

Drunken Drivers Given Jail Terms of Ten Days

Conrad Houle Found Guilty While Leo Tourangeau Pleads Guilty to Operating Car While Under Influence of Liquor. Accused Given Leniency on Theft Charge. Other Court Cases on Tuesday.

Found guilty of being drunk in charge of a car in police court Tuesday afternoon before Magistrate S. A. Atkinson, Conrad Houle, of Timmins, was sentenced to ten days in jail and ordered to pay costs of \$18 or serve an additional 15 days. He pleaded not guilty.

Provincial Constable Hancock was the first witness called and told the court of finding a car upside down in the ditch near Pamour mine, with the occupants crawling out of the vehicle on to the roadway. He swore that Houle, who admitted being the driver of the car, staggered and was thick of speech. A gallon of wine, which was unopened, was found in the rear seat of the car. One of the passengers in the car, Matthew LaRoche, told him that Houle owned the wine but later at the police office said that he (LaRoche) owned the spirits.

Dr. P. Wenger, of Timmins, who examined Houle, told the court that in his opinion the accused was intoxicated at the time of the accident. He admitted under cross examination by defence counsel, Dean Kester, K.C., that the accused answered the questions he put to him slowly but intelligently. He also walked a line fifteen feet long without wavering and was able to pick up a coin from the floor the same as a sober man would. The doctor added, however, that when Houle was on his way from the Provincial Police office to his office, a distance of about forty feet down a hallway, that he had staggered noticeably. He said in reply to Mr. Kester that he did not smell liquor off his breath.

Chief Hitch, of the Hollinger Police force, who was in the car with Constable Hancock and Constable McGrill, of Pamour Mine, a second passenger, both swore that Houle was intoxicated. The latter officer said that he had to assist the accused from the ditch on to the roadway.

Houle, giving evidence on his own behalf, stated that he had had a bottle of beer shortly after ten o'clock in the morning and one glass of wine before dinner at the home of Matthew LaRoche at 1 p.m. After dinner in company with LaRoche and others they had motored to South End where the latter bought the wine found in the car to take to his brother who was ill. He claimed that as he left the pavement and started to drive along the dirt road near Pamour Mine property that his car struck a series of rough spots in the road. His arm struck a small child who was riding in the front seat with him and he glanced aside to see if the child was all right. When he returned his gaze to the road the car was on the shoulder of the road. As he attempted to bring it back to the centre of the highway the back wheels skidded in the mud and the car rolled over into the ditch.

Matthew LaRoche testified that Houle was sober when he gave him the drink of wine before dinner and that he appeared to be sober when driving the car. Adrien Philippeon, another passenger in the car, gave similar evidence.

Mr. Kester, in his summation of the case, drew the attention of the court to the fact that none of the Crown witnesses had smelled liquor on the accused's breath. He was at a loss to understand how Dr. Wenger had arrived at the conclusion that Houle was intoxicated when he had passed the various tests given him.

The magistrate, however, felt that in view of the fact that the accused was staggering at the scene of the accident and that three constables and a doctor had sworn he was intoxicated that enough evidence had been brought out to warrant a conviction.

Also Ten Days
Wilfred Tourangeau, of Timmins, who was also charged with being drunk in charge of a car, pleaded guilty and was sent down for ten days.

William Maki, of Timmins, was fined \$50 and costs and his house made a public place for a term of one year when he was found guilty of permitting drunkenness on his premises.

Eugene Cantin, of Timmins, faced two charges, one of theft of a cedar pole eight feet long and of breaking into the store of A. Arcuri, 113 1/2 Pine street, and stealing a quantity of cigarettes, brought out that the accused had a record of three convictions in Montreal for theft in 1932 and 1935. Crown Attorney Caldwell informed the court that the accused, who is only 19 years of age and his wife 18, are practically destitute. There is a small baby in the family also. Police Inspector Olson stated that Cantin told him that he had stolen in desperation to provide his wife and child with food and heat. The magistrate pointed out that on account of previous convictions a suspended sentence was impossible but that in view of the circumstances he would make the sentence 30 days on each charge, to be served concurrently. He also suggested that relief authorities be instructed to take care of the wife and child.

Pembroke Standard-Observer:—It is better to be late for dinner in this world than to be early for breakfast in the next.

Office Window is Shattered by Stick

Aged Timmins Man Arrested but Not Charged with the Offence.

It is the considered opinion of many people that numerous folk at present out of work are not honestly anxious to get employment but this idea received an expressive jolt on Tuesday afternoon when an aged resident of Timmins visited the local employment office seeking a job of any kind.

After inquiring from the manager of the office and finding that there was nothing available that he might do, the 72-year-old applicant proceeded to the street outside. Picking up a stick of wood he commenced to tap on the window when suddenly there was a crash of shattered glass. A section of the window four feet by two feet had been smashed. Taken into custody by local police the man was lodged in the cells but later released without any charge being laid, in view of his age and other circumstances in the case.

Mr. and Mrs. Guest have made their home in Noranda.

Mr. Guest is a member of the Rouyn-Noranda Press mechanical staff.

The Latest and Meanest Story About the Scottish

The factory in Aberdeen, where all the stories about the Scottish are manufactured, must recently have put on a night shift. In any case here is the latest Scottish story:—
The locale is the Wingham district of Ontario.

A Scotsman took a notion to go deer hunting. First he went to the bush and hunted around, and high and low, and hither, thither and yon, until he located a deer. Then he rushed back to town, and in a few minutes he was back again in the bush, this time with his gun and his license to hunt deer.

The story from Wingham concludes by saying that Scotsmen who like to go hunting always locate the deer before they buy the license.

That seems reasonable, too, to a Scotsman. Wouldn't it be awful to pay out good money for a license, and then, perhaps, not even see a deer?

Port Arthur News-Chronicle:—Decision to postpone a visit to the United States became a news sensation almost as great as a decision to give up a throne. Both decisions were made necessary, it seems, by poor advice given a man once famous for his tact and good judgment. What the Duke of Windsor seems to need more than anything else is better advisers.

W.M.S. Entertained by the C.G.I.T. Girls

Special Interesting Gathering Held at United Church on Tuesday Evening.

The Canadian Girls in Training entertained the ladies of United Church W.M.S. at their meeting in the church basement on Tuesday evening. At this meeting four of the C.G.I.T. groups—the Mariners, Smilers, Nighthawks, and Peppy Pals re-affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society and two groups—the Bluebirds and Galahads—affiliated for the first time.

Miss Susie Smyth, Supervisor, announced the Missionary programme for this year. The Study Book written specially for C.G.I.T. is entitled "Landing Fields" and is the work of Miss Isabel Griffiths who two years ago was the guest of the Timmins C.G.I.T. at their annual Mother and Daughter banquet. It takes its readers on imaginative visits to rather inaccessible places on Canadian frontier and prairie, in Japanese city, in Indian and African villages and many other places. By stories, letters, poems and word pictures, sketches are given of real people and it is all true. This is the C.G.I.T. part in the larger programme by means of

Renewed Enthusiasm Marked Legion Meeting

Much Business Transacted. Nominations Closed for Officers for 1938. Austin Neame Nominated for President and also Selected as Delegate to the Dominion Convention at Fort William.

which various groups of different ages throughout the church are all studying and adventuring with the United Church around the world.

The money which the girls raise for missions this year will go towards the scholarships for Miss Pearl Chiang of China and Miss Taruko Kama of Japan. These scholarship students are young women of outstanding ability and are being trained for Christian work in their own countries.

The business session was short and snappy. The girls sang a number of rollicking choruses. The Mariners group staged most effectively a missionary pageant entitled "The Call of the Nations." Charades followed, each group using its group name as the word visiting ladies. After the programme the girls separated into groups with their leaders and special guests for tea, cookies and conversation.

With the arrival of the fall season and with the marked enthusiasm of the members, there is no doubt that the Timmins branch, wishes to maintain its reputation as one of Canada's leading branches of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L. This was very evident in the discussions and motions passed on Monday evening at the monthly general meeting in the Legion hall.

The hall was filled for the first time in many months and all present seemed sincere in their suggestions to make the Legion hall the rendezvous of all ex-servicemen.

The meeting opened with the singing of "O Canada" and honouring the dead with the solemn two minutes of silence. Austin Neame, president, occupied the chair, supported by the vice-presidents, T. Parsons and A. Borland Sr. Minutes were read and adopted. Eight new applications were read and four took the initiation ceremony and were welcomed into the branch.

Much discussion centred around the quarterly audit, but some very interesting figures were shown. One item clearly showed that the Legion is still carrying along its relief work and the yearly average will be maintained, close to \$1,000 being expended on relief for the past nine months, Jan. to Sept. A profit of over \$300.00 was secured from the Donkey baseball games. Conklin Shows netted \$1,000, and the Legion draw also another \$1,000. After reserving the major portion in the relief account, the branch paid off some of the building's indebtedness. The Ontario Convention also took a large share of the money on hand. The monthly statement was adopted and showed a clear margin in the bank.

Correspondence included a letter from P. Macauley, now in Florida. He gave a graphic account of Armistice Day there and quoted "The Advance" for giving him the news of the branch here. All were ordered filed except the letter from Gen. A. Ross re Dominion convention.

Committees reported and the tagette to be held on December 11th, will include the usual features, with turkeys, chickens and hams as prizes. Several members were reported sick and one in a very low condition. No word was available re P. Fraser, but Comrade Devine hoped for the best some time this week.

The meeting then got right down to business and the first business dealt with was question of a radio for downstairs room. Some members thought the club should have a good radio and the upstairs hall was the logical place with speaker in lower part. Others were not in favour of the radio idea. The outcome of the discussion was that the downstairs hall be redecorated and made attractive and no radio to be purchased.

The second was the sanction of a joint concert in January with the Ukrainian Prosvita Association in the New Empire theatre, with each organization providing fifty per cent. of the talent. From this it is hoped to start a series of such concerts with the idea of fostering and helping the new Canadians.

The matter of sending a delegate to Fort William for the Dominion convention was discussed and resulted in Austin Neame being selected to represent Timmins branch.

A light lunch counter is to be installed in the club, with the usual bill of fare available.

Mention was made regarding the formation of the South Porcupine branch of the Legion and a meeting will be held in the town hall, South Porcupine, on Sunday at 3.00 p.m. for this purpose. All ex-servicemen from the Dome, Pamour, and South Porcupine are cordially invited to be present.

No further nominations were forward for executive but for the president's chair which is voted upon separately, Austin Neame's name was added. Those who intend to stand must have their names in before last mail today (Thursday). It is expected that the full list of those standing will be ready for mailing by Monday and will be published in The Advance upon that date. An election committee was also appointed to check the list of members and to count the returns. Election will be up to the next meeting Monday, December 20th, when the ballots will be counted.

A very successful meeting closed with the National Anthem.

Gets Three Months on Assault Charge

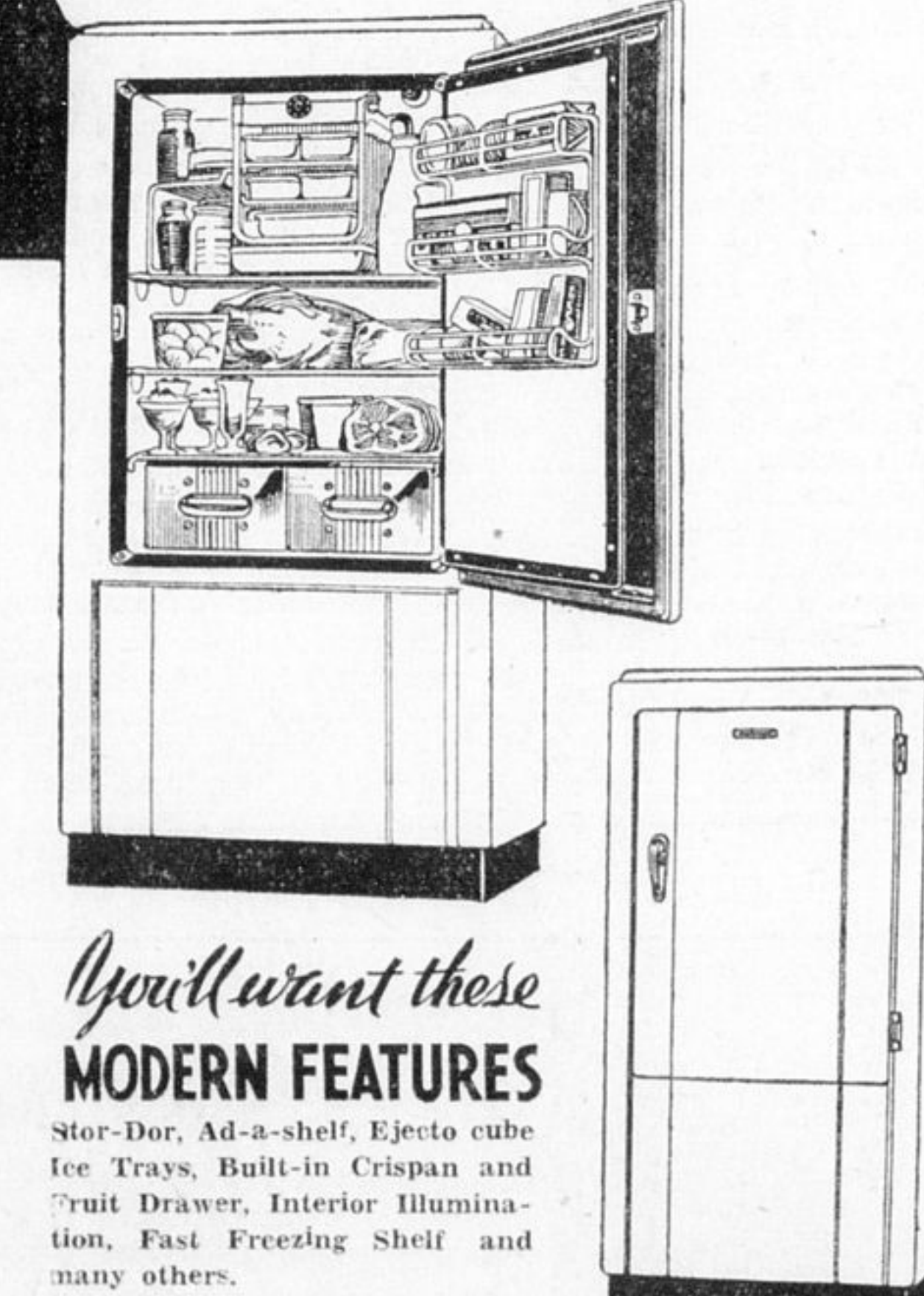
Facing an assault charge dating back to May, 1936, to which he pleaded guilty, Leo Laurent, of Timmins, was sentenced to three months in jail at hard labour by Magistrate Atkinson in police court here on Tuesday. The complainant in the case, Mrs. Ellen Diener, with whom accused had boarded at the time of the alleged offence, gave evidence to the effect that Laurent had struck her during an argument about money.

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