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STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH

Low Number---4144	High Number---27165
Death Row--14	Total Count--1,056
Deaths---1	

Our Cover- Art Director, Ted Lewis, takes a photograph of the Chapel by resident-photographer, Rudolph Hamilton, and turns it into another one of the ever superb examples of his silk-screen work. D.E. Barnes is now assisting in the operation of the process work.

Regular features which are missing this month will be back next month. Our most popular-cat report-will be one of the main articles to return.

ASSOCIATE WARDEN-CUSTODY ANNOUNCES CHANGE

Associate Warden for Custody, Mr. K. C. Clapp, continuing his program of innovation in the areas of his responsibility announced, on July 30th, an important change in Institutional Policy.

The announcement read as follows:

" On Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, inmates may have the option of staying in their cells or on the compound. After either the breakfast or noon meals on these days, inmates may go back to their cells. It is directed that if a person elects to go back to his cell, he will be locked in. No one will be turned out except for meals, emergencies, or on authorized call-out. Anyone anticipating being involved in visits, recreation, or any other activity should not be locked in his cell. Inmates on day-shift work assignments on these days will not be permitted to go back in their cells."

This new privilege means that long weekends with nothing to do but roam the hill can now be broken up and a man now has a chance to really 'cool-it' when he has nothing to do. This should help relieve some of the crowded conditions that exist in the shops on the weekends.

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NEW HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR NAMED

Dr. Max C. Salb, Medical Director of the new hospital facility here announced the appointment of Mr. W. J. Chapman, 40, a native of Illinois and former first Sergeant, retired from the Army Medical Service. Mr. Chapman, with over 21 years service, took his retirement from Fort Campbell, recently.

Former First Sergeant Chapman has seen service overseas including: 26 months in Okinawa, 13 months in Korea, 30 months in Alaska and as he put it, "numerous posts in the United States." All of his military career has been centered in the medical service including 15 years in psychiatric centers, mental hygiene clinics and in Medical companies and battalions. He has served as chief clerk for the Divisional Surgeon in an infantry division.

Commenting on the medical unit here, he said, "This is an excellent facility. It is as well equipped as that of a modern community, moderate in size, and one that all should be quite proud of. Certainly all men will receive much better treatment."

Mr. Chapman's position will be a coordinating operation, handling administration of the facility and personnel. He said, "Many of the 'bugs' that are normal to a new building are being worked out. We have now set-up a physiotherapy unit and hope soon to have a smoothly flowing sick call and pill room operation."

He concluded, "The hospital is new and we would like to keep it that way but we know we can't. It's there to be used and we intend to use it." (Continued on Page 2 .)

MEDICAL NEWS CONTINUED:

Mr. Chapman, his wife and five children reside at Overlook Station, Old Eddyville, Kentucky.

FIRST MAJOR SURGERY PERFORMED HERE

Dr. Salb also announced that the new operating room was used for the first time this month. The first operation in the major operatory was a right inguinal hernia performed under local anesthesia upon resident Donald Sosh. Resident Nurse, Roy Rickard, who is registered as a surgical technician, assisted the Doctor. Charles Walker, resident, was circulating nurse. The fifty minute operation-- a successful one--patient doing well.

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OLD HOSPITAL BUILDING - GIVING UP THE GHOST

Down she comes, the oldest structure within the walls of Eddyville. The resident workers on the job will just about be able to meet their prediction as to the length of time it would take to get it down. Getting loaders and trucks held up the work for awhile, but the State Highway Department in drivers, Harvey Hubbard and Jim Jackson came to the rescue. They helped haul away all of the stone and concrete from the building to hold in storage for fill work by the Lyon County Highway Garage.

Several old relics turned up, so far two old shoes of about 80 to 100 years of age. Not matching, we determined the age of these young boys shoes by conferring with our resident Cobblers; Donnie White and Dickie Oliver as well as Correctional Officer Kevil Sellers, who worked for International Shoe Company before joining Kentucky State Penitentiary's staff.

Mr. Vickery, demolition crew officer, turned over to us an old cork from a demijohn bottle. The bottle and contents weren't found! At his suggestion, we measured the depression on the main step leading into the old part of the building. It was found that time and almost 28,000 convicts had worn the step down by two inches.

Since the News Office has become the unofficial Museum of non-lethal historical relics from the demolition site, Officer Stanley S. Stokes offered to deliver the step to us. We declined as it was felt that it might become lethal if anyone tripped over it.

The section of wood with Brindley's name was still the major item in the museum as we go to press. The new Correctional Officer, Mr. W. F. Miller, assigned to the Vocational Training Center is taking a real interest in our collection of memorabilia and has been serving as judge to see if the items could be used for anything beyond as he so succinctly put it--anything but a dust collector.

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GOVERNOR LOUIE B. NUNN- " Make an investment in your future and the United States. Join the U.S. Savings Bond Drive. Employees can use the Payroll Savings Plan. Residents can arrange to have bonds purchased for them by the Chief Clerk's Office."

THE THINGS I SEE

by Chuck Barmes

OVERHEARD - A fellow who had just made parole then transferred to the farm sat down like every bone in his body was arthritic. "I'm about to tell them to forget parole!", he moaned. "Why?", someone asked. "Who in the world wants to hire a cripple?", was the reply. Those potatoes are rough!

EXCIDRIN HEADACHE-29625 - PAROLE DENIED.

Did you hear this one? After years of nagging by a pious wife, a whiskey drinking, card playing old reprobate finally decided to silence her by joining the church. On baptism day the congregation gathered at the creek bank, sang a few hymns, then watched as the old man was led into the water- As the water came up to his waist, an Ace of Spades floated out of his back pocket. He waded deeper and out floated a King of Spades, then the Queen, the Jack, and finally the Ten. His wife could bear it no longer "Stop it!" she shrieked, "He's lost, He's lost". Her son standing beside her said "Hold on there Ma; Paw ain't lost. If he cain't win with that hand, ain't nobody ever gonna win"!!

UNDERSTATEMENT OF THE WEEK.

A 5 year old on Art Linkletter's show said " A hurricane is usually followed by high winds".

EVOLUTION OF BELIEF.

A woman on a jury panel said she could not serve because she did not believe in capital punishment. The judge explained to her, In the case to be decided, a wife is suing her husband because, in a game of cards, he lost \$900 that was to go toward the purchase of a fur coat for her birthday."

"In that case, I will be able to serve," the woman said. " I could be wrong about capital punishment."

THOUGHT FOR FOOD.

"The worst sin toward our fellow creature is not to hate them,-- but to be indifferent to them: that's the essence of inhumanity."

(George Bernard Shaw)

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FROM THE EDITOR:

WHO WAS W. B. BRINDLEY?

If you remember, gentle reader, that question was left hanging when we ended our August issue of CASTLE. Brindley's name and the date, March 20, 1890, was found carved on a rafter in the old hospital building now being torn down.

Bill Powell, Roving Reporter for the Paducah Sun-Democrat did us a favor and took up the question. He also suggested that the Editor of Castle would like to know, "Who was W. B. Brindley?"

It wasn't long before Powell's clarion call was answered. The first to offer an answer was Mr. Malcom Z. Tanner, our Data Processing Supervisor in Industries. He conferred with his parents, long Eddyville residents—Judge and Mrs. Frank Tanner. He offered that W. B. Brindley was a carpenter, plumber and a general handy man of that period.

Mr. Tanner said Brindley was remembered, "as extremely intelligent, well mannered, but a intermittent-imbiber of corn products."

The very next day, we were called by the Warden, to meet one of Eddyville's historians, Mr. Amb-rus Miller, a 30 year steamboat captain for the Hogan Barge Line. Mr. Miller, along with Dr. M.H. Mosley, has gathered about all the history that can be gained of the inhabitants of the old city of Eddyville, Kentucky.

Here is Mr. Miller's report on Brindley, "His father was J.T. Brindley who was on the city board during the time that the land was sold to the state to build the prison." The rest of the report is the same as the Tanners. W.B. was a carpenter, a painter, a widower. He was a tall man who could do just about anything he set his hands upon. He was a regular customer of Luther Dukes' combined saloon and barber shop. While there in 1912, by error, he consumed a bottle of bay rum and expired the same day. This does not necessarily have any bearing on the fact that Lyon County is bone-dry and even more so here within the walls.

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DR. JAMES H. BURTON

Staff and residents, both, were saddened by the sudden death on Tuesday, August 12th, of our Dental Services Director, James H. Burton, DDS. The Doctor passed away in Caldwell County Hospital as the result of injuries received in a two-car collision, on his way to the prison to begin his morning activities.

A native of Carlisle County, Kentucky, Dr. Burton received his degree at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, in 1929. He moved to Lyon County from Morganfield about eight years ago and set-up private practice in New Eddyville. From April 22, 1968, he served in the morning hours as the Dentist at the Penitentiary.

Dr. and Mrs. Burton celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on August 22, 1967. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a married daughter. He was active in the Lyon County Lions Club and a member of the Eddyville Methodist Church. For the past thirteen years, Dr. Burton, a 32nd Degree Mason was interested in Shrine work.

The condolences of all of us, are extended to his family and his many friends.

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FROM THE EDITOR : (Continued)

Mr. Miller also had with him the town plat map that some of the early city planners envisioned the city of Eddyville might become someday. However, the opportunity to sell to the state, in 1884, this section of rocky, hilly ground was too good to miss and the fine citizens turned loose of ten and a half acres. One site No.24, the old hospital building, was located the Eddyville Male and Female Academy. Records do not show General Hylan B. Lyon, C.S.A., or his grandfather, Matthew, ever lived on the property located on site No. 24. Records do show that this General H. B. Lyon was related to most of the people who conveyed deeds to him as agent, for the Commonwealth, buying the property. He also owned the farm where all of the stone used for the building and walls came from. History would now have it that he was the first Warden of the Penitentiary.

At the time of the purchase of the land by the state several buildings stood on the grounds. The sales contract gave 90 days to remove the buildings and contents of the buildings, many were torn down. From plat 24, all the equipment of pedagogy were removed to another site and a new academy was opened by H. P. Carson of Evansville, Indiana.

So now our search goes on as to the exact age of the original part of the house. Who built it and who lived there before it became a school? But, please, Bill Powell, let us do this ourselves. Our mail and visiting rooms are just not set-up to handle all the traffic that your column will generate.

It is our hope in the months to come to bring you some of the history, romance and intrigue surrounding the founder of Lyon County and his equally intrepid grandson, General H. B. Lyon. (From The Editor continues on page 6 .)

FROM THE EDITOR Continued:

Names such as Ethan Allen, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Aaron Burr, Robert E. Lee, Nathan B. Forrest and numerous county and city court houses burned by the good General as he 'fit the Yankees' in a new series called, "The Lions of Lion County."

IN OUR MAIL BAG—Mrs. Mary Lou Brown of California writes to renew her subscription and to send one to her sister, also. We thank her for the comments and assure her that we have been after her brother, John B. to write something for us for sometime. Have a promise that he will soon, after all he is still on that big novel.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Venneman of Louisville, Kentucky, have joined the subscriber list. They are doing much more than this by being a real contributing force in the Brother's Keeper program of the Louisville area Baptists.

One of the most rewarding letters that we have received in a long time came to us from Mr. B. W. White, Manager of Radio Station WMSK of Morganfield, Kentucky. We quote in part.. "I read all three, my wife read them and my 16 year old son went to his room with them and read them before going to bed..... I read all of the stories in the magazines with interest. I don't mind telling you, I never realized that this type work was being carried on in our institutions or prisons. I, like so many other fellow Kentuckians are still living with the old ideas, that penitentiaries are simply places where those who have made their mistakes in life are locked up. We perhaps never give thought that some form of program is being planned, to bring that man back to society, giving him a place in life..... I plan in the future to use some of the material in some of my broadcasts..... I noticed in the July issue the article on drug addiction, by Clarence Lyons, in all probability I will use this, it is good. I feel that with our teenage people in the area, this is fast becoming a problem."

We also appreciate a note we received from Mrs. Wingo, wife of our Warden and her fine comments. She sort of hinted that since she went back to college this summer and took an English Composition course that she will be reading us closely. Well, if she can figure out some of the involved sentences that we sometimes fall into and tell us how to improve them, we will be thankful.

Then too, Jack Tobin, Editor of Pioneer News, wrote us a long letter and we got off an answer to him. The Warden has given to us his permission to personally correspond with you other Penal Editors as the need arrives. However, to Mary Frances and Jada of the Clarion, I don't know how far he will let us carry on our little or big 'love-affair'. We may just have to keep it in the open in these columns for all to see.

A SPECIAL SALUTE to Mr. C. B. Embry, Jr. of the Ohio County Messenger who has coverage in his paper of every sports event that his own Messenger teams play against our Roadrunners. We would advise our KSP Coach Cherry that it would be good public relations to let the teams' of Mr. Embry win one once in a while.

That's 30 from here for this month.

AUTHOR CALLS ON BUDDING AUTHOR--JOHN PRESTON

Mr. Ralph Hancock, noted California author, visited John B. Preston here at the institution on August 4th, to finalize details of a book that the two are collaborating on. After Preston's visit was concluded, Warden Wingo allowed the CASTLE Editor to interview Mr. Hancock.

He was high in his praise of the quality of John B.'s writing and stated that Preston's book should be a success. Mr. Hancock said, "I feel just like the old prospector that went out in the hills seeking gold and found it!"

Ralph Lowell Hancock, listed in Who's Who in America, is a former specialist in Latin American Affairs and many of his earlier books deal with Central America. From 1936 until the later 40's he was involved in news coverage of Latin America, organizing a public relations department for a Central American airline. During World War II, he served on the Board of Economic Warfare and headed an Economic Mission to Latin America. He has served as advisor of editorial staffs of three prominent publishing houses for Latin American affairs.

It was in this area that we began our interview with him and asked, "Mr. Hancock, what's wrong with our relations in Latin America today as against the period of time during your service there?"

His reply was simple, "You remember the Good Neighbor Policy which is now the Alliance for Progress? At the outset of these, we had good friends and good relationship with their leaders but as the programs dwindled off and the old leaders lost office, we lost out. It's a new crop of people down there now and we need to give them more equal consideration." He said that he had recently spoken with Nelson Rockefeller, after he had returned from one of his trips for President Nixon and that Rockefeller was surprised at the hostile reception that he had received. The youth rebellion is becoming world-wide and American intervention in the affairs of other countries are a part of this group protest.

Mr. Hancock's first non-Latin American book was Fabulous Boulevard in 1949 (in the Resident Library) and was followed, in 1952, by Douglas Fairbanks: The Fourth Musketeer. The Forest Lawn Story (Only other Hancock book now in our library) was written in 1955. This book is now in its' twentieth edition. The Forest Lawn Story is the story of Dr. Hubert Eaton, founder of Forest Lawn and the originator of the Memorial-Park plan for cemeteries. Keye Luke furnished the line drawings of the statuary found in Forest Lawn. Anyone planning a sales career should include this book in his required reading list as the founder of this world famous cemetery was a super-salesman. Until his death, two years ago, Dr. Eaton continued to use Mr. Hancock's talent to "Ghost" articles, pamphlets, and speeches for him.

Many of us remember the 'as told to story' that made Pete Martin famous in the now defunct Saturday Evening Post, but Hancock being older (65) was one of the first authors to use this method. In a book with comedian, Joe E. Brown: Laughter Is A Wonderful Thing, this method was used. Brown talked his story into a tape recorder and in the process filled 11 miles of tape. (Continued on page 8.)

K.S.P FELLOWSHIP CLUB CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

The K.S.P. Fellowship Club has chosen Resident, Tom Brantley, as their Citizen of the month in recognition of "his outstanding abilities and characteristic traits channeled in a sense of direction conducive to the needs of his fellowman. This can be detected via his willingness to work many hours overtime running the multilith, a machine which gets out various printed materials for the many institutional programs and the inmate publications-Castle and Our Hope."

The Club continued in its' citation, " Tom is not assigned to either function nor is he a member of these organizations but he has taken pride in doing the work that represents various segments of it -the inmate body- and for this reason alone we feel that he deserves some form of recognition. Recognition for all the time he has devoted to such matters over the years that he has been confined in K.S.P."

"Our citizen of the month, Tom Brantley, is actually assigned to the Officer's Canteen which is another job that requires a lot of hard work and jay walking from office to office inside the Administration Building serving coffee to the employees during their daily coffee breaks. Tom doesn't mind this either since this isn't the first time he has done this type of work. Prior to being committed to K.S.P., Brantley was one of the many Store managers for a chain outfit known all over the country as WOOLWORTH. Thus meeting the public and serving them has become a way of life for Tom over a period of years and a way of life that this man of small stature but big heart seemingly enjoys."

The tribute closed with, " The K.S.R. Fellowship Club truly does wish Tom Brantley all the luck in the world when he leaves K.S.P., and we do hope that he will channel his talents in a legitimate direction upon his release so that we may live to see this same honor bestowed upon him by the citizens of our free society."

By James Bell Yager

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AUTHOR CALLS ON AUTHOR Continued:

Of late, 'Ghosting' has been his writing line with payments ranging from \$ 15,00 to \$45,00 per book. The book with Preston will be the fiftieth one that he has published, It will take the 'as told to' form. On the title, it hasn't been worked out yet, but several of the working titles are: Prison, Anyone? Conwise Always say Sir to the Warden.

Our interview time was limited as it was nearing shift change, but I am sure that had we had more time a more lengthy article on this polished American writer would have resulted. Dapper, full of life, with eyes that glittered as he related but part of his story, Ralph Hancock's visit will long be remembered by this Editor. He has all the bounce and verve of a thirty year old and the steel-trap mind of a diligent researcher and reporter. He has promised us that our resident library will receive copies of some of his other books. We will advise you when they arrive.

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JULY PAROLE BOARD HITS 40 %

On the 29th and 30th of July the Kentucky State Parole Board met here and granted 24 paroles, deferred 18, from periods ranging from six months to four years. Parole was denied to 18 men.

The high percentage figure of men granted parole were in the group of men doing long sentences: One man doing Life and 3 years; 4-Life Sentences; 3-Twenty-one years; 1-20 years; 1-fifteen years; 4-ten years; 2-seven years; 1-eight years. The remainder were sentences five years and under. Three men with one year sentences, were granted parole, with condition of close supervision.

The CORRECTIONS CANDLE informs that the Parole Board has discontinued the use of the term "Serve-out", and is using the word "denied", with the understanding that someone denied parole may have a rehearing at any time there has been a change in his accomplishment or attitude sufficient to warrant a new hearing.

No guidelines of further information about the above has been made available to CASTLE at this time.

Last July the Board's average was only 29 percent paroles granted. All five members of the board were present at this meeting on the last week of July, 1969, including the Chairman, Mr. Glen Wade, Mrs. Lucille Robuck, Mr. Sewell Harlin, Mr. David L. Davis and Mr. Glynn McMinnoway.

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FORTUNE SOCIETY OPENS DEPARTMENT STORE

The clerks wear prison clothes, they sell articles made by ex-convicts and a jut-jawed J. Edgar Hoover glares from a poster in the window of a new little shop in Greenwich Village.

The Fortune Store is operated in association with The Fortune Society, a national organization of 2,000 ex-convicts who try to keep each other out of jail and who seek penal reform.

The Society hopes the shop will train ex-convicts in retail skills as well as provide an outlet for merchandise from ex-convicts trying to go straight.

Articles offered for sale includes moderately priced jewelry made by a movie-theater janitor who spent 20 years in half a dozen prisons, leather handbags produced by a 46-year-old Brooklyn man who spent 18 years in a Georgia prison, and crocheted dresses made by a 21-year old female former heroin addict while in Manhattan Rehabilitation Center.

The Society also is trying to convince state correction departments to allow inmates to send their products to the store for sale. Existing state laws will not allow out-of-state shipments of inmate produced goods to be sent to such a store from the penitentiary here according to a spokesman from the Chief Clerk's office. Thus we are ruled out of sending any Kentucky produced products to this store at the present time. We do send our best wishes for all the success in the world with the enterprise.

CARTOONS OF THE MONTH - by JIM ... FROM THE FARM (Continued) ...

CHUCK BARMES LOOKS AT THE

Penal Press

PENDLETON REFLECTOR: If July issue is an example of new editor's abilities --- you've no sweat! Good job! (course being a native Hoosier), I could be prejudice.

THE ENCHANTED NEWS: Really enchanting! Tremendous job on "Origin" development and Philosophy of parole."

INSIDE WORLD: Good job all around. Particularly liked "The Crack In The Wall" by Bill Arnold as it applies to every institution. Note your inmate councils minutes especially proposal # 4. If you're proposing a maximum 12 hour day 5½ day week, one wonders how many hours and days you work now? Think I'll detour Mississippi.

INTERPRETER: Man, that's what I call progress! They actually let college girls in to hold a seminar, your outside entertainment ain't bad either! Then L.K. Price's "The Poor In Prison" man you ought to be here! You ain't seen poor folks like us po'folks. Seriously-good show all around.

ISLAND LANTERN: L.K. Price sure gets around "Legalized Crime" Well it is an idea. "The Last Night" by George Fraleigh-excellent---it could not be said better--unfortunately by anyone here (Sorry' 'bout that ed.)

RAIFORD RECORD: Your editorial was top drawer! The only appropriate comment Amen, brother Amen.

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FROM THE FARM

by: Carl

Just like you city sliker up there on the hill, we have various sports in which we can participate in after our work day is over, And there are a majority of the men here who take part in some sort of sport. Shuffleboard is enjoyed by a good number of the guys; Wheeler, -- Taylor, Givens, and Smock leading the way. In Basketball, (Dust- Bowl Variety), Mattingly, Schroader, and Peterson proved too much for the talent of McClellon, G.Green, and Ford in the best 4 out of 7 for the Dorm Championship.

If you are ever out this way, and hear a guy holler four, he isn't showing that he knows how to count. You'd better duck, because we have a regular 9 hole golf course out here. Of course we play the same 3 holes 3 times to get it, but still it's nine holes. Our "club pros" are Ray Cummings, and Fred Shekell. But learning very quickly is Gene Kirby, (who by the way holds the record on distance). On one shot he missed he threw his club a total of 187 feet. A record which isn't -- likely to be beaten in the near future. (Continued on page 11)

FROM THE FARM (Continued) :

Although Jack Baldwin is right behind with a distance of 164 feet, As for myself; Golfing has increased my vocabulary. You'd be surprised at the cute expressions that are coined on a missed two foot putt.

Horseshoes, in my opinion, are put to better use when worn on a horse, but there are some who will disagree with me, namely "Jive - Bill" Davis, James "Snoopy" Cook, D. Bumpus, and of course the old pro himself, Ray Cummins. They claim they look better on an iron stake.

Softball: now we are in the meat of the sports program here at the Dorm. We enjoy a game or two every night. We have a varsity team that has played 6 games against outside teams, and we have broken even, winning 3 and losing 3. The highlight of our season so far has been a game played between "The Old Men and Rum Dums", and a team of younguns calling themselves the "Jitterbugs". On the old mans' roster were Micky "King of the Mound" Dugan, Rudy Jones of the original Mudville nine, T. Raymer, Gene Kirby, "Old Mans Team". What am I doing here?, D. Mattingly, Jim Green, Carl Schroader, "Where's left field?", Steve Hamilton, Ben Delmore, the wild driver of the 140, Jim Parham, "broken thumb and all, Fred Austin, the pride of the complex as our bat boy, and as an added attraction there was on hand, the mysterious Masked Marvel who created havoc from the very start of the game. The game was hot and heavy from the very start, with the Old Men getting a very early lead. As the game progressed two of the Jitterbugs quit, and the Old Men let two of their men play for the Jitterbugs, which proved to be their undoing. Because with the help of the 2 borrowed old men, the Jitterbugs made a comeback, and won the game by a single run. The much dreaded Masked Marvel had agreed to take his mask off and at last reveal his true identity if the Old Men lost, and when his mask was removed he was finally dragged down from behind, much to everyones surprise, it turned out that the sinister masked man was none other than our own Joe Scott Davis, better known as "Jive Bill". All in all everyone had a great time at the game, and there were plenty of sore throats in the next morning.

Coming up next Saturday is what promises to be another thriller. Capt. Parker is going to pick a team to challenge Mr. Dicken's team. And if Mr. Dicken isn't very careful, Capt. Parker will beat the sox off him. Mr. Dickens is our Athletic Director, and he is assisted by Mr. Joiner who puts his heart in our sports, and comes up with a sore throat now and then himself.

The Toad Frogs out here are the source of another very popular sport. There are plenty of them around, and some of the guys will get 3, and put them on the concrete entrance to one of the Dorms... Then they will catch a few bugs and put them in front of the frog... The frog eagerly snap them up with their long tongues, and look up at their benefactors with a look of gratitude in their eyes. But... Then the guys, (the dirty buggers) will pick up a handful of tiny rocks and pitch them before the diners, who of course snap them up at will. After about a dozen rocks the frog finally wises up to what is going on, and this time he looks up at his false benefactors with quite another look in his eye, and very unprintable thoughts in his mind I am sure.

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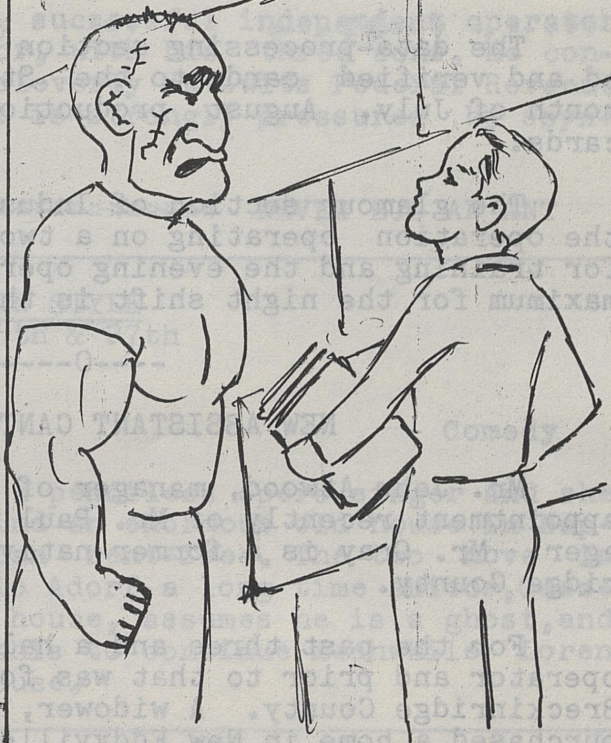
CARTOONS OF THE MONTH - By Jim and the Elves of KSP



"Mr. White, don't you think you'd better read me that card about my rights before you make the arrest?"



"Oh, Come on Kid--Please let me carry your books to school, Today!"



INDUSTRIES NEWS

SUPERVISOR WINS PROMOTION

Mr. Robert J. Grubbs has been promoted from Senior Supervisor to Principal Supervisor in Industries. He joined the staff there as a Correctional Officer in 1949 and was assigned to the farm. For three years he functioned there as both officer and gardener. In 1953 he became a supervisor in the knitting mills and in 1962 assumed responsibility for the Garment Factory. This coming February, he will have been associated with the prison for nineteen years.

FURNITURE PLANT PRODUCTION-FULL BLAST

In the past several months the Furniture Plant Division of Industries has been producing furniture for various state agencies. Just recently they shipped a quantity of plywood foot-lockers out to LaGrange; student desks, headboards and chests of drawers to the Ky. School for the Blind. Some 258 oak headboards, 142 oak night stands and 18 tables were made to specification for Western State Hospital. Mr. Morris Coleman, supervisor, stated that the storage shed at the side of the Industries building will soon be enclosed and used as an area to store materials as well as a refinishing space. Some 100 chairs have been received from Murray State University to be refinished.

Recently, the factory fabricated an executive desk, in formica oak gran, 72" by 42". The unit was completed at a cost of \$160, as against a comparable price of a veneer desk of the same style offered for sale commercially at \$212, base price.

DATA PROCESSING SECTION-PRODUCTION UP

The data-processing section of Industries shipped 380,000 punched and verified cards to the State Department of Health during the month of July. August production is expected to be about 400,000 cards.

The glamour section of Industries now employs 47 residents with the operation operating on a two-shift basis. The day-shift is used for training and the evening operation has 18 men on its' roster. A maximum for the night shift is thirty-one men.

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NEW ASSISTANT CANTEEN MANAGER NAMED

Mr. John Atwood, manager of the Inmate Canteen, announced the appointment recently of Mr. Paul E. Gray as Assistant Canteen manager. Mr. Gray is a former native of old Eddyville and of Breckinridge County.

For the past three and a half years, he has been a restaurant operator and prior to that was for four years, County Jailer for Breckinridge County. A widower, he and his two children have just purchased a home in New Eddyville.

JAMES

And K.S.P.



DICKERSON

in review

THE THOMAS CROWN AFFAIR

SEPTEMBER 12th & 13th

112 Minutes

Drama

With the aid of a group of strangers, multi-millionaire, Steve McQueen, executes a daring daylight bank robbery and get away with more than two million in cash. Insurance investigator, Faye Dunaway arrives in Boston to work with police lieutenant, Paul Burke. Soon she is convinced of his guilt at the same time, she is impressed by his style of living, and more than impressed by his virility.

SHORT *****EXTINCT PINK

THE ROAD HUSTLERS

SEPTEMBER 19th & 20th

94 Minutes

Drama

Noah Reedy (Jim Davis) is very successful independent operator in making and running illegal liquor, with his three sons, he conducts a most efficient set-up. He cleverly out-wits Federal Revenue agents and local Sheriff Estep, but is strongly pressured by syndicate Chief, Earl Veasey.

SHORT ***** NEVER BUG AN ANT

GHOST ITALIAN STYLE

SEPTEMBER 26th & 27th

92 Minutes

Comedy

Sophia Loren is married to a penniless opera singer and she isn't very happy. He manages to find an enormous old house in Naples, considered haunted, which he can rent-free. The two move in but Sophia is being hounded by Mario Adorf a long time suitor, Gassman sees Adorf sneaking around the house, assumes he is a ghost, and gets money from him. Adorf allows this to continue meanwhile Loren turn the mansion into a boarding house.

Elsewhere

JURISTS NOT SO PRUDENT

Two Maryland Circuit Court Judges allowed themselves to be fingerprinted, handcuffed, thrown into prison and made to mingle with 1,520 felons, just to see what it was like. They emerged shaken!

"It can't be all bad here, they have petunias and pigeons," mused one of the judges.

The judges said they were most depressed over the lack of vocational training and rehabilitation facilities.

"Calling this place a house of correction is nonsense. I can't imagine how people can expect a man to come out of one of these places 'corrected.'"

ANNUAL REPORT TIME

The Warden of a prison called in a man who was serving time for fraud. "I understand," said the warden, "that you're here because of an oil deal in which you wrote a prospectus so glowing that it sold the suckers by thousands."

"That's right," said the inmate. "I was a bit glowing in my praises."

"Well," the warden said, "the Governor wants a report on conditions in the prison and I'd like you to write it for me."

-via Menard Times
& About Face

OREGON OUT OF GAS WORKS

The State Director of Correction said that the state prison building housing the gas chamber will be torn down to make space for an exercise yard and the chamber will be put in storage. (Cont.2nd Clm.)

OREGON GAS (Cont.)

The gas chamber was installed in 1937 after the method of execution was changed from hanging. Oregon voters abolished the death penalty in 1964.

ALASKA CONS FLY HIGH

Palmer, Alaska- A group of men at the A.S.P. are enrolled in a Federal Aviation Agency approved flying class. Five of the group are in their second month of the school, trying to obtain their private pilot license.

One of the men stated that he finds the course "intriguing" and would strongly recommend that any inmate with the capability of retaining knowledge take the course if possible.

"By golly, we're all for this program! We are going to ask the Warden to furnish us with a few airplanes here so we can start a flying school."

"We would prefer modern jets but we would be satisfied with just a few old P-40's."

Lots of luck, fellows, but watch out for the Red Baron!

THE GOOD OLD DAYS ?

New York-If you wonder about the good old days, columnist Sylvia Porter has come up with some fascinating figures.

In the last 50 years, since 1919, food prices have gone up 68 percent. At the same time, average hourly wages-thanks to organized labor-have risen 542 percent.

-Missouri Teamster

NEED HELP?
HIRE A PAROLEE !

School News

Friday evening, August 1st, CASTLE visited the Graduation exercises held by the Educational Department here. Twelve men were presented with High School Equivalency Diplomas by the Director of Education, Department of Corrections, Mr. Billy R. Howard assisted by Mr. Michael Pepper, Academic teacher.

The graduates were: Roger Burnelle, Ernest Eisenhofer, Ernest Grenat, Timothy Harris, James Houston, James Lunsford, Donald Polsgrove, David Poynter, Terry Reynolds, James Underwood, Marvin Ward, and Ronald Watson.

Warden John W. Wingo opened the proceedings with a welcome to the visitors and members of the families of the graduating class. He spoke about a lot of useless bragging that we all engage in and then said the graduates could really do some bragging for they had accomplished something. He opined that this could well be a top event in their lives. The Educational program here is not a permissive one, young men are required to attend school. He indicated in his remarks that he felt that three-fourths of the students, sent to school didn't want to go but after they started and began accomplishing something, then fully nine-tenths were proud and pleased with attaining this goal. The Warden also took time to thank Chief Steward Banks, who had recently resigned, for returning to supervise the fixing of the buffet luncheon which preceded the commencement program.

Miss Monnie Bowling, a student of Caldwell County High School, Princeton, was next on the program to offer a musical salute to the graduating class. This song and her later rendition of the Lord's Prayer were beautiful. She has an excellent voice for one so young and we hope that she is encouraged to continue with her music. Mrs. Everett (Winnie) Cherry again provided the musical accompaniment as well as the Processional and Recessional marches.

Our Educational Supervisor, Mr. William Egbert introduced the Commencement speaker, Dr. C. Charles Clark. In his opening remarks the audience could sense the deep feeling that Mr. Egbert has for Dr. Clark and all that he has done for the Academic school. Mr. Egbert, said, "Nothing that I could say would add to the professional reputation of Dr. Clark. It is the simple things of life that go to make a portrait of a man so well beloved by his colleagues."

Mr. Egbert continued, "I first met him in 1966, when we were at Western Kentucky University seeking ways to up-date our testing program. That was the beginning of what I consider one of the finest friendships that I have ever made. Since that beginning, Dr. Clark has made available to us all of the resources of the University. Our problems have become his problems." Mr. Egbert also announced that he and Dr. Clark are working on a new pilot program which will be a new dimension in the field of Correctional Education.

Dr. C. Charles Clark, Director of Extension and Field Services for Western Kentucky University addressed his remarks to the graduates stating that he was sure that it was a pleasant occasion. (Continued on page 17.)

SCHOOL NEWS CONTINUED:

A pleasant event for the graduates and he was proud and happy for all of them. Disclaiming to be much of a public speaker, Dr. Clark then launched into a discourse that was most thought provoking. His two topics were: Positive Thinking and Time Will Pass.

He urged the graduates to accept as the motto the old song, "Accentuate The Positive And Eliminate The Negative." Every negative situation he said can be approached in a positive way. Always take a positive attitude and don't mess with things in between. The educational program at KSP, he said, is a wonderful opportunity for a man to improve himself. Time is going to pass anyway and you are the one that gets to make the choice of how to use your time. You can, he emphasized, let time pass and become obsolete in the modern world. The man who stands still while confined gets left behind if he doesn't apply a lot of effort to keep up.

He noted that all of the academic staff is working, also, to keep up with the progress of education. He charged the graduates with, an effective plea, "You've got something going for you now. Use it now! Time will pass. By being well informed, your best educational advantage that you now have, will pay off. When your time here has passed your education gained here will reap a harvest for you."

Prior to the ceremonies at the school some eighty guests assembled in the resident dining room to enjoy a buffet luncheon of grilled T-bone or Porter House steaks smothered in mushrooms and all the possible varieties of garnishes and vegetables that could go with them.

Residents Jackie Mounce and Gilbert Gray served as ushers at the school assisting Correctional Officers, Kevil Sellers and C. F. Brennan.

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G.E.D. PROGRAM HERE SUCCESSFUL

Since the inception of the G.E.D. program here at the Academic School 137 men have received diplomas. It should be noted that these diplomas are issued by the Lyon County Board of Education and in no place on the diploma does it state or indicate that the man earned this diploma while in prison. 178 men have taken the G. E.D. examinations given by the State Department of Education. Over 78% of the men taking the test have passed it. In some cases it has taken two or three attempts but the man was successful none the less. The program began in 1962 and since that time there have been twelve G.E.D. Graduating Classes.

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"Home is where one starts from. As we grow older the world becomes stranger, the pattern more complicated of dead and living. Not the intense moment Isolated, with no before and after, But a lifetime burning in every moment....."

From: EAST COKER
T.S. Elliot

SPORTS

Its that time again sports fans....

Looks like we goofed on our prediction for the Jet-All Star game. The All Stars came out on the short end, lost 26-24.

Ah, but alas, the Road Runners are in top form and going strong. We have seen them defeat the last three teams who have ventured to come inside of our sports arena. Games are played on Saturday & Sunday afternoon are usually double-headers, time permitting.

Saturday July 19, Murray, Ky. Came inside to start the ball rolling for the Road Runners, Murray lost a double-header.

1st. Game 10-4
2nd. Game 17-10

Sunday July 20, still going strong against a fine team from Cadiz, Ky. who came out loser.

1st. Game 16-3
2nd. Game 16-5

With a week to rest-up and argue, the Road Runners found themselves up against a tough team from Beaver Dam, Ky. These boys hate to lose and for once we see some scores more suited to the sport.

1st. Game RR 7-4 BD
2nd. Game RR 3-2 BD

The intramural season is in full swing for the second half and on any afternoon you can go out back and hear each team brag about becoming champions this half. With the first ten games already played who knows maybe one of these bragging teams might just come out on top.

The 20,000 Volts, Death Row Team, have slowed down here in the second half, but with painting the gym in the morning and then trying to play seven innings of ball in the afternoon what can you expect?

These men have shown some great sportsmanship and we wish them the best of luck in the second half of play, thus far they have won two and lost ten.

Was out back rapping to Commissioner Hazlewood about the old old folks team last year. He said, "It seemed like no one here was good enough to beat us, last year, and you know most of us are getting along in the years, so we just decided to retire undefeated, he said, "We're not really such awful good ball players, its just that we have more know-how than you young fellows."

Before I got away from Haze I had him give me his prediction on the World Series. Minnesota Vs: Cubs.

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NARCOTICS ADDICTION
(Third of a series by Clarence Lyon)

Senator Thomas J. Dodd was named Chairman of a sub-committee aimed at the policies surrounding narcotic addiction in the nation. In introducing the committee, Senator Dodd said, "I have long been concerned that present federal laws and procedures are unnecessarily punitive and fail to distinguish between the addict who deals in drugs to sustain his uncontrollable habit." Senator Dodd further stated, "Today there can no longer be any question even among the most conservative law enforcement officials that narcotic addiction is a disease beyond the addicts' ability to control and one that leads him to repeated criminal acts to secure his daily drug need."

Could a neighborhood be blamed for a drug problem? This thinking would be unfair to parents. I cannot believe this to be the cause as many people may be led to believe. The drug addict comes from all walks of life, to say a neighborhood has a leading role in addiction could be false. To live in slum or other areas, is no reason for a person to become a drug addict. The government erected in our neighborhood, a housing project to eliminate a slum area. Born in the very heart of this section, I have never offered this for my life of drug abuse. Many successful people spent their youth in this neighborhood; Ministers, Doctors, Businessmen and many Law Enforcement Officers of high rank today, all these people were our neighbors.

Most addicts cannot give an honest answer or reason for their addiction. They will avoid telling how they resent society, after society learning of their addiction, 'Cast Them Out.' Rather the addict cast out society from the world they chose to live.

Proof they can be accepted by the community after being found addicts is most important. Being the most informed nation in the world on drug abuse, it should be strongly urged that all states, fund permitting include a study of drug addiction programs. The establishment of a clearing house for drug use and abuse information at the county level is vital. Establish drug addiction education information workshops to warn students on this level the serious danger of drug abuse. Local groups obtaining information on the cause and abuse of narcotics would enable parents to obtain better insight to answer questions by the teenager. Information useable to cope with the subject of narcotics, might stagger them greatly, realizing something is being done - centering addiction around the home.

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Mr. H. S. Miles, Contact Representative of the Ky. Disabled Ex-Service Mens Board submitted the following V.A. Facts and Figures:

- The Veterans Administration operates 166 hospitals.
- There are 7,000 surviving veterans of the Spanish-American War.
- The average age of the nation's 26.6 million veterans is 44.2 years.
- Nearly half of the nation's population is comprised of veterans and their dependents.

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OUR CHAPLAINS AT KSP

Chaplain H. E. Inman is celebrating an anniversary, September 1, 1969, marking a total of six years that he has served as protestant Chaplain.

There have been many changes made in the Chapel appearance and several new programs started during this time. The Chapel, now the oldest building within the compound, has been completely renovated. It was a labor of love on the part of the many inmates who took part in the work. Several men, at the Cabinet Shop, worked long and hard to produce the new pulpit, prayer and communion rails. A new altar was constructed at the same time. The rear wall of the pulpit area was redone as well as a beautiful series of murals simulating stained glass on each window. Each window depicts a Biblical scene and was rendered by former Castle Artist-Editor, Harry Davidson.

The keystone above the entrance way of the Chapel bears the date 1894 and until the recent renovations the old building showed every day of its' age. After all the remodeling was completed, the Chapel was rededicated and named in Memorial the Kathlyn Lady Nash, honoring a former employee of the prison. most of the money spent on this program came from the Inmate Commissary Fund.

Many programs to increase religious participation by the men here have come into being under Chaplain Inman. The Yokefellow Prison Ministry was started five years ago and a Chapel Choir has been organized for over three years. Radio programs, taped at the Chapel have been broadcast over many local radio stations during the last year.

There has been strong outside participation by many church groups which has been encouraged and welcomed by Mr. Inman. The Gideon Society from five camps in Western Kentucky have been active here for five years. Recently, the members of the Christian Business Men's Committee from Evansville, Indiana have started making a monthly visit to the Chapel on the second Sunday of the month. The Salvation Army is also giving of its' time and talents to programs of the Chapel.

There are 10 inmates enrolled in Seminary Extension Department of Southern Baptist Seminaries. These men are studying toward a Certificate in Pastoral Training. Money to finance this program has been made possible through contributions by the Gideons and several area churches.

Brother Inman, as he is so fondly called by most of the local Chapel attenders, says that these past six years have been filled with many wonderful experiences. He said, "I feel that my education actually started on September 1, 1963, when I became the full-time Protestant Chaplain here."

Father Thomas Clark, our Catholic Chaplain, will soon be having an anniversary here, too. Serving only part time, the Priest is here twice weekly to hold interviews and returns on Sundays to conduct the Mass. Yearly, Father Clark has his Bishop, Most Reverend Henry Soenneker, come in for Confirmation Services.

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POETRY

TO A YOUNG MAN
by Joe Crowe

So you skipped your rope
so you sang your song
so you say, "your born free."

So you want no more
of all that war
and violence on the street

So you seem so proud
in front of a crowd
and burn America's Flag

So you join a clan
and tried the plan
and started smoking pot.

So you carried your sign
from time to time
and you your hair grow down

So you did your thing
your proud to sing
on a camper's ground

So now you steal
you rob and kill
and deny God, with lust

So you spend your money
but ain't it funny

STOP !

Imprinted on every dollar bill is
" IN GOD WE TRUST "

My Love for You is My Life
by James Aayne

My love for you,
is my life and soul.
You're like a mist,
I cannot hold.

You trust me with,
all your charms.
Can I not again,
hold you in my arms?

Now as I pace my cell,
on a long dark night.
I can see your face,
in the misty moonlight.

For in prison am I,
in my own private hell.
Missing the long lost love,
that you cast so well.

To you my sweet,
I would never lie.
For without your love,
I would surely die.

NOTICE: TO ALL POETS, WRITERS,
AND ASPIRING REPORTERS. NOW
IS THE TIME TO GET YOUR PENS
BUSY AND BE LOOKING FOR A BIG
ANNOUNCEMENT EITHER IN THE
PAGES OF CASTLE OR ON THE IN-
SIDE OF YOUR CELL SOME NIGHT!
OCTOBER IS GOING TO BE SOMETHING
SPECIAL FOR ALL POETS
AND WRITERS.

So nigh is grandeur to our dust,
So near is God to man,
When Duty whispers low, thou must,
The youth replies, I Can! "

-Emerson

"The charter of thy worth gives thee releasing"-Shakespeare

NASH MEMORIAL CHAPEL SECTION

Castle's cover this month features the Chapel and on the following pages you will read much about the Chapel, its' activities, and some of the people who are involved in the programs. Just recently, Reverend Inman lent me a book by a former Chaplain of this institution, who served here from 1938 until 1944. We wrote him for permission to reprint the last chapter of his book. He replied in the affirmative and promised to visit the prison soon. Rev. Chandler with 53 years of active work in the ministry is still preaching. He told us in his letter that he will preach twice in one day in Revival services. What prompted him to write this book? He said, in his letter, " Anyway I was alone at the time I wrote this book and it gave me something to do and I got great enjoyment out of doing it." After reading the review written by Mr. Cole of our Clinical Service Staff and you want to read this book. Let us suggest that you send \$2.95 plus some extra to cover postage to:

Reverend L. I. Chandler
2512 Seminole Place
Owensboro, Kentucky 42301

He just ran out of the supply he had on hand but a new supply will be in soon and we know that you will want to read this fine example of service above self. A copy will soon be placed in the inmate library.

The Editor

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REFLECTIONS OF A PRISON CHAPLAIN
Author: Rev. L. I. Chandler
Vantage Press, Inc.
120 West 31st Street
New York, N.Y. \$2.95

Written about prison life in Eddyville in the late thirties, a book that will give one much to think about. Perhaps the basic question asked by the author is, "Why"? Why will men let their passions run wild and commit crimes from a minor infraction of the law to that of a brutal "torso" slaying? In an intriguing and fascinating way the author tells of case histories and many personalities with which he has worked.

The men of which he writes and the crimes he describes are no different to those we have today. Every incident he mentions has its' counterpart "on the hill" today.

Another aspect of the book that is extremely noticeable is the difference in prison life. Some of the things that Mr. Chandler makes a plea for are beginning to emerge in modern day prison life. It is good to note that from the educational program begun by Mr. Chandler has grown a modern building and facilities with professional personnel to help in the rehabilitative process. The author makes a plea for some type of counseling program and this has been developing recent years. We now have a staff of counselors which seek to help men in their process of becoming useful citizens on release.

(Review of Reflections Of A Prison Chaplain cont. 23)

BOOK REVIEW CONTINUED:

Like many people today, Mr. Chandler does not agree with the death penalty. A spellbinding part of the book is his description of some of the twenty-nine executions he witnesses.

A book that can be read with a minimum of effort yet it cannot be easily forgotten. Every inmate and employee should place this book on his reading list.

Reviewed by Rev. Donald R. Cole

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THE HUMAN LIBRARY

(Last Chapter in the book-Reflections
Of A Prison Chaplain by L.I. Chandler)

A few days after I assumed the duties as Chaplain and Director of Education at Kentucky State Penitentiary, Eddyville, Kentucky, I asked the warden to suggest some good books on crime and prison reform. He bluntly replied, "You have fifteen hundred books in here; why don't you read them?"

He was referring, of course, to the inmate population. I found myself in a sea of responsibility, a world of opportunity, with a human criminal library at my disposal. Aside from the Deputy warden, there is no other man in the institution who has so great an opportunity to read from the pages of the fifteen hundred books bound up in human skin as I did.

Take it from me, these books furnish interesting reading. Some are more difficult to read than others. The difficulty is caused by suppression, environment and many other factors that enter in the prisoners' lives. They are more or less suspicious of everyone. They, themselves, are seldom trusted. Therefore, they trust no one.

Prisoners are generally ill at ease in the presence of free men. One can never break into the lives of these men until he becomes able to gain their confidence. Before selling morals, high ideals, Christianity or education, one must sell himself. This is not always easily done.

We are taught that the art of patience is a virtue fundamentally necessary to the success of anyone. This is especially true for religious or social workers in penal institutions.

Perhaps today you are reading a book. That is, studying an inmate whose attitude is sulky and stubborn. As you turn the pages looking for something good, you look in vain. You cast it aside. You call it Greek or Latin. You are hopelessly lost. Later you begin on the same book. The happenings of a few days, weeks, or months, as the case may be, has put the book in a more revisional condition.

At last, the key to the code of his life has been reached. As you read the surprising things about it, one finds much more good than one ever dreamed of existing in such a rugged, dissipated, fragmentary life. (Continued on page 24)

THE HUMAN LIBRARY FROM REFLECTIONS OF A PRISON CHAPLAIN (Continued)

It has been with keen interest and deep sorrow that I have seen inmates, who seemingly possessed pleasing personalities, cooperative attitudes and promising futures, lose all and go to the depths. They often became hopeless. Their faces lose every expression of hope and sunshine. To them the sunlight has turned to darkness. Their hearts fill with envy, hate and bitterness - a tragedy, I assure you.

On the other hand, I have seen the most depraved, hardened criminals, men considered by many as having crossed the deadline in life, and who find themselves in the rubbish of life. Their countenances become illuminated, hope having been born anew. Stubbornness, envy and hate leave them. They begin to give the good a chance to develop. Finally, they obtain their freedom and become good citizens in a complex society of which they are a part.

The more of these books I read, the greater was my desire to go and read the author of these books. Why does this boy have a mania for thievery, robbery and various crimes? Why does another, who would not steal a penny, desire to kill one and all who interfere with his plans, whether they be right or wrong? Why is one a petty thief and another the opposite? - one who goes for the big game or none? Some are well-educated, are highly intelligent and show splendid training. Others are illiterate or even stupid. These are Questions the best penologists haven't been able to answer.

During these years of reading from faces, and the attitudes of thousands of convicted men, there is one eternal truth I read on every page of each book. That is: "The way of the transgressor is h-a-r-d."

No one believes more in the possibility of rehabilitation than I, yet, if attained, it comes at a great cost to the criminal and to society. Certainly, time and money spent in studying these men is worthwhile if applied with human interest. We can only realize its worth, when the book, once bad, now spells good. It can be done. It is being done. Let us hope it will be done more fully and to more such men in the future. After reading these books, one begins to wonder why? Then comes a question - Who is to blame?

Needless to say, the experiences of a prison chaplain are many and varied. However, there are little or no joyous experiences within the walls of a maximum security prison. I have never seen a prisoner who was truly happy. The only joyous experiences are those that come to free men who work with the incarcerated, when and if they are made to realize that they have made some contribution toward the comfort and welfare of the criminal.

My hope is that in this great America of ours, we will do more in crime prevention programs, and increase our efforts to reform and encourage the criminal toward a better way of life, thus helping him to become a true, moral and spiritual character. By so doing, he will be led into honorable and useful citizenship. It can be done; it has been done and is being done, but not to the extent of our possibilities.

-The End-

THE EXPANDED CHAPEL ACTIVITIES

by: Thomas A. Cox
Choir Director
and
Robert Hoskins
Organist

During the last five years there has been a vast change not only in the Chapel activities but also in the Chapel itself. Deepest appreciation should be given to our Rev. Inman who was determined to have the Chapel resemble a place of worship. We cannot say enough for the concern of our Warden, Mr. Wingo, who has shown so much concern for the renovation of the Chapel and without his help, it could not have been possible.

The expanded Chapel activities also includes musical instruments. The Chapel now has a piano and a organ, through one of the Gideons, Mr. Joe Rose, who contributed largely to the purchase of this Organ and speaker. To him and those who are responsible for the canteen funds, those of us who enjoy singing and playing for the Glory of God, we would like to express our greatest appreciation.

Also included in this revolutionary change, as far as the Chapel activities are concerned, many groups have been formed to give the men something which they might find helpful in their Christian lives. One group which has expanded to approximately sixty (60) men is the Yokefellows. We have five groups which include about twelve men each. Perhaps some do not understand fully what this group tries to convey. Men come together for one common goal to pray and really be concerned for your fellow man. There are certain disciplines which the Yoke-fellow group require. Just naming a few:

- (a) Discipline of prayer
- (b) Discipline of scripture
- (c) Discipline of worship
- (d) Discipline of study
- (e) Discipline of a group experience
- (f) Discipline of time

There is one more which is the discipline of money, but this one does not apply to this location.

We urge any and all who wish to have a wonderful fellowship to inquire or join this group.

We also have a choir which at the present time includes twenty men; however, there is room for as many who feel they would like to sing and participate in serving the Lord in this way, there is no special requirement, just a willing heart.

On Wednesday of every week prayer meeting is conducted starting at 2:30 P.M. till 4:00 P.M. There are many times that outside speakers come in and bring the message. We would like to name a few ministers who have been dedicated and given their time to come and worship with us, Reverends, Jim Lovett, Charles Young, Al Grounds, and many others who continue to serve the Lord in this way. We Also have men in this institution who feel that God has called them into the ministry and are studying Theology that they might present the Gospel as the Holy Spirit leads. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 26)

EXPANDED CHAPEL ACTIVITIES Continued:

These men on occasion bring the message during the Wednesday Prayer meeting. This prayer meeting includes singing hymns, giving testimony, and just having a wonderful time with the Lord. We again urge you to come and we guarantee you will receive a blessing.

I would like to say that without the talent of our musician, organist, etc. we could not carry on some of the expanded and worthwhile programs. We cannot say enough for the talent of our Organist, Robert Hoskins.

No one is seeking any personal glory and we have many men who use their talent for the glory of God, Clark Jones, Jerry Gardner, .. just naming a few who have contributed greatly to the Chapel program.

We also have one of the best gospel quartets that can be found anywhere. We have many tapes that have been played on different radio programs in this area. This is not taking away anything from the men of the choir, because without their dedication there would be no choir.

Singing is a vital part of the worship service and it seems like when God uses a man in a certain and special way, He always puts someone else in his place. We are speaking about our former choir director, Russell Dalrymple. God is using him in a very special way. His replacement is a former choir member himself. He doesn't possess any special talents as a musician but seeks only to do the will of God and to be used anyway possible. We are speaking of Thomas Cox who is the new choir director. We solicit your cooperation through the Chapel activities.

We urge you to consult with Chaplain Inman, concerning your spiritual life because his heart and concern is for every man here in this institution. We cannot express in words our gratitude for this brother in Christ. And he is truly our brother in the Lord.

This article has been submitted by the chapel organist and choir director for all concerned, and we hope that we can be of some service to any and all. Thank You.

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Minnie Maddern Fiske in Salvation Nell by Edward Sheldon-1908

Scene: The gospel she preaches in from of McGovern's saloon:

" It's the old, old story I've told you many times before. Christ was a poor man, and he chose poor people to be his friends. He knows how hard we have to work ter keep alive. He knows how strong and terrible our temptations are...But let me tell you that it's you Christ waits for. You've sunk to the bottom, you know the bitterness and cruelty of life, and it's you Christ wants, to show the beauty and the glory and the light. When you and me who have fallen rise again, we're greater than our sins, we're bigger men and women than if we'd never sinned at all. "

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OUR CHAPLAINS CONTINUED:

The work load is heavy for both Father Clark and Reverend Inman as each of them have an outside Church of their own; Father Clark at Princeton and Reverend Inman at Kuttawa. Both are dedicated men, neither complains and each takes time to help the men here with their personal problems and to offer their good counsel and guidance.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Protestant Worship Service	7:30 A.M.
	Protestant Bible Class	9:00 A.M.
	Catholic Mass	12:30 P.M.
	Farm Dormitory-Protestant Worship	5:30 P.M.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Monday	Steering Committee Meeting Chaplain's Office	1:00 P.M.
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	Hopeful Group # 2 Regular Meeting Farm Dormitory	7:00 P.M.
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Tuesday	12 Step Discussion Meeting Number 2 Shop	2:00 P.M.
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Sunday	Hopeful Group # 1 Regular Meeting Number 2 Shop	1:30 P.M.
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Rev. H. E. Inman, Chaplain
A. A. Advisor

Mr. H. R. Patterson
Institutional Sponsor

INTERVIEWS

Rev. H. E. Inman	Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M.----4:00 P.M.
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Father Thomas Clark	Monday and Thursday 10:30 A.M. ---1:00 P.M.
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WEEKDAY RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Monday	Yokefellow Groups (1 & 2)	2:30 P.M.
Wednesday	Mid-Week Prayer Service	2:30 P.M.
Thursday	Yokefellow Groups (3 & 4)	2:30 P.M.
Friday	Protestant Choir Practice	2:30 P.M.



Recently, the Chapel was filled to capacity for a whole week, the attraction was a latter day Billy Sunday. A revivalist with all the fire and enthusiasm of one of the old-time 'sawdust-trail' preachers, Al Grounds is serving now as interim pastor of the Bethel Baptist-Church, Fairview, Kentucky. Here is his life's story:

November 13th, 1933 at Ameagle, West Virginia, a young woman gave birth to a male child and named him Alvin Lee Grounds. He lived there until the age of four when his parents moved to Decota, W, Va. His father was a coal miner by trade having to live where he could find work and at this time work was very hard to find.

By the time he was six years old, little Al was enrolled in the Decota Grade School. Later he moved up to Junior High and spent three years at Leewood Junior High School.

It was during those years that he went to an old-time Methodist revival at Decota. Here he had his new-birth experience at an old-time altar found Christ. After living a dedicated Christian life for about two years, he began to be quite a popular teen-age boy, and the things of the world began to look once again very appealing. During this time he felt he had definitely had a call from God to preach the Gospel, but because of his youth and lack of knowledge about the next steps to take, he began to run with the wrong crowd. It wasn't too long until like the prodigal son he had drifted back into a life of sin. What he didn't realize, that he no longer belonged to himself, and the voice of God was ever in his ear. With the call to preach ever on his mind.

He joined the army on January 9, 1951 which began years of running from God. He was sent to Ft. Campbell, Ky. and spent 14 months there before sent to serve his country in Korea. After about 9 and one half months in Korea, he was seriously wounded in action on Oct. 14, 1952. He was treated in an air-force hospital in Japan and then transferred back to the states, once again to Ft. Campbell, Ky. to recover this time from his wounds. God again was at work in his life, and while at Ft. Campbell lead him to his beautiful wife. After many phone conversations, they met for the first time on February 26, two days later they were married. It is evident now that God could see into the future and knew what kind of wife he needed to work with him for the Lord.

On July 31, 1953, with his wife, he left Ft. Campbell moving back to West, Va. They were not happy there and in a few months returned to Kentucky, and went to work at Montgomery Ward in Hopkinsville. He stayed here about 3 years, but still with an uneasiness in his heart and now with a beautiful little daughter to support (who now also serves the Lord with the family in revivals, playing the piano and singing) moved on to a better job in the Insurance business.

This job trained him to meet the public, and helped him develop the deep concern he now has for people in all walks of life. It is often through this job now that he is given the opportunity to witness for Christ that few full time preachers have the chance to do.

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REV. AL GROUNDS CONTINUED

After 8 years, being very successful, a wonderful promotion was offered to him, however he did not feel it was right to take and began to look for excuses to turn it down.

He went to the Doctor to have a small mole removed from the side of the neck...the Doctor noticed that he was speaking with a rough hoarseness, and he felt he should see a throat specialist soon. That same day he went to see the specialist in Hopkinsville. He found that he had tumors growing on his vocal cords and were swollen to an abnormal size, and that they could be cancerous. He told him not to speak for three weeks and come back. He went home realizing that he had told God, No for the last time, and fell on his knees by the bed side, and there promised God to preach the rest of his life, if he would but grant unto him a voice. At this time he felt the power of God surge through his body like he had never felt it before, and also felt his own will surrendered to God's. His touch was so real and complete that after many weeks of silence, he went back to the Doctor and after close examination asked him what he had been doing. He replied that he had lots of God's people praying for him, the Doctor said that one of the tumors had disappeared. He instructed him to go home and do what he had been doing...after many more weeks of rest and prayer, he entered the hospital to have the last tumor removed, thus more days and weeks of silence. The last report came back non-cancerous.

God had answered prayer...a voice to preach with. This began his career preaching every chance he got, which was not too often at first. Many of his own churches would not accept his boldness, and "telling it like it is-preaching". He would and still does preach in all denominations and all races churches.

When God opens the doors, he preaches "Jesus...the only hope for the World".

He now testified to the fact the greatest work in his ministry was when God allowed him to preach the crusade at Eddyville State... Prison, and the highlight of what week being the last service, when his family was given permission to sing for the men and he gave his own life story. Also the men honored him by making him a member of.. the Yokefellows. As he put it, He's never been a member of the Mason, Moose or Goose but thank God he is a Yokefellow." Yes Al Grounds was born Nov. 13, 1933 for the first time...but because of the Grace of God, he has been born again, to live eternally.

by E.O. Taylor from a biographical sketch furnished by the Rev. Grounds.

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The story of the GUIDES FOR BETTER LIVING originally planned for this issue of CASTLE will appear in the October issue. Also included in the coming issue will be stories and features about new plans and programs for the institution. Don't miss the October--- CASTLE !

The Editor

"Health, peace, and many a bloodless year to fight his battles o'er" (Holmes)

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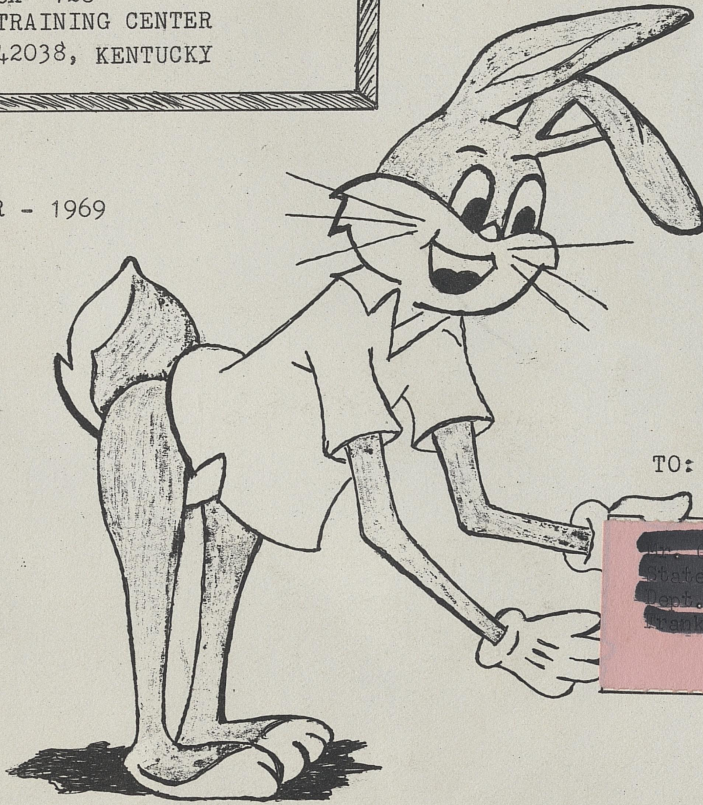
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