

#### A happy chief

Midland police chief Ernie Bates and an own territory, but he was in fine form on the PSS swing band dance Saturday night at the joying himself. Country Mill. Bates may have been out of his

unidentified partner danced up a storm at the dance floor. At least, he seemed to be en-

staff photo

## Midland provincial court cases

John J. Lesperance pleaded guilty in provincial court in Midland on Monday morning on a charge of being impaired while in the care and control of a motor vehicle. The incident that sparked the charge occurred last November 27 following police investigation of a vehicle parked near the Windrifter Restaurant at Midland's town docks. Lesperance was fined \$180 or 15 days in jail.

Fined for striking house

Glen A. Leonard pleaded guilty to a charge of impaired driving laid following an incident on January 11 in which a car hit a house at 449 Irwin Street in Midland. Police told the court the accused failed to stop at a stop sign at Irwin and drove across a ditch and a lawn, finally ending up against the house. The house suffered \$1,200 damage and the car approximately the same amount. Leonard was sentenced to a fine of \$180 or 15 days.

Vincent Thorpe of Midland pleaded guilty to nine counts of making false statements about his income on Unemployment Insurance Commission benefit claims. The charges related to claims dating from April 7 to August 4 of last year. The by Midland solicitor John UIC agent told the court that Thorpe had reported that for the weeks involved he had reported no income when he had in fact had income. As a of Judge Albert Glass last result, he had received \$920 to which he was not entitled. In addition to having to repay the \$920, Judge Montgomery sentenced Thorpe to a fine of \$50 or 15 days consecutive on each of the nine counts. He will have 60 days to pay the \$450.

Stolen licence plates William Shellswell pleaded guilty in Provincial Court in Midland on Monday to a charge of possessing two stolen licence plates. The court was told the investigation first began when police investigated reports of a car in the ditch at William Street and Heritage Drive. Police reported that Shellswell was with the car but denied knowledge of who had driven it into the ditch.

A while later, police told the court they had received a report from a Seventh Street resident who reported his licence plates stolen from his car which had been parked behind his place of work at 255 King Street. Police reported that the licence plates listed as stolen corresponded to the ones on the vehicle they had earlier seen in the ditch.

## New judge takes over Midland court

Provincial Judge Len Montgomery was welcomed to the Midland Provincial Court and to Simcoe County Gammell on Monday morning. Judge Montgomery, who was chosen to fill the place left by the death July, was sworn in as a judge in a ceremony in Orillia earlier this year.

Ian Munro had come out of retirement to act as judge during the interim.

The Court session on Monday morning was Judge Montgomery's first sitting as judge in Simcoe County, as well as his first in Midland.

Midland police notified the police in Orillia where they reported the accused's mother lived. The court was told he was arrested there in the vehicle and returned to Midland. During the investigation, they reported Shellswell told them he had bought the plates for \$10 from an unknown person and did not realize at the time that they were stolen. Judge Montgomery sentenced Shellswell to a fine of \$200 or 15 days and gave him 45 days

B and E charge dismissed In Provincial Court in Midland on Monday, Judge Montgomery dismissed charges of attempted break and enter against William Paul of King Street in Midland. The charge was laid after an incident on November 30 last year when the accused was reported to police to be on the porch roof

of a house at 365 King Street. Court was told by police that they observed the accused on the porch roof of the house in question. After a few moments he was encouraged to come down from the roof and was detained by police.

Court received testimony that the accused was only trying to find a way down from the roof of part of his own house after being locked out. In his attempts to do this he jumped onto the porch roof of the house next door. He tried to find a way down from there. It was at this point that the residents of the house were disturbed and the police were called.

Judge Montgomery declared that the crown had failed to establish sufficient grounds for belief that the accused had had the intention of committing an illegal act and consequently dismissed the charges.

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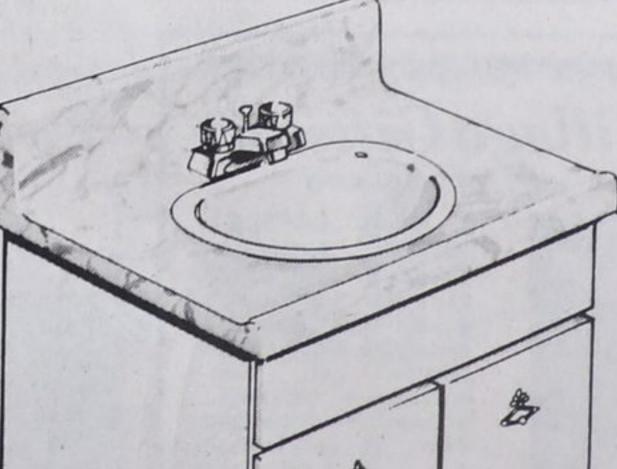
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