

Oregon State Penitentiary—at the end of State street (not showing latest construction still under way.) Featured in William Warren's story below.

TRIP THROUGH THE 'BIG HOUSE'

Dramatic Contrast Found In State 'Pen' Here

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Hope and despair—back to back. In this room above the reception hall called the "chapel," the chance for a new start in life: education.

Pass through the door, and, in that room, just a partition away, the end of an old life: execution.

As we tour the Oregon state penitentiary, the first room we come to after leaving the warden's office is known as the "chapel," although no services are held there.



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You climb a flight of stairs and find yourself in school. This is the room where prison inmates may study everything from grammar school first grade subjects to typing and book-keeping. Then through the door and—

You are in the death cell. Actually, it is a death room, enclosing the death cell. The steel cage at the one side is the place where the condemned man is to spend his last night on earth. In the rest of the room are his guards. The chaplain is with him.

If he behaves, the door to his cell is not locked. He can roam the room, take a final bath in the little shower room. At the hour of execution he is blindfolded and led into the gas chamber, a 12-sided steel structure with sealed glass windows. The condemned man is strapped to a steel chair with a honeycomb-like seat.

Sixteen one-ounce cyanide capsules are released by a lever from a trap into a stone jar of acid beneath the chair, and in a matter of moments he is dead. Just beyond that partition, other inmates are getting the education that can mean a new start.

That is the most dramatic contrast in the big house—known to the inmates as "the joint."

It is a well-run institution, despite antiquity of some of its buildings, with George Alexander as warden, at the top; Gene Halley as deputy warden, and Joe Murray as chief clerk. All told the prison staff numbers 147.

The population of the prison varies—some going in, some out. On the day of our visit it totals 1,347 inmates—1,217 men and 22 women in the prison proper and 108 men at the prison farm annex.

The effort is made to keep as many men employed as possible—in work and out of mischief. Many work in the flax mill, others cut wood for fuel. Elsewhere are jobs in the machine shop, carpentry shop, tailor shop where prison outfits and guard uniforms are made; laundry, lime plant and barber-shop. Not to mention the vast mess hall, the spotless kitchen and the spic and span bakery.

Our guide is obliging Roy Riggs, captain of the guards. He worked 32 years at North Dakota state prison before coming to the Oregon pen 10 years ago.

As the state grows, conditions become more crowded at the prison.

This is being relieved somewhat by construction of a new block of 400 cells. The structure, expected to be occupied

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by the first of the year, has extra tough steel bars in front of the cells—bars virtually saw proof.

The steel walls of each cell are painted white. Each cell has a single bunk, toilet, running water, shelf, and built-in collapsible steel table and chair. Prison officials believe the single cells will eliminate some of the problems that lead to unrest and riot.

In the present main cell structure, the south wing, or "A" block, is 22 cells long and three tiers high on each of two corridors. Each cell has two bunks.

The north wing, or "B" block, is likewise 22 double cells long on each of the two corridors, but four tiers high. At the end of the corridor is the printing shop, where the prison magazine, "Shadows," is put out. The shop also produces forms and receipts used by the prison.

Through the tunnel to "C" block—20 cells long and four tiers high. Here's a cell whose inmates are doing advanced work in the prison school. Books on their bench include "A Treasury of Great Poems," "A Smattering of Ignorance" by Oscar Levant, "Fables for Our Time" by James Thurber—and "Personality in Handwriting."

In the basement of "C" block is the bull pen. Correction cells, prison officials call them. It's the place where the unruly ones must wait out their punishment for infraction of the regulations—escape, riot, knife-throwing. They get two meals a day, of the same food as served in the mess hall.

Upstairs again, and through the passageway to the building housing the mess hall. It seats 1,280 at a time.

Besides being used as a dining room, it also is the place where church services are held. Movies are shown Saturday afternoons for the men and Saturday evenings for the women. On the stage you see the instruments of the prison band, the musicians who call themselves "Stars and Stripes."

The men line up and go to the steam tables for their plentiful chow. Each can have all he wants.

Here's a typical midweek day's menu: Breakfast—hotcakes, farina with milk, peach jam, butter, coffee. Dinner—beef stew, steamed cabbage, green beans, pickled beets and green onions. Supper—boiled navy beans, macaroni, creamed corn, raisin and carrot salad, pudding.

Sunday dinner will probably include hamburger patties. Supper will feature split pea soup and chili beans.

This food is prepared in the

shiny kitchen, where the equipment includes four steam cookers, each with a capacity of 150 gallons, and a row of ranges with grid tops for frying.

From the kitchen we take an elevator to the next floor. Here's the hospital.

The inmate patients sunbathe twice a day on that veranda. The wards are airy. The dental department includes two chairs and lab where "falsies" are made for those inmates needing plates.

There are two surgical rooms, one for minor surgery and first aid, the other for major operations. On this floor also are a medical lab, drug room and barbershop. The big room at the end holds cots for overflow trustees and also houses the prison library.

And in the basement of this same building is the bakery which turns out 600 loaves of bread a day and an assortment of pastry.

Back toward the warden's office, we wait for a matron to escort us up to the women's ward.

On the floor above the main offices, there's the restaurant, which looks more like a tea room, with its red-top tables, than a prison mess hall. The sewing room is here and a recreation room, with piano and organ and radio. Also on this floor the the kitchens where the girls cook their own grub to their own taste.

On the next floor are the cells, with one to four women in each. A few are in for life; the most for much shorter terms. As we start to leave, we notice the new wall now being built. It is 24 feet high and made of concrete and steel. It will be tougher for the boys to get out, and at the same time the wall will increase the recreation area by about double, to lessen their desire to flee.

Back to the warden's office, then, and a look at the wares the inmates have made and are offering for sale to visitors from outside. Everything from wallets to model ships—prices up to \$100. The money is held for the men until their release.

The feeling you have as you leave the prison at the end of State street is that here, despite the antiquity of some of its parts, is an amazingly well-run institution.

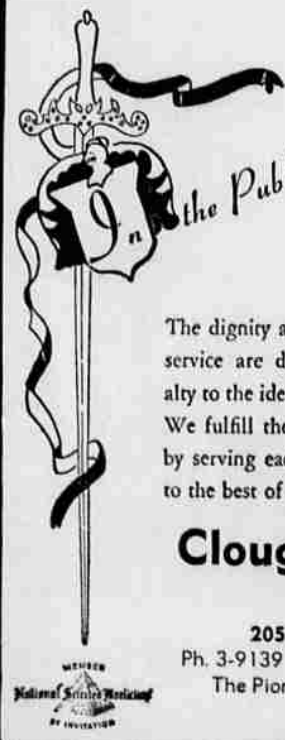
Warden Alexander and his men and matrons, you are satisfied, are doing a smooth, efficient job.

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The world is full of cheap racketeers, and unauthorized solicitors who specialize in gypping convention crowds are no exception, he explains.

Kenneth Saurage in McMinnville Hospital

Grand Ronde, July 30—Kenneth Saurage is in the McMinnville hospital with injuries received when the bicycle he was riding collided with an automobile driven by Delmar M. Johnson, Camas, Wash. He was taken to the hospital by ambulance. He received two broken shoulders, broken collar bone, broken nose, face lacerations, possible brain concussion and lost several teeth. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Saurage and was graduated this spring from the Grand Ronde grade school.

In 1696 a tax based on the number of windows in a dwelling was passed in England, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

All duly authorized solicitors and salesmen will have proper identification from Onas Olson, the convention executive secretary, and anyone wishing information may call headquarters, 2-3971, or inquire at the main headquarters tent to be set up on the courthouse lawn Monday morning.

Kerrick also reminds the general public that they may register for the convention and receive an official souvenir program, badge, and other courtesy cards for the registration fee of \$3. All registrations are being taken at headquarters, located in the Senator hotel lobby until it moves to the tent.

All pre-registrants are urged to pick up their kits, consisting of a badge, program, etc., at headquarters as soon as possible.

Britain now has complete government control over its textile industry.



Key Figure — John Moragon, once a close friend of Maj. Gen. Harry Vaughan, the president's military aide, talks with reporters following his secret session with the senate investigating subcommittee in Washington. Maragon, who looms as a key figure in the senate investigation of "five per centers," has demanded a full public hearing. (Acme Telephoto)

Hubbard Rebekahs Seat New Warden

Hubbard — Thalia Rebekah lodge met with Mrs. Ella Becker, NG, presiding. At the previous meeting the lodge voted to join the other women's organizations in Hubbard in asking that the city council be appointed as a permanent committee to take care of the cemetery. Visiting reports were given by Rev. and Mrs. Franklin Butler and Mrs. Stella Kromling. A report on condition of Mrs. Grace Carmaer's mother was also given. Resignation of Mrs. Joe deGuire as warden was accepted.

Mrs. E. C. Boyd, appointed to replace her, was installed by Mrs. John Morrison, district deputy president, assisted by deputy grand marshal, Mrs. George Zeek. Refreshments were served by Mrs. C. R. Duncan and Mrs. Edward Schoor.

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Day	Book	Chapter	Verse
Sunday	Mark	9	17-29
Monday	Mark	9	18-24
Tuesday	Genesis	2	1-24
Wednesday	Luke	10	28-42
Thursday	Acts	16	6-10
Friday	Romans	10	8-15
Saturday	Luke	3	1-11
	Matthew	18	1-14

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