

## Restitution ordered

A man accused of trying to beat the high cost of Hydro power at his cottage in Tiny Township was ordered in Provincial Court in Penetanguishene last Thursday to pay a fine of \$200, and \$200 in restitution to the Hydro.

Martin Hersey, 50, who lives in Toronto, pleaded guilty to the charge, laid on September 25 of last year under the Public Utilities Act.

The court was told he tampered with the hydro meter in his cottage, breaking the seal, and turning it upside down, causing it to run backwards, lowering the amount shown instead of increasing it.

A meter reader in the Cook's Lake area of Tiny Township went to Hersey's Cottage, and found the meter upside down. He proceeded to the next cottage to read the meter there, and returned a minute later to find

Hersey trying to turn the meter right-side-up again.

An inspector from Ontario Hydro returned later that day and found that the seal around the meter had been broken. Hydro representatives estimated that, using the average consumption of cottages in the area as a basis, Hersey had cheated it out of about \$150 worth of power.

The court was also told Hersey cooperated fully with the investigators.

The maximum penalty under the Public Utilities Act is a fine of \$300, the cost of repairs to any damaged equipment and up to twice the cost of any power illegally used.

Provincial Judge Len Montgomery ordered Hersey to pay the \$200 fine, and to reimburse the Hydro \$200 for the power he had taken.

**Break and enter**  
An 18-year-old

Etobicoke man pleaded guilty in provincial court last Thursday, to a charge of break, enter and theft.

James Farrell was charged on August 28 of last year, after he and a group of friends broke into the Liquor Control Board of Ontario store in Victoria Harbour, and took out about \$92.50 worth of liquor and beer.

The group had spent the day fishing, and had been drinking at a corn roast on the beach in the evening. The decision to break into the store, according to Farrell's attorney, was a spur of the moment one.

The judge suspended the passing of sentence, and placed Farrell on probation for a period of 18 months. He ordered that Farrell pay \$50 restitution within the first six months of the probation order.

## Police report

# Police investigate two traffic accidents

Penetanguishene police had a fairly busy time of it this weekend, investigating two accidents and a break-in, and laying a number of charges.

On Friday at 11:00 a.m., an accident occurred in front of 60 Main Street, involving a car and a pedestrian.

A car driven by Jack Bennett, of 379 Queen Street in Midland, struck five-year-old Robert Williams of 71 Main Street. The child, who had darted out between parked cars, was taken to Penetanguishene General Hospital for treatment of bruises, and released.

No charges were laid by the investigating officer, Constable Claude Monroe.

### Collision

At 1:10 Friday afternoon, Constable Monroe investigated another accident, this one involving two cars.

The accident occurred on Poyntz Street at John, and involved cars driven by Rose Anne Kulson, of Georgian Sands, Penetanguishene, and Rita Desroches, of 85 Poyntz Street. Kulson's car sustained \$400 damage, while the Desroches vehicle sustained \$100 damage.

No one was injured, and there were no charges laid.

### Breakin

Police are still investigating a breakin at

Penetanguishene Secondary School sometime Friday night or Saturday morning.

Nothing appeared to have been taken, but a waste basket had been dumped in the hall. The intruders gained entry by breaking a window in one of the doors.

Constable Monroe is investigating.

### Impaired

Theodore Cadeau, of 4 Cambridge Street, was charged by Constable Tom Marchand with impaired driving and excess alcohol Saturday night.

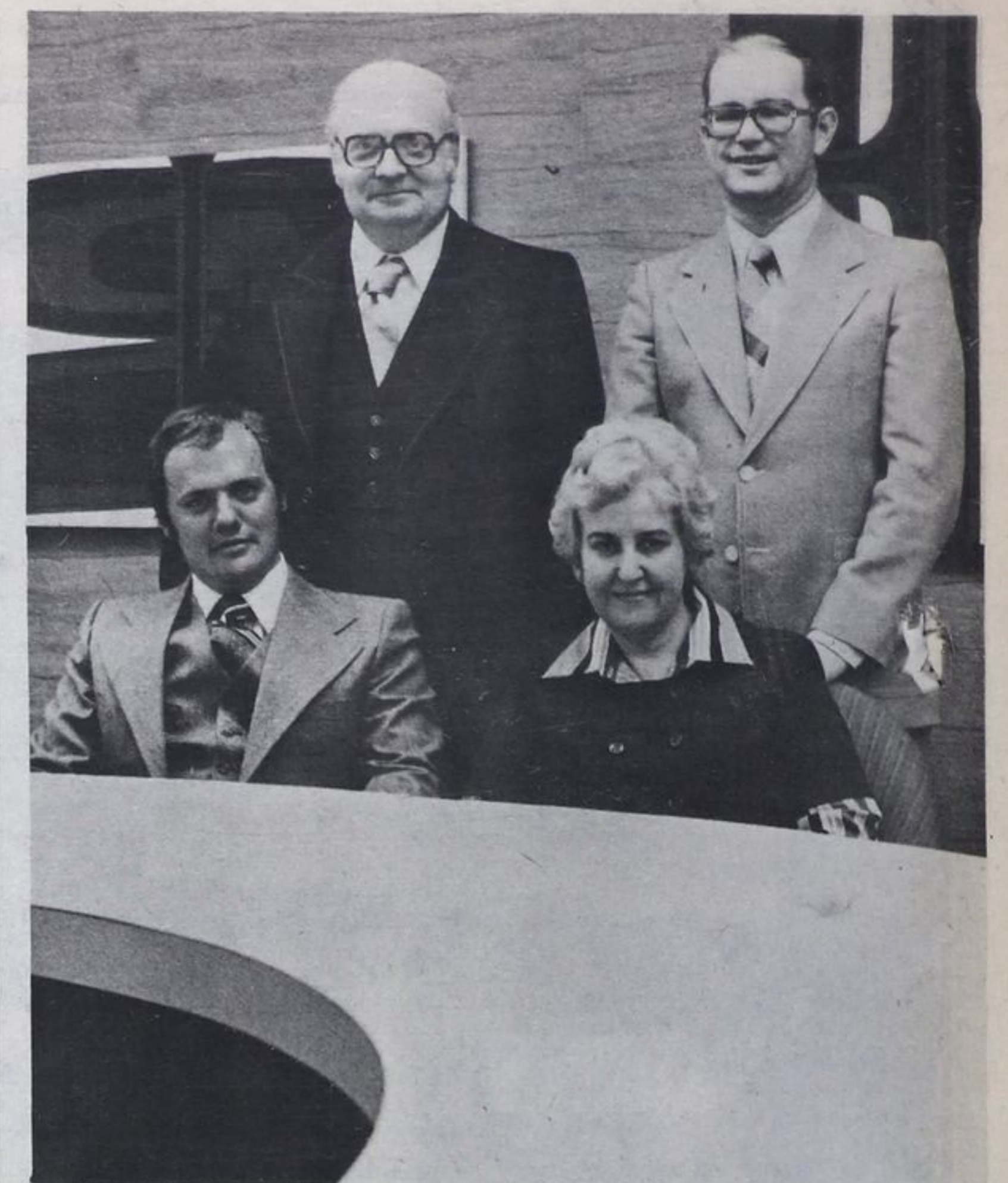
He was stopped at 8:30 p.m., as a result of erratic driving on Fox Street.

### Trespassing

Two people were charged with trespassing at the Hotel Brule over the weekend.

Roland Buttineau, of Highland Point, and Lillian Bosanac, of Bay Street in Midland, had both received registered letters from the management of the hotel advising them that if they attempted to enter the hotel, they would be charged with trespassing.

Bosanac tried to enter the hotel Friday night at 8:30, and was charged, and Buttineau was charged at 9:30 Saturday night.



## The new officers

Raymond L'Esperance (standing left), and John Lackie, (also standing) were re-elected to their posts as Chairman and vice-chairman of the Board of Directors of Penetanguishene General Hospital at the annual meeting of the board held last Thursday night. Seated in the picture are the Chief of Medical Staff, Dr. Claude Charron, (left), and the hospital administrator, Sister Joan Whelan.

Staff photo

# Officers chosen at PGH annual board meeting

Raymond L'Esperance was unanimously re-elected chairman of the Board of Directors of Penetanguishene General Hospital at the Board's annual meeting held at the hospital last Thursday night.

The vice-chairman, John Lackie, was also re-elected at the meeting.

Doris Shirriff presented a statistical report on the past year at the hospital, which showed that the hospital had experienced a drop in the number of "patient days" since 1975. There were 3.4 per cent fewer admissions in 1976 than in 1975, and the patients stayed in hospital an average of 8.49 days, down 2.8 per cent from the 1975 figure of 8.74 days.

Doctors at the hospital performed 615 operations in 1976, compared with only 607 in 1975, and work done on outpatients in the Radiology, Pathology and Physiotherapy departments also showed an increase over 1975.

The Chief of Medical Staff at PGH, Dr. Claude Charron, reported that there had been no major

problems in the day to day supervision of medical care over the past year, and any minor problems which developed were easily handled.

As well, he reported on the progress of a number of medical committees at the hospital, outlining the highlights of their work over the year.

The Chairman of the Board, Mr. L'Esperance, pointed out in his annual report that one of the most urgent problems which arose last year, although it did not directly affect PGH, was "the drastic bed and budget cuts and the even more drastic hospital closures that had been instituted over the province."

He said, "We realize that the health care sector, nor any other sector for that matter, cannot demand a larger and larger share of the country's resources... We have to see ourselves as part of the economic community and be prepared to be a very productive unit of that community." He went on

to point out that the hospital had managed to bring in its operating costs approximately \$92,000 under budget last year, and that this was the result of careful watchfulness on several levels.

L'Esperance said the achievement which most filled the staff and the board with pride over the past year was Accreditation from the Council of Accreditation, and added that the standards required for accreditation were standards the hospital believes in and works at every day.

In wrapping up, he said the hospital would work closely over the coming year with Huronia District Hospital in Midland to "monitor the needs in our surrounding communities, and supply that comprehensive care considering the community needs and our available resources." He also thanked everyone whose contribution over the past year has helped make the hospital what it is today.

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When Sandra Laurin wakes up in the middle of the night at Penetanguishene General Hospital, where she has been for the past week or so, she gets the royal treatment. Here Elizabeth

Solmai, a nurse on the night shift, continues with her work while Sandra keeps herself occupied looking around the nursing station.

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