

AD ARTIST" CKS PAINTS TO FREEDOM

Oklahoma "Lifer"
Refuses To Quit
Penitentiary

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Oklahoma City, Okla.—(U.P.)—A "mad
artist" who has spent 33 of his 77
years in prison, refused to accept his free-
dom when it was offered him by the
Oklahoma authorities.

Matthew Conrad Maas, who has spent 33 of his 77 years in prison, refused to accept his freedom when it was offered him by the Oklahoma authorities. He was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of his wife, Martha. Records show that he was detected plotting the murder of his wife. He was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of his wife, Martha. Records show that he was detected plotting the murder of his wife. He was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of his wife, Martha. Records show that he was detected plotting the murder of his wife.

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

Maas' Christ
The Christ depicted by Maas is square-headed, with heavy jaws and blond, Teutonic hair. His animals and landscapes are considered his best works.

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 war-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	\$35.98
Jefferson	\$27.65
Jennings	\$30.65
Johnson	\$36.39
Knox	\$42.35
Kosciusko	\$52.53
LaGrange	\$45.18
Lake	\$41.93
LaPorte	\$55.87
Lawrence	\$34.97
Madison	\$34.71
Marion	\$49.42
Marshall	\$44.65
Martin	\$22.43
Miami	\$39.97
Monroe	\$35.90
Montgomery	\$37.77
Morgan	\$31.11

Her Beauty Tips



Miss Helen Weaver demonstrates the latest beauty fad—delectable eyelashes for evening wear. It happens hers are gold tipped, but they come in nearly all colors. Picture at bottom shows detachable platinum tipped lashes.

Newton	\$53.43
Noble	\$45.26
Ohio	\$33.16
Orange	\$39.77
Owen	\$34.15
Parke	\$32.65
Perry	\$28.77
Porter	\$70.71
Posey	\$37.97
Pulaski	\$47.39
Putnam	\$40.10
Randolph	\$45.41
Ripley	\$32.84
Rush	\$39.17
St. Joe	\$49.32
Scott	\$31.42
Shelby	\$39.61
Spencer	\$23.79
Starke	\$45.26
Steuben	\$44.38
Sullivan	\$32.49
Switzerland	\$25.74
Tippecanoe	\$42.63
Tipton	\$37.33
Union	\$49.42
Vanderburg	\$44.82
Vermillion	\$39.92
Walsh	\$43.97
Vigo	\$45.65
Warren	\$43.26
Warrick	\$31.75
Washington	\$25.67
Wayne	\$41.12
Wells	\$40.46
White	\$33.75
Whitley	\$47.61
State Average	\$43.25

The county's total tax bill is about \$710,000 this year.

CACTUS CAST DEATH PALL OVER FAMILY

Three Blossoms in 20
Years Preceded Tragedy
In Ohio Household

Kings Mills, Ohio.—(U.P.)—Natives of this town tell the story of the "death cactus" and the blight it cast over the home of Oscar Connelly, in hushed voices.

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 Connelly'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 waxen 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 bud appeared. The family became genuinely alarmed when Mrs. Connelly 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 a few minutes later, it had withered."

A week later, Mrs. Connelly died. For several months after his wife's death, Connelly 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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The cast of characters for the production is as follows:
Spring—Martha Macy
Bluebird—Virginia Fledderjohann
Jack Frost—Robert Gentry
Attendants—Gennetta Estlin, Mildred Marshall.
Frost Elves
Edward Beavers, Max Heare, Kay Short, Clement Renteria, Raymond Venus, Giles Ogg, Eugene Hitchcock, Herman Moyer.
Pussy Willows
Pitra Nieto, Katherine Ross, Mary Jean Tricker, Violet Girod, Mary Frank, Helen Harkless, Maxine Wells, Virginia McManama, Betty Amrine, Jean Zimmerman.
Spring Maidens
Marjorie Springer, Patsy McConnell, Katherine Shroyer, Annie May Merriman, Pauline Acker, Betty Ross, Mary Girod, Evelyn Burnett.

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

Carl Rash, Bernard Meyer, Robert Yost, Calvin Burnett, Robert Deitsch, Richard Chronister, Frederick Blixler.

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

Evelyn Jane Graber, Constance Tooke, Alice Roth, Betty Melch, Evelyn Burnett, Margaret Hancher.

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

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

Stage managers—Charles Andrews, George Spurgeon.

First Room—Group of Songs
Laverna Roth, Joan Hitchcock, Donald Springer, Clifford Mar.

Jail-Breaker and Shot Jailer



A rogues' gallery photo of Basil Banghart, desperado of the notorious "Purple Gang" of Detroit, is shown above at left. Banghart recently shot his way to freedom from the St. Joseph County jail at South Bend, Ind. In his dash for liberty, Banghart shot Stanley Klossinski (right), a jailer at the prison, who is in a critical condition from loss of blood. Banghart is a pal of Harry Fleischer, sought in connection with the kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby.

Putting Hope in Hopewell



The Very Rev. H. Dobson-Peacock, of Norfolk, Va., is shown arriving at the Lindbergh estate at Hopewell, N. J., for a secret conference with the famous flying colonel. The churchman, one of the intermediaries acting to retrieve the Lindbergh baby from his kidnappers, flew in a Government plane from Norfolk to Philadelphia, thence by train to Hopewell. While confident that he and his associates are on the right track, the clergyman refused to make a statement to the press after the conference.

Automobiles, 3%; trucks, 2%; accessories, including tires, 1%	57,000,000
Yachts and motorboats, 10%	500,000
Candy, 5%	12,000,000
Cereal beverages 1921 rates	11,000,000
Mechanical refrigerators 5%	4,500,000
Miscellaneous Taxes	
Amusement admissions, 1c on each 10c over 4c	40,000,000
Telephone and telegraph messages, 5c on messages between 30 and 50c; 10c on those over 50c; leased wire, 10%	25,000,000
Rental of safe deposit boxes, 10%	1,000,000
Capital stock and bond issues, 10c per \$100	13,000,000
Total so far adopted \$751,500,000	

STAMPEDE IS FUTILE; STOCK TAX APPARENT

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Following 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:

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 13 1/2%—\$26,000,000.	
Rate of 15% on consolidated corporation income tax returns—\$9,000,000.	
Repeal of "net loss" provision—\$20,000,000.	
Dividend exemption changes—\$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 concentrates—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 cameras, 10 per cent—4,000,000	
Chewing gum, 5%—3,000,000	
Matches 1c per 1000—11,000,000	
Radios and phonographs, 5 per cent—11,000,000	

BRIDGE MEET STARTS FRIDAY

New York, Mar. 31.—(U.P.)—The "World Bridge Olympic" tournament with 50,000 players in the four corners of the earth will start promptly at 8:16 p.m. Friday.

Sixteen hands, most of them tricky, have been mailed out to game captains in every state of the union and Shanghai, Manila and Timbuctoo. At the appointed hour, the players will sit down, the 1,000 game captains will start play and at the end, 350 gold and silver trophies will be awarded.

Ely Culbertson, bridge expert who recently triumphed in 150 rubbers with Sidney Lenz, and a sort of super-referee of the Olympic, was not even disturbed today by the report that samples of the 16 hands had drifted into the "wrong hands."

He declared that most bridge players could study the hands for a week and still not know the right way to bid and play the 16 hands, ways supposedly known only to Culbertson.

Culbertson's troubles will begin just when those of the tournament players are over, around 11 p.m. There will be 800,000 individual scores to be sorted and totaled. One pair from the 50,000 players is to be selected as the recipient of the first prize trophy, a gold cup with the names of the winner and a sample hand engraved thereon.

Then 349 other pairs must be selected for the remaining cups, a task which would challenge the ingenuity of an income tax expert or insurance actuary.

Meanwhile the 50,000 contestants, having duly paid the entry fee of \$2 apiece, and arranged to play under the watchful eye of one team captain or another, will be called upon to look the other way if temptation should befall them before 8:01 p.m. Friday and lead them to undue brilliance in bidding and play.

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ARRIVALS

Word has been received here of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. James L. Beatty, Jr., of Indianapolis. The baby has been named James L. Beatty, III. Mrs. Beatty was formerly Miss Harriet Wallace of this city.

Charles Jones of Berne was a business visitor in this city Wednesday.

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