administrative officers in the corporation, have had a hand in deciding where the cuts will be made. Nevertheless, as the effect of their decisions has an overriding impact on the entire English-speaking people of this province, and I submit on the whole of Canada, it is a political decision which now requires your intervention.

As you know, a number of organizations with which I have been associated have been actively involved with the Franco-Manitobans, ACFO and other similar organizations across the country to fight, either before provincial legislatures or the courts, for services for French-speaking people outside Quebec. A great deal of progress has been made in the rest of the country in this regard. No one will suggest that these services should in any way be reduced. But neither will the body politic of

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Oceanographic scholar

By JOAN CAPRÉOL

DR. MAXWELL Dunbar has been professor emeritus of oceanography at McGill University since 1982.

That means he keeps an office and a laboratory in the Eaton building on the upper campus of the university. At the time of this interview, Dr. Dunbar was in his lab seeing what the cod were eating at Ungava Bay last year.

Dr. Dunbar founded the Institute of Oceanography in 1963. "It's a graduate department," he said. "All students — about 30 at the moment — are going towards a master's or a doctorate."

"Oceanography is the study of the sea from all points of view. It includes physical, biological, geological and chemical oceanography."

"The point of having an Institute of Oceanography is that all these four parts work together or are interdependent, so we include on our staff two physicists, two geologists and four biologists."

Dr. Grant Ingram and Dr. Elton Pounder are the physicists. Dr. Bruno d'Anglejan and Dr. Reinhardt Hesse are the geologists. Dr. John Lewis, the director of the institute, Dr. Dunbar, Dr. Henry Reisinger and Dr. Brian Marcotte are the biological oceanographers.

Work in Arctic

"We do our work in Arctic waters, the Gulf of St. Lawrence and in the Caribbean," said Dr. Dunbar. "McGill has a research station in the Barbados."

"I've worked all my life in the North — in Greenland, the Canadian Eastern Arctic, in Alaska and in the Gulf of St. Lawrence."

"Montreal is a good centre for this because air travel is available, north, east and south."

"I've worked mainly on marine plankton. That's the life in the sea that is the basis of the rest of the system. The size range of the plankton is from the microscopic to about five centimetres. That includes plant and animal plankton. I've worked also on the life within the sea ice itself."

"From those beginnings with the plankton, I developed a study of the structure and evolution of the whole polar, marine ecosystem. That means the totality of life in polar waters."

Dr. Dunbar has published over 100 papers and three books which are *Eastern Arctic Waters, Ecological Development in Polar Regions and Environment and Good Sense*, which is about environmental pollution in Canada. He also edited two books — *Polar Oceans and Marine Production Mechanisms*.

Was Canadian consul

During the war, Dr. Dunbar was Canadian consul in Greenland from 1941 to 1946. "Greenland is one of the most beautiful countries I have ever seen," said Dr. Dunbar. "I was born in Scotland and Greenland resembles Scotland somewhat with treeless scenery."

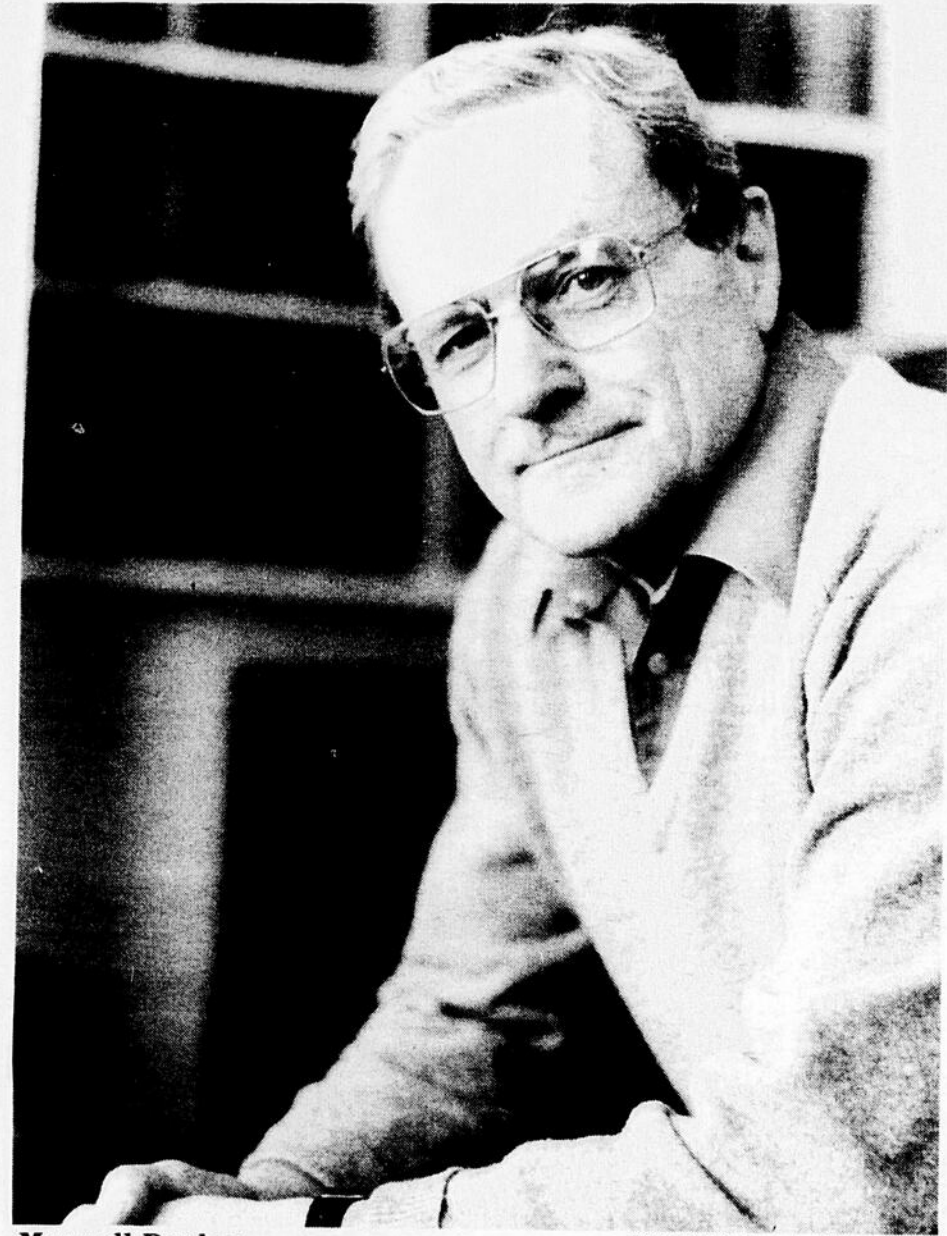
Immediately after the war, Dr. Dunbar developed the Fisheries Research Board, Eastern Arctic Investigations. It grew and he gave up the directorship in 1955.

"This is what developed into the Arctic Biological Station at Ste. Anne de Bellevue. The federal government is now proposing to close that station down. I think it is a tragic decision because it will break up an excellent co-operative team of Arctic marine scientists."

"I have been close to it for all its life. Many of our students have worked with that group. The government would save approximately \$300,000 a year but at the same time they are proposing to spend \$40 million on a new oceanographic laboratory at Mont Joli. That laboratory will not pay much attention to the Arctic."

Dr. Dunbar started in the North in 1935 in Greenland as a member of an Oxford University expedition. He was back in Greenland in 1936. In 1939 and 1941, he was in a government party there in the Royal Mail Ship *Nascopie*, which belonged to the Hudson Bay Company.

In 1948, he designed the research vessel *Calanus* and cruised the eastern Arctic for a



Maxwell Dunbar

EXAMINER photo by Rick Kerrigan

number of years. "I guess the *Calanus* cruises were the most exciting days of my life because she is a little ship — 50 feet long — and is great fun to sail."

Sailed to Montreal

"We sailed to Ungava Bay, Hudson Strait, Frobisher Bay and Hudson Bay. I sailed her down from Hudson Bay to Montreal in 1954 for her first refit. She hasn't been used for four years owing to lack of funding by the government. She is on her cradle at Frobisher Bay."

Dr. Dunbar was a professor of zoology at McGill from 1946 to 1963 when he became a professor of oceanography.

His honors and awards are: Guggenheim Fellowship to Denmark, 1952-53; senior research fellowship, Smithsonian Institution, 1969; fellow, Royal Geographical Society, 1939; fellow, Royal Society of Canada, 1954; fellow, Arctic Institute of North America, 1948; fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1957; honorary fellow, American Geographical Society, 1965; and fellow, Linnean Society of London, 1967. He was awarded the Bruce Memorial Medal for Polar Exploration, Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1950; the first fellow's award, Arctic Institute, 1973; and the Fry Medal, Canadian Society of Zoologists in 1979. He also received an honorary degree (D.Sc.) from Memorial University of Newfoundland in 1979.

Dr. Dunbar is a quiet, soft-spoken man of 70 who looks younger. His second language is Danish. He was born in Edinburgh, the son of lawyer William Dunbar and Elizabeth Robertson.

He has two sisters. Elizabeth is married to Commander Charles Jenkins of the Royal Navy, who now is retired. They live in England. Moira is retired from the Defence Research Board, Ottawa, and lives just west of Ottawa.

Oxford graduate

Dr. Dunbar attended Fettes College,

Edinburgh, graduating in 1933. He got his BA at Trinity College, Oxford, in 1937 and his master's there in 1939. He held a Henry Fellowship to Yale University in 1937-38. He got his Ph.D. in zoology at McGill University in 1941.

He was first married to Joan Jackson of Hamilton, who died in 1959.

He now is married to Nancy Wosstroff, of Mount Vernon, N.Y. She was curator of McCord Museum from 1960 to 1977. She got her MA from Winterthur Museum School in Wilmington, Delaware.

By his first wife, Dr. Dunbar has two sons — Dougal, 33, who is an industrial designer and photographer in Newfoundland, and William, 30, who has a job with a horse farm in Aylmer, Que.

By his second wife, Dr. Dunbar has four children. Elisabeth (Tibbie), 21, is in her final year at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs. Andrew, 19, is in his first year of architecture at McGill. Christine (Tina) 16, is in her final year at Westmount High School where she is head prefect. Robyn, 12, is in her first year at Westmount High School. She won the regional public speaking award at Roslyn School.

Dr. Dunbar is a singer with a light baritone voice. He has always been interested in folk music, particularly Scottish ballads. He has made two records with *Folkways of New York*. One was called *Songs and Ballads of the Scottish Wars*. In the second record Dr. Dunbar read poems and letters of Robert Burns.

He has a 100-acre tree farm at Katevale in the Eastern Townships. He has planted thousands of trees there, mainly red pines.

Next Week's Profile:

Lewis Potteet

Forty-five Years Ago January 4, 1940

"H. S. Ross, K.C., D.C.L., well known to Montrealers and readers of THE EXAMINER in particular, has received a personal note from the popular Shirley Temple thanking him for forwarding a copy of THE EXAMINER to her. Mr. Ross made mention in his column in THE EXAMINER, 'The Forum,' of an interview Miss Temple had with the President. The letter follows: Beverly Hills, California. Dear Mr. Ross: Thank you ever so much for sending me THE EXAMINER. It made me very happy to receive it, and I am going to put the little item about myself in my scrapbook. Sincerely, Shirley Temple."

Thirty-five Years Ago January 6, 1950

"John Smithers, St. Catherine street west near Greene avenue, will celebrate 60 years in his footwear business Tuesday, still active in the store. A clerk and messenger boy in his youth for A. M. Featherstone and Co., Mr. Smithers opened his own store on Greene avenue January 10, 1890, turning the corner the following year to St. Catherine street. He remembers that at that time the old horse cars came only as far as Atwater, and to Greene in winter. The only neighboring buildings were the corner post office and a few homes. Besides the usual shoes, he carried bicycle livery which was later replaced by hosiery. Mrs. Smithers died 26 years ago, and the elderly shoe merchant lives on Lansdowne avenue with his daughter. Two sons, Albert and George of N.D.G., work with him at the store, a third, Russell, is with the city of Westmount and a fourth, Gordon, is with the Bell Telephone Company."

Twenty-five Years Ago December 31, 1959

"'A city the size of Westmount should have a swimming pool,' maintains Irving Backler, a vice-president of the Westmount Municipal Association and nominee for one of the two city council seats which become vacant in 1960. 'The only swimming available in Westmount is provided by the YMCA pool,' he pointed out, 'and that cannot and should not be expected to provide for the needs of the many children and adults in the city.'"

Fifteen Years Ago January 8, 1970

"The permits department at city hall is contemplating an illuminated holder for a permit number, photograph and name of the driver inside Westmount-licensed taxicabs. The device would be similar to that in cabs in the City of Montreal and other neighboring municipalities. At present, local taxi drivers carry on their persons a pocket card, which can be seen only on demand by their fares and then only if the driver chooses to show it. The plan is being weighed in the light of running complaints from citizens, difficult to run down because of evasiveness or indifference of some cab owners, of badly maintained and dirty vehicles and unkempt, discourteous and bad drivers."

Five Years Ago January 3, 1980

"Detectives are continuing their investigation into a robbery at the home of Constantin Barcados, 486 Mount Pleasant avenue, on Dec. 19, during which he was shot in the rib cage by one of four masked intruders who in turn was stabbed in the leg with a sword by Mr. Barcados. The suspects made good their escape with a small amount of jewelry only minutes before police arrived on the scene at 7:58 pm. Mr. Barcados, 55, was taken to the Montreal General Hospital suffering a superficial gunshot wound and a cut hand. He was released seven hours later."

Lower prices, fewer transactions in November

By JAMES MILLS

Lower prices and fewer transactions appear in a summary of Westmount house transfers registered during the month of November.

Eighteen one- and two-family dwellings changed hands at prices averaging 1.6 percent more than valuations — the lowest average markup recorded for 1984.

In only two months of registrations were fewer sales recorded during the year: 15 in February and 13 in September. In both cases, prices were higher.

Apart from the \$335,000 sale of a home on Summit Crescent — the highest price recorded during the month — and the \$70,000 sale of a home on Irvine avenue — the lowest — declared prices in the November sales are between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

Generally a broader range of prices appears in a month's transactions.



45 Summit Crescent
Highest price, \$335,000

The average sale price in November is just less than \$170,000.

Prices range

In relation to valuation, prices in the transactions range between 30.4 percent less than valuation to 55.5 percent more than valuation.

The greatest markdown from valuation is shown for a home on Elm avenue; the greatest markup for a home on Claremont avenue.

Applying the average markup to the average Westmount home, which is valued at \$178,815 according to the 1984 valuation roll, such a home could be expected to have sold for under \$182,000 had the sale been registered in November.

In September, the price for such a home was pegged at more than \$248,000.

An upward trend in prices noted in previous months now ap-

pears to have stalled, given the low prices of November and of the previous month, when the average markup was calculated at 6.4 percent.

When figures are adjusted by removing sales at the upper and lower limits of price and markup, the average price is 3.2 percent more than valuation, a modest increase from unadjusted figures.

Others included

A number of other properties are included in the month's transactions.

Two apartment buildings were



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sold, one on Victoria avenue and the other on de Maisonneuve boulevard.

A three-family dwelling, also on Victoria avenue, was sold for an undisclosed price.

Semi-commercial buildings on

Greene avenue and Sherbrooke street appear in the summary of transactions.

One vacant lot on Sunnyside avenue was sold, as was another lot on Summit Circle.

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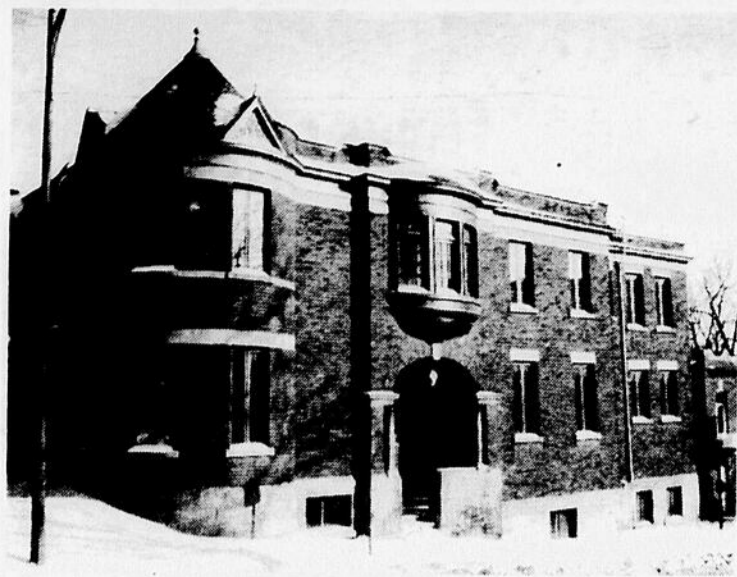
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Details of the November transfers follow:

- 62 Aberdeen: Mr. and Mrs. Neilson Antony Oliver Hardcastle to Mary Florakas (Paradissis), sale price \$172,500 (1984 MUC valuation \$158,400);
- 37 Barat: Gerald A. Shaw to Robert Gardner, \$1 and considerations (\$203,600);
- 606 Belmont: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jeremy Mann to Sherry Ellen (Afrin), \$190,000 (\$139,100);
- 449 Claremont: Mr. and Mrs. Herman Spies to Dr. Gerald Boos, \$182,500 (\$117,400);
- 430 Clarke: Constantin Loudiadis to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Pierre Laforest, \$166,500 (\$164,800);
- 4500 de Maisonneuve: Bruno and Joseph Fantin to 121553 Canada Inc., \$450,000 (\$342,600), an apartment building;
- 428 Elm: Magdalena Oliwa (Cach) to 102171 Canada Inc., \$100,000 (\$143,700);
- 1259-71 Greene: Compagnie de Fiducie National Victoria & Grey to 119078 Canada Ltd., \$630,000 (\$281,700), two semi-commercial buildings;
- 694 Grosvenor: Philisia Voulgaridis (Landori) to Liora Lonni Margulies (Richler), \$200,000 (\$202,000);
- 127 Irvine: Compagnie Trust Royal to Michelle Trudeau, \$70,000 (\$87,300), a two-family dwelling;
- 360 Kensington: Matthias Botman to Ilene Sheiner (Stattner), \$160,000 (\$135,000);
- 527 Lansdowne: François G., Philippe

- and Magdeleine Reid to Sharyn Katsof (Coviensky), \$110,000 (\$137,200);
- 545 Lansdowne: Erika Malorny (Burgess) to Jocelyne Couture and Joachim Lambek, \$109,000 (\$85,600);
- 586 Lansdowne: Mr. and Mrs. Paul McGoldrick to Nebil Bazdah, \$125,000 (\$133,800);
- 131-3 Lewis: Michel Marchand to Marjorie McKee (Schwartz) and Joan Harrop (Schwartz), \$130,000 (\$112,800), a two-family dwelling;
- 7 Lorraine: Jan C. Spaniel to Jean Pierre Brisebois, \$1 and considerations (\$143,500);
- 421 Mount Stephen: Pierre Léon Duchastel to Thérèse Lacroix Jones, \$150,000 (\$159,000);
- 4779-85 Sherbrooke: 122024 Canada Inc. to Furst Permanent Management Ltd. and Yannou Family Holdings Inc., \$1 and considerations (\$246,600);
- 32 Shorncliffe: Dr. Michel Gelinat to Elmar Moser, \$1 and considerations (\$221,000);
- Summit Circle (Lot): Société Chimique Laurentide Inc. to Tuile au Toit Inc., \$35,000 (\$51,400), a vacant lot of 9,166 square feet;
- 45 Summit Crescent: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bensoussan to Leonard Sheiner, \$335,000 (\$364,600);
- Sunnyside (lot): Loyola Perras to Evelyn Steinberg, \$150,000 (\$102,700), a vacant lot of 9,606 square feet;
- 3223 The Boulevard: Société de Promotion Immobilière Prime Ltée to Sheila Rubin, \$1 and considerations (\$292,800);
- 339 Victoria: Raymond Girard to Letizia Randaccio (Ray), \$360,000 (\$197,500), an apartment building;
- 464-8 Victoria: Josephine Kowalcuk (Petryk) to Michel Préfontaine, \$1 and considerations (\$90,200);

NOVEMBER STATISTICS

Following is a summary of the sales of one- and two-family dwellings in Westmount registered during November:

Total sales: 18 (down 5 from October)
Total price: \$3,048,500
Total valuation: \$3,001,600
Average price: \$169,361
Average price compared to average valuation: 1.6 percent higher
Average price based on typical valuation*: \$181,676
Average price compared to average valuation (adjusted):** 3.2 percent higher
Average price based on typical valuation* (adjusted):** \$184,537

*The typical valuation for all one- and two-family dwellings in Westmount is \$178,815, according to averages of the 1984 valuation roll.
 **Figures are adjusted by removing the unusual sales. Those with the highest and lowest prices are excluded, as are those with the greatest percentage difference between price and valuation.

CREWS...

Continued from page one
 Separate incidents are detailed in separate stories.
 Street clearing almost was non-existent throughout New Year's. Sidewalks were not plowed along Sherbrooke street the night after the storm and pedestrians shared the narrowed street with cars and buses.
 The day before New Year's, numerous shoppers had to pick their way carefully over thick ice on sidewalks along Sherbrooke street although walks on Victoria or Prince Albert avenues, by com-

parison, had been well-sanded.
 At the foot of streets near the railroad tracks, such as Lewis avenue, treacherous ice remained unsalted.
 Wide icy ruts and hardened snow mounds from the previous week made parking almost impossible on many side streets.
 Police were kept busy during the week before Christmas answering a number of shoplifting cases, robberies and thefts of purses.
 Two pedestrians were hit by cars on Sherbrooke street at Claremont avenue and three city vehicles were involved in accidents.

Westmount snow crews fall behind

By ROB SOUTHCOTT

Following the snowstorm that struck New Year's Day, snow removal crews in many neighboring cities seemed to get the jump on Westmount, loading and removing ahead of crews in this city.

Westmount snow removal crews started casting snow Wednesday, but waited until Thursday morning to remove many of the snow banks created by about 20 centimetres of snow that fell Tuesday.

City public works officials say that snow was not loaded earlier because the Concorde bridge dump was closed and because some initial casting had to be carried out before the loading.

In five other municipalities contacted by THE EXAMINER, major snow removal operations began 24 hours earlier.

Snow removal crews in the Town of Mount Royal, Côte St. Luc, Outremont, St. Laurent and Pointe Claire began taking snow off the streets from as early as midnight Tuesday. Most began loading snow Wednesday morning and by yesterday had cleared snow at least from major streets.

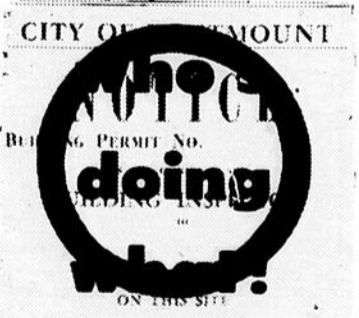
Bus riders in Westmount were forced to climb over large snow banks on major streets Thursday morning, while parking in many areas proved difficult.

In most of the cities contacted, public works officials expected to be finished with snow removal by the weekend. In Côte St. Luc, most of the job was expected to be complete by Friday.

Many public works officials in the other cities said that crews had to be called in from their holidays on Tuesday and Wednesday.

In Westmount, some plowing crews were on duty Tuesday, but city officials admitted that many workers could not be located because of the holiday. On Wednesday, additional workers came in, but it was not until Thursday that full crews were back on the streets.

The entire snow removal operation in Westmount also is expected to be completed by the weekend.



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

- December 18**
 4999 St. Catherine, suite 540: for Crecal Trust by the owner, alterations \$500;
 4999 St. Catherine, suite 260: for Crecal Trust by the owner, alterations \$2,000;
- December 19**
 360 Redfern: for Mr. Rosenstein by Central Plumbing and Electrical to convert oil furnace and heater to gas, \$3,685;
- December 20**
 786 Upper Belmont: for Mr. P. Blundell by Service Général de Gaz to convert oil furnace to gas, \$3,200;
 518 Grosvenor: for Jane Barber by Central Plumbing and Electrical, water entrance, \$300;
 4785 St. Catherine: for 133060 Canada Inc., contractor to be determined, alterations, \$100,000;
- December 28**
 30 Surrey Gardens: for Mr. P. Spina, contractor to be determined, extension, \$20,000.

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Louis XV inspired dining room suite in pecan with hand carvings and bevelled glass

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Reg. \$13,395 SALE: \$9,589

TRYON MANOR by Drexel

Classic Italian inspired bedroom suite in cherry, fruitwood finish

6 pcs. including: 1 triple dresser 78", 1 upright mirror, 1 chest on chest, 2 night commodes, 1 cane back Q.S. headboard with frame.

Reg. \$6,035 SALE: \$4,599
\$180 more for K.S. headboard

BEAUJOLAIS by Stanley

French inspired apartment size dining room suite in medium pecan finish

8 pcs. including: 1 china cabinet with bevelled glass, 1 round legged table 42" diameter extends to 74", 2 cane back arm chairs, 4 matching side chairs.

Reg. \$5,195 SALE: \$3,995

CHIPPENDALE by Drexel

Traditional inspired bedroom suite in mahogany

6 pcs. including: 1 triple dresser 66", 7 drawers, 1 upright mirror w/pediment, 1 chest on chest, 2 door & drawers night stands, 1 Chippendale Chairback Q.S. headboard.

Reg. \$5,349 SALE: \$4,599

Traditional sofas, loveseats and chairs

	Reg	SALE
Cane back occasional by Chaircraft	495	299
Drexel tufted back arm chair, orange velvet	649	359
Wing chair, rust corduroy	825	439
Chippendale wing chair, taupe velvet	699	549
Colonial wing back chair, beige print	799	589
Swivel arm chair, green velvet	699	599
Tufted back arm chair by Sterling	799	599
Victorian ladies chair, blue velvet	799	639
Chippendale wing chair, blue stripe	959	699
Louis XV framed chair by Sterling	975	759
Queen Anne wing chair, blue print	959	759
Pillow back regular hide-a-bed	899	779
Pillow back loveseat, rose print	1095	799
Pillow back 82" sofa, brown print	1899	995
Victorian loveseat, rose velvet	1599	1099
Heritage wing chair, crewel work	2395	1099
Lawson loveseat, blue print	1695	1189
Colonial high back beige sofa	1559	1199
Lawson style sofa in a print by Sterling	1895	1199
Hauser sofa, pink print	1676	1199
High back Flair sofa, flame stitch	1995	1295
Drexel wing chair & ottoman, 2 pcs.	1995	1299
Lawson sofa, blue print	1899	1389
Trapunto back sofa, green velvet	2199	1539
Louis XV loveseat by Statesville	2149	1599
Victorian Medallion sofa, rose print	2395	1675
Louis XV sofa by Statesville	2659	1799
Louis XV sofa by Statesville	2595	1899
Pillow back Heritage sofa, red print	3295	1995
Q.S. hide-a-bed, grey plaid	2795	2295
Heritage sofa, raw silk	3495	2495
Carved mahogany loveseat, tapestry	3595	2995
Curved Heritage sofa	3995	2995

Traditional and contemporary dining room furniture

	Reg	SALE
Drexel side chair, splat back	499	249
Party chair, spindle sides	545	259
Wall mirror w/candlesticks	439	289
Side chair, black & chinoiserie	549	339
Pedestal table in pecan by Stanley	899	399
Drexel "Accolade" server	1395	889
Serving cart in mahogany	1495	889
Square table, glass top	1495	899
Mahogany drop leaf table	1425	959
Drexel silver chest in mahogany	1559	995
Kaufman sideboard in cherry	1369	1089
China cabinet by Chaircraft	1995	1189
Kaufman oak oval table	1599	1189
Hauser patio table & 4 chairs	1835	1399

Desks, secretares, curios and bookcases

	Reg	SALE
Tuxedo high lamp table	615	495
Pedestal table	599	529
Gloss curio cabinet	865	539
Mount Airy small roll top desk	799	639
Kaufman ladies desk in cherry	959	695
Knob Creek bookcase desk	1495	774
Open bookcase, green lacquer	1295	799
Kaufman work table in cherry	1295	995
Drop leaf writing desk	1395	995
Kaufman Kneehole desk in oak	1595	1095
Gibbard Kneehole desk in mahogany	1550	1375
Kaufman executive desk in cherry	1995	1599
Corner curio cabinet in mahogany	2799	1775
Oak roll top desk	2295	1895
Mahogany curio by Thomasville	2695	2095
Leather top desk 54"x28"	2995	2495
Curio cabinet, black & burl	3479	2795
Entertainment center by Drexel	4775	2889
Pair of corner cabinets by Drexel	4998	2995
Art Nouveau curio	4199	2995
Henredon curio, green lacquer	3995	3195
Drexel Vantage cherry secretaire	4395	3195
Black & chinoiserie cabinet	4369	3495
Executive desk, 72"x36", leather top	4595	3895
Carved secretary desk by Bernhardt	5595	4295
Large roll top desk & hutch	7500	5995
Drexel secretaire mahogany & rosewood	8195	5995
Hand decorated green secretaire	9995	7995

Leather sofas, loveseats, executive chairs and recliners

	Reg	SALE
Tub chair, brown leather	1295	699
Wing chair, brown leather	1395	895
Harp back open arm chair	1150	895
Executive swivel wing chair	1389	1049
Chippendale wing chair, brown	1699	1095
Queen Anne wing chair, brown	1595	1095
Wing chair, blue leather	1595	1095
Tufted arm chair, green leather	1895	1249
Swivel executive chair, brown	1795	1389
Kaufman high back chair, black	1895	1489
Chair & ottoman, wedgwood blue	2290	1499
Sleepy hollow chair & ottoman, green	1995	1595

Lounge chair & ottoman, beige

	Reg	SALE
Executive wing chair, green	1795	1599
High back recliner, night blue	2099	1599
Chippendale recliner, blue	2095	1599
Kaufman executive swivel chair black or brown leather	1995	1659
Brown leather recliner	2185	1699
Californian high back chair & ottoman, tan	2595	1775
Buttomed back chair & ottoman, burgundy	2295	1789
Kaufman recliner, brown leather	2195	1789
Contemporary dove loveseat	2795	1889
Tufted 82" sofa, green leather	3395	2295
61" loveseat, brown leather	2995	2295
Loveseat in charlie brown	3059	2389
81" sofa, buttoned back, blue	3295	2495
Heritage Californian tan sofa	4995	2595
Californian high back tan sofa	3895	2599
Chippendale hump back 72" sofa	3495	2659
Californian sofa, brown leather	3995	2699
Sofa in brown leather	3595	2779
Buttoned back brown 81" sofa	3995	2789

POLO MATES by Stanley Contemporary inspired modular juvenile furniture in light pecan

	Reg	SALE
Panel desk chair	189	165
Vertical mirror in pecan	199	169
Single panel bed	269	235
Drawer night stand	299	259
Single bookcase desk	360	309
3 drawer bachelor chest	360	309
Corner desk, 1 drawer	399	339
Louvered door chest	399	349
Double light desk	459	389
Students desk, 4 drawers	459	399
Double dresser, 6 drawers	529	459

Louis XV and Louis XVI imported occasional furniture

	Reg	SALE
Louis XVI oval back side chair, white frame	439	319
Louis XVI arm chair, off white frame	539	399
Louis XV chair with petit point	489	419
Open arm chair in petit point	599	449
Tufted arm chair, gold velvet	625	499
Louis XV open arm chair, gold velvet	699	529
Gilt console table	995	539
Miniature chair, antique grey finish	795	595
Louis XVI marble top cocktail table	1095	599
Open arm chair, bird print	895	639

Louis XV bergère, walnut finish

	Reg	SALE
Directoire arm chair, grey velvet	899	699
Oval top bevelled mirror	895	699
Louis XV pope chair, green velvet	1595	799
Louis XV arm chair, floral print	1095	899
Louis XVI bergère, pickled pine finish	1295	899
Carved sofa, gold velvet	1159	939
Louis XVI console w/marble top	1895	995
Louis XVI loveseat, red velvet	1795	1059
Cane loveseat, bird print	1389	1059
Louis XV chaise longue, white moiré	1395	1095
Louis XV cane pope chair	1599	1189
Carved sofa, velvet print	1695	1199
Louis XV loveseat, cane side	1895	1295
Curio, inlaid w/wormolu	3195	1599
Inlaid chest w/wormolu	3450	1725
Curio cabinet w/wormolu	4295	2295
Inlaid chest w/marble top	4295	2295
Bombé commode, marble top	4995	2995
Inlaid chiffonier secretaire	4425	2995
Inlaid curio cabinet	6995	3495

GISELLE by Stanley French inspired modular bedroom furniture in brushed white & gold

	Reg	SALE
Carved vertical mirror	189	149
Vanity bench	229	179
Ladderback desk chair	229	189
3/3 spindle headboard	289	209
Night table, 1 drawer	269	229
Bachelor chest, 3 drawers	349	269
Single open hutch	339	279
Dressing mirror	419	349
Corner desk, 1 drawer	459	359
Bachelor door chest	455	375
Double bookcase hutch	459	379
Carved cheval mirror	459	389
Students desk, 4 drawers	459	399
Chest of 5 drawers	495	419
Double dresser, 6 drawers	499	419
Vanity table w/mirror	599	499
Lingerie chest, 7 drawers	649	509
3/3 canopy bed	759	589

Traditional and occasional furniture from Italy

	Reg	SALE
Small pedestal table	159	119
Side chair w/urn carved back	295	129
Small table, inlaid top	195	139
Inlaid 2 tier table	299	169

DECORUM by Thomasville

Italian classic inspired dining suite in pecan

9 pcs. including: 1 buffet base, 1 lighted deck, 1 double pedestal rectangular oval table 44"x68" ext. to 108" w/2/20" leaves, 2 cane back arms, 4 matching sides covered in beige velvet.

Reg. \$6,995 SALE: \$5,495

STONELEIGH by Stanley

18th century inspired bedroom suite in mahogany

7 pcs. including: 1 66" triple dresser, 1 pediment top mirror, 1 chest on chest, 2 night commodes w/3 drawers, 1 pull out shelf, 1 Q.S. bed, 1 carved footboard.

Reg. \$5,850 SALE: \$4,599

WELLINGTON by Gibbard

18th Century inspired dining room suite in solid mahogany

9 pcs. including: 1 buffet base 56", 1 lighted deck 54", 1 round table 44" diameter extends to 96", 3 16" leaves, 2 Hepplewhite arm chairs, 4 matching side chairs covered in off white stripe cotton.

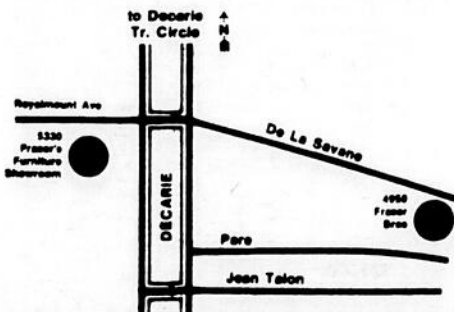
Reg. \$5,995 SALE: \$4,995

18th CENTURY CLASSICS by Drexel

Traditional style bedroom suite in mahogany

6 pcs. including: 1 scroll top mirror, 1 triple dresser 72", 1 chest on chest, 1 Q.S. rice carved bed head & foot, 2 high night stands.

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LIBERAL PARTY: Guest of honor at a party given by young Quebec Liberals at the Jockey Club in Westmount Square Dec. 22 was **Robert Bourassa**, second from left. Westmount MNA **Richard French**, second from right, also attended the party organized by **Michael Zakuta** and **Elisabeth Roux**.

Bourassa attends party given by young Liberals

Robert Bourassa and MNAs Thérèse Lavoie-Roux and Jean-François Viau joined Westmount MNA Richard French and over 100 young Liberals from western Montreal at a Christmas party at the Jockey Club in Westmount Square on Saturday evening, Dec. 22.

Mr. Bourassa, for whom the young Liberals' party was the third function of the evening, mixed happily with the party-goers. Opportunity for younger Quebecers, he noted, is one of the key issues in the forthcoming electoral campaign.

"Credit for the outstanding success of the evening goes to Elisabeth Roux and Michael Zakuta, youth directors of the Westmount Liberal Association," said Richard French. "They've done a super job. We look forward to developing youth activities even more in the future with

Elisabeth and Michael building on the base left them by Timothy Hamilton.

"The political apathy of young people is one of the most unfavorable results of the social and economic difficulties of the last few years. The Quebec Liberal Party is determined to do something about it."

Fireman needs seven stitches

A 27-year-old Westmount firefighter was taken to hospital Dec. 20 after accidentally cutting himself at the fire station, officials report. He required seven stitches to close the wound.

The accident apparently occurred when he attempted to catch a bottle of Coke which had slid off a table. The bottle hit a plate which broke, cutting the man's wrist.

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Beyond

A random sampler of things to see or do

Westmount's

in the bigger city surrounding us

Borders

by RICK KERRIGAN

Musical love at Centaur

Love is Strange: A Courtroom Romance, written by Paul Ledoux and David Young, opens at the Centaur Theatre tonight and will continue until Jan. 27. The play's original title was *I Love You*, Anne Murray but was changed at the request of Ms. Murray. The play is about the case of Saskatchewan farmer Robert Charles Kieling and his fanatical pursuit of Anne Murray, the singer. He was convinced that she was sending him secret messages of love through her songs. He was subsequently ordered by the court to stop bothering the singer. Direct references to the two characters also have been removed from the play and this may actually strengthen it because the emphasis will be on the central theme and not on the two personalities. Brian Richmond, the director of this production, says that the real intent of the authors is to deal with the question of how our collective reality is shaped by public fantasies. The play is described as a contemporary musical thriller. Tickets are available at the Centaur box office.

Tinkering with reality

The Café de la Place des Arts is presenting *La Manoeuvre*, the French version of Lewis John Carlino's *The Exercise*, from Wednesday until Feb. 23. It is about two actors involved in a series of improvisations that immerse them in an affair that had ended years before in failure. Andrée Lachapelle and Jean-René Ouellet star and Daniel Roussel directs. Performances are Monday to Saturday, 8:30 pm.

Clarinetist plays with MCO

The McGill Chamber Orchestra will give a concert Monday, 8:30 pm, in Théâtre Maisonneuve of Place des Arts and the featured soloist will be Richard Stoltzman, described as one of the world's greatest clarinetists and musicians. He will perform concertos by Karl Stamitz and Aaron Copland. Also on the program are a piano and string piece by Bloch and a harp piece by Mahler. Tickets are available at the PdA box office.

Exhibits about town

"Transcend Technology" is the title of an exhibit of paintings by Kevin Kelly at the Article gallery, 4060 St. Lawrence boulevard, from Wednesday until Jan. 27. ... Marie and Suzanne Gravel, sisters, are exhibiting their paintings on dreams from Wednesday until Feb. 9 at the

Maison de la Culture du Plateau Mont Royal, 465 Mount Royal avenue east.

On the waterfront

The Lachine Canal cross-country ski trail is open for another season, daily from sunrise until 10 pm, weather permitting. The trail is 11 km long, mechanically groomed, and lighted for night skiing. The trail is easier than ever to get to with the new footbridge over the canal at the Atwater Market. For information or for a pamphlet on the trail call 283-6054 or 658-0681.

Winter for kids

The Winter Fairyland in Angrignon Park is open daily until Feb. 10. Seemingly designed with children in mind, there is no reason why an adult can't enjoy the skating rink and six-lane slide. You also can see the animals from the children's zoo in their winter quarters. The animals are at 3400 des Trinitaires boulevard. There is a small charge to see them but admission to the Winter Fairyland is free.

Remembering the children

The Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre is presenting an exhibit titled "Children of the Holocaust, 1925-1950" beginning April 21. In the meantime they still are looking for any relevant material, be it photo, document, toy or memento, related to children who lived through the holocaust and those who were born after it. Any materials must be donated or loaned by Feb. 1. For information call 735-2386.

No winter here

The greenhouses of the Montreal Botanical Gardens are good places to be if you need a break from winter. Under the "nice work if you can get it" category is the job of volunteer guide at the greenhouses. And you can get it if you try by calling Sarah Stevenson at 934-0612. You should be a plant enthusiast and be able to give a minimum of one half day per week. Training will be provided.

Winter on the island

St. Helen's Island is certainly a more enticing place in the summertime but it does not close down when winter comes. Granted, picnicking and bicycling are not recommended during this season but you can always cross-country ski and there are natural ice curling rinks with turn-of-the-century stones similar to the

Robbery victim found to owe on warrant

It wasn't a good Christmas Eve for one 23-year-old Laval man.

First, he was robbed of \$92 while going through 1 Westmount Square to the Métro to go home.

Then, when he reported the robbery from the Reddy Memorial Hospital where he was being treated for injuries incurred in the hold-up, police checked him out and found out he owed \$87 for an outstanding warrant.

The warrant had resulted, police said, from an unpaid ticket issued previously to the man for being in Lafontaine Park at 4 am.

The man, whose occupation was described as a messenger, told police he had been accosted by two young men about 6 pm when he was on the way to the Métro. They hit him in the face and took the money from his pocket.

Cover call

Firemen were called to a house at 467 Mount Stephen avenue Dec. 21 when roof cover fell to the ground, fire officials report. The cover was raised using ropes.

melted-down cannon balls used in the 18th century. The museum in the Old Fort houses several exhibitions. Paintings by marine artist Peter E. Robinson depict the ships of Canada's explorers and the Molson Collection comprises rare and beautiful firearms from the 16th century. There's lots of other historic stuff from the permanent collection and a model of Montreal as it was in 1760. Admission is free. For information on any of the activities or for rental of the curling rinks call 861-6701.

Bits 'n' pieces

The Catholic Community Services is holding winter sessions of their "parent effectiveness training," single again course and preschool for children and their mothers. For information call 937-5351. ... The YWCA, 1355 de Maisonneuve boulevard west, is holding an open house next week and you can learn all about the services offered there. It begins Monday, 5 pm, with various Montreal celebrities attending. For information call 866-9941. ... Margaret Turner will speak on "The Search for Your Ancestral Roots in England" Tuesday, 7:30 pm, at the Maison du Brasseur, 2901 St. Joseph boulevard in Lachine. This is a meeting of the Quebec Family History Society. The public is welcome.

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BEHIND THE RITZ CARLTON



FIRST RESPONDER'S NEW LOOK: Westmount's mini-pumper has taken over duties as the first responder unit. A wide white stripe with the words Emergency - Urgence were painted on the vehicle just before the holidays along with the unit's new call number 840 in the Urgences Santé system, a change from the former 8818. Shown in front of the vehicle is Fireman Earl Graham, who prepared a report on fire department first responder units. Its number 232 in the mutual aid fire system remains.

URGENCES...

Continued from page one
city's fire commissioner.

'Ask questions'

"This is their opportunity to ask questions and find out how they should go about getting emergency medical attention."

The mini-pump was chosen last month to replace the salvage truck which had been in use since the old ambulance vehicle was taken off the road.

"The mini-pump will be more efficient," explains Fire Chief William Timmons.

Since it is also a firefighting vehicle, he points out, it will be able to fill many rescue roles.

If called to the scene of a traffic accident involving injury, for instance, it also would be able to extinguish fire or flush down spilled fuel.

A study of the rescue service provided on the West Island, where regular size pumps are used as Urgences Santé first responder vehicles, was carried out recently by Westmount fireman Earl Graham, Chief Timmons said.

Includes photographs

The report, which was submitted to city hall, includes photographs of the vehicles used and outlines services provided "essentially similar to ours," he said.

Westmount's first responder unit, fire engine 232, now also uses the number 840 in the Urgences Santé network.

Westmount was a pioneer of community ambulance services in Canada when it inaugurated the fire brigade's ambulance as a centennial project in 1975.

Once the unit came under the Urgences Santé system, as set up by provincial law, it lost its right to transport stretcher cases to hospital.

Now manned by the fire brigade's emergency medical technicians, the unit is dispatched to provide initial first aid treatment until the arrival of Urgences Santé ambulances.

Morning mail is hot stuff

The morning's mail was hot stuff at one boutique in Westmount Square Jan. 3.

The letters, it seems, were pushed through the glass door by the mailman, who watched them land on a decorative spotlight and realized they were starting to burn.

Since the door was locked, he was unable to remove them, fire officials report.

Firefighters were called at 9 am, but when they arrived at the Victoire-Paris boutique in the concourse, they found the fire had burnt itself out.

Faulty blanket burns mattress in a bedroom

A smoke detector alerted a Westmount resident early Sunday morning to a mattress on fire in a bedroom believed ignited by a defective electric blanket, fire officials said.

The fire at 594 Côte St. Antoine road, was one of two reported in Westmount over the holiday season.

The fire was extinguished by the occupant, said fire officials who estimated damage to the bed and a rug at \$500.

A defective electric blanket caused another similar fire in a home on Grosvenor avenue Nov. 17, 1983, resulting in damage estimated at the time as \$8,000.

In the latest incident, firemen under acting Platoon Chief Roger Laviolette were called to the home about 7:05 am along with public safety officers.

On arrival they reported finding a mattress and box spring had been burning but the fire had been put out. The items were removed to the back yard.

In the fire the previous year, no smoke detectors were installed in the home and occupants were led to safety by a public safety officer. It was first noticed at 7:25 am.

Ashes in bag thought cause of porch fire

Discarded fireplace ashes were attributed by fire officials here to causing the last fire of 1984 in Westmount, after they reportedly ignited a rear porch off the kitchen at 573 Grosvenor avenue New Year's Eve.

The ashes burnt through the plastic, igniting the wooden balcony and stairs in the porch resulting in damage estimated at \$3,500, fire officials said.

When local firefighters under Captain Gary Watson arrived at the home shortly after 5:28 pm, they extinguished the fire using a 1½-inch line from the combination aerial pumper truck.

The fire was confined to the one area near the stairway to the basement.

The call to the fire brigade was made by the owner, officials said.

Plate picked

An Ontario licence plate was reported stolen from a car parked Dec. 31 at the rear of 1310 Greene avenue, according to police. The car was rented by a New York person.

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Dorval school to become Youth Horizons campus

The former Dorval Gardens Elementary School will be the new site for Youth Horizons Reception Center's adolescent residential program.

The announcement was made recently by Coby Ingham, president of the board of directors, after the official sign was placed in front of the Dawson avenue school.

An extensive renovation program, estimated at \$2.4 million, is set to begin in April, with completion expected in August. Funds for the project have been allocated by the Treasury Board of the Province of Quebec.

The Westmount-based reception center is an umbrella organization which provides treatment to youth along a continuum of care, which includes emergency shelters, day treatment, community-based services and residential programs. Youngsters served by the Youth Horizons network are troubled, non-delinquent girls and boys between the ages of two and 18, predominantly from within the English-speaking population of Montreal.

The new Youth Horizons facility in Dorval will house the following: an adolescent residential program containing two units of 12 beds each; adolescent and preadolescent day treatment services and an observation unit.

The agency's current adolescent residential program has been based in St. Bruno since 1951. As a result of government legislation

aimed at regionalization of social services throughout the province, these services will be relocated to the Dorval facility.

Renovation of the Youth Horizons Dorval campus will be designed by the architectural firm Werleman & Guy. Changes will be made in order to accommodate a high school program for the youngsters in residence, living quarters, sports facilities, etc.

Engineers appointed

Les Consultants Desseau Inc. have been appointed engineers. A unique work of art commissioned by the ministry of cultural affairs will be created by artist Guy Montpetit who will be assisted by the youngsters themselves.

The Youth Horizons Reception Center and its community-based arm, the Youth Horizons Foundation, are planning a public information and community outreach program, intended to better help the citizens of Dorval and the West Island understand the agency's specialized services to youth and ultimately to their community.

The program is set to begin in the New Year. At that time, ways will be suggested as to how concerned citizens can become more involved.

Purse found

A found purse turned over to public safety officers last Friday by a person at 400 Lansdowne avenue was taken to local MUC police station 23, officials said.



Group support for Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer Society of Montreal is setting up support groups for relatives of people who have Alzheimer disease.

Participants will have an opportunity to share their experiences and learn about new resources that can help them cope better with the caring of an Alzheimer patient. Members also will experience mutual emotional support.

The groups officially begin Jan. 15 at 1:30 pm and Jan. 16 at 7:30 pm at 4333 Côte St. Catherine road. The groups will meet weekly for 90 minutes for eight consecutive meetings.

For further information, please call Myrna Park at 849-5241.

NEW ROTARIANS: New members of the Rotary Club of Westmount received their charges at a recent meeting of the club. From left, Denis Collart, John Sancton, who presented the charges to the new members, James Griffin, Klaus Bremer, Robert de Fougerolles, Rev. Randolph Wood, Lyndol Perkins, Hector Abran, David McWethy and Onnik Yarvu.



ROTARY SUPPLIES BEDS: Ross Sheppard, chairman of the Westmount Rotary Club's youth and education committee, made a presentation of a cheque recently to Len Liben, second from left, of Rentain Rentals. This was in payment for four beds that the club and Mr. Liben's company had supplied to a local disadvantaged family. Also making the presentation were Rotarians William Kenwood, second from right, and Denis Collart.

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ST. PATRICK'S GIFT: The Tiny Tim Fund of the Montreal General Hospital has grown with a \$5,000 donation by the St. Patrick's Society of Montreal from its patrons' fund, consisting of proceeds from the society's annual ball. **Frank B. Rooney**, left, treasurer of the society and **Andrew Fogarty**, second from left, president, are shown presenting a cheque to **Dr. J. S. Charters**, executive director of the hospital, and **Dr. Gus O'Gorman** of Westmount, right, director of radiology at the hospital.

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Anglican home holds a party

The highlight of the Christmas

party for the residents and staff of St. Margaret's Home Dec. 16 was the visit of Santa Claus with his tremendous sack of holiday gifts. Santa was portrayed by John Ronald.

A number of Westmounters are members of the auxiliary of the home for senior citizens, affiliated with the Anglican Church of Canada.

The drawing rooms and dining room were decorated with Christmas trees, festoons of cedar roping and sparkling lights as well as gifts of plants and flowers.

Christmas music was provided by a quartet from the Church of St. John the Evangelist. The entire group of residents and visitors joined in the familiar chorus of Christmas carols and holiday melodies.

Plastic damage

Someone damaged the plastic window in a car with a convertible top while it was parked at 4488 Sherbrooke street between Dec. 21-31, police said. Damage to the Ford Mustang was estimated at \$150.



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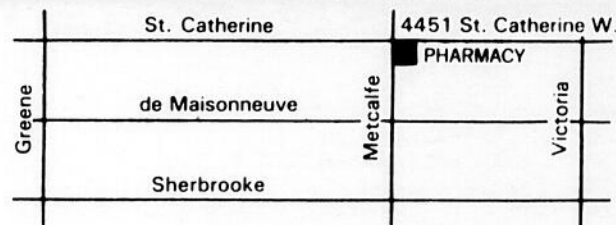
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Burglars take holiday, few break-ins reported

The holiday period did not appear to be a popular time for burglars in Westmount, according to police reports. Only nine burglaries and one attempt were reported between

Dec. 17 and Jan. 1, none between Dec. 23-26 and none over New Year's.

Someone broke into a rear door at the Church of the Ascension off Kitchener avenue overnight Dec. 20-21 and made off with a TV set, two chasubles and six bottles of wine. A Yoplait tuque was left behind.

Also on Dec. 21, a woman living on Strathcona avenue left the front door unlocked to walk her dog and returned to discover a painting missing from a wall.

Video taken

The following day, burglars took jewelry from a house on Chesterfield as well as a video machine and a telephone answering unit from a house on York avenue.

Two Westmount residents returned after being away over Christmas to find homes broken into. Nothing was reported missing from one home on Prince Albert avenue where a back door was found forced open Dec. 27.

In the other, a cassette machine disappeared from an apartment at 4998 de Maisonneuve boulevard, however, a woman there had left a key with someone.



ON THE AIR: Barbara Trigger, right, chairman of the school committee at Westmount Park School, spoke briefly to a recent meeting of the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal and later spoke to reporters covering the meeting.

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PSBGM...

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difficult time for public education," Joan Rothman, PSBGM commissioner for the Westmount area, told THE EXAMINER this week. "It has left us not knowing where we stand."

Mrs. Rothman said that the PSBGM, although it is "being completely undermined by the government," must continue to carry out its mandate to administer the current system.

When considering changes to a school, board members now must realize that switching a school, such as WHS, to French might mean it would be taken over by a new French-language board at a later date.

'Leave options open'

"My feeling right now is that we should close as few schools as possible in order to leave the options open for parents to have an English school left in their area," said Mrs. Rothman.

Despite Bill 3, the board still is expected next week to target a

high school for total French instruction. Besides WHS and Northmount, the board now is considering Town of Mount Royal, Outremont and Malcolm Campbell High Schools for such changes.

As for WPS, its school committee chairman, Barbara Trigger, expressed frustration at the meeting in December.

"We were told last year that enrolment was the issue," Mrs. Trigger told the board. "This year we have more students and we are told the finance is the issue."

"Could we please be told what is the issue now so we know what to base our reply on?" said Mrs. Trigger.

Following the meeting Jan. 8, which will take place at West Hill High School at 7:30 pm, the board will hold a public consultation meeting Jan. 28 and will announce its final decision on all schools in the PSBGM on Jan. 30.

Radio thieves get Blaupunkt

A \$600 Blaupunkt radio was taken from a car parked Dec. 21 outside 3763 The Boulevard, police said.

Another Blaupunkt, this one valued at \$800, was reported stolen from a Saab parked the same day in front of 1111 Greene avenue.

Computer gone

A micro-computer and two computer cassettes were discovered missing from St. Paul's school when inventory was taken just before the holidays, police report. The items were last seen Aug. 15.

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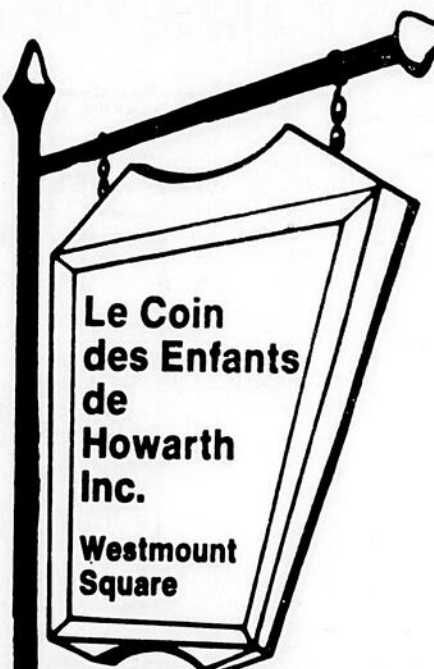
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Four girls become B'not Mitzvah in Shaar Hashomayim ceremony



Relatives, friends and members of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim participated in a special Ma'ariv service, where four girls were consecrated as B'not Mitzvah (Daughters of the Commandment) Dec. 9.

The service commenced with a processional of the consecrants into the chapel. The Ma'ariv service followed, conducted by Rabbi Wilfred Shuchat, Rabbi Allan L. Nadler, Cantor Joseph Gross and the synagogue choir, under the direction of Joseph Milo.

The choir gave a special rendition of Psalm 150 "Halleluyah." The B'not Mitzvah presented an impressive pageant, "The Words of the Prophet" (Isaiah).

A freewill offering was donated to Project Yerucham, Israel. This presentation was made by Stephanie Gerstein and Jill Yanofsky, on behalf of the B'not Mitzvah.

Rabbi Shuchat addressed the

Shaar group plans courses during winter

The leisure institute of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim plans to conduct a series of courses on a variety of topics beginning over the next three weeks.

Among the courses is yoga with Hazel Wasserman, "over-50" exercise with Lillian Shragovitch and jazz dance workout with Estelle Rehoh.

French conversation classes are to be given at the beginning and advanced levels by Barbara Stein; Sara Rosenfeld is to give a course in Yiddish conversation.

Painting with oils and acrylics is the subject of a course to be given by Monique Zeiber. Carrie Vaintraub is the instructor for two courses at different levels in calligraphy.

Rabbi Allan Nadler is to lead a six-week series in which current ethical issues such as organ transplants, capital punishment, abortion and the non-medical use of drugs are to be discussed.

The duration of the courses varies between five and ten weeks. Most of the programs are offered in the morning or afternoon, although jazz dancing is scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 pm.

For information about any of the courses, call Bunny Kirsch at the institute on Tuesday or Thursday, 937-9471, or call Alice Morrison, 342-2546.

B'NOT MITZVAH: Four girls were consecrated as Daughters of the Commandment during a special ceremony Dec. 9 at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim. Seated, from left, they are **Jordana Postelnik, Stephanie Gerstein, Jill Yanofsky and Josie Cohen.** Taking part in the ceremony were, standing, from left, **Yecheil Glustein,** director of education and youth; **Mena Glustein,** instructress; **Dr. Claude D. Chomski,** president of the school board; **Rabbi Wilfred Shuchat; Milly Lande, CM,** president of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim; **Dale Boidman,** president of the Shaar sisterhood; **Barbara Sutnick,** instructress; and **Joseph Milo,** musical director.

B'not Mitzvah and interpreted the historical significance of the occasion.

Yecheil Glustein, director, introduced the B'not Mitzvah to the congregation and each consecrant was presented with a book gift from the sisterhood by Dale Boidman, president of Shaar Hashomayim Sisterhood.

A reception followed in the Metcalfe Avenue Hall in honor of the B'not Mitzvah. This ceremony marked the conclusion of the course of study in the fundamentals of Judaism under the direction of Mena Glustein and Barbara Sutnick.

The course is designed to prepare the girls to accept their duties and obligations in the Household of Israel and includes the role of the Jewish woman in

the home with regard to Kashrut, the Sabbath, holidays and festivals; and a knowledge and understanding of the actual practice of Judaism including the ethical commandments.

The B'not Mitzvah class of 1985 will commence its course of study during the first week of February. All grade 6 girls enrolled in a Hebrew day school or a recognized Hebrew afternoon school program are eligible for this course.

For further information, please contact Yecheil Glustein at 937-9471, local 42.

Bridge resumes at synagogue

Weekly duplicate bridge sponsored by the eastern Canada region of the United Synagogue of America, of which Congregation Shaar Hashomayim in Westmount is affiliated, resumes Wednesday next week at 12:30 pm and Thursday at 7:45 pm.

Play takes place at the Shaare Zion Synagogue, 5575 Côte St. Luc road, under the direction of Jeff Doucette. For more information, call 484-4415.

New Year ring in a nuisance

Residents of the condominium building at 399 Clarke avenue complained that someone had been ringing doorbells in the building New Year's Day about 4 am, police said.

An item described on the police report as "a card" was found in the building and was suspected of being used to open the front doors to the building in the above incident.



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The service will be built around the joining together of the two former church bodies and will take place in the St. Andrew's building at 101 Côte St. Antoine road.

The amalgamation took place

officially Jan. 1, church officials said.

Only one more regular Sunday service will take place Jan. 13 in the St. Andrew's building before the new congregation moves into the refurbished Dominion-Douglas building.

A special service Jan. 20 will be conducted by the moderator of the United Church of Canada, Rt. Rev. Robert F. Smith, son of the late Rev. Dr. Douglas R. Smith, minister of Dominion-Douglas from 1961-1974.

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Canada, if suffering from an overdose of expenditure, be cured by surgery on only one part of that body, i.e. English Quebec. The effect, on the contrary, will be to unravel the delicate balance created across this country, rather than to strengthen the unifying force of providing services from coast to coast in English and French.

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Can't get cab, hails officer

A woman requesting transport to hospital for her sick sister New Year's Day received assistance from a passing Public Security patrol when she could not get a taxi, officials report.

The patrol was flagged down at 5:42 pm by a woman at 4400 St. Catherine street who said she had been trying for 45 minutes to get a cab.

Both she and the sister, who reportedly was suffering from pneumonia, were driven to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital by the public safety officer.

Driver wanted on two counts

When police stopped a motorist at Sherbrooke street and Lansdowne for routine verification Dec. 26, they found there were outstanding warrants against him in the amount of \$186 for failure to pay a speeding ticket as well as for scalping.

The speeding ticket had been issued in Ville Mercier. The scalping offense had taken place at the Olympic stadium Aug. 31.

Wallet lost

A brown leather wallet containing \$50 cash and personal papers was lost Dec. 31 in front of 631 Grosvenor Avenue, police report.



Mayor Brian Gallery

MAYOR...

Continued from page one

child. He's now 50. It hasn't all been easy, he points out.

A lot of water has gone under the bridge since the mayoral election in Nov. 1983 when his predecessor dubbed him "the best of the two bad candidates."

He "felt at the beginning that the new council was uncertain about me being mayor because I was part of a past council and because of some of the unkind remarks by a few of my detractors. "I now feel very comfortable with all members of council and I rely more and more on them for their support and advice."

Come to conclusions

During the last year, "I had to allow them to come to their own conclusions without me appearing to be too dogmatic."

Having himself debated many of the same issues over his past eight years on council, he says, there were times in the past year "when I had to bite my tongue and wait for council members themselves to come to the same conclusions reached by earlier councils."

His love of challenge manifested itself in municipal politics when he first sought election to the council in 1975.

When he was told by the Westmount Municipal Association they didn't want him as a candidate for the council, he pushed on regardless, seeking election on his own.

He says he felt it "was wrong for a small group of five to pick one candidate over another for whatever reason."

"I ran because I believed in my own abilities to be a good administrator and one who would never embarrass the city."

'Part-time mayor'

Mayor Gallery, who often reminds the office staff at city hall that he's "only a part-time mayor," is president and owner of Gallery Publications.

He publishes two trade magazines *Seaports and the Shipping World* and *Canadian Sailings*, and is editor of the latter.

He feels his business training is an asset to being mayor.

"I'm a detail man and a good

organizer. I've learnt to pay a lot of attention to small details. One of my best qualities is delegating. I'm a team player, a quarterback."

One of the most important parts of the job, he says, is providing citizens with "a clear and sensible answer to their concerns."

"These answers are sometimes difficult for me if the caller's problem cannot be solved to his or her satisfaction."

Boils down to spending

It almost always boils down to spending, he says. "If I had all the money in the world, I could do everything everybody asked."

Mayor Gallery's a hometown boy.

He was born at 4480 Western avenue (now de Maisonneuve) and moved to 231 Clarke avenue, then "up the hill" he says, to 283 Clarke.

"I learnt to swim and almost drowned in the Westmount Y pool," he recalls with a grin. "I participated in the Y summer program because I couldn't swim."

He also participated in the municipal sports program of the city, playing hockey on the outdoor rinks.

He's proud of three Westmount crests he has kept from playing on championship teams for peewee football, hockey and baseball.

He started St. Leo's school at age six, continuing to high school at Loyola because "my father went there and always wanted me to."

Rejected law

He received his arts degree from Loyola in 1957 and aspired to law, he says, later gaining but rejecting admittance to the McGill law faculty.

"At the time I was working at Texaco Canada as a sales representative in charge of 21 service stations," he says.

"I decided to join Gallery Publications, of which my father was the president and my mother was vice-president and general manager of one part-time secretary."

"I had the privilege of going to work every day and saying to my mother:

"Mother, I think we should do this about that' and she would say, 'That's not the way to speak to your boss.'"

"Next day, I'd go in and say, 'Boss, I think we should do this

PSOs assist two visitors in distress

Public security officers Sunday went to the assistance of two out-of-town visitors staying in Westmount, officials report.

One was a woman from Trinidad who fell on an icy sidewalk outside the arena; the other a nine-month-old baby from Poste-de-la-Baleine near Hudson Bay.

The infant, reported to have been suffering a fever, was described as gasping for breath when a public safety officer responded to a call for help on Burton avenue.

Assisted infant

He assisted the infant until arrival of the fire brigade's first responder unit and Urgences Santé personnel and later drove the baby and mother to the Montreal Children's Hospital.

A Trinidad visitor also was taken to hospital by patrol car after falling outside the pool entrance to the arena about 11 am, Public Security officials said.

The victim, staying on Blenheim Place, was reported to have injured an ankle.

The officer reported the sidewalk had been cleaned but that water from melting snow had made ice patches on the walk.

about that,' and she would say, 'That's not the way to speak to your mother.'"

It's almost impossible for His Worship to talk very long without mentioning the Progressive Conservative Party.

True blue Tory

He's been a true blue Tory for 27 years "during a period when being a Conservative in Quebec was very difficult," he points out.

He was campaign manager for Michael Meighen and Murray Ballantyne.

"Now I'm on the national fundraising committee, a director of the PC Canada Fund and national chairman for Canada of 'The 500,' a national organization of those who contributed personally to the party."

In June 1983, he was a fund raiser and box manager for Brian Mulroney at the PC leadership convention.

He's proud of his friend, the new prime minister.

On Sept. 5, the first city council meeting after the federal election, he appeared in the council chamber wearing a Mulroney button.

Citizens fortunate

He then stated from the mayor's chair that the citizens of Westmount were fortunate to have an Irish Catholic mayor, and soon, an Irish Catholic prime minister.

When the statement was recalled to him recently, he related an anecdote which followed the council meeting when his wife asked why he had said what he had.

"Because I felt like it," he replied frankly.

His love of politics is probably inherited, he admits.

"My great-grandfather was Senator Sir William Hingston, mayor of Montreal in 1875 and 1876."

"Wishing to follow in my great-grandfather's footsteps, I knew that today I could never be mayor of Montreal, so I settled for Westmount!" he says with a grin.

Then he leans forward onto the big desk in the mayor's office and adds earnestly:

"Actually, I'm prouder to be mayor of Westmount."

Incidents prove worth of fire chief's tips

Despite holiday tips to Westmount residents on fireplace safety issued by local fire officials through THE EXAMINER, several fireplace incidents occurred over Christmas and New Year's, one causing a \$3,500 house fire.

This resulted when ashes burnt through a plastic garbage can igniting a rear porch on Grosvenor avenue Dec. 31, fire officials said (see separate story).

One of the fire department's two calls on Christmas Day was at 3:30 pm to a house on Forden Crescent for "strange noises in the chimney."

On investigation, the noises were traced, not to Santa stuck in the chimney, but rather to the burning of Christmas gift paper.

Officials said the resident "was cautioned as to the dangers" of burning paper which creates an intense heat, as explained in the seasonal safety tips.

One of four calls on Boxing Day was to a house on Lexington avenue where a smoke detector had been activated.

On arrival firemen found the fireplace had been started without opening the damper causing smoke to set off the alarm.

Purses, wallets stolen in pre-Christmas crimes

Attempts to get money for the holiday season resulted in two purse snatchings and a number of thefts of purses and wallets in Westmount, according to the MUC police blotter.

Two women had purses grabbed from behind after being pushed by their assailants while walking on the street in two separate incidents Dec. 20.

One, a 70-year-old Westmount woman, was walking south on Melville avenue from Sherbrooke street about 4:30 pm. Her purse was grabbed by two boys described as very young, possibly 10 years old. They made off in a car driven by a third person. Total loss was \$28.

Later that night, about 11:05 pm, a 31-year-old Westmount woman also was pushed from behind by a youth aged about 17 opposite 4255 St. Catherine street.

Two wallets were stolen from two separate offices at 1 Westmount Square Dec. 19. One contained \$50; the other theft totalled \$360. A third wallet also disappeared that day from a local gift shop.

A purse containing \$1,000 was stolen about 9:20 pm, Dec. 20, from a gift wrapping kiosk at 1 Westmount Square. A person

believed to be about 18 years old was suspect.

Another purse theft was reported to have occurred Dec. 28 on Mount Pleasant avenue, according to police officials, who said no further information was available.

Struck shack sets sprinkler

A sprinkler system was activated last Friday at 6:45 am in the office building at 4141 Sherbrooke street when a feeder pipe in the basement ruptured, public safety officials said.

The damage was believed to have resulted from a vehicle hitting the parking attendant's shack to which the pipe was attached.

Firefighters responded to the scene and reported calling MUC police to take a report when marks found on the shack suggested it had been hit.

The police report said no car could be found in the area and no marks could be found on the shack. It appeared to have been moved, however.

Stayner woman bitten by dog

A woman living on Stayner street was taken to hospital Sunday evening after being bitten by a dog at the rear of 4140 Dorchester boulevard, police said.

The victim was bitten on the back of the left leg as she apparently walked by the rear of the building. The identity of the dog, described as a grey and black mixed breed, was known.

The woman was taken to the Reddy Memorial Hospital by police car 23-5.

Furnace oil starts fire

Firefighters were called to extinguish a small fire at the base of a furnace at 332 Redfern avenue Wednesday at 1:46 pm, fire officials said.

Hot oil had spilled onto the floor. The fire was extinguished using a 1½-inch stream. The fire was confined to the area and no damage was reported.

Icy conditions stop sliding

"Treacherous" icy conditions forced closure of the sliding hill at King George Park Saturday at 7:40 am, according to Public Security Unit officials report.

Four signs were locked to posts at the hill and special attention was reportedly paid to the situation.

Man arrested, was suspected of burglary

A 21-year-old St. Laurent man has been charged with disturbing the peace Friday after being arrested in front of 65 Prospect street about 2:20 am, police report.

The man originally was suspected of attempting to break into the house by public safety officers who called MUC police.

The incident began when Public Safety Officer Patrick Sheehan was patrolling along Dorchester boulevard about 2:10 am and noticed a man in a long, beige trench coat appearing to open a door at 4200 Dorchester.

The officer circled the block, returning to find no sign of the man.

At 2:19 am, he reported receiving a call concerning a man forcing a door at 65 Prospect street.

He proceeded toward the address and noticed a man in a beige trench coat running south down Greene avenue.

When the man spotted the patrol car, he began hitchhiking, officials said. He was stopped at Selby street and Greene avenue by public safety officers who called MUC police.

Police cars 23-1, 23-2 and 23-4 arrived on the scene and the man was reportedly handcuffed and taken to station 23.

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New Year's Day levees a military tradition

By **ROB SOUTHCOTT**

Inclement weather Tuesday may have left many glad that they did not have to go to work, but it did not prevent Westmount military units from holding their traditional New Year's Day levees.

At the Royal Montreal Regiment, 4625 St. Catherine street, both regular service and militia members gathered to meet with members of other units and representatives of the community.

At the headquarters of the 3 Field Engineers on Hillside lane, former Westmount mayor Donald McCallum, the unit's honorary colonel, joined members of the unit for its New Year's Day levee.

Officers visited

The Royal Canadian Air Force association 306 (Maple Leaf) Wing, a local group of former RCAF members, also held a levee to mark the new year. Among the visitors to the levee were officers from Canadian Forces Base St. Hubert and representatives of the Canadian Grenadier Guards.

Although the levee primarily is a social occasion, its tradition is important to the military.

"It's a social occasion, but it's also a reaffirmation of the obligation between the monarch and the



troops," said Col. John Eggenberger of the RMR.

He noted that the principal levee in Canada was held by the Queen's representative, Governor General Jeanne Sauvé. The chiefs of staff of the country's armed forces would have attended that event.

The levees also provide a chance to socialize with members of other military units in the Montreal area and to receive represen-

tatives of the community. "It's a reflection of the need of the community to have groups that help look after it in times of trial and tribulation," said Col. Eggenberger.

NEW YEAR'S LEVEE: Col. R. J. Brooks, left, commander of the Royal Montreal Regiment, welcomed Lt. William Sapiro, Maj. Guy Domville and Maj. Michael Abourousse, all of the Royal Canadian Hussars unit, to the RMR's annual New Year's Day levee.

Métiers d'art now on exhibit at arts centre

The Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria avenue, will host the second itinerant exhibition of the Grand Prix des Métiers d'Art, commencing with a vernissage Thursday next week at 8 pm.

The exhibition, featuring arts and crafts by 27 artists, will continue at the centre until Feb. 9.

In the original contest of the GPMA, a total of 369 craftspeople took part. From this group, 69 were chosen to have their work displayed in a series of four exhibits, including the one at the Visual Arts Centre. Other exhibits are on display across the province.

Among the artists selected for the four exhibits were two instructors from the Visual Arts Centre. Textile artists Claire Sarasin and Régine Mainberger, a Westmount resident, were selected by a jury that included design artist M. Victor Papanek, art journalist Colette Sare and artist Jean Johnson.

A piece by Mrs. Mainberger, titled *Onirisme I*, will be among the works on display at the local show.

Scouts schedule skate-a-thon

Westmount Scouts have scheduled the 1985 skate-a-thon for Saturday, Feb. 2, commencing at 2:30 pm. Once again, part of the money raised will be devoted to medical research via the Inter-Service Council Telethon.

"The community has given strong support to this event in the past, and we are sure that this skate-a-thon will be a success," said Nick Frankel, 339 Grosvenor avenue, chairman of the event.

Last year more than \$5,000 was donated to the Montreal Children's Hospital and Hôpital Ste. Justine for research into children's diseases.

Numerous skaters injured at arena during holidays

By **LAUREN SWEENEY**

The holiday season took its toll on at least six skaters at the Westmount arena, according to fire department and Public Security Unit reports.

Bicycle found

A blue 10-speed Empire bicycle was found last Friday at the rear of 4823 Sherbrooke street, police report. It was taken to local MUC police station 23.

In one incident, four 11-year-old girls were sent to hospital at the same time from different injuries.

Two of the girls fell initially about 10:45 am, one on her stomach, the other hurting her back. While they were being assisted, two others fell hurting wrists and knees.

All were taken to the Montreal Children's Hospital, one by Urgences Santé ambulance, the others in three Public Security Unit patrol cars.

All victims were reported to be students at the Solomon Schechter Academy whose principal was on the scene at the time.

On Dec. 26, a seven-year-old boy living on Prospect street fell about 5:45 pm sustaining a cut

YMCA begins new year with weekend programs

By **ROB SOUTHCOTT**

With the start of a new year, the Westmount YMCA is launching a number of programs at a new time: the weekend.

While the Y has little problem attracting participants for its weekday programs, its staff is hoping to make weekends a popular time for youths between six and 12 years old.

"For '85, we're trying to increase the participation of youth," says Tom Potter, the

over the left eye. Personnel from the fire department's first responder unit who treated the young victim reported he also was taken to hospital by the Public Security Unit.

Two days later, last Friday, a 21-year-old man living on Lansdowne avenue, was taken to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital by Urgences Santé.

Officials said he was believed to have sustained a dislocated shoulder after being checked into the boards while playing hockey.

Westmount Y's director of programming and physical education. "We're specially trying to get parents involved with their kids on weekends."

To do this, the Y is offering three Saturday programs for youths and their parents. A computer program, to take place Saturday mornings, will offer children instruction in computers and will give parents a chance to see how their child can learn with the computer.

Offers swimming

The Y also is offering a swimming program and an open recreation program for parents and children. Both programs will be held Saturday afternoons, conveniently following the computer program.

The Y also will be busy Saturdays with a computer course for youths in the afternoon and a youth gymnastics program Saturday mornings.

There also are new programs being offered for youths on other days of the week. These include courses in rhythmic gymnastics, which will be held Wednesdays at the Y and Mondays at Roslyn School.

Youths interested in the Y's activities might consider joining the youth club there. After paying the membership fee, a youth can take part in the various courses offered for reduced rates. He also may take part in the various social and recreational activities to be offered by the club.

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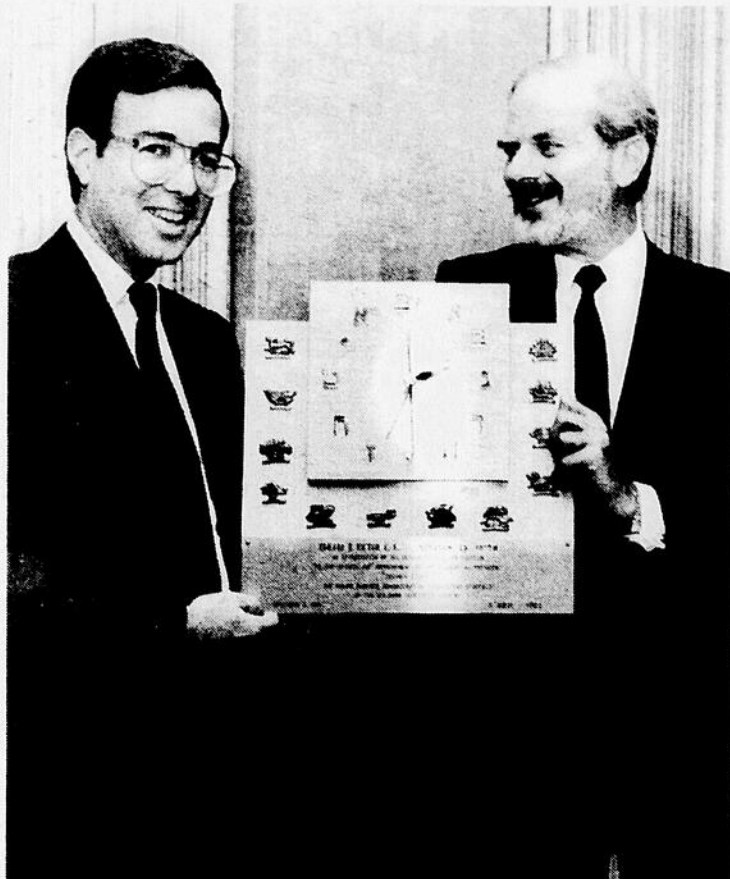
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City salt spreader may have spilled oil

An oil spill at Victoria and Windsor avenues Dec. 23 was believed related to a city salt truck later seen to be leaking oil. Public Security officials report.

The spill was discovered after fire crews had been called to the area for a smell of oil at 11:25 pm. Since the street had just been salted, public works crews sanded the area.

Later, when Public Security Sergeant Richard McEnroe was patrolling on Sydenham avenue, he noticed an odor of fuel from the salt truck and reported that possibly the two incidents were related.



PRESIDENTIAL PRESENT: Incoming president of the Solomon Schechter Academy, Stanley K. Plotnick, right, presents a thank-you gift to outgoing president Edward Victor, of Westmount, at the recent annual meeting of the academy at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim in Westmount.

Stanley Plotnick becomes Jewish school president

Stanley K. Plotnick was elected president of the Solomon Schechter Academy at a recent annual meeting held at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim in Westmount.

Mr. Plotnick replaces Edward Victor of Westmount as president.

Solomon Schechter Academy is a Jewish day school with branches on Côte St. Luc road and on Kensington avenue in Westmount.

Other members of the executive include Sam Lerman, Ken Overland, Arthur Ross and Ian Rudnikoff, vice-presidents; Irwin

Kramer, treasurer; and Linda Greenberg, secretary. Thirty-three others were elected to the board.

Dr. Wallace Lambert, professor of psychology and linguistics at McGill University, was guest speaker for the evening meeting.

He pointed out that the success of the academy's tri-lingual immersion program had stimulated wide interest among psychologists and educators.

Mort Levy, who had been chairman of the education committee, was honored for honesty, dedication and fairness. His contributions as president also were cited.

Linda Shohet and Myer Bick, who retired from the executive but remain as directors, also were commended for their years of dedication.

Furnace source of gas smell

A smell of gas in the area of Manoir Westmount and Victoria Hall Christmas Eve finally was traced to a defective vent valve on a furnace in Victoria Hall, fire officials report.

Firefighters twice were called to the area at 10:20 am and 12:39 pm and checked out manholes, lamp standards and sewers. No readings were registered.

When gas crews were called the second time, the problem was traced to the furnace which was being vented outside.

Snow removal found noisy

Snowfalls over the past few weeks have resulted in a number of noise complaints to the Public Security Unit regarding snow clearers working during the night, officials report.

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CROSS-CITY SKIING: The snowstorm on Tuesday may have prevented many people from getting around the city, but one citizen found that the best way to travel down the sidewalk along St. Catherine street was on a pair of cross-country skis.

Pedestrians injured, vehicles damaged in holiday accidents

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Two pedestrians were the only persons reported injured in a number of traffic accidents in Westmount over the holiday period, according to police reports. Three involved city vehicles.

Both pedestrians were struck on Sherbrooke street near Claremont avenue on separate occasions.

Slippery, snowy streets figured in several of the mishaps, police said.

A Public Security Unit patrol car skidded into the rear of a car turning off St. Catherine street onto Abbott avenue under icy conditions Dec. 28. Damage to the patrol car was estimated by police at under \$500.

The two other city vehicles were public works trucks, one which drove through a red light at Sydenham and The Boulevard, police said.

Pedestrians taken

The two injured pedestrians were taken to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital by Urgences Santé.

One, a 40-year-old man, sustained injuries to the head and hands Dec. 23, according to fire personnel from the first responder unit who assisted at the scene.

He was struck by a car while crossing north in front of 5003 Sherbrooke street about 3:37 pm. Police said he did not cross at the intersection.

Public safety officers said a witness reported the man had been crossing on the red light. The car attempted to stop but skidded "due to slippery snow-covered street."

On Dec. 20, a 23-year-old woman had been hit about 11:50 am while

stepping out in front of a parked car opposite 5025 Sherbrooke street, police said. She was released from hospital a short time later.

Cars parked

Most of the other traffic accidents involved collisions between two cars, several while parked.

A car skidded into one parked car Christmas Eve while turning off de Maisonneuve onto Greene avenue.

The first reported accident of 1985 was a hit-and-run incident which occurred at 2:11 am Jan. 1. A car, which had backed into a parked Chevrolet on de Maisonneuve boulevard at the foot of Roslyn avenue and caused about \$250 damage, took off. A licence plate number was recorded.

In one single-vehicle incident Dec. 28, a car hit the divider on Dorchester boulevard near St. Catherine.

In another, a car ran into the fence across from Dawson College at 350 Selby. Damage was confined to the fence.

Stuck in lift, woman escapes

Firefighters and public safety officers were called to help a woman trapped in an apartment elevator Saturday, but found she had managed to free herself before they arrived, officials said.

The elevator at 10 Rosemount had become stuck at the third floor about 1 am.

The door apparently failed to open automatically but the woman managed to get it open by pressing the "open" button.

Burglary, theft from vehicles push fall crime rate upward

Crime in Westmount as reported by MUC Police Station 23

	September 1984	September 1983	October 1984	October 1983	November 1984	November 1983	1984	Year to Nov. 30 1983	1982
Murder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sexual crimes	1	-	-	-	-	2	4	5	5
Robbery, including purse-snatch	7	9	7	8	9	7	96	107	111
Break and entry	45	26	53	33	44	31	417	358	393
Theft of vehicles	4	5	8	5	2	4	51	59	62
Theft from vehicles	28	12	26	31	28	19	262	209	224
Other (theft, vandalism, rape, etc.)	158	108	183	142	177	126	1669	1383	1533
TOTAL, All Crime:	243	160	277	219	260	189	2499	2121	2328
Cases referred to MUC squads	12	14	5	13	18	9	152	135	140
Cases without foundation	3	6	6	1	6	2	41	33	37
Total cases cleared	58	63	94	94	77	66	852	827	903
- by arrest	41	43	59	54	58	51	605	560	613
- other than arrest	14	19	29	39	13	13	205	234	253
SOLUTION RATE:									
(Percentage)	23.9	42.5	33.9	42.9	29.6	34.9	34.1	39	39
Accidents reported	26	43	52	37	38	36	459	394	426

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

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Crime in Westmount during the fall season continued to soar upward, setting a two-year record for the three-month period of September, October and November.

October alone registered 277 reported crimes, more than any single month in both 1983 and 1982. November was close behind.

Statistics for the three months in 1984 released last week by local MUC police station 23 revealed the summer's rash of burglaries and thefts from vehicles continued to increase and largely was accountable for the upward trend (see separate story).

The total number of all crimes during the period rose 37 percent over the same months of 1983 and 15 percent over 1982.

Burglaries were up 43 percent from 1983 and 31 percent from 1982; thefts from vehicles increased 32 percent and 5 percent, respectively.

The incidence of robbery remained lower than other years as did thefts of vehicles and sex crimes. There were no murders.

Collective increase

All other types of crime, such as vandalism, simple theft and assault, however, showed a collective increase of 38 percent over the same three-month period in 1983 and an 11 percent hike over 1982.

The total number of incidents brought the crime rate for 1984 by the end of November to 18 percent higher than the previous year and 7 percent ahead of 1982.

A comparison with the previous two years at the end of November showed a decrease in robberies in 1984 of 10 percent from 1983 and

Two pick food for shoplifting

Numerous shoplifting incidents took place here over the holiday season, most occurring at the Miracle Mart store in Alexis Nihon Plaza, police report.

Two incidents, however, involved thefts of food at the Steinberg store at 4840 Sherbrooke street.

A 58-year-old Westmount man was arrested Dec. 17 for allegedly shoplifting pâté worth \$14.66. He lived on de Maisonneuve boulevard.

Another incident two days later involved a woman living on Cavendish boulevard who was reported to have taken items valued at \$18.59 from the store.

13 percent from 1982.

Thefts of vehicles also were down 13 percent and 18 percent from the same period in the previous two years, respectively.

Burglaries were up 16 percent and 6 percent; thefts from

vehicles up 25 percent and 17 percent.

All other crimes for the year, such as simple theft, assaults and vandalism, also showed a collective increase of 21 percent over 1983 and 9 percent over 1982.

Southeast part of city hardest hit by burglars

The southeast area of Westmount has been hardest hit by the outbreak of burglaries over the summer and fall months, followed closely by the southwest sector, police officials report.

Many burglaries occur during the course of the day as well as in the evening in sporadic fluctuations, leading police to believe that several groups or individuals are involved.

"We've made some good breaking and entering arrests," says Director John Dalzell of local MUC police station 23.

"Now we're working on a couple of fences to shut off the demand for stolen goods."

Almost half the reported break-ins in Westmount during November alone, 20 of the 44, occurred in the number two patrol sector of Westmount, that section south of Sherbrooke street to St. Antoine, between Atwater and Metcalfe avenues.

Many also were reported in the adjoining patrol sector, number five, west to Claremont avenue, which Director Dalzell pinpoints as "lower Grosvenor."

Prime targets

Two other prime targets of burglars were the Mount Stephen-Arlington area, as well as Academy road, he said.

"The break-ins are occurring in roller-coaster fashion, fluctuating from one week to the next and varying from 15 to 20 a week," he said.

"As many are occurring during the day as in the evening," he explained, "and we are into the situation now where, with the socio-economic climate, houses are often vacant during the day."

The cover of night used to be a camouflage to the burglar, he recalled.

Daylight — no longer a deterrent — is its own camouflage. "We've now got the crook working during the day when police patrolmen are reasonably busy answering calls or testifying in court."

Nor are alarm systems always a deterrent, he points out, because of the wide gamut of systems on the market ranging from "the efficient to the useless."

He believes the station's task force set up to combat the wave of break-ins has been responsible for the weekly fluctuations which have occurred.

"Crooks are attentive and keen to augmented police activity," he says.

"When we put together a task force, 'the street' knows a short time later. When they see guys in jeans investigating, the crooks get uneasy. That's not in the rules. Crooks like to be comfortable, that's why they develop an MO (modus operandi)."

Car systems may be sound but not safe

Radio sound systems were the targets of thieves breaking into vehicles in record numbers over the past five or six months, according to local MUC police director John Dalzell.

He estimates 80 percent of the thefts from vehicles were sound systems such as Blaupunkt and Pioneer brands.

"Everybody now wants to have a super sound system in their car. It's a problem," he admits.

Many of the thefts in Westmount occurred in garages such as the Plaza, he said. In Westmount, people park to go to the Forum and then they go out after."

When they return, a car window is likely discovered broken and the "super" sound system is gone.

Recent statistics show 222 thefts from vehicles occurred in Westmount during September, October and November, an increase of 32 percent over the same period in 1983 and 5 percent over 1982.