

Two men convicted on theft charge after gasoline siphoned from truck

Two young area men were convicted in provincial court in Penetanguishene last Thursday, on a joint charge of theft under \$200, in connection with the theft of a small quantity of gasoline.

Gignac said restitution had been made for damage the group caused during the break-in, at a summer residence. He said the presentence report was not very favourable to Assance, calling him an

Eric Bumstead, 19, of no fixed address, were jointly charged on May 10 of this year. Both charges against Bumstead were dropped

at the request of the crown, and the charge of cultivating marijuana against Milroy was also dropped. But Milroy was convicted on the charge of

possession of marijuana. The court was told that members of the Midland Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, acting on in-

formation received, executed a search warrant at the residence of Milroy, and found 10 grams of marijuana on Milroy's person. They

also found two marijuana plants, 25 small blue pills of an unknown type, dry leaves which appeared to be marijuana between the two potted plants, a suitcase containing a triple beam balance scale, seeds and what appeared to be more marijuana, a syringe in the kitchen and another in the china cabinet, one white onyx marijuana pipe, one 16-inch Indian style marijuana pipe, one black and chrome marijuana pipe, a book entitled "The Cultivator's

Handbook of Marijuana", and assorted other paraphernalia described as being associated with the use of drugs. Bumstead was charged because he was in the house at the time of the search. Judge Montgomery ordered Milroy to pay a fine of \$600, or spend 100 days in jail.

Joy-riding
A 16-year-old Waubaushene man who pleaded guilty in provincial court last

Thursday to a charge of joy-riding, was awarded a conditional discharge.

Robert Blanchard was charged on September 16, after he was stopped by police in Tay Township. The court was told Blanchard was discovered driving a 1974 station wagon belonging to his mother, and he admitted she had not given him permission to drive it.

Blanchard did not have a licence to drive, but he did have a temporary instruction permit. The

court was told he had often driven the car with his mother in the passenger seat, but on this occasion he had taken it without her knowledge.

The judge told Blanchard he could be sent to jail for six months on the charge, but said he felt the fact that the car belonged to his mother rather than to a complete stranger was a mitigating factor in this case. He ordered the conditional discharge, and put Blanchard on probation for a period of 12 months.

In provincial court

Allan Cruise, 21, of Midland, and his nephew David Cruise, 17, of Gravenhurst, were charged following an incident which occurred on May 9, 1977. The court was told they were passengers in a car which was being driven by another party. At about 9:45 p.m., as the fuel in the car was getting low, they decided to stop and siphon some gasoline out of the tank of a parked truck.

Someone saw them and shouted at them, and they ran off. Police later stopped them and questioned them, and the charge was laid. The value of the gas taken was estimated at \$15.00.

The court was told David Cruise had had a drinking problem, although he had recently been taking steps to correct the situation, and both men had been drinking on the night of the incident.

The crown entered into evidence a record for Allan Cruise, showing that he had been convicted of theft under \$200 in November of 1973, and that he had also been convicted of a number of driving offences since then.

The judge considered the possibility of giving David Cruise a discharge of some sort, because of his age and the fact that he had no criminal record, but in sentencing he said it was "with regret" that he had decided to register convictions against both men. He said the deterrent aspect of sentencing called for a disposition more severe than a discharge. He ordered David Cruise to pay a fine of \$150 or spend 20 days in jail, and he sentenced Allan Cruise to 40 days in jail. Since Allan Cruise has a full time job, he was allowed to serve the sentence on weekends.

Both men were put on probation for 12 months.

Break and enter
An 18-year-old Christian Island man, convicted in provincial court on a charge of break and enter on August 11, was sentenced last Thursday to four months in jail.

Burdette Assance had been remanded until last Thursday for sentencing, so that a probation officer could prepare a presentence report. Attorney John Gignac, acting for Assance, told the court Assance had been with a group of people when the offence occurred, and an older person had been the ringleader of the group. He said Assance had been drinking heavily at the time.

Impaired charge laid

Two new cars damaged in accident last week

Two brand new cars were damaged early Saturday morning, in a one car accident on Main Street at Poyntz.

A car driven by Martin Cascagnette, of Champlain Crescent in Tiny Township, struck a traffic light standard, which in turn collapsed on two 1978 Pontiacs on the Stoneleigh Motors lot.

The damage to Cascagnette's car came to \$500, but as of Monday, police had not learned how much damage was done to the light standard or the two new cars.

Police report

Cascagnette was charged with impaired driving and excess alcohol by Constable Thomas Marchand.

Furniture taken
Constable Michael Brady is currently investigating the theft some-time between October 12 and 14 of three pieces of garden furniture from a Penetanguishene home.

Eric Ulrichsen, of 42 Burke Street, reported the theft at 5:30 Friday afternoon. The furniture, a wicker table and two wicker chairs, was valued at \$100.

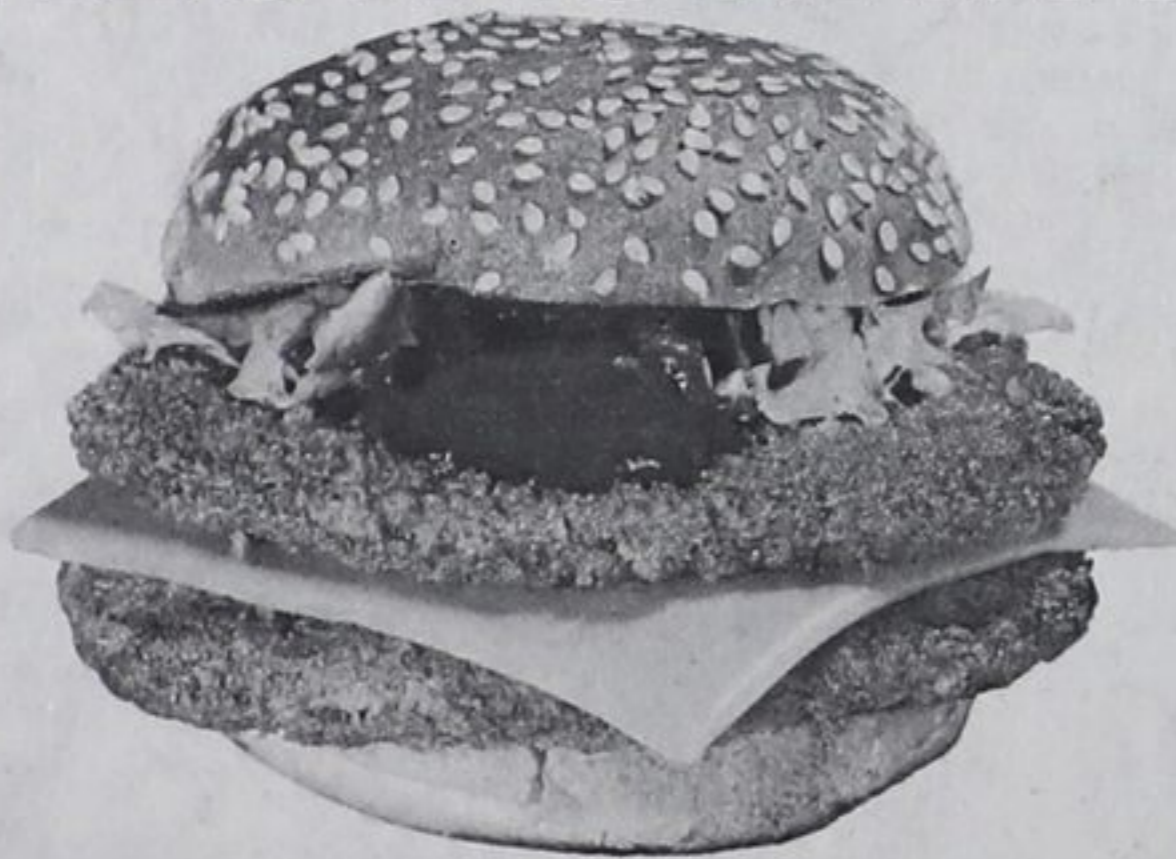
Break and enter
Penetanguishene police are investigating a theft at the Commodore Hotel some time Saturday.

PGH births

Mr. and Mrs. William Couling, of 115 Yeo Street in Penetanguishene, announce the birth on October 17, of a boy.

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Dorion, of 2 Leonard Avenue, Penetanguishene, on October 15.

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