

Man convicted on marijuana charge opts for jail instead of \$150 fine

Possession of criminal law dating back to 1964. At that time he was convicted of break, enter and theft, and given a suspended sentence. Later the same year he

robbery with a threat of violence, and given five years in jail. Another six month sentence, for break and enter, was served concurrently with that sentence.

In 1973, he was convicted of robbery with violence, and sentenced to two years less a day. Miron told the court he was receiving a disability pension from the government because he could not read or write, and that he could not afford to pay a fine.

Provincial Judge Len Montgomery ordered him to pay a fine of \$150 or spend 40 days in jail, and Miron replied that he would "take the days". Miron was also remanded to August 18 to stand trial on other

charges of wilful damage under \$50 and common assault.

Excess alcohol
Twenty days in jail was the sentence meted out to a 31-year-old Port McNicoll man in provincial court Thursday, after he pleaded guilty to a charge of excess alcohol.

Mervyn Palmateer was charged on April 30, after the car he was driving west on Highway 12 was seen to cross the centre line of the highway.

He was stopped and the Ontario Provincial Police constable noticed a strong odour of alcohol on his breath. He was taken back to the detachment where a breathalyzer test resulted in a reading of .170.

The court was told Palmateer had a previous conviction for impaired driving in July of 1974.

He was sentenced to a period of imprisonment of 20 days, to be served on an intermittent basis on weekends. In addition, the judge ordered his licence suspended for a further six months on top of the mandatory suspension.

Fraud
A 17-year-old Weston man discovered that an early morning meal at a restaurant cost him more than he bargained for in provincial court Thursday.

John Robert Peterson pleaded guilty to a charge of fraudulently obtaining food, laid as a result of an

incident at the Voyageur Restaurant in Port Severn on December 12 of last year. He and three friends entered the restaurant at 2:30 in the morning, ordered meals with a total value of \$21.55, and left without paying. The waitress, noticing this, ran out after them and took down their licence number. The police traced the number, questioned the owner and apprehended the four offenders.

The court was told that Peterson and his mother, who was with him in court, were planning to go to the restaurant on their way back to Toronto Thursday to make restitution to the owner. Judge Montgomery

ordered him to pay a fine of \$75 or spend 30 days in jail.

Excess alcohol
An 18-year-old Rexdale man was assessed a fine in provincial court Thursday, after he pleaded guilty to a charge of excess alcohol.

Anthony Bottineau was charged on April 10 while he was driving west on Highway 12. An OPP officer noticed his car cross onto the eastbound shoulder and then back into the eastbound lane, while travelling west. He was pulled over and taken back to the detachment where a breathalyzer

yielded a reading of .240. The court was told that the car Bottineau had been driving had not been his own, and that he had been driving it because the owner had been even more impaired than he was.

"Was he dead?" the judge asked, noting that .240 is a very high reading. The judge then said, "whether Mr. Bottineau drinks is his own business, but when he gets behind the wheel of a

car it becomes everyone's business." He ordered Bottineau to pay a fine of \$150 or spend 30 days in jail, and suspended his licence for an additional nine months on top of the mandatory suspension.

In provincial court

Penetanguishene last Thursday.

Rene Miron was charged on December 3 of last year at the Port McNicoll Inn, when police, acting on information received, entered the Inn and searched him. They found a small plastic bag on his person, containing about an ounce of marijuana. The court was told Miron had a long record of involvement with the

was convicted of theft, and sentenced to 30 days in jail. In 1966, he was convicted again on a count of break, enter and theft, and sentenced to six months definite and six months indeterminate. The following year he was convicted of auto theft, and sentenced to another six months definite and six months indeterminate. In 1969, Miron was convicted on a charge of

Two thefts investigated

Penetanguishene police had a rather busy weekend to kick off police week.

Some time early Saturday morning, a bicycle belonging to Bill Fraser of 44 Maria Street was stolen from in front of Ken's Esso station on Main Street. Police are still looking for the bike, which was valued at \$50.

Meanwhile, they are also investigating the theft some time Saturday night of a set of hubcaps. They were stolen off a car belonging to Alfred St. Amant, of Howes' Corners, while the car was parked in the parking lot of the Hotel Brule.

Police report

Narcotics charge

Sergeant Donald Westcott, after carrying out a routine check on Simcoe Street Saturday night, laid charges of possession of a narcotic against a Toronto man.

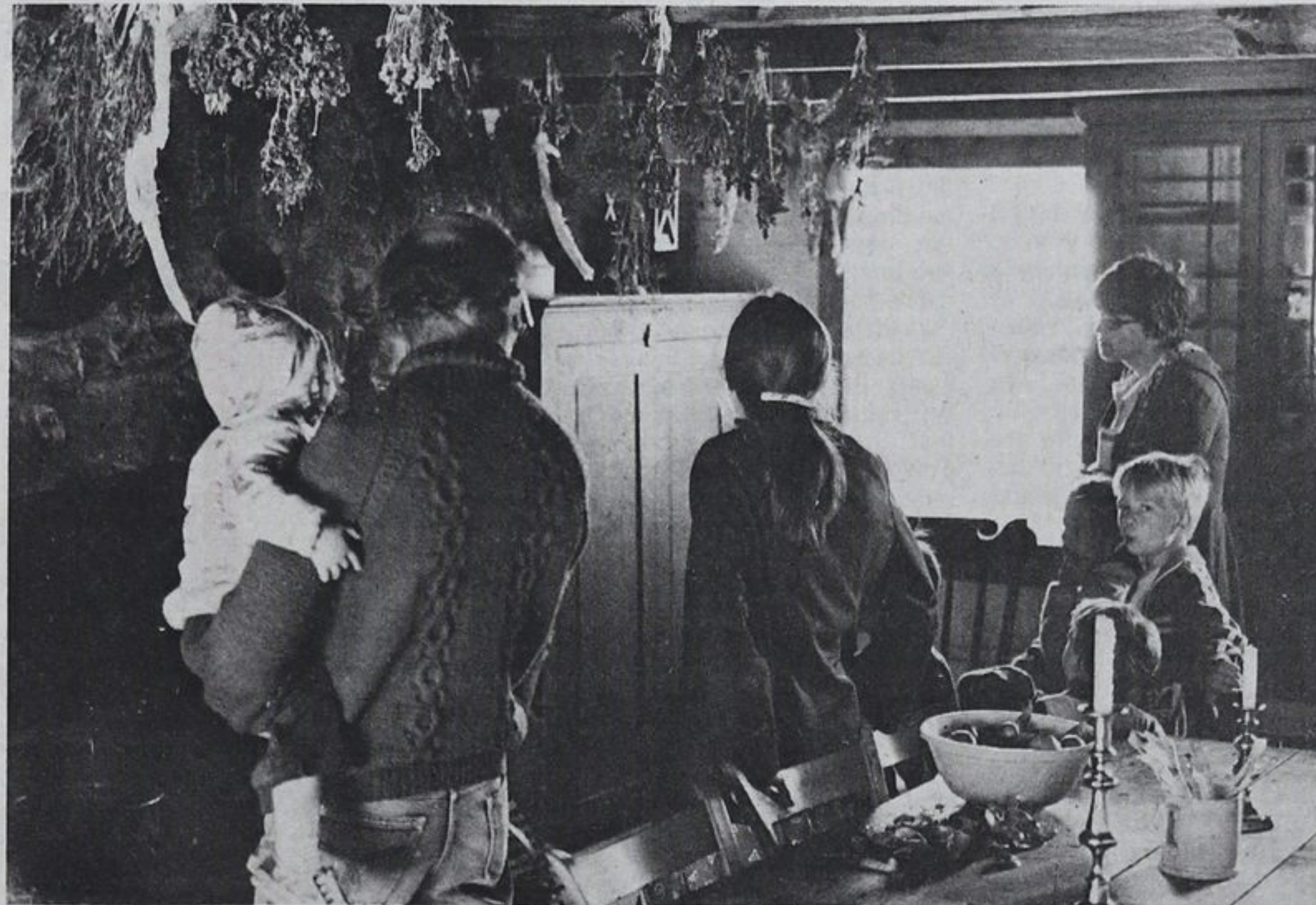
Charged is William Raines, 19.

Assault

A charge of assault causing bodily harm was laid Saturday by Constable Graham Whiteside.

Charged, as a result of an incident at the variety store at 69 Peel Street, is Paul Bottineau, 28, of 44 Chatham Street.

The victim of the assault was an employee of the store, 21-year-old Kenneth Bonnin, of 18 Yeo Street.



Looking at historical artifacts

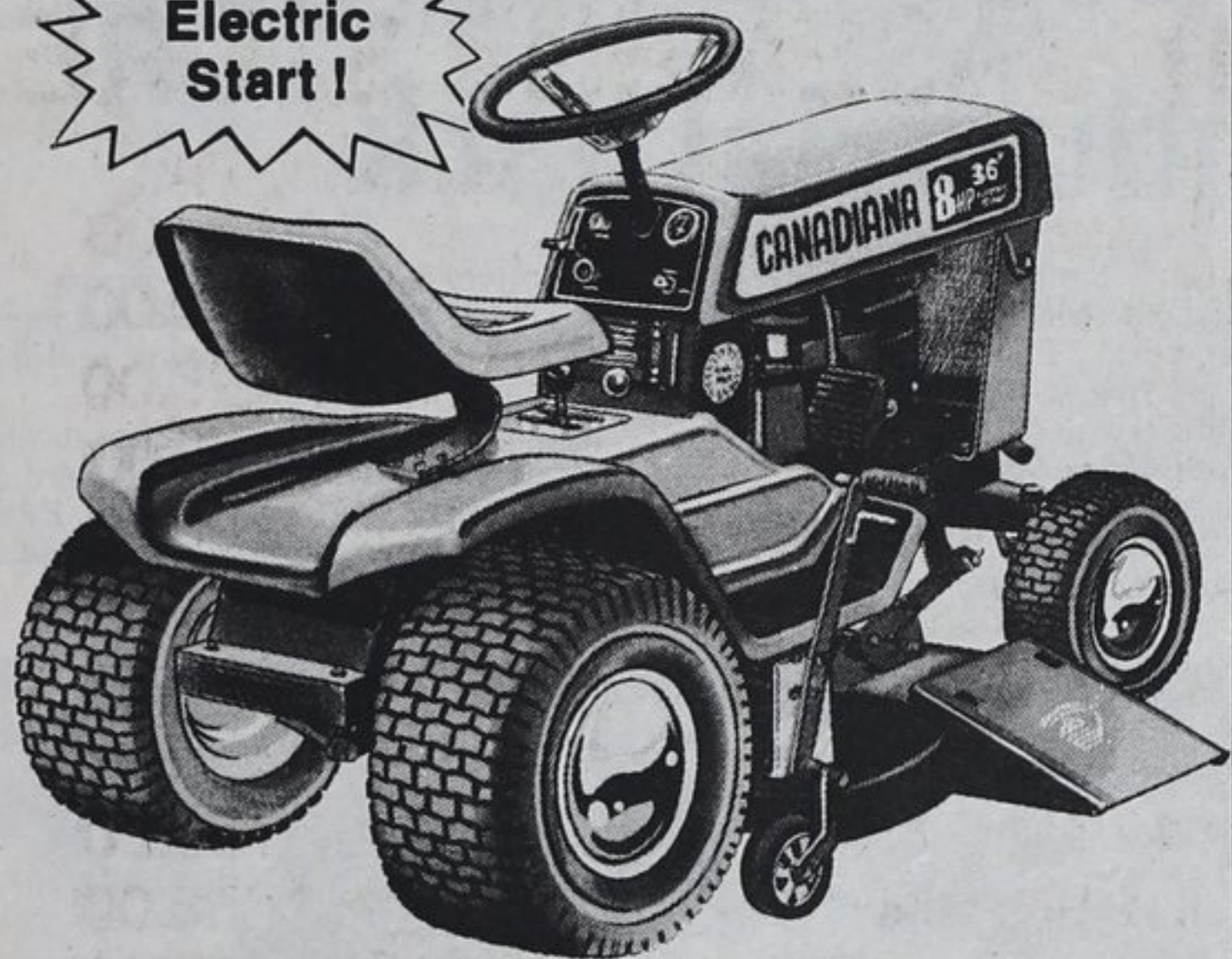
Open house at the Military Establishments drew a number of interested history buffs on Sunday, out to

get a taste of what life was like in centuries past, or just enjoying the sunshine. Staff photo

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