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"The night is far spent, the day is at hand:
Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness,
and let us put on the Armour of Light."

Paul to the Romans

Life leaps like a geyser for those who drill
through the rock of inertia.

Alex Carrel

CASTLE - OUR ELEVENTH YEAR OF CONTINUOUS PUBLICATION

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* OUR ELEVENTH YEAR OF CONTINUOUS PUBLICATION *

from the editor



NEW PROGRAM: A new program to aid the former offender has come into being. It is Ex-Contributions, Inc. and is headed by Dave Hill. If you wish to know more about it the address is: 439 Polk Street, Anoka, Minnesota, 55435. Hill is also active in FOCUS, Former Offenders Creating Understanding in Society.

IN OUR MAILBAG: Since our last publication in December, the mail has been pouring in to the News Office. One of our regulars, Mrs. Virginia Veeneman reports that her group continues to offer aid and comfort to the parolee and former offender in the Louisville area. In addition to the work of this nature, their son, Rev. Dismas, is now a Chaplain at the mens institution at Waupun, Wisconsin.

NEW STAFF MEMBER: Charles DuRain, who has served as an artist for us for some time has joined the staff here to bring the grand total of those employed to get the CASTLE out to a grand total of two.

SAY IT AIN'T SO, JOE: An increasing number of the penal press have been taking up the case of our old pal, Joe Milani, of the J-S Times to generally give him "heck" over various and sundry crimes committed by his facile pen. Joe does stir up the dust on the circuit and while we don't often agree with him we do feel that he is due some honor for the innovator that he is. His J-S Time is a slick publication that would do credit to any free-world magazine. His timing is sometimes bad and he does actively campaign for kudos for his magazine but this stems, I think, from a real pride and joy in the work he is doing. Joe, like the old-time editor of the west, is at his best when he has about half the penal press mad at him for his sharp, acerb, and acute jabs at his fellow editors. He has gotten on our case here several times with a rapier-like realism that has produced much fire and brimstone. When the smoke and fire had blown away and calm prevailed once again we had to agree with him that he was in part right. At least, his sting stimulates and eggs you on to try and best him. It is with envy for the talented staff that he has that causes most of us to let the J-S Times get to us. Bill Cox and I have enjoyed every line of battle that we have done with Joe and look forward to continuing the tilt. We salute Joe and his recent wins in the SIU Penal Press Contest for 1970.

CORRECTIONS CANDLE: The Candle, a publication of the Kentucky Department of Corrections, had a line or two about Mr. E. S. Vickery, the Correctional Officer in Charge here at the Vocational School. Here is what it had to say, "...we would like to include, as a special case, Mr. Edward Sampson Vickery at Eddyville. Mr. Vickery, who is 61 years of age, started working at the Penitentiary in 1964 as a Correctional Office I. When he learned that he could be promoted if he secured a GED certificate he started studying, and passed the test in November, at which time he was promoted to CO II. To you who think it can't be done - we offer Mr. Vickery as a shining example that it can."

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CONCERNED CITIZENS PROGRAM COMES TO WESTERN KENTUCKY

According to a recent article in the Paducah Sun-Democrat, volunteers are being sought in the Western Kentucky area of the 1st Judicial district to work in a new program aimed at helping men placed on parole or probation.

The program called "Parolee Volunteers", is under the supervision of the Department of Corrections. Mr. Maurice Wooten, Madisonville, community correctional service officer for the 1st district said that Kentucky is one of two states to take part in the federally funded program and that it will be closely observed to see how it works out.

The aim of the program is to rehabilitate men after they have been released from prison on parole or placed on probation. The work of the volunteers will be to help these men find their way back into the activities of the community and to find social acceptance again, Mr. Wooten explained.

For instance, the volunteer who agrees to work with a parolee might help him to regain an interest in Little League ball, Boy Scouts, or sporting events. The volunteer could serve as a counselor if the parolee has problems on his job, Mr. Wooten said.

He gave as an example the story of a volunteer in Eastern Kentucky, where the program has been under way for about two months. The parolee assigned to the volunteer had trouble on the job he had come to after leaving prison.

The man had come home from work, packed his bag and prepared to leave town - thereby breaking the terms of his parole. When the volunteer arrived at the man's home, he talked with him, helped him to find a solution to his problem and convinced him to return to his job.

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Volunteers who apply for the program will receive training and guidelines to follow in working with the men assigned to them. Applicants will be carefully screened and selected for their suitability for the work. Their instruction period will prepare them to deal with the kind of problems they might be expected to face.

There will be 10 volunteers selected from each county in the district for the beginning program. This will gradually increase as the program expands and progresses.

LATEST G.E.D. RESULTS

Mr. William Egbert, Supervisor of Education has released the names of the January 16, 1971 group of men who have successfully passed the G.E.D. (High School Equivalency Program) tests. They are slated to receive their diplomas at graduation ceremonies to be held here later.

Passing the tests were:

- Larry Sutherland
- John Green
- Robert Redmon
- Gerry Brown
- Roger Pace
- Robert Prater
- Anthony McNealy
- Raymond Lee Johnson
- Thomas Sullivan Wright

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NOW
is the
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CASTLE-1971.....

BITS AND PEACES

'OF MICE AND MEN' PLAYED BY INMATES OF COLORADO STATE PENITENTIARY

Colorado State Penitentiary inmates presented the play 'OF MICE AND MEN' by John Steinbeck, in March, 1971.

Curtain time was at 7 P. M. with performances in the Colorado Penitentiary auditorium. Prison officials suggested audience members arrive at 6:30 P.M. to allow time for security procedures.

The \$2 tickets were sold at the prison gates, the University of Denver Theater Department, the Ogden Bookstore in Denver, and at the Denver Folklore Center. (Rocky Mountain News)

EX-CONVICTS SOUGHT AS PROBATION AIDES

PORTLAND, Ore. The State is looking for ex-convicts to take jobs as parole and probation aides paying \$383 to \$489 a month. The Department of Correction's job qualifications say "the applicant must have had an adult felony conviction which resulted in adult penal incarceration". (UPI)

FURLOUGHS?

A Bill to permit the Kansas Penitentiary warden to allow selected prisoners to make visits to their homes up to a maximum of 10 days a year was approved.

A COINCIDENCE OF BIRTHDATES

Out of any 35 inmates in the penitentiary, the odds are better than two to one that at least two of them have birthdays on the same date. In dealing with a group about 50 prisoners, the chance approaches certainty. Try it on 35 friends and see for yourself.

C. DuRain

OLD HARD TIME



Remember when all this rehabilitation was called hard labor?

GIVING IS THE SPIRIT **KSP NEWS**

Helping others was the 1970 holiday theme for the men of Kentucky State Penitentiary during the season just passed.

Two fund drives were conducted and a total of \$466 was raised for unfortunate kids. Of this amount, \$311 went to the annual Lions Club WPSD-TV Telethon for Crippled Children and \$155 went to the Paradise Childrens Home at Bell City, Kentucky.

The Children's Telethon has been one of the regularly supported projects for the past three years. Gifts from previous years have averaged well over the \$300 mark. Perry Joseph again headed this past drive. Assisting him were:

- Jack Ingram
- Cecil Himes
- Billy White
- Marvin Cunningham
- Jim Pinion
- Bobby Lightfoot
- Eddie Dupin
- Joe Kempf

Mr. John Atwood, Canteen Manager served as the Coordinator of both projects.

Perry Joseph and Castle Editor, H. R. Dunbar accompanied Mr. John Drennon, Associate Warden and Mr. C. F. Brennon, Assistant Athletic Director to Bell City to present the cash gift to the orphan's Home. The trip marked the first time since 1962 that Joseph had been outside the walls.

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CANNERY BOWS OUT

The cannery at Eddyville wheezed its' last this past season. It has since been moved to LaGrange and all the cannery operation of the Department of Corrections will come from there in the future.

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Cannery continued-

On the closing of the cannery, Warden John W. Wingo noted that Mr. Brown and Mr. Dunkerson with the help of an extremely good crew produced a higher quality and a better product than in the past years. The old cannery building will now become a warehouse for the Engineering Department.

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MR. POWELL RETIRES

Mr. Raymond Powell, Institutional Parole Officer at K.S.P. for the past ten years retired at year's end. His previous staff-duties have been assumed by the Clinical Services staff.

SERVICE PIN HONORS

Mr. Fred McChesney, Farm Manager was recently honored at special ceremonies here on being awarded a 25-year pin. He has been associated with the institution since 1945.

A total of 37 K.S.P. employees received Commonwealth of Kentucky Service Pins; 5, 20-year pins; 5, 15-year pins; 26, 10-year pins. Included in the group receiving a Ten Year Service Pin was Correctional Officer, E.S. Vickery, who has charge of the operation of the Vocational School.

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God had better help those who get caught helping themselves.

The lowest ebb is at the turning of the tide.

?? DID YOU KNOW ??

While Amsterdam's Work House, opened in 1596, claims to be the granddaddy of all prisons; the Encyclopedia Americana maintains that London's House of Corrections was in business thirty nine years sooner, in 1557. The Bridewell Castle was abandoned by the Royal Family in 1525 and turned over to the city by Edward VI in 1553. Bridewell prison got its name from a popular well in the center of the compound called St. Bride's Well. Its water was believed by Londoners of the day to contain medicinal properties.

Stockade type Workhouses took much of the strain off the hangman's noose around Europe until about 1704 when Pope Clement XI came up with a head full of ideas about solitude and expiation. In that year the Pope built the House of San Michele following the recommendations of Dom Jean Mabillon that "Penitents might be secluded in cells like those of the Carthusian monks". Cells did not gain wide use for more than a hundred years later, but this does illustrate where those dingy little dungeons we live in today came from.

In 1771 Belgium's Jean Jacques Vilain, "Father of Penitentiary Science", announced that prisons should be built with an eye toward rehabilitation rather than punishment. Labeled by witch-hunters of that time as an "absolutely ridiculous" idea it has had a hard time catching on. The notion shows signs of gathering momentum.

After touring European prisons in 1775, English reformer, John Howard, published a book in 1777 titled "The State of Prisons" which caused quite a stir. Howard purposed that in order to function profitably prisons needed four basic provisions; 1. A secure and sanitary structure, 2. Systematic inspections, 3. Abolition of fees against prisoners, and 4. A reformatory regime. Howard was joined by Sir William Blackstone and William Eden to form the "Society of Friends" whose influence not only upgraded the decayed English work houses but is carried over into modern prison reform movements.

The barbaric English penal code was doggedly pursued in the United States long after the Revolution. Prisons were nothing more than stockades where men, women, and children were herded together. Brutality, graft, and promiscuity was the order of the day. In 1790 Pennsylvania and West Jersey adopted and enforced a law prohibiting corporal punishment except for premeditated murder. That same year the Walnut Street Goal (jail) in Philadelphia became the first state owned prison in the U.S.

Following guidelines set out previously, a New York architect, John Gray, and a sadistic stockade captain named Elam Lynds built the first inside cellblock styled prison. The back to back cells standing in tiers five stories high was originated at Auburn in 1825, and followed immediately on the Hudson River near New York City by the infamous Sing Sing Prison. Sing Sing's elaborate design has been copied all over the U.S. and South America, as well as in Europe. Boasting that no reformation could begin until the prisoner's will was broken, Warden Lynds introduced the dehumanizing strict, and endless regimentation familiar in U.S. prisons to this very day.

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DID YOU KNOW? (Continued)

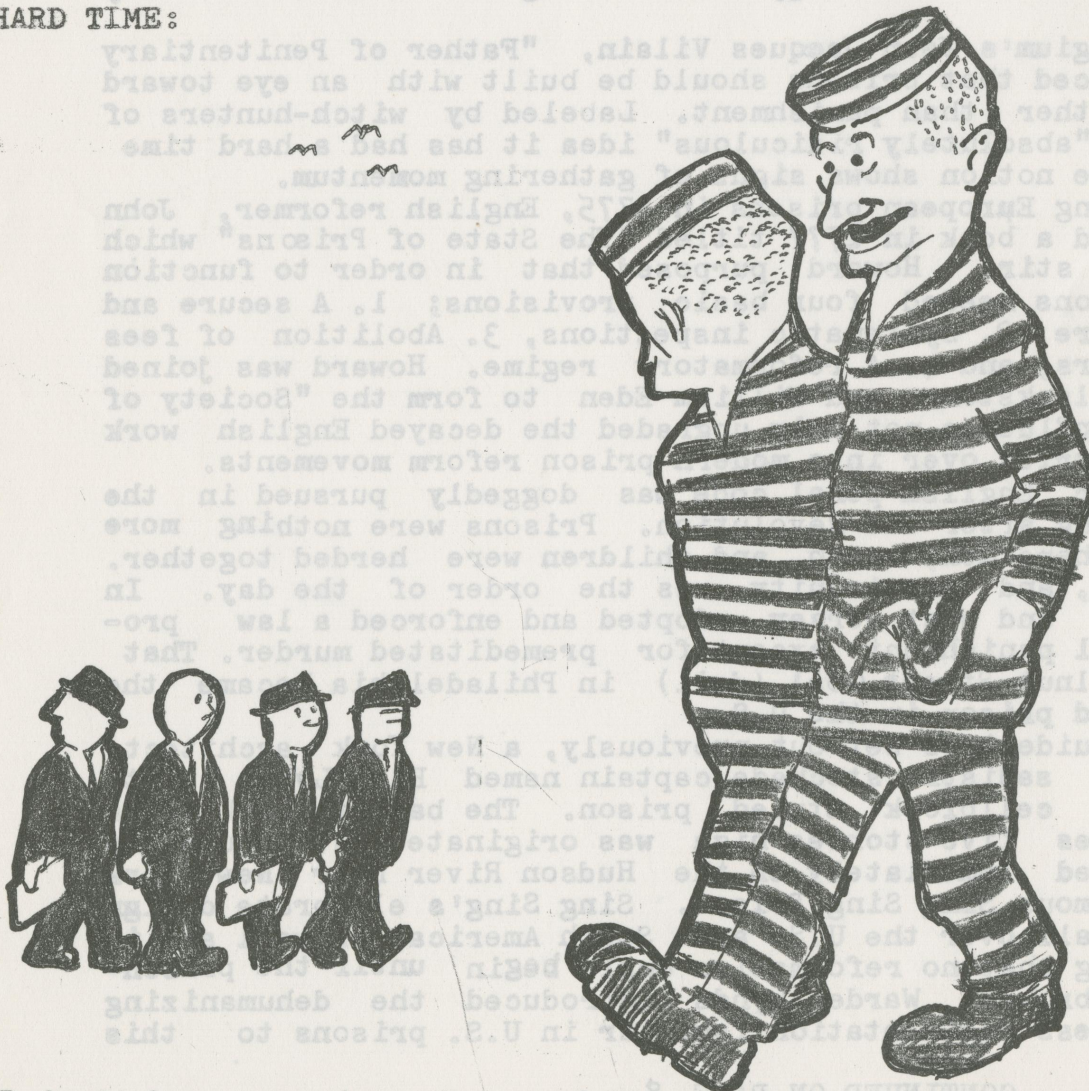
From the onset progressive penology students denounced the Lynds's Penitentiary as inhumane and useless. It was not until 1870 that prison administrators became convinced that an impasse had been reached, and, after a meeting in Cincinnati, declared the existing penal system a dismal failure. But not until 1930 did anyone get around to eliminating the cellblock designs in favor of the stockade type reformatory.

In the early 1950's public demands for prison reform followed a wave of riots which swept the prisons across the U.S. The mutinies against intolerable conditions and merciless exploitation ushered in the present era.

The principal source of information for this capsule history, the Encyclopedia Americana, maintains that in the future more emphasis may be put on probation while the institutions become little more than a diagnostic center. When one is convicted of a crime he will go to an institution for observation and treatment before he is returned to his community under strict but understanding supervision.

C. DuRain

OLD HARD TIME:



I don't know, another plague of those prison reformers I guess



BILL COX'S PENAL PRESS REVIEW

This column is a tribute to the members of the penal press and to all the lucky winners of the 1970 American Penal Press Contest.

THE ECHO, official voice of the penned-in of Texas, edited by Bill White grabbed the 1970 Charles Clayton Award from the Journalism Department of Southern Illinois University. Echo has been at it for 41 years and really has a high degree of journalistic vim and vigor.

THE MENARD TIMES, Harold Sampson, Editor, was the winner for the third time of the printed newspaper sweepstakes. Ole Harold has always put out a paper that makes it number one on the readin' list here.

THE ENCHANTED NEWS won the Magazine sweepstakes. This Arizona publication with Bill McCurry as editor is always full of the best of the west stories and information. We note too, that our old pal, Joe Milani, of the J-S TIME came in third. Now if we were in charge of the passin' out of these here certificates of merit we believe that Joe and his crew should get the Hertz award 'cause they try a 'little bit harder.' Les 'on the Island' Price would get the Ford award from us for their 'better idea.' We've got no kicks about the award of Excellence for the INTERPRETER of Canon City, Colo.

THE EYE OPENER edited by Rex Fletcher at Oklahoma State Prison was second in the mimeographed newspaper section of the contest. If we had been in the judges seat, I believe that Rex would have won the contest hands down. I'm still reading the Christmas issue of the Walled-Street Journal, do believe that Ed Williams turned out the best issue of this type ever seen. Don't want to fail to mention that our neighbors in Tennessee at the BULLETIN came in third in this contest. You guys got some of our fine 'tucky talent down there new including the former P.I. flash - Jess.

In individual awards sure made us proud to see that the GPS NEWS had a winner in "Bobby Wants To Read". We told you here first that this was a really outstanding story and we are happy to see that the profs. at S. I. U. agreed.

Yes, sir, to all of you we want to send out our congratulations. The fact that the judges had 724 entries from 57 penal publications in 31 states to consider speaks well of the interest of the members of the penal press in this the Sixth Annual American Penal Press Contest.

In the course of one week, inmates may view 641 programs which are broadcast on the three commercial VHF chennals. In addition, there are 28 FM stations within easy range of the prison.

A A HOLDS ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

On January 10, 1971 the Hopeful Group of Alcoholics Anonymous held their annual meeting. It was a huge success as you can see from this report by their Secretary, Bob Hoskins, as gleaned from the pages of OUR HOPE - AA's publication here.

*The 14th Anniversary of the Hopeful Group was a great success and far greater than we had anticipated. It was a wonderful turn-out of fine talks, fellowship, and food. Speaking of the food, we extend our thanks to those who helped prepare this food and to the wives of our outside guests who prepared the cakes, pies, and other goodies for the Anniversary. All we can say is, they sure can bake fellows. You have our deepest thanks and gratitude.

GROUPS REPRESENTED AND PRESENT AT THE 14th ANNIVERSARY MEETING:

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| HOPKINSVILLE, KY. | NORTONVILLE, KY. | LEITCHFIELD, KY. |
| HORSE CAVE, KY. | EVANSVILLE, IND. | OWENSBORO, KY. |
| EDDYVILLE, KY. | WHITESVILLE, KY. | MADISONVILLE, KY. |
| BENTON, KY. | LOUISVILLE, KY. | GREENVILLE, KY. |
| LA CENTER, KY. | GRAHAM, KY. | MUNFORDSVILLE, KY. |
| PADUCAH, KY. | FANCY FARM, KY. | MAYFIELD, KY. |
| METROPOLIS, ILL. | DAWSON SPRINGS, KY. | HARTFORD, KY. |
| McHENRY, KY. | FRANKFORT, KY. | BOWLING GREEN, KY. |
| SAVANA, KY. | HANCOCK COUNTY, KY. | |

This was truly one of our finest Anniversaries of the Hopeful Group and we sincerely hope that each and every Anniversary in the future will and can be as successful as this one has been in support and fellowship. Our thanks goes out to each and every one who helped contribute to the fellowship of this meeting.

The master of Ceremonies for this program were J. Page for the morning portion of the program, and J. Foy for the afternoon portion. These two men have done a fine job in the A.A. Program and have continued to give of themselves and their time. It is men like these who give others strength to carry on. Thanks again fellows.

THE SPEAKERS FOR THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING ARE INDICATED BELOW:

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| J. Page | Master of Ceremonies |
| W. Stephenson | History of the Hopeful Group (outside speaker) |
| A.A. Tony | Talk (outside speaker) |
| J. Thompson | Talk (outside speaker) |
| W. Butler | Talk (outside speaker) |

After lunch and Fellowship, the afternoon portion of the program began;

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| J. Foy | Master of ceremonies |
| Words by Warden John W. Wingo | |
| Judge C. Martin | Talk |
| Words by Associate Warden. Mr. Drennon | |
| Words by Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Ed. Baker | |
| Kenneth Conkright | Talk |
| Paul Wathens | Talk (outside) |
| Recognition of Cities Represented by J. Foy | |
| J. Foy | Talk |

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THE SPORTS SCENE

with HANK HILL

I just inherited the position as Sports Reporter from the recently departed Johnny McWhinney, now a resident of sunny California. I know that all of you join me in wishing him well as he goes back to where it's at. In addition to doing a crack job of keeping us abreast of the Sports Scene, Johnny was a real jsm-up guy.

Basketball is purely the sports of the inmate, no other sport seems to rouse inmates the way that 'old round ball' does. They play it all summer as well as in the winter, fall, and spring. We really have a fine team-league going among our intra-mural players. Our varsity basketball team, too, is off to a flying start with a record of seven wins and no losses, at this writing. We really have a fine, hustling club. Some of these guys can really set fire to the old hoop.

Willie Moore, or 'Old Eagle-Eye' as the opposition calls him, is one of the best shooters to come down the road in a while. Stink Smeltz, the hot-shot from Lexington-Dunbar, has shown that he is one of the better ball handlers and shooters that we have seen in a long while. And what about Tapscott's boy, can this guy get it up in the air! He is always hustling and aggressive. Tap gives it all he's got each time he plays. Not to be forgotten among our fine ball-players are Torain, Charles, and Williams, to say nothing of the old pros like Mitch and Dickerson. Always dependable, these guys let everybody know that they love the game and play to win everytime they go on the court.

A real asset to our club has been the graceful "Swan" Glenn Murray. He is a fine all-round sports figure, not only good at basketball but outstanding in football and baseball. He really knows how to pass-off to the open man and is deadly with that fine Fall-away from about anywhere. Glenn is quite and unusually efficient on the court.

Meanwhile on the local scene, Clement's ballclub is trying to run away from the pack. They have only one loss at the time of this report. With 12 big wins, his team seems to have the league all wrapped up.

Following Clement down the list, things are fairly evenly matched. Just about every club is capable of beating any other club on any given day. Ford's club is currently in second place and proving themselves formidable. Just a step down is my own club and I can't understand why we aren't in first place. Where else would you expect to find a short, fat, barber westwinding such a glowing group of young ball players. McWhinney's ex-ball club is right on my back, which proves he's only better in making parole than he is as a basketball coach.

HERE ARE THE STANDING

TEAMS:

WINS:

LOST:

CLEMENT
FORD

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CHAPEL NEWS

The Reverend H. E. Inman, Protestant Chaplain here, resigned effective December 31, 1970. He had been most active in the programs of self-help and church orientated study groups. Below is a letter he sent to CASTLE for printing in this issue:

"I want to take this opportunity to thank the men for the nice Christmas present that they gave me on Christmas Eve. The gift was made quite significant since it not only expressed the love of the inmates who gave, but also since it was presented to me during the last official worship service that I served as the Chaplain. My wife and I will never forget the love that we felt in our hearts that day at the Chapel.

I would like to thank Mr. Lasley for obtaining a gift certificate with the money from one of the nicest Men's stores in Paducah. It really meant something to me to "cash-in" on the gift certificate during the "after Christmas sale."

It is hard to put into words the deep feeling that I have concerning the many who contributed so much to my ministry during the seven years that I had the privilege of serving as Chaplain at the Kentucky State Penitentiary. My life is much richer, and my memory is filled with many wonderful reminders of God's grace at work behind those stone walls during the period of time that I was there. I only hope that those who really felt that I was a friend will continue to believe it, and that they will give me an opportunity to prove it when they leave the prison."

NEW CHAPLAIN APPOINTED

Dr. Frederick P. Loman, former Chaplain of the Welborn Memorial Baptist Hospital, Evansville, Indiana, has been appointed as the new Protestant Chaplain of the Nash Memorial Chapel here. He succeeds Rev. Houston Inman who resigned in December of last year.

Dr. Loman was reared and educated in Orange, Connecticut. He did his first college work at Mercer University, Macon, Georgia where he received his B.A. degree. He obtained his B.D. degree from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He has also had additional studies at the Graduate School of Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia; School of Alcoholic Studies, Yale University and the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California. His Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity was received from the Oakland City College in 1964.

His pastorates include the Bethsaida Baptist Church in Dublin, Georgia, New Providence Baptist Church, Gayton, Georgia and the First Baptist Churches of Hardeeville and Sheldon, South Carolina. In 1943 he entered the Chaplaincy of the Air Force to serve eighteen months in the South Pacific area. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain in May, 1946.

Dr. Loman then began his service as a hospital Chaplain serving first at Battey State Hospital in Rome, Georgia. For the next nine years he was the Chaplain at Baptist Memorial Hospital, in Memphis, Tennessee. He came to Welborn in Evansville in 1957.

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AA HOLDS ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE (continued)

D. Bernard Talk (outside)

C. Ringo Talk

Mr. Homer Ray Patterson, our inside Sponsor, closed the Meeting.

We here at Eddyville of the Hopeful Group want to say thanks again to all and may each and every one have a good year and we look forward always to your visitations, and fellowship. May each day bring a new hope and inspiration to all."

NEW CHAPLAIN APPOINTED (continued)

He is the author of several studies in the role of the minister in the hospital as well as articles on chronic alcoholism and drug abuse. He has traveled abroad with the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. He has served this and other tour groups as a Russian interpreter. The Reverend Loman has also taught basic Russian at both the Mead-Johnson Institute in Evansville and at U.K.'s Henderson Community College.

Dr. and Mrs. Loman have a married daughter who is a Junior at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

He has indicated to CASTLE that we can expect regular articles from him for our coming issues. He has already become active in the A.A. program here and will try to organize a class in Russian some time in the near future.

THE SPORTS SCENE (continued)

| TEAMS: | WINS: | LOST: |
|-----------|-------|-------|
| HILL | 6 | 6 |
| McWHINNEY | 5 | 8 |
| SCHOOL | 3 | 5 |
| MITCHELL | 3 | 8 |
| WOODS | 6 | 10 |

We would like to see more of the population come out and support one of their favorite teams. We do play these games for your enjoyment as well as our own. Who Knows, perhaps you will see our own Mendy Rudolph, (Buddy Stevens), who is said to have been the referee of the first basketball game played in the New World. Steve wears that he never made a bad call. That is, except when he called the kennel for his Seeing-Eye dog. Truth is, Buddy is only two years older than the Wagon Gate.

Hope tells us tomorrow will be better.

Half our fears are baseless; the other half are discreditable.

POETRY

5/16 OF MADNESS

Dark Citadels Of Mirrows

Seguestered, inhibited, imaginary.
 Figment Figurations of fantasy,
 Numerous, Number, Noxious,
 A Rapien Asp, rapien, violent
 Deadly unsheathed, But silent,
 Life seems to hinge on the brink,
 Smells of Madness,
 But optimum so some think,
 The fates eerie cry,
 A tri-audible sigh,
 Appreciation or negation?
 To fatigued to plan to their delegation
 Of rabid bats in cellephone hats,
 Are dream schemes,
 Hope a rope,
 To be touched, never grasped?
 Am I to rumble, stumble,
 Shudder and fall?
 Day light creeps up the hall,
 Floods my opium stall,
 Flee morphus,
 It's the monkey
 Come to call ----

James W. Montgomery
26397

FOR MY MOTHER

Mother I'm so proud to say,
 That I belong to you,
 You've given me much devotion,
 You're love has been so true.

I know I'm not the best son,
 That a mother has ever had.
 I've done so many things,
 That's hurt both you and Dad.

I thank God for giving me Dad,
 One sister and two brothers.
 But most of all I thank Him,
 For making you my mother.

L. Fenwick



DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road your traveling, seems all uphill.
When the funds are low, and the debts are high.
And you want to smile, and you have to sigh.
When care is pressing you down a bit - rest if you must,
BUT PLEASE DON'T QUIT.



Life is queer, with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns.
And many a fellow turns about,
When he might have won, had he stuck it out.
Don't give up, though the pace seems slow,
You may succeed with another blow.
BUT PLEASE DON'T QUIT.



Often the goal is nearer than it seems to a faint and faltering man.

Often the struggles have been given up,
When he might have captured the victor's cup.
And he learned too late, when the night came down,
Just how close he was to the golden crown.
Success is failure turned inside out,
And you can never tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so afar.
So stick to the fight even when your hardest hit,
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.



God never turns his back on those He loves,
Even though things happen - like those above.
We're all God's children - even if we are split apart.
But always remember this, we all have heart.
SO PLEASE DON'T QUIT.



----- Ellis Meeks -----

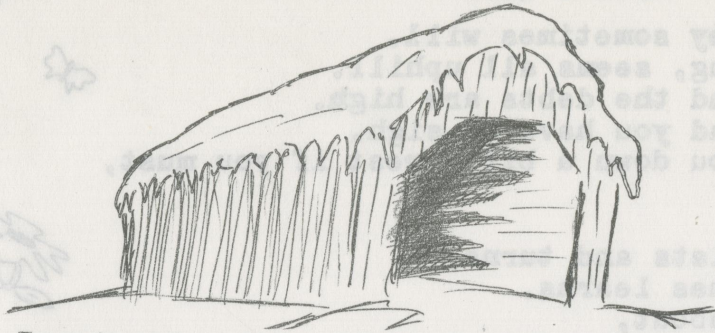
HOW WILL I BE REMEMBERED

What will they say about me.
Those whom I hold so dear?
What will they best remember
When I'm no longer here?
Will they recall mistakes I've made
Battles I never won?
Moments of pain I've caused them
Things I've left undone?
Will they censor my human feelings
And wish I'd been noble and strong?
Will they scoff at the hopes inured
The dreams that, somehow, went wrong?
Or will they be moved by compassion
Directed from heaven above
To temper their judgements with kindness
And soften their memories with Love.



----- Virginia M. Case -----

No man ever injured his eyesight by looking on the bright side of things. Ben Franklin



OUR COVER - Inspiration for this cover by our master silk-screener, Ted Lewis, comes from the November-December (1970) issue of the Louisville Automobile Club's Bulletin. Depicted is the covered bridge over the north fork of Elkhorn Creek at Switzer, Kentucky.

According to the Automobile Club Bulletin, the covered bridge stands as a tribute to "frontier ingenuity." Lacking materials such as steel beams and concrete in the wilderness area, men were forced to combine this ingenuity with Mother Nature and the materials at hand.

"This 'frontier ingenuity' came from men like Jacob Bower and Louis Wernwag, who were carpenters turned engineers. The term 'engineer' is not loosely applied to these men, either, for many an unusual truss found in today's modern bridge structures were first employed in these covered bridges."

"The materials at hand came from the mighty yellow poplar that once heavily populated the Commonwealth and could be found growing in abundance near any selected bridge site. In addition to its availability, the yellow poplar was light in weight, easy to work, and was virtually immune to the destructive termite. However, Mother Nature gave the yellow poplar one unique characteristic that insured a romantic touch to our bridges. The wood of this otherwise perfect tree was susceptible to weather and, if left unprotected from moisture, would decay. Being logical and economy-minded men, these bridge builders didn't take long to figure out that the only solution to this problem was to cover their bridges. And there you have it - the reason for covered bridges."

The magazine goes on to point out that "around the turn of the Century, there were nearly 400 covered bridges in Kentucky. Since then, for one reason or another, the number has dwindled steadily until now there are only 17 left. Of these remaining 17, only 11 are in use. Efforts are now being made to protect and preserve these remaining bridges so that generations to come will be able to enjoy them as monuments to a leisured time never to be lived again."

Existing bridges are to be found in Bourbon County, Bracken County, Fleming County, Franklin County, Greenup County, Lawrence County, Lewis County, Mason County, Nelson County, Robertson County, and Washington County.

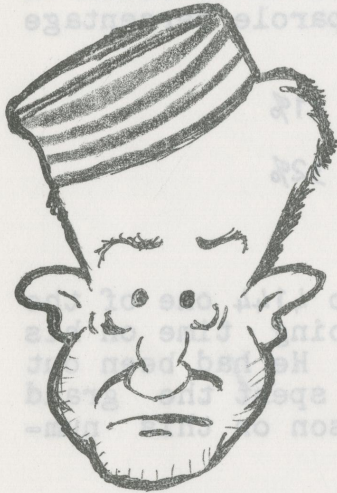
-Covered Bridges in Kentucky, A Link With The Past-



COMMITTED



3 YEARS



7 YEARS



10 YEARS



12 YEARS



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FROM THE EDITOR Continued:

NEW PRESS - A new printing press to serve the growing needs of the institution has been installed in the Administration Building. It is hoped that this will enable us to get the CASTLE to you on a more regular basis in the future.

OUR BASKETBALL TEAM - The next issue of CASTLE will have several full stories on the "Road Runners"-K.S.P.'s trophy winning basketball squad. Don't miss it! Until next time, dear friends and all gentle hearts-30=.

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PAROLE BOARD RESULTS

The Kentucky State Parole Board now meets at the institution on a new schedule of every two months. Below are the parole percentage figures for the past several visits:

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| October | 34% | December | 41% |
| November | 41% | January | 32% |
| | February | 43% | |

Of the paroles granted in December, one went to 4144 one of the oldest numbers in the institution. 4144 started doing time on his life sentence from Fayette County in May of 1924. He had been out on three previous paroles on this number. 4144 had spent the grand sum of Thirty years, one month and four days in prison on this number.

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STAY-TISTICS FROM THE RECORDS OFFICE

Low Number - 11549 High Number - 27885

Death Row - 17

Total K.S.P. count = 1,045

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COMMENT

No convicted criminal was ever punished by the law. He is maligned at the hands of other men.

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