

STATE'S PRISONERS ENJOY CHRISTMAS

Special Entertainments and Dinners Provided at Indiana Institutions—Work Reduced to Minimum.

Some of the gloom that haunts the inmates of Indiana's prisons, as they face the monotony of their daily routine, was cast aside this year at Christmas time, through arrangement by the warden and superintendents of the various penal institutions.

Work is the by-word of every institution of servitude in Indiana, but even wardens realize the need of entertainment, and at odd times programs are arranged to brighten the lives of the unfortunate.

Only the necessary work was performed this morning, and the day was given over to various sorts of entertainment for the prisoners.

The yuletide spirit prevailed throughout the day behind the bleak walls of the Indiana State prison at Michigan City, according to Warden Walter H. Daly. During the day the men were entertained by motion pictures and a "home talent" show, the latter to be given by a cast made up of prisoners.

SPECIAL DINNER

At the noon hour a special dinner was served, consisting of roast chicken, baked sweet potatoes, cranberries, celery, white bread, pumpkin pie, coffee, cookies, apples and candy.

A. F. Miles, superintendent of the Indiana State Reformatory at Pendleton arranged an entertainment for "the boys" in the new chapel on the second floor of "K" dormitory. During the forenoon motion pictures were shown. The dinner consisted of breaded pork chops, candied sweet potatoes, cream gravy, oyster dressing, cranberry sauce, cottage fruit cake, mince pie, candy, cocoanut, bread and hot buns. At each pris-

oner's plate was a neatly printed menu, bordered in holly wreath, set up in the institution's print shop.

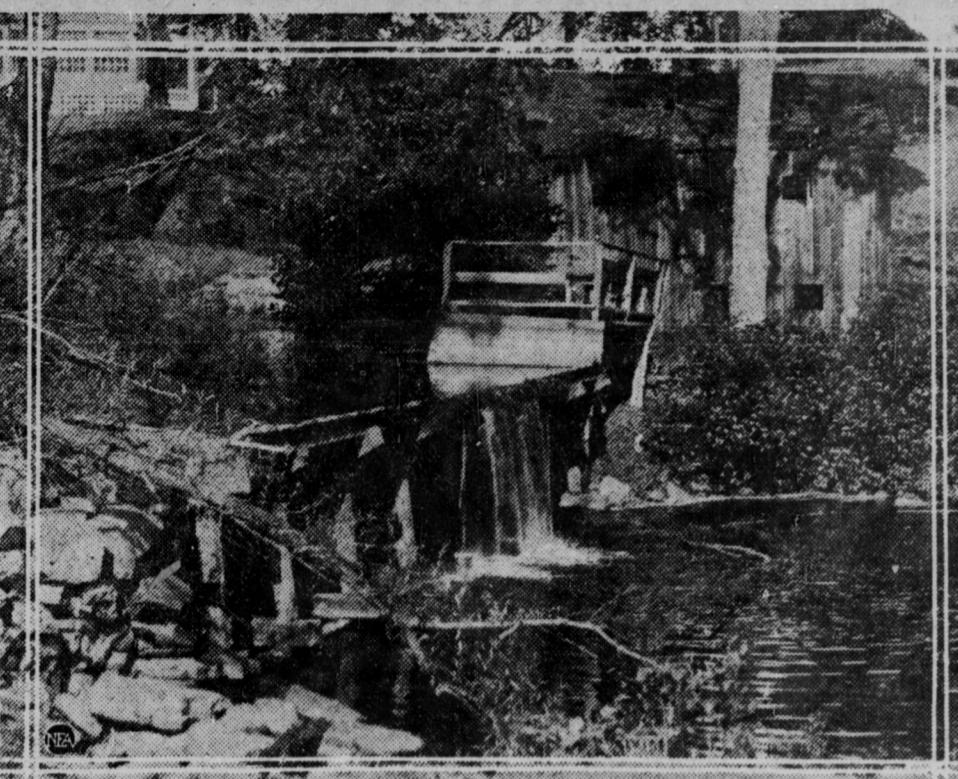
At State Farm

The Indiana State Farm, at Putnamville, is noted for the entertaining ability of some of its inmates, and use was made of the accomplished ones, according to Ralph Howard, superintendent. The day was a holiday and only the necessary work was performed, Howard said. During the afternoon a concert and amateur vaudeville show were given. The noon-day meal consisted of beef loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, candied sweet potatoes, oyster dressing, cranberries, mince pie and coffee. Most of the edibles were produced on the farm.

Christmas carols featured the morning program at the Indiana Woman's Prison. Superintendent Margaret M. Elliott announced. The afternoon was devoted to a musical program by inmates. Their noon meal consisted of chicken with dressing, gravy, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, creamed corn, sweet spiced cranberries, cold slaw, celery, light rolls, butter, preserves, pumpkin pie, cookies and coffee.

Charles A. McGonagle, superintendent of the Indiana Boys' School at Plainfield, arranged a full-day program for his boys, beginning with a Christmas treat of candy, oranges and nuts at 8 a. m., and ending with a showing of the film, "Abraham Lincoln," in the assembly hall during the afternoon. Herman Lieber of Indianapolis, one of the owners of the Circle Theater,

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turned the film over to the school for the day.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

At 10 a. m. the regular Christmas entertainment was given in the chapel. Early in the afternoon the boys received Christmas boxes sent by relatives and friends. Each boy was allowed to receive one box, not in excess of four pounds in weight.

There always are a large number

of boys who do not receive boxes, McGonagle said. These were taken care of through the Christian Men Builders of the Third Christian Church of Indianapolis, as has been the custom for many years. Christmas trees were provided for each of the thirteen companies and each company prepared some sort of program for its barracks, McGonagle said.

The menu consisted of the follow-

ing dishes: Chicken fricassee, dressing, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, scalloped corn, cucumber pickles, pear preserves, butter, wheat bread, milk and pumpkin pie. As at the State Farm, practically every item of food on the school's menu was produced on the grounds.

Inmates of the Indiana Girls' School at Clermont were treated to a series of holiday entertainments, in addition to the special Christmas

program, according to Dr. Kenosha Sessions, superintendent.

OPERA GIVE

Last Tuesday an operetta, "Why the Chimes Ring," was given by a group of the girls. A special religious program also was given last Sunday.

At 5 a. m. Christmas day carols were sung in all the cottages by a group of girls from Cottage 4. In the afternoon Christmas trees were lighted in each of the cottages, presents were distributed and short entertainment programs given.

Dr. Matthew Smith, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will preach a Christmas sermon next Sunday. On Dec. 29 the motion picture, "Barbara Fritchie," will be shown and on Jan. 5 "Charley's Aunt" will be the attraction.

The Christmas day menu follows:

Chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes,

corn, pickles, cranberries, celery, let-

ture and mince pie.

British experts are said to have in-

vented a noiseless airplane.

INSURANCE DAY BEING PLANNED

Former Governor of Nebraska Will Speak.

Samuel R. McKelvey, ex-Governor of Nebraska, will be the dinner speaker at Indiana Insurance day celebration Jan. 26 at the Claypool.

H. L. Barr, general chairman, said arrangements are being completed for the third annual observance of the day, which originated in Indiana. Claris Adams, attorney, will be toastmaster.

Harry Curran Wilbur, financial and industrial consultant, of Chicago, and E. A. Collins, assistant secretary of the National Surety Company, and Insurance Advertising Conference president, will speak.

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