

**AD ARTIST**  
**BUCKS PAINTS**  
**TO FREEDOM**

Oklahoma "Lifer"  
Refuses To Quit  
Penitentiary

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Oklahoma City—(UPI)—A "mad" artist depicted by Maas is square-headed, with heavy jaws and blond, Teutonic hair. His animals and landscapes are considered his best works.

Resurrection of Christ, mother and family groups, Warren Harding, a copy of Gainsborough's "Blue Boy," Oklahoma Indian groups, and others.

**Maas' Christ**

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A life term murderer, the old man is a favorite with prison officials and fellow prisoners. The mule barn loft, outside the prison walls, has been made his studio. He goes to the trusty building, also outside the walls, for irregular meals. He sleeps on a cot in his studio. The convict artist makes no report to prison officials, does no work except with his brush.

He wears his hair cropped in the style of the Prussians, in whose army he once served. He never was naturalized and was time prison records list him as an alien enemy.

County PER  
CAPITA TAX IS \$7.63  
BELOW AVERAGE

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Jasper	\$52.35
Jay	\$35.08
Jefferson	\$27.95
Jennings	\$30.65
Johnson	\$36.39
Knox	\$42.35
Kosciusko	\$52.53
LaGrange	\$45.18
Lake	\$61.93
LaPorte	\$55.87
Lawrence	\$34.97
Madison	\$34.71
Marion	\$49.42
Marshall	\$44.65
Martin	\$22.43
Miami	\$32.97
Monroe	\$35.90
Montgomery	\$37.77
Morgan	\$31.11

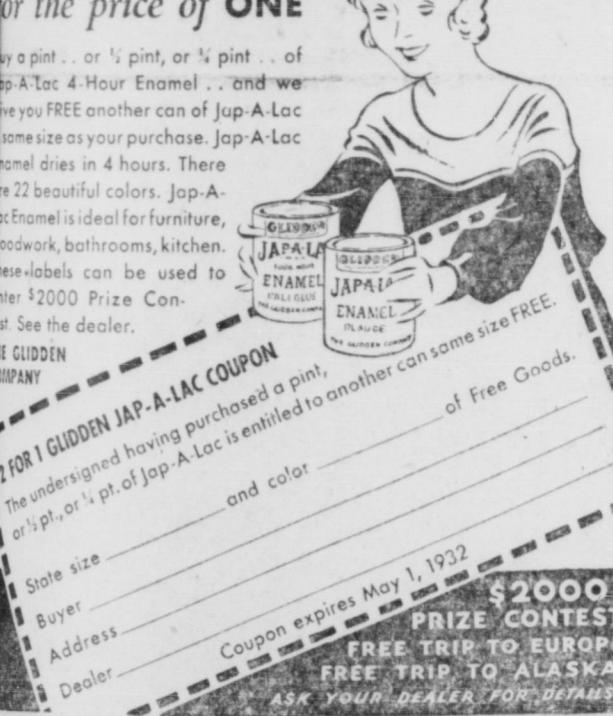
Early Talent  
think he is insane. Others  
think he is a genius, for behind  
pills he has developed early  
with brush and canvas. His  
works decorate the penitentiary  
and the state capitol.

Two months ago interested persons  
met before the clemency board  
at the prison. Maas was  
to appear in the interest of a  
German who, without pausing at his  
cave, said, "If they want me, I am here."  
The audience.

Some of his paintings, the  
last 12 by 18 feet, decorate the  
next hall. Included are the

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DEATH PALL  
OVER FAMILY**

Three Blossoms in 20  
Years Preceded Tragedy  
In Ohio Household

Kings Mills, Ohio.—(UPI)—Natives of this town tell the story of the "death cactus" and the blight it cast over the home of Oscar Connally.

Three times in 20 years it has bloomed. Each time the white blossom has been accompanied by death. Now it has been thrown away, its owners hoping to escape its evil influence.

The prickly little plant was kept in Connally's home without blooming for years. Then in 1912, the owner's son was stricken with typhoid fever. Simultaneously, the cactus bloomed, producing a single waxy white flower that exuded a sickening-sweet fragrance. A few days after the flower withered, the son died.

Until 1927, the plant failed to bloom. In that year, a daughter, Mrs. Mary McCullum, became ill. The "death cactus" bloomed. Mrs. McCullum died a few days later.

A few months ago, the plant showed signs of renewed life. A bad appeared. The family became genuinely alarmed when Mrs. Connally became ill. She asked her sister-in-law, Mrs. Annie Bateman, to bring the plant into the sick room. "The flower seemed to be just in its prime when I carried it into the room," Mrs. Bateman said. "But when I looked at it a few minutes later, it had withered."

A week later, Mrs. Connally died. For several months after his wife's death, Connally kept the plant. But the tragedy of its rare blooms preyed upon his mind. Only when it burst into bloom has death visited his home. So he threw it away.

**NORTH WARD  
CAST IS NAMED**

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adults.

The cast of characters for the production is as follows:

Spring—Martha Macy  
Bluebird—Virginia Fledderjohann  
Jack Frost—Robert Gentis

Attendants—Gennetta Eston

Mildred Marshall

**Frost Elves**

Edward Beavers, Max Heare, Kay Short, Clement Renteria, Raymond Venis, Giles Gogg, Eugene Hitchcock, Herman Moyer.

**Pussy Willows**

Pitra Nieto, Katherine Ross, Mary Jean Tricker, Violet Girod, Mary Frank, Helen Harkness, Maxine Wells, Virginia McManaman, Betty Amrine, Jean Zimmerman.

**Spring Maidens**

Marjorie Springer, Patsy McConnell, Katherine Shroyer, Annies May Merriman, Pauline Acker, Betty Ross, Mary Girod, Evelyn Burnett.

**Raindrops**

Elaine Edgett, Wanda Vian, Mary Summers, Ruth Hammond, Mary Jane King, Marjorie Gay, Mildred Elythe, Delsia Sheets.

**Bees**

Carl Rash, Bernard Meyer, Robert Yost, Calvin Burnett, Robert Deltch, Richard Chronister, Frederick Bixler.

**Breezes**

Donald Foreman, Junior Strickler, Herman Hammond, Richard Drake, Junior Lake, Richard Foreman, Richard Hammond.

**Butterflies**

Evelyn Jane Gruber, Constance Tooke, Alice Roth, Betty Melchi, Evelyn Burnett, Margaret Hancher.

**Brownies**

Arthur Brown, Donald Lee, Darrell Spahr, Robert Beery, Richard Maloney, Dickie King, Richard Frauliger, Lawrence Rash.

**Sunshine Fairies**

Alice Yost, Helen Hernandez, Charlotte Andrews, Elizabeth Reynolds, Betty Zinsmaster, Lois Frank.

**Stage managers**

Charles Andrews, George Spurgeon.

**First Room—Group of Songs**

Lavern Roth, Joan Hitchcock, Donald Springer, Clifford Mac-

**STAMPEDE IS  
FUTILE; STOCK  
TAX APPARENT**

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owing are the new and increased taxes so far adopted by the house

in the new revenue bill to balance

the federal government's budget

for the next fiscal year:

**Postage**

Letter postage raised from two

to three cents—\$125,000,000.

**Income and Estate Taxes**

Higher individual income and

surtaxes—\$139,000,000.

Higher estate and gift taxes—

\$36,000,000.

**Corporation income tax raised**

from 12 to 15 1/2%—\$26,000,000.

Rate of 15% on consolidated

corporation income tax returns—

\$9,000,000.

Repeal of "net loss" provision—

\$6,000,000.

**Sales and Excise Taxes**

Imported gasoline and

oil, 1c per gallon—\$25,000,000.

Imported coal, \$2 a ton—1,500,000.

Malt, wort and grape

concentrate—\$46,000,000.

Lubricating oil, 4c per

gallon—\$35,000,000.

Cosmetics, 10 per cent—\$25,000,000.

Furs, 10 per cent—\$20,000,000.

Jewelry, 10 per cent—\$15,000,000.

Sporting goods and cam-

eras, 10 per cent—\$4,000,000.

Chewing gum, 5%—\$3,000,000.

Matches, 3c per 1000—\$11,000,000.

Radios and phonographs, 5 per cent—\$11,000,000.

Automobiles, 3%; trucks,

2%; accessories, in-

cluding tires, 1%—\$57,000,000.

Yachts and motorboats,

10%—\$500,000.

Candy, 5%—\$12,000,000.

Cerebral beverages 1921

rates—\$11,000,000.

Mechanical refrigerators

5%—\$4,500,000.

**Miscellaneous Taxes**

Amusement admissions

1c on each 10c over

45c—\$40,000,000.

Telephone and tele-

graph messages, 5c on

messages between 30

and 50c; 10c on those

over 50c; leased wire,

10%—\$35,000,000.

Rental of safe deposit

boxes, 10%—\$1,000,000.

Capital stock and bond

issues, 10c per \$100—\$12,000,000.

Total so far adopted—\$751,500,000.

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