

Folsom Prisoner Finds It Tough To Sell Writing Work

Folsom, Calif. (UPI) — Steve Sorrentino, clad in the blue denim of Folsom Maximum Security Prison, sat behind his desk and told of the troubles facing a writer at California's toughest jail.

"The censorship is really tough here," he said. "You can't sell a story outside because it has to go through the

And he won't pass any inside story on prison life—no violence, no crime."

Sorrentino, who has spent a dozen years behind bars in Federal and state prisons, wants to be a professional writer. He probably won't ever make it.

Doing His Best

Meanwhile, Steve is doing the best he can as "The Sage" of Folsom, a rock pile east of Sacramento, Calif., in the foothills of the Sierra-Nevada mountains.

He writes a column in the prison newspaper, "The Folsom Observer." His column is a sort of an editorial reflecting the thoughts of the inmates.

It's called "Views from the Mainline," and Steve works on it every day from 8:30 to 3:15 p.m.—the normal prison day.

"I rove around the yard some, but most of it I get from my head," he said.

Some examples of what comes from Steve's head:

On what society should do to criminals—"Even experts are not in agreement. But no one bothers to get an opinion from the criminal himself."

Cost Too Much

On juvenile delinquency—"Americans should realize that the cost is too much to brand our children the 'lost generation' and let it go at that. It is only those who are without hope that are lost and if our children are lost, then too is America."

On beatniks—"Teen-age youngsters attempt to uphold the traditions of the Bohemian sects of yesteryear with a feeble attempt at sensationalism."

On the cold war—"The Russians talk a mean war, but history shows they fight like they had been trained on tranquilizing pills."

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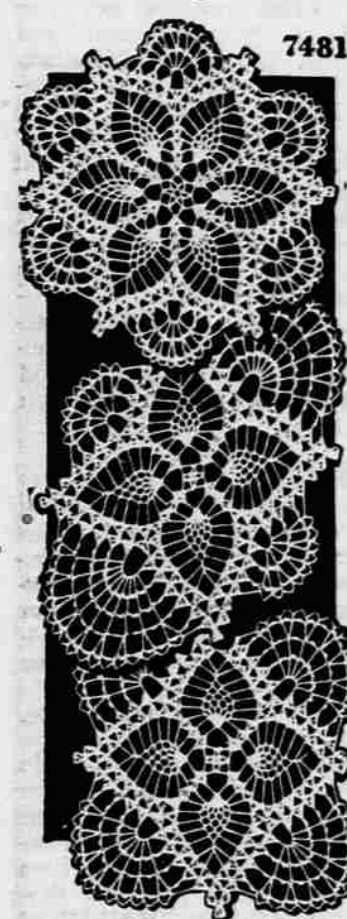
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Meetings on Closed Circuit TV General Mills Sets Stockholder

By ELMER C. WALZER
UPI Financial Editor
New York (UPI)—General Mills, Inc., plans a unique stockholder's meeting to be held simultaneously in seven cities across the nation hooked together by closed circuit television.



Elmer Walzer

Stockholders of the corporation in the New York area will meet at noon (pst) on Thursday Oct. 29, at the Waldorf-Astoria. At the same time, groups in Boston meet at the Statler Hilton; and Buffalo, N.Y., at the Statler Hilton.

It will be 1 p.m. (pst) in Chicago and the General Mills shareholders of that area will meet at the Conrad Hilton while at Minneapolis, headquarters of the company, they will meet at the company's auditorium.

Meetings on West Coast—Two Pacific Coast cities—

San Francisco and Los Angeles—will go into the same session at 1 p.m. (pst), the first at the St. Francis Hotel and the Los Angeles group at the Biltmore.

This series in one meeting is an innovation that replaces the regional meetings held individually in various cities over the years dating back to 1939.

Chairman of the board, G. S. Kennedy will open the 1959 meeting from New York. President Charles H. Bell will speak from Minneapolis.

The telecast will present re-

ports on the company's business from the chief officers. It also will include a television visit to the new Betty Crocker kitchens in Minneapolis and to the company's flour mill in Buffalo, reputedly the largest flour mill in the world.

After showing of an animated film on the company's all-time record report for the fiscal year ended May 31, the meeting will be open for questions from stockholders at all of the seven cities hooked up by the television circuit and two-way audio contact.

This series of regional meetings hooked up into one meeting follows closely the annual meeting of the corporation which was held in Minneapolis on Aug. 18.

Last year, General Mills held regional meetings separately in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Buffalo, Boston, New York, Washington and Minneapolis. Also it held simulated meetings at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and at Dartmouth in Hanover, N. H.

Inaugurated in 1947

The idea of taking meetings

to university campuses was inaugurated in 1947 when education and industry teamed up for the first time in this manner at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, the company said.

The objective of these campus sessions, officials explained, is to contribute to student understanding of industry and its business procedures. Other campus sessions have been held at Harvard, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Cornell, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford and Yale.

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ENGINEER DIES
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Catholics To Hold Inquiry Classes

A new series of inquiry classes for adult non-Catholics interested in learning more about the teachings of the Roman Catholic church will begin tonight, according to the Rev. John A. Iig, who will conduct the classes.

The series of 25 meetings will be held weekly in the senior classroom on the second floor of St. Mary High school, beginning at 7 p.m. and lasting until approximately 8:30.

Registration will be taken at the first meeting and copies of the text, "A Catechism for Inquirers" by the Rev. Joseph I. Malloy, CSP, may be obtained at that time. Anyone unable to attend the first or any subsequent meetings is welcome to take part in any portion of the series, it is stated.

According to Father Iig, the instruction given in the classes is informational in character and there are no obligations imposed upon anyone attending. Inquirers, he said, are encouraged to ask questions which will help their understanding of the Catholic faith.

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Van Doren Offered Role in Picture

Hollywood (UPI)—Charles Van Doren has been offered a role as a science professor in a motion picture.

Producer-director Albert Zugsmith wired Van Doren Sunday, offering him the part in "Teacher Was A Sexpot."

The film will star Mamie Van Doren (no relation), Brigitte Bardot and teen-ager Tuesday Weld, Zugsmith said.

So now, at 51, Steven Sorrentino has found his home, whether he likes it or not. As a four-time loser serving a sentence of five years to life, Steve may spend the remainder of his days in Folsom.

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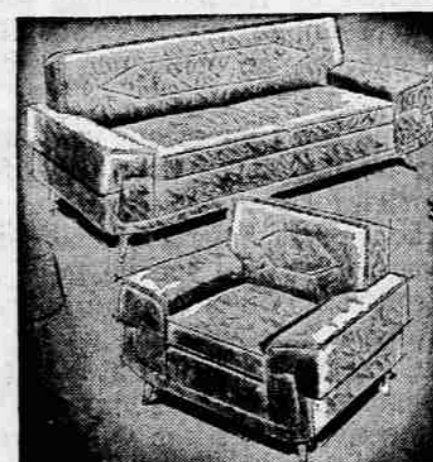
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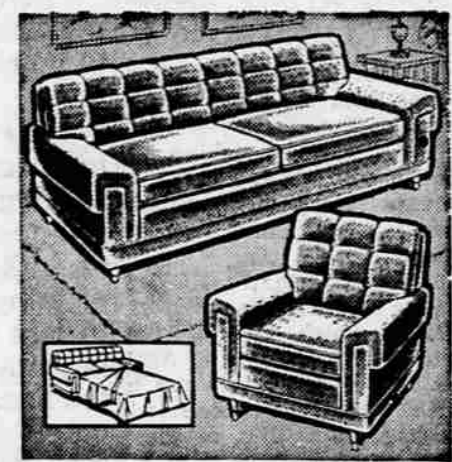
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