

Wanted Parole Man Goes To Jail

Wilfred Fisher told a story of job-jumping and heartbreak he found in four years following his release from Kingston Penitentiary.

The provincial court in Milton listened attentively to his tale before hearing he was on his way back to the pen.

Sentenced to a 10-year term for possession of counterfeit money, he will likely serve the full sentence.

As well as that sentence, an additional 14 years worth of shorter sentences were imposed on him for 26 other charges, all of them connected to fraud, false pretences and theft.

Fisher, 46, pleaded guilty to all 27.

CRIMINAL LIFE

In passing sentence, Judge William Sharpe said he could reach no other conclusion than that Fisher was persisting in leading a criminal life.

There's not much hope of rehabilitation," he said. "I have a duty to protect the public."

Fisher took the stand to explain his history in a subdued sad voice. His criminal past, that involves 117 convictions for a variety of offences, took him to Fort Leavenworth Prison in the United States. With 14 other prisoners he staged a breakout that led to an additional five year term in that prison.

Strangely, his association with crime began in Acton, where in he was involved in a dispute over a \$1 bill at a local restaurant. He was charged with theft of the dollar which resulted, he said because he had been short changed.

Sentence was suspended in the Milton Court when he agreed to return to a job at a wartime factory in Toronto.

In 1950 he was sentenced to an eight year term at Fort Leavenworth that eventually led to his unsuccessful escape attempt.

He said the original sentences resulted from a chain of events with American police. He was stopped on the highway, he said, while driving a car he had begun to purchase while in Florida.

According to U.S. law at the time, he explained, it was illegal to take a vehicle across state lines before it was completely paid for. He said the car was seized, and with it he lost the down payments and further payments already made on the vehicle.

As well, he was given a three year suspended sentence, out of consideration, he said, for the fact that he was a Canadian unfamiliar with the law.

STOLE CAR

Later however, in anger at the seizure, he stole a second car to make up for the lost vehicle. He was arrested, returned to Florida and convicted and sentenced to three years imprisonment for the theft. As well, the three year suspended sentence was invoked, for a total term of six years to be served at Fort Leavenworth.

Much later still, by that time entrenched into a criminal record, the criminal record that had come to total 117 convictions, Fisher appealed for supervision at the completion of a prison term at Kingston.

With a month left in his prison sentence he applied for parole. "I felt I would have been better off under supervision," he told Judge Sharpe.

He wanted parole after the Kingston prison term, he said, because: "I would have at least been watched. I would have had someone to go to."

The list of charges against Fisher were all compiled in South Central Ontario area, in a radius about his last home in Scotland, south of Brantford.

GUELPH OFFENCES

Two of the charges, in October of last year, and January, 1973 and in February, 1973, stemmed from offences committed in Guelph. He was sentenced to one year concurrent for the theft on October 23, 1972 of a Ford Econoline Van in Guelph, and to another year for passing a bad cheque for \$200 at Photo Fair on February 1, this year.

No Pig For Cruiser

The new regional police force does not want a pig on its cruisers.

To avoid this situation, the Halton Regional Council Elect has authorized a county-wide contest to find a new crest for the area. The prize, originally scheduled to be \$500, was reduced to \$300.

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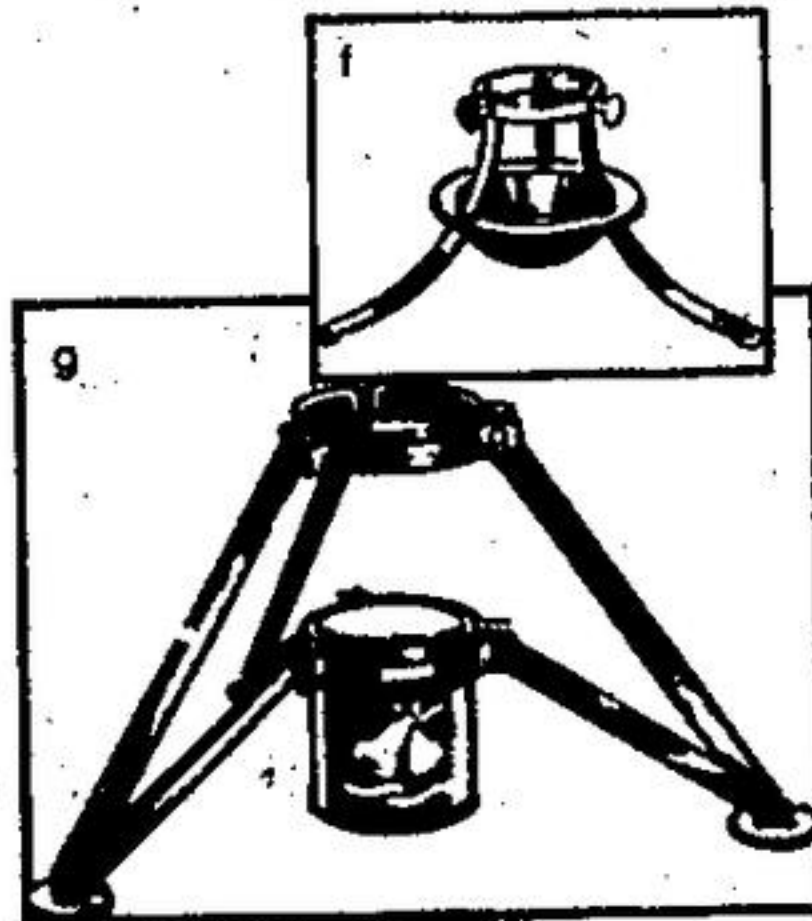
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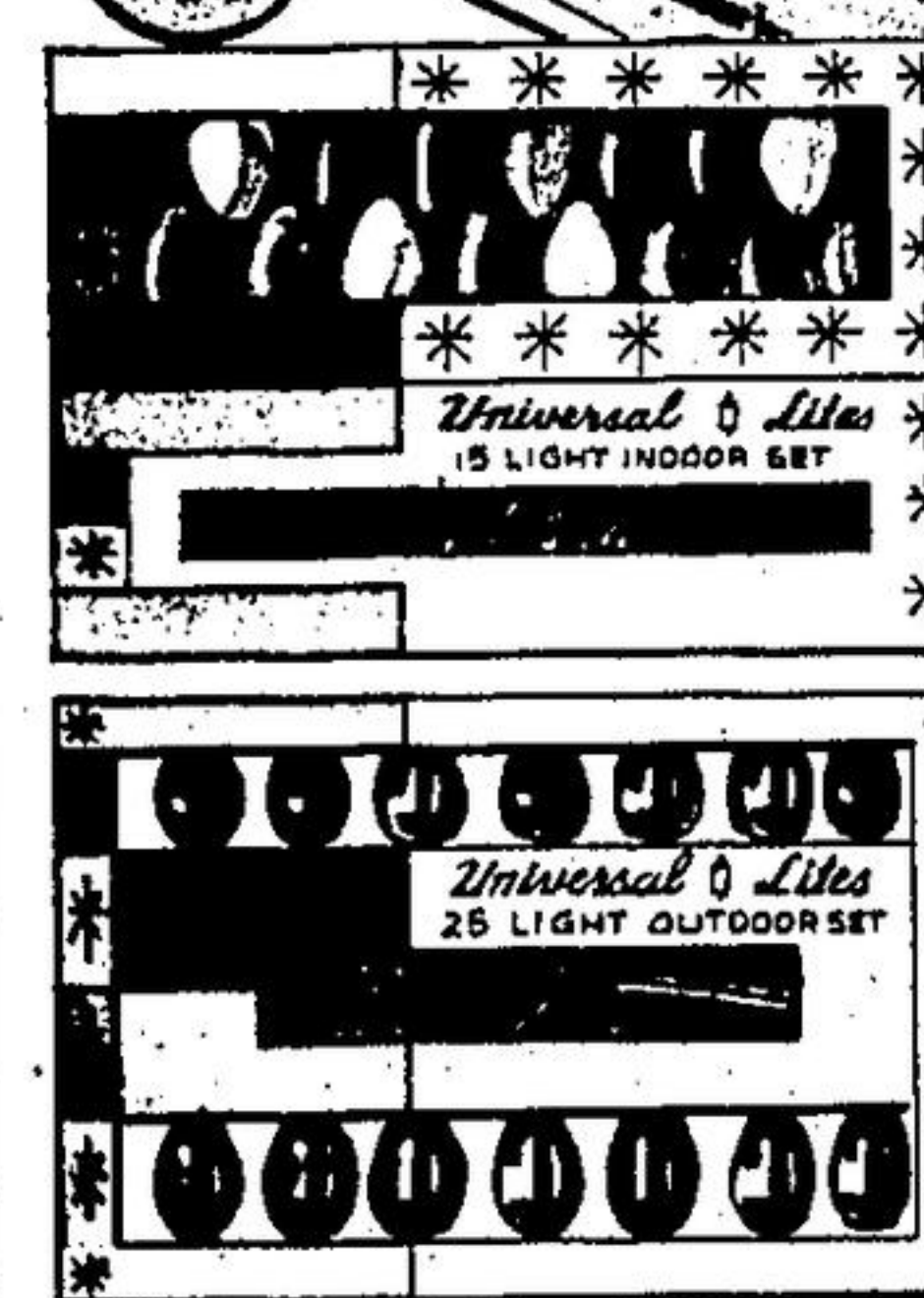
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