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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE WARDEN

The birth of the Christ Child proved that all peoples could be loved and receive the respect necessary for development.

Individuals who are serving time must be very apprehensive concerning anything good, or whether anyone is interested in their welfare. This means it is very difficult at times to see any hope concerning your situation, and thus, have any interest in the future.

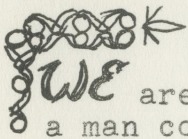
We believe this time of year, with a focus on the Star, should be a time when some hope can be revived and an increased interest shown in the future.

J. W. Wingo
J. W. Wingo,
Warden

December, 1970



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

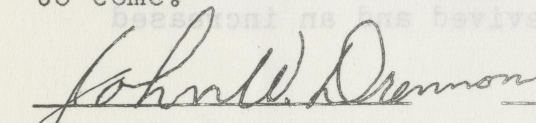


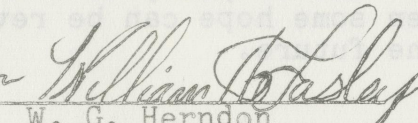
WE are the first to recognize that it isn't especially easy for a man confined to fully enjoy this Holiday Season that is upon us. Nor to have a Merry Christmas in the normal sense of the two words, Merry Christmas.

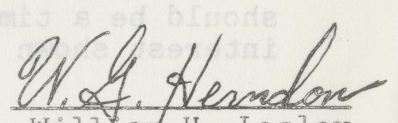


We believe that you have to look beyond this present time. For this is the season not only of Goodwill but also a time of Trust, Hope, and Expectation. Project yourself ahead to that time when you will be Free. Free to enjoy the bountiful surroundings of family and friends in a home-community setting. All most every one here will some day be able to once again enjoy Christmas at home. This Christmas may not be as Merry as you would like it to be but take comfort in the joy and goodwill enjoyed by your family and loved ones. Enjoy for yourself the reflection in memories' eye of Christmases past and the image of good things to come.




John W. Drennon
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Custody


William H. Lasley
Associate Warden
Treatment

FROM THE FOLKS AT THE CASTLE

"We're a little late, folks !" Various and sundry problems here have combined to make this issue, the last of 1970, later than usual. Accept it now with our wishes for a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and our promise to offer you a better and brighter CASTLE in 1971.

The Meaning Of Christmas
by Evelyn R. Liddel

Christmas, like the Bible
Means varied things to man

To some a reawakening
Of God's momentous plan.

To some a ray of gladness,
A special time and place
To give a gift, to greet a friend,
Or wear a smiling face.

But some there are, who seem to me,
Forever set apart

Who through the years serenely walk
With Christmas in their heart.

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OUR TENTH YEAR OF CONTINUOUS PUBLICATION

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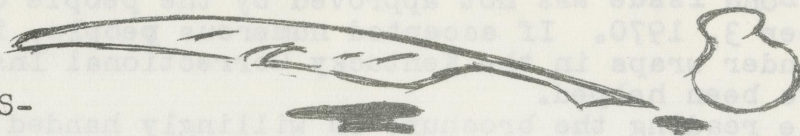
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Once to every man and nation comes the moment to
 decide,
 In the strife of Truth with Falsehood, for the good
 or evil side;
 Some great cause, God's New Messiah, offering each
 the bloom or blight,
 Parts the goats upon the left hand and the sheep upon
 the right,
 And the choice goes by forever 'twixt that darkness
 and that light.

From THE PRESENT CRISIS
 by James Russell Lowell

CASTLE-Our Tenth Year of Continuous Publication

from the editor



REPRESENTATIVE VISITS-

One of the early October visitors here was the Honorable James I. Osborne, State Representative for Mercer and Washington Counties (49th District). Representative Osborne on the Banking and Insurance Committee and Health and Welfare Committee came to see the workings of KSP. In a letter to Warden Wingo, he said, "I was well pleased with what I saw." Mr. Osborne was instrumental in steering the pending bond issue through the State House.

Another October visitor was Mr. Billy R. Howard, former Director of Education, Department of Corrections and now Executive Director, State Advisory Council for Vocational Education. He stated that he keeps well abreast of the "Ken-Barred Inn" via CASTLE.

OUR MAILBAG--

Mrs. A. B. Harralson of Orlando, Florida writes, "Early last year there appeared a poem in Castle with initials M.O.H. meaning Make Others Happy. My Circle adopted the M.O.H. as a motto for our Circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and took as our Project of Service a large nursing home and gave little programs and did little things for them." She went on to write, "I often use your little Bits of Wisdom short items in our Sunday School Class which we call 'Sermonettes' so you see I do enjoy and use your Publication."

Mrs. Bernice Ellery of Chicago, Illinois wrote to chide us that she had not received her issue of CASTLE. Later, she informed our favorite barber here, Carl Hardin, that she had received CASTLE but that we had stapled it wrong. We hope that Mrs. Ellery will forgive these past mistakes and will enjoy this issue.

Two Louisville friends, Mr. and Mrs. R.M.C. continue to give their active support to the Resident Library here. The month of October saw another box of the latest in fiction arrive. Since last December, I don't think that a month has gone by that these kind people have not failed to see that a good supply of reading material has been sent here. Above and beyond that these two community active people have been most generous in other areas of support of CASTLE. Of such friends, Masfield's most apt quote, "friends who make salt sweet and blackness light" is most appropriate.

NEXT MONTHS BIG STORY-

The big story of next month is now in the works, the Lions Club-WPSD-TV Crippled Children's Telethon. Set for November 14th, Perry Joseph has all ready been eyeing the more prosperous for the big fund drive to be conducted here. In terms of money not much is given here but in terms of giving from the heart it amounts to heaps.

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COY SPEAKS OUT
coy rushing

The Bond Issue was not approved by the people of Kentucky on November 3, 1970. If accepted numerous people, including persons under wraps in the Kentucky Correctional Institutions would have been helped.

While reading the brochure so willingly handed out here I took note that the portion referring to first offenders and so called hardened criminals leaves much to be desired.

In my opinion it leaves room for the public to assume that anyone who has been committed more than once is a hardened criminal, or that anyone who wouldn't be transferred to the new facility (Assuming the bond issue passed), are beyond any help, are not capable of learning a skill and so on.

The truth is that most of the inmates here are capable of performing a similar task better than young people. They are good natured, easy going people with hopes and dreams they long to persue just the same as the "Great Society" Lyndon B. Johnson attempted to create.

Given a fair chance these men would be productive citizens and, some, I dare say, would put the people who make up the "Great Society" to shame. Perhaps they wouldn't be computer programmers, project engineers or hold any number of other jobs requiring a degree or two or three years of college studies in that particular field, however, they wouldn't be on the so generously doled out welfare payrolls. They would be TAX PAYERS, with jobs, paying their way.

Everyone is on a big kick to "Save the youthful offender." I've heard the same oratory and read bruchures and other complicated literature relative to it for thirteen years and it is still the same.

The youthful offender commands more attention, there is no denying that; because they cause more confusing. He is also the major cause for the rapid increase in felony cases throughout the nation.

When next a bond issue of this kind is contemplated it would be well to keep in mind also that first offenders or the youthful offenders aren't the only ones in prison who are human beings.

I think one mistake that has been made by hundreds, perhaps even thousands is when they see a young man in prison they say, "Gee, he looks very young, how awful that he should be here." and upon seeing an older man, "He looks mean, I'd sure hate to meet him on the street."

Society has forgotten that those young innocent offenders usually commit as bad if not worse crimes than the older prisoners. They seem to have forgotten also that inmates, no matter what their age or number of convictions are people with problems much the same as society in general, they only handled them wrong.

You, Mr. Businessman, or You, Mr. Politician had your deal go sour or had your problem suddenly taken a turn for the worse. You could be here instead of old number 00001 or 27118.

BOOK ~ AN EYE FOR AN EYE

Four residents of the Indiana State Prison reveal to the public conditions under which they are confined in a new book entitled, "An Eye for an Eye." It was published June 8, 1970, by Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc.

The authors, currently serving sentences on charges ranging from burglary to forgery, from armed robbery to kidnapping, are H. Jack Griswold, editor of the penal paper, Mike Misenheimer, Art Powers, and Ed Tromanhauser.

In "An Eye for An Eye", they urge the reform of Indiana's criminal statutes which they call "a hodgepodge of patchwork applications, corrections and amendments."

In Indiana, for example, criminal conspirators to a burglary receive a longer term than the actual perpetrator of the crime. An unarmed robbery is punishable by a ten-to-twenty-five-year sentence while an armed robbery is punishable by a flat ten years.

Furthermore, the authors reveal that Indiana law prescribes a set law for each crime, regardless of the extenuating circumstances, or even the man's past record. A first offender receives the same sentence as a five-time loser.

In the case of an indeterminate sentence received in Indiana, the prisoner's time runs out when he has served the maximum number of years, no matter how good or bad his conduct in jail has been.

"Indiana judges have often expressed their amazement upon learning that men whom they have sent here with one-or-two-year minimum have served five or more years without being offered a parole," the authors write.

They also disclose that in Indiana the lifer's term is not clearly defined by legal statutes. His fate rests largely in the hands of the parole board-clemency commission, one and the same body, which can, if it so desires, keep a lifer imprisoned for his entire life.

In any event, the burden of initiating clemency hearings in Indiana rests with the lifer, not with the parole board or prison officials. This includes securing signatures of sentencing judges and prosecutors, obtaining sworn affidavits, and persuading witnesses and supplants to appear before the hearing board.

"If the lifer does not file for a hearing when he becomes eligible, he is not called," the authors note. "If he never files, he is never called."

According to the inmates, no matter how deserving a lifer may be of parole, the slightest show of indignation from judges, prosecutors or "interested citizens" is enough to cause the Hoosier parole board to deny the appeal.

In Indiana, they say, "A single lawman's protest can and..... does outweigh hundreds of recommendations for leniency."

Describing Indiana prisons as "unfit for caging wild animals, much less criminals," the authors charge that "Hoosier legislators.. have a miserable record of updating or modernizing their prisons.

"Salaries for career correctional officers and for qualified... personnel are at the bottom of the national scale. Prison help is.. transcendent," they continue.

"The prison is a physically decayed plant. Buildings are peeled and rotted. The insides of most are jerry-built with cardboard room partitions. The entire prison is a fire hazard."

While revealing the inhuman conditions of prison life, "an Eye for an Eye: Four Inmates on the Crime of American Prisons" call for such..

Eye for An Eye Continued...

positive reforms as the establishment of federal standards to end inequality of sentencing, time served and prison conditions in general, and the correlation of vocational training with job opportunities available in the community to which the men will be released.

On the other hand, they write, "The system of Indiana patronage politics and the lethargy on the part of its citizens combine to make a formidable stumbling block that has stood for years in the way of meaningful progress in corrections."

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The Prison Mirror - September 18, 1970. Down in Indiana, four convict writers at the Michigan City Prison have written an excellent prison book titled "An Eye For An Eye" - and they can't tell anyone a word about it.

They're forbidden.

They are accused, you see, of "smuggling" their manuscript out of the prison. In retaliation, Indiana Commissioner of Corrections refused to allow TV and newsman to interview them.

As H. Jack Griswold told me in a letter last month, "this, of course, has had an adverse effect on sales."

That's putting it mildly. Even Jaqueline Susann would have trouble making the best seller list without publicity on television.

Yet, Author Griswold says, "An Eye For an Eye" is "moving" very well indeed. It has sold out and is going into another printing. Fact is, a number of sociology, psychology and criminology professors have written to say 'Eye For An Eye' will be required reading for their students."

"An Eye For An Eye" is published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc., New York, New York. It sells for \$6.95.

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K. S. P. BEGINS OWN HAM CURING OPERATION

Sometime ago Commissioner Taylor proposed that the institution look into a quick-cure process of hams to see if it were possible to begin such an operation here. The Farm Manager and Mr. John W. Drennon, Associate Warden for Administration, visited the Metzger Meat Process Plant in Paducah and obtained from them the sources of supply and information to begin a study of such an operation. Recently equipment to begin such work arrived and the program began here.

When the pork carcass arrives from the farm, the hams are removed from the carcass at the cold storage plant. There, under the supervision of Correctional Officer Brown, Charlie Ringo uses a 40 pound high pressure needle to infuse the curing solution into the hams. After weighing the ham an additional 10% increase in its' weight is made by injection of the solution. After the ham has been needled at 8 points, it is then placed in a pickling vat for four days. When this process is complete the hams are then taken to the smokehouse. Here a gas, temperature controlled, oven has been installed. Chips of hickory and sassafras are reduced to dust and fired. Smoking at 170 degrees the hams are allowed to cure and cook for two days. At this point the hams are fully cooked and ready to serve. Mr. Drennon stated that from tests made this product is equal or better than many commercial hams that he has

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BIG LOCAL PRESS CONTEST

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE!

This year CASTLE is holding its' Third Annual Penal Press Contest. One Dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) Canteen tickets will be awarded to the first place winners in each of the six different divisions. The contest will close on Tuesday, December 15th. You may write and enter any or all of the six categories listed below:

1. Sports Story
2. Feature Story
3. Column
4. Fictional Story
5. Guest Editorial
6. Cartoon or cartoon series

Contest rules are as follows:

(A) This contest is open to all residents except paid employees of the Castle-News Office and Sign Shop. (B) You may enter one or all groups, writing printing, or typing your story or article. You must double-space between each line. (C) All material must be submitted in an envelope with your name, number and apartment number, both on the outside of the envelope and on the first page of each entry. (D) Submit all entries to the Castle News Office, where a box has been provided to place these entries. Contest closes at noon on December 15th. (E) No entry should exceed more than three or three and a half pages double-spaced, typed copy.

The winning articles will be announced in the January issue of CASTLE. The judging will be done by an impartial group from the civilian staff here. Winners in the contest will be presented their \$1.50 canteen tickets by Warden Wingo prior to Christmas so that they may lay-in an extra supply of "goodies" for the holiday treat.

K.S.P. HAM OPERATION (Continued)

purchased. This operation can handle about twenty hams a week. It will be able to produce enough hams to serve our main line several times per year. Experiments are being conducted in an effort to be able to "quick-cure" bacon and related items in this same manner.

The whole operation was set-up on an expenditure of less than \$400. "Duck" Thomas of the dining room and Charles Estep also contributed time and effort to help get this operation rolling.

Happy Thanksgiving to all !

From all of us at K.S.P. to you.

K.S.P. NEWS

The newest addition to the rolls of Correctional Officers here is Mr. George Parker, Jr. of Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Officer Parker is a twenty year career army man who recently retired from service.

Officer Parker is a recipient of the Silver Star the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star, The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device, The Purple Heart, two Overseas Service Bars, Vietnam Service Medal with Five Campaign Stars and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. He has also been awarded the Good Conduct Medal three times, the Air Medal with a second Oak Leaf Cluster, The Combat Infantrymans Badge, the National Defense Service Medal with Oakleaf Cluster, the Master Parachutist Badge and Expert Infantryman Badge.

While in Vietnam, he served as a Sergeant First Class with the Second 501 Infantry of the 101 Airborne Division whose home base is Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He has made 135 qualified parachute jumps and has been a light weapons instructor.

Officer Parker applied for his job with the Department of Corrections prior to obtaining his service discharge. He said that it was his interest in working with men and a desire to help others that prompted him to join the KSP force.

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LIBRARY GETS NEW GRANT

Continuing help for the inmate library here by way of another grant of \$4,020 under the Title IV-A Federal Act was announced by Mr. William Egbert, Supervisor of Education here. This is the latest of several grants that the library has received to purchase additional new books. Mr. Grover Page, Administrator, Library Services and Construction Act, Department of Libraries conferred with Mr. Egbert in Frankfort recently where the new grant under H.E.W. was arranged.

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SCHOOL HEAD SELECTED FOR A.B.E. SEMINAR

The University of Hawaii Educational Research and Development Center has announced that their Selection Committee has chosen Mr. William Egbert to be one of the participants in a series of Seminars to be held this coming year on the mainland-U.S.A. on Adult Basic Education in Corrections Program. The select session that Mr. Egbert will attend will be held at the University of Notre Dame from February 24th through March 6th.

Mr. Egbert pointed out that the A.B.E. program is growing and that in the state of Kentucky alone, 6,000 A.B.E. certificates had been awarded this past year. The prison program here in A.B.E. has been one of the most successful programs of the Academic School.

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According to a memorandum from Mr. William H. Lasley, Associate Warden for Treatment inmates may write and receive two letters per week. This includes each approved correspondent on the mailing list. Incidentally the memorandum is dated November 5, 1970.

Penal Press



Just got the Old Editor up off a pile of Penal publications that he has been hoarding since the year one it looks. Didn't know that one desk drawer could hold so much. Here goes with the frog's 'pinion of the cooped up couriers.

The Dopester-July, 1970-Florida: Hey, that was one spicy salute to the Penal Press that you whomped up in your gem-dandy issue. We agree with you... "The prison press has the potential power to convince the general public that prisoners are PEOPLE."

The Messenger-Fall Issue-South Dakota: Bill Strands has an editorial that needs reprinting. He can really spin the story of the need to do some looking into concrete rehabilitation programs. Too, the humor of A. K. Nelson's "It's a Gasser" had us yucking.

The Spectator-Jackson, Michigan: There's no doubt about it you are the nation's leading prison weekly and your 40th Anniversary issue went a long way to prove it all over again. Reckon we read every page of this issue. A couple of your alumni are here and they always yell to see the current copy of the Spectator.

The Enchanted News - New Mexico-3rd Quarter issue: At the price of being trite all we can say of this issue is, "Enchanted."

Hill Top News-Michigan: We've been missing seeing your paper for some time. Your story on Will Roddy making it after 20 years sure was well written. All us hair-less ones sympathize with you on the order about hairpieces and toupees being on the banned list. A few Taylor Toppers would help this place out on a sunny day.

Inside View-Allegheny County Workhouse, Penn.: K.B. Julian for a Jail House you sure do put out one might fine paper. It is one of the best mimeographed papers in the land. Contents cover a lot of timely-topics.

The Conqueror-Jessup, Md.: Wesley's winning writings makes this paper one wrought with words, wit and wisdom.

The Pillar-Minnesota: Marty Larsen, I pure shivered and shook when I saw the picture of your joint in the State Fair Issue-1970. Know why? 'Cause it looks just like the front of our.

Interpreter, Canon City, Colorado: George Shotwell, who is doing an in-term with us makes your place sound like the land of milk and honey. Your excellent magazine sure does nothing to change our minds, either.

The Shaftsbury Trails Sideliner, Box 800, Peace River, Alberta, Canada: How about all the Penal Press that doesn't now exchange with this fine Canadian Publication putting them on the Ex. list? R. L. Carnochan, the Editor, does a fine job and the publication is well worth reading.

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PENAL PRESS CONTINUED

The Clarion, California: Mary Vangi, Nancy Berg a lovely duo that do-oh print the leading ladies publication state-side. Leave us see more from you.

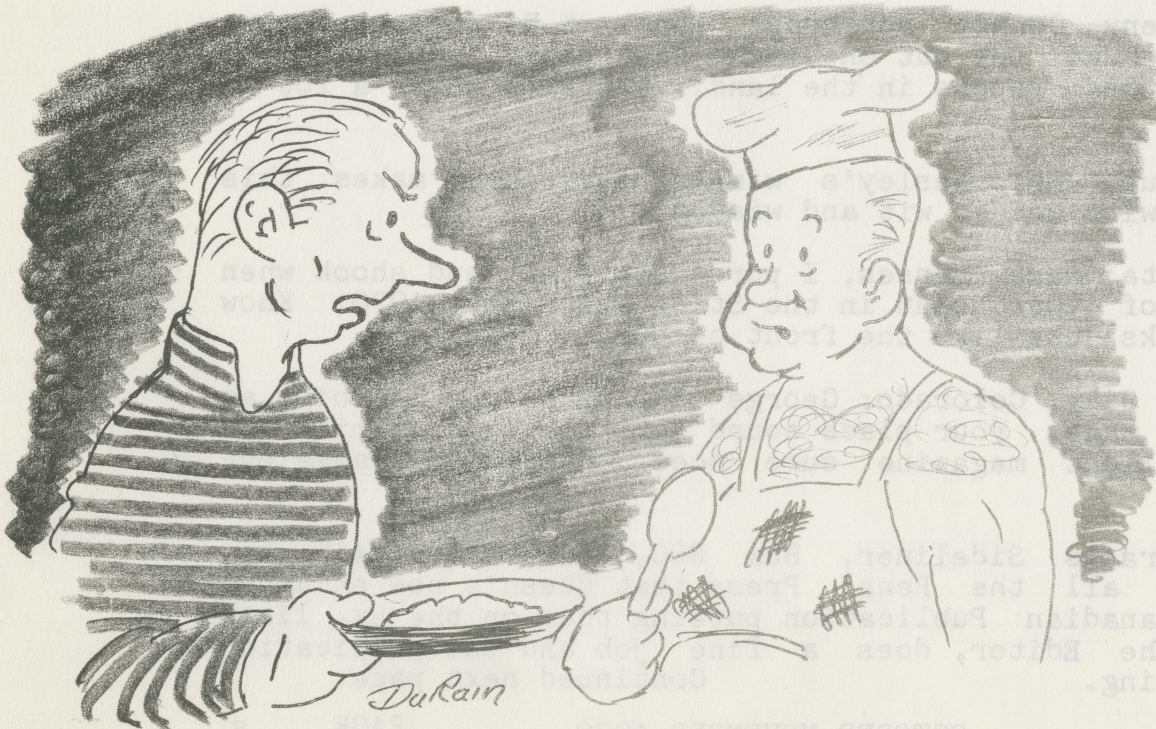
Finally, The Forum, Lincoln, Nebraska: Thirty-four years old is the Forum but you couldn't tell it for the Forum is still as fresh and newsy as a penal pub can get. It has made and is making a proud record.

S P O R T S

Our second half of the intramural league softball season has been completed. The final standings are as follows: Tommy "Fast" McMurray's team played some heads-up ball and came in first place. My team, McWhinney's Mites, after winning the first half of play came in second and just half-a-game behind for third was Billy Steele's team. Fourth place went to Hank Hill's team and coming on strong, next to the cellar, was Everett Ford's team. Jimmy Rake and his group had to settle for the cellar.

We had an All-Star team that played the Champions of the second half. It was a best of three out of five series. Tommy McMurray's team was defeated by the All-Stars, three out of four. The All-Stars were managed by Hank Hill and this writer.

Briefly, to bring you up to date with our Sports Activities, we are now awaiting the start of intramural league basketball which should be getting under way very soon. The Varsity team, led by Mr. Cherry has already entertained some outside teams from the nearby area, with K.S.P.'s Roadrunners winning five and losing one.



CARTOON OF THE MONTH
"Say, can you spare enough to fill the other cavity?"

W O R M ' S E Y E V I E W O F B I R D

From: Outlet, H. M. S. Prison

By Worm.

England, embracing Wales, has copied the United States in many things, not least its approach to penalties of an over-realistic nature where crime is concerned. While there are disparities both in law and sentencing in the U.S.A. there is a general leaning towards an attitude of severity which, when objectivity assessed, borders on sadistic barbarism. The concessions to their human charges by U.S. penal personnel show they are not unaware of the inhumanity which goes under the guise of 'reform' and while some of these people have a little influence it is negligible in the face of the ignoring power of the politicians.

We have here in Britian (including Scotland) a parallel case. In the higher echelons of the Home Office there are Civil Servants who are as far removed from the matters they deal with concerning prisons as they are with affairs of Red China. From time to time V.I.P.'s decide to visit some goal in this country. One is chosen, usually one where there will be no trouble by an inmate bearing a grudge. The V.I.P. goes around the selected prison with his retinue and comments on the bright colours of the paint somewhere. Perhaps he visits the laundry. Avunculary, he beams at the Governor and remarks that the prisoners seem happy enough. He is shown the kitchen but very rarely offered a portion to taste of the forthcoming meal. The smell is reckoned good enough to establish the potential suitability and edibility. Satisfied that malnutrition is being kept at bay, he departs for, say, the library.

Exclamations of surprise at the colourful array of books. Blank eyes at the inmate personnel and a word to the officer in charge. Duty is done. Whatever his opinion about the stink which hangs forever in prison; the look of utter despair, of hopelessness, of loneliness on the faces of some of the prisoners, it is kept within, obviously never pondered upon, and soon forgotten. The Gestapo and S.S. had much the same attitude towards the Jews in Belsen and Dachau. An expendable minority. A nuisance which morality demands be treated with humanity: but does not enlarge as to what degree of humane-ness. The effluvia of prison clings in his nostrils when he leaves and he cannot change his clothes and take a shower quickly enough. The objective has been reached; is noted down officially. Yes, duty has been done. No one need ask who to and what for.

America has instituted many innovations law wise. Always they have interpreted their legislature from the Charter of Human Rights and Amendments. That others have twisted the meanings is indicative of perspective other than the straight-laced opinion of puritan minded folk. This has had repercussions which has benefitted both criminal and law bodies. The law affects everybody and in this concernment the law makers had to keep an eye upon the public reaction and being politicians (of a breed different to Britian's) they were and are, careful not to bring public umbrage directed towards themselves. In spite of this holier-than-thou attitudes are reflected in the savagery of their penal retribution. No holy war was ever waged with such disregard to the 'infidel' as that by the jurists of the U.S. and Canada. And we here in Britain are seeing the same barbarity enacted in emulation by our own judiciary.

But America has always produced men, from every strata of society, who were willing to learn what was on the other side of the wall. Unfortunately, most had no option but there were some who decided that passing a sentence by itself was not enough nor was the second-hand knowledge of prison and conditions therein, garnered from newspapers or official reports bare of descriptive actuality which left too much to the imagination. The following is taken from the Penal Press Paper 'The Inside View' Blawnox, Pennsylvania. U.S.A.

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WORM'S EYE VIEW OF BIRD CONTINUED...

"...to verify the convict's contention, three judges volunteered to be admitted as prisoners for a day at the nearby Maryland House of Correction. As extra guards stood by unobtrusively they were brought through the gates in handcuffs, stripped, showered and supplied with prison garb. Then they were clapped in small cells in the cacophonous main cellblock. Prison officials laid on the full treatment...no glossing over...later declared one white haired judge to be suffering from 'suicidal tendencies' and sent him to an isolation cell. There he was stripped of his belt, shoes, glasses and pen, and was made to eat his dinner of ham and black-eyed peas from a paper plate with a plastic spoon,

Another judge failed to notice that officials had planted a knife in his bed, much as a vindictive inmate might to retaliate against a fellow prisoner. When it was detected, the judge was hauled before disciplinary officers who were aware of his identity but coolly carried it as usual. "How can I defend myself?" the judge asked. "You can't." came the reply. He was sentenced to thirty days in solitary.

The judges were outraged, as were other conference participants who similarly masqueraded in the Maryland Prison system. Echoing what a lonely band of prison reformers has argued for years, one judge complained, "Calling this a house of Correction is damn nonsense." Added another, "People in institutions are living in a jungle. If something is not done we are going to be living in a jungle outside, too."

To envisage any of our august jurists emulating the above judges is to indulge in fantasy. They are content to sit and pass sentences which are the equal of any horror perpetrated by the people who come before them. The lack of qualifying contact with the environment which is their cake and champagne makes a farce of the claim by them of duty, fairness, and compassion. They abide by the dictum of 'Law and Order' without knowing what constitutes the term for there is also the elements of knowledge of punishment which is a basic in the laid down tenets of the term. But what can be done to bring their attention to the inhumanity of the present, very active system? None will feel called upon to practice the enactment of the above U.S.A. judges. The excuse that prison is another department; their job is only to interpret the law, is not acceptable. To discard responsibility after sentencing makes like the manufacturer who gives no guarantee after selling. There must be responsibility. The public stand or fall by the commitments of the people who look after the public good. Because a person has a fall from the social ladder is no reason for his destruction. This is what is happening.

Apart from sadistic impulses, apart from any human righteous indignation, judges are presumed to act fair and impartial. The public relations experts are forever expounding on the 'best law in the world' but there is not the same boasting about our prisons. Of course, hypocrisy can only go so far. The same thing happens in America. Who is copying who? Plainly, according to current fashions, we are copying the Yanks. Not in the scrupulousness, the observances of rights which is common in U.S.A. during trials or appeals, but in the Old Testament view of an eye for an eye, only in most cases two eyes are demanded - and taken. Reformers views are ***** in a gale. Expertise is claimed by people who have no foundations to their claim of knowledge. In a later, more enlightened age, they will be recognised as the bewigged imposters they are and their traits as encouraging the greatest crime wave the country has ever known.

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***** Language latitude broader in England.

POETRY

GOD IN THE GHETTO

by Bruce S. Morton

The depressions in the Ghetto was for me,
A world I only could accept as a Reality !

When Black people struggle for their daily bread
And Black children crying to be fed.

But what ever little they had to eat,
They never forgot to bow their heads to GOD
At their table seat.

GOD in the Ghetto, has always been,
The Ghetto's Blacks most Precious FRIEND.

THE WORLD OF FORGOTTEN MEN

by Gene Kirby

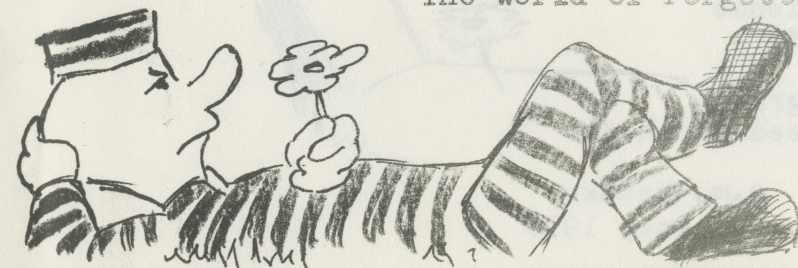
There's a world of forgotten men
Surrounded by tree-covered hills
On the shores of Lake Barkley
In a town called Eddyville.

A walled-in-world of forgotten men
That time has left behind
Where boredom and frustration
Slowly deteriorates the mind.

The environment in which they live
Society must share the sin
For the anti-social hostility
Confinement breeds in men.

Few are they who ever pray
Seems God has let them down
And on Sunday in the Chapel
Not many can be found.

Until society takes a look
Behind the walls of sin
They will only think they know
The world of Forgotten Men.



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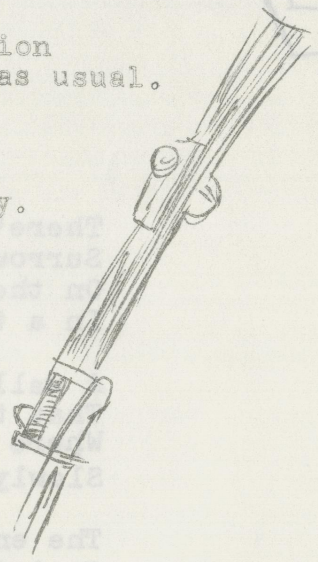
A NEW POEM

by Rocklette Smith

We procrastinate
while our children demonstrate
and exclaim their hate
for wars and oppression.

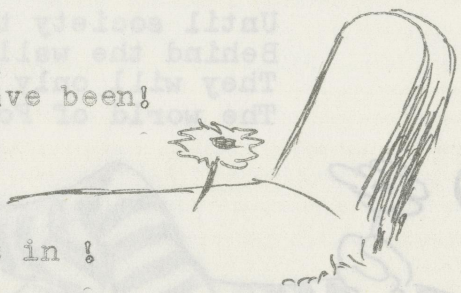
We brood and our food,
won't digest in the bile
of our discontent.
The armies get more money
and bigger planes
that deal death more effectively
and efficiently
but those planes can't aid
the victims of disaster
so the masters of destruction
plot to continue business as usual.

The undoing of dreams,
the ambitious schemes
of an aggressive mentality.
Brutality
with a purpose and
on a massive
scale.
The fear, the pain
the hell
of violent upheavel
the evil results
of man's plans
to subjugate his neighbor
and render
the labor of the peacemakers
in vain.
Cain
would have been honored
today.



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protesters' epitaph read by the silent majority:

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here lie the dreams
your silence destroyed.
here lies what could have been!
think now your silence
shall claim reward?
ha,
just deepen this grave
and drop your freedoms in !



e.m. matzko
-may 1970

weight lifting

By: Arnold Taylor

Just how can weights be an important part of rehabilitation? That's the question being asked by many prison officials.

I can only speak for myself and relate what weights did to change my attitude. When I began to lift weights I had been in two federal prisons and two reformatories with a total of ten and a half years, the larger portion of this time was spent in solitary confinement.

The point I'm getting to; is weights changed me completely. I began in 1962 in Indiana, when I became a member of a prison weight lifting team. Our Recreation Director arranged for our team to lift in the State Championship meet. Each individual eligible to compete had to be approved by the Warden to travel, one at a time we were called to the Warden's Office for an interview, and that day I became a man, because of the trust that was put in me. All were approved and we won five trophies at the meet. This may not sound like much to some of you but it was a whole new world for me and kept me out of the cross-bar hotel.

Yes, there was many times I almost gave it up and messed up, but I liked doing something I could be a winner at. There's not many things a person can do in prison he can be proud of, but every time I went out to the free-world to lift I felt I was somebody, not just a number in a prison. The nicest thing about it; all the people were so good. One lifter's wife wrote our Warden saying we were the most polite lifters she had met and said he should be proud of us.

The people who like to train with weights, there's many of you here; keep at it. You will feel better and your health will be better. At the present time we don't have much equipment, but a lot of the things we need could be built from scrap metal.

In a letter I received from the Commissioner concerning a weight lifting program he said, "I will refer this letter to the Warden and ask that he continue to assist this recreational program to the greatest extent possible."

I believe a good weight lifting program would greatly help all of us towards rehabilitation. A person should build a sound body as well as a sound mind.

I read in the Jeffertown Journal that Dr. Karl Menninger of Topeka, Kansas, Author of Crime of Punishment say, "Maximum Security Prisons become breeding grounds for anti-social behavior and the official indifference towards inmates can only make them become bitter and dangerous upon their release."

I don't believe any person can be rehabilitated unless he wants to be. I sincerely believe; if you can feel that what people do for you is to help you it will make you want to work harder towards being rehabilitated.

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LAST MINUTE NEWS- Weight lifting got a big boost recently with a special room being provided for the group to work out. Adjoining the Yard Office, This new area will provide an all-weather room for all the musclemen to keep in shape and practice their art.

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| 1. Squeeze | 44. Stain | 32. Initiate |
| 4. Box top | 45. Wildebeest | 33. Has debts |
| 7. Irrational number | | 34. Final |
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| 21. Moslem title | 7. Subconscious | motions make A sound |
| 22. Excited | 8. Single | like thunder- ever- |
| 23. List | 9. Annoy | lastingly |
| 27. Crash | 10. Size of paper | -Wordsworth |
| 29. Golf Club | 15. Cave dweller | ---0--- |
| 30. Fuegian Indian | 18. Stout | |
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| 32. Clasps | 20. Gone by | |
| 35. Reddish-brown | 21. Daughter of Zeus | |
| 36. On Vacation | 23. Mountain in Asia Minor | |
| 37. Refuse | 24. Household chore | |
| 40. Enthusiasm | 25. Menagerie | From The Records : |
| 41. Sickly | 26. Purpose | High Number-27740 |
| 42. Name: Fr. | 28. Incumbents | Low Number-4144 |
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