

Readers' comments

Don't throw out the baby with the bath water

Dear Editor:

Parliament has decisively dealt with the idea of Capital Punishment as a tool to control crime.

Now, as promised in the House of Commons, we must look at other ways to improve the system.

But, there are no simple solutions when it comes to human behaviour. We can not simply say: "Lock them up and throw away the key!" It is not as easy as declaring: "Give all offenders harsher sentences and that will solve the pro-

blem." Our system is not perfect and changes are needed. But it is not all wrong, either. So, as we make changes, let's assure that we do not "throw out the baby with the bath water." We need to look at all parts of the system and

keep what is working and change what is not.

People are understandably anxious about crime. But there are also many misconceptions about what the system does, and what we can reasonably expect it to do. We cannot

just look to the professionals of the system to solve the problem. The problem of crime exists in the community and by in large so does the solution. The cold hard reality is, even if we do lengthen the sentences, most inmates

will be returning to our communities. If they do so without the will or the means to be responsible citizens, then we will deal with them again in our courts. The fact of the matter is that many can come out worse than they went in.

assisted offenders to get established after their release. These halfway house and other programs have experienced a high rate of success. When we look at new ways to improve the system, let us also look at ways to expand existing methods that work.

For many years, organizations such as St. Leonard's Society have

Yours sincerely,
Jeff Wilbee, Director:
Community Relations

Will youths get 'maximum time?'

Dear Editor:

Re: Youths get maximum time.

I would like to draw your attention to two inaccuracies in this article:

The offenders were charged with second-degree murder under the Young Offenders Act, and

not manslaughter which would have resulted in a maximum of six months sentence.

It was the Crown Attorney's Office which appealed to have the case tried in Adult Court and not 'Bredin's mother.'

The Saskatchewan Court

of Appeal turned this appeal down because in the minds of two of three judges "the offenders are not considered dangerous."

I would like to add that Judge Gosselin banned the offenders from owning firearms for six years.

Under Young Offenders laws, the Provincial Social Services Department can seek a review of the sentence almost immediately, the defence can ask for a review after six months and a mandatory review must be held by the courts after one year.

In just one year the defendants will have three opportunities to have their sentence reduced, so it remains to be seen if "Youths get maximum time."

Mrs. Sigrid Bredin
Lafontaine

Munns have a fun time in Midland

Dear Editor:

The Midland Chamber of Commerce's winner of the Fun Weekend in Midland,

Mr. Ralph Münn, enjoyed himself immensely and says: "Midland is Magnificent and everyone was so

friendly and helpful. We will return."

The Chamber would like to thank the following

businesses for their generous contribution to this fun filled weekend: Castle Village Gift Shop,

30,000 Island Boat Cruise - PMCL, Orr's Jewellers, The Highland Inn and Convention Centre, The Place Setting, The Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre, Huronia Historical Parks, Perrin's Flower Shop, Reflections Hair Design, The Midland Boatworks Restaurant, Freda's Restaurant, Bavarian House of Midland, Huronia Museum, Budd Watson Gallery, Galerie Gale, McDonald's Restaurant and Martyrs' Shrine.

Midland Chamber of Commerce

MPP Report

by Al McLean

Sweeping changes to act

The Minister of Labour recently introduced legislation that he said allows the workplace parties to meet their health and safety responsibilities more fully. And the Minister said that should the workplace parties not live up to the responsibilities, the government will have at its disposal a strong hand to act effectively.

The recently-introduced legislation expands a worker's right to refuse to do a job he or she believes is unsafe by including an activity the worker believes would endanger himself or herself or even someone else. This provision covers such activities as lifting heavy objects. It also precludes an employer from assigning refused work to another employee until an investigation has determined that the work is safe.

Under the proposed right-to-refuse provisions, the bill recognizes that there might be occasions when the refusal itself could create an imminent danger to other workers or the general public. So the Minister would permit an employer to assign another worker without having to await the outcome of an investigation. But this second worker would still have the right to refuse, too.

If passed in the provincial Legislature, this bill would enshrine the right for workers to be paid 75 per cent of their wages and benefits for any time lost because of a work refusal or stop work order.

This legislation is designed to greatly increase the number of joint health and safety committees and worker representatives in Ontario by increasing

minimum committee membership to four and requiring co-chairmen - one each from labour and management. It would also require that at a minimum, the committee or health and safety representative inspect some part of the workplace on a monthly basis and the entire area at least once a year.

In presenting his bill to the Legislature, the Minister said the protection and promotion of health and safety at the workplace require the commitment and active involvement of senior management. And to this end, the bill would place upon every director and of-

ficer of a corporation a duty to take all reasonable care for worker health and safety. Employers would be required to establish health and safety policies; undertake workplace health and safety programs; and provide effective training for employees.

Employers would be required to respond in writing within 30 days to any recommendation of a joint committee or of a worker representative. That response would have to provide a timetable for implementation. If a employer disagreed with a joint health and safety committee recommendation, the reasons would

have to be stated. Committee members and worker representatives would also have a right to be present when workplace testing takes place and employers would be required to provide them with access to testing information.

And finally, this recently-introduced legislation would increase the maximum fine to \$250,000 from \$25,000 for infractions of the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

This proposed legislation is scheduled to come before members when the provincial Legislature resumes sitting in the fall and it will be interesting to see the outcome.



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PENETANGUSHENE TAX PAYERS

1987 Final Tax Bills were mailed on June 4, 1987. If you have not received your bill, call the Town Office at 549-7452.

Remember, even if you do not receive a bill, you are still responsible for paying your taxes. The installments are due July 31st and October 30th, 1987.

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E. Valentine, A.M.C.T.
Tax Collector

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