

# Drifter sentenced to 17 months

"As a result of investigation by Constable Polches, a man has been charged with theft and possession of a jacket. A further charge of possession of stolen property was laid as a result of the man having documents in his pos-

session that had been in the stolen automobile, which has since been recovered.

Police say the man, of no fixed address, broke into an automobile that was parked at the Imperial Restaurant in Terrace Bay."

Since sentenced  
The News ran the above passage in a previous Terrace Bay Police news story. The man, Donald Airhart, a drifter, has since been sentenced to 17 months in jail.

Airhart pleaded guilty to all charges in Thunder Bay on Nov. 10, say Terrace Bay Police.

Terrace Bay Police originally charged Airhart with theft offences and two of possession of stolen property. Police say there were numerous warrants out for Airhart's arrest from places like Bancroft and Sudbury; charges of break and enter, theft of an automobile, assaulting a police officer and failure to appear in court have also been laid against Airhart.

Terrace Bay Police Chief Donald Kidder told the News the incident was handled very well by Terrace Bay Constable Ralph Polches.

The News also learned that the

just ask Terrace Bay Constable Bernie Chasse. What happened to him is proof that thanks comes in the strangest ways sometimes.

Chasse stopped a West Montrose, Ontario, man, Mr. Weber, in August for speeding. Well, the police department received the following letter from this man sometime later:

"Dear Sirs, I want to commend the officer who gave me this ticket.

"While I was totally in the wrong, I was dealt with the greatest of courtesy and kindness, understanding and lenience that an officer could do while still doing his job.

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any other two countries in the world. Has this relationship caused us to lose our identity as Canadians? Of course not, and neither will free trade.

I think the anti-free trade voices go too far when they tell us that "to value the flow of capital and goods more than the freedom of people to plan their own future is immoral." Not only is it going too far, it's also deceptive, because it is not an either or situation, with free trade we will continue to plan our own future as

Canadians. Capital punishment, socialized medicine, family allowance, pay equity, gun control, you name it, we'll decide it.

We won't however be free to have our cake and eat it too. We won't be able to deny the California wine industry access to the Canadian market as we do now because it's not really fair we expect the Americans to give our lumber industry free access to their market. Free trade will mean that the Canadian wine industry will not be able to look

to the government for tariffs, quotas or what have you to ensure its survival. It's going to have to stand on it's own two feet by improving its product, polishing its image and maybe even selling

to Americans. I have always felt that protection hurt the Canadian wine industry more than it helped it. I know I always feel cheap buying a bottle of Canadian wine. I assume it's of inferior quality because it's such a bargain.

We may lose the Canadian wine industry and we will lose other industries as well. In most cases, they will be weaker industries that have relied on protection to survive. Some of them, in a free trade environment, may wake up and realize that they can do more than survive if they try.

Free trade may restrict our freedom to artificially prop up a domestic wine industry, but it is balanced by a restriction on the freedom of Americans to artificially prop up their lumber industry.

As for the argument that free trade will result in the U.S. buying Canada out from under us, what about Paul Reichman and Ken Thomson, or Toronto, who between them own half the real estate in New York City and every other daily newspaper in America.

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judge who sentenced Airhart said then that his criminal record was one of the longest he has ever seen.

Airhart has been in and out of jail since he was 17 years-of-age. He has had numerous criminal charges laid against him in his history of crime.

It was also learned that Airhart commented that if had know Terrace Bay is policed 24 hours-a-day, he would not have stopped or stayed here at all.

**Officer commended**  
Police work isn't all that bad,

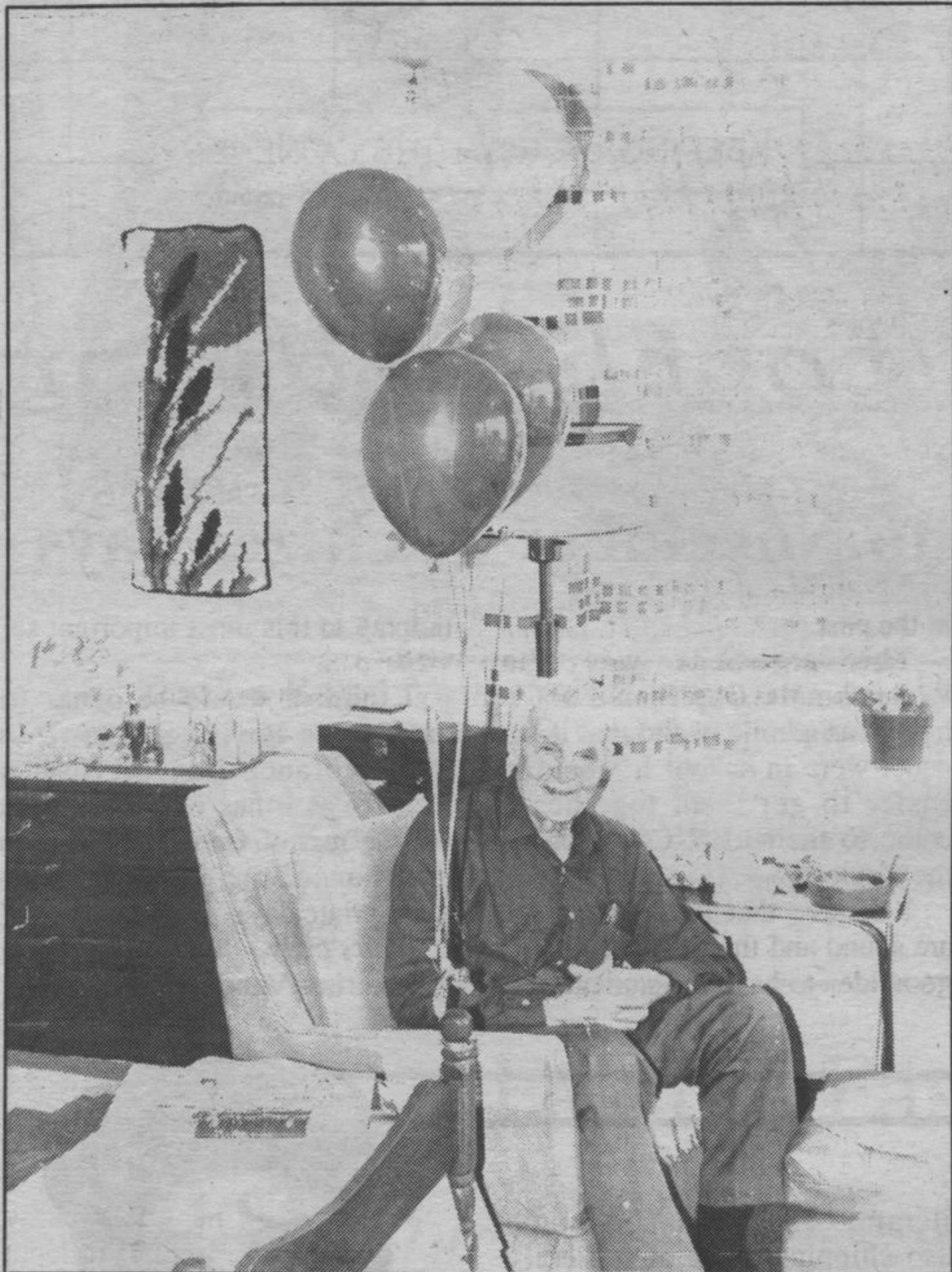
"He made my day. It was a pleasure to meet him, you are fortunate to have him on your staff.

"Thank-you, U.B. Weber."

Terrace Bay Police Chief Kidder told the News that in all his 24 years of experience, he has not seen many thank-you letters from people who have been charged.

Surely it is not a very common occurrence. Hats off to Bernie Chasse of the Terrace Bay Police Force for his outstanding behaviour on the job.

Terrace Bay Police report no major incidents in this period.



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Best of Luck to council, and to the people of Terrace Bay.

Sincerely,  
**Ollie Chapman**

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