



## Behind the Wall

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There is no better way to learn about life in prison than to visit the State Penitentiary and speak with the inmates themselves. While many pass off the experience as unimportant, others see the value in perceiving prison from inside out. Multnomah County Commissioner Gladys McCoy and assistants Ethel Lee, Betsey Brumm, and Doris Engstrom are among the latter, seeing prison more as a symptom of a social ill than as an ill in itself.

Commissioner McCoy and her assistants visited Oregon State Penitentiary, responding to an invitation to attend the Wednesday evening meeting of the Class of Legal Processes. At the meeting they discussed Portland's present, past, and future planning problems, as well as the problems of local law enforcement, with the thirty man inmate-organized and inmate-operated class. As the evening progressed, it became apparent that many of the educational and informational tenets of the Legal Processes Class were

shared by Ms. McCoy. She, too, believes that people want and need to know more about the structure of government and legal processes.

Ms. McCoy has been a Portland resident since 1949. Since moving to Portland, she has served as social worker, college teacher, Governor's Ombudsman, school board member, and mother of seven. When elected to the Commissioner's position, she had served a very impressive apprenticeship. The result is a public official with a clear sense of direction and deep sense of public needs.

"I discovered while campaigning that people know next to nothing about county government," the Commissioner said. "Since then one of the prime objectives has been to bring government to the people." Ms. McCoy went on to state she wants to make government more accessible, understandable, and responsive. "People want to deal with the decision makers. I hope to make that easier for them."

Betsey Brumm, the Commissioner's assistant, is charged with coordinating the "keep in touch" approach with the official and unof-

ficial responsibilities of public office. She spends as much time in the community as possible and is therefore based on the campus of Cascade Community College at 705 N. Killingsworth Street. "I really function as a sort of liaison between the Commissioner and the public," said Ms. Brumm of her job.

Ethel Lee, Ms. McCoy's technical assistant, works in development and implementation of projects such as "Project Health", a health plan which is presently being considered as a model for a proposed national health plan.

Ms. Lee offered a great deal of insight into home rule government, community corrections on a county level, and the possible significance of programs such as the Job Corps, in juvenile diversion. She went on to address the growing problem of overcrowding in Corrections Division institutions. "Many offenses can and should be treated on a community level," Ms. Lee stated. "Some offenses, such as traffic and driving offenses, should be removed from the felony statutes. It's sad how many families are broken up or ad-

ded to the welfare roles because of a nonviolent offense easily treatable in the community." Commissioner McCoy concurred.

"Government is 'us,'" stated Commissioner McCoy. "Unless we as individuals become involved in the decision making process, we have left government in the hands of the decision makers."

The Commissioner is backing up her words with action. Offices in community centers to be accessible to the public, obviously competent assistants with an eye for community needs, and even the use of such resources as available at the local Penitentiary point to an impressive commitment to community service.

In 'A-world-of-empty-gestures', it's good to come across those who care enough to act.

When the Floor Officer reminded the group that it was time to "clear the Floor", each person left a little changed. A seed was planted in the minds of each of the inmates and guests. In time it will grow and bear the fruits of greater understanding between those who govern and those who are governed.

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## Lucid Walls of Time

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### PRIDE

Your pride, demanding either the perfection of the myth  
or  
the perfection of its most  
villainous  
renunciation.

If you were not the highest,  
you would demand  
to be the lowest;

If you were not the best,  
you would be nothing  
less than the worst;

If there was not the myth

there  
was  
to  
be  
nothing

by R. Clark

### Blue Bird and Friend

He's got a train to catch  
He hopes she'll understand  
She's learning by experience  
Never love a gambling man.  
The Maiden stands in the smoke  
As the drifts walks away  
Slow at first, and then he runs  
Before she asks him to stay.  
Blue bird flying over head  
With no song to sing  
Recites a little poetry instead  
Though it doesn't mean a goddamn thing.  
He waits at the station  
looking at the ground  
As if it's remorse that he's feeling  
Though he's just wondering where he's found.  
That's Me!

I recognize the scene  
It's played so many times  
Why must a criminal go on paying for his crimes  
That's Me . . .  
He carries her photograph  
to the western coast  
Blue bird then begins to laugh  
And calls him the Holy Ghost.  
That's Me!  
I've heard the name before  
Though I don't know how it's implied.  
All I can remember are the nights I've nearly died.  
That's Me . . .

Michael Stephens

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## Flu shots available

More than 425,000 ill and elderly Oregonians should consider being immunized now for winter-spring protection against influenza and its dangerous complications, the State Health Division said today.

The large group who should receive flu vaccing includes persons age 65 and older and those under 65 with serious chronic ailments such as heart and lung diseases, kidney trouble, diabetes and anemia.

Kristine Gebbie, Health Division Administrator, said that influenza, which may strike Oregon this winter and spring, increases the risk of pneumonia and death among the ill and elderly. She pointed out that modern flu vaccines are up 80 percent effective in preventing the types of flu for which they are formulated.

This year's flu vaccine is formulated to prevent three types which might affect the United States and other countries—A/Brazil (a slightly altered strain from last season's A/Russian), A/Texas and B/Hong Kong.

Due to a federal grant this year, the Health Division has an ample supply of flu vaccine, which is being distributed to local health departments, nursing homes and senior citizen centers.

"There is no reason for the ill or elderly not to be protected by flu vaccine," Mrs. Gebbie said. "Flu immunizations are available through family physicians and local health departments."

As the flu season approaches, no major outbreaks have been reported yet in the United States, but some cases and small outbreaks did occur last spring and late summer. Six cases of B/Hong Kong flu were identified in Oregon between April and July of this year.



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## A NEW PERSPECTIVE

Knowing how to recognize and use the important Key to unlock what you want, and to lock out what you don't want is important.

For instance, can you recognize the key to the following objectives?

### What is

- the key to successes
- the key to happiness
- the key to health
- the key to wealth
- the key to money
- the key to respect

### What is

- the key to failure
- the key to misery
- the key to sickness
- the key to poverty
- the key to lack of money
- the key to disrespect

### Can you identify the keys to:

- maintaining a successful business
- finding and holding a good job
- raising a successful family

Answers to these questions will be shared by Dr. Thomas Boothe, Director of Marketing for American State Bank and author of the Follow-Through Concept. During the month of November, call 284-7997 for schedules.