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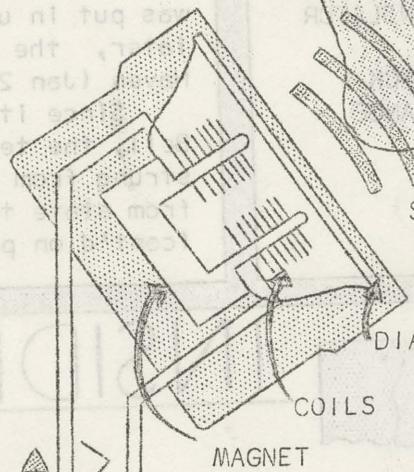
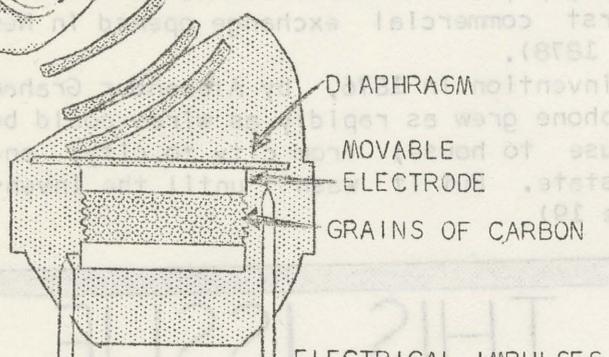
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ABOUT THE COVER

Why do we have something other than the usual 4th of July cover on our paper, like 90% of all magazines and newspapers throughout the United States this weekend? Why Not?

Perhaps because we like to feel we are a little different; a little better; a little more original, than the average publication with the average, expected, fireworks and "Old Glory" cover. We do not mean to imply, however, that we are any less patriotic.

So often we dwell on one subject year after year, that we fail to recognize other important events that have contributed to making our world and our country what it is today.

When we think of Independence Day we think of "breaking away" from the old world. Yet, it was during this month of July, less than 100 years ago, that our own state of Connecticut pioneered steps that would unite us, not only with Great Britain, but with the entire world. Those steps were in the field of communication.

In July, 1877, the first private telephone exchange was put in use by physicians in Hartford. Six months later, the first commercial exchange opened in New Haven (Jan 28, 1878).

Since its invention in 1876, by Alexander Graham Bell, the telephone grew as rapidly as wires could be strung from house to house; from city to city; and from state to state. But it wasn't until the inven- (cont'd on page 19)



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EDITORIAL

The past is gone, the present is slipping by, soon to be lost. But what does the future have in store for us?

Only our actions and preparations now determine what our future destiny will be. Now is the time for us all to prepare for and plan our future while there is still time to do so.

Those in our ranks who will be going out prepared will have a better chance of staying out, if they follow the plans they have made while they are here. Those who have gone out and returned can most probably testify to the fact that when they left here, they either didn't have any specific plans, or once they were released, they didn't follow the plans they made; or the plans were of a suicidal nature anyway, destined to bring a person back into the clutches of the law.

The greatest enemies we have are those that are much more dangerous than the ever ticking clock; the enemy within each and every one of us that tempts us to apathy and procrastination so that day by day we become a little more inert and unconcerned. As time wears on, those who do not prepare for the future find themselves insensitive to their surroundings and callous to their fellow man, while at the same time stupefaction settles into the myriad dealings which must take place in every person's life, until a person finds himself completely spiritless, impervious to the forces that carry him along, practically comatose.

For those who plan their future with care and stick to their plans, the time ahead is one which is looked forward to with a mounting sense of expectation. Each new day begins with a feeling of interest and good humor for what the day holds in store for them, rather than dread of what might happen, the natural fear of the unknown.

The person who knows where he is going can afford the luxury of looking around, to be impressed with that which is occurring around him. He can take the time to commiserate with his fellow man, while at the same time he is gratified with the knowledge that he will succeed with his plans because he has already considered most, if not all, of the contingencies which might occur to deter or entice him from his goal.

A man may become stultified, incompetent, driveling and senile before he knows that time has passed him by; if he allows these two enemies, apathy and procrastination, to hold him back from enjoying a life that can, if properly planned, produce long and happy days full of enjoyment.

Since we only live once, why don't we live our lives doing what we want to do, rather than what others want us to? We can, but only if we take it upon ourselves to make our own way, and as long as our way doesn't intrude upon other people's lives in a manner that would be disruptive to the order of their living. Let's face it, if we want to live our own lives without intrusion, then we must let others do the same. It's only fair.



OPERATION DIALOGUE

AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND OPINIONS

Mr. John Waters, Chief of Community Release, Department of Correction, was guest speaker at the June 22, 1971 meeting of "Operation Dialogue."

Mr. Waters stated that at this time, due to the present statewide recession, it is pretty hard finding jobs for men coming out of institutions, but what is hurting the release programs even more are the actions of the men who have been released to these programs in the past. A lot of them don't last on jobs more than 6 months, or on Educational Release, they stay until they are paroled, then drop their studies.

Mr. Waters also stated that the rate of pay for the average man released for Work Release is declining. At one time the average wage reached \$115.00 weekly, but is now down to approximately \$90.00.

Question: Who is eligible for Educational & Work Release?

Answer: If we adhered to all the guidelines, no one would go out. Each case is decided upon on it's individual merits; so don't say that if someone goes out with a more serious offense: "If he goes out, I should go out."

Question: How do they determine who is ready for release?

Answer: I can't answer that question. The initial screening is done in the institution. One of the requirements has to be minimum security or it's equivalent.

Question: It has been stated that Commissioner Manson wants to get Educational & Work Release to the "hard core" inmates. When will this begin?

Answer: Well, drug programs, for instance the Methadone program, is restricted by Mental Health. We will try to apply work release to these programs in the future, but right now the only one they have is in New Haven. One of the restrictions is that they have to be given their Methadone daily, so they must be close by.

Question: We realize that no one is in here for being a saint, but with the restrictions, how do they determine who goes out?

Answer: I don't do the screening, but there are those who have gone out who were committed for every type of crime.

Question: Please tell us about the Educational & Work Release program as though you were explaining it to some outside group.

Answer: The program is intended for selected people with rehabilitation in mind. Actually we have failed because they work 6 months or stay on educational release until they obtain parole and then leave. Employers want people to stay for longer periods of time.

Precluded from Educational & Work Release, are those with records of robbery with violence, those engaged with organized crime, drugs, sex offenders, those with alcoholic records, etc. Although there are programs set up in Hartford, Litchfield and New London for those who have an alcoholic record, it's hard to get it on the record that a man was involved with crime due to an alcoholic problem, however.

Question: I was advised that the Administration would relax security so that men could get on a release program from this institution. Will this ever happen?

Answer: There are men who have gone on release programs from here.

Question: Yes, two! But will they ever be able to go out on and return to, this institution on a work release program?

Answer: The custody rating precludes men from going from this institution, but men are being transferred to Osborn and going from there.....The classification rating is only to determine who will run away or not.

Question: It seems that the problems are lack of money and personnel to adequately make these programs function. Why can't they use trained inmate personnel to enhance these programs to work?

Answer: We have inmates working now; we have a halfway house in New Haven. We had 12 inmates working there and three of them, separately, were found to be shooting drugs.

At this point there was a jumble of questions and accusations that the problem with the whole program is that the people

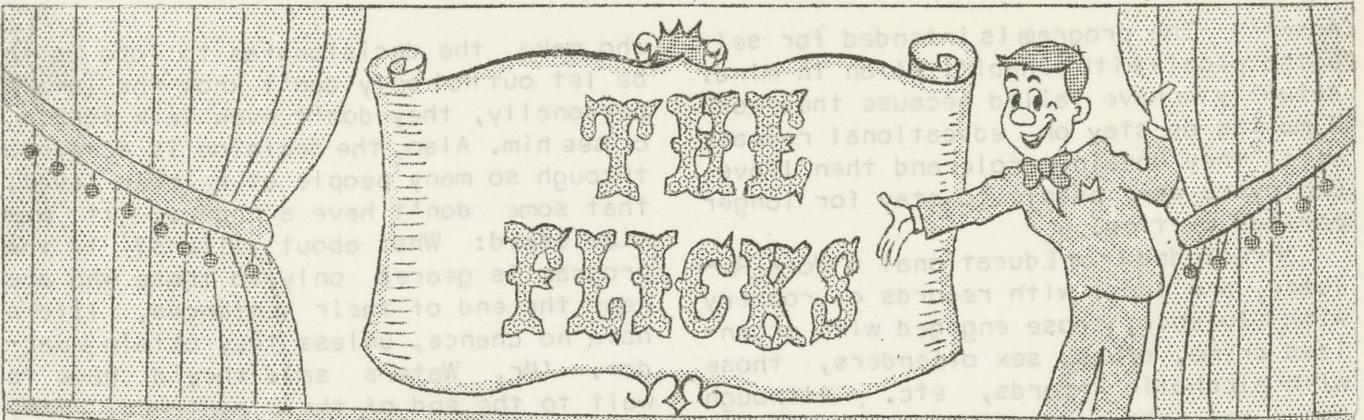
who make the decisions as to who is to be let out not only don't know the inmate personally, they don't even talk to him, or see him. Also, the decision is screened through so many people at a lower level, that some don't have a chance. It was also asked: What about lifers? If the program is geared only to those who are near the end of their sentences, lifers have no chance, unless they obtain a pardon. (Mr. Waters said they'd have to wait to the end of their sentence) Many times the group asked Mr. Waters if he would accept some recommendations from the group to at least look into, or would he at least commit himself enough to at least say that he would attempt to make some of the inmates recommendations known to someone who could look into the matter. Mr. Waters said that if we as individuals wrote to him with individual cases, he would look into them. However, as to making any recommendations, he said that he would have no power to ask anyone to make any changes, nor would he commit himself to saying that he, as head of the program, had any power at all. Mr. Waters kept saying, all the time he was with the group, "when Mr. Stout returns, we'll ask him."

Mr. Waters did state several times that he'd like to see everyone leave the institution on Work Release, but.....

The question was raised by the group, that to preclude having inmates go out on a release program who are not stable enough, or for some other reason, that would not only go out and ruin a prospective employer for the future, but would also cause other people in here to not go out, that inmates in the institution, not a small, but a large group, help in the selection of who would be eligible for release. That way, the group stated, they know each inmate and would MAKE this program one that employers would be happy to get good workers from.

The meeting ended after a long, mixed debate at lunch time.

John R. Conte



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TAKE THE MONEY & RUN

- ALSO -

FRAZIER & ALI FIGHT



CRIME LIVES! THE GREATEST CRIMINAL OF THEM ALL.....Woody Allen????



"Take the Money and Run" is a fast paced comedy-satire in which Woody Allen portrays the bungling criminal. A laugh every 30 seconds.

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JOHN & MARY

A Love Story That Starts With Sex and Ends With Love.....

Mary wakes in John's ultra-modern apartment after being picked up by him in a bar the night before. He makes breakfast and suspects she might want to move in with him. Although the two discuss their past histories, Mary finally leaves, but soon returns and because it's raining, they return to bed.

She leaves again and John realizes that he doesn't know her name or address. After a frantic search in a taxi, he returns to find her waiting for him. They go back to bed and finally ask each other their names.

Dustin Hoffman,
Michael Tolan,

Mia Farrow
Sunny Griffin



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WHO WAS I FOOLING?

I believe all alcoholics know the answer to this; we are not fooling anyone but ourselves. Anyone who drinks and continually gets into trouble because of it like I did, should stop and take inventory of themselves. For seventeen years I drank, and for seventeen years I have been in and out of trouble. First, there were county jails, then the reformatories and finally prison---not for the first time, but the second time. If this isn't some kind of sickness, then I would like to know what is. The first time I came here was a result of my being drunk and committing a very daring B & E in which I broke into an empty building and stole a car. I came back this time for making a repeat performance. I have a modified stock car and a pick-up truck of my own, but being such a wheeler dealer, I needed that car and the fact that I was stoned out of my mind further strengthened my need. No, I didn't hurt anyone, the tears my wife and children shed over me were normal, or so I thought. I have since learned that the ones who suffer the most, are the ones we tend to take so much for granted. I can't say that society and the whole world are against me, because it just isn't so.

I've had good opportunities come my way, but I really never took advantage of them. I CHOSE BOOZE OVER RESPONSIBILITY.

I realize now that I can't find answers in the bottle and if I continue to run to it every time I am faced with a decision or problem, then it's going to be a one way ticket back here, or some other place just like this. I'm tired of being a patsy, fool and a scapegoat. I'm tired of being sick and I realize the only way I am going to make something better of my life is to continue to apply the A. A. principles to my life and learn to live the program one day at a time. It's there if I want it; all I have to do is do it.

Del Burdick
Chairman Today's Group

Drunk in a bar: Give me a bubble dourbon

Bartender: Give you what?

Drunk: Give me a bubble dourbon.

Bartender: He must mean a double bourbon.

To Drunk: Where are you going in such a hurry?

Drunk: To a shirky toot.

Bartender: To a what?

Drunk: To a shirky toot.

Bartender: He must mean a turkey shoot.

Man standing near bar: Bartender, what did that man say?

Bartender: I don't know, but it sure shicked the tit out of me.

Submitted by Jerry D.

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PREJUDICES

Prejudice - according to Websters Dictionary, means "To damage by judgment or action! To me, prejudices are started in the home by the parents. When a child asks their parents, "how come that man's a different color," the parent usually just tells them to be quiet or that isn't a nice thing to say. So the child grows up with a fear; a fear of the unknown. Children are very curious. They want to know just about everything going on around them. My own daughter, who is four years old, asked me, "Dad, how come that man is so dark?" I was sitting in the visiting room at the time with my wife and other daughters. I tried to explain that God put a lot of people on this earth. I told her we were all human beings with two hands and two feet, a head to think with, which a lot of people don't use at all when it comes to different decisions. Color is like beauty, it's only skin deep. We have people that some call homely, but yet, to others that same person is very pretty. It's what is inside a person that counts, not what color they may be.

This is why I say the parent is at fault when it comes to prejudices. It's like a tradition handed down through the years and some where along the line it has to be stopped and explained. This (cont'd on page 16)

NASH'S CORNER

THIS COLUMN IS BY AN INMATE WITH 23 YEARS EXPERIENCE HERE

ITEM: Operation Dialogue can become a very progressive and important step toward positive improvement for the good of everyone concerned, if inmates attending the sessions are willing, as has been repeatedly suggested, to coordinate an organized intellectual response; and it should be in writing. Otherwise those inmates in the group are evading their moral responsibility to the whole. This prison has for decades been run on the stoolpigeon system. Operation Dialogue obviously not predicated upon that degrading system, but gives us, among other things, the opportunity to be openly heard on group problems. But in order to present group problems, there should be at least some effort for groups to coordinate their efforts, without keeping it a big secret. This isn't a me, me, me, I, I, I deal, but is a what-can-we do for you deal. At least, it ought to be. Ideas?

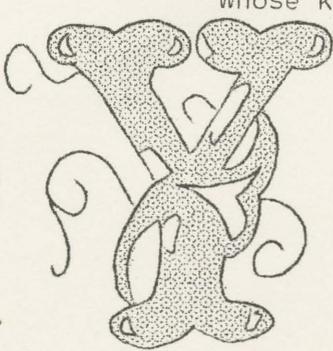
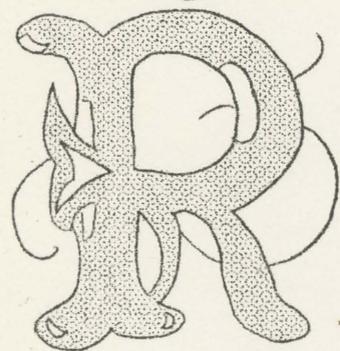
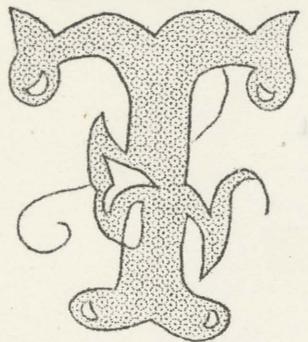
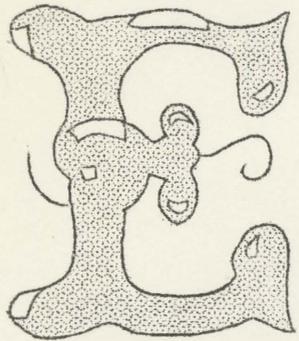
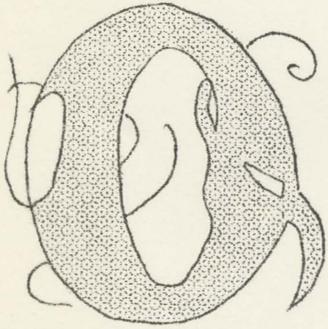
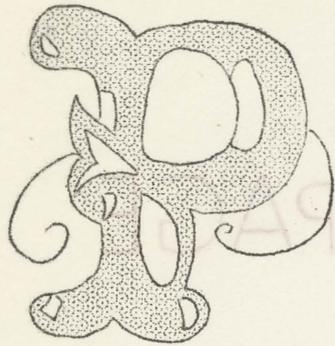
ITEM: Summer is here again and so is the shortage of our underwear that mysteriously vanishes in the laundry each year as soon as warm weather starts. One good idea, regarding T-shirts and athletic undershirts, is for the owner to put a waterproof mark, as an identifying mark, on the upper front of the article, as many men do on their button shirts. Doesn't take a big mark, just a visible one.

ITEM: Sons of The Desert! Yes, we have quite a few of them in here, more than fit into one school room. The Blond Baron is their fearless leader. They appear to have the nucleus of a very worthwhile social group; the only one I know of in here organized merely for fun and games and helping kids. Hey, Mike, why don't you borrow the gym TV Room once a week for tentroom with coffee?

ITEM: Slavery's chains still clank. According to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, there are more than two million slaves in the world today, while posturing politicians only prattle about ways their war industries friends can evade taxes.

ITEM: The commissary in the state prison at Jackson, Mich., lists about 284 different items for sale to inmates, which includes 52 items available on outside orders. Such items as the following are listed: Cigarette lighters, Gillette adjustable razor kits, talcum powder, foot powder, many kinds of canned foods, ice cream, canned lemon juice or pop, chewing gum, large clasp envelopes, metal spoons, paperback books, battery pen flashlight, three kinds of batteries, men's trousers, sport shirts, athletic shirts, T-shirts, shorts, winter coats, belts with buckles, transistor radio \$9.75, \$17.00 or \$26.50, bond typewriter paper, onion skin, second sheets, carbon paper, tennis balls, fluorescent desk lamp, incandescent desk lamp, multiple vitamins, gain weight proteins, everything except TV sets.

ITEM: Dull, and you don't know it? How would you know if you didn't know it? A little more stupid than usual and not aware of it? Mentally slow while you think you are sharp? Do you often catch yourself being careless and inept, no matter how careful you try to be, no matter how sharp you know you are? How would you know it if your IQ had been lowered gradually? You would be an unreliable judge of the matter if it had. So, who are you? You are the guy who has spent at least one dull year in prison. Your IQ has probably dipped, your thinking is not quick or decisive. You are sluggish and have developed many bad thinking habits, (cont'd on page 16)



The drunkard dies a thousand deaths,
With tortured mind that will not rest.
The fear on his burning brain,
Has even made the man insane.

So if you think to drink is fun,
Your troubles have just begun.
For subtle is that vicious snare,
That leads a soul into despair.

Then when you've reached this tragic state,
It may then be too late.
You can't escape....you can't forget,
And with each drink comes more regret.

So now it seems all hope is gone,
You wonder....how can I go on?
And yet...perhaps...there is a way,
By staying sober, day by day.

Go help a kindred soul in need,
And you will be a friend indeed.
Then face the future with a smile,
For now, life can be worth while.

Submitted by: Del Burdick

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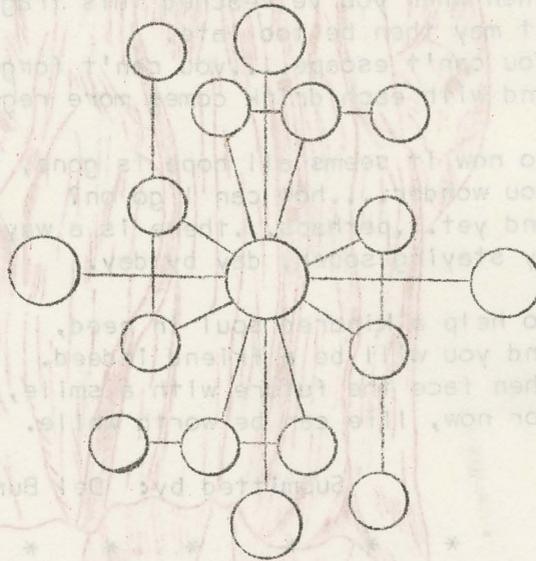
NIGHT COUNSELING

He isn't sure of where to go,
Or what he ought to do.
His hopes range through a dozen fields,
Although his skills are few;
And unless someone lends a hand
To guide him on his way,
There may be one more problem man
Whose keeps we all must pay.

So why not take a little time,
To sit down with him now,
And find out what he likes to do,
And why he lives, and how?
For there's a place for everyone,
Plus a job that he can do;
If a friend would only show the way—
That counselor might well be you.

---I. Michael Calles

THE PUZZLE PAGE



ARRANGE THE NUMBERS 1 THRU 17 IN THE CIRCLES ABOVE SO THAT ALL CONNECTING ROWS OF THREE WILL EQUAL THE SUM OF 27.

Submitted by: John McCauley

A TIME TO ACT

by: I. Michael Calles

As of this writing 17 months have elapsed since the Joint Commission of Correctional Manpower and Training submitted its final report to the President, the Congress, the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and the State Governors. From this report entitled, A Time To Act, which called for greatly increased Federal, state and local spending for the development of manpower for corrections, I take my inspiration.

James V. Bennett, president of the Joint Commission on Correctional Manpower and Training (in charge of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency), chose the above title "because no other phrase suits so well, the critical manpower situation confronting our correctional institutions and our probation and parole systems. Money, better pension systems, and more generous fringe benefits will help immensely, but at bottom, it is punitive attitudes that must be changed, indifference surmounted, and an awareness of opportunities for service created. These are essential if we are to reduce the growing burden of crime generated in part by outmoded and undermanned institutions and overworked probation and parole officers."

In part of this report it was stated that great potential could come from the ranks of present and former offenders as an effective source of manpower for corrections. In recent years the idea of employing rehabilitated offenders in correctional settings has been used with varying degrees of success by several of the Nation's correctional agencies. Experimental programs have drawn from the ranks of those under supervision and ex-offenders who have been previously discharged, paroled, or placed on probation

and thus were free from legal supervision.

I too, chose this title (A Time To Act) for my Weekly Scene Articles.

EX-OFFENDERS IN CIVIL SERVICE

To show some good examples of working and effective programs, former inmates are employees of the Los Angeles Police Department. Six former prison inmates, after a years tryout, are now full-time employees of the L.A. Police Department. According to Sergeant Pacheco, they are graduates of a training program designed for hard-core unemployables who, for the most part, turned out to be men with records.

Graduates of the program have civil service status and work as non-uniformed employees in the Police Department's community relations division. Their assignments range from telling homeowners how a professional burglar operates, to explaining to high school students how smoking marijuana led them personally to narcotics addiction and imprisonment.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR EX-PRISONERS

In Washington, D. C., 50 former prisoners are serving as parole officers. To carry out its role, Bonabond, a non-profit organization of former prisoners, have appointed supervisors for 50 men chosen at random from 100 prisoners released from the Department of Corrections' reformatory at Lorton, Va.

The other 50 prisoners are assigned to the professionally trained parole officers in the Department of Corrections Division of Parole.

Dr. Stuart Adams, associate director of planning and research for the Department (cont'd on page 17)

NOTICES!

COMMISSARY CLOSING!

Commissary will be closed all day on Monday and Tuesday for completion of the Annual Inventory.

Commissary will open on Wednesday, July 7, for over the counter sales.

B. W. DEANE
Business Manager

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COMING ATTRACTIONS FOR THE PARDON US TENT COMEDY MOVIES

WEDNESDAY JULY 14th: Mae West and Cary Grant in, "SHE DONE HIM WRONG"

WEDNESDAY AUG. 11th: W. C. Fields in, "TILLIE AND GUS."

With each movie there will be a short Laurel and Hardy film shown.

Host of the films will be Hal Stanton of WLP - TV

HELP WANTED:

Needed, an artist to draw pictures for club, of old comedy stars.

Also needed is someone with fancy free hand writing experience.

Anyone wishing to join the Sons of The Desert Movie Club may do so by contacting Mike Baron in the library at night.

Lifetime membership costs one dollar. Membership is also recognized by clubs around the country.

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Members of the Catholic Faith at CCIS would like to thank Sister Miriam for her participation and devotion to our Sunday morning services for the past few months.

Sister Miriam has been leading the singing in the service and has created an interest among the men that has added a

great deal to the Mass.

For the benefit of those who were unable to attend services Sunday, the following message was received from Sister Miriam:

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your cooperation every Sunday morning during choir rehearsals and during Mass.

Today I'm leaving for summer courses at Fairfield University. I hope to return here in August.

Sincerely,
Sister Miriam.

"Good Luck, Sister, and we are looking forward to your return."

God bless and keep you safe.

Del Burdick

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UNITED METHODIST MEN'S CLUB CONDUCT SUNDAY SERVICES

The United Methodist Men's Club of Plainville, Conn., were guests of the Protestant Chapel, Sunday, June 27th.

Reverend Russell Camp opened the service with the Doxology and Invocation and then welcomed the group and turned the remainder of the service over to them.

Mr. Bruce Morris, President of the Men's Club began with a message built around the theme of "The Lost & Found Department" in which he pointed out how many of us become "lost" in one way or another throughout the various stages of our life. His talk was highlighted with the familiar parables from Luke----"The Lost Sheep" and "The Lost Coin."

Following Mr. Morris, the group sang an Anthem entitled, "A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester."

Mr. Gerry Cooper then gave a message of "Faith in the System" in which he paralleled our lives with the workings of

a computer in that we only get from it what we put into it, and our failures are caused only because we fail to give God all that we are capable of giving and therefore, as in a computer, the end results are lacking the completeness that God is capable of rendering, just as a computer can not give complete results if all available information is not "fed" into it.

Organist Ed Mason then accompanied the group in two verses of "How Great Thou Art," and Gerry Cooper closed with the Benediction.

The Methodist Men's Club of Plainville was organized ten years ago for the purpose of promoting fellowship within the church. Sunday was the first time that this group has conducted a service outside their own church. However, I feel that they did a fine job and hope that they will continue with this work.

John McCauley

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While Chaplain Camp is on vacation, the following people will conduct religious services on the following Sunday mornings:

July 4, 1971
Pastor W. Carl Hosch and his group from the Wethersfield Assemblies of God Church;

July 11, 1971
Dr. John Barton, Sunday School Teacher;

July 18, 1971
Pastor F. D. Cullens and his group from The Hartford Gospel Tabernacle.

Chaplain R. E. Camp

Mientras el Padre Camp esta de vacaciones, las siguientes personas conduciran servicios religiosos en los siguientes Domingos en la mañana:

Julio 4, 1971
Pastor W. Carl Hosch y su grupo de la Iglesia Wethersfield Assemblies of God;

Julio 11, 1971
Dr. John F. Barton, Maestro de Escuela Dominical.

Julio 18, 1971
Pastor F.D. Cullens y su grupo del Tabernaculo Hartford Gospel.

Padre R. E. Camp
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Lost for words? Stammer when you get up to speak in a crowded room? Do you lose the thoughts you were going to express as soon as you start talking, or someone interrupts you?

What are you going to say when you go to the parole board? How are you going to say it?

Find out what the mysteries of good articulation are. Why is it the man who has a good vocabulary always seems to get what he wants? Because he knows how to express his ideas.

Come to a GAVEL CLUB meeting this week. Learn the art of public speaking. Just fill in the application below.

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GAVEL CLUB APPLICATION

NAME _____

NUMBER _____ HOUSING UNIT _____

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MR X

Some inmates have asked why we discontinued the Mr. X column. WE DIDN'T.. YOU DID!

The questions have to come from you, the reader. We will then obtain the answers and print them for you.

---Editor

STATE'S PRISON ASSOCIATION SEEKS COMMUNITY RESPONSE

by: D. R. Lescarbeau

--Reprinted from The Catholic Transcript
Fri. June 18, 1971.

"The rehabilitation of prison inmates is in direct proportion to the amount of community involvement within the correctional institution," says A. Ray Petty, executive director of the Connecticut Prison Association.

"Unless the community becomes involved, the inmate, upon his release, will return to the same environment and friends that surrounded his previous offense."

Such community involvement as Petty prescribes is presently one of the major thrusts of the Connecticut Prison Association's far-reaching program aimed at "unlocking people, both inside and outside the prison walls."

The Connecticut Prison Association was founded in 1875 by a group of state clergymen, politicians and educators who called themselves the Prisoners Friends' Corporation.

The goals they set nearly 100 years ago remain the aims of the association today: to benefit society by the reformation of criminals; to assist prisoners in the work of self-reform; to promote reformatory systems of prison management; to aid discharged convicts in living honorably and to cooperate in the repression of crime.

SUPPORT

In 1887, the Connecticut General Assembly adopted a measure providing funds for the Association, and the prison group has been partially funded by the state ever since. The Association also receives contributions from private parties, and grants from various foundations.

Petty, as executive secretary, oversees the many programs of the Association from the group's main office at 340 Capitol Avenue in Hartford.

According to Petty, the Association has recently placed a great deal of emphasis on its "Volunteer Sponsors Program"

which is aimed directly at getting the community involved in the inmate rehabilitation process.

In the program, a one-to-one relationship is set up between a volunteer and an inmate. The sponsor becomes a friend of the individual he works with, expressing both concern and interest in the inmate's future.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers for the program come from all walks of life and have in common the desire to help people who are in trouble overcome failures and construct new lives of meaningful citizenship. There are presently 175 volunteers.

Each volunteer is trained through group meetings, consultations with professional advisors and orientation visits to correctional centers and courts. Volunteers are shown how to develop a productive friendship with the inmate which may eventually serve as a bridge to help him pass from prison life back into society.

Petty feels the Volunteer Sponsors Program has been a success. "It's difficult to calculate success, really, but over the years the sponsors have motivated the inmates to think of more than just doing time," he said.

Recently the volunteer program widened its scope to include work with youngsters at the Cheshire Reformatory, Hartford's Juvenile Court and Circuit Court 14.

BONDING

One way the prison association helps minority offenders especially, as well as others, is its Bond Fund Program. "A \$10,000 gift was made some time ago to the CPA for the specific purpose of bonding inmates from Connecticut correctional centers," said Petty. "The bonds are (cont'd on page 16)

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PRISON ASSOCIATION SEEKS--cont'd

put up at no interest for many who have been turned down by bondsmen. The money has been used over and over again and so far we have only lost \$125 of the fund through men not reporting to court when they were called."

The association also has a tool loan fund which lends money to graduates of the auto mechanics school at the state prison to help them buy tools to work as mechanics.

The prison association also has pioneered programs aimed at preventing crime. One such program, "Teens and Law Enforcement," (TALE) works with junior high school youngsters ages 12 to 16.

The association, through providing speakers and discussion sessions during Social Studies classes in the schools, tries to change what it feels is the negative attitude of many youngsters toward law enforcement officials and the legal system.

As a result of the program, several youngsters at Hartford's New Park Avenue School changed their attitude on the subject of law and order. Considering statements such as "Police arrest only the poor man," 76 per cent of the students agreed at the beginning of the program, but only 33 per cent agreed at the end.

Similar results were recorded for the question "Is it all right for a person to break the law if he doesn't get caught?"

The prison association has other programs, and many more ideas for programs aimed at helping improve the corrections system in the state.

Throughout its history the association has done much to change the system for the better. Among the group's achievements: in 1901 it helped to establish the indeterminate sentence; in 1903 it drew up the state's probation law, and until 1955 served as probation officers for the state; in 1921 it helped culminate efforts to separate juvenile probation work from adult probation work; and in 1965 the association helped promote the establishment of the first halfway house in the state.

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NASH'S CORNER cont'd

if you are an average inmate. After your eventual release from prison it will probably take from 30 to 90 days of constant effort (if you try) for you to again begin thinking as well as a normal citizen. If you try hard. But if you are an average inmate you won't try, because you don't believe it. If you don't it means you will probably be back behind bars within six months where nobody can tell you anything except, "Stand up for count."

ITEM: He usually has a very low frustration tolerance and demands instant gratification of his every whim, and just can't understand why his every demand isn't met.....A baby.

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PREJUDICES cont'd

isn't the 18th century, it is the 20th century. Everyone has some kind of prejudices, but there is none like that against the Black Race. The thing that I don't understand is, why do so many people have these prejudices today, when the same people will go to the beach and see if they can get a good dark tan, and the darker it is, the better they think they look? There are literally hundreds of people who go to the beaches every year, to see who can get the best tan. Yet, these same people will go back home and scorn their black neighbor. This is why I say that prejudices are started in the home by the parent. The old days are gone. It's time to stop kidding our children and ourselves. Everyone wants respect in this world and this also must come from the home. The children of the past have been lied to so much, that I firmly believe, this is why we are having these troubles today. The old ways are gone and gone forever. What a wonderful world this could be if the humans on this earth could forget all their prejudices and just learn to love one another instead of hate. If, and I mean if, everyone was to work together on this, it's possible.

Del Burdick

ment of Corrections, said the experiment is believed to be the first of its kind. This project followed on the heels of the National College of State Trial Judges' workshop on crime and corrections, staged by the District of Columbia. The workshop placed emphasis on reliance on ex-offenders to help in the rehabilitation of convicted offenders.

TREATMENT AGENTS AT ELMORE, ALABAMA PRISON

A unique experiment in the use of inmates as treatment agents in the rehabilitation of their fellow inmates is being conducted at the Draper Correctional Center at Elmore, Alabama.

With the endorsement of Warden John C. Watkins, 11 inmates who have demonstrated progress in their own rehabilitation have formed a Big Brothers group inside Draper. They will provide an Orientation program for new inmates and will work with young offenders who are in need of special guidance.

Psychologist David F. Ducan and Sociologist Tommie Ray Ellis, will be advisors to the Big Brothers at their weekly meetings and on an individual bases where necessary.

Dr. Ducan is training the Big Brothers in the use of behavior modification techniques and reality therapy. Mr. Ellis is a consultant on organizational problems and group therapy.

There are many potential functions for ex-offenders in corrections. With appropriate training and supervision, they have been found to be successful as research assistants and as liaison persons between police and family, peer group and community. They also have found to be effective in gathering data and writing reports, in preparing resource material for in-service training programs, and in some supervision and custodial duties; in agencies and educational institutions.

Minority group offenders can be particularly helpful to an agency in fostering a better understanding of minority life styles. Their ability to communicate with others of similar backgrounds can be very helpful to agency staffs, which all too often are comprised of individuals with white middle-class orientation and values.

Laws, policies, and practices which prohibit the hiring of offenders and ex-offenders have sewed to retard systematic development of programs where they might be used extensively. Interestingly enough, agency or civil service policies and practices, rather than laws, are the major road blocks to hiring of offenders and ex-offenders for work in corrections.

In light of the increasing emphasis which is being placed on service rates in American Society, it is imperative that governmental and state agencies in general and correctional organizations in particular, reassess their policies, and attitudes toward the hiring of offenders and ex-offenders. They should also work toward the lifting of bonding restrictions which often make ex-offenders ineligible to hold positions in correctional agencies and in private industry.

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My creed of non-violence is an extremely active force. It has no room for cowardice or even weakness. When a man is fully ready to die, he will not even desire to offer violence. And history is replete with instances of men who by dying with courage and compassion on their lips, converted the hearts of the violent opponents.

----Mohandas K. Gandhi

NIGHT COUNSELING

ON TUESDAY JULY 6TH THERE WILL BE A CORRECTIONAL COUNSELOR AVAILABLE WITHIN THE INSTITUTION DURING THE EVENING. PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT YOU ARE ASSIGNED TO THE COUNSELOR ACCORDING TO THE LAST DIGIT IN YOUR INSTITUTIONAL NUMBER. FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 6TH THRU JULY 9TH THE SCHEDULE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

TUES.	MR. REARDON	1 & 2
WED.	MR. BILLS	5 & 6
THUR.	MR. SMITH	3 & 4
FRI.	MR. TUTTHILL	7 & 8

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR COUNSELOR BY REQUEST FOR AN EVENING APPOINTMENT. REMEMBER THEIR TIME IS VALUABLE AND IT SHOULD NOT BE WASTED ON MATTERS THAT CAN BE HANDLED DURING THE REGULAR WORK DAY HOURS.

THANK YOU

COVER STORY cont'd

tion of the wireless telephone in 1899 (Collins - U.S.), that real progress could begin toward bridging the gap in world communications by telephone.

But even this was not the answer to good communications and although it may have appeared as a backward step, it was found that direct wire was still the best means of telephone communication.

As late as 1956 (Sep 25th) the first trans-Atlantic cable system went into use between Clarenville, Newfoundland, and Oban, Scotland. (a strange coincidence that our first cable link should be with the United Kingdom from whom we originally gained our "independence")

Today, throughout the world there are approximately 225,000,000 telephones in use with more than 50% of them in North America.

New York City leads in the U.S. with over 5,540,000 telephones, followed by Los Angeles with 4,470,000, and Chicago with 2,265,000. The pioneer city of Hartford has over 260,000 telephones in use today, and in our own institution there are over 200 instruments.

Who says people today don't know how to communicate with each other?

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4TH OF JULY SCHEDULE

The 4th of July activities will take place as per this schedule. All those who are to participate in the morning events, are asked to please be at the area of the event when the event starts. This will keep you from being dropped from the list of men who will be participating.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>BEST TIME</u>
8:30	220 Yard Dash	21.3
8:40	Shot Put	45'8"
9:00	100 Yard Dash	9.5
9:10	Mile Run	4:40.7
9:20	High Jump	6'3"
9:50	880 Yard Run	2:03.8
10:00	Broad Jump	23'8"
10:20	44 Yard Run	44.8
10:30	220 Yard Run	21.3

Once again, all those who are taking part in these events are asked to please report to the activities area according to the above time table.

David P. Musco
Recreation Director

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FIGHT NIGHT AT C.C.I.S.

LOMBARDO vs LOCKWOOD

Lombardo won this fight by a TKO in the second round. I didn't see this one but from what I am told, both these men put up a good battle.

PARKER vs ACOSTA

I would have to rate this as a very good fight. Both men were throwing lefts and rights like they were out of style.

It was a fight that had the fans standing in their seats. A real good one....

DAY vs INGRAM

Round one started out a little slow in this bout; both men playing it a little cautious.

The first round I would give to Day. He was throwing more punches the first round. Round two both men came out throwing good, solid punches; lefts and rights to the body and head. Ingram was a little more aggressive though, in this round. The third round was a real good one. It was one of those rounds you knew someone was going to hit the canvass.

Ingram was really working in this round throwing lefts, rights and some very good hooks. This guy was throwing everything but the kitchen sink. He won the fight with a TKO Great fight!

DERIEN vs BARBER

Round one was a combination of punches by these two heavyweights trying to find a weak spot in their opponent.

Round two was one of those rounds the spectators and promoters love. Both men were throwing real good, solid punches. They were really getting down. In fact they were so engrossed in their fighting that they didn't even hear the bell...

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FIGHTS cont'd

Round three was another round of action just like the first and second. For heavyweights these two guys were really with it. Derien won this fight by a decision.

JONES vs HUNT

Jones came into this fight the favorite. He put on a little exhibition for his fans before the fight got under way, with his footwork and shadowboxing. Hunt, who is a new fighter, just looked at him, as if saying, "You might need that footwork."

Round one finally got under way and there were some good punches thrown by both men. But here I would have to give the first round to the new man, Hunt.

Round two was a round that both men were looking for that knockout, throwing fast lefts and rights and doing some fast footwork.

Round three was more or less a repeat of the first two rounds, with Hunt making a good showing for himself. He was very aggressive and threw some real good punches throughout this fight. The decision went to Jones. However, I feel, and a lot of the fans say the same, that the fight should have gone to Hunt.

HODGE vs SPRIGHT

To be honest, I really don't know how to rate this fight. It looked like trainer and fighter out there; one man throwing all the punches, while the other just bobbed and weaved away from the punches. The fight ended in a draw.

NELSON vs HUCKABY

These two men came out in the first round looking for that knockout. This fight I would have to rate as one of the better for the night. They were both throwing lefts and rights and showing no signs of letting up on the other. For three rounds these two guys looked like two pros. The decision went to Nelson, who looked real sharp out there.

GUTHRIDGE (Flea) vs WALKER (D.C.)

This was the main bout of the evening, both men having had a couple of fights under their belts. Both men are real good boxers. The Flea was the favorite though.

Round one started out rather slow as both men were a little leary of the other. there were good punches by both men, some even after the round was over.

Round two started off slow also, both men knowing that if he loses his cool now, that it's all over. These two men are both very good, throwing punch for punch and showing good legwork.

Round four was a re-run of the other three rounds, with Guthridge having a slight edge.

The decision went to Guthridge, better known as the Flea, here at C.C.I.S. There have been many fights here at Somers, but last night was a real excellent night for the fight fans. I would like to congratulate the boxers for a real good evening of boxing.

There is a lot of hard work involved in their training. The old pro, Johnny Chavis had his usual corner along with Santos in the other. John is a real inspiration to these guys and tries to pass on all he can to them. Hats off to the Referee and the other men who participated in helping to make Fight Night a success.

Del Burdick

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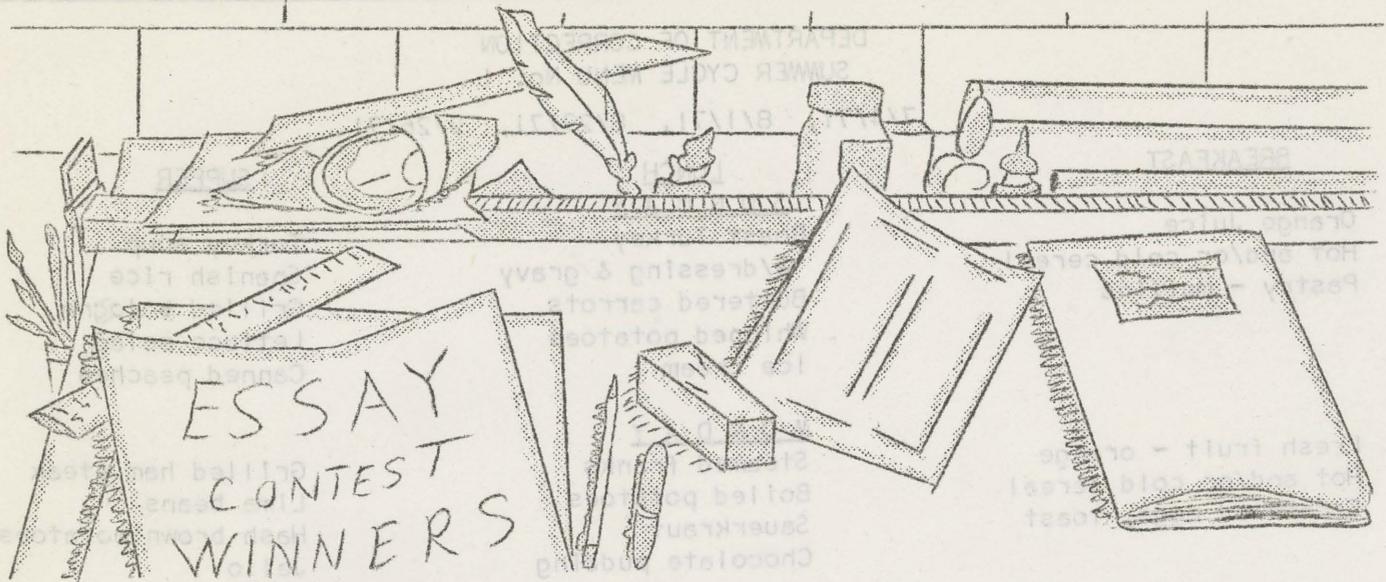
To keep.....is to conquer
To conquer.....is to seek.

My mind is at ease,
....So excuse me please.

The one thing that I want most,
Is to say.....I'm pleased.

So wait for me....My Darling,
And keep me at ease.

Bobby Armentano



FIRST

PLACE: "MY WAY OF ADJUSTMENT" James E. Grandison III

SECOND

PLACE: "CHANGES" M. C. Hyde

THIRD

PLACE: "TAKE IT" Al Bullock

JUDGES WERE:

Charles J. Jones Jr., School Principal

William Jones Teacher

Richard Ruddell Inmate

DAILY BEVERAGES: COFFEE, TEA, MILK
 BREAD AND BUTTER WILL BE SERVED WITH MEALS
 CONDIMENTS ARE LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE FOOD SERVICE SUPERVISOR

WEEKLY SCENE

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
SUMMER CYCLE MENU No. 1

7/4/71, 8/1/71, 8/29/71, 9/26/71

BREAKFAST

Orange Juice
Hot and/or cold cereal
Pastry - muffins

Fresh fruit - orange
Hot and/or cold cereal
Scrambled eggs, toast

Tomato juice
Hot and/or cold cereal
Pastry - crumb cake

Pineapple juice
Hot and/or cold cereal
Boiled eggs

Fresh fruit - banana
Hot and/or cold cereal
Pastry - sweet buns

Blended juice
Hot and/or cold cereal
French toast - syrup

Stewed prunes
Hot and/or cold cereal
Pastry - coffee cake

LUNCH

SUNDAY

Roast Turkey
w/dressing & gravy
Buttered carrots
Whipped potatoes
Ice cream

MONDAY

Steamed franks
Boiled potatoes
Sauerkraut
Chocolate pudding

TUESDAY

Yankee pot roast
Potatoes - gravy
Mixed vegetable
Strawberry jello

WEDNESDAY

Meat loaf
Mashed potatoes
Green beans
Pear halves

THURSDAY

Veal cutlet w/gravy
Whipped potatoes
Wax beans
Apple Betty (dried)

FRIDAY

Fried Flounder
Tartar sauce
Oven browned potatoes
Buttered beets
Ice cream

SATURDAY

Beef stew w/vegetables
Coleslaw
Biscuit
Fruit cocktail

SUPPER

Turkey soup
Spanish rice
Grilled bologna
Lettuce salad
Canned peaches

Grilled ham steak
Lima beans
Hash brown potatoes
Jello

Corned beef hash
Mixed vegetables
Garden salad
Rice pudding

Kielbasa
Boiled cabbage
Parslied potatoes
Pastry - oatmeal
cookies

¼ Baked chicken
Potatoes or rice
Gravy - Peas
Orange jello

Clam chowder
Baked macaroni &
cheese
Tossed green salad
Bread pudding

Assorted cold cuts
Potato salad
Dill pickle
Soup
Jelly

DAILY BEVERAGES: COFFEE, TEA, MILK
BREAD AND BUTTER WILL BE SERVED WITH MEALS
CONDIMENTS ARE LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE FOOD SERVICE SUPERVISOR