

## Friendly Visitors Bring About Many Prison Routine Changes

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New York — (U.P.) — Well-dressed, attractive women walk into the women's prison in the heart of Manhattan frequently these days to pay some revolutionary social calls.

Since they first entered the forbidding, seven-story brick building a year ago and waited in the lobby encircled with iron bars, these women have made possible more changes in prison routine than have any city laws in the past decade.

The women are housewives and a few professional women who call themselves "The Friendly Visitors." The first four, who answered a plea from Anna M. Kross, the city's first woman commissioner of prisons, brought in 40 more.

They must be "good listeners, not do-gooders," Alice R. Burke, a pretty woman lawyer from Virginia who is the prison's new director of programming, explained.

Only a few of the nearly 50 women now active call regularly on the girls in prison. The others work behind scenes.

**The Purpose**  
"The purpose of our friendly visitors is to make these girls realize there is someone who really is interested in them," Miss Burke said. "We want the person who can sit quietly and listen and inspire confidence."

They discovered early that the girls responded better if the friendly visitors also were reasonably attractive and smartly dressed.

"These are girls off the city streets," Dr. Rose Franzblau, a psychologist who works with the "Friendly Visitors," explained. "They think they're pretty sophisticated, and they immediately resist advice from a woman they recognize as badly dressed."

The prison houses girls for as long as three years, although it originally was built as a detention prison for women awaiting trial. It is wedged in between city streets in Greenwich Village with no yard. The roof is the only recreation area.

"We played our role by ear at first," Franzblau explained. "We didn't know where to begin."

**Listened To Girls**  
They discovered, from listening to the girls, that one of the first things that concerned them was their appearance and what they would wear when they left the prison. City law requires only that the prisoner provide the prisoner with 25 cents when she leaves.

The woman volunteers canvassed dry cleaning establish-

ments until they found one with hundreds of garments never called for. They bought them, "three garments for a dollar." Now the wardrobe department has grown until it is a neatly catalogued "store" with complete outfits in all sizes.

They got extra sewing machines for the prison so the girls could fit their prison uniforms and learn to make clothes for themselves.

Other women's organizations heard about the work and began to help. The Lucy Stoner league recently donated a new library, including two volumes of "Power of Positive Thinking," by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale.

**Popular Book**  
"That book became so popular we finally called Dr. Peale and asked if some of his church women might donate some more copies," said the friendly visitors' one. "They sent eight more. We have to be careful or the girls cut out whole pages they like and keep them."

A former nutritionist with the Red Cross is teaching girls how to prepare and serve food; husbands of the volunteers are raising money to outfit a beauty shop in the prison where girls also can learn to be beauty operators; typewriters are being installed so girls might learn to be office typists.

Once the girls are released, they can continue to receive visits from the volunteer workers until they get back on their feet.

### Festival of Americas To Be Presented in Los Angeles This Year

Los Angeles—A "Festival of the Americas" is planned for the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles this summer. Leonard Bernstein will be conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic in a five-day series of concerts beginning Aug. 18. Each evening will present a different aspect of American music, from the symphonic to the jazz—and Central and South America will be represented along with North America.

### Picnic Thursday

A joint picnic and program for Women's circles of the Central Point and Jacksonville Presbyterian church is planned for Thursday, June 14 at 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Wynn Arnold.

Members of the Central Point circle are asked to meet at the Jacksonville Presbyterian church to be guided to the Arnold home.

### Half-Size Style



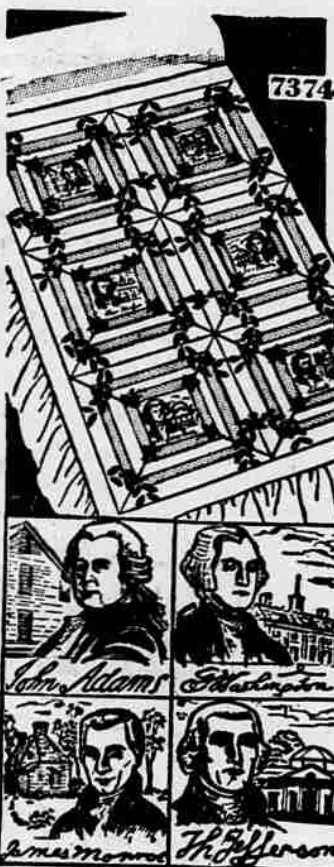
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## William Ruck AT OEA Session

William E. Ruck, Medford, represented Jackson county unit, Oregon Education association, at a workshop meeting of county unit officers of OEA in Portland Friday and Saturday.

Some 25 speakers presented various phases of the work of the statewide association numbering over 12,000 Oregon educators. Several discussions to assess the work of the organization in order to make an application of its program to their counties. The group recessed from 10:30 to 12:15 a.m. Saturday to view the Rose Festival parade.

Paragresswoman Edith Green, former OEA public relations director, was featured in a talk to the group at a special dinner at the Mallory hotel at 6:30 p.m. Friday. Other remarks were by Miss Margaret Perry, winner of the 1955 McCall's magazine "teacher of the year" award; Mrs. Clyde Gideon, state legislative chairman of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, and Gardner Knapp, president of the Oregon School Board's association, who talked on "Education Problems from the School Board Point of View."

### Many Delegates Attend Session Of State Council

A large delegation of Jackson county women attended the 23rd annual meeting of the Oregon Home Economics Extension council held recently at Oregon State college at Corvallis, it is reported last week by Mrs. L.M. Charley, District 5 director for the council.

From this area were Mrs. Ira Burns, Medford, Mrs. Milo O'Harra, Ashland, Mrs. Ralph Lane, Shady Cove, Mrs. Arnold Gosnell, Sams Valley, Mrs. A.T. Lathrop and Mrs. Arnold Bohner and Mrs. Leland M. Charley; Brownsboro, Miss Eula Wintermote, county home extension agent; and Mrs. Charles Moore of Rogue River.

Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon college, was the main speaker. His subject was "Learning To Live Together." Mrs. Florence N. Brinks, Oregon "Mother of the Year," was a guest at the banquet and spoke to the group.

Miss Madge Reese, representing the department of agriculture, attended the session. She will retire this year after 30 years of service. Total registration at the meeting was 213 members, who came from all sections of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sager showed pictures of a recent European tour.

### Thornton Rules Against Filbert Commission

Salem — (U.P.)—Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton has told the Oregon Filbert Commission that it has no power to spend funds to buy a patented filbert blanching process.

"The commission has only those powers expressly granted to it by statute and those necessarily implied therefrom," Thornton wrote in his opinion to the commission.

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