



Sports Bug Finishes 16th

Richmond Hill W&P Motors Ltd. Dealer Kurt Wichtler had reasons to be happy with the showing of two of his drivers in the Canadian International Winter Rally from Toronto to Ottawa and back a couple of weeks ago. That's despite the fact one of the vehicles only got 100 miles from Toronto and its manifold fell off. The other one continued on, finished the jaunt, and ended up in 16th place out of a field of 100. Finishing in his 1973 Sports Bug Special Volkswagen was Larry Partington.

man. "I've been sponsoring drivers in that race for three years," observed Wichtler. "This is the best so far although it was too bad both drivers couldn't finish. There were over 200 competitors starting the race from Toronto City Hall. The team's tires were supplied by the Richmond Hill Dunlop Family Tire Centre. Manager Wichtler is shown (centre) with two of his drivers, Mark Hoffman and Simon Adler (originally co-driver with Partington) along with the Sports Bug on the left and the 1969 driver on the right.

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Overflow Crowd At February Session

Area Drug Court Time Doubled

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At the February session more than 200 people overflowed the courtroom with 140 charges listed on the court docket. Many cases were adjourned to set trial dates. Several preliminary hearings were held. A number of accused were sent to County Court trial on trafficking charges. Others were convicted and jailed to await sentencing.

A large number of those appearing, mostly young adults, were convicted and fined for drug possession.

Two Richmond Hill youths admitted having small quantities of marijuana when YRP searched Apartment 609 at 48 Laverock Avenue at 4 pm January 16. The illicit material was found in a bedroom side table and on a livingroom table.

or five days.

Glen Frame of 14 Shasta Drive, Thornhill, admitted being caught with hashish pipes in the basement of his residence in Vaughan Town at 5:30 pm October 30. His mother died just before the offense, the court was told.

Frame was fined \$50 or five days jail, with two weeks to pay. A second charge was withdrawn.

Caught when YRP checked a car at a Huron Heights Secondary School Dance at 9:30 pm November 9, Richard Brunling, 18, of Newmarket admitted possession of a four-ounce marijuana package and pipe found under the car seat.

Brunling was given two weeks to pay his \$50 fine, or spend five days in Don Jail. A similar charge against his companion Daniel Shipticki was withdrawn.

Roofer Michael Sward, 18, of 748 Cedarwood Avenue, Newmarket was fined \$100 or 10 days jail on two drug con-

pay. Further charges against the pair were withdrawn following their guilty pleas.

Charges against four other youths caught with them were also withdrawn. These four were Denton Hutchison, Michael Graziano, Peter Metcalf and Milan Andic, the latter having failed to appear in court.

Scott Morey, 17, of 408 Ontario Street, Newmarket, was placed on a one-year conditional discharge. He denied having marijuana for trafficking but admitted the lesser and included offense of having marijuana August 30 at Newmarket.

INDEFINITELY HOSPITALIZED

Defense Attorney Alfred Stong of Richmond Hill said Morey's co-accused Steven Russell was a person suffering from the effects of drugs, having been transferred to a provincial institution at Penetang after being in a Metro mental hospital for a time. The charge against Russell was withdrawn, he being indefinitely hospitalized.

Less than six ounces of marijuana in several bags were found in a lunch box when Morey and Russell were charged, the court was told.

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Court NEWS

Convicted and fined \$50 and costs, or five days jail were James Fitzpatrick, 21, of 186 Church Street, Richmond Hill and Raymond Wirtanen, 21. Charges were withdrawn for four found-ins, Pamela Higgins, Janis Weiling, William Martyn and Stephen Duffy.

Richmond Hill taxi driver Terence Macdonald, 22, admitted being caught with a marijuana cigarette in his shirt pocket at 12:20 am February 8 at Yonge Street and Highway 7 in Thornhill when YRP were investigating other matters.

Macdonald was convicted by Provincial Judge Claire Morrison and fined \$50 or five days jail, with two weeks to pay.

Unionville student Richard Osborne, 17, admitted being caught with marijuana in his sock at 8:15 pm January 19 at Ovida Boulevard in Markham. He got a month to pay his \$50 fine or spend five days in jail.

Lorne Nickle, 16, of 274 Cedar Avenue, Richmond Hill, admitted ownership of two plastic bags of marijuana found in a car November 24 at 8 pm on Dufferin Street in Vaughan Town. Nickle quit grade 10 at Bayview Secondary School, got a job and then became unemployed, the court was told.

Nickle was also given a month to pay his \$50 fine. A similar charge against his companion Steven Wolfreys was withdrawn by Federal Prosecutor Mrs. Heather Smith.

Paula Engler, 21, of 322 North Taylor Mills Drive, Richmond Hill admitted ownership of three ounces of hashish YRP used a search warrant at that address to find at 8:10 pm January 25.

Engler was given a month to pay the \$50 fine and a second charge was withdrawn.

STOUFFVILLE RAID

Student Maurice Halsted, 18, of 28 Fairview Avenue, Stouffville denied having marijuana for trafficking purposes but admitted the lesser and included charge drug possession.

Federal Prosecutor Smith said YRP searched Halsted's home with a warrant. On his arrival he was caught with 6 grams of marijuana in four packages. He was fined \$50

ARRESTED TWICE

Sward denied having marijuana for trafficking, but admitted the lesser offense of having possession of an ounce of the substance at 10:15 pm August 30 with a group of friends in the rear parking lot of Newmarket High School.

He also admitted a charge of having a one-ounce package of marijuana in his pocket when YRP with a warrant searched his residence on Sutton Road in Queensville at 5:15 pm November 6. Two other charges against him were withdrawn by Federal Prosecutor Smith.

Three youths arrested with nearly a pound of marijuana in their shared bedroom September 12 at Newmarket were each fined \$100 or 10 days jail and given a month to pay. As a result of information received, YRP with a search warrant went at 5 pm to Apartment 803 at 3063 Kingsview Drive in Newmarket, found the marijuana and the three admitted ownership, the court was told.

DENY TRAFFICKING

Leaseholder of the apartment was William Ariss, 19, now of Kitchener. The others charged were Randal Richardson, 18, of 51 Lawrence Boulevard, Georgetown and Denton Hutchison, 20, of RR 1, Newmarket.

All three denied a trafficking charge but admitted the lesser and included offense of possession. A second charge against Ariss was withdrawn.

Caught with an extremely dangerous and potent drug recently added to the Food and Drug Act, Phenycodone (PCD), an 18-year-old youth was jailed three days and fined \$150 or 15 days jail.

Frank Strote of 164 Park Avenue, Newmarket, a man employed at Concord, admitted being stopped at Aurora while having 0.20 grams of the white powder in a number of packets. The PCD, along with two rolls of marijuana were thrown from a green Pinto car that fled northward from police.

THORNHILL WORKER

A Thornhill worker James Swales, 20, of 16 Lorne Avenue, Richmond Hill, admitted ownership of the marijuana. He was fined \$50 or five days, with 30 days to

Evicted by his father at the age of 15 years but now back at home at RR 2, Oshawa, John Messent aged 18 and formerly of Aurora admitted having marijuana when arrested at an Aurora tavern September 12.

WON BRONZE MEDAL

The youth won a bronze medal for saving the life of his sister several years ago, the court was told. He was fined \$50 or five days jail. A charge of having marijuana for trafficking was withdrawn by the federal prosecutor.

Two Newmarket youths caught at 5 pm December 11 after a YRP search warrant raid at a Newmarket apartment, were each fined \$50 or five days jail with time to pay.

One was Robert McAllister, 22, of 17 Main Street North, whose apartment was searched. The other was Glendon Avar, 21, of the same address. McAllister works in Aurora and Avar works in Richmond Hill, the court was told.

TRAFFICKING CHARGE

Both were charged with having marijuana for the purpose of trafficking but would only admit the lesser and included offense of simple possession. This plea was accepted by Federal Prosecutor Smith.

Mrs. Smith said YRP, as a result of information received, went to the apartment. In a bedroom night table they found a bag of marijuana. They also found some in a flashlight. Another bag of the illicit substance was found in Avar's dresser.

Confined to a wheelchair as the result of an accident, Paul Marshall, 23, of 123 Forest Glen, Newmarket, admitted having marijuana January 19 when police with a search warrant raided his home at 5:30 pm January 19. The drug was found in a bedroom and in a kitchen drawer.

3 WERE INNOCENT

Charges against three others, one of them his cousin, were withdrawn after he pleaded guilty. The others were Lawrence Williams, George Rose and Rodney McMullen.

Marshall has been working since the age of 16, except for two years in hospital after an accident that crippled him the court was told. He was convicted and fined \$50 or five days jail.