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**In provincial court**

**Three month sentence for break, enter**

A 19-year-old Victoria Harbour man was sentenced in provincial court last Thursday to three months in jail, after he pleaded guilty to a charge of break, enter and theft.

Anthony Tobey was charged as a result of an incident on September 14 of last year, in which he broke into Arc Industries in Midland, and stole \$19.00 in cash and stamps from a cash box kept in a desk drawer. The court was told Tobey broke into the building by knocking in a piece of wood which covered a window.

Provincial Judge Len Montgomery told Tobey if he did not shape up his life, he would spend most of it behind bars. He said it costs about \$15,000 to keep someone in jail for a year, and that was a great expense to the taxpayers. But, he said, if Tobey wanted to spend his life in jail, the courts would accommodate him. Montgomery ordered that Tobey be put on probation for 24 months after the jail sentence was served.

**Theft under \$200**  
The theft of a pair of boots from Zellers last fall resulted in a conditional discharge and 15 months probation for a 23-year-old Midland man in provincial court Thursday.

Herbert Boyer pleaded guilty to the charge in an earlier court appearance, but was remanded to Thursday for sentencing. The court was told Boyer had enough money in his pocket to pay for the merchandise at the time of the theft, and he had a Zellers charge account. Boyer could not explain why he had been moved to steal the boots.

**Possession of marijuana**  
A 26-year-old Midland woman who inadvertently gave herself away to police pleaded guilty in court Thursday to a charge of possession of marijuana.

The court was told that Terry Reid had been stopped for a routine check as she was driving along Highway 12 at 2:10 a.m. on December 22 of last year. When she opened her purse to get her driver's license, the officer noticed a plastic bag containing "a green plant-like substance" in the purse.

Reid waived her right to have the substance analyzed, and admitted it was indeed marijuana. Judge Montgomery warned her that whether or not she agreed with the law making possession of marijuana illegal, she was obliged to obey it. "Some day this may not

be a criminal offense," he said "but right now it is, and we have to comply with the law."

He gave Reid a conditional discharge, and 12 months probation.

**Possession of marijuana**  
A 16-year-old Penetanguishene man who couldn't get rid of the evidence quite quickly enough, was granted an absolute discharge in provincial court Thursday on a charge of possession of marijuana. Pierre Therrien pleaded guilty to the charge, which was laid on January 21.

The court was told the Ontario Provincial Police made a routine check on a car on Yonge Street near Highway 27 in Midland and noticed a small plastic bag thrown out of the window as the car pulled over. The bag was retrieved by the police, who found it contained an ounce of a green plant-like substance. They questioned the four occupants of the car, and none of them admitted ownership of the bag. Later at the police station, Therrien admitted he was the owner of the marijuana.

Therrien waived his right to have the substance analyzed, admitting that it was marijuana.

**Possession of narcotics.**  
A 22-year-old Rexdale man, found in possession

of an ounce of marijuana, a small quantity of hashish, and a glass vial containing the residue of "hash oil", was ordered in provincial court Thursday to pay a \$100 fine.

Randall Zverina was charged after a car in which he was a passenger was stopped at 10:35 p.m. on December 4 of last year, on Highway 27. The Ontario Provincial Police officer who stopped the car searched Zverina, and found the drugs on his person.

Judge Montgomery said before passing sentence that he was concerned about the variety of drugs Zverina had in his possession, although he accepted the duty counsel's suggestion that the amounts had been small enough that it did not look like he intended to sell it. The judge ordered Zverina to pay the \$100 fine or spend 30 days in jail.

**Impaired**  
Fifteen days in jail was the sentence imposed on a 36-year-old Port Severn man, convicted in provincial court Thursday of impaired driving.

Winston Cousineau pleaded guilty to the charge, laid on November 5 of last year, after he was stopped for erratic driving on Highway 103. The court was told the arresting officer's attention was attracted to

the vehicle because it went off the pavement four times over a distance of about 100 feet, and it was going about 15 miles per hour. Breathalyzer tests yielded readings of .20 and .19.

**Drive suspended**  
Driving while his license was suspended and failing to appear in court cost a 22-year-old Midland man a total of \$350 in fines in provincial court Thursday.

Brian Hook has been charged on September 20 after he was stopped at 10:45 p.m. on Fuller Avenue in Tay Township. The court was told he had been at a party, and had been asked by a friend, who had had too much to drink, to drive the friend's car home. Hook who had not been drinking, obliged, but the two were involved in a minor accident on the way home. There was only minor damage in the accident there were no injuries, and no charges were laid as a direct result of the accident.

The charge of failing to appear was laid when he sent an agent to appear in court for him, while he was at work.

Hook's attorney told the court he realized jail terms were normally imposed for the two offenses, but asked that, in view of the circumstances, the judge consider the offenses fining matters.

The judge agreed the circumstances were, to a certain extent, extenuating, and ordered Hook to pay a fine of \$200 or spend 30 days in jail on the driving disqualified charge, and a fine of \$150 or 20 days on the charge of failing to appear.

**Impaired**  
A 51-year-old Midland man was ordered to pay a fine of \$150 or spend 15 days in jail, after he pleaded guilty in provincial court Thursday to a charge of impaired driving.

Leonard Lafreniere was charged after he was found in a car in a ditch on Highway 12, at 10:30 p.m. on January 19. He admitted he had been driving the car, and a breathalyzer test showed an alcohol level of .19.

**Excess alcohol**  
A 38-year-old Victoria Harbour man was fined \$105 in provincial court Thursday, after he pleaded guilty to a charge of excess alcohol.

The court was told John Fric had been driving east on William Street in Victoria Harbour at 2:05 a.m. on November 24, when he was stopped for erratic driving. The breathalyzer test result was .14.

Fric was ordered to pay the \$150 fine, or spend 20 days in jail.

**Police report**

**Suspended driver charged**

A Penetanguishene man was charged with driving while his license was suspended over the weekend.

Constable Thomas Tiffin stopped Edward Quaranto, of 42 Yeo Street, for a routine check at 4:35 a.m. Friday, and found he did not possess a valid driver's license.

**Theft**  
Constable Art Lizotte is investigating the theft some time Friday night, of a snowmobile hood and light assembly, and an ignition assembly, from Chalet Sports of Penetanguishene.

The merchandise was stolen from a machine parked on the lot of the store, and the total value was about \$122. The theft was reported at 10:55 Saturday morning.

**Accidents**  
Penetanguishene police investigated three minor collisions over the weekend, and laid one drunk charge.

**Obituaries**

**Mary Belanger**

The death occurred on January 30, at the Penetanguishene General Hospital after a lengthy illness, of Mary Belanger.

Beloved wife of Wildred Belanger, of Penetanguishene, she was in her 39th year.

Born in Penetanguishene, to Valentine and Herbert Duval, both living, she lived all her life here.

She is also survived by her sons Gary, Donald and Wayne, and by her daughters Debbie, Elaine and Angela, all still at home, and by her sister, Anne Desroches, of Penetanguishene.

The funeral service was held on February 2, at St. Ann's Church, Penetanguishene, with Father Joseph Harrington officiating. The pallbearers were Ralph and Bill Moreau, Celestin Mailloux, Stanley Secord, Maurice Quesselle, and George Belanger. Interment St. Ann's Cemetery.

**Roger Brunelle**

The death occurred on January 29 at the York-Finch General Hospital in Toronto after a brief illness of Roger Brunelle.

Beloved husband of Laurette Brunelle of Lafontaine, he was in his 78th year.

Mr. Brunelle was born in Lafontaine, where he lived all his life.

Loving father of Soeur Jeanne d'Arc Brunelle, of Cornwall, and Simone Salt, of Vancouver, he was a former member of the Lafontaine School Board, and was a member of the Credit Committee of the Lafontaine Caisse Populaire.

The funeral was held on February 2, at St. Croix Church in Lafontaine, with Father T. Marchildon, and Monsignor A. Belanger officiating. The pallbearers were Martin Gignac, Alcide and Maurice Desroches, Tom Brunelle, Ronald Wicks, and Victor Moreau. Interment St. Croix Cemetery, Lafontaine.

**John Beauchamp**

Mr. John Laval Beauchamp of Waverley died suddenly at his home on January 25, 1977. Mr. Beauchamp was 41 years old.

John Laval Beauchamp was born May 30, 1936 the son of Arthur and Evelyn Beauchamp of Lafontaine. He was raised in Lafontaine, then moved to Toronto and lived the last seven years in Waverley.

He is survived by his wife Veronica, sons Andrew and Michael, all at home, and parents Arthur and Evelyn Beauchamp.

Mr. Beauchamp is also survived by brothers Albert and Thomas of Lafontaine and Robert of Victoria Harbour.

Funeral services were held at St. Ann's in Penetanguishene. Interment at St. Ann's cemetery.

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