



This wasn't my idea

Driver of three-wheeler convicted in court of impaired driving

Driving a three-wheeled car in the early morning hours is bound to look suspicious to a patrolling police constable, as a 49-year-old Midland man found out Monday.

Martin Edgar pleaded guilty in Midland provincial court to impaired driving July 20,

when he was stopped near the corner of King and Yonge Streets at 12:30 a.m. His green, 1969 Chevrolet had only three wheels at the time — the fourth had gone flat on Highway 12.

Presiding Judge Len Montgomery fined the Collingwood Ship Yard worker \$200. His driver's

licence was automatically suspended for three months.

Possession convictions
A 19-year-old Penetanguishene youth pleaded guilty Monday to simple possession of a narcotic, after prosecutor Douglas Haig accepted the plea and dropped the more serious charge of

possession for the purpose of trafficking.

Albert Maracle was searched by police on Main Street in Penetanguishene shortly before 11 p.m. July 25. The initial search turned up one plastic bag of a "green plant-like substance" in one of his socks, and later at the

station officers found two more bags and a glass vial containing what the court was told was liquid hashish.

Maracle admitted to police the night of his arrest that the bags contained marijuana and signed a waiver of the requirement that the drugs be analyzed in

Toronto.

Presiding Judge Len Montgomery fined the youth \$250, warning him that "you are walking a very thin line between possession and trafficking."

The amount in question totalled roughly 100 grams, according to prosecutor Haig.

In a second drug case, 17-year-old Glen Walker, also of Penetanguishene, received a conditional discharge and six months' probation after he pleaded guilty to possession of a narcotic.

Constable Thomas Tiffin pulled a car over July 19 at 1:25 a.m. on Brock Street after a routine traffic violation had been committed on Main Street. Tiffin found a bag of marijuana in a blue jean jacket. It contained about 10 grams of the drug, according to prosecutor Haig.

Judge Montgomery noted the lack of any record before passing sentence, adding that "Mr. Walker got involved in something that was rather foolish."

Breaches of probation
Two men nearing the end of their probation terms pleaded guilty in Midland provincial court Monday to breaches of their probation orders, but neither was sentenced to a jail term by Judge Montgomery.

Jules Marion, placed on two years' probation in July of 1973 for four offences, was charged February 25 with public mischief.

Defence counsel Robert MacKinnon noted the "marked and dramatic change in (the) attitude and behaviour" of the accused, in the two year period, pointing to a solid academic record at Georgian College. The judge agreed, and extended Marion's probation for a further 18 months.

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Placements are down

Placement activity at the Canada Manpower Centre and Student Centre in Midland showed a slight decline during the month of July, when compared to last year's figures and those for June 1975.

One hundred and sixty full-time vacancies were filled in July along with 34 casual vacancies. The majority of the casual vacancies came through the Student Centre where the staff was busy promoting any job of any duration for their student workers.

At the end of July, 1,405 male and 1,151 female workers were registered for employment. These figures include 472 students.

CMC manager D.J. McNee in his end month report indicated that the Student Centre in the Civic Centre would be closing for the season at the end of August.

During the month of July, documentation was carried out for 26 area clients who will be going to take various training courses through the Canada Manpower training program. In addition, 10 recommendations were submitted on behalf of local employers who were applying for Canada Manpower industrial training contract. McNee stated that there is an ever increasing demand for participation in this program and he welcomes any inquiries from employers.

Applications for the 1975-76 L.I.P. program arrived at the Midland CMC and by the end of July 17 requests had been received from local organizations for applications. Many were from participants in last year's program.

There was considerable activity in the area of the mobility program. McNee said 12 relocation grants were issued to persons moving to employment in other areas of the country. In addition, eight persons received exploratory grants to help them get to other areas to seek employment.

At the end of July there were over 60 vacancies unfilled. Included in this total were jobs in such occupations as waiter/waitress, hairdresser, tailor, pastry chef, housekeeper, baker, chauffeur, roofer, foreman, pattern maker, sheet metal worker, tool maker, financial clerk, medical secretary. Persons interested in further particulars should visit the Canada Manpower Centre in the Federal Building, Midland.

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