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"CASTLE ON THE CUMBERLAND"

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WITH, OR, WITHOUT, OFFENSE TO FRIENDS OR FOES, WE SKETCH YOUR WORLD EXACTLY AS IT GOES - LORD BYRON.

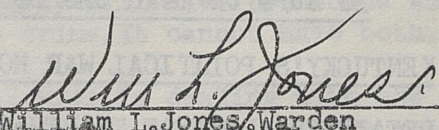
WARDEN'S PAGE

Within every man's subconscious mind there lies an almost dormant but actually potential storehouse of knowledge and intellectual ability. This gift can be brought from the near dormant stage to successful fruition by forgetting past mistakes; by putting them completely out of mind and beginning on a new page.

The person who allows past mistakes to shape his life will unconsciously become conditioned to repeating errors, and that is all he'll become an expert blunderer.

Anyone bent on improving himself should continuously imagine himself in the starring role. Aim high. Nobody likes being, for instance, an introverted abject failure. No one need be such. Build your dreams on high ground, select an impressive goal, and then strive toward it's accomplishment. You may be surprised at the results.

The man who believes himself a failure has failed before beginning. The man who acquires, through mental discipline, a new confidence in himself has forgotten his failings and shortcomings and is well on the way to success.



William L. Jones, Warden
Kentucky State Penitentiary
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HE WHO THINKS HE KNOWS ALL KNOWS NOTHING

EDITORIAL

JAMES BELL YAGER

PLAINTIFF

VS: PUBLIC MEMORANDUM

SOCIETY

RESPONDENT

From the beginning of time man has had some form of punishment for the offenders of societies rules and regulations. These forms of punishment ranged from decapitation, loss of one or more limbs, to just plain confinement. Who devised the system of confinement as a means of punishment, I do not know, but it has through the years proved inadequate and far from the answer to the problem.

Today our prison population is at an all time high. Is the allure of crime so great? I think not, with our modern day means of detection. Who has failed? The individual who comes from a broken home? The man of poor environment or the sick and frustrated man? No, society, the people have failed. They have not found the solution to the problem, so they hide their failures behind high stone walls and iron bars.

It has become almost axiomatic to say that a man becomes a criminal not by his first offense, but by his first imprisonment. He has become a jail-bird, and that is how society looks at him, with very rare exceptions, when he is released. If society doesn't want to meet that man again in five or ten years at the wrong end of a gun, it had better study the needs, fears, drives, and pathologies of that man and its own evils that helped create them. It had better give him a real second chance. Society will have to decide whether it wants animalistic revenge or solution to crime. It cannot have both.

While progress is being made, penal wise, in dealing with the offender, the people of this state as well as other states must give more attention to the problem, keeping in mind the changing attitudes is more than an institutional question, but ultimately resolves right back into the communities.

More interest must be shown in the man in prison. Is he being trained so that he might adequately support himself and his family? Is he being given the medical or psychiatric help he may require? Is this man given adequate clothing and funds upon his discharge to sustain him? Is his job sufficient for his family's support? These questions are important to the man in prison, but more so to our society or they may face that man again under adverse conditions. Why? Societies indifference. (Turn Page)

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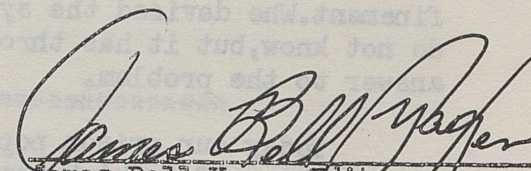
YAGER-V-SOCIETY CONTINUED

The average man sent to prison, is not a "Professional" Criminal, but a man who has made a mistake. They are what you would call a nuisance criminal. They are men who cash petty checks while drinking or men who rob "juke" boxes for drinking money. These men are not dangerous to society, but they are held in prison at a cost of better than \$2.00 per-day as against the cost of .37 per-day to maintain a man on parole. I mention these figures because sometimes the cold hard financial facts sink deeper than any words could.

There is nothing more discouraging to the man in prison, who is trying to rehabilitate himself, than to have his efforts completely discounted by the apathy of the public in general. The man's been punished for his crime, but he must forever bear the stigma of his offense in the eyes of the public. This in itself makes a mockery of rehabilitation and penology.

We must face the fact that there will always be crime and as a result prisons, but the man who does work hard and does rehabilitate himself deserves the constructive help of society and until help is evident, crime shall continue to soar.

The reason for submitting this article is that I was asked to write something on penology. I am not a chicken and I cannot lay an egg, but I can make a fairly good omelet. I am not a penologist or a psychologist and cannot analyse the complexities of penology, but perhaps I did whip up a little omelet from one inmate's point of view.


James Bell Yager, Editor
Castle On The Cumberland
Eddyville, Kentucky

Editor's Note

I would like at this time to express my sincere thanks for all the many fine compliments and subscriptions which have been received from the many different inmates and outside members of society. We shall strive continuously to improve our magazine upon each edition released.

MAY GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERYONE OF THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE
TO WHOM THE ABOVE THANKS APPLY TO.

ALL THINGS COMETH TO THOSE WHO WAITETH

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SCHOOL FOR YOUTH

When I was growing I had the craziest idea that a convict, inmate or whatever you would call them, were big, had a 3 day full growth of beard, could be seen only at night and had an I.Q. of an idiot. These ideas were brought about by such mediums as T.V. and comic books. Now that I have lived, slept, eaten and otherwise become very closely associated with this type of person because I am one of them, I wonder if the young people of today feel as I did as a youngster. This, I feel, is an important question in this day of juvenile delinquency. To enlighten the minds of our young people who have little knowledge of any of the convict and his true life other than what he reads in the newspapers or through the aforementioned mediums.

But How? This is a question that psychiatrists, child guidance officials and what have you have been studying for sometime. I myself believe if some of these youngsters could have the opportunity to tour our penitentiaries and other places of confinement and see the glamour of prison life that we would then have a small start in rectifying a bad situation. The majority of teen-agers do not realize how easy it is to become involved in trouble and its everlasting stigma.

Its not a pretty sight to see fifteen sixteen year old youngsters entering a prison. I have witnessed many and have wished at the time that I could have given all my gain time if the parents of those and other teen-agers could be there to witness this sad sight. Yes these were kids devoid of a mature mind of an adult and being thrown literally, into the best school of all for furthering their education in-crime. Here are youngsters whose minds are at the point where they should be taught the wonders and mysteries of life, but instead their eager minds will absorb all the phases of criminal life. Who is to blame?

What a tragic way for these youngsters to start out their young life. Almost immediately you can observe the change in their lives as they mix in with the groups.

These different groups boast of every type of crime known. They begin to talk "con talk" and think "con wise". When their course is completed they have received the best possible training, in crime. Their teachers are experienced although not experts because they have been caught but they will have major-ed in them all.

Young people in the period of life called adolescence or the period of transition from childhood to adulthood is the age of pattern making. The kind of pattern they cut now will very likely be the model of their future. They are at an age when their thoughts and desires fill an important place in their lives and when properly directed can be developed into useful citizens. This also, is a period in life when they often feel alone and confused and need the guidance of their parents, their understanding and counsel, but if the parents are too absorbed in their own problems or just lack interest then the road very often will lead to prison.

A little more attention in behalf of the youngsters of today would be a start in remedying the element of the criminal mind.

The End

 * EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH THE GIRLS IN THE MAIL ROOM *
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The girls working in the mail room state that they have seen a vast improvement and changes made for the better in the regulations of mail since their arrival to the institution. One reason, as they put it, is that more interest is being shown in mail procedure by the officials of the institution which consequently attract better services for prompt delivery of the inmate's mail, which in turn makes far better relationship between inmates and their respective love ones back home. In the mail censors own words, "Even though there have been tremendous and vast improvement here in the mail room we have not reached our peak, and are constantly striving toward betterment and improvement in further premises." "We try to please everyone although it is to be understood that pleasing everyone would be impossible due to the fact that many inmates don't seem to understand that we out here in the mail room have rules and regulations to abide by as do those wearing numbers out on the hill, but we do want to make it clear that we are interested in getting the mail out and in of the institution to each and everyone depending upon us for delivery." "We shall always stand ready and willing to assist any inmate with any reasonable cause he may have dealing with this department," "it does our hearts good out here in the mail room to see the inmates getting steady correspondence from home, and it does our hearts equal good to see the inmates writing to their respective love ones back home regularly." "We want each and everyone of you to know that we are here to help the each of you in anyway we can."

The mail room has four mail censors and one mail dispatcher to-wit:

- Mrs. Tylene Freeman.....Mail Censor
- Mrs. Touxie French.....Mail Censor
- Mrs. Rowena (Mom) Sexton.....Mail Censor
- Mrs. Elizabeth LeFan.....Mail Censor
- Mr. Earl Wood.....Mail Dispatcher

CHURCH SERVICES

Protestant Services Sunday Mornings Beginning

At 8:A.M.

Catholic Services Second Tuesday Of Each Month Beginning

At 8:30 A.M.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

"One day as I sat, alone and discouraged, a little old lady came up to me and said, 'Cheer up, son, things could be worse.' So I cheered up, and sure enough, things got worse."

HONOR ROLL FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

- Best Looking ***** Marilyn Monroe
- Best Personality ***** Stanley Brawner, Jr.
- Best All Around Athlete ***** Alfred Bishop
- Best Singers ***** Hill-Billys
- Best Cook ***** James Robinson
- Best Dressed ***** Jim Griffin
- Best Baseball Player ***** Raymond Nix
- Best Cell House ***** 4 & 5 Tied
- Biggest Feet ***** Junior Jackson
- Biggest Head ***** Tom Nugent
- Biggest Story Teller ***** Morgan Brown
- Champion Liar ***** Lying ("AL")
- Greatest Dancer ***** Stallion
- Most Popular ***** Bob Cunningham
- Most Studious ***** Norman Carter
- Most Comical ***** Delbert (Hap) Mercer
- Most Ambitious ***** David R. Byrd
- Most Nosey ***** Wilbur Reed
- Most Romantic ***** Rick Armentrout
- The Oldest ***** Big Griffin
- The Fattest ***** Fat Willard
- The Skinniest ***** Jim Statham
- The Tallest ***** Dogwood Johnson
- The Shortest ***** Raymond Allen
- Sloppiest Dresser ***** Jew Baby

B A S E B A L L

By; Garvin T. Shepherd

We have formed a league of four(4) inside teams, which is a dog eat dog affair. These teams have created more interest among inmates than outside competition and there are some really heated contest's. Billy Howell's team wins first place in first half after several extra games to decide the winner. The first and last half are composed of each team playing fifteen games per-team.

POOR CHIEFS

The poor chiefs are having a hard way to go, in playing outside competition we have only won one game, but there is a lot of talk about our, Joe Page, who hit two home runs in one game against Bridwell, who left to pitch in the major leagues the next day.

OUR DOG EAT DOG TEAMS

Our four (4) dog eat dog teams are managed by, Billy Howell, Horace Thomas, Dog Jackson and Ronald Tipton.

IT WOULD BE NICE TO SEE

It would be nice to see the institution construct a basketball court for the many fellows desiring to participate in this world wide recognized sport. We feel that the Deputy Warden will assist us with this added attraction within the very near future.

HONORABLE MENTION

Inmate, Frank Slay certainly deserves an honorable mention. Frank, has remained a great asset to the Athletic Department all during the many months which he has been duly assigned there, and it is our hope that he will be with us in time of need in the future, as he has been in the past.

SADLY MISSED

Wrestlers friend, Rudy Jones, was sadly missed by many of the spectators and other wrestlers during the last wrestling event here at the institution. It would certainly be nice to have, Rudy, back with us in time for the next show here at the institution.

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HELP CREATE A BETTER SPORTS PROGRAM BY MAKING CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS.

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LAST VARIETY SHOW HELD HERE WAS COMPOSED OF MUSIC,
WRESTLING AND BOXING. THERE WILL BE ANOTHER EVENT SOON.

The last event held here at the institution as indicated above was held on June 28, 1961. We were unable to write this article in our last month edition due to the fact said information relating to the same was not released to the press in time for publishing.

BOXING MAIN EVENT

Ben (Rabbi) Campbell, knocked out, William (Stallion) Harris, in the second round.

SEMI-FINALS

William Utley, Knocked out, Robert Hagman, in the second round

PLEMINARY BOUT

Renfrow Wins In Third Round T.K.O. Over, Odie Banks.

WRESTLING MAIN EVENT

Buck Penn-v-Billy Richards in a one fall twenty minute time limit. Although Billy (Crip) Delaney steals show using his nub leg to punch with. There were numerous other bouts, but in the final event a ten (10) men tag team had the crowd in a halerious uproar, as all ten men were in the ring at the same time, men in all directions, legs up and heads down, couldn't tell who was who.

The wrestlers who participated in different events were;

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| 1. Buck Penn | 6. Billy Howell |
| 2. Billy Richards | 7. Unknown Schutts |
| 3. Billy (Crip) Delaney | 8. William Henley |
| 4. Ronald Tipton | 9. David Cupps |
| 5. R. Cummins | 10. Laurence Bowling |

Wrestler, Laurence Bowling participated in several of the events and reportedly setforth an excellent performance in each.

MUSIC FOR THE VARIETY SHOW

The music for our last variety show was furnished by the hill-billy band. Opening number "BLACK MOUNTAIN RAG", during intermission the band played a variety of numbers but the one number that knocked out the crowd was, Johnson's Boogie, featuring Dogwood Johnson on the hot guitar, Sidney Bruce on the steel guitar.

Other Members Of The Hill-Billy Band Are;

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|---|-------------------------------|
| Bobby Johnson.....Vocalist | Clyde Crum.....Rythm |
| Ray Stone.....Rythm | Garvin Shepherd...Fiddle |
| Delbert (Hap) Womp-Womp Mercer..... B. Fiddle | Raymond Cummins...Band Master |

WE THE DEFENDANTS CONTINUED

The only class of people who can be relied on to render an intelligent and just verdict in a complicated case are men of learning. Savants. Yet it is common practice, in fact it is the law, to select men and women at random, without regard for their education or intelligence from the tax list of property owners. The rule seems to be, if the persons own property they automatically become first rate jury material.

The law also states one must be tried by a jury composed of his peers equals. If the law ever were followed faithfully, then a moron would have to be tried by a jury of morons. Since the law is not adhered to with strict scrupulousness in this respect, it would not be an infraction of the U.S. Constitution for legislatures to enact statutes requiring juries in complicated and all capital cases to be selected from a group of learned men and women.

Any chief executive of a large corporation who would suddenly and unaccountably announce that henceforth members for the board of control would be selected at random from among the general personnel would immediately be suspected of suffering a mental breakdown. This would very likely be the case, too, for only those with superior intelligence and business acumen are chosen to aid in directing the operations of a big business concern.

Why, then, since the matters weighed in a courtroom are equally if not more grave than those in a corporation, shouldn't intelligent men and women be selected to resolve legal problems?

There would be loud objection from the bigdome class, of course, for they would not like being saddled up with every important case. But if they were relieved from jury duty in all other cases, it would probably work out with a satisfactory degree of fairness.

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"LAWS and OUTLAWS"

WITHOUT APOLOGIES TO MR. BARRY GOLDWATER

My shattered financial condition is due to Federal Laws, County Laws, City Laws, Corporation Laws, Liquor Laws, Mother-In-Laws, Brother-In-Laws, and Outlaws. Through these laws I am compelled to pay a Business Tax, Excise Tax, and Income Tax.

I am required to get a Business License, Auto License, Fishing License, Hunting License, Marriage License, and Dog License. I am also required to contribute to every society and organization which the genius of man is capable of bringing to life, also to every unemployment relief, gold-digger's relief, to every hospital and charitable institution in the city. For my own protection, I am required to carry Life Insurance, Property Insurance, Accident Insurance, Old Age Insurance, Earthquake and Tornado Insurance, and Unemployment Insurance.

My business is so governed that it is hard for me to find out just exactly who owns it. I am inspected, expected, suspected, disrespected, rejected, dejected, examined, re-examined, informed, required, summoned, fined, commanded and compelled until I supply money for every need of the human race simply because I refuse to donate to something or other, I am boycotted, talked about, lied about, held up,

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WE FIND THE JURY GUILTY

The jury system is proclaimed to be the most advanced method devised by man for obtaining justice. This may even be true, but a methodical accumulation of critical information would probably reveal a great many faulty aspects in this system, too. For the facts are, justice under the jury system depends altogether on the quality of the jurors selected. A jury that has but a vague idea what a complicated case is all about will, in consequence, render a verdict conforming only to their understanding of it. This may be completely at variance with justice as later revealed by a review court.

The verdicts rendered by some juries have become classical American folk humor, but apparently this has not shaken the faith of the general public. The only persons gravely concerned are judges, prosecutors and lawyers. They are in the front lines, so to speak, and directly exposed to the inconsistent and often bewildering verdicts of the "twelve good men and true!" But after the verdict has been brought in the jurymen can go home and forget about it; the judge, prosecutor and lawyer, however, must live with it sometimes for years.

In many cases the real victim is the defendant. Caught between the cross-fire of incompetency on one side and the inability of a judge to change a jury's blunder on the other the defendant, although innocent, or, if guilty, possibly only to a minor degree, must pay the full price.

The following three cases histories point up the necessity for a change in the statutes (in these particular cases, however, the defendants were the victors and justice was relegated to the grass grown siding of indifference.)

In a celebrated case that caused a local furor a jury brought in and delivered the solemn pronouncement that "we the defendants find the jury guilty!" It is not recorded how the judge squirmed out of this one but it is probably safe to say the prosecutor and defense attorney would have decided to sentence the jury to the state hospital.

In another case where the defendant was being tried for murder in the first degree (the victim was the defendant's mother-in-law), the jury found the defendant "not guilty by reason of sanity!" Only God knows what the verdict would have been had the defendant been a raving maniac.

In still another case involving theft of a car the jury stated, with solemn countenance, "we find the man who stole the car not guilty!" Only one person in the courtroom was not embarrassed by that verdict.

There have been many reasonable and just verdicts rendered by conscientious and intelligent juries, of course, but this doesn't mitigate the risk involved in the present system. There is always the possibility an innocent man will be sentenced to life or even executed by incompetency in the jury room.

It has happened before, men have served part of a life sentence, others have been executed for other men's crimes, and it will happen most likely again unless safeguards are instituted.

held down, and robbed until I am almost ruined. I can tell you honestly, that except a miracle that happened, I could not have survived. The wolf that comes to my door every day just had pups and I sold them for One (\$100.00) Dollars.

THEME SONG OF THE PRISON WARDENS' CONVENTION

"Give me that old-time stool - pigeon".

NOTICE ALL STAFF MEMBERS

LLOYD T. ARMSTRONG, DEPUTY WARDEN INFORMS THAT A WASH RACK HAS BEEN INSTITUTED UNDER THE STEPS OF THE FRONT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. OFFICERS CAN NOW HAVE THEIR CARS WASHED FOR THE TOTAL SUM OF SEVENTY FIVE CENTS ALL FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS ABOVE COST OF OPERATION WILL GO INTO THE OFFICERS CANTEEN FUND FOR PURCHASING OFFICERS UNIFORMS.

PLEASANT SURPRISE

It has been reported from official sources that Officer, H.L. Bryant, who is in charge of the institution visiting room become so excited last week watching some of the fellows in the visiting room talk so many different phases of romance to their respective wife's that he went home one evening and surprisingly kissed his wife, Mrs. H.L. Bryant.

It has been reported that, Mrs. Bryant, actually fainted from shock and surprise from the above planted kiss but has since recovered and is now enjoying the renewed romantic advances set forth from her husband to the fullest extent.

Editor's Note

We want it to be understood that, Mrs. Bryant, received a surprise not otherwise.

THREE TIME LOSER

...a "three time loser" is a pregnant prostitute, driving an Edsel, bearing a Nixon-Lodge campaign sticker on it's front bumper.

Drive Slow And Observe All Rules And Regulations.

The Good Time You Save May Be Your Own.

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 * DEPUTY WARDEN HAS A THEORY OF HIS OWN *
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 * AUGUST, 1961. *
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In reference to Rehabilitation Programs in the penal Institutions, I do not agree with some of the methods used in rehabilitating at the institutions, due to the fact, in dealing with prisoners for the last sixteen years in Penal Institutions and Prisoners of War Abroad, I have found that rehabilitation is somewhat exaggerated and looks good on paper only. I do believe in rehabilitation to a certain extent but I do not believe in putting rehabilitation before discipline and security.

Through my experience in institutions that I have been associated with and listening to other so-called penologist speak, I have found that it is very easy to get up and make a long speech and then at the end of the speech say "I don't know the answer". My firm belief is that if a man doesn't know the answer to his speech or lecture, he is not only wasting his time but also the time of those listening.

I do not believe that you can rehabilitate anyone unless they want to be rehabilitated and if they do want to be rehabilitated, it doesn't take too much effort. I think if you place adequate rehabilitation sources in front of an inmate and do not make it compulsory, if he is willing to be rehabilitated, it will be a success, however, on the other hand, I believe that if he is not willing to be rehabilitated all the rehabilitation programs that can be thought of will not help the individual. I've heard speakers make statements to put four men private tables in the dining room and not censor their mail, that it would be a big step toward rehabilitation. In my opinion, this is unimportant. I think the main things are required of an institution are to have adequate food and clothing, good housing, a good medical department, a good athletic department providing good sport programs, religious services and resources to keep each inmate's time occupied and also strict discipline both in the inmate body and the personnel and above all fair and impartial treatment.

In my opinion, all rules and regulations should be written as brief, to the point, and as short as possible, and enforced 100 per-cent. No rule is worth the paper it is written on if it is not enforced from the top to the bottom.

I think that it is a must that first you should let the inmates know what you expect of them, and second you should see that the rules are carried out -, without fail.

I think that all prisoners should be treated the same in an institution no matter what his crime was, what his standing was, or what his job is. I do not think that the degree of the crime for which he is committed should have anything to do with how he is treated after he is committed to the institution.

I do not believe in using big college words in speeches in an institution due to the fact that 75 per-cent of the inmates in the State Institutions have less than a ninth grade education.

In my opinion, there have been some inmates somewhat spoiled in institutions by giving them more advantages than their fellow inmates receive. I don't believe in this kind of treatment and I do not believe the inmates expect it.

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DEPUTY WARDEN'S THEORY CONTINUED

I think that any prison official should conduct himself in such manner that the inmates will understand that he will help them when help is needed the same as he will discipline them when discipline is needed.

I do not think that any one human being on earth is smart enough to answer the question, "What causes crime?" I do not think that the individual himself, in most cases, can answer why he committed the crime. This subject dates back several thousand years and I don't believe that anyone, at this date, is but very little advanced on this subject than they were back many years ago.

In my opinion, until some laboratory invents a little green pill that will curtail crime, there will still be need for enlargement of institutions due to the overwhelming increase of population.

In my opinion, all the rehabilitation programs that can be crowded into an institution will have very little to do with the amount of people that get into trouble. Simply because unless an individual has been in an institution, he has very little knowledge of what goes on inside the institution, frankly he doesn't care. Only a very small amount of the general public throughout the country that have any knowledge, whatsoever, of a penal institution, unless they have been misfortunate enough to have been in one or have had some relative with whom they have visited.

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

WITH APOLOGIES TO MR. LLOYD T. ARMSTRONG

Last month we reported that Mr. Armstrong, Deputy Warden had served in the Armed Forces during World War One. We hereby make a correction to that statement by reporting that Mr. Armstrong served in World War Two rather than World War One as previously reported.

Editor



"YOU MEAN THERE ISN'T ANYPLACE ON THIS ENTIRE MOUNTIAN WHERE A GUY CAN BUY SOME TRANQUILIZERS??"

"NO SENOR, WE HAVE NONE FOR LONG TIME NO

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HOW TO BE VERY UNPOPULAR WITH AN ATTORNEY

Remarks a lawyer gets tired of hearing:

All I know is that if I go to jail, you don't get paid.

I hear he studied law by watching Perry Mason on television.

He specializes in accident cases. Anytime he gets a case, it's bound to be an accident.

Only one call came in while you were out, Mr. Sewall. It was the landlord. He says if he doesn't get the office rent by Monday, he's going to hire an attorney and it won't be you.

I don't say he was old fashioned. All I said was he still chased ambulances on foot.

Whenever he gets up to object that something is incompetent, irrelevant, and immaterial, he's really telling the story of his life.

We'll, if he's a criminal lawyer, now I understand why crime never pays.

There's a package on your desk, Mr. Sewall, from the brother of your last client the one in Eddyville. I'd be careful how I open it.

He may not be really lazy but the only way you can get him out of bed before noon is with a writ of habeas corpus.

After the last will he handled was probated, the widow went to the poorhouse and he and his wife went to Florida on a vacation.

He almost got that last pickpocket off until the judge missed his watch.

The chairman of the Bar Association's grievance committee called. He asked that you hurry up your reply to the last complaint as there are three more pending.

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Superior Watch Repairing Work Satisfaction Guaranteed

Floyd (Dago) Riis..... 3. Shop

REFRESHMENTS

ICE COLD DRINKS, KOOL-AID, ROYAL CROWN COLA, HOT COFFEE AND MANY OTHER DRINKS SUITABLE TO YOUR TASTE. SOLD AT MOST INMATE COFFEE STANDS THROUGHOUT THE INSTITUTION SHOPS.

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MR. W. JESS BUCHANAN, KENTUCKY'S POLITICAL WARHORSE

Twenty five years ago, Mr. W. Jess Buchanan, was first appointed Warden of the Kentucky State Penitentiary. Mr. Buchanan remained Warden of K.S.P. From the year of 1936, until the year of 1944, in 1945 he went to work for Reynolds Metal Company in Louisville, where he remained until the year of 1947, in December, 1947, the ole warrior was again appointed Warden of K.S.P. where he remained until December, 1955, at which time he then resigned and retired. In 1960, the ole political warhorse tired of having nothing to do and decided to accept an appointment in Governor Combs Administration As Special Consultant To The Welfare Department Where He Remains At The Writing Of This Article. Prior to 1936, Mr. Buchanan, was, Deputy Sheriff, in Union County, Kentucky, from the year of 1922 to the year of 1926, at which time he was then elected Sheriff of said County, and remained so from 1926, to the year of 1930. From the year of 1932, to the year of 1934, the ole warhorse was Special Aide To Governor Ruby Laffoon. From the year of 1934, to the year of 1936, Mr. Buchanan, was with the U.S. Marshal's Office.

It can truly be said that, Mr. W. Jess Buchanan, was practically born within the presence of political physicians standing by the baby's little cradle.

Our present Warden and Deputy Warden state that they have turned all the girls working here at K.S.P., over to the ole warrior for safe keeping, and it must be said that he is doing an excellent job looking after them, at least they will all proudly tell you that they love him very dearly and would not hear of giving him up as their guardian.

Not knowing whether or not, Mr. Buchanan, is proud or not in having all the above referred to girls turned over to his care and custody all I know is that I know of a lot of others who would have gladly accepted the responsibility.

In closing it is to be publicly known that all the officials here are reportedly very fond of, Mr. Buchanan, and are constantly depending upon his advice on different matters appertaining to the present administration. Mr. Lloyd T. Armstrong, Deputy Warden stated that there's never a dull moment when around the ole warrior! And you know something.... I wouldn't bet against him on that one.

"CASTLE ON THE CUMBERLAND",

EDDYVILLE, KENTUCKY

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SCALE HOUSE IS SWINGING IT'S HARDEST

The boys down at the scale office are swinging hard in order to get their work done by quitting time each day. A lot more work is involved than one would suspect at the scale house in shaking down all the vehicles going and coming to and from the institution, and weighing all the many different products coming in and out of the institution each day. The following men and their respective assignment at the scale house is listed below:

Jack Gray..... Shakedown Officer
W.D.Ramage..... Traffic Usher
Charlie Rogers..... Inmate Clerk

The above named men are reportedly doing an excellent job in taking care of the many duties in existence under their above stated respective assignment.

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K.S.P. HIRES SEVERAL NEW OFFICERS IN THE PAST MONTH

The following named men have just recently been hired to work here at the Kentucky State Penitentiary:

C.W.Littlejohn Custodial Officer
J.G.Cossey Custodial Officer
H.G.Rice Custodial Officer
T.O.James Engineer Department

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RECEIVER'S OFFICE

The receiver's office is one of the busiest spots in the institution it keeps the boys jumping in said office to take care of the many departments throughout the institution in handling the issuance of supplies. All departments throughout the institution have to go through the above department in order to obtain their many necessary supplies as needed for the operation of this institution. Mr. Seeley, Mr. Conner, and the inmates working under their supervision in the receiver's office are to be commended very highly for the fine job which they are doing in behalf of the institution.

Red Seeley..... Receiver
Arthur C. Conner Ass't Receiver
Glen Roberts & Raymond Clymore..... Inmate Clerks

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H O N O R - R O L L

THE - GIRLS - OUT - FRONT

- Best Personality ***** Mrs.Kathlyn Ordway
- Most Popular ***** Mrs.Rowena (Mom) Ser
- Most Studious ***** Mrs.Frances Wyatt
- Tallest ***** Mrs.Dorothy Bennet
- Shortest ***** Mrs.Frances Wyatt
- Most Jolly ***** Mrs.Tylene Freeman
- Most Ambitious ***** Mrs.Touxie French
- Best Searcher ***** Mrs.Elizabeth LeF

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MRS.KATHLYN ORDWAY WINS A SALUTE

Business Manager, Mrs.Kathlyn Ordway, wins a salute for the outstanding service which she has performed in handling the many different communications received from outside members of society who have been passing along numerous compliments on our new publication "Castle On The Cumberland". Mrs.Ordway, is a very successful public relation agent for our new publication, and we want it to be known that her interest has been appreciated accordingly.

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WARDEN AND DEPUTY APPROVE WHOLEHEARTEDLY

The Warden and Deputy Warden both have shown a great interest in our institution publication and are doing their utmost to duly inform the public in general the true progress which is being made in an effort to make this better institution. Mr.Lloyd T.Armstrong, Deputy Warden states that the institution is open for inspection at anytime to those who may have doubt as to what improvements have actually been made as stated in our monthly news - magazine from month to month.

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M O T H E R ' S T R U E L O V E

In New York, A man apprehended for possession of a dangerous weapon was acquitted after testifying that the blackjack was a sentimental gift from his mother.

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THE BREAK OF DAWN
By; David Holmes

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NOTICE

In a cell,Below The Ground
All Is Quiet,There's Not A Sound
But A Man Waits,And He Waits Alone
Soon He'll Die,At The Break of Dawn

He'll Miss His Love Ones-Oh,How Sad
But That's The Price For Being Bad
He Knows That He Done Wrong
That's Why He Dreads The Break of Dawn

They'll Put The Rope Over His Head
And Let Him Hang Until He's Dead
If Only This Night He Could Prolong
And Keep Away The Break of Dawn

He's Sitting Now And Wondering Why
That Others Before Him Didn't Die
They Had Done The Same Kind of Wrong
Yet...Didn't Die At The Break of Dawn

It Matters Not,For Time Draws Near
The Gallows Is Ready-They'll Soon Be Here
He Doesn't Weep,He Doesn't Moan
For Nothing Will Hold Back,The Break of Dawn.

David Holmes

** Next month a progress
** report will appear on
** all departments inside
** the institution.
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** NOTICE

** Any Department Head
** desiring to contribute
** anything in regard to
** his respective depart-
** ment is welcomed to do
** so.

** THANK YOU EDITOR DAVIS

** "Castle On The Cumberland"
** received a nice compliment
** from,Mr.W.T.Davis,Editor
** Lyon County Herald this week.
** We certainly appreciated the
** fine article in which,Mr.Davis,
** published in his fine paper on
** August 3,1961.

-CLASSIFIED - AD-
-WANTED-

-EDUCATIONAL HELP

Textbooks,instruction manuals,correspondence courses,old or new,
from the basic principle to the advanced servicing and theory of elect-
ronic equipment ranging from radio and t.v.,to unique electronic appar-
atuses,such as,hearing aids,medical equipment,etc.,.

Julius V.Newman
Box No.128,
Kentucky State Penitentiary
Eddyville,Kentucky

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THE FOLLOWING INMATES HAVE BEEN SALUTED

The following named inmates have been saluted for their superior
work performance of the month:

GARAGE MECHANICS

Bat MastersonMechanic
Gene KirbyMechanic
Edward Ballard.....Mechanic
Morgan Brown.....Handy Man

WELDING SHOP

Red Markham.....Welder
Wayne Lear.....Welder
Gerald Hope.....Welder

ELECTRIC SHOP

Bill Gaddis.....Electrician
Bud Kieffer.....Electrician
Bob McGaha.....Electrician
Bill Gadd.....Electrician
Creighton Wright.....Electrician

PLUMBERS

Walter Jones.....Plumber
William Hutchinson.....Plumber
Theodore Daily.....Plumber

RUNNERS

Frank McKnight.....Runner
Raymond Lee Harris.....Runner

(KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK BOYS)

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C L O T H I N G - R O O M

Officer, Harley (Abe) Hillyard, clothing room officer is doing his level best to outfit the inmate population to a form fit with the highest quality of wearing apparel which he can possibly possess. Mr. Hillyard, gets his biggest laugh most of the time when he is dressing a man for release to the open streets of society, he will usually ask the man being discharged what is the first thing he's going to do. Most replies are that he is going to get with momma and the children providing the man is married. Most single men when asked the same question will reply that the first thing they want to see is some broad, and it doesn't make the least bit of difference what she looks like and/or who she belongs to, or, where she came from, so long as she's willing to play the cards as they fall.

Mr. Hillyard is reportedly well liked by the majority of inmates, and does his best to satisfy the majority calling upon his services in the clothing room.

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EDDYVILLE PRISONER FILES SUIT FOR (\$100,000.00) AGAINST
TWO HANCOCK COUNTY OFFICIALS, AT HAWESVILLE, KENTUCKY

Charles L. Nugent, filed a civil rights suit in Federal Court at Owensboro, Kentucky, last month against, Billy N. Stephens and Harry Black, two Hancock County Officials, at Hawesville, Kentucky, Alleging 'Unlawful Arrest, and False Prosecution. The above named man, Charles L. Nugent, was convicted and sentenced to three (3) years on an alleged charge of "Dwelling House Breaking", Nugent, alleges that he was convicted on perjured testimony brought about through a conspiracy of the above named officials. The witness for the Commonwealth in the case substantiates the allegations set forth by the plaintiff in form of an affidavit.

THE CHAPEL SHOULD BE PROUD

The institution Chaplain should be very proud to have a nice fellow like, Buford Cox, as secretary in the chapel. Buford, will always help his fellow inmates in anyway which he can. Again we will say this man is a great asset to the fellows drifting in and out of the library from day to day.

MAN IN DEATH ROW LEAVES FOR NEW TRIAL

Houston Allen Powell, age 46, was released by court order last month from death row to a new trial. Powell, was received in death row on February 3, 1960, from Fayette County, Powell, was previously convicted on a charge of "Wilful Murder".

Death Row News Continued On Next Page

MAN WHO WAS ONCE IN DEATH ROW IS GRANTED PAROLE

One of our old timers here at the institution, Jack Wright, has been granted parole after sixteen years in confinement, Jack, was received here originally on a death sentence out of Jefferson County, his time was commuted to life after his death warrant was lost several years ago, Jack, has just recently been released on parole to walk the open streets of society once again, Jack, was convicted on a charge of "Wilful Murder". It has been reported that the above man had set forth an excellent record here at the institution in the past sixteen years, and has no doubt return to society a rehabilitated man. (Good Luck Old Timer)

A PRAYER TO LIVE BY

"Slow me down, Lord! Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind. Steady my pace with a vision of the eternal reach of time. Give me, amid the confusion of the day, the calmness of the everlasting hills. Break the tension of my nerves and muscles with the soothing music of the streams that live in my memory. Help me to know the magical restoring power of sleep. Teach me the art of taking minute vacations // of slowing down to look at a flower // to chat with a friend // to love a child // to pat a dog // to read a few lines from the good Book."

"Remind me each day of the fable of the Hare and the Tortoise, that I may know that the race is not always to the swift; there is more to life than increasing its speed. Let me look upwards into the branches of the towering oak and know that it grew great and strong because it grew slowly and well."

"Slow me down Lord and inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of life's values that I may grow toward the stars of my greater destiny, in Jesus name, Amen."

A.A. IN PRISON CAN AFFORD THE PRISONER PRACTICE

If a person is given the time and opportunity to prepare for a test, and he uses the time and opportunity for study or practice, then it will be reasonable to assume that he will stand a much better chance of passing than one who did not take advantage of such an opportunity. By living the AA program in prison a person can, through practice, adopt and cultivate sober thinking and actions which will, undoubtedly, help him to resist the temptations to think or act otherwise once he is released from confinement.

NOTICE

Anyone desiring to join AA may do so by contacting Inmate, Gumm, who can usually be found at the hospital, or, Buford Cox, who is the secretary at the chapel.

* Staff * Members *

OFFICERS HONOR ROLL OF THE MONTH

Best Personality.....	J.R.Stewart
Most Popular	Fred H.Hopper
Best Dressed	Lt: J.T.Hunton
Biggest Head.....	Cremsshaw
Biggest Story Teller.....	C.P.Mosley
Most Studious	Lt: Neal Owens
Most Comical	Sgt: Tom Tucker
Most Romantic.....	J.R.Stewart
Best Salesman.....	Sgt: W.G.Herndon
Most Regular.....	Lt: W.O.Long
Most Nosey	Henry
Most Considerate.....	W.W.Stephens
Daily Double.....	W.D.Ward
Old Reliable.....	Freeman Bellar
Most Dependable.....	Gary B.Armstrong
Ole Sincerity Himself.....	C.E.Cummins
The Traveler.....	Calvin Hooks
Beat Man.....	J.F.Baker
Hit & Run	W.G.Doles
Here & There.....	Roy Hargrove

HOW AMAZING

Not one man has met death from natural causes since the present administration has been in power.

INMATES PAL, KENNETH PREWITT, IS LEAVING FOR
THE FLAT COUNTRY PRETTY SOON. (GOOD LUCK OLD MAN)

THOSE WHO HAVE RETURNED

Officer, James White, and John Davis, have returned from the University of Louisville, after having attended two(2) long hard weeks of schooling on Correctional, Institutional, and Administration training.

BACK ON THE CUMBERLAND

Officer, Gary Benton Armstrong, and Ernest M. Alexander, have just recently returned from Ft. Knox, Kentucky where they have just recently completed two(2) weeks of Military Reserve Training.

SIX NEW ELECTRIC WATER COOLERS INSTALLED

After many, many years the small wooden-kegs that were used for ice water are now gradually being re-placed. The powers that be recently purchased six new electric water coolers and fountains and are installing them in the various departments and cellhouses throughout the institution. These modern drinking fountains are certainly a vast improvement over the old ancient wooden-kegs.

MODERN DAYS ARE HERE TO STAY

An electric food counter will soon be installed in the guards dining room whereby food in the future will be served cafeteria style. Who was it said they were hungry?

ONE AND TWO CELL HOUSE WILL SOON HAVE TOILETS INSTALLED

New toilets will within the very near future be installed in the above styled cell houses. (Some 200 cells now have "buckets" instead of toilets. The above improvement now in progress of being done in regard to this present condition will no doubt be very highly appreciated by all inmates now residing in the above named cellhouses.

A LITTLE OLE QUICK ONE FOR THE ROAD

One wife to another: "Don't worry if your husband flirts. My dog chases cars, but if he caught one, he wouldn't know what to do with it."

INMATE PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

This month "Castle on the Cumberland" has chosen Stanley Brawner, Jr., as our personality of the month. Stanley has been chosen for the fine job that he has been doing in behalf of our new publication and his adjustment throughout the institution.

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SWIMMING POOL GETS NEW PAINT JOB

The institution swimming pool has undergone a complete remodeling. The swimming pool has been repainted inside and out this month by the skilled hands of, Donald Jagers, Frankie Bryant, and Chester Sebrowski, these men have taken a great interest in the pool, and have shown such by making the above improvements.

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HOSPITAL WARDS UNDERGOING NEW PAINT JOB

The institution hospital wards are undergoing a most constructive paint job, all for which, Owen Mc Camish, and Tommy Brown, can be given the total credit for in behalf of doing the job, thus making the hospital one of the most beautiful of all places to be found throughout the institution.

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CHAPEL PAINT JOB WILL SOON BE COMPLETED

The inside painters are making great progress in getting the new paint job done on the institution chapel. The old chapel is certainly going to look one hundred per-cent better when the boys get the whole building painted.

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CARROLL COUNTY BOYS ARE ALL KEEPING BUSY THESE DAYS

The boys from Carroll County, are keeping busy, and working hard to get back to Carrollton, Kentucky, just as soon as possible. We have several fellows here from the little City, and they are all longing to return to the banks of the old Ohio river where only the best of friends get together. Members of the club are as follows:

- Owen Redmon..... Gene (Dike) Chilton
- William (Bill) Carter..... Ray Crawford
- Ted Lawrence..... James B. Yager

COOK SHACK WIDE OPEN AGAIN FOR BUSINESS

After having been closed for several weeks, The institution cook shack has reopened for business. We now have inmate, Clyde P. Crum, and Junior Jackson, assigned to the cook shack, and from the reports received these two boys are exceptionally good cooks. For people outside who do not understand what we mean by this type of cook shack, we will explain it to you by saying. The cook shack as described above is a place where inmates can go to have special items cooked which are bought from the institution canteen, such as, special meats, potatoes, biscuits, gravy of their choice, and many other items too numerous to mention.

TALL TALES & FACTS
By: Chuck(Pat)Garrett

Now what did Yager tell me to do? Oh,yeah interview important citizens in our town.There's Kenneth Liston Morton;I'll interview him.

Oh Kenny!I want to interview you and--You don't want an interview? But Kenny,you'll get your name in the paper and everything!So you don't want your name in the paper,eh? These problem children.

There's Don(Coffee Tycoon)Miller, but he's not important so I won't waste my valuable time talking to him.Hello Frankie Bryant;what's the lowdown on the"Classification Board"?Are they sending you back to the"Flat Country"?They are!Excuse me Frank,here comes the inmate's friend"Bill Coley".Say Bill!Give me a scoop?Buy you a cup of coffee; are you nuts?I don't own this paper, I just work for it!So Buddy Mathis is assigned to the kitchen.For that, I should buy the coffee?Bye Bill! You say Melvin Warner has been assigned to #1 Cellhouse, writing parole reports on the fish-Jackie Higgs is making plans to go to Chicago, if he gets a parole????-Paul Thompson will be in the"Big I"by the time we go to press-Jack Watson is now operating a sewing machine over at #1 Cellhouse-Hubert Ringo's conviction was reversed by the Court of Appeals and he has already left us for a new trial-Walt Rankin is the new runner-Joe White has taken over the sign painting duties,vacated by Ted Lewis-Gene (The Blimp)Herring is on a diet, He's longing for those Alabama swamps-Harley Dupin is back among us after a vacation,spent with Mr.Lewis and Co. While the cook-shack was closed,you couldn't tell the wheels from the spokes,they were all dining at Lloyd's Grill but now the shack has re-opened they are back playing their role-Frank Brown is the owner of the new face at the commissary-Howard Taylor is suffering from eye strain-Bill! Let go of my arm.Boy!You know,that coffee is bad for your health,makes your nerves bad and you can't sleep at night.See you.

Math Teacher to Fooths Elliot
What is a prism?

Fooths:"That's where they keep thieves".

Over-heard in #3 Shop

Inmate:After fumbling and searching through pockets.
"Sure,I've got a pass.It's here somewhere.Gee,I must have lost it.Don't you trust a guy"?

Guard:Let's go tell it to the Deputy.

Laurence Bowling,a very likeable fellow is counting the days until the August Parole Board gets here.This guy has been practicing his speech for Mr.Ferguson for years. We wish you luck,Laurence. If you aren't a "Hot Potato" you're short.

I N V I T A T I O N

Rev:Paul Jagers cordially invites your presence each sunday morning at the chapel on the mountain,come one,come all,to hear the word of God.

N O T I C E

There will be no lonely heart column until such time we can locate some rich widows.We know you would rather have security first.

N O T I C E

All articles being contributed for publication are to be submitted to the Editor on or before the Fifteenth of each month.

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A - W E E - B I T - O F - W I T

Instead of knocking, why can't opportunity kick down the door?
Temptation does.

The despondent gentleman emerged from his club and climbed into a limousine.

"Where to sir?" asked the chauffeur respectfully.

"Drive off a cliff, James, I'm committing suicide!"

The rocking chair was invented for the man who doesn't need to work,
who can't sit still and likes to make a noise.

They say brunettes have better dispositions than redheads."
That's a lot of hooey! My wife's been both and I can't see any difference.

They say love is blind. That explains all the groping around in the dark.

Grandpa claims that he's not complaining, but he has noticed that nowadays
you see girls' knees in places where once you didn't even see girls.

If your wife wants to learn to drive, don't stand in her way.

Two ladies were heard discussing what they would wear to the costume dance
at the country club:

First lady: "Were supposed to wear something to match our husband's hair so
I guess I'll have to wear black. What will you wear?"

Second lady: "Good heavens," she gasped, "I don't think I'll go."

I'll never forget the day I first met my wife, although heaven knows, I've
tried."

It happened while the applicant for a mail carrier's job was being inter-
viewed and tested.

Interviewer: How far is it from the earth to the moon?

Applicant: I don't know, but if that's the only route open, I don't want it.

Sports Car Salesman: "This model has a top speed of 130 miles an hour
and it will stop on a dime."

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-FOR - SALE

One future husband will be available on or before December 24, 1966.

For Further Information Contact Editor.

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H O N E Y C O M B
By: John F. Parks

* We want to taste the honeycomb; *

* Lustful life and turbulent passions *

* To experience the dreams; *

* Of summer's dawn *

* And fall in love *

* Yet, *

* We who tread the path of life *

* Perceive but dimly that around us, *

* And progress slowly over sleeps horizon; *

* Caught in a web of unawakening.... *

* Yesterday's blight of harmful habits *

* But, *

* Though we falter, weak and lame; *

* We who desire but never attain, *

* Can perhaps tomorrow reign *

* And reap the harvest; *

* Maturity and understanding.... *

ATHEL KIRKMAN LEAVES ON PAROLE

The above named man left on parole this month after having fought a long legal battle through the Courts, Athel, was finally granted the privilege of parole, he left for The Federal Penitentiary this week where he is to serve out the remainder of a Conditional Release Violation amounting to about 15 months.

OUR OLD FRIEND, JOHN, THE CLERK OVER IN CELL HOUSE ONE WAS DENIED A PAROLE THIS MONTH BUT WE STILL HAVE FAITH IN HIM BEING RE-CONSIDERED WITHIN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

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DETAINERS

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DEFEAT

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REHABILITATION

U.S. Bureau of Prisons Director James V. Bennett two years ago wrote:

"A careful survey of those inmates now serving sentences in federal prisons shows that 37 % had one or more detainers on file. Now, 14 years later, I can find no evidence that the detainer problem has declined in seriousness. In our large penitentiaries the detainer problem seems actually worse!"

Mr. Bennett added:

"The use of detainers must be branded a vestigial remnant of the old age concept of retributive justice. No purpose is served except the destructive expression of a primitive urge for vengeance!"

Many men now serving time reacted to the threat of confinement just the way a hit-and-run motorist reacts his crime. An overwhelming urge for self-preservation motivates men into actions which they would never consider undertaking in normal circumstances and situations.

Fear of prosecution of their original crime had driven these men to commit a series of desperate crimes in a futile attempt to escape. They now face impossible amounts of time and usually in different institutions.

Consequently many prisoners are in confinement, some for the first time, who are not eligible for trusty status, vocational training, conveniences and privileges of minimum custody and provisions for good-time diminution of sentences or paroles. Detainers have been filed against their releases; they face further court actions and sentences.

Until a man starts serving his final sentence at the last institution of a series, he can hardly be expected to be enthusiastic; until then the detainers make him penology's forgotten man.

Detainers should be subject to time limitations of validity and required to be reinstated periodically within that duration or automatically lose recognition of authority. Reciprocal agreements could be worked out with adjoining states concerning the particulars similar to those of extradition.

For instance, a man wanted by several counties or states should be tried by the court which makes the most serious charge from the standpoint of largest minimum of time to be served in case of conviction, and then each of the others in their turn. The first court obtaining conviction would then place limited detainers for the minimum time required by statute for their charges; expiring concurrently with the time being served on the original conviction, and providing they were renewed at the specified intervals. (Continued On Next Page)

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DETAINERS - CONTINUED

A man, serving time under these conditions would know exactly when his sentence would expire, and could be eligible for parole. He would be more interested in vocational training, trusty status, work and conduct records and more important he would welcome a place in the rehabilitation program.

With the problem of overcrowded prisons being universal these detainees will soon become a subject of interest to penal directors in trimming their budgets. This would be an ideal time to set up such a program as outlined. Why maintain a prisoner on a charge in one state when another state wants him?

By dropping detainees on prisoners held in other states and releasing prisoners to detainees on hand from other states quite a reduction in populations and expenses could be realized.

After all the prisoners are still doing time and paying their "debt" to society as a whole. Additional time served would accomplish destructive over-punishment and defeat any attempts to rehabilitate now.

(Taken From The Record)

EDITOR'S PERSONAL OPINION

The greatest thing that could possibly happen to Governor Combs Administration, in my opinion, would be for the selection of a new parole policy. We have the lowest average on parole that I know of throughout the United States. I have observed the parole statistics from approximately 65 different state institutions and have noticed that Kentucky is among the lowest. The sooner the parole board quits trying the man for his crime again, at which time he is interviewed for parole, the sooner, Kentucky will have a parole board of ethical practices. We are not lame ducks, and we are not asking for a license to go stealing. All we want is consideration for the record that we have set forth here in preparing ourselves to return as an asset to society. If, every man is going to be tried again for mistakes which judgment has already been made, the God's plea to repent would be void.

LOUISIANA AVERAGES 50 % ON PAROLE

The State of Louisiana grants on the average of 50 % to those who become eligible for parole.

... according to the late W.C. Fields, a continuous drunk eliminates hangovers.