

Effort Toward Rehabilitation Is Important at Oregon Penitentiary

Many Changes in Farm Annex Made To Help Prisoner

Editor's note: This is the last in a series of four articles on the Oregon State Penitentiary.

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Salem — (UPI) — The road through Oregon state penitentiary need not lead to the segregation and isolation block.

For the great majority it doesn't and certainly it is the controlling idea of Warden Clarence Gladden and his staff to do all they can to rehabilitate a man and prepare him for freedom.

When a man comes to OSP he must be confined, but there

Biggest Escape From State Prison Made July 3, 1883

Salem — (UPI) — The biggest escape from Oregon State Penitentiary occurred July 3, 1883 when the warden and two officers were killed and a guard held at knife point during a guard to open a gate.

Fourteen out of about 50 to 60 inmates involved in the escape got out but three of them were killed by guards and four wounded.

A memorable escape occurred in 1902 when the inmate Henry Tracy and David Merrill killed three guards with rifles that had somehow been smuggled to them. The escape touched off the biggest manhunt in Northwest history.

Four men also escaped in 1928 in a plot which also resulted in the death of three guards.

There have been no escapes from inside the walls for the past five years.

are equal responsibilities to classify, treat and rehabilitate him.

These jobs are being done effectively by men of good will, but there are good spots and bad spots in every institution.

One of the bright areas is the farm annex for minimum security prisoners where there have been extensive changes during the Gladden administration.

The farm, with 1,200 acres under cultivation, produces all the pork the prison needs, about 1/3 of the beef and 3/4 of the vegetables in season.

The dairy, one of the top institutional dairies in the country, produces 700 gallons of milk every 24 hours and 2,500 laying hens supply the state hospital and prison.

Life is a little easier, too. The 158 men sleep in dorms, play cards and pool, watch television and have their own swimming hole.

Not so good is the psychiatric help available for inmates. A psychiatrist visits the prison just one afternoon a week and is forced to consider only extreme cases.

Most men see the prison psychologist only once for their initial testing. Sometimes, if they run into trouble, they come back for testing of a more diagnostic order. From time to time, the psychologist is able to organize group therapy sessions.

Many inmates would admit they were a little "psyched up" or they wouldn't be in prison. They need professional help to solve both the problems they brought with them and the ones arising from their adjustment to rigid prison life.

Some of the pressure may be taken off next spring when the new intermediate penal institution opens to take care of younger and more readily rehabilitated men.

There is talk, too, on the board of control about a hospital-type institution that would be about half-way in function between the state hospital and the prison. It would be staffed by hospital psychiatrists and would take care of the criminally insane from the hospital and also give help to more troubled penitentiary inmates.

Some Bad Problems
There are some real problems in the prison. Take for instance the man who has no conception of the strict moral values of the court that sentenced him. They are simply not his values. How absurd life must seem to him behind bars and how strange the talk of rehabilitation.

His contacts with religion, if any, probably ended during adolescence as studies by prison chaplains show.

He is a man in revolt and it is a real task to try to reach him and change the energy of this revolt into areas more creative than crime.

For some, a fifth grade education and a couple of years

BUTTE FALLS School Program Held

By MARY JO HARRIS

Butte Falls—The Vacation Bible school program was held Sunday evening, June 22, at the Community Bible church. The beginners class theme was "Creation" and their part in the program consisted of songs and verses.

The primary class had made jackets and wore them to represent their theme "Belonging and Living in God's Family." The junior boys and girls sang songs and told flannel board stories concerning their theme "God's Time and God's Word."

Due to a lightning storm, the program was put on without the benefit of lights. The program progressed rapidly and only had to be cut short at the end when the pianist could no longer read the music.

The Bible school had an enrollment of 80 children with the primary class leading with 33 enrolled. During the two-week period there were many absences due to mumps and measles.

Teachers were the Rev. Howard Simmonds, junior boys; Mrs. Duane Burton, jun-

ior girls; Mrs. Louis Crammer, beginners; Mrs. Roger Harris, primary; Mrs. Howard Simmonds was the pianist.

Helpers were Mrs. Gordon Walker, Mrs. Charles Ferguson, the Misses Virginia McAlister, Darlene Edmondson, Martha Dalton, Deloris Brown, Edith Wright, Judy Burg and Larry Cavin. Philip Crammer and Tommy Wright were in charge of playground activities.

The Grange will sponsor an Open House Sunday, June 29, at the Community Bible church for Mr. and Mrs. Roy Green in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Everyone is invited to attend between 2 and 4 p.m.

The Greens are expecting their daughter, Mrs. Robert Peckner from Turkey this week.

Members of the Mt. Pitt club, families and guests attended a potluck picnic Friday evening, June 20, at Willow Creek dam. Activities for the evening included swim-

ing, the weather changes along with the rest of Oregon. The past few weeks have found soaring temperatures dropped by rapidly rising winds, thunder and lightning and hail storms.

Members of the Mt. Pitt club acted as hostess at a personal shower held in honor of Mrs. Lee Jolliffe recently at the home of Mrs. Randall Perkins.

Those attending were Mrs. Don Jolliffe, Mrs. Charles (Red) Capello, Mrs. Don (Porky) Smith, Mrs. Don Dillard, Mrs. William Lytle, Mrs. Duane Smeltzer, Mrs. Ed Malloy, Mrs. Jim Arnold, Mrs. Charles Ferguson, Miss Jeanette Capello, Miss Juanita Sheppard, Mrs. Buster Bush, Mrs. Gene Henshaw, Mrs. William Edmondson, Mrs. Rayetta Ownby, Mrs. Virgil Conley, Mrs. Ralph Wiese, Mrs. Roger Harris, Mrs. Alva Webster, Mrs. Henry Tygart, Mrs. Randall Perkins and Mrs. Finch and children.

Vacation week for Medco men will begin June 28 until July 6. Many families have made plans for this week.

State Lions convention was held at Eugene June 18, 20 and 21. Those attending the convention from the Butte Falls Lions club and auxiliary were Bruce Pingle, F. E. (Mannie) Poole, Andy Hamstra, Mrs. Glen Cathey, Mrs. Mannie Poole and Mrs. William Harris.

The annual guard training school was held June 18, 19 and 20 at Camp 2 for Rogue River National forest personnel. Approximately 90 trainees attended.

Instruction was given in detection, smoke chasing, small fire suppression, use of water, and general guard duties.

In conjunction with the school, a forest fire foreman training course was held June 17.

The old city hall is being torn down at the present time and plans for the new building have been made. The new building will be 24 feet wide and 40 feet long. The front part of the building will be divided into two parts; one side for the fire hall and the other for the library. The rear part of the new building will be partitioned for the city council chambers. This new structure should be completed in about three months.

The library has been moved to the old barber shop and will remain there until the new building is ready for use.

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