

Rape legislation change concerns crown attorney

A proposed amendment to rape legislation could change a charge of rape to indecent assault and is causing concern for Halton Crown Attorney Jim Treleven.

"It concerns me that sentences may be watered down as a consequence," he told an audience of approximately 100 students at Milton District High School Wednesday afternoon, May 3.

Mr. Treleven was a member of a six-man panel discussion, sponsored by the Milton Optimist Club as part of Respect For Law Week.

"Twenty years ago, a man got between 10 and 15 years for a rape conviction," he said. "Ten years ago, he got seven, and now he gets only between two and three years."

"I wonder if this will serve the best interests of society," he said of the proposed change.

Police training, juvenile court and correctional service are highlighted in the panel discussion as high school students met with representatives from Halton Regional Police, Maplehurst Correctional Centre and Mr. Treleven.

Richard Furlong, vice-president of the Optimist Club told the gathering the Optimist program is not a blanket endorsement of all police practices, but does emphasize the right of Canadian society to have proper law enforcement.

"It is important that you show respect with the law,"

since it provides the foundation to run our lives in an orderly manner," he stated.

"The importance of law is that it enables us to deal with one another. If the law is not respected, the basic foundations of western society would be drastically different," he continued.

Staff Sergeant Eric Bullock of Milton precinct, Halton Regional Police was present to discuss the necessary training of police officers.

Sergeant Bullock was questioned on the duties of police women and the difference between work of policemen and policewomen.

"There is the same training for women as for men," he stated, adding that women officers are expected to carry

out the same duties as the male officers.

Milton precinct has one woman officer on the force.

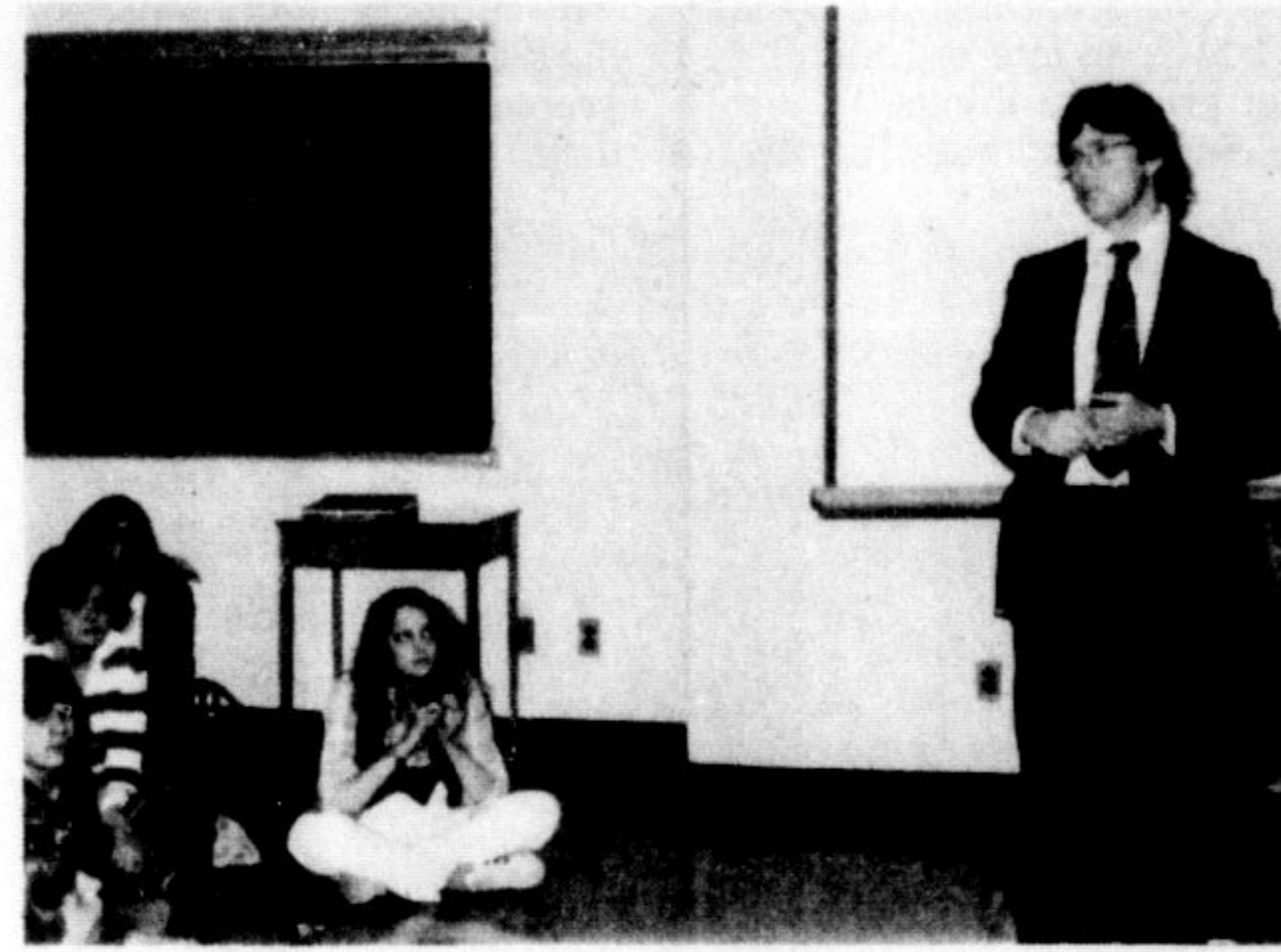
Students interested in the hiring practices were told a criminal record would not permit students to join the force.

At 16 years of age, an individual may not have a criminal record, but a juvenile record is still maintained in record files, Crown Attorney Treleven stated.

"It is a record, and although not an adult criminal record, it is still kept."

In a discussion of crimes, Mr. Treleven stated shoplifting was steadily increasing, adding that stores now add approximately 10 per cent of the price to cover shoplifting losses.

"I can promise you that they will go to jail, if that is what it takes," he said of the thieves. Many kids and adults do it for fun, he said, "but it won't be fun 10 years from now, when they apply for a job."



STUDENTS at Milton District High School met with representatives from Halton Regional Police, the Crown Attorney's Office, Maplehurst Correctional Centre and the Ministry of Correctional Services, as part of a special panel discussion sponsored by the Milton Optimist Club. Brian Fullerton from the Ministry of Correctional Services spoke on correctional institutions in Ontario and included a film presentation of Ontario centres.

—Mountsberg Wildlife Centre's spring program on birds opened on the weekend and runs to the end of May.

Ministry film panel feature

Discussion following the film presentation of "Time of Street", a Ministry of Correctional Services film, revealed that approximately 40 per cent of institution inmates return to a correctional institution.

"Some people just can't make it, they quit school early; there is the problem of alcoholism or no jobs," stated

Brian Fullerton from the Ministry of Correctional Services.

Jim Treleven, Halton Crown Attorney, stated many inmates do not have basic skills and are therefore unable to get work.

The discussion was part of a six-man debate at Milton District High School Wednesday afternoon, May 3, as part of Respect For Law

Week sponsored by the Milton Optimist Club.

Costs of keeping inmates vary from one institute to another, but the Ontario Correctional Institute costs between \$60 and \$70 per inmate per day according to Mr. Fullerton.

Inmates at Milton's Maplehurst Correctional Centre cost \$40 per day, according to Tom McCarron,

superintendent of Maplehurst.

He pointed out the Centre maintains three shifts of staff, seven days per week.

The film included conversations with inmates from Guelph Correctional Centre, Vanier Centre for Women, Millbrook Correctional Centre and Ontario Correctional Institute in Brampton.

Omagh

40th anniversary and 92nd birthday

By Mrs. Cecil Patterson

A pleasant afternoon was spent at Boyne Centre on Sunday, May 7 for a 40th wedding anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. George Lyons of Oakville. About 150 friends and family signed the eg. or congratulated the happy couple. Mrs. Lyons (the former Margaret Peacock) received her guests in a smart floor length gown in a biege and floral pattern with a corsage of pink roses.

The beautiful wedding cake decorated with red roses and gold leaves was the centre of interest, flanked by candles and on each side a handsome floral arrangement of red and white blooms.

The buffet table held many tasty goodies for afternoon tea. George and Margaret received many gifts and good wishes on the happy occasion.

The delightful reception was planned by their sons and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. George Lyons Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lyons and their four grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyons were married in 1938 by the former minister of Omagh Presbyterian church, Rev. Horace Kaye. Friends extend wishes that George and Margaret will have many more anniversaries.

Mrs. Minnie Stoutt, a former resident of Omagh area and now a resident at Halton Centennial Manor, was honored on her 92nd birthday on Monday, May 1 with a surprise party, when the members of Omagh Presbyterian W.A. and W.M.S. gathered to congratulate her and extend good wishes on her special day.

The group gathered in the diningroom of the Manor's Martin House at 1.30 p.m. and lunch and tea was served at 2.30 p.m. A delicious birthday cake was served for dessert, and the birthday song was

sung for Mrs. Stoutt and also for Mrs. J. Hilson who was celebrating her birthday on May 1.

Mrs. Stoutt received a beautiful floral arrangement and a rose corsage from Mr. and Mrs. S. Turner of Streetsville, a handsome arrangement from Mrs. Erma McDowell and a very attractive begonia plant from the W.A. of Omagh and several other gifts and good wishes. Mrs. Stoutt was the former Minnie Galbraith and for many years was organist at Omagh church. Fourteen ladies attended, these were immediate members of the W.A. and her daughter and granddaughter. We wish her many more years.

Mrs. George Peacock, Fourth Line was guest of honor at the wedding of her grandson on Saturday evening, May 6, when Murray Jackson of Hillsburgh and Miss Barbara Ricketts of Guelph were united in marriage. The ceremony was held in Trinity United church, Guelph at 7 p.m. followed by a reception and wedding dance. Other guests from Milton were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peacock, Kenneth Peacock, Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Moisan, Mrs. Cecil Patterson and son

Cecil, Miss M. Noake and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Taylor.

The regular meeting of the Omagh Presbyterian W.A. and W.M.S. was held in the church hall Thursday, May 4 at 1.30 p.m. Mrs. J. Hilson was president protem in the absence of Mrs. R. Brownridge, and devotional was given by Mrs. H. Rutherford. Reports were received and accepted and a thank you received from Mr. Rutherford for flowers. The ladies plan to serve at a golden wedding reception in June, also decided to have pianos tuned and pay for same.

The W.M.S. was chaired by president Mrs. C. Patterson. The missionary prayer was read and a selection from The Daily Bread on "Fear".

Many beautiful knit articles were handed in for the bale. Omagh ladies will be guests at Boston W.M.S. on June 7 at 1.30 p.m. and will supply the program.

The roll call was answered by the word home. Mrs. J. C. Marshall was program convener and gave readings and conducted a hymn quiz, also a reading was given by Mrs. Milligan, Mrs. H. Rutherford was second protem. The meeting closed with a hymn and prayer, after which lunch was served by Mrs. Hilson and Mrs. Amme. To honor ladies with birthdays in May, birthday cakes and strawberries were served by Mrs. M. Turner and enjoyed by all. The two ladies

with May birthdays are Mrs. J. Hilson and Mrs. J. C. Marshall.

Get well wishes to Gordon Rayner who suffered injuries to his face in an accident at his home on Tuesday evening while working with a chain saw. He received medical attention at Milton Hospital but was later taken to Oakville Hospital. He is doing nicely.

Belated birthday greetings to Mrs. Delbert Downs on her special day recently.

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