

## PENAL CODE FOUNDED ON REFORMATION, BUT FARM INMATES CHARGE CRUELTY

Provision in State Bill of Rights Is Violated, Declare Former Prisoners at Indiana Farm.

This is the last of a series on conditions at the Indiana Penal farm.

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"The penal code shall be founded on the principles of reformation, and not of vindictive justice."—Bill of Rights, Constitution of the State of Indiana.

But officials of the Indiana state farm, a penal institution for petty offenders, admit that inmates have been beaten, handcuffed to bars in cells, placed on bread and water diets, chained while at work.

Their admissions are borne out in affidavits to The Indianapolis Times and presented through the series of articles, of which this is the last, on the farm's brutality.

A committee named by Governor Paul V. McNutt vows for the truth of chained men at work, men handcuffed to cells.

State farm officials say the inmates suffering these punishments were incorrigibles.

### Deny Serious Offenses

The inmates in affidavits to The Times say their incorrigibility consisted of shirking work, warding off blows of guards, complaining against curses and insults, escape attempts that never culminated, right of free speech taken from them, smoking cigarettes, pleading illness, being called "stallions."

The Times has shown in the series on the farm that one chronic tubercular inmate was placed at hard labor, beaten, put on bread and water, handcuffed in daytime to cell bars, without proper physical examination being made to determine whether he had the illness he claimed.

Farm officials declare the inmate was a "malingerer" and charge, despite a recent X-ray examination, that the inmate did not have tuberculosis.

### Admits Using Blackjack

E. L. Arment, assistant superintendent of the farm in charge of discipline, admits he struck the inmate with a blackjack.

Guard Mike Finn admits he struck the same inmate with a cane.

Harry H. Wissel, acting superintendent of the farm, denies that canes or clubs are used at the state farm.

The Times has another affidavit of a World War veteran, Benjamin H. Holsapple, 1106 South Church street, Indianapolis, who now is drawing compensation from the United States government for an "arrested case of tuberculosis," who says that he was worked at hard labor without the proper physical examination being made to determine if he had lung trouble.

### Denial Is Entered

Former inmates of the farm charged in affidavits that guards bought their help to obtain food and provisions from the farm to take home.

Farm officials enter a blanket denial to the charges of former inmates.

The charge in affidavits of "watered milk" being served to inmates is admitted partially by farm officials. They say that at certain seasons of the year the milk has been watered.

In two affidavits to The Times, it has been charged that a minor operation was performed by a male nurse who was not licensed to practice medicine or surgery in Indiana.

Farm authorities admit having a male nurse in their employ, without the right to practice medicine, but declare they know nothing of the illegal operation performed on an inmate.

### Insanitation Is Alleged

Former inmates charge insanitary conditions at the institution. The charge is denied by farm officials.

It was charged in affidavits of former prisoners that, although cigarette smoking was an infraction of farm rules, guards gave inmates cigarettes and cigarette papers.

The average cost of keeping a prisoner at the Indiana state farm is 45 cents a day, according to the state board of charities.

The state reformatory at Pendleton averages 50 cents a prisoner a day, while the state prison at Michigan City's per capita cost is 58 cents.

But the state farm has more facilities and larger means of becoming self-supporting than the state prison or the reformatory.

### Has Own Cannery

The farm has a cannery for preserving its vegetables. It has a dairy, a poultry yard and acreage enough to raise its own meat.

But former inmates complain that the food was not well-cooked, not of a good variety, considering the farm's produce, not clean. They charge they received butter but once

a week, despite the daily supply of thirty-five pounds from the dairy.

The average cost of feeding soldiers at Ft. Benjamin Harrison is 28 cents a day. It is estimated that, exclusive of pay, the entire care of a soldier will not range over 35 or 40 cents a day.

Pt. Harrison is not a complete dairy farm, poultry yard or gardening spot. The army must purchase its fresh vegetables and the greater part of its provisions.

In Indianapolis there is an intuition that feeds and houses at an average cost of 14 cents per capita daily.

### Could Make Profit

The man in charge of this institution told The Times that if given 25 cents a day he could feed and house a man at a profit to himself.

The persons he feeds receive salads and desserts, while salad and dessert is practically unknown at the state farm where petty offenders are housed.

Nor does he have a truck garden to raise his vegetables, a dairy farm to get his milk and butter, a cattle and hog lot to raise his table meat.

For the year of Oct. 1, 1932, to Oct. 1, 1933, the state farm was given an appropriation of \$45,000 for personal service to inmates.

All other operating expenses for the fiscal year, \$130,000, is the appropriation of the last general assembly to the state farm.

### Get Board and Room

In addition to their pay, the guards at the farm receive their board and room. Subsistence is furnished the farm superintendent, assistant superintendent and chief clerk. They are furnished homes, rent free.

The farm brings money into the state's general fund through its shirt factory and use of inmate labor. The factory's products are sold on the market in competition with the product of organized labor.

Furniture and glass factories at the farm also produce articles in competition with organized labor, it is said.

Surplus food at the farm is sold, on the admission of the officials of the farm.

Much of the material used in state farm structures is turned out on the farm. The farm has its own saw-mill and brickyard.

### Shumaker Case Cited

That conditions not conducive to good health are apparent at the farm and that men have been worked in occupations that they should not have been placed at is cited in the case of Dr. E. S. Shumaker, former Anti-Saloon League executive.

Dr. Shumaker was sent to the state farm in the early part of 1929. He was suffering from an internal ailment at the time he was sentenced for contempt of the supreme court of the state of Indiana.

Dr. Shumaker was forced to get up at early hours of the morning to do work at the farm's dairy.

Friends of the militant dry league head declare to this day that it is their opinion that Dr. Shumaker's death was hastened by his incarceration at the farm and the hard labor he was obliged to do.

### Hastened Death, They Claim

"He never had worked hard, at manual labor, since boyhood. He did work there he shouldn't have done. We think it hastened his death," asserted one who was close to the former dry organization executive.

Many stories are told by former inmates of the time when "Chuck" Higgins, "Hosier Playboy" pugilist, was an inmate of the farm.

Farm officials say he was a "model prisoner."

But on one occasion, in 1924, "Chuck" was found out of bounds—not on farm property.

Former inmates charge that "Chuck" had been given the right to leave the farm by extending favors to one of the guards.

But when they brought "Chuck" back some way, somehow, he was labeled as an "escape" and he was

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forced to do a sentence in the state reformatory for escaping from the farm.

"Chuck" never "squealed." He took the rap.

On another occasion it is related that Higgins, upon entering the farm, was taken into the room for newcomers and that several guards and a captain stood near him in a threatening manner and that the rough-and-tumble-bouncer of the prize ring challenged all of them to a knockdown-drag-out scrap.

The scrap never happened, former inmates say.

Since the start of the farm series, The Times has received numerous letters, telephone calls and personal visits from former inmates, desirous of contributing their stories of brutality.

### Willing to Make Affidavits

Each and every one of those unsolicited narrators of happenings during their servitude for petty offenses in the state farm was willing to make an affidavit of the truth of their charges.

The Times has other unused affidavits telling of the lack of justice, and bad sanitary and disciplinary conditions, that, for want of space, could not be printed.

Affidavits and verbal stories received by The Times cover a period of time from the years of the superintendency of Ralph Howard at the farm up to the last two weeks, when he was returned by Governor Paul V. McNutt to the executive office at the institution.

### CHIEF OF CORPS AREA HERE FOR INSPECTION

Thirteen-Gun Salute Roars Forth Welcome to General Mosely.

Thirteen guns roared a salute in honor of Major General George Van Horn Mosely, Fifth corps area commandant, as he began his inspection of Fort Benjamin Harrison today.

Accompanied by Colonel Clarence Linniger, assistant chief of staff and Captain Ernest C. Bomar, aid, General Mosely arrived Sunday to make his first official visit to the fort since assuming command of the corps area. He is the guest of Brig. Gen. George H. Jamerson.

Rain threatened to postpone a parade by the Eleventh Infantry band in full dress uniform and a C. M. T. C. regiment, which were to have been reviewed by General Mosely.

However, it was said at the camp today that the regular tour of inspection by the general, in which he will observe routine activities of the camp, will not be halted.

### USES MATE AS TARGET

Negro Woman Charged With Hurling Glass Lemon Squeezer.

Mrs. Mary Scott, 52, Negro, 1315 East Twenty-second street, is in city jail, charged with hurling a glass lemon squeezer at her husband to end a domestic quarrel Sunday.

The glass shattered upon his forehead, causing a deep gash. Four stitches were required. Mrs. Scott was slapped on a charge of assault and battery.

THE END.

### MARION CO. BANKERS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

G. A. Bowen Is Named President at Country Club Outing.

New officers of the Marion County Bankers' Association were elected Saturday following a day's outing at the Franklin Country Club.

George A. Bowen, cashier of the Wanamaker state bank, was elected president, succeeding Charles E. Herin of the Fletcher Trust Company.

Other officers are William C. Granel, vice-president; J. L. Bray, secretary; Hugh A. Brady, treasurer, and R. E. Huffman, member at large.

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212 Men's Athletic Union Suits, 50c, 59c qual. . . 37c  
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600 Men's 25c Arrow Laundered Collars . . . 2c  
85 Men's 50c to \$1.50 Fancy Leather Belts . . . 25c

### BEDDINGS—LINENS

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7 \$9.98 White Marseilles Bedspread Sets . . . \$2.27  
8 \$4.98 Brocaded Rayon Damask Bedspreads . . . \$1.97  
27 \$3.98 Dinner Size Satin Damask Tablecloths . . . \$1.97  
18 69c Printed Tablecloths, fast colors, each . . . 37c  
40 Yds. 49c and 59c Mercerized Table Damask, yard, 37c

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78 Boys' 59c Sport Shirts, fast colors, 8 to 14 years . . 37c  
92 Boys' 49c and 59c Wash Suits, sizes 3 to 8 . . . 29c  
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### WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR, HOSIERY

Street Floor

75 Gowns, Pajamas, Slips, Etc., odd lots . . . 25c  
73 \$1.00 Pure Silk Panties, Stepins, Etc. . . 49c  
76 \$3.50 to \$5.00 Corsets, Corsettes, Etc. . . \$1.79  
630 Full-Fashioned Silk Hose, slightly irreg. . . 42c  
40 Prs. Kayser \$1.00 White Silk Lace Gloves . . . 25c  
260 Knit Cotton Union Suits, built-up top . . . 25c  
200 Rayon Undies, Panties, Bloomers, Stepins, Etc., 25c

### FAST COLOR DRESS FABRICS

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360 Yds. 80-Square Dress Prints, 36-inch width . . . 12½c  
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26 \$2.00 16-Ribbed Gloria Silk Umbrellas, black, brown, navy . . . \$1.37  
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90 Children's Rayon Bloomers, Vests, Panties . . . 19c  
200 Doz. 100-Yd. Spools Mercerized Thread, Colors . . 2c  
45 Prs. Women's \$1.50 Beach Sandals, Colors . . . 29c  
180 Men's 35c Linen Handkerchiefs, all white . . . 14c  
230 Men's 18c Sheer Cotton Handkerchiefs . . . 10c

### DRAPERY SPECIALS

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100 Prs. Extra Wide Marquisette Curtains, pair . . . 49c  
200 Yds. 12½c Shadow Print Marquisette, yard . . . 8½c  
100 Prs. \$1.50 Lace Curtains, single pairs, pair . . . 79c  
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## Another Big 'Fun Night' Ahead; Clip the Coupon

Here is the first of the bargain fun coupons which will be good at Riverside amusement park next Saturday night. Thousands of Times readers took advantage of the cut-rate coupons last Saturday night, and, according to reports, a "grand time" was had by all.

Each day this week a coupon will be printed in all editions of The Times. Clip them out every day and save them for a big time Saturday night. Each coupon is good for 5 cents in paying your fare on the rides Saturday night.

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