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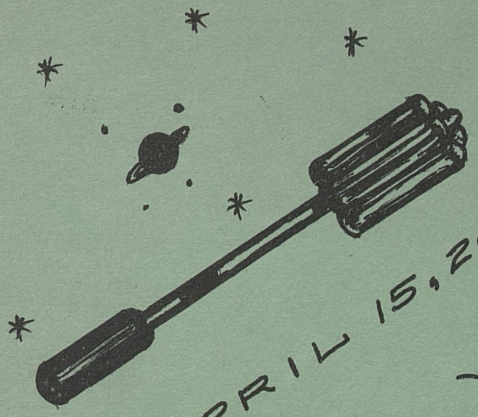
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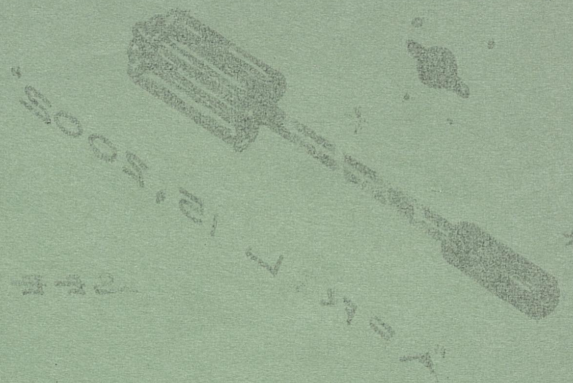
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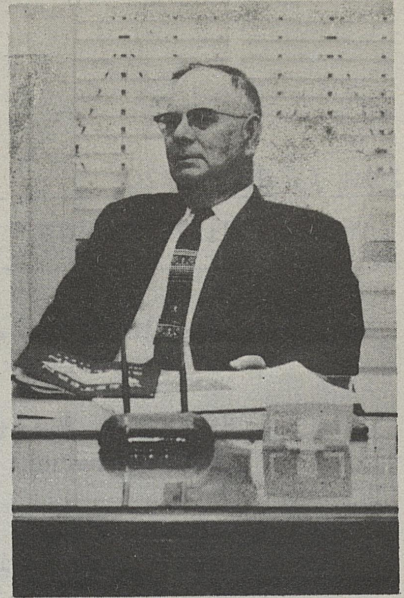


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# The Warden's Page



Luther Thomas  
Warden

The Warden would like to extend his most sincere wishes for a pleasant and happy Easter holiday to the inmates and employees of this institution and to their families, and his hope that future Easters will be spent in happier circumstances.

*Luther Thomas*



# • Castle News •

## NEW PAROLE BILL AFFECTS 155 KSP INMATES

A bill recently passed in the state legislature and signed by Governor Combs will benefit more than 155 Kentucky State Penitentiary inmates.

Under existing parole laws, all but first offenders must serve one half of any sentence of from one to fifteen years before becoming eligible for parole consideration. The new bill will make it possible for everyone, including multiple offenders, to be considered for parole after serving a third of the time.

The bill does not affect persons serving more than 15 years.

## DIRECTOR OF U of L CORRECTIONAL DIVISION URGES THERAPY FOR DELINQUENTS

Juvenile courts and agencies must stop using reformatories and other closed institutions as dumping grounds for delinquent teen-agers who do not belong there, Professor Charles L. Newman, director of correctional training at the University of Louisville, said at a recent conference of social workers.

According to a LOUISVILLE TIMES story, Professor Newman proposed a "Pay now and save later" program for the rehabilitation of juvenile delinquents. Stating that only a small percentage of those confined at the strictly regulated closed institutions really belong there, he advocated the development of foster homes, forestry camps, half-way houses and special treatment centers where effective therapy could be undertaken away from a prison-like atmosphere. "It's going to cost money," said Professor Newman, "lots of money initially. But we can project that in the long run it's going to be more economical."

He stressed the need for more and better-trained people to work closely with delinquents and concluded: "We're willing to spend \$3000 a year to keep a boy in an institution, but we haven't

spent \$3000 a year to keep him in the community."

## "JOINT HELP" THERAPY WORKS FOR ADDICTS (Based on a LIFE Magazine picture story)

For all their years of training, psychiatrists are able to do very little to help a narcotics addict stay off drugs. And, in spite of the latest equipment and drug-substitutes, only some two per cent of addicts committed to the federal narcotics hospitals are ever cured.

But there is hope for the confirmed narcotics addict, and it, like the hope Alcoholics Anonymous has brought to drunkards, comes from a private, rather than a governmental source, and it comes from relatively untrained persons.

The hope is Synanon House, a private haven for dope fiends that owes its success to the same "joint-help" treatment that has been such a blessing for alcoholics. Operated by Chuck Dederich, a former Alcoholics Anonymous member who wanted to try the technique on drug addicts, Synanon House is located in Santa Monica, California and maintained by private contributions of food and cash. Currently, some 75 addicts live in Synanon House, and Dederich hopes to open new Synanons in other California cities.

Synanon House is open to any narcotics addict who wants to be cured. The addicts live in the home, and in many cases, the children of the female addicts live with them. Room, board, and "WAM" -- Walk Around Money -- is provided free, but the addicts kick the habit "cold turkey" -- without synthetic drugs or other artificial means of alleviating the physical tortures of withdrawal.

After withdrawal from narcotics has been at least partially completed, the addicts engage in ruthless group appraisals, with each member laying bare his soul before the cold scrutiny of the others.



Until they have become senior members, Synanon House inmates are not allowed to leave the premises without a senior member to accompany them. It is one of the few restrictions placed on members.

And, although the "joint-help" technique is the only form of treatment given to Synanon members, the program seems to be working. The Board of Directors of Synanon House is comprised solely of former addicts, and doctors, narcotics experts, and even narcotics officers look upon the experiment with favor. Dederich himself, however, claims no cures; at least not until some of his members have lived their lives without reverting to drugs.

The word "Synanon," incidentally, came from an addict's combination of "symposium" and "anonymous."

CARD OF THANKS

CHARLES E. MATTINGLY

Wishes to express his sincere thanks

to

Warden Luther Thomas

Captain W. T. Baxter

Officer J. G. White

Officer C. C. Hooks

For permission to attend the recent funeral of his mother and for the many kindnesses shown him during the trip.

RUNNER SUFFERS BROKEN SHOULDER

Jack Martin, the husky brute who works as a runner in the yard office, is doing his running these days with his arm in a cast. The trouble? A chipped shoulder.

It seems that Martin climbed into the ring to wrestle with Crip Delaney, the institution's one-legged wrestler. Evidently, Crip decided that being one-legged was too much of a handicap against big Jack, so he made big Jack one-armed and evened things up.

Jack is out of the cast now, but he's not wrestling any more, he says.

COP GIVES HIMSELF TICKET

(PP) A police sargeant in Three Rivers, Michigan, gave himself a ticket for not having kept his car under control after striking the rear of another car.

The officer said he lost control because he was looking for a runaway youngster instead of concentrating on driving.

INMATE FALLS DEAD OF HEART ATTACK

An inmate who has served more than 15 years here fell dead on the morning of March 29 after taking part in a baseball practice session. According to hospital authorities, Horace Thomas, 56, died of a heart attack.

Thomas, who came here in 1947, was serving a life sentence without privilege of parole, and was committed from McCracken County. He had been treated for coronary troubles during the past several years.

Thomas, a Negro, was well liked among the inmates and was an ardent baseball fan. He had worked for some time in the athletic equipment room, and always took some part in the competitions with outside ball teams each season.



# The Editorial Side ♦

## The Perplexing Mathematics of Justice

I hesitate to admit it, but there's something I don't quite understand about justice. What, pray tell me, is this "debt" people like me owe to society, and how does a man go about paying it?

Please don't misunderstand. I realize fully that we have sinned against the people and are being punished for it. I accept that. (Ye gads, I'd better!) But when people begin to talk about a "debt" I begin to wonder what they're talking about.

For example, how are we paying this "debt" by being provided with free room, board, clothing, medical care, and anguish for a prescribed number of years?

And how about those detainers we hear so much about? If a man is sentenced to prison in State A, and State B, upon examining its books, decides that the man also "owes" it some time and places a warrant against him, is State B, when at last it receives the prisoner, thereby enriched?

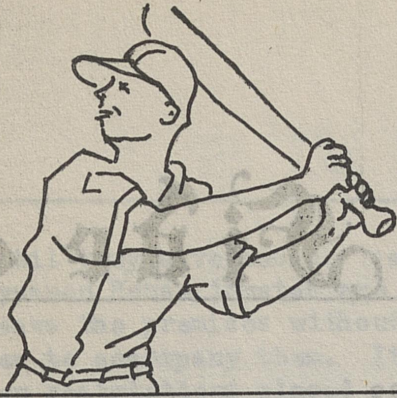
And let's say that I have served 4 years for a crime committed in State C. Upon being released, a load has been lifted from my mind because I can feel that I have "paid my debt" to society. And then I read in the papers that State D demands, not 4 years, but the death penalty for the same crime I committed in State C. Should I volunteer my life to make the last installment?

Or how about the fellow who serves a life sentence for a crime in State E and then discovers that in State F the same offense is only a misdemeanor and calls for a simple jail sentence. Does society owe him a few years' change?

And which crimes call for the greatest payment, by the way? Recently three men with equally long records were sentenced to prison. One man, who had bludgeoned a man to death, received 7 and a half years. Another, who had shot a woman in the head with a .38 pistol, drew a year in jail. Still another, found guilty of an attempted robbery, was sentenced to serve 21 years.

It's a very perplexing system of bookkeeping, and I'm afraid I just don't understand it at all. But then, I'm really not very smart or I wouldn't be here at all, would I?





# SPORTS REPORT

Billy Howell, Sports Editor



This past month's plans for a nerve-shattering basketball game were conceived, and the strategy carefully plotted, in the sports corner of 4-Shop. The instigator (?) or master of planology, was none other than our own irrepressible Chuck Garrett. Teddy Bear informed us he had challenged One Shop to a pivot duel. As a student of sportology and a lover of fairplay, we felt it our sacred duty to give inside, worldwide coverage to the contest.

At tip-off time we spot Garrett on the sidelines giving last-minute instructions to his "Fantastic Five." We feel in all fairness to Garrett we should say here that only modesty kept him from playing himself and possibly changing the outcome. After all, at 5' 6" (his own figures), he should be great as a center.

Soon we were seeing plans wrecked and strategy laid aside. Unbelievable as it is, the Fantastic Five are trailing! Naturally we elbow our way through hundreds of fans to consult the irrepressible one himself. He very carefully explains the slow start and half-time trailing as per his plans. Everything is on schedule. His fast break will start clicking in the second half. Victory is within reach. Celebration immediately after the game. Treats on Garrett. Now with all this assurance we stop the presses at once. The editor is irritated by all the changes, but he also understands the importance of the game.

With seconds to go in the last half Garrett is still trailing. Slowly we once more elbow our way back to his position. The court is not level! Ball flat-sided! Main player didn't show,

etc. We reach for our copy and go to press.

One Shop wins by 4!

Just to show that we haven't lost confidence in Garrett, we go by 4-Shop every morning to hear how he could have won. But, better luck next time, Teddy Bear!

## AROUND THE YARD

'Tis truly springtime! Baseballs are flying, bats popping, arms sore, bats cracking ... proof aplenty that the season has arrived. We have some second-hand information that baseball will be played in the compound this year. Only time will tell if it was worth a cup of coffee to get the information.

By this time next month we will have witnessed a ball game or two. We will either knock it or praise it depending on the outcome.

Someone once said, "The proof is in the pitching." We shall see.

Til next month, then.

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# The UMPIRE'S CORNER

by Bill Burton



Well, baseball lovers, winter has gone and with the warm weather all the ball-players are beginning to look alive, so it's time for me to dust off my chest protector and start up the Umpire's Corner again. First, I want to let you know that we are not in either league yet. At present there are only three teams in the Eastern Div., so here's hoping that by the time the season starts all the other teams will be ready to go.

I can also report that by the time the league starts we will have some new equipment, such as spikes, gloves, bats, uniforms, and a new outfit for the catcher. I sure hope the players will try to take better care of the equipment than they did last year, because when a glove is left out all night, and it rains, it might as well be thrown away. So, fellas, when we do get all this new gear, let's treat it as if it were ours, and make it last.

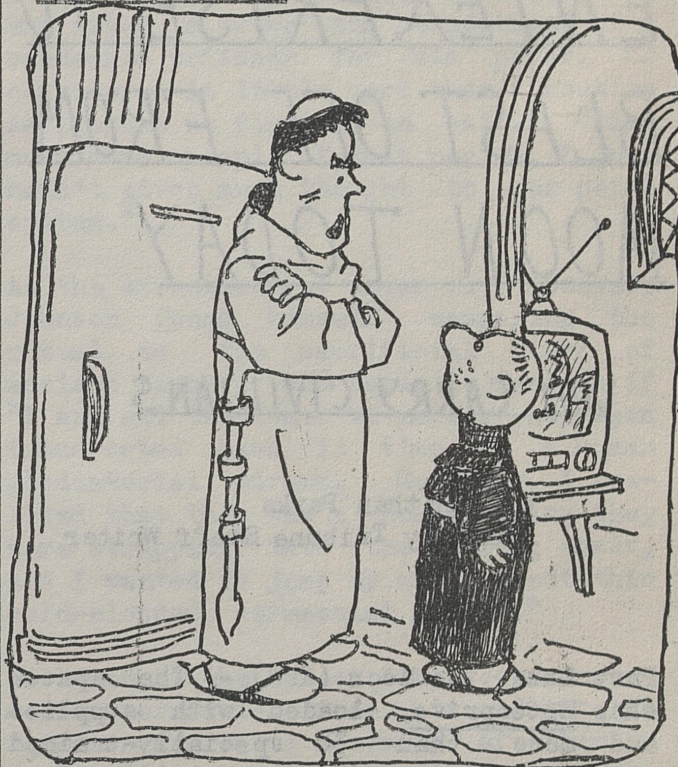
I have heard so many youngsters come in saying they had played with big teams outside, and then prove they couldn't throw or catch a ball that I have to smile every time I hear it now. But, believe it or not, as I was strolling the yard the other day I saw some good pitching being done on the sidelines. The fellow had some stuff on the ball and he was fast, too, and I can hope that this year's pitching staff will be a lot better than last's. But we'll find out when they face the outside teams and try to get by Charley Paigh, Blaine, Fox, and all the rest of the hard hitters that I have had the privi-

lege of watching in years past.

I would also like to tell all of the outside teams that are good enough to come in here and play on this tiny ball field that, as in years past, I will give you a fair shake, take nothing from you and give you nothing. If you win, you'll have to win on the field, and the same thing goes for the Chiefs. I also want everyone to know right now that I want a clean game at all times, and whoever loses will have to be a good sport. Last year several games were thrown away because the Chiefs got to arguing among themselves. This year Mr. Cherry, the Athletic Director, tells me the team will play together or not at all.

That's it for this time. -- The Ump.

## BROTHER JUNIPER



"Around here we FAST during commercials!"

(Fr. Mac in the LOUISVILLE TIMES)



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EDITOR'S NOTE: "April 15, 2002" is purely a work of imagination. So far as we know, no newspaper entitled the KENTUCKY TRIBUNE exists, and none of the events described herein have ever taken place. The section is simply an attempt to describe a small segment of the world as we think it may exist 40 years hence. Note that we predict no Utopias. Human nature changes but little with the passage of time and problems, like the poor, will be with us always.

## THE WEATHER

Clear and warmer today with showers as scheduled tomorrow afternoon. No other rain-making activity. High today: 76; Low tonight: 44

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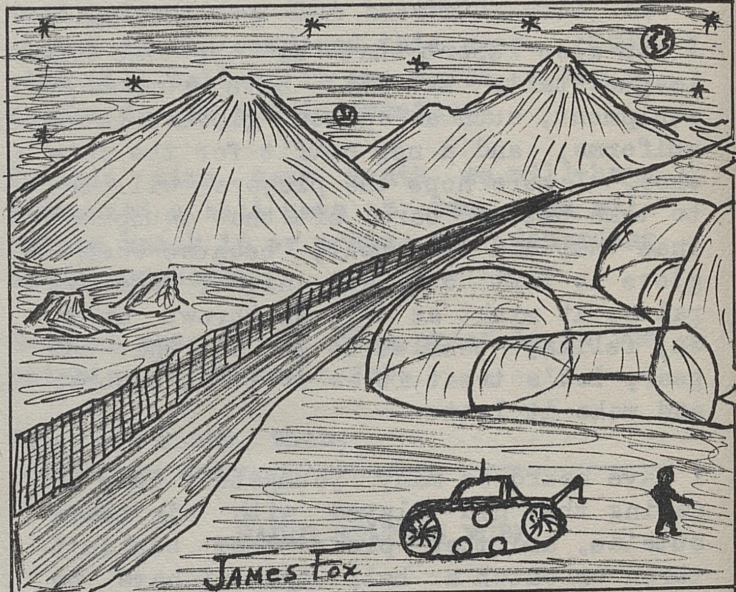
"In Unity There is Peace"

## ENTERPRISE TO BLAST OFF FROM MOON TODAY

### WILL CARRY CIVILIANS

by Jonathan Parks  
Kentucky Tribune Staff Writer

Port Luna, the Moon (KTW) -- The spaceship Enterprise, loaded with supplies and more than 30 specially-trained miner-colonists and representatives from the major news media of the world, will lift off from Port Luna at 1 pm this lunar afternoon. It will be the first time that the SSC has allowed civilian



Designer's sketch of Port Goddard, Mars. by the designer, James Fox, who left the i

personnel to journey past the moon since the beginning of the joint space-exploration project.

The journey of the Enterprise will establish another historic first, the first time that the highly vaunted atom- (Please turn to next page)



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ic ion-drive engine has been used in manned interplanetary flight.

It will not be the first time, however, that persons other than astronaut-scientists have been allowed in space. In 1991, the United Nations' "watch dog" Space Security Council, which administers the joint space project, approved the flight of army engineers from 12 member nations for the purpose of setting up the domed "cities" and the complex mining equipment needed to extract the wealth from the mineral fields of the red planet.

If the launching proceeds as planned -- and there is, according to Captain Raul Kingston, "A very low probability of malfunctioning in the engine system" -- the Enterprise is expected to reach Mars in twenty-five days. This is some thirty-five days less than was required for the thirty-six-million mile trip by the old chemical-fuel spaceship, Mars I, which first carried man to Mars in 1985.

The 14 newsmen aboard the Enterprise will stay on Mars for less than a month, returning with the ship on its first shuttle flight back to the moon. The stories they will bring back are expected to drum up interest in other mining sites on Mars, and to influence young men to sign up for service in the Mars-Miners Corp. The miners, however, will remain for a full year, and there has been no effort spared by the United Nations in making their stay as comfortable as possible. Geddard's Port, which was named after America's first rocket technician, is situated near one of the pseudocanals and covers nearly sixteen acres, much of the space being taken up by the mining equipment. Within the confines of the transparent, blister-like walls of the city's domes, however, (Please turn to next page)

PENAL PIONEER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT IN LOUISVILLE

by Lawrence Snow

Louisville, April 15 -- G. Sykes Johnson, who gave up a career in journalism to pioneer new techniques in the reformation of criminal offenders, announced his retirement here today. He has been director of the Midwest Corrections Commission since 1987, the year it was formed.

Speaking at a luncheon given in his honor by Governor Millby, Johnson, 63, reconstructed the chain of events that led to the formation of the MCC and other similar regional and federal corrections commissions.

At the age of 24, Johnson recalled, he was asked to cover the execution of a condemned prisoner for his paper. "I considered it little more than a routine assignment at first," he said. "Like most other people of that period, I just hadn't given much thought to our penal system."

As the execution got under way, however, Johnson found himself comparing the ritual to the sacrificial rites of ancient pagans, and began to feel as if "I and all the other witnesses had been transported back in time to a Roman gladiatorial circus. Suddenly I realized that this was a human being they were strapping into the killing chair, and I wanted to jump up and protest this cold-blooded, ceremonial murder."

Sickened by the execution, Johnson secured permission from his editor to research and write a series of articles condemning capital punishment. The articles, which gained him national attention, drove home the point (known to criminologists since the 19th century) that the death sentence served no (Please turn to next page)



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there is ample room for fifty or more men -- miners, scientists, and government personnel -- to live, work, and play. A small movie theater has been included in the plans, and there is a compact, but complete, library for the miners' use.

Nor will the miners and other personnel be totally cut off from the home planet. Network TV programs, news, and even chats with the folks back home will be made possible through the communication beam, a thin pencil of light that stretches from Mars to the moon and from the moon to earth.

Other recreation facilities planned for the near future include a small gymnasium and even two classrooms where miners may continue their studies or take up new ones via TV teaching.

It won't be a complete life of ease, however. Water will have to be extracted from the Martian rocks, and most of the food consumed by the personnel will be grown in hydroponic gardens situated in the psuedocanal. And the limited supply of oxygen inside the dome city of Goddard's Port will permit few sight-seeing excursions beyond the confines of the blisters.

Uranium is the principle mineral sought by the miners.

PENAL PIONEER RETIRES (CONT)

useful purpose, and in 1967 his state abolished the death penalty altogether. (By 1972, the death sentence had been outlawed throughout the United States and at this date no country in the world uses legal executions as punishment for crime).

Becomes Prison Guard

Although the articles had assured his future as a journalist, Johnson found himself becoming increasingly concerned with the problems of crime and punishment. Studying in Indiana and Kentucky, he secured a second degree in criminology, and finally resigned his newspaper job to become a guard in the state penitentiary. He wrote his first published book, Prison Walls: A Study in Wasted Lives, during this period.

During his almost three years as a prison guard, Johnson was surprised to discover that most of the inmates had a real desire to reform, even those who had been in prison three, four, and more times.

"Why couldn't they change?" he asked. "First of all, they had little direction and almost no encouragement. Many of them were serving hopelessly long sentences, and very few of them could sustain any hope of making a good life in the future because the future was too far off or too uncertain to think about. Practically the only help they had was from outside organizations, such as Alcoholics Anonymous, and the groups they formed themselves."

Self-Help Best

Johnson was convinced that the only way inmates could be reformed was to reform themselves through what he calls the "joint-help therapy of talk."

"Just as the only person who can truly understand an alcoholic's problems," Johnson went on, "is another alcoholic, so the only person who can understand the compulsive offender is another offender. Groups such as SPADE and Alcoholics Anonymous did wonders with that philosophy, but they were neces-



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sarily limited wonders since they were bucking the most destructive force imaginable -- the prison existence."

#### After Prison, What?

Another failing of the old penal systems, said Johnson, was the fact that little or no guidance was given to the inmate after he was released. "Take an alcoholic away from A. A.," he said, "and before long he'll be drinking again. The same thing holds true for an offender when he leaves prison. That's when he needs help most, and that's when he wasn't getting it."

#### Half-Way Houses Helped

Johnson was impressed by the record of the halfway houses -- centers set up by religious groups to provide financial assistance and guidance to released prisoners. Only about 1 per cent of the men who were helped by these half-way houses, he found, ever went back to crime. By way of contrast, of the released prisoners who did not have half-way house guidance, more than 70 per cent soon found themselves back in prisons. The miracle? "The therapy of talk," says Johnson.

With the help of Alcoholics Anonymous and the halfway houses, Johnson and three other criminologists set up a statewide organization of volunteer workers to assist those prisoners who were not eligible for halfway house aid. Unlike the other organizations, however, they began their work in the prisons themselves.

#### Courts Recognize Efforts

Before long, the courts of the state were sending first-offenders to Johnson as an alternative to sending them to prison. The program worked out so well (Please turn to next page)

#### PARENTS CAN QUIT WORRYING -- THE KIDS ARE REBELLING AGAIN!

April 13, Chicago (UPI) -- Back in Great Granddad's day, rebellion was a way of life for adolescents. The kids roared around the countryside in Stutz Bearcats and Model A's, drinking from hip flasks and loudly decrying the moral codes, political views, and general mores of their elders. In the nation's colleges and universities, the kids toyed with socialism, atheism, and free love, and every boy worth his salt dreamed of becoming a giant in business, literature, or politics. It worried Great Granddad sick.

Then, sometime during the 60's, sociologists began to note a curious phenomenon among the younger set. Gone was the spirit of rebellion, gone the dreams of glory and wealth, and gone was the quest for anything but personal security. And it was Granddad's turn to be worried.

But, according to the University of Chicago's School of Sociology, parents can quit worrying. Studies of the latest crop of teenagers indicate that the old spirit of rebellion is coming back.

A poll conducted among 1257 students of high school and college age indicated an upsurge of atheism and agnosticism among the kids, and a growing dissatisfaction with the moral codes of the 21st Century.

A few of the adolescents studied even admitted membership in the controversial Social Democratic organization.

And at the University of Chicago itself, there was a party-raid last month -- a type of collegiate high-jinks unheard of in more than 35 years.

So quit worrying, Pop ... the younger generation's going to hell in a handcart again!



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that eventually judges were granting probations to second and third-time losers on the condition that they attend the "therapy of talk" sessions at the Johnson organizations.

"No one -- not even the men who had prison sentences hanging over their heads -- was made to feel that he had to join in the discussion," Johnson related. "Everything was on a completely voluntary basis, because we had discovered that you can't help men who don't want to be helped ... but that if you leave them alone, pretty soon they'll come around on their own."

Official Recognition

By 1982, similar organizations, known by various names but operating along the same lines as G. Sykes Johnson's original groups, had spread across the country. Then, in 1984, the governors of Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky asked Johnson to head up a committee to continue his work as an official instrument of the courts. Johnson agreed, and in 1987 the Midwest Corrections Commission grew out of the original committee.

"Sociology," said Johnson, "was at last catching up with technology."

Only Six "Prisons" in Nation

How well has it worked? Because it never gives up a case, the Midwest Corrections Commission admits no failures. As a practical matter, however, less than 5 per cent of the offenders who come under the jurisdiction of the MCC ever give society any further trouble.

What happens to those who do?

"We keep on trying," said Johnson, "And

we leave the rest of it up to the courts. They can commit an offender to one of the six regional treatment centers around the nation (Note: Only fifty years ago, there were more than 300 penal institutions in the United States alone, and overcrowding was a constant problem). There the men do useful work in the communities during the day and report back to the center at night. The desperate ones, the really dangerous ones, are kept under stricter supervision, of course. But even in these cases, we've had some encouraging successes."

Will Keep on Writing

Johnson doesn't plan to retire to a life of idleness. He says he will keep on writing and will continue to serve as an advisor to the MCC. "But younger heads are best," he says. "We older fellows tend to become dogmatic in our dotage. And in this business, that's the worst thing that could possibly happen."

SHOTS MAY REDUCE OVERWEIGHT

Duke University, April 14 (AP) -- Dr. Franz Orlov of the Duke University School of Medicine says a new drug perfected by research scientists at the school may end overweight problems for the nation's obese.

The drug, to be given in a series of shots, will affect the glandular system of chronically overweight persons and increase the basal metabolism rate, allowing the individual to eat what he likes and as much as he likes, within reasonable limits, without gaining weight. The ability of the body to retain salt and water, another factor in obesity, will also be changed by the injections, Dr. Orlov says.

When will this latest of wonder drugs be



released? As soon as studies of the drug's effect on personality are completed.

"While it is still too early to make any conclusive statements," said Dr. Orlov, "present indications are that personality changes wrought by the drug will not be great enough to warrant withholding it from general medical use."

#### THE LAW IS THE LAW

(Via the Penal Press)

Up in the Blue Ridge mountain region, a young lady gave birth to a healthy son and promptly accused a neighboring farmer of being the father. However, this gentleman had an air-tight excuse. The records proved that he had been released from prison only three months before.

Much to his amazement, however, the judge declared him responsible.

"In this here court," said the judge, "If the maker can't be found, the last endorser is held responsible."

#### CASTLE ON THE CUMBERLAND STILL WITH US

They said it'd never last, but the penal publication known as the CASTLE ON THE CUMBERLAND is still going strong.

The CASTLE ON THE CUMBERLAND, begun in 1961 at the old state penitentiary at Eddyville, was transferred to the new regional treatment center in 1996.

Now celebrating its 41st anniversary, the CASTLE is healthier than ever. Only 40 years ago, it had a total paid circulation of only 118 subscribers.

Today, the CASTLE enjoys more than 211 subscribers.

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#### AN EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT OF PROGRESS

by David Holmes

#### Disarmament Talks May Show Results

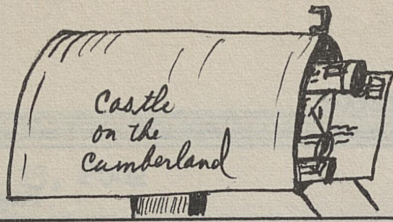
Forty years ago, in 1962, Colonel John H. Glenn became the first American in space, orbiting the earth three times in what would now be considered a crude space capsule. Thirteen years later, a new and different space ship was built which could send a man all the way to the moon and back with no more danger than a ride in a modern jet plane. Today, plans are being laid for the colonization of Mars.

But outer space isn't the only place where progress is being made. Here on earth events which will benefit mankind far more than the colonization of all the planets are taking place. For example, in 1991, Cuba, a small, once communist-infested Latin American country, was voted in as the fifty-seventh state to join the Union.

But it is this writer's opinion that the greatest progress to date will be made at the meeting now being held between leaders of the Big Three powers. The fourth such meeting, it is being held for consideration of a plan for complete disarmament as a long-awaited followup to the limited disarmament of nuclear weapons staged in the early 1970's. If the meetings are successful -- and there is no real reason why they shouldn't be -- then perhaps -- and only perhaps -- the world's dream of a lasting peace will at last be realized.

Kilimajaro, Africa's highest mountain, is in northeast Tanganyika, near the Kenya border.





# EXCHANGE PAGE

## The CASTLE COURIER, Portsmouth, N. H.

Excellent layout and thorough coverage. The COURIER is one of the best-written periodicals on the penal circuit.

## OP NEWS, Columbus, Ohio

Thanks for the compliments, Bud. You've got a pretty darned good paper yourself, and it's really a wanted item here.

## The PATHFINDER, Dwight, Illinois

"Chicago the City" by Pat Clark is something tremendous. You girls are putting out a fine little magazine.

## GAB, LaGrange, Kentucky

Received our third copy of your magazine. As always, we enjoyed the contents, but this time you made it easier for us to enjoy by eliminating the drawings that usually hide the text. Keep it coming.

## The PENDLETON REFLECTOR, Indiana

To Editor Snow of Indiana from Editor Snow of Kentucky, welcome to the circuit. No chance of our being kinfolk, is there?

## The DOPESTER, Avon Park, Florida

We roared with laughter at "Titans of the West" by Hymie Glutz. Surely hope you have more like that in your fertile brain, Glutzie.

## The COLONY, Norfolk, Massachusetts

A lot of little things go into the making of a good paper, and you seem to have the right combination. We look forward to getting you each month.

## The ENCHANTED NEWS, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Thanks for the kind words, Clete. Enjoyed "Road to Paradise" and the fine silk-screening work. Allen, what happened to Count Secure? And Jim, if you think you have problems getting contributors, you should come to KSP!

## WHAT HAPPENED TO:

The SPECTATOR, the SAN QUENTIN NEWS, The VIRGINIAN, the VARIETIES, the BAROMETER, the DEER LODGE NEWS, and The PILLAR?





# Meet The Prisoners

**MEET THE PRISONERS** is a regular feature of this magazine designed both to give credit where credit is due, and to allow our outside readers the opportunity to meet those prisoners who have distinguished themselves by their efforts for themselves or for others; who have interesting trades or hobbies, or who have accomplished unusual things. Anyone wishing to nominate a prisoner may do so simply by contacting the editor on the yard or at the **CASTLE ON THE CUMBERLAND** office.

**WILLIAM W. OWENS** -- In a prison, especially one in which idleness is such a major problem, a year's clean record is good, two years is outstanding, and five or six years spent without a bad-conduct report is remarkable. But when you hear of a man who has served more than 15 years without spending a day in the disciplinary cells, you wonder just how he's managed it. But William W. Owens, 45, has done just that. Arriving here in 1947 with a life sentence without hope of pardon or parole, Owens has walked the mountain all these years without so much as a minor disciplinary report to mar his record.

A native of Louisville, Owens has never been in prison before. From 1941 to 1944, he served with the army in North Africa and Europe, and he holds both campaign medals as well as the good conduct ribbon. Following the war, Owens, disabled in service, found work as a porter in a Louisville drive-in restaurant and became a member of the Scott-Randall VFW Post in the same city.

Owens, a devout Catholic, is a quiet and courteous man who will go out of his way to help a friend, and he has made a lot of them over the years. He has an excellent work record, too: since 1953 he has been doing a thorough and conscientious job in the colored shop, where he is assigned as janitor.

Porter, janitor, soldier ... not a distinguished career, but certainly a useful one; and it seems more than a little sad that except for his good example and encouragement to his friends here, the career of William W. Owens is, for all practical purposes, over and done with.

**KENNETH ENGLAND** -- There are two ways to serve a prison sentence: The prisoner may serve the sentence, or he may make it serve him. Kenneth England has chosen the latter course.

Beginning in the 6th grade of the prison school nine months ago, Kenny worked his way to an eighth grade diploma, and emerged with top scholastic honors. During the semester just passed, he maintained a 95 average for all courses and earned the admiration of his teachers for his perseverance and scholarship.

But Kenny isn't content to stop there. He claims he will keep on studying on his own now that he has finished the little schooling the prison can offer him, and he would also like to learn a trade should vocational training be made available.

Kenny, 22, and a native of Louisville, Kentucky, isn't quite sure what he will do when he is released. Vocational opportunities for a young and inexperienced man without specialized training or higher education are not great, and he plans to shop around for an opportunity to start at a lower plane and work his way up. It shouldn't be difficult for him, for he is a personable and alert young man with an abundance of energy and the kind of outlook and personality that should carry him far if he ever gets started.

Kenny is serving a five year sentence for grand larceny, and this is his first prison term. So far, he hasn't married, but his energy and outlook should cure that situation soon too!



# T A L E T A L E S

And a few  
facts



Another month has passed and I'm still here on the Mountain, trying various ways to obtain a transfer to the Flat Country. Where did you get the beautiful shiner, Jerry? Run into a door? Lady Luck has deserted William "Nick the Greek" Ritter. This fellow can't do anything right. Someone must have a hex on him.

Ellis Meeks has opened a shoe-shine parlor in 3-Shop. He really does a beautiful job, too -- puts a real mirror-finish on your brogans for you. Give him a play, fellows, he'll treat you right. William Necamp finally got the go-ahead from the Big Three, and he's on his way to approved employment in Illinois. Clark Jones is back in population after a vacation with Mr. Lewis and Company. Clark swears he has taken his last vacation at 3 cellhouse. We hope so. And Terrell Whittle, one of our better-known citizens, finally got the piece of paper with the Big Man's signature on it. Commuted from life without to straight life, and he'll be up for parole after he's served 8 years. Good luck, Terrell.

Roy Taylor's big talk about the powerful Henry Clay BLUE DEVILS basketball team has come back to haunt him. Caneyville's smooth, hard-working ball club beat the mighty Blue Devils in the recent high-school tournament. Roy hasn't ventured out of the hospital since!

The Dark One got his LeCoultre watch back from Switzerland, where they had to send it after he got his little screwdrivers in it for the fifth time. There was a long letter with it, but Dago steadfastly refuses to let anyone read it. Jack Henry swears it refers to some small pins and cogs made from a Prince Albert tobacco can and inserted into the

watch. I wonder how they got there, Kenny? And say, Dago, if you still have the address of the Taylor Topper Company -- the world-famous toupee-makers -- pass it on to Carl Hardin; he needs it!

Some of our new arrivals to the Mountain via McCracken County are Elmer and Jack Wiley, Essel Dawes, Robert Vaughn, Jack Coley, and Leonard Rule. Welcome, men!

The Classification Board has made another trip to the Mountain, leaving some happy and some very, very sad. The list isn't back yet, but we're all hoping we got favorable results.

(Editor's Note: Sorry, Chuck, but we can't let you go; you're as indispensable as you are irrepressible!)

Hey, OP NEWS (Bud G) -- I have a bet on with one of these yaps on the Mountain. He says Lucas, Havelcheck, and Siegreid all played on the Middletown, Ohio basketball squad together. I say no. Where did each of them go to school?

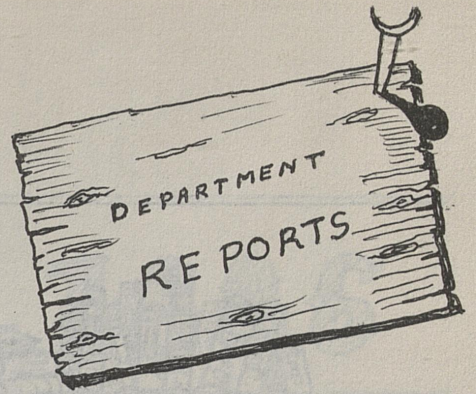
Jerome Wade, the popular mail-office clerk, made parole on the last board. He will be going to the Veterans' Hospital in Louisville first, and then he will be employed by the Texas Gas and Transmission Company. Lots of luck from all his friends, who will miss him.

Say, Editor "Slim" Snow, what's this I hear about James M. being after you with a club?

(A case of mistaken identity, Teddy Bear)

And Leslie Northern, known variously as "Tiger" and "Old Folks," has taken up the manly art as a pastime. Rumor has it he's punching Ray Lewis and Chico around the ring with his fast-flying fists.





### HOSPITAL NEWS -- Haskell Gumm

Here I am once again trying to write an article for this magazine. Boy, I'm getting so short I have to sleep in a matchbox, and half the time I don't know where I am, and they ask me to write an article!

As far as the hospital is concerned, everything is running along quietly. My good friend, Denzil "Bum Rap" Smith was made a permanent patient in the hospital. He's looking forward to seeing the parole board again this month after doing his 90 days setback. He's been acting like he knows something this trip. All of us hope he'll make it, anyway, but he'd sure better hurry or he can't go with me!

We had the misfortune of losing one of our patients, Charles Robinson. Charlie died of natural causes in our hospital on February 21, 1962. Since being returned to this institution for parole violation, he had been a worker in the leather shop. Charlie had been in rather poor health for quite a while. We are all sorry, and we know his friends on the hill will miss him greatly.

Well, cats, that's about it for this time. Be cool and I'll see you in the next issue.

### ONE SHOP -- Mose Parker

Stop! Hold everything! Don't move! The newsman is here, so let's go to press.

**OTIS MONTGOMERY AND THE EMERALDS** -- Otis Montgomery, local socialite, businessman pugilist, composer, saxophonist, and vocalist, has blended his voice with

Doug, Milton, and Hammerhead to form the Emeralds, a progressive vocal unit with original styling. I've had the pleasure of hearing these songsters work a few numbers, including one written by Otis entitled "Easy to Love." To borrow an expression from the hipsters, they're ready, little bubber!

**STEADY AS SHE GOES** -- TV in our shop has been revolutionized! You can now hear it as well as watch it. Taylor, it wasn't your mojo that made the clamor abate, so stop rubbing it. Too, I have noticed of late that the shop is more orderly and efficient. These occurrences coincided with the arrival of Mr. Lymon Abell, our new custodial officer, who has made a great step forward in the betterment of our shop.

**SWING DOWN, SWEET CHARIOT** -- Eddie Cornelius and John Foster, two young singers out of Bowling Green, have signed with the Eveready Gospel Singers, a quintette under the management of F. Burrell. Both have excellent voice range and sing along the modern trend, employing a lot of soul, or quality, which, when blended with that of the pros of the group should prove to be very soul-stirring. The quintette can be heard every other Sunday at 1:30 pm on WCBL, Benton.

**NEW INVENTOR BORN** -- Elisha McKnight has proved that he can produce as well as think by putting one of his ideas on paper and sending it to the patent office. He got his patent and shopped around for a buyer, which he soon found. He immediately forwarded his idea to them, and they requested a working model. He furnished it. The invention is a practical and economical dancing man, and I hope the manufacturer likes it as well as I know the kiddies will.



## Department Reports



### SCHOOL DAZE -- Chuck Garrett

Another semester has ended here at the Academic School. Eleven inmates received their eighth grade diplomas, and they were:

Maxwell Oliver	Daniel Frantz
Paul Milburn	Stewart Grant
Richard Workman	Jerry Lee Taylor
Willie McClellon	Leroy Hollowell
Leon Harrison	David Banton
Kenny England	

Kenneth England and David Banton were exempt from the final tests. Both came up with a semester average of 94 or better.

Some of our new arrivals to the school are Doug Staples, Johnny Rouse, Billy Able, David Ralph, Elestrial King, and Allen Stump.

Edward Treviso has taken over as instructor in the first grade, and is doing an exceptionally good job. This guy is patient with his pupils and is willing to help them in any way possible. Norman Saunders and Franklin Clapp are now assigned as instructors. Saunders is one of our better mathematicians and should become an excellent teacher. Clapp is a jack of all trades, can talk intelligently on many subjects, and has the gift of gab to get his ideas across to the students. Don't give any of them any checks, Clapp.

Johnny "Dennis the Menace" Rouse has an unusual talent for drawing. Johnny is 20 years old, but his art shows a maturity far beyond his years. He is serving a five year sentence for grand larceny. Johnny and his rap-partners have an in-

satiable hunger for donuts.

Walter O'Nan, our history instructor, is anxiously awaiting the LaGrange Classification Board to pay its visit to us. Walt has had enough of the Mountain and is wanting to go back to the Flat Country. Ed Layman, our civics instructor, is getting short for the bricks. Lots of luck to both of you.

Next month Sherrid Wolfe goes before the Big Three hoping to get the green light this time. All the luck from all of us, Sherrid.

### CABINET SHOP SHAVINGS -- Bud Lyons

With the arrival of spring comes the task of repairing the winter damages (and we did have a rough one). Aside from plans in building for the summer months, there are plant boxes to build, and so on. Many things are being done here at KSP and many more are in the planning stage. The state parks keep the refinishing men on the ball. They have been able to keep abreast of these chores this year, however, Good crew.

With high water all around us, lumber has been a problem, but now that has taken a turn for the better. Keep it rolling in; we can use it.

May I mention the fact that chair repair has grown and seems to continue on the upward trend.

With the new lake nearing completion, the Highway Department has map problems. Our shop was chosen to frame some of the new maps for them.

And the boys from here send their regards to the citizens of Smithland and hope for their speedy recovery. We are proud to have been able to help.

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# NIGHTKEEPER, 1886

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Nightkeeper's Report 1886" is taken from old records of the state prison at Jackson, Michigan, and is reprinted here from the SPECTATOR, inmate publication of that prison. We feel that these unique reports give considerable insight into penal methods of the past as contrasted with those of the present, and we wish to thank the SPECTATOR for making them available.

March 23 -- The prison has been noisy all during the night past. In the West Wing there were many convicts who rattled their cups on the cell doors, creating a cantankerous hubbub. This is getting to be too common practice, one that I think calls for forthright attention. I will put a stop to it by holding their coffee for a night or two.

March 25 -- Nothing has happened worth recording during the past night. However, yesterday morning after my report was written, there was quite a hub-bub that sprang up in the West Wing. A lost kitten got to squalling, and the convicts, being aroused from sleep preparatory to getting up, set up a caterwauling concert. Guard Conway reported two convicts, Reyan, No. 3046, and Hathaway, No. 3082, whom he caught talking.

March 26 -- Fairbanks, Reyan, and Hathaway were given 10 bats with the strap and 30 days in the tower for the disturbances they caused last night.

March 27 -- A quiet night. Nothing has happened to disturb the tranquility of the prisoners. But a great deal of agitating thought has arisen to disturb the tranquility of your old nightkeeper's mind.

I have been around this wretched place many years, and what I have seen has burdened my heart with sorrow. I have seen one woe-begone miscreant after another dragged in here in shackles by swaggering law-enforcement officers.

Can anyone say that the majority of men in here are inherently bad? I should hate to think so, because I am a religious man and I should consider that to be a sacriligious slur against the Divine Hand that created us. I positively refuse to believe that the Almighty is capable of such petty discrimination.

If, on the morrow, a visitor in flowing robes and silken beard, with kindly, understanding eyes and the sign of suffering on his brow, were to come knocking on our gates, would we of this prison staff hasten to meet Him as fearless men? Or would we first hasten to hide from His eyes that which we now boldly defend before public opinion -- our tin force squirt pumps, our cat-o-nine tails, our circular doors, our thumb screws, the broken wretches whom we have failed miserably in "persuading" to our manner of thinking?

I fear that if the Warden should come looking over my shoulder and find me moralizing in this vein instead of tending to my grim duties he would be a very unhappy man indeed.

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And money used to go to our heads, but now it goes to the government!

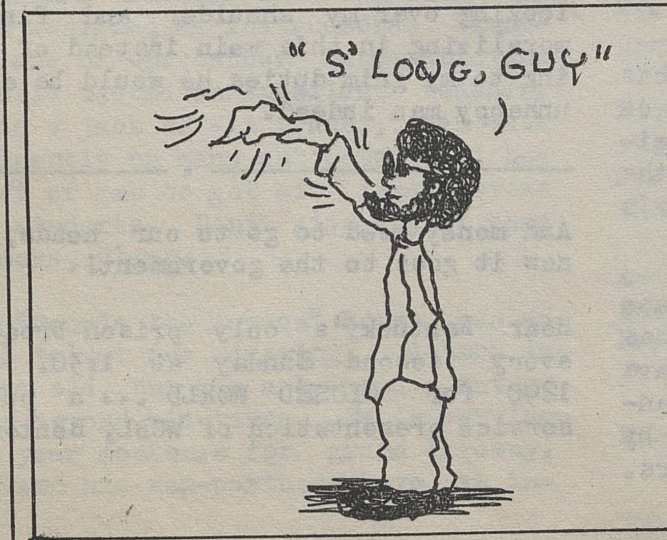
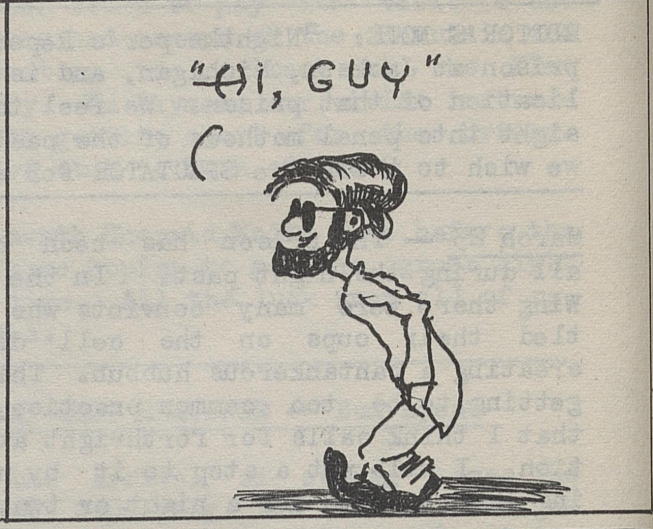
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# JUST GUYS

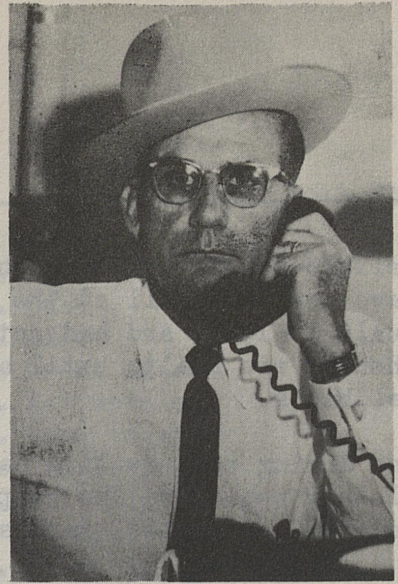
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# Deputy Warden's Page



Lloyd T. Armstrong  
Deputy Warden

In the last issue I mentioned our recent donation of time and labor spent in the effort to save some small Kentucky towns and communities from the flood. Since that time I have had a letter from Livingston County's Sheriff Ralph Smith of Smithland, Kentucky. The letter reads:

Mr. Lloyd Armstrong  
Deputy Warden  
Kentucky State Penitentiary  
Eddyville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

The people of Smithland, Kentucky have expressed their desire to personally thank you for your cooperation in the recent work to protect them from the flood. As one of the group, I would like to acknowledge our thanks for the special consideration shown us.

I genuinely appreciate the interest that you have shown in our town. You and your personnel and inmates did a very fine job. I am happy to express our thanks for the success well earned.

Respectfully yours,

Ralph Smith  
Sheriff of Livingston County

It is not often that inmates of any institution are thanked for their efforts; as a matter of fact, it is not very often that inmates have the opportunity to help citizens outside. So at this time I join with Sheriff Smith and the citizens of his community in thanking each and every employee and inmate who participated in the successful effort to save this small Livingston County town.

## IMPROVEMENTS MADE

Filling out the page allotted to me, I'd like to mention some of the progress that is being made at the institution.

We are now in the process of painting No. 3 Cellblock, which is the last of the



cellblocks that have not been painted. When this cellblock is finished we will have repainted all of the blocks in the past two years. No. 5 Cellblock was built in 1937, and had not been painted, except for the paint that was applied when it was built, until approximately two years ago when we painted the entire cellblock.

The dining room ceiling has been replastered and painted. We have also completely repainted the hospital. The Administration Building has been repainted, and, in some cases, replastered.

We have installed a new roof on No. 3 Cellblock. We have also installed new steel windows in No. 1 and 2 Cellblocks. No 1 and 2 Cellblocks are the only two that do not have wash basins and commodes, and we are now in the process of installing them there.

There has been considerable new equipment purchased for the institution. Among other items we have purchased refrigerators, coolers, and a new ice-cream maker, as well as a soft-drink dispenser for the commissary. And a considerable amount of additional farm land has been purchased. These are just a few of the things that have been done, and I mention them to let our readers know that progress has been, is, and will continue to be made at this institution to improve living conditions for the inmates and employees.

  
Lloyd Armstrong, Deputy Warden

TWENTY FOUR MORE INMATES PLEDGE EYES

LATE NEWS

Last month we printed a letter from John Brown, Jr., a condemned prisoner awaiting execution for armed robbery, in which he asked us to distribute eye-pledge cards for the Lions Eye Bank. He sent us five cards, and the same day all five cards were signed and sent to the bank. On the 5th of this month, the Lions Eye Bank sent more cards to us in care of the Warden, and the same day twenty four more men signed the pledges, bringing the total number of eyes pledged to the bank to 30 pairs.

Men who signed the pledges, in addition to John Brown and the editor, are:

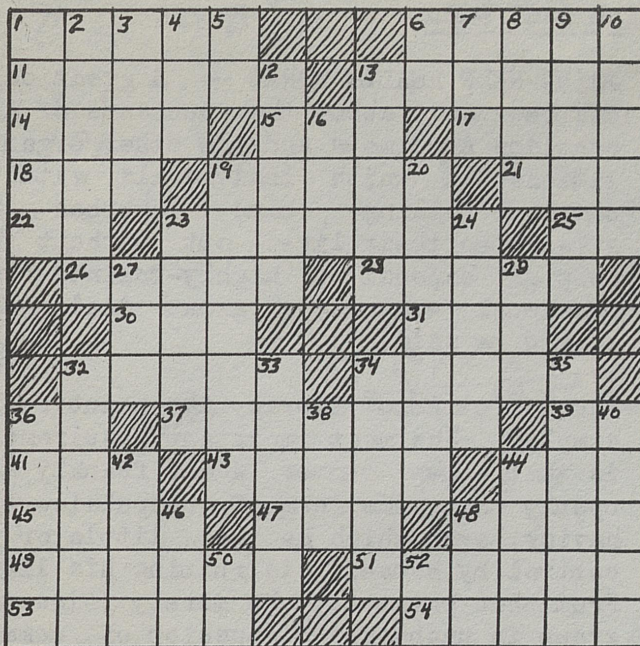
Harold Arnold  
Charles Garrett  
Floyd "Dago" Riis  
Mack "Tootsie" Arrington  
Herbert Lee Reado  
David Holmes  
Billy Howell  
Charles W. Soules  
Gerasin "Siftu" Bogden

Joe Weatherford  
Junior Pence  
George Long  
Mose Parker  
Robert Mitchell  
James Tinsley  
Henry Griffith  
David Cupps  
Stanley Pepper

Buford Cox  
Jonathan Parks  
Jack Henry  
George "Buddy" Mathis  
John Fox  
Jackie Martin  
James H. Smith  
Franklin Ray Stone  
Billy "Crip" Delaney  
One Name Withheld

Men who signed the cards will receive a pocket card acknowledging their donation and giving instructions to their next of kin. The eyes are not taken before death, and anyone wishing to pledge his eyes, please contact the editor.





- 35. Push
- 36. Gaze
- 40. Aids
- 42. Great desert
- 44. Raw metals
- 46. Came together
- 48. Triple prefix
- 50. Initials of popular cigarette brand
- 52. Artist's initials

ACROSS

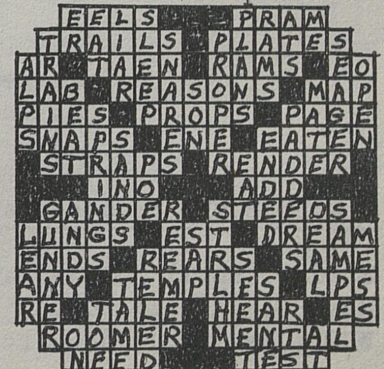
- 1. Medicate
- 6. Heads
- 11. Steering device
- 13. Waxy substance
- 14. Sheltered side
- 15. Mimic
- 17. Lisa
- 18. Writing tool
- 19. Explosive breath
- 21. Child
- 22. Senior (Abbr)
- 23. Clothed
- 25. Actor's init.
- 26. Fathers
- 28. Lawns
- 30. Battle
- 31. Union
- 32. Camel quiz program
- 34. Bed cover
- 36. Therefore
- 37. Make the scene
- 39. Joyful monosyllable
- 41. Piece of clothing
- 43. Hindu money
- 44. Ball
- 45. Small Particle
- 47. Boy Scouts of Nigeria
- 48. Correct
- 49. Southerners

- 51. Highest mountain
- 53. Censors
- 54. Clouds

DOWN

- 1. Snares
- 2. Kings & queens
- 3. Famous garden
- 4. Fruit drink
- 5. Symbol for Tentiralem
- 6. City of Angels
- 7. Kind of tree
- 8. Divide
- 9. Givers
- 10. Smacks
- 12. Raves
- 13. and the Pirates
- 16. Hawaiian Dish
- 19. Ship's cook
- 20. Instructors
- 23. Odor
- 24. Loses moisture
- 27. Anger
- 29. Female deer
- 32. Sacked
- 33. Bins
- 34. A Russian people

Answer to last month's puzzle





KENTUCKY STATE PENITENTIARY STATISTICS  
(March 1-March 31)

Escapes	0
Death Row	7
Admitted by Commitment	40
Transfers from KSR	0
Released by Expiration	38
Released by Parole	16
Released by Death	1
Total Population	1186
High Number	23800
Low Number	11549

MOVIES FOR THE NEXT 30 DAYS

April 20	CIRCUS OF HORRORS A. Diffring and Ericka Remburg: Horror
April 27	PLACE IN THE SUN Liz Taylor and Monty Clift: Drama
May 4	TWO RODE TOGETHER James Stewart and Richard Widmark: West.
May 11	GORGO Wm. Travers and Wm. Sylvester: S.F.
May 18	THE DEADLY COMPANIONS Maureen O'Hara and S. Cochran: West.

CLOSED WORLD Broadcasts:

Sunday, April 22; Sunday, May 6; Sunday, May 20. All broadcasts at 1:30 pm on WCBL, Benton. (1290 kc)

THE LAST WORD

JOINT HELP REALLY WORKS -- A great deal has been said about the successes of Alcoholics Anonymous and the other organizations in which individuals with a common failing band together to straighten their lives out without the help of expensive, highly-trained professional workers; a great deal more should be said.

The "joint help" therapy is beautifully simple. The most important requirement is that a new member admit frankly and openly that some form of compulsive behavior, over which he has little or no control by himself, is ruining his life. From that point on, he merely joins the group in unabashed discussion of common problems and works to help other members of the group who are failing.

In other words, it's just talk. But it's more effective than drugs or shock-treatments or costly psychoanalysis, and it's working, not only for alcoholics, but for gamblers, drug addicts, and compulsive criminal offenders as well. Gamblers Anonymous, the new Synanon House (for drug addicts), the halfway houses for released prisoners and SPADE, an organization of prisoners who want to find the way back to the good life again, are doing such a great job that it seems a shame there aren't more of them around the country. (See "Joint Help" item on page 2 and "Penal Pioneer" in the section entitled "April 15, 2002")

CHALLENGE TO NEW MEN -- During the past month or so several men who seem to have good educations have entered the prison. If you men would like to have some of your material published, bring it to us. We can use your stories, poems, and articles. The same goes for all you old timers as well.

THANKS TO DONORS -- A quick word of thanks to all the fellows who pledged their eyes to help the blind see again. You all came through beautifully!