

INDIANA PRISONS CROWDED; MUNICIPAL COURTS HANDLE 1655 CASES DURING MONTH

Lack of Space, Employment
for Prisoners Held
Biggest Problems.

Traffic Charges Are Most
Frequent, Records
Here Reveal.

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considers more than 1000 cases, has on its full-time staff only a secretary, one investigator and two clerks to carry on its work. It was established in 1933.

Prison Operates Factories

A giant, disciplined community of men, the Indiana State Prison finds employment for its inmates on farms and in sign-tag-tin, shoe, clothing, bookbinding, shirt, tobacco, furniture, soap, cement products and can industries within the prison property.

Saturday afternoons are half-days with movies provided in the winter and baseball and field sports in the summer.

To properly classify men as to their work and associates in the prison, Dr. P. H. Weeks, prison physician, has recommended complete psychiatric and psychometric tests of men entering the institution.

Individual Study Needed

"I am convinced," Dr. Weeks said in the reports, "that the institution should organize a modern social service department. A complete psychometric test should be made on every admission to prison. This system would enable us to classify the men and assign them to the work for which they are best qualified."

"Furthermore, classification and individualized study would no doubt develop much valuable data to be utilized by the parole and pardon board in deciding the advisability of releasing men to society."

The population at the Indiana Woman's Prison is less than two percent of the adult male population in Indiana penal institutions. The average age of the women in the penal department at the prison is 30 years, six months; in the correctional department 31 years, two months.

Social Diseases Frequent

Of 265 women on correctional commitments, 166 were first offenders and 99 repeaters. F. H. Luck, prison physician, found that on June 30, last year, 63.2 per cent of the women had venereal diseases.

The Indiana State Farm has as inmates only short-term offenders, who work on the farms, in quarries, canning factory, furniture, willow basket, brick and rock wool plants, greenhouse, dairy and abattoir.

Of those committed in the year ending June 30, 1935, a total of 1108 were aged between 20 and 30, 396 between 16 and 20, 149 from 60 to 70 and 29 over 70.

Law Curtails Market

A varied number of products are made at the farm, but drastic legislation against the sale of prison-made goods on the open market has curtailed the sales, Ralph Howard, superintendent, has said.

"The marketing of the products is impaired (by the legislation)" Mr. Howard said, "but with the advantage of the state-use system and the assistance and encouragement by the Administration to this end, we hope to keep our men employed and be able to show a modest profit."

The state-use system is the sale of prison-made goods to tax-supported institutions.

Net cost to the state for the operation of the institution, deducting \$227,924 as gross sales of industrial products, was \$151,041 net in the year ending June 30, 1935. The net annual cost of maintaining one prisoner was \$134.

Youths on Merit System

The clemency commission acts only on the petitions of inmates of the adult institutions. At the girls' and boys' schools, inmates are rated on a merit system or may be confined until their twenty-first year.

Guided by recommendations of courts, prosecutors, prison heads, neighbors of convicts and its one investigator, the clemency commission has six points it considers in hearing a petition.

They are: The nature and circumstances of the crime; history prior to commitment; conduct while an inmate; character, capacity, habits, tendencies, attitude, menu; and physical condition; probabilities the prisoner will so conduct himself as to become a useful member of society and the effect of his parole upon the administration of justice upon society.

Minimum Time Fixed

Other regulations concerning clemency are: Inmates with minimum terms of one year may have hearing at end of six months; two years, 12 months; three years, 18 months; five years, 24 months; 10 years, 30 months; beyond 10 years, 36 months; life for murder, 15 years; life for other than murder, 10 years.

Inmates of the state farm are exempt from these provisions and may petition for clemency when they have served half of their minimum time.

No parole violator is eligible for a second parole until he has served two years after being declared a violator. Second-time parole violators must serve an additional five years.

Redirected Behavior, Goal

Prime purpose of the educational program at the Indiana Boys' School, according to Supt. E. M. Dill, is to reshape behavior patterns.

The number of boys enrolled June 30, 1935, was 493. A total of 238 were returned on new commitments, 63 returned for parole violation, 27 returned for replacement and three recommitted. Of 129 incorrigibles questioned, parents of 26 were dead, of 29 the father was dead and of 24, the mother dead.

Lack of suitable employment for boys due to economic conditions has added a large burden to the task of rehabilitating delinquents, Frank D. Johnston, parole and receiving clerk, said.

Few Found Jobs

"Owing to lack of employment," he said, "it has been practically impossible to find work for parole boys in the towns and cities of the state, and the result has been that very few homeless boys were found places."

"It is not an easy matter to locate

WOMAN ARTIST ACCUSED OF SLAYING INFANT



ENROLL EARLY FOR PARTS IN LOCAL MOVIE

Applications Being Accepted
for Times-Loew's Talking
Film.

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Hollywood director with a Hollywood production staff in full action. The Times-Loew's movie, when completed, will be viewed by local audiences at Loew's Theater, and later will be shown to producers in New York and Hollywood.

15 Leading Roles

While there are sequences that call for talented young men and women, there are places in "It Happened In Indianapolis," for persons who have no particular talent. It has been found that many people who have never even considered a screen or stage career turn out to have hidden talents and personality before the movie camera. The picture will require a cast of over 120. There are 15 leading roles and more than 100 supporting and extra parts.

And now for the full details of this novel event:

1. Any one between the ages of 16 and 22 is eligible and may register for a part.

2. Applicants are requested to fill out the ENTRY BLANK below and take it to Leonard A. De Menna at the Antlers Hotel between 3 and 5 or 7 and 9 p. m.

3. Full instructions regarding lighting and voice tests will be given when you present this ENTRY BLANK.

4. Official casting will start Sunday May 31 at the Antlers Hotel and your application (on the form below) must be entered as soon as possible.

Especial attention is directed to high school students as the story is based on high school activities.

ENTRY BLANK

Indianapolis Times-Loew's Theater Talking Picture

"IT HAPPENED IN INDIANAPOLIS"

I wish to take part in the talking picture production to be filmed in Indianapolis and shown at Loew's.

Name

Address

Age

School

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the municipal court, in addition to the district police branches. Albert Lepawsky, in his study of the judicial system of metropolitan Chicago, points out that each branch, instead of being an autonomous center for the conduct of the whole range of cases within the court's jurisdiction, specializes in a limited class of proceedings.

"The Chicago municipal court system includes an attachment and garnishments branch, a small claims branch, a rent branch, as well as jury and non-jury branches for civil cases. From criminal proceedings, there is a felony court, a speeder's court, a traffic court, a boys' court, a domestic relations court, and morals court.

"Modern judicial organization is responsive to the problems of metropolitan civilization," said Lepawsky, "that a specialized racket court was established at one time."

Mr. Feibleman is to serve as vice president for a year. Other new officers are Mrs. T. D. McGee, secretary; H. H. Woodsmall, re-elected treasurer; Harvey J. Elam, re-elected counsel, and William P. Shethen, manager.

T. D. McGee is to pay tribute to retiring officers. J. Allen Dawson is to report on proposed rules for the leasing of apartments.

OFFICIAL WEATHER	
United States Weather Bureau	
Sunrise	4:31
Sunset	7:48
TEMPERATURE	
—May 26, 1936—	
7 a. m.	1 p. m.
6 a. m.	10 a. m.
7 a. m.	11 a. m.
8 a. m.	12 (Noon)
9 a. m.	1 p. m.
BAROMETER	
7 a. m.	1 p. m.
Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7 a. m.	1 p. m.
Total precipitation since Jan. 1	1 p. m.
Deficiency since Jan. 1	1 p. m.
WEATHER IN OTHER CITIES AT 7 A. M.	
Station.	Weather.
Amarillo, Tex.	Cloudy.
Billings, N. D.	Clear.
Boise, Idaho	Cloudy.
Chicago	Clear.
Cincinnati	Cloudy.
Denver	Cloudy.
Dodge City, Kas.	Cloudy.
Jacksonville, Fla.	Cloudy.
Kansas City, Mo.	Foggy.
Las Vegas, Nev.	Cloudy.
Los Angeles	Cloudy.
Miami, Fla.	Cloudy.
Mobile, Ala.	Rain.
New Orleans	Cloudy.
Oklahoma City, Okla.	Cloudy.
Omaha, Neb.	Clear.
Portland, Ore.	Cloudy.
San Antonio, Tex.	Cloudy.
San Francisco	Cloudy.
St. Louis	Clear.
Tampa, Fla.	Partly cloudy.
Washington, D. C.	Cloudy.

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