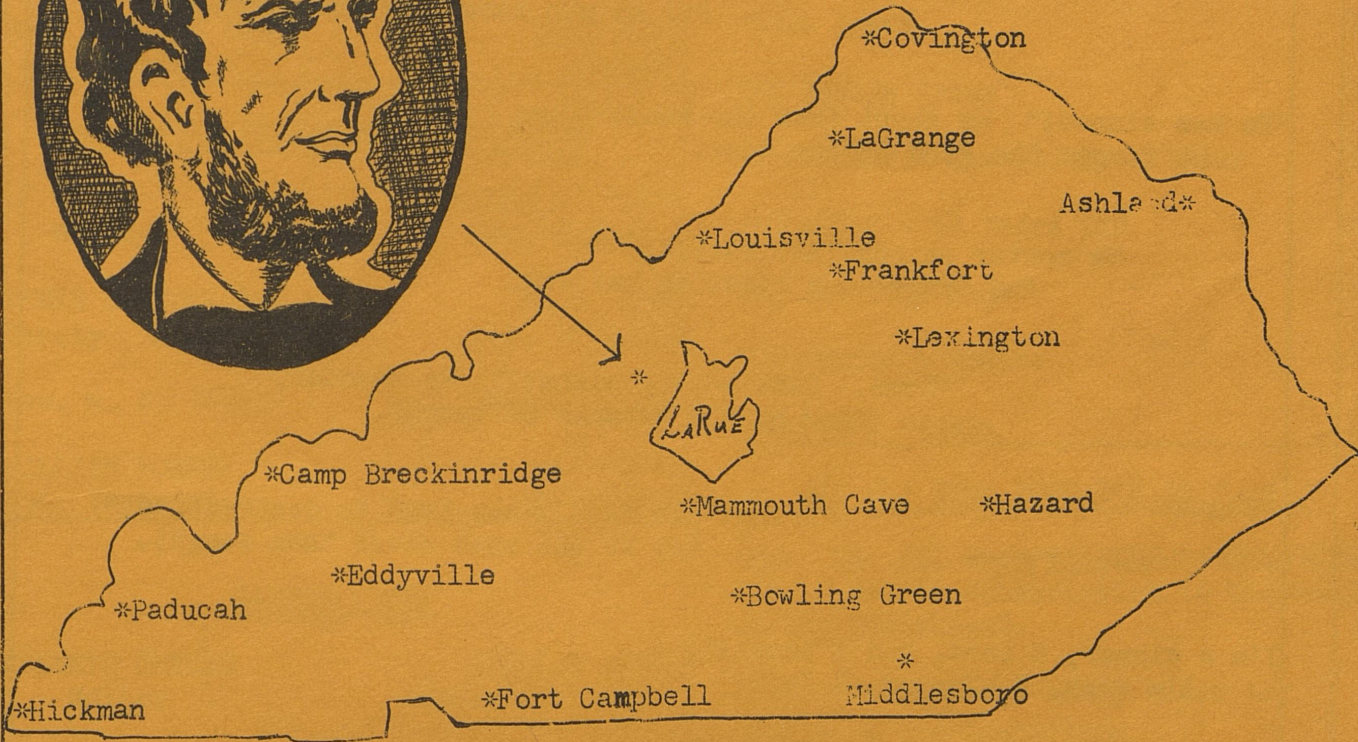


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\* The birthplace (LaRue County-near Hodgenville) of Abraham Lincoln;  
1809-1865: Sixteenth President of the United States.

# February 1965



SAINTS AND SINNERS

When some fellow yields to temptation  
And breaks a conventional law,

We look for no good in his make-up,  
But gad! how we look for a flaw!

No one will ask, "How tempted?"  
Nor allow for the battles he's fought;

His name becomes food for the jackals;  
For us who have never been caught.

"He has sinned!" We shout from the house-tops,  
We forget the good he has done.

We center on one lost battle,  
And forget the times he has won.

"Come. Gaze on the sinner!" We thunder,  
"And by his example be taught,

That his foot steps lead to destruction."  
Cry we who have never been caught.

I'm a sinner, O Lord, and I know it,  
I'm weak, I blunder, I fail,

I'm tossed on life's stormy ocean,  
Like ships embroiled in a gale.

I'm willing to trust in Thy mercy;  
To keep the commandments Thou'st taught,

But deliver me, Lord, from the judgement,  
Of saints who have never been caught.



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# CASTLE



# NEWS

ECCE HOMO

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

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\* Have mercy upon me, O God, according \*  
\* To Thy lovingkindness: According unto \*  
\* The multitude of Thy tender mercies \*  
\* Blot out my transgressions..... \*  
\* \* \* \* \*

\* On Wednesday, January 20th, Warden Luther Thomas, 62, died at the \*  
\* Norton Infirmary, Louisville, Kentucky. \*  
\* \* \* \* \*

\* Warden Thomas became ill shortly before Christmas and was con- \*  
\* fined to his home early in January. A few days later he was \*  
\* hospitalized at Cadiz. Examinations led to his hospitalization \*  
\* at Louisville where he underwent an extensive abdominal surgery \*  
\* for an abdominal malignancy. The operation, and his condition \*  
\* was regarded as satisfactory. However, shock as the result of \*  
\* the operation took his life. \*  
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\* Warden Thomas was appointed by Governor Bert T. Combs in October, \*  
\* 1961. He tackled the difficult job without any formal training \*  
\* in penology. \*  
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\* Beyond the first concern - security - Warden Thomas emphasized \*  
\* prison school work, treatment for mental or other handicaps, job \*  
\* training and other steps aimed at giving inmates a better chance \*  
\* when they leave prison. \*  
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\* Periodic graduation exercises for prisoners were the pride of \*  
\* Warden Thomas. When graduation exercises were held at the prison, \*  
\* you could see the look of pride on Mr. Thomas's face. Recently \*  
\* exercises were held in the old school building at Eddyville \*  
\* Prison, and it included men who had come into prison unable to \*  
\* read or write, and had earned eighth-grade certificates. It also \*  
\* included men who had finished a high-school course and received \*  
\* diplomas, and several men who received degrees qualifying them \*  
\* for civilian professional occupations. \*  
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\* In Commemoration of Warden Thomas' endeavors, the new educational \*  
\* building has been dedicated; The Luther Thomas School. \*  
\* \* \* \* \*

\* Warden Thomas is survived by his widow Mrs. Mary Grace Cunningham \*  
\* Thomas; two sons, Dan and George; two sisters, Mrs. Terrell of \*  
\* Louisville and Mrs. Francis of Cadiz, and two brothers; Leslie of \*  
\* Cadiz and Lucian of Trigg County. \*  
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## DEATH VERDICT UPSET

FRANKFORT, KY. - Louisville Times - The Court of Appeals held that a man sentenced to death in a Harrison County murder case did not have adequate legal representation, even though "all the available lawyers at the bar were appointed" to represent him.

"By their own opinion" said Judge Squire Williams of the high court, "none of them made any reasonable preparation for the trial."

Judge Williams thus concluded that the accused, Minrod Wedding Jr., was denied his constitutional rights. The court reversed his conviction.

The ruling was a four to three decision, with a strongly worded dissent by Judge Brady Stewart. He said the principal attorney in the case "stated he was so concerned about the case that he had sleepless nights about the verdict."

Wedding was tried for murder twice in 1961 at Cynthiana. The first trial ended in a hung jury, but he got a death sentence on a second trial.

The circuit judge "appointed every lawyer of the Harrison County bar except one elderly gentleman and the public prosecutors" to represent Wedding, according to Judge Williams.

But he quoted one of the four lawyers appointed as saying, "we were lulled into the feeling that our duties were perfunctory."

Williams said the lawyers were assured by the trial judge that no jury would give Wedding more than a life sentence.

As a result, Williams asserted, none of the four lawyers ever questioned a prosecution witness. One of the lawyers acknowledged that "no single or united effort was made to prepare the defendant's defense on the second trial."

Judge Stewart asserted that the lawyers did not question witnesses because they knew what they would say. Stewart said, "A plea for mercy was the only course available." And he added, "That course was most vigorously pursued."

## POOR ARE ENTITLED TO "EFFECTIVE" COUNSEL

FRANKFORT, KY. UPI - Appointed counsel for indigents has been the custom in Kentucky from its earliest days of statehood.

The U. S. Supreme Court decision in Gideon vs Wainwright said that states must provide counsel for impoverished defendants who request it. This came as no shock to the bench & bar of Kentucky. Nor did the decision motivate, as has been the case in a number of states, hundreds - sometimes thousands - of state prisoners to petition the courts for a new trial because they were not afforded counsel.

The trial court naturally is reluctant to say the counsel it appointed was not effective. Judge John Palmore (Kentucky Court of Appeals), pointed out, and such cases usually present a knotty problem for the high court to decide.

"The right to counsel does embrace a good-faith effort to prepare such defense as the man may have."

He noted that it has always been held a violation of a man's constitutional rights to counsel if an attorney appointed the day of the trial is denied a request for a continuance.

"If the courts can't deprive a man of counsel, counsel can't deprive him of it," he stated. "It's pretty fundamental that inadequate counsel is no counsel."

FRANKFORT, KY. (AP) - The State Parole Board, enlarged from three to five members about a year ago, is now at full strength with the appointment of Cawood Smith, 42, of Harlan County. Mr. Smith was appointed to the \$10,000 a year, four-year job by Governor Edward T. Breathitt. Mr. Smith fills a vacancy created by the resignation of former Governor Simeon Willis. Mr. Smith is a 1950 graduate of the University of Kentucky Law School. He also holds degrees from Union College.



APPEALS & JUSTICE

Thousands of inmates in many state prisons are flooding judges with do-it-yourself-writs of appeal based on last year's historic Gideon decision by the U. S. Supreme Court declaring that anyone not provided with counsel during trial for a serious offense is denied equal justice.

Hundreds have been freed already and appeals continue to mount, particularly in Florida, North Carolina, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Alabama where the custom of trial without attorney was most prevalent. Florida already has granted 1,839 petitions with 988 resulting in complete freedom for the petitioners. Sentences of another 660 were reduced and 180 more will get new trials.

The four other states have been less responsive, but prisoners continue to appeal and many are getting new hearings. The Gideon decision applies to persons tried on a felony, but many courts throughout the land are applying it to misdemeanors as well. A test case on misdemeanors will reach the Supreme Court anyway and many judges are not waiting to correct the practice of assigning counsel only for major crimes.

The policy followed in Federal Courts of

providing counsel for anyone tried for an offense carrying a sentence of more than six months is gaining acceptance in all courts.

NOTE: The more recent and less publicized Escobedo decision requiring exclusion of a defendant's confession unless he has access to counsel at the investigative stage of the case is causing even more concern than the Gideon decision. "Most cases are won at the police level," says Arnold Treesbach, administrator for the National Defender Project which studies methods of improving defender systems, "and this decision will go a long way in providing equal justice for the poor man."

Many lawyers and judges say this decision will hamstring law enforcement. The Supreme Court, which agreed unanimously on the Gideon decision, split 5 to 4 on the Escobedo case.

\*\*\*\*\* TRAINING-OF-PAROLEES PILOT PROJECT PLANNED TENTATIVELY FOR STATE \*\*\*\*\*

FRANKFORT, Ky. - Kentucky may become the first state to qualify for a demonstration project for preemployment training of youthful prison parolees and court probationers under the federal anti-poverty act.

Governor Edward Breathitt said yesterday the program, if approved, would call for three "community correctional centers" in the state.

Each center would house about 25 residents and would be staffed by a superintendent, a social worker, a vocational guidance counselor, a dietician, and a custodian.

Basic literacy training would be given those needing it. A second phase of training would be in industrial arts to enable the trainees to learn a trade. The third part would be vocational training suited to the demands of the labor market.

Breathitt said realization of the project would be "a real step forward in Kentucky's correctional field."

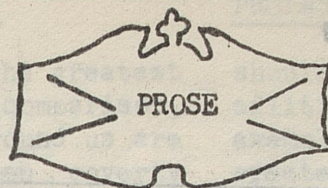
25 AND UNDER

Selection of trainees will include offenders put on probation by judges and inmates at the State Reformatory. Some 650 youthful offenders - 25 and under - are in the reformatory.

Corrections Commissioner - Joseph Cannon - said the program is unique in that it combines all elements of the correctional process including a pre-sentence evaluation, basic and vocational training, and a release procedure to help the trainee find a job.

Cannon said the project had national significance in that it would be a demonstration project that might spread to other states.





SONNETS FROM THE PORTUGUESE

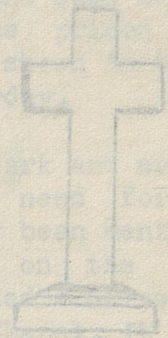
How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.  
 I love thee to the depth and breadth and height  
 My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight  
 For the ends of Being and Ideal Grace.

I love thee to the level of every day's  
 Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light,

I love thee freely, as men strive for Right;  
 I love thee purely, as they turn from Praise;

I love thee with the passion put to use  
 In my old griefs, and with my childhoods faith;

I love thee with a love I seemed to lose  
 With my lost saints, - I love thee with the breath,  
 Smiles, tears, of all my life! - and if God choose,  
 I shall but love thee better after death.



\*\*\*\*\* MY HEART AND I \*\*\*\*\*

So tired, so tired, my heart and I!  
 Though now none takes me on his arm  
 To fold me close and kiss me warm  
 Till each quick breath end in a sigh  
 Of happy languor. Now, alone,  
 We lean upon this graveyard stone,  
 Uncheered, unloved, my heart and I.

Yet who complains? My heart and I?  
 In this abundant earth, no doubt,  
 Is little room for things worn out:  
 Disdain them, break them, throw them by  
 And if, before the days grew rough,  
 We once were loved, used, - well enough  
 I think we've fared, my heart and I.

\*\*\*\*\* THE CRY OF THE HUMAN \*\*\*\*\*

We sit together, with the skies,  
 The steadfast skies, above us;  
 We look into each other's eyes,  
 "And how long will you love us?"  
 The eyes grow dim with prophecy,  
 The voices, low and breathless --  
 "Till death us part!" - O words, to be  
 Our best for love the deathless!

Be pitiful, dear God!

By-Elizabeth Barrett Browning





# Chaplains'

# Corner

FATHER THOMAS CLARK, CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN



"If God is so good, I wonder why He lets a man like that live." Perhaps you have said that when you thought you had been wronged by a person in authority or knew of someone who had brought much hardship to innocent persons. The answer to that question is of course that God lets that person live for the same reason that He lets any of us live: in order that he (and we) may have a chance for eternal life. As long as breath remains, there always is the hope that God's insistent grace may, even at the last moment, find entrance into a hard and perverse heart.

If God were to liquidate all criminals and sinners at the very onset of their first evil act, there would have been no St. Dismas, no St. Mary Magdalen, or even a St. Peter. In fact our earth would be a lonely place indeed, and heaven quite depopulated. Would I myself be alive today? Maybe my sins and crimes are not the kind of stuff that newspaper stories are made of, yet there is no one but God who can draw a line and say where little evils leave off and big ones begin. It

may well be that my many little unkindnesses will be uglier, in the final judging, than some of the monstrous cruelties of the Stalins and Hitlers.

As we question the justice of God in allowing cruelty and evil to abound, we need to remember that it is you and I who account for much of the world's un-

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REVEREND H. E. INMAN, PROTESTANT CHAPLAIN

The progress being in the area of corrections is real encouraging to those who would love to see the men behind these walls transformed from misfits to useful citizens. This prison is full of men who are considered by society as human failures. Therefore, these men have been confined as a means of protection for society. However, society is not receiving the protection that it needs if the inmates are not receiving the treatment they need.

I have been at this institution I have seen miracles happen in the lives of a few men who have made a decision to turn their will and lives over to God.

There is a real need to provide the right kind of spiritual atmosphere so that those who are really searching for God might find Him. One need which

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The new school building stands as a fitting tribute to the progress being made in the field of corrections. There is a real need to provide the opportunity for education and vocational training as a means of rehabilitation for those who desire to increase their knowledge and develop a trade. There is a greater need to provide more opportunities for these men to help themselves. As a minister of the Gospel I firmly believe that miracles still happen. From personal experience I know that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every-one who believes. During the time that





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CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN - continued

happiness. Poverty is not the greatest evil. Poverty only hurts by comparison, only hurts when others around us are more prosperous; and even then poverty and happiness often go hand in hand. Neither is physical pain the greatest evil. A lot of happy spirits can be found in pain-racked bodies. The burdens that are hardest to bear are the burdens of wounded hearts and spirits, and it is to these burdens that so many of us make our own contributions. It is perhaps mankind's greatest tragedy that most of the real unhappiness in the world is totally unnecessary.

"Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ," is the challenge St. Paul proposes: that we make ourselves carriers of the compassion and tenderness of Our Lord. It is for us to support rather than to aggravate the unhappiness we find around us.

So often in pain we lash out, like wounded animals, with sarcasm and criticism. We inflict senseless injuries, perhaps, on those to whom we most owe love, perhaps on those who already are carrying more than their share of inner pain. One would expect that, having suffered ourselves, we would be doubly anxious not to inflict unnecessary suffering upon others. Yet the sad fact is that it seems to work just the other way around.

Yes God could have eliminated all suffering from the world by simply destroying Adam and Eve as soon as they sinned. It would have been an empty world, but there would have been no unhappiness. Nevertheless, God willed otherwise, knowing that man's present pain, sanctified by the agony of His Son upon the cross, would be a small price to pay for the joy that is man's final destiny; knowing too the beautiful beacon of charity that would reach from earth to heaven, as each of us, even in our own weakness, would reach out to lighten the burden of one another. It remains only for us to ask ourselves, "How much am I doing to add, even a little bit, to the happiness of others? Whose burden did I bear today?"

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PROTESTANT CHAPLAIN - continued

should be emphasized is for better facilities. The Chapel building is one example of this need. The building was erected in 1894. There is one office in the building which is used by both the Catholic Chaplain and the Protestant Chaplain. We share the same desk. The office also houses the prison library. The prison movies are shown in the Chapel on Friday and Saturday.

The Chapel is very dark and not conducive to worship. The need for a new building has already been mentioned to several church groups on the outside. One group has started a drive to construct a new, modern Chapel. It is hoped that this need will be brought to the attention of those who are in a position to do something about it. A modern Chapel would certainly be one of the greatest tributes to this "new look" toward progress in the field of corrections.

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SCHEDULE OF CHAPEL ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY: Protestant Services, 7:30 A.M. Catholic Mass, 12:30 pm; - Alcoholics Anonymous, 2:00 pm.

MONDAY: Interviews with Catholic Chaplain, 10:30 - 1:00. (Interviews with Protestant Chaplain daily).

TUESDAY: Choir practice 12:30 pm.

WEDNESDAY: Mid-week prayer service 12:30 pm.

THURSDAY: Interview with Catholic Chaplain, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm.

FRIDAY: Group Therapy (A.A.) 3:00 pm.

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CHAPLAINS NOT IN ON SATURDAY

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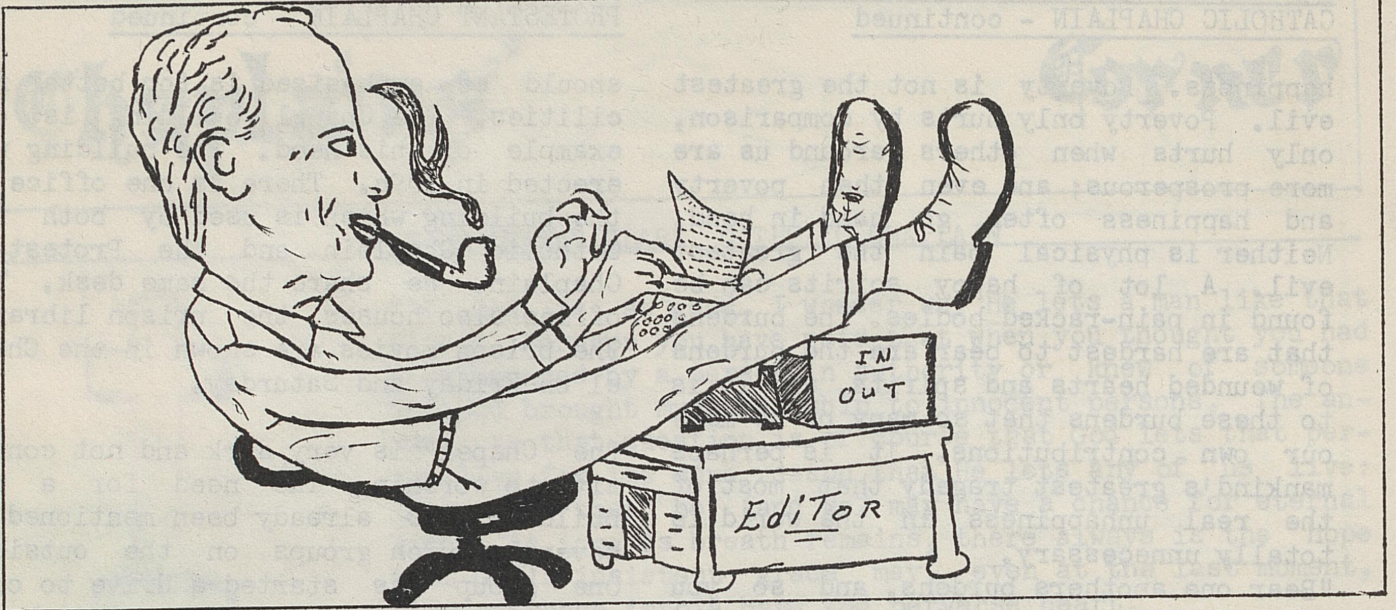
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Editors note: I recently came across a reprint from the Coronet-now defunct-magazine that I feel is worthy of being reprinted. It is a short synopsis of events that led to the first "Half-way-house," and the originator; Father Clark - The Hoodlum Priest.

For many years Father Clark worked for the establishment of a halfway house - a non-sectarian shelter to help ex-convicts make the transition from penitentiary life to free society. Something that would provide temporary housing and food until the released prisoners could find employment.

In May, 1959, the city's Board of Education declared that one of their properties-a 87-year-old school in a slum section - was for sale. Father Clark's old friend, Mr. Morris Shenker stepped forward with \$2,000 required to accompany the bid of \$40,000 for the old school building.

Dismas House, which can accommodate 60 men at a time, 400 a year, is far from a plush hotel. "It's a clean, decent place that the men are not ashamed to come to. We don't want it to be too nice a place because they must have incentive to get out and find their own places after they have drawn one or two pay checks."

Dismas House is a great step forward, but, according to the "Hoodlum Priest," it is not the complete answer. "Our penal system is wrong. We spend \$22 billion a year for law enforcement and we build far better prisons than schools. But prisons hardly ever reform anyone. Society has built up boycotts against the released prisoner, economic, social and occupational - these boycotts must be liquidated.

.....Murderers, heist men, convicts - all know they can depend on the "Hoodlum Priest" for advice and consolation.....

One night a few months ago a 59-year-old St. Louis priest was awakened by the shrill ring of a telephone.

"Father," growled the voice, "we're going to pull a job."

Father Charles Dismas Clark sat up in his bed. "Fellow," he barked, "who's on it with you?" There was a pause as the query went unanswered. Father Clark fired more questions: "How do you know he won't run? Will he rat on you? Is he jumpy with a gun? Does he know plate glass? You know there are only six good plate-glass men in the whole country, don't you? Who did you say the guy was?"



Then the voice at the other end spoke up, "Father, mind if we come out and have a talk with you?"

It was not an unusual occurrence to the man they call the "Hoodlum Priest." Father Clark operates the only permanently established floating non-sectarian parish in the underworld. For over 20 years this sandy-haired, bespectacled priest has worked with murderers, heist men, gangsters and convicts, in a one-man crusade to rehabilitate them.

The world of the "Hoodlum Priest" is bordered by the jails, penitentiaries and courts of the nation, a world into which Father Clark tries to bring hope to men who know only despair.

"The squares don't dig it," he says in the idiom of his flock, which never fails to produce a shudder from the uninitiated.

But Father Clark's work is considered so important by the Jesuit Order that the Very Reverend Joseph Fisher, his immediate superior, has allowed the priest to make the underworld his major assignment.

Even Father Clark's middle name reflects an empathy for the underworld. As the priest explains it: "Every good con has an alias. I chose the name of Dismas, the good thief who died on the cross next to Jesus, and who became the first man to join Him in Paradise."

Knowing the language of the underworld is important in other ways. "Cons won't really talk when there's a square around," explains Father Clark. "Some of them won't even talk to a priest unless he is identified with prison work. That's where I come in. I want to be there when the chips are down. Have you ever seen a man's eyes empty of hope? Sure, these men have no religion. But how many of you read your Bible? You've got to offer them something other than platitudes."

A killer holed up in an abandoned warehouse some years ago held a squadron of St. Louis police at bay. He called for Father Clark and while the police waited, tensely clutching their riot guns, the priest entered the dark building. Ten minutes later he walked out with the man, now meek and subdued.

On another occasion he was called to a bar in downtown St. Louis, where a stick-up man was cornered by the police. Father Clark entered, saw the terrified youngster with gun trembling in his hand, and walked slowly toward him. "Put the gun down, son, no one is going to hurt you."

With a curse the youth slid the gun down the bar. Father Clark led the boy onto the street, where the police waited with drawn guns. The priest himself snapped on the handcuffs on the boy. "Don't worry son, you won't get hurt."

The "Hoodlum Priest's" chief assets are a deep understanding of the criminal mind and the ability to use applied psychology.

Two young toughs from the slums of East St. Louis once called on Father Clark prior to committing a robbery. After 20 minutes of discussion, one of the hoodlums got to his feet and snarled at his partner, "All right, are you going with me or are you going to sit around jawing with the priest all night?"

The other thug answered with a threat to his partner. Whereupon Father Clark tossed him out and resumed his conversation.



# TALL

Clarence



# TALES

Underwood

LARRY FERRELL: If anyone wants to know how old you are, tell them to see me, and I'll set them straight for you, okay? You are allowed to look at the rabbits any-time you want to.

BUCK PENN: Do you think that guy will ever find out that it was you and I that planned that little bit about his leg at the basketball game that afternoon? You keep it under your hat, and so will I.

SANDY: Why do you always try to get on my side when we play basketball? Do you really think I play that good, or, is it that you feel sorry for me?

JACK FUSTING: I hear that you and DOUG KOONZE are giving lesson's on how to play pinochle. Are you guy's that good?

I saw our office clerk DAVE TRODGLEN down on the ball field the other day, and do you know, that's the first time I knew that you wore coveralls to type in!

ALVEY DUNN: Will you admit that JACK and I are much better than you are at cards, or, do you want a rematch?

DUCK TOMAS: I hear that you will put a man on a mop in a minute. What's this I hear about you being like Jack Benny - five cups yet!

WILLIAM BAILEY: BROWNING said you sure knew how to sew. In fact, he said you were so good that he would recommend you to the garment factory.

JOHN (Eagle Beak) CAIN: Why do you tell everyone that my nose looks like a road map? Thats busted veins, not land marks.

LOUIE DE MARIO: Knickers went out of style 30 years ago. The trend now days is to wear your pant cuffs down around your shoes - not your knees.

JOE EBERENZ: I saw you down on the ex-

ercise bar trying to make a pancake into a bunny bun. Work boy, I know you can do it, for you told me you could.

TOM CURTSINGER: Who is that guy in the hospital that keeps tipping my hand?

WILLIAM TUCKER: How come you keep forgetting to get all of your chow when you ride the line with JACK? Keep a sharp eye on him Bill, he's kinda fast when it comes to food. Dog-gone!

I heard some good news, I have some good people working to get me out of here, and they promised me that they would do it, even if it took 30 years! Nice people huh?

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JANUARY & FEBRUARY PAROLE BOARD RESULTS

	<u>JANUARY - FEBRUARY</u>	
Parole Recommended	20	10
Deferred 1 Month	0	6
Deferred 2 Months	0	1
Deferred 3 Months	1	0
Deferred 6 Months	1	4
Deferred 12 Months	11	4
Deferred 24 Months	6	2
Deferred 48 Months	1	2
Serve Out Time	29	12
Parole Revoked, Disciplinary action		1
Total Cases Considered	69	42





THIS IS JUSTICE? - via - OP NEWS - Columbus, Ohio

A visitor to the county jail saw a prisoner who appeared to be quite unhappy. "Tell me," said the visitor to the deputy, "what terrible crime has this fellow committed?" "No crime at all," replied the deputy. "He was going down the street one day and saw one fellow shoot another. He's being held as a material witness." "Really? And where is the other fellow who did the shooting?" "Oh," came the answer, "he's out on bail."

ONCE IN A LIFETIME - via - The Pointer News - Draper, Utah

TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA: A housewife, Mrs. Cynthia Kelly, paid a parking ticket after spending a night in jail. Her husband, a Canadian television producer, made no attempt to bail or bawl her out. Mr. Kelly's singular remark was; "It's something one should do at least once in one's lifetime---going to jail I mean."

THE CASE OF THE STARVED ULCER - via - The Reformatory Pillar - St. Cloud, Minn.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A prison warden is not responsible for making sure an inmate's delicate diet is undisturbed, the U.S. Court Of Appeals ruled in a recent decision. William W. Snow, an inmate of Oregon State Penitentiary, has sued Warden Clarence T. Gladden on grounds he was taken off his ulcer diet while being held in solitary confinement from Sept. 25, 1962, until Feb. 24, 1964. Snow asked \$15,000 damages. Judge Oliver D. Hamlin, writing the opinion of the three-judge panel, said prison authorities have wide discretion in the treatment of prisoners. He also noted that Snow made no allegation of bodily harm resulting from his change in diet.

"I'VE GOTCHA COVERED!" - via - The Hill Top News - Ionia, Michigan

FORT WORTH, TEXAS: - A young gunman entered a grocery store in Fort Worth, and demanded the money from the cash register. A grocery clerk shouted as loud as she could; "Turn the machine gun on him Mr. Walker." The gunman didn't wait to see the machine gun in action, and fled without the money. Later, the young lady said, "There wasn't any gun, it was the only thing I could think of to say."

TOP PICKPOCKET - via - The Presidio - Fort Madison, Iowa

In Nagoya, Japan, the police force's pickpocket expert was plagued by a gang of top notch pickpockets. The gang, operating in various Japanese cities, had netted nearly \$14,000 in several months. Police now report that they have caught the gang's mastermind. He is (or was) the top man on the Nagoya police force's pick-pocket squad.



# SPORTS KSP EVENTS

Herbert "FLASH" Hayes

Well reader's, here we are once again with another sports report. Actually there hasn't been too much happening around here lately, but I'll try to give you a run down of some of the events.

As most of you know, the gym is being used, although it hasn't been officially opened yet. However, on any day of the week you can go there and play basketball, ping-pong or volley-ball. Or, if you don't care to participate, you can watch as a spectator.

The fighters have been working out very seriously for their forthcoming matches with the "flat land" fighters. I'll make a prediction now that these fights will be a whole lot different than the last ones. Our boy's are training in dead earnest!

Getting back to basketball for awhile; though everyone is playing, and seem to be having a good time, we still don't have any organization. Then too, the gym floor is still in pretty bad condition. If you like the game of basketball, and would like to play, then come on out - any day of the week - you may feel that you aren't a good player, but, don't worry about that - we have all the stars we need now - what we need mostly is more players.

I understand that as soon as the gym floor has been fixed up, that we will start having regular league games, and that all the statistics of these games will be kept.

Last month I went out on a limb with my N.C.A.A. All American predictions. Now, I'll make my predictions for the three teams that I think will win the marbles: It will be between U. C. L. A., Mich., or Wichita.

I have been asked what is the best basketball team ever assembled, and in my estimation it was: The Fabulous Five of 1947-48 at the University of Kentucky.

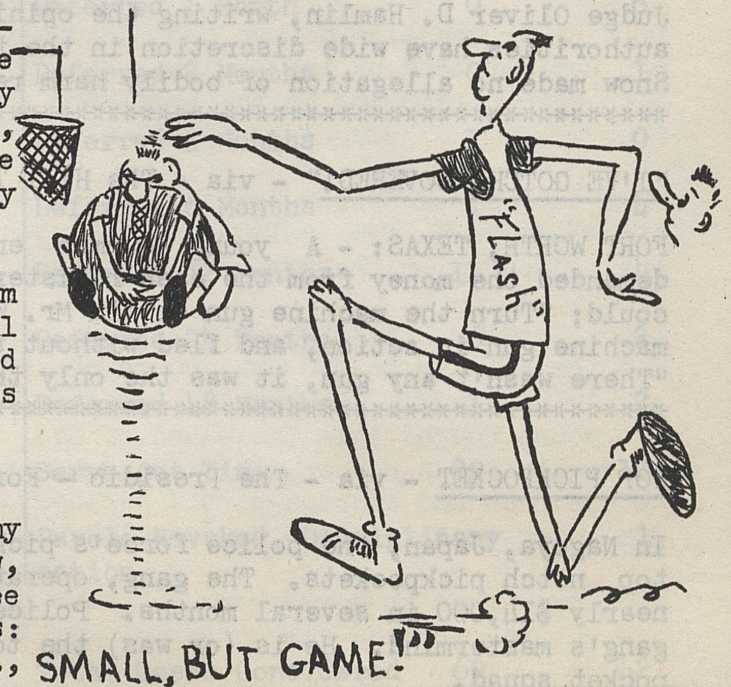
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Alvey Dunn has got himself a volley ball team, and they will take on all comers. So, if you think you can get up a team, go see Alvey.

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Editors note: Whatever happened to those Toledo Mud Hen's? Do you remember them JIM BLAIR? I'm making book that Cleveland and Rocky Colavito will both turn out to be a dud this year - Too much Tiger!!!

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We are rapidly approaching the time of year when we will once again dig out the old bat, ball and gloves. It is hoped that this year we will have even more teams - and players - participating than last year.

Most of last year's players are still here, and with the influx of new men arriving it is hoped that in their midst we will find new, and better talent. So, when the time arrives fellas; let's all go out and try to have the best represented team in the league this year.

#### DEVELOPMENT OF BASEBALL

In colonial times in America, a ball game called "rounders" was played. This has been thought by some to have been the beginning of the present-day game.

Others attribute the origin of the game to Abner Doubleday, who in 1839 formulated playing rules. The first ball club was the Olympic Town Ball Club of Philadelphia, organized in 1833. The game of townball was not the baseball of to-day, but resembled the boys' game of "one old cat."

The first matches between organized clubs were played in 1843 in New York and Brooklyn. The first National Association was organized in 1858. At that time, the ball used was larger than at present, and the pitcher was required to toss the ball or pitch with an underhand swing.

From that date the spread of the game's popularity was rapid. Many teams were organized in Eastern cities, and it was not long before professionalism crept in. An attempt to correct various abuses was made at a convention in Philadelphia in 1867, which was attended by the representatives of more than 500 organizations.

The first club composed entirely of professional players was the Cincinnati Red Stockings, organized in 1868. Three years later, two national associations were formed to supervise both professional and amateur players. The National League started in 1876 with a membership of eight clubs. Nicholas E. Young was its first president. The American Association was organized in 1882, and for a number of years there was considerable rivalry between the two leagues.

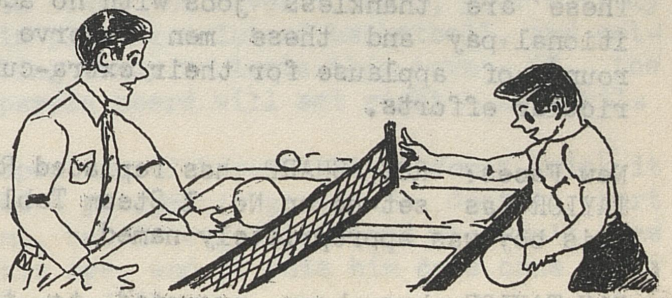
It seems that there are a lot of questions going around "the hill" in regards to the athletic facilities here at Eddyville. I'll grant you, that they aren't over-abundant. The sports program is picking up though, and it is hoped that in the near future we will have additional sports equipment.

At the present time, there are about 75 to 100 men participating in some type of activity in the new gym each day.

Mr. Cherry - Athletic Officer - informs me that with a little more co-operation we will soon have a sports department - and facilities - that will equal that of La Grange! I can only say that I certainly hope this will come to pass. For as I have mentioned in the past; the men here at Eddyville are starved for sports and are especially starved for any type of entertainment. The infiniteness of repetition is the hardest thing that we have to face. A variety of activity, and participation, would be a big step towards progress.

I urge all of you, individually and collectively, to participate in some type of sport. You'll be surprised how much faster the day's go by, and how much more restful your nights can be. I have one additional request; please, PLEASE, take good care of the equipment. Treat it as if it were your very own - which in a manner of speaking, it is.

That's it for this month, see ya.





# DEPARTMENT

# REPORTS

CULINARY CORNER by DANE CANNON



When does a man accustom himself to the continual ritual of arising at 2:30 A. M.? ..... Never.

But that is when the day's activities begin in our little "Inner Sanctum;" while the rest of the population is serenely resting in the arms of Morpheus.

SYLVESTER THOMAS, GEORGE SARVER and ROY KATES tread the familiar path from the cell house to the kitchen. The brisk wintry air awakens their sleep-laden minds and they move a little faster towards their first cup of coffee.

Shortly, the huge steamers are being filled in preparation for the morning meal. The fry cooks begin cracking eggs, mixing hot cake batter, cans begin to fly from the basement, pots and pans are banged and soon the crescendo reaches its peak and unless you immunize yourself to it your ear drums will suffer.

On Wednesday's and Sunday's, CHARLES RINGO, DOUG CATLETT, and RICHARD ASHLEY are busy in the bakery making biscuits.

That bouncy little gentleman, with the winning smile who stands on the side, with a cup of coffee in one hand and waves the other one is our new chief baker, DUCK THOMAS, who has taken out an indefinite lease on the bakery. This man is a creative personality and his desire is to express himself through his work; but unfortunately we are all limited to a budget.

These are thankless jobs with no additional pay and these men deserve a round of applause for their extra-curricular efforts.

New Faces: ROY SHARP has replaced RAY TAYLOR as set-up on No. 1 Steam Table. This boy was appropriately named.

RAY TAYLOR has been promoted to the

"Good Humor" section. He makes the ice cream and slices the bread.

JOHN McWHINNEY who hails from San Diego, California has been assigned to the K.P. detail. This boy missed his calling; he should have been a magician. He's the only man I ever saw who can make a potato disappear...by peeling it.

HORSEHEAD YOUNG had six teeth pulled recently. I asked him how he felt; and he began to trace the entire genealogy of his present condition down from the time he had the mumps at seven. I hoped for a word, he gave me a treatise. I asked for a sentence; he delivered an encyclopedia. Autobiography constitutes a large part of a conversation with this guy.

## EX-CON'S ANONYMOUS

SPECTATOR: Michigan State Prison - via The Mentor - An organization for paroled convicts similar to Alcoholics Anonymous might solve the old problem of prisoner adjustment to life outside the walls.

According to Judge Dale Souter, who has been interested in the rehabilitation of prisoners and parolees for over 20 years an organization of, by and for parolees would help men face the awesomeness of re-orientation to a society they have not seen for years.

His idea is that responsible parolee leaders would help others stay inside the law, because men who have been through the mill would know each other's problems.

I use not only all the brains I have, but all I can borrow. - The Forum.



LAUNDRY BITS - By BUCK PENN



It's that time again, and believe it or not; I'm ahead of the dead-line!

Before I write about the Laundry news, I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to Mrs. Luther Thomas, and her children. The sudden demise of Warden Thomas came as a shock to all of us, and is saddening and tragic.

We didn't always agree with the way he did things, but it's a cinch this place can't be run the way we want it to be run. I believe, along with a lot of other fellow's in here that we, the inmates, have lost a friend who really intended to help us. I believe too, that he will be missed here.

As I write this, we are having another one of those "day's" in the Laundry. Our steam has been off all day. So now we are really going to have to do some humping to catch up again. The sheets are really the only thing that slows us up, so don't hold it against us fellows if we get a little behind.

I thought that Christmas was over, but we got old Santa Clause back in the Laundry again. Glad he is back, guess they just didn't appreciate him on his last job, is that right Baldy?

GEORGE MORRIS is back on the Mountain again - but, not in the Laundry, thank goodness. He tells me my credit is still good ... WOW!

BILL HOLLIS says he is the best going - on Military crease's.

And LEFTY is afraid to leave the Laundry unless he put's the tumblers on cold air. Why Lefty?

SAD is working on the flat iron now. It's the only thing in here he isn't afraid of.

JOE VANCE keeps on talking about going to the Flat Lands - When, Joe, when?

My friend's, GOOCH and TED SWANNER tried to lay a trap for me, but I'm still ahead, huh Ted?

JIM HARL washes all the cups in the Laundry, and we thank him for the good job he is doing.

You guy's in khakies and whites owe a vote of thanks to J. HOLDER, E. RITCHIE,

J. LOGDSON, V. WARD and R. McNABB, the pressmen, who press your clothes every week. They are doing a real good job.

Our boy JIVE is still a bee-hive of activity, can't seem to slow him down. Boy, he can really count those sheets.

You know, we have a fellow here, on the Mountain, that can fix a doll dress better than any girl I've ever seen. What's so strange about that, you ask? Nothing much. But, he is over six feet tall, two hundred pounds, and is the rugged type. He is our Sargent-at-arms of the Barons of Goodwill, and he gathers the men in for the meetings in all kinds of weather, and never complains. I'm talking about the big friendly bear we all know - William Stockton. And, without old Bill our toy project would have been in trouble. But, he is always there to lend a hand, or give some friendly advice. Keep up the good work Bill.

In case you haven't heard, your's truly is playing a lot of basketball, and getting ready to leave this town - if, the parole board will act right - in April.

Speaking of basketball, I don't think it is a youngman's game. It doesn't hurt me, but I've got a friend who won't face his age, and it puts him on a cane every now and then.....





MILTON PRATT, better known as "Big Twenty" is ingrossed in body building. And boy's, he really needs it. He has made some progress, but has a long way to go from 220 lbs., to 175 lbs.

HERBERT ROSS, the pool sharp in one shop still dominates the pool table. JAMES HARRIS seems to think ROSS is lucky, But Ross tells him it's know-how.

LEROY "Skin" HOLLOWELL is pursuing philosophy, and guess what? Now he tells me he has began to paint! What next old buddy?

GEORGE KNIGHT is bugging ROBERT "Bird Man" CARTER and JIMMY BAB with short time talk.

PHILLIP MUNDY thinks he is top's on the checker board, but I know guy's who think different and say's he is a "fish" and will bite at anything. This is one man's opinion of Phil. He should start playing "give-away."

JOHN COLLINS, JACKSON DUN and HAROLD "Soldier Boy" NORMAN are the weight lifters of one shop and are almost ready for the olympics .... ha!

GEORGE KNIGHT, OTIS MONTGOMERY, DERBY SLATON and WILLIE BUTLER appreciate the generosity of the parole board, and are looking forward to being home soon.

For those who feel blue, depressed and home sick, there is nothing more inspiring, consoling and more beautiful than the wonderful music that is furnished by the boy's of the band room. Man they are really saying something.

HANES "The Louisville Lip" ROBERTSON say's he is ready for a seat on the Bar. Until next month boy's, take it easy and hook up to it.

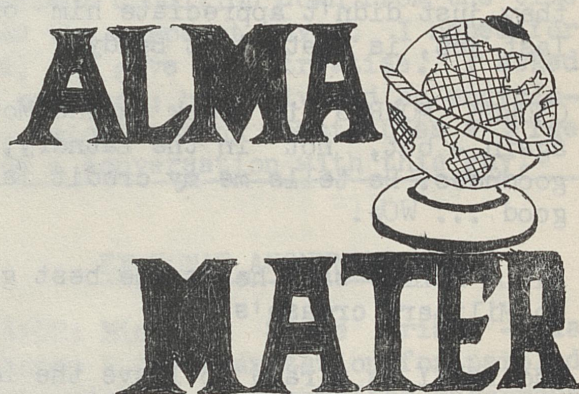
Editors note: Phil's report is a welcome addition to the Castle news. Phil is also our staff artist, and I might add, a good one.

SCHOOL NEWS ----- Ken Deneen-

The KSP educational system adds to its staff Mr. Bill Aden a 30 year old single gentleman from Murray, Kentucky. Mr. Aden served for five years in the Army where he was utilized as an instructor. Mr. Aden also taught at the Hardin Grade School.

We welcome Mr. Aden to KSP, and to the education staff. We are in great need of men in the academic and vocational field. We feel that Mr. Aden will be an asset, and a welcome addition.

The hustle and bustle in the early mornings - at the school - are enough to



distract a mule skinner. I don't know how, but everyone seems to arrive at his designated section in time, and in one piece. I saw one really ragged looking individual though, and at first, I thought he was a departee from some hobo jungle. You would be surprised what a shave, and change of clothes can do for you Herbie. Now, I don't want to hear anything more about you being in the hospital with a SLIGHT heart murmur. Anyone of your age should have been buried long ago!

With all the capable and able bodied teachers in the school, I'd certainly appreciate it if one of you fellows would condenscend to my level, and write the school news for me.



# PENAL - PRESS

## THE LANTERN - Memphis, Tennessee

Thank you old buddy for the compliments. I enjoy your daily bulletins and "vital statistics." Your's is what I call a "day by day" account of general prison life, it is enlightening and very true to form. Keep up the good work fellas.

## PENDLETON REFLECTOR - Pendleton, Indiana

You guy's put out a real nice paper. Your staff written articles are always interesting, and informative. How's the complaint department coming along?

## THE COURIER - Baltimore, Maryland

I should have travelled east! - Just to see your holiday stage show - I voted you number two, and it was a hard choice between you, and the Presidio for top spot.. ..sorry. Ken Wesley is still rating high, keep it up Ken.

## WEEKLY PROGRESS - Marquette, Michigan

Enjoyed your article "Let's Change." I see that Marv Kellner and Bob Summers are still going strong. The ID in Ann Arbor went south Marv! Who's who in Gull Haven?

## THE MESSENGER - Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Bill Peck put his finger on some very pertinent facts in his editorial (Christmas Issue). Vocational training is essential, and support of various shops and industries would cut recidivism drastically. Your mag is always welcome and interesting.

## LAKE SHORE OUTLOOK - Michigan City, Indiana

It seems that all the joints in Indiana put out excellent papers. Bob Matthews put across some very heart-warming points in his article about Gordon Johnson. The article and your motto, are appropriate: "Basic good is never destroyed in the hearts of Men."

## THE SPOKESMAN - Reidsville, Georgia

A real fine magazine. I agree with you implicitly when you quoted Lorena's phrase: "I believe also in love and kindness, and trying to understand what causes the trouble to begin with." Keep it up fellas, you're doing a good job.

## THE SKYTOWER NEWS - La Grange, Kentucky

Always enjoy your sports section, but isn't Mr. Pike getting kinda crowded with all of those trophies? For some reason, I have a difficult time in receiving the copies you send me - seems someone is swinging with 'em! Tell my rappy, Terry Hale, that I'll see him in October - The Palace Car?

## MP NEWS - Dear Lodge, Montana

Being a jazz fan - Mulligan, Brubeck, Kenton, Bostick etc., - I enjoyed Garth Reynolds' article. Your December issue was well received here. J. Butler's article was well written, we envy you your facilities. Keep 'em coming.



# The

# Castle Grier



Charles Baker

We got a few old faces, along with a few new ones, from the last trip the "Blue Goose" made here from the "Flat Lands." Along with the old faces was Herman "Pluto" Baker. He was telling me about how short he's getting. A new arrival, Norman "Blackie" Kinzey, was asking; where's the yard on this mountain? A good question "Blackie." How about Riram "Tiny" Eldrige doing the twist? all 300 pounds of him! Dane Cannon, and quite a few others are sweating the parole board good luck fellows. Jerry Black and James Brown are doing a fine job at the cook shack. I see that "Fuzz" Couch is enrolled in the short-timers school. Here's hoping Curt Caldwell got the "go" sign from the parole board after returning to LaGrange. Wilford "Chief" Lambert just stopped by for a hot cup, sorry "Chief," but you're late again. A few fellows finally got their release papers back, and have left the hill via-parole. They were: Walter Lowe, George Newsom, and James Casey. Jerry Osborn told me he's sure that he made a complete sweep of the joint while pulling a few days extra-duty. Jerry Bogdon's doing a swinging job on the saxophone during the afternoon jam sessions, and sitting in on the same sessions is "Tiny" Eldrige beating on the drums. There's been a couple of new annex-runners assigned in the past few weeks. I'm sure everyone knows these fellows; George Moore, Waymon Pepper, Earl Ballinger and Charley Duke. The runners do a good job, rain or shine, they're on the run to the shops and elsewhere, trying to find the men who have received packages, visits and court calls. Herbie Hayes, George Moore tells me you aren't nothing when it comes to scoring baskets. Billy White hopes to be back in Covington in the near future. Charley Walker will soon be known as Chubby Walker if he doesn't ease up on the grub.

## A NEW FACE, A NEW START

LONDON (AP) - Tough-looking prisoners in British jails are being given new faces to help them make a new start in life.

A spokesman for the Home Office said that since 1960, 214 prisoners have undergone plastic surgery.

The prison's medical officer must certify that the criminal's face has affected his psychological outlook on life.

The plastic surgeons have straightened broken noses, pulled back floppy ears, removed scars and blemishes, and removed tattoos.

The spokesman said he didn't know if the beautification had turned any ex-prisoners away from crime. But he added: "The fact that this policy is being maintained is an indication that it is considered - to some extent - to be successful."

## THE VALUE OF AN HOUR

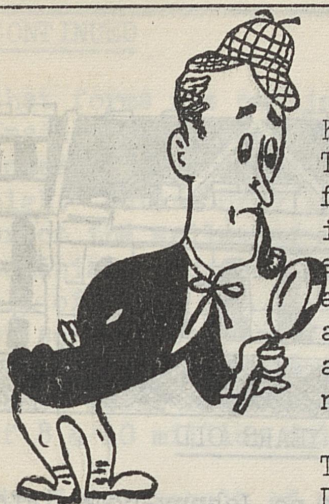
In taking the accounts of your life, do not reckon by great distances, and by the periods of pleasure, or the satisfaction of your hopes, or the sating your desires; but let every intermedial day and hour pass with observation. He that reckons he hath lived but so many harvests, thinks they come not often enough, and that they go away too soon.

Some lose the day with longing for the night, and the night in waiting for the day. Hope and fantastic expectations spend much of our lives; and while with passion we look for a coronation, or the death of an enemy, or a day of joy, passing from fancy to possession without any intermedial notices, we throw away a precious year, and use it but as the burden of our time, - fit to be pared off and thrown away, that we may come at those little pleasures which first steal our hearts, and then steal our life.

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EX-PITCHER  
NOW PAROLE OFFICER

Kentucky Post and Times Star: - "Most folks have the wrong idea about probationers. They think they are just turned free after conviction of a crime. But that's not so."

The speaker is James D. (Jim) Weaver, 60, former big league baseball player and now state parole & probation officer for five northern Kentucky counties.

Jim deals with both probationers and parolees. And he's "con-wise." He speaks the language of the ex-cons. That comes from 30 months as a recreation director at La Grange State Reformatory.

What is a probationer? "Well, he's a man the judge sees fit to rehabilitate without prison." Drawled Jim. His powerful pitcher's hand shuffle through papers listing the names of his "boys."

"On a national average, only about 15 per cent of the probationers will be convicted of new crimes. That compares to about 30 per cent for parolees."

Jim has 28 parolees and 38 probationers under his supervision at the moment. They live in Boone, Gallatin, Carroll, Owen and Grant Counties.

"Having a job is the secret of rehabilitation," he declared. "I have to do a selling job to get my boys accepted into the community and into a job."

"And the co-operation of county officials is very important. They keep me informed as to what the boys are doing. If they're getting out of line, I can talk to them and straighten them out."

A native of Fulton, Ky., Jim first started pitching baseball as a student at Western State College. He entered professional baseball in 1927 and stayed 13 years. Jim pitched for the Yankees, Cubs, Pirates and Reds during his career.

GEORGIA TO REHABILITATE ITS PRISONERS

ATLANTA (AP) - Georgia's vast prison system, once known for its chain gangs, has scrapped the old doctrine of punishment-only, and has implemented a reform concept in less than two years of prodding by Governor Carl Sanders.

The Board of Corrections has reported that the emphasis in State penal institutions has shifted dramatically since a Sanders-ordered study of the prisons in 1963.

"Actually the Board of Correction has successfully implemented a new concept of penal administration in Georgia," the report said. "Attitudes are changing - reform is in the making."

The board said the penal system has adopted "the new concept of initiating the reform and rehabilitation of the individual from the moment he enters one of our institutions."

Numerous construction projects, including educational centers and chapels, have begun. A huge new classification and diagnostic center is planned.

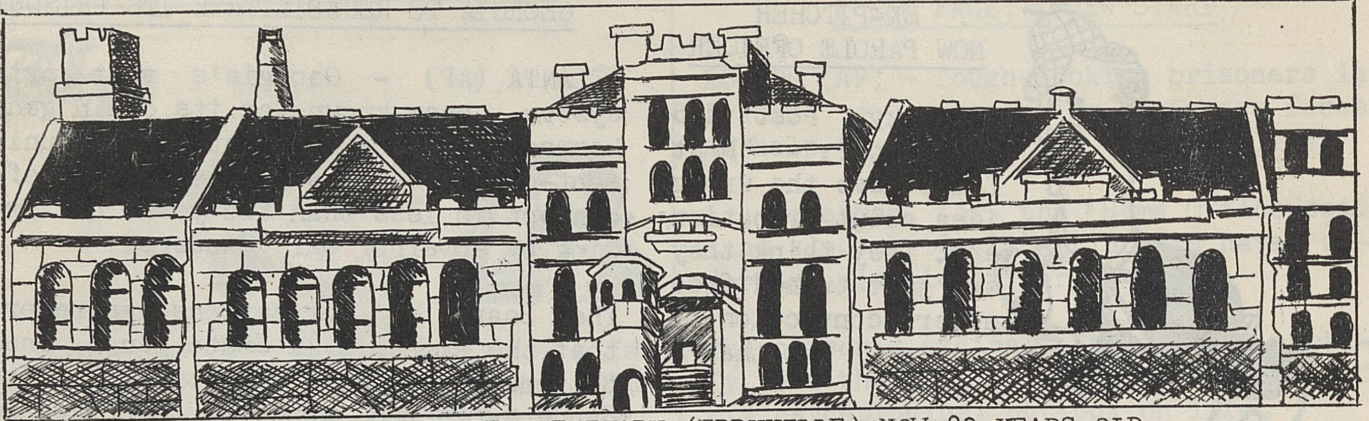
A program aimed at wiping out illiteracy among prison inmates has been implemented in much of the system the board said.

"As a result there are well over 200 men in the system who were either total or very low functional illiterates, and who are now capable of reading and writing for the first time in their lives," the report said.

It warned that the proposed comprehensive reforms would cost sharply. In fiscal 1963 Georgia spent an average of \$558.00 per inmate compared with the national average of \$1,400.

WATCHDOG STOLEN: BURGLARIES RESUME  
GARDENA, CALIF. (AP) - Thefts stopped at Hughie Cummings' auto wrecking yard when he bought a 70-pound Doberman pinscher "so vicious," said Cummings, "he even bit me."  
But thefts started again, Cummings told police, "someone stole the dog."





KENTUCKY STATE PENITENTIARY (EDDYVILLE) NOW 83 YEARS OLD

Eddyville may not be this country's oldest prison, but she's no Johnny-come-lately, either.

The Civil War had been over less than 20 years when she was born, and she was all of 5 years old when Teddy Roosevelt and his "Rough Riders" charged San Juan Hill during the Spanish American War. By the time World War I broke out, she was in her teens, and when the Bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Eddyville Prison was a world-weary old woman of 62.

Although Eddyville has been in physical existence for 83 years now, you can put her age at 86 if you add the 3-year gestation period between the time she was conceived by an act of the General Assembly in 1880 (under Governor Luke P. Blackburn) and the time construction was begun during the first year of the administration of Governor J. Proctor Knott (1883-87).

According to an interesting document passed on to us entitled "Institutional Schedule: Part I, General Information." Crowded conditions at the old Frankfort prison caused a bill providing for construction of a branch penitentiary to be introduced to the March, 1880 legislature. The bill became an act by passing both houses of the Assembly on April 7th of that year.

The act provided for a 3-man commission to select a site of from 200 to 600 acres. Eight acres were to be surrounded by a wall not more than 25 feet high, and a maximum of 500 cells were to be constructed. Prison labor, the act stated was to be used whenever possible. An appropriation of \$150,000 was voted for the purpose of preliminary survey and beginning construction.

The commission, appointed on May 4, 1880

by Governor Blackburn, made visits to several other state prisons and decided that the new Kentucky institution would be patterned after the prison at Joliet, Illinois. With the general plan of the institution in mind, they then began to shop around for land.

"Climate and other advantages" decided the commission in favor of an 87 acre site (far short of the 200 to 600 acres recommended by the act) in Eddyville. The land was purchased at a cost of \$4,000, \$1,400 of which was contributed by the citizens of Eddyville, presumably in the hope that the prison payroll would bring new prosperity to the town.

The commission also recommended the end of "Brute force and horror" and "...the absolute condemnation of corporal punishment as an instrument of discipline and order." Their report went on to urge that the prisoners be given educational and religious advantages, as well as more humane treatment in general. Governor Blackburn agreed, and drew up a set of rules along these lines.

One hundred and fourteen convicts were pressed into service to build Eddyville, in addition to 30 stonemasons imported from Italy to do the more intricate work including the great unsupported arch



that forms the ceiling of Cellhouse One. Instead of the proposed 8 acres,  $10\frac{1}{2}$  acres were enclosed by a wall 18 feet high. Native Gray limestone was used to erect the walls, as well as the original administration building and 3 cellhouses all of which are in use to this day. The prison was completed in 1886 at an original cost of only \$275,000, a figure that seems ridiculously low in this era of 8 & 10 million dollar penal plants.

The final result of all the labor and planning was a bleak jumble of hewn stone sitting atop a rocky hill overlooking the Cumberland River, a place that came to be known as the "Castle on the Cumberland" because of its resemblance to a medieval palace.

Additions were made to the institution as years passed. In 1904, a 2-foot coping raised the height of the walls to 20 feet, and Cellhouse 4 was erected that year. Later on, two more cellhouses, a messhall, and a school building were added. But for many years, Eddyville Prison was according to old-timers here, a dreary, rocky hole with next to no growing things to relieve the starkness of the yard. Recently, all that has changed.

Lawns - fine, thick, green stretches of grass - have been planted inside and outside the prison, and flowers grow in profusion on the hill. Each spring and summer, the whitewash crews go over the curbing, the steps, the hospital, the chapel, and other buildings, and everywhere there is evidence to indicate that a lot of thought, work, and planning have gone into the face-lifting of the old Eddyville Prison.

None of this makes Eddyville a pleasant place to live. No prison ever is, especially a maximum-security prison that was planned to fit the penal needs of the 19th Century, and that is now overcrowded and in need of expanded and increased facilities for education, industry, and recreation. But what has been done here is a good example of what can be accomplished by "making do" with whatever is at hand.

THIS TOO, SHALL PASS

JACKSON, MICHIGAN (AP) - Will learning to wield an artist's brush help keep convicts from using more deadly implements when they get out of prison?

A rehabilitation expert at Southern Michigan Prison here thinks so. And he's running art classes.

The idea, says a psychologist, is that a prisoner, tortured by pangs of hostility, "works off these feelings on canvas before they develop into an explosive nature."

The program has been so successful that Dr. E. L.V. Shelly supervisor of treatment for the State Corrections Department, hopes to expand it to other institutions.

Not only does painting help prisoners reduce hostility, Shelley said, but it also "helps them develop a sense of worthiness."

"They create something that other people recognize and appreciate," he explained. "Many convicts have feelings they don't know how to express or are afraid to express."

"In their group, expressing feelings is a sign of softness. But in art, they can let themselves go."

The class at Southern Michigan Prison takes up to 25 students at a time. The best paintings are sent on exhibition tours. When some went to college campuses last year, sales brought in about \$1,000.

Another set of paintings is being sent on a tour of nine penal institutions in Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, and Minnesota. Shelly finds the Michigan program stimulates interest in other states.

A foundation grant of \$5,000 is being sought to buy art materials and establish a gallery at the Jackson institution, Shelly said.

"The more bridges we can build between these men and society the better."



He once scoured the city of St. Louis to locate a wooden leg for a prisoner who had splintered his stump during an overly active debate in the exercise yard. But, above all, Father Clark is a priest and in that role he officiates at gangland weddings, christenings and funerals.

When an ex-mobster, who had been a member of St. Louis' notorious Cuckoo gang back in Prohibition days, was being buried, Father Clark officiated. As the priest left the grave he was accompanied by the six surviving members of the defunct gang. "Father," began one of them, gratefully, "we don't know how to thank you for speaking over poor Red. If you need help let us know." To which Father Clark smilingly replied, "When my time comes, boys, maybe you'll be my pallbearers." They nodded solemnly.

As Father Clark explains his theories he will jump abruptly from the argot of the underworld to the incisive phrases of a professional sociologist. "First I blame the Church people who have scouted the problem; therefore they have failed. Next the judiciary for its inadequate systems. Then the universities and teachers for not producing the quality of professional men who can deal with crime. There are few Ph.D. criminologists in the country and only the University of California offers a full-blown course in criminology. I also blame society for its failure to look objectively at the problem of rehabilitation. A crime is usually intended as an answer to an urgent problem. We must find other solutions."

Father Clark's efforts are not always successful. Oftentimes ex-cons cannot resist old behavior patterns and quickly revert to crime. There are any number of backsliders among the men who come from prisons all over the nation to join Father Clark's flock. The priest has no illusions about them. "The lawbreaker is basically a sick man," he contends. "All I can do is play the averages."

However, sometimes a man will make all the effort worthwhile. Last year, an ex-burglar paid a call. "I been straight a year," the heist man declared desperately, "and look at me. My kids are sick. My mother is sick. I'm flat broke, got no clothes. I got a Post Office heist lined up. I got to do it. Stick with me Father!"

"I'll stick with you," replied the priest. "I'll send you cigarettes and books. I'll go to the chaplain and see if I can help get you an easy job."

The man's head dropped and Father Clark continued. "Has it really been such a bad year? Sure, it's been tough, but there has been less worry. Hasn't it really been a profitable year?"

For a moment the man said nothing, then he looked unflinchingly at the priest. "I'll do it your way, Father. At least it can't get rougher."

\*\*\*\*\* This is the pay off for Father "Dismas" Clark! \*\*\*\*\*  
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JOE CREASON'S KENTUCKY

These signs spotted around Kentucky may or may not be more than a rare coincidence of names and/or wording: A Paducah tax expert is B. Ware; his sign reads: "Tax Returns Filed - B. Ware." . . . Another Paducah sign outside the Hugg drugstore reads: "Hugg The Druggist."	. . . The sign directing traffic to the office of an attorney who used to occupy second - floor space at Elizabethtown reads: "Lawyer Upstairs - watch Your Step." . . . An army-surplus store in Louisville recently had this confuser in the window: "18 K Gold Brass."
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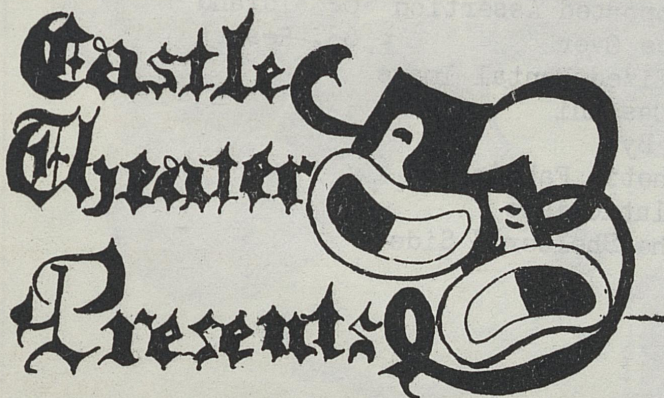
KENTUCKY STATE PENITENTIARY STATISTICS

CASTLE LAUGHS

Escapes	0	Mother to daughter: "I want you home from your date tonight by 10 p.m."
Death Row	8	"But I'm no longer a child," said the girl.
Admitted by Commitment	16	"I know. That's why I want you home by ten."
Transferred from K. S. R.	24	*****
Transferred to K. S. R.	1	"Excuse me sir, have you seen a policeman around here lately?"
Released by Expiration	20	"No, I haven't seen any."
Released by Parole	8	"All right, hurry up and give me your money, this is a stick-up."
Released by Death	0	*****
High Number	25210	On the rifle range one morning, the sergeant said to the corporal, "I wonder what private Gruber did before he got drafted."
Low Number	4144	"Why?" Asked the corporal.
Total Population	1145	"Everytime he fires a shot at the target," the sergeant said, "he takes out his handkerchief and wipes his fingerprints off the gun."

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March 12 - SQUADRON 633  
Cliff Robertson & George Chakris-Drama

March 19 - PALM SPRINGS WEEKEND  
Troy Danahue & Connie Stevens - Comedy

March 26 - THE 7th DAWN  
William Holden & Capucine - War Drama

April 2 - FAIL SAFE  
Henry Fonda & Dan O'Herlihy

April 9 - GOOD NEIGHBOR SAM  
Jack Lemon & Dorthy Provine - Comedy  
Also selected short subjects

Book Salesman: "Our next novel deals with the problem of - er, incest. Mountain book dealer: "That's the trouble with you Yankees - you make a problem out of everything."

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The Dude: I want a girl who is good, clever, and beautiful.  
Downs: Say, you don't want one girl. You want three!

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Judge: "You souse, you've been appearing before me in this court for 20 years!"  
Drunk: "Can I help it if you don't get promoted?"

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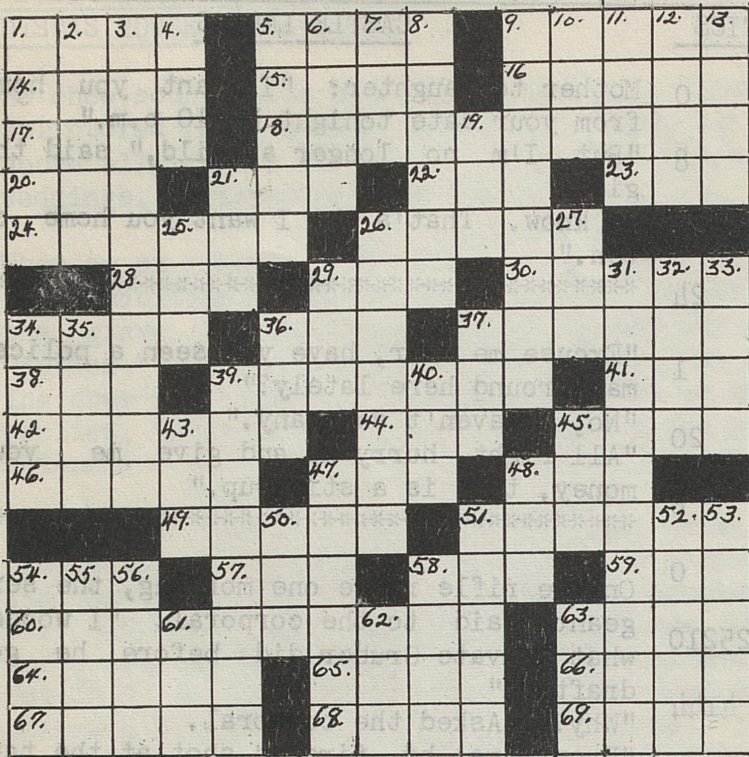
Warden: "I'm sorry, I find that we have kept you a week too long."  
Convict: "That's all right, sir. Knock it off my next time around."

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Prospective employer to beautiful blond: "You're hired, Miss Brooks, now let's see if we can find a job for you."



By Freddie Cardwell



- 26. Gas
- 27. Droop
- 29. Against
- 31. Kind of Warfare
- 32. English Princess
- 33. Made Ready - Golf
- 34. Beverage
- 35. Unusual
- 36. Piece of Furniture
- 37. Shade Tree
- 39. Military H.Q.'s
- 40. Abet
- 43. Owing
- 45. Large
- 47. Publishing Official
- 48. Man's name
- 50. Woman's name
- 51. Hair Style
- 52. Expunge
- 53. Italian Poet
- 54. Den
- 55. Girl's Name
- 56. Engage In Sport
- 58. Drove at an Angle
- 61. Self
- 62. Island
- 63. Resort

ACROSS

- 1. Samoa Port
- 5. Pant
- 9. Sire
- 14. Pine
- 15. Love God
- 16. Testy
- 17. Girl's Name
- 18. Rich Vegetable Soup
- 20. Informer - Sl.
- 21. Guided
- 22. Hole
- 23. Escape
- 24. Camera Stand
- 26. Peels
- 28. Obtained
- 29. Weep
- 30. Moroccan City
- 34. Obnoxious Child
- 36. Scare Word
- 37. Motor
- 38. Consume
- 39. Corresspondents
- 41. Primary Number
- 42. Eaten Away
- 44. Point
- 45. Lost Vital Fluid
- 47. Conclusion
- 48. River - Sp.
- 49. Musical Exercise
- 51. Importuned
- 54. Once Around
- 57. Blackbird
- 58. Strain
- 59. Man's Name
- 60. Unsupported Assertion
- 63. Glance Over
- 64. Idealized Mental Image
- 65. Mr. Cassini
- 66. Gone By
- 67. Synthetic Fabric
- 68. Revolutionists
- 69. To The Sheltered Side

DOWN

- 1. Warn
- 2. Kind of Bear
- 3. Agitator
- 4. Leading Khan
- 5. Gambled
- 6. In Between
- 7. Relative
- 8. Reward in Advance
- 9. Nocturnal Herons
- 10. Slip
- 11. English Bastille
- 12. Volcano
- 13. Abound
- 19. Title
- 21. Building Site
- 25. Cooking Utensil

Last month's puzzle

