

Judge finds ex-policeman innocent of perjury charge

TORONTO — There will be no more trekking down to a Toronto court house every morning for 63-year-old Douglas John Murray because after five weeks of trial he has been found not guilty on a charge of perjury laid against him two years ago by his superior officers in the York Regional Police Force.

Murray, after resigning from the Force in 1976, has been under a cloud awaiting trial on the charge. He is now managing a chicken farm at Keswick.

With head held high, tears coursing their way down his cheeks, the 63 year old Murray thanked

County Court Judge Lloyd Graburn after hearing the not guilty verdict.

It all began for Doug Murray when he was charged in April 1976 with perjury the Crown claimed he committed during a trial against York Regional Constable Gordon Mason in December 1975.

Mason who was tried before County Court Judge Joseph Kelly was found not guilty of using excessive force against two Georgian youths.

At Mason's trial Murray had told Judge Kelly that based on an entry in his notebook he believed he had installed a cage in cruiser 113, a

cruiser used by Mason on the night of the alleged offence, implying that that would have made the alleged assault impossible.

The notebook which Doug Murray used as reference in that trial was later taken away from him and sent to the Forensic Science Centre in Toronto where it was discovered his note "cage in 313" had been written with a different pen than other notes written that day.

Murray, in a statement he later gave to his superior officers and which was admitted as an exhibit during his trial, admitted he wrote in the note after constable

Mason had asked him to check on whether the cage had been installed at the time of the alleged offence.

The 63-year-old ex-policeman said he made the entry after searching his memory as to when he most likely put the cage in. He came up with the date June 26.

In his statement Murray said when he made the entry he was stuck, he didn't realize he would have to go to court and was afraid to tell anyone later.

In his lengthy judgement, Judge Graburn told the court "notwithstanding his obvious lie to Judge Kelly, I have reasonable doubt about his intent to mislead."

The County Court Judge said he was satisfied that Murray was wrong and that the screen was installed after the alleged Mason assault.

Judge Graburn noted that the 63-year-old Murray was under great stress when he had testified at the Mason trial and pointed out that he had pleaded with Mason's lawyer not to put him on the stand. "I have grave doubts that he was in any condition to testify," Judge Graburn told the court in judgement.

The County Court Judge spoke of Murray's standing in the community, he remarked that "he bears an excellent reputation, was a proud policeman who did not, to use his own language, play it by the book."

The County Court Judge reviewing Murray's testimony said he must view with scepticism Murray's statement that he only made the note in his book as a reference. Judge Graburn added however that he could not say beyond reasonable doubt that Murray knew when the cage was put in car 313.

Parkview news

On Wednesday, August 2, eleven residents enjoyed tea and scones at the home of Mrs. Betty Campey of Gormley. They were accompanied by Helen Baatz and Becky Thomson. No one took up the invitation to jump in the pool!

A picnic lunch, held indoors because it looked like rain, served buffet style, was appreciated by the Residents on Tuesday, August 8.

On Wednesday evening, August 9, a Staff vs. Residents bowling match was held. Nineteen participated on each team. The final score was 1062 for the Residents and 836 for the staff. It was a friendly and competitive match, and it was enjoyed by all.

Seven residents were welcomed Wednesday, August 9 by Mr. and Mrs. Murby from the King Cole duck farm. Mr. and Mrs. Murby's grand-

daughter, Debby, gave a guided tour around the farm. This outing was enjoyed by all.

On Saturday August 12, nine Residents, accompanied by Grace Ramer, Herb Diller, and Vera Inglis attended the reception of Martin and Helen (nee Nighswander) Gorka at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nighswander.

Residents this week include: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brown and Roy and Kay Brown of Mattawa for Mrs. Mary Jones; John and Grace Wells of Brantford for Mrs. Bessie Dennie; Lillian and Hartland Nugent and Mr. A. J. Gibb from Fenelon Falls for Miss Frances Neate; Reta Laurin and Mrs. Fred Laurin from Penetanguishine for Mr. and Mrs. Ed Patenaude; Ruth Smith of Stayner and Marg Mather of Kitchener for Mrs. Fanny Pugh; Daryl and Pamela Cook and family from Calgary for Mrs. Louisa Conorton and Gordon and Helen Allen from Midland for Mrs. Alleda Dougherty.

Rugby club tours Ontario

One of the United Kingdom's most well known Rugby clubs, the London Scottish R.F.C., began a nine-day tour of Ontario yesterday (Wednesday).

The tour of Ontario is one of the major events the club has planned to celebrate their 100th Anniversary as a recognized rugby football club.

The London Scottish will face Canadian opposition on three occasions during their tour, first against the Toronto Rugby Union Selects, today (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m., at Fletcher's Fields in Markham. The Scottish then travel to Windsor to face the South-Western Ontario Rugby Union. The final test for the London Scottish will come against Ontario on August 23rd at the new Sherwood Forest Rugby Park in Burlington.

This match certainly shapes up as Ontario's most severe test this year. The London Scottish line-up lists seven international players including British Lion Alastair Biggar, ex-Scotland Captain Mike Biggar and Alastair McHarg, who has represented Scotland forty-one times in international competition.

This game will be the first official match for Ontario as they begin their competitive season for 1978. All games will begin at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free.

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60. Auctions

Saturday, Aug. 26 — Auction sale at 11 a.m. the property of Mr. Irwin Carruthers in the Village of Clarendon, Household furniture and antiques. (More detail later).

Earl Gauslin and Norm Faulkner, auctioneers.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

Auction sale of antiques at Clarendon Community Hall, 6:30 p.m.

See next week's paper for details.

Terms cash - no reserve.

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THURSDAY AUGUST 24

6 P.M.

Furniture & Antiques Tools-Shop Equipment Auction sale including Shop equipment - 2 H.P. Ford Smith 14" shop grinder, Lincoln 200 amp 3 phase DC Welder, air compressor, table saw, 2 grinders with stands, 2 electric B & D Impact breaking chisels, Blackhawk quick take down shop crane, 3/8 air impact wrench, B & D vibrator sander, set wood chisels, B & D 3" 8 drill, Marquette acetylene torch, Victor acetylene torch, bumper air jack, 4" wolf grinderette, 3 welding torches, portable air tank, large quantity hand tools and garden tools, blacksmith tongs, chain saw, wheelbarrow, vise, Furniture & Antiques including Walnut pump organ, antique buffet, antique chest of drawers, upholstered platform rocker, 6 wooden chairs, chest of drawers and chair, leather recliner, Maple table and chairs, cast iron stove, rugs, picture frames, oval antique dresser, small tables, Hoover washer spin dry, Viking dryer, dishes, vases, silver pieces, plus many many other pieces. Sale will be held at Lloyd Wilson Auction Yard 1 1/2 miles north of Uxbridge to Beaver Rd. then east to 1st farm. Lunch available. Sale at 6 P.M. Sale managed and sold by Lloyd Wilson Auctions Ltd., Uxbridge, 416 852-3524.

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