

FUN, NOT LOCK, BALKS ESCAPE, MATRON FINDS

County Detention Home for Children Is Haven, 'Inmates' Learn.

BY JERRY SHERIDAN

The four boys obtained keys to the front door, left them in the lock and ran to the playground to finish their ball game.

This happened, not in a city playground, but at the Marion County Detention Home, 225 E. Michigan-st.

Mrs. Ruth Heavin, daughter of Mrs. Anna Pickard, superintendent, who is in charge during her mother's vacation, said there are two reasons why they never worry about children running away.

The youngsters have nowhere to go, and they are treated too well at the home to make running away attractive. Only one boy has "escaped" during the past year, she said. He later escaped from the City Hospital psychopathic ward.

Today there are about 20 boys and 15 girls in the detention home. They breakfast on cornflakes and milk, bread and butter and jam and play in the tankard playground or work in the shop where they make toys and knickknacks.

Was Apartment House

The detention home is a three-story building, formerly an apartment house. The dining room resembles a small restaurant, with tables for four, oilcloth covers, bright wallpaper, and scrubbed floors.

The idea behind the home, Mrs. Heavin said, is to give boys and girls something to do to keep them out of mischief. Fern Loomis has a woodworking shop for the boys, and Mrs. Lorraine Meyers teaches the use of boys and girls several hours daily.

Shopwork was started about five years ago when Mrs. Pickard decided boys should have something to do. She took the motor off her washing machine, and helped them build a jigsaw. The shop now is fairly well equipped with three jigsaws, a lathe, drillpress, several workbenches and enough motors to run the equipment.

Children brought to the home are kept only until their cases are decided by court. Many are there only a few hours, although some stay as long as six months. The problem is to find something for them to do, regardless of the length of their stay.

Some Are Orphans

Some, like "Red," a little 8-year-old, are without parents to care for them. Others have been caught in some petty misdemeanor, while a few are psychopathic cases.

They come in, Mrs. Heavin said, either stubborn or crying, and none at first want to stay. If mealtime is near, they are fed, given baths and sent out to play. Playing seems to be next to the workshops for making them like the home.

After a few hours with other youngsters, newcomers have a talk with the superintendent, who tries to learn the source of trouble. Sometimes it is simple, in some cases impossible.

Mrs. Pickard considers the detention home a "little Hull House" and it frequently works that way, Mrs. Heavin said. Boys and girls write back and want pictures, of the home, others come in to get help on a job or with school work.

Supplies Are Given

While the home is operated on a budget included in the Marion County tax levy, most of the equipment and supplies for the vocational work was donated by friends and organizations. The Rotary Club is among the home's supporters. It would be impossible to conduct shops and needlework without donations of wood, paint and materials of all kinds, Mrs. Heavin said.

Much of the material donated doesn't appear very useful at first, but it is stored in a room until some one thinks of a use for it. Cigar boxes, curtain poles, scrap ends of lathe trimmings and mill ends from lumber yards, rope, cane and broomsticks are among the assortment stored away.

Runaway children, after a few minutes at the home, are always glad they were brought in, Mrs. Heavin said. They often are hungry and tired. After parents are located, the youngsters are sent home through Travelers' Aid.

Some Are Adopted

Dependent children are kept separate from the delinquent cases until something can be done for them. Some are adopted. Others go to the orphan's home.

One little Negro boy there today has been returned nine times. This is his last trip, though, for he is being sent to Plainfield boys' school. There are two sets of brothers, brought in at the same time.

The oldest youngster in the detention home today is 16, the youngest 3.

The home is clean. Children like it and one said, "We get swell stuff to eat." There are no rigid rules. The youngsters laugh most of the time and are about as happy as children always seem to be.

MANY NEVER SUSPECT CAUSE OF BACKACHES

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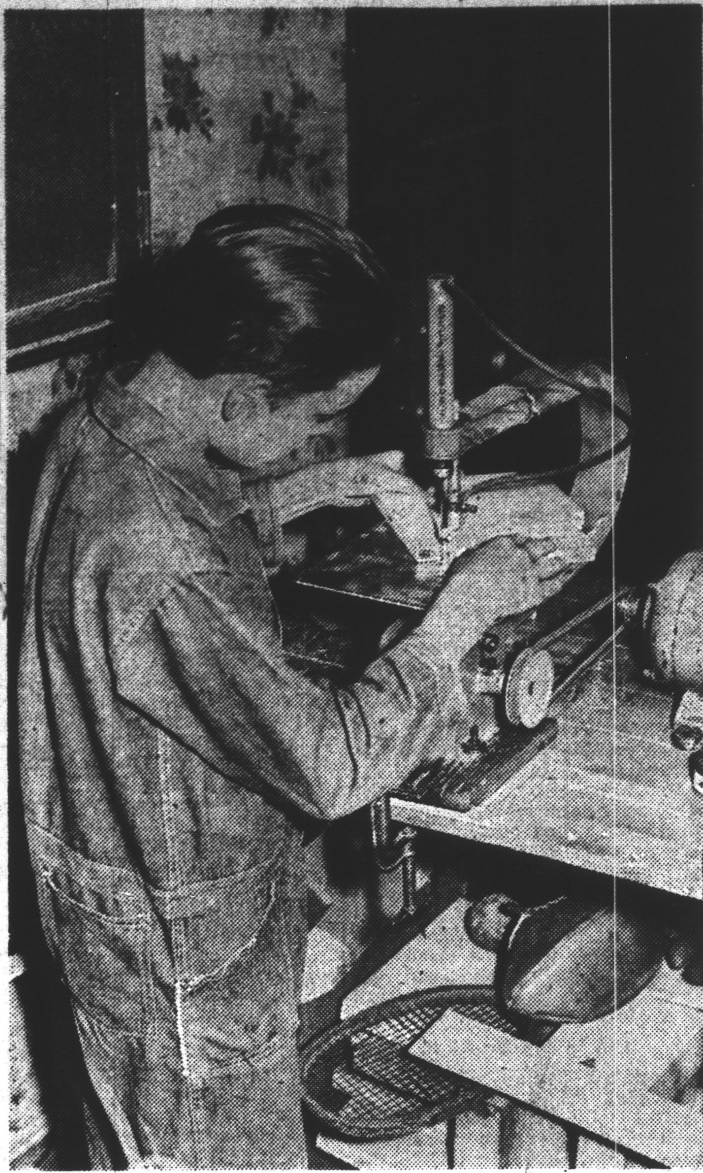
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Machine Shop Is Popular With Youngsters at Home



The boys in these pictures are shown making toys and knickknacks in the Marion County Detention Home woodworking shop. From one jig saw powered by a washing machine motor the shop grew to a completely equipped one. The saws are used by the youngsters to make elephants, camels, tigers and squirrels. They consider it a privilege to work in the shop. All materials are donated to the home.

CLUB FORMED HERE TO BACK ROOSEVELT

Announcement was made today of the organization of the Marion County Roosevelt New Deal Club whose purpose, according to club

President Frank L. Martino, local attorney, is to back the re-election of President Roosevelt 100 per cent. Other officers of the club are Joseph McLafferty, vice president; Miss Lena L. Cohen, secretary; Mrs. Mary Anderson, treasurer; Clarence Gaumer, sergeant-at-arms,

and State Senator Jacob Weiss, honorary president. Directors are S. W. Whitacre, T. J. Fagan Jr., S. G. Nantz, James Hennigan, Joe Tobak, Mrs. Nancy E. Shelby, Mrs. Bess M. Kern, George B. McClellan, Charles M. Pieroni, W. E. Hausman, Mrs. Marie

Westfall, Mrs. Chester Shackelford and Mr. Theodore Cable.

DANCE HALL FEE IS HIGH

NEW ALBANY, Aug. 10.—An ordinance passed by the town of Greenville, Floyd County, requires operators of public dance halls to pay a \$500 license. Penalty for failure to pay the fee is a \$50 fine.

M'NUTT CITES BUSINESS GAIN IN RADIO TALK

Signs of Prosperity Defy Administration Foes, Governor Says.

All the scattered items indicating returning prosperity mentioned by Gov. McNutt in his radio speech last night are symptomatic of a sound general business recovery, the Governor said today.

Gov. McNutt, vacationing at the Dunes State Park, presented his weekly radio talk from Station WIND in Gary.

After quoting recent newspaper stories, recording the advance in business recovery, the Governor said, "Indiana is leading the recovery parade of the states and the evidence is on display everywhere for those who would defy the facts and insist that an upward trend does not exist."

Scorns Belittling Endeavors

"The victorious march to a better day in Indiana proceeds in the face of a terrified opposition that seeks futilely to belittle the heavy and consistent gains in business and interpret them as having been made in some way other than through the same sound governmental system that has placed the state back on its feet," the Governor declared.

Citing increases in gasoline tax receipts, employment, postal receipts, new auto licenses and gross income tax receipts as well as the decline in relief cases and in WPA employment, the Governor asserted "every line of recovery effort will bear the merciless spotlight of investigation."

The Governor assailed fact-twisting by persons trying to belittle the results of the recovery program, saying that such attacks "come from political adversaries who would again institute those reactionary policies which already have displayed their work in Indiana."

The Governor quoted the report of the United States Department of Commerce which shows July business this year 15 per cent better

ARRANGES OUTING



Miss Katherine Reilly (above) is one of the members of the general arrangements committee for the annual three-day parish social sponsored by the St. Patrick's Church.

The outing is to be held on the parish grounds at Woodlawn-av and Hunter-st. Dancing, games and a chicken dinner have been scheduled for the program.

COUGHLIN REMARKS ON ISSUES Milder

Radio Priest Says League Won't Indorse Lemke.

By United Press

SCRANTON, Pa., Aug. 10.—The Rev. Charles E. Coughlin made two speeches yesterday in which his remarks concerning President Roosevelt, Gov. Alf M. Landon, and controversial political questions were mild.

Reports from Vatican City last week said that papal authorities had conferred with Father Coughlin's bishop, the Rev. M. J. Gallagher, about the radio priest's political activities. Bishop Gallagher said he told Father Coughlin that he did not approve of a priest "calling people liars," referring to the term Father Coughlin applied to Mr. Roosevelt in a recent speech at Cleveland.

In speeches here and at Syracuse, N. Y., yesterday, Father Coughlin announced that his Union for Social Justice would not indorse the presidential candidacy of Rep. William Lemke officially.

GIVEN CHURCH POST

North M. E. Church officials have announced the appointment of Forrest L. Shoemaker, Kansas City, Mo., as organist and director of music, effective Sept. 1.

He is to succeed William F. Kugel, director of music for the last three years, who resigned to accept a similar position in Pittsburgh.

than for July, 1935, and recovery gains for the last three years.

April, 1933, was "approximately the bottom" in business activity, the Governor quoted the report as saying, and April, 1936, showed unemployment had decreased by 5,200,000 workers or 35 per cent.

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