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SUWANEE FURNACE

Built by 1851. 200 yds. NW. by William Kelly whose experiments there perfected his invention of the so-called Bessemer method of making steel. for which Kelly was granted the patent. the blast furnace was a brick stack 35 ft. high. 10 ft. maximum inner width. steam powered charcoal fueled. Made 1700 tons of iron in 1857. its last year.

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● OUR TENTH YEAR OF CONTINUOUS PUBLICATION ●

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"The first farmer was the first man, and all historic nobility rests on possession and use of land."
 - Emerson

OUR TENTH YEAR OF CONTINUOUS PUBLICATION - CASTLE

MR. DAVID L. DAVIS RE-APPOINTED TO PAROLE BOARD

Mr. David L. Davis has been re-appointed by Governor Louie B. Nunn to a new four-year term on the Kentucky State Parole Board. Mr. Davis, prior to his original appointment, was Warden at the Reformatory at LaGrange. This is his third term with the Parole Board.

BARBECUE FOR ALL MARKS FOURTH AT KSP

The annual Employees' Barbecue was held here at the Farm Dormitory on July 3rd. The residents of the penitentiary and the farm also enjoyed the barbecue feed on the same day. Another special food day was the Memorial Day all-day feed in the main dining room.

BOILER ROOM GOES MODERN

With other state facilities converting their boiler rooms to gas, the penitentiary boiler room has inherited some of the mechanical equipment for coal feeding from the Outwood State Hospital at Dawson Springs, Kentucky.

Residents Oliver Owsley, David Johnson and Hallet Anderson made the necessary re-fitting and installation work here.

Auger type conveyors have been installed in the boiler room to transport the coal from the coal bin to the stokers that feed the boilers. According to Operating Engineer, Mr. J. E. Wadlington the new method of getting coal to the boilers will make for a cleaner operation in the main boiler room.

Future planning for the boiler room calls for the building of a hopper to dump incoming coal shipments and then be moved by conveyors into the existing coal bins. A water softener will be installed to hold down scale inside the boilers and keep the tubes in better condition. A remodeling program, including repainting and general fixing up of the boiler room, will be started in the near future.

A.A. HOPEFUL GROUP HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

The Hopeful Group of Alcoholics Anonymous held their annual Open House celebration here on June 7th. Three former members of the Hopeful Group, now successful in outside programs, were allowed to come in and speak to the group. This Open House was well represented with guests from the outside tri-state area A.A. programs. The special guest speaker was the Reverend Roscoe Tarter. Reverend Tarter is the Alcoholism Consultant for the Department of Mental Health, a Methodist minister, and an outstanding speaker.

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from the editor

TO OUR READERS:



The month of May and the first part of June have been the months that were... Everything that could possibly happen to deter a publication from living up to its' circulation claims did happen from the printing press breaking down to a lack of staff in our news office. All this appears to have been solved by that great fixer time and we are now able to proceed in a more normal fashion. This issue is labeled the June-July issue to get us back on schedule. Our subscribers will have their subscription dates extended to make up for the doubling of two issues.

FROM OUR MAIL BAG:

Our February cover saluted Baseball Great, Earl Combs and he most graciously replied with the following:

"I was very pleased to receive a copy of CASTLE for March 1970, saluting me on the cover and the story inside. I have had so many letters, telegrams and calls of congratulation. It all makes me feel very humble and that I have been able to furnish some pleasure to so many people, yourselves included and appreciate you telling me so."

"Your well prepared magazine as well as your interest in Sports must furnish you many busy and happy hours. Since adversity often makes us stronger persons, it is my hope this will prove true for all of you."

"Thank you for honoring me as you have and quoting a line from your paper, 'May God Bless You in a Special Way.' I enjoyed reading the CASTLE so I am sending you \$2.00 for a years subscription."

Another fine letter comes from the dean of Kentucky Columnists, L. D. "Birdie" Gasser, who has been supplying the Owensboro Messenger and Inquirer since March 25, 1925 with Birdie's Breezy Bits. In part Mr. Gasser says, "I appreciate getting CASTLE and think the editorial staff should be highly commended in producing one of the top Penal Papers in the United States. Finishing third...is something that you should feel proud, and being only the second year CASTLE entered the contest!"

He also took time to include a very good mention of CASTLE in his famous column.

Bill Powell, long a CASTLE booster and friend, has left Paducah after many years and has joined the staff of the Lexington Herald-Leader. We know that Bluegrass readers of this outstanding paper are in for a score of top-quality stories from the pen of this ace Kentucky news-hawk. All of us here in the Barred-in Barkley wish him well in his new position.

THE TIMES ARE CHANGING:

Here in the Vocational Training Center Building, many changes have taken place over the past few months. Where once we were able to watch the Upholstery Shop at work has been replaced with the new state operated Vocational Leather Shop. The Upholstery Shop has moved and become a part of the Furniture Plant in Industries. Radio and television repair has become the Electronic Section of Vocational Training. The barber shop, shoe repair and sign shop still remain in the building. Mr. Jack Kessler is supervising the Leather shop

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and our Correctional Officer, Mr. Sam Vickery, oversees the radio tv section, sign shop and shoe repair. Mr. J. R. Hubbard continues to ride herd on our news office, as well as teach an expanded masonry class. All-in-all, oldtimers wouldn't recognize the old Vocational School these days with all new added hustle and bustle. That dear friends and gentle hearts writes '30' for this time.

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I N M E M O R I U M
Correctional Officer James Hall Champion
August 29, 1926-June 3, 1970

You are not dead--Life has but set you free!
Your years of life were like a lovely song,
The last sweet poignant notes of which held long,
Passed into silence while we listened, we
Who loved you listened still expectantly!
And we about you whom you moved among
Would feel that grief for you were surely wrong,
You have but passed beyond where we can see.

For us who knew you, dread of age is past!
You took life, tiptoe, to the very last;
It never lost for you its lovely look;
You kept your interest in its thrilling book;
To you Death came no conqueror; in the end-
You merely smiled to greet another friend!

Roselle Mercier Montgomery

"He was a man who loved life. He loved people and used his talent as a professional wrestler to raise money for the March of Dimes charitable causes, and individual needs of people on many occasions. He wrestled professionally for over 20 years."

"For almost two years he has been employed as a correctional officer in the State Penitentiary. During this period of time he won the respect of many of his fellow officers and also the inmates."

"He will be remembered as a person who tried to be a friend to everyone. He was an easy going type person who loved to be around people."

"He fought many battles in the ring as a wrestler. He was a winner. He never gave up. His last bout was not in the wrestling ring. He was engaged with an opponent that could not be seen. He was not wrestling for money. He wrestled for his life. He lost. Cancer, the feared and hated killer of men and women, struck him down in the prime of life."

"His death will not be in vain if those of us who remain would pledge ourselves and our money to medical science in its research to conquer this dreaded disease that invades our homes, robbing and stealing those who are precious and dear to us." (Continued on Page 7)

JUNE~JULY COVER

OUR COVER - The June-July cover of CASTLE honors the memory of William Kelly, iron and steel maker and his Suwanee Furnace. Prior to the dedication ceremonies honoring the 113 year old invention of the true pneumatic steel making process, fifteen men from a KSP farm crew labored two full days cleaning, cutting weeds and brush, and generally tidying up the area of the old Suwanee Furnace. Many prominent citizens of the state came to the Suwanee Furnace Baptist Church on May 30th to view the unveiling of the plaques honoring William Kelly. His great-grandson, William Cody Kelly participated in the event. We are indebted to the Herald-Ledger of Eddyville for the outline below of the life of the inventor.

William Kelly was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1811, the son of John Kelly and Elizabeth Fitzsimmons Kelly.

While still a youth he became associated with a large wholesale dry goods commission firm and it was part of his duty to travel large sections of Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. On an 1846 vacation in Nashville, he was entertained by friends who took him to commencement exercises and there he met Mildred Gracey, 16 year old daughter of J. N. Gracey, a prominent man with stores, warehouses and other holdings in Eddyville. (State House #3, just outside the walls of KSP was the old Gracey home. Our Associate Warden for Administration, Mr. John W. Drennon, who has been responsible for much of the background and historical interest that produced this dedication of CASTLE to William Kelly, now resides in this historic home.)

When William came to Eddyville To meet Mildred's parents he also met some of her relatives, the Stackers, who were in the fledgling iron business here. He also found some iron property for sale that had been operated by the Cobb family for the past 15 years.

Having by now concluded that Miss Gracey would be his wife, he wrote his brother and proposed that they sell their interest in the dry goods firm and invest in the iron business. They sold to a brother-in-law named McShane and using the proceeds, bought 14,000 acres of property and the Old Eddyville furnace and forge from the Cobb family for \$30,000. This same year he married Miss Gracey and settled down to the life of ironmaster making pig iron and charcoal blooms.

In 1847 at Union Forge in Old Kuttawa Kelly conceived the idea that culminated in his discovery that, in his words "the heat generated by the union of oxygen of the air with the carbon of the metal would be sufficient to accomplish the decarbonization of the iron."

In 1851 he build Suwanee Furnace and there completed experiments that led to his U. S. "Air Boiling Process" patent.

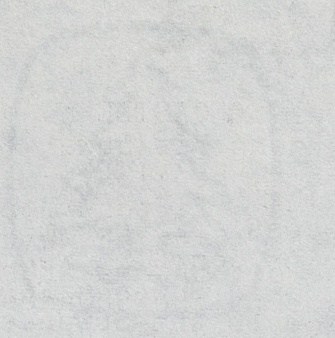
An Englishman, Henry Bessemer, obtained an English patent on the process in 1856 using information obtained from Kelly's workmen, according to local lore.

William Kelly claimed prior invention and was issued a U. S. patent on the process April 13, 1857.

In his remarks at the dedication, Mr. William Cody Kelly quoted from remarks by the inventor Kelly and published in the February 15, 1881, issue of the American Manufacturer and Iron World Weekly.

"I am forced to conclude that even plainly-stated, indisputable
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NIGHT KEEPERS REPORT

Hannibal "The Bear" has long been the subject of many of the comments of kindly but firm Night Keeper Purvis in this series of looks into the past taken from the pages of the Spectator, Jackson, Michigan. The mis-adventures of this character concludes in this extra long excerpt from this feature.

NIGHTKEEPER'S REPORT - 1885. In his slow witted way Hannibal, The Bear, could be smart too. For instance, there was the time he outwitted the established system with merely a damp rag. He simply waited till the gallery guard was on another tier and then stuck his huge arm out the barred cell door, reached up, and erased the chalk mark. The next morning he went to breakfast along with the others and it was several days before his cunning was discovered. For this adroit maneuver he was placed in solitary confinement for five days, the original offense being forgotten in the mixup.

Hannibal, the bear, proved to be as rough and tough as he boasted, and was constantly in difficulty. It is interesting to note however, that the Nightkeeper in his reports seldom wrote the name Hannibal without following it with "The Bear" a distinction accorded to only one other miscreant — "Silver Jack" Driscoll, number 2425 who frequently attempted to tackle the Bear, but never with any degree of success.

The Bear pummeled other prisoners, unmercifully, fought at the drop of a hat, and attacked any who attempted to restrain or oppress him, be they guards or convicts. This earned the Bear a place in solitary confinement time after time, and he was lashed or whipped with the leather bat more times than any ten other convicts together.

Gradually the Nightkeeper discovered that Hannibal the Bear, was not actually as vicious so much as he was naturally violent. If left alone, he could and did behave himself.

Unfortunately, other prisoners took delight in teasing him into a rage -- when they could do so without physical danger to themselves. They knew better than to let Hannibal the Bear get his hands on them -- hands that once moved unassisted, a 450 pound anvil across the prison blacksmith shop.

Hannibal especially disliked to be disturbed while asleep. Once a handwritten sign was found hanging from his cell door. "If anyone is found here tonight, they will be found here in the morning."

The big fellow claimed he had been framed by the sign because he was illiterate and couldn't have made it. Apparently Purvis believed him because he failed to mention any punishment for the offense.

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NIGHTKEEPER'S REPORT - 1885. The Bear spent more than half his time in solitary confinement. His sentence was extended again and again because of his offenses. Finally the Nightkeeper's sense of justice became offended and he wrote: If Hannibal, the Bear, can stay clear of trouble for one 30-day period he is to be released to a logging camp up north. Hannibal is a hard worker and readily agreed to stay on good behavior for a month.

During coffee time last evening, Hannibal, The Bear violated the good behavior record he has maintained for almost four weeks. He cursed the coffee boy because the coffee was cold, and the boy cursed him back. Hannibal is once again in solitary.

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The necessary sternness, however failed to diminish the Night-keeper's innate sense of sympathy. He wrote: Last night it was my duty to remove Hannibal the Bear from solitary confinement. I went alone because I can talk with him when there is no one else around. He asked for some food and I took him to the kitchen to get him something to eat.

Then I took him to his cell and he jumped into bed and covered his head with a blanket. I'm leaving a note for the Day Captain to see that Hannibal is bathed and shaved this morning.

Hannibal finally managed to restrain himself long enough to obtain his release from prison, almost four years from the date of his arrival. There is not record of his ever returning to prison afterwards.

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PAY INCREASE FOR INDUSTRIES WORKERS HERE

A pay increase to an hourly pay plan has been announced for the men employed by the Industries Section here according to Supervisor of Industries, Mr. Robert J. Grubbs.

The pay plan for manufacturing plants within the institutions is based on the job; not individual skills. Each plant operation has been evaluated and jobs of various descriptions to fit the needs of the operation have been established.

According to Mr. Grubbs, each job is classified and rated under production wage scales of 6¢, 8¢, 10¢, and 15¢ per hour. Furthermore an indirect labor rate of 3¢ per hour is established for a labor-pool, comprising of beginners and unskilled laborers not actively engaged in production activities.

In addition a bonus plan has been established when the industry unit exceeds its average production cost over 5%. In this case a 10% bonus will be paid. This new impact of additional pay for the men of industry will first be seen on the hill here about the last week in June.

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INTRAMURAL SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL

by Johnny McWhinney

We are coming near to an end in our first half of Intramural League Softball and as of late we have had some changes in the standings.

The competition in the league is even stronger now that Billy Steel's team has tied Johnny McWhinney's Knothole Gang for first place and we have a much improved Tommy "Fast" McMurray's team tied for second place with Jimmy "Hustle" Rake's team and we also have a tie for third and last place where Everett "Scissor Bill" Ford's team and "Hammering" Hank Hill's team are playing hard to keep in contention with the other top teams.

I would like to take time to comment on sportsmanship on the field. It is not everything in winning a game it is the way you play the game. I would have to say in this department setting a good example is Hank Hill and team. I think all of us connected with the Athletic Program should give 100% effort in striving toward better sportsmanship.

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Mr. Everett Cherry our Athletic Director has done a fine job in getting outside competition to come in here and play softball... To bring you up to date of the last two weekends of the teams that have come in to play here is the results.

Hopkinsville won a double header when I dislocated and tore ligaments in my left ankle to a losing cause. At the other diamond we made a better showing by splitting a double header with Calvert City a fine team by the way.

This past weekend was the first fast pitch game of the season with Murray. "Bobby" Smelty made his first debut as a fast pitcher where he pitched a fine game only to loose by the score of 3-2. In the second game also making his first debut to a winning cause was Harold "Bear" Carey. At the other diamond in a double header also where Hopkinsville split with the inside. The fine old veteran Gerald Russell mastered a slow pitch victory by pitching the team to a win in the first game. In the second game Ellis Meeks ran into a little misfortune by pitching the inside to a loss.

Well that's the roundup of the latest sports activities. Before I close I would like to stress a little more on sportsmanship. There are men participating in the athletic activities that know the meaning of sportsmanship and I am sure before this season is over with the skill and talent of Mr. Cherry, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Ringstaff, and Mr. Egbert will be a big benefit to us all in this department.

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Paducah Firm Low Bidder On Project

Frankfort, Kentucky - A bid of \$254,000 by B. H. Green and Son, Paducah, was the apparent low of eight submitted here for construction of services and industries project at the Kentucky State Penitentiary, Eddyville.

The new Industries Facility will include a new clothing plant, a key punch facility building, a new guard tower and a new double fence southeast of the existing furniture factory.

The Green bid was \$79,350 over the architect's estimate. Next lowest was a bid of \$259,389 by R. L. Darnell, Gilbertsville.

Bids will be studied by state officials.

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Drug Users To Go To Hospitals

Richmond, Ky.-Gov. Louie B. Nunn said yesterday he will order the transfers of some drug abusers from reformatories to hospitals when Kentucky's new drug-control law goes into effect.

Nunn told 21 high school editors from four states the law, passed by the 1970 legislature and effective today, will make enforcement easier.

"Parents who are reluctant to submit their sons or daughters to reformatories would be more likely to put their children in medical institutions," he said.

The law calls for hospitalization for first-time conviction on marijuana usage charges.

Drug abuse was one of a number of fields covered in questions from the editors of high school newspapers from Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia and Tennessee. The hour-long news conference was taped for telecast on Kentucky's 15 educational television stations.



SCHOOL NEWS



The seventh college level class-Introduction to Psychology-sponsored jointly by the Educational Department here and Western Kentucky State University has just recently ended. Mr. William Egbert, Educational Director reports that all the students enrolled in the class passed. According to him, no grade less than a "C" was issued.

There will be no more Freshman College level classes here until September. The class for that period will be announced at a later date.

Mr. Egbert also announced that the Adult Basic Education Class (ABE) has proved to be one of the most successful and personally gratifying programs, to him, that his department has ever undertaken. He stated that additional money had been made available so that this program may continue for the fiscal year of July 1970 to July 1971. From this group six men have all ready made application to take the state administered G.E.D. tests that lead to a High School Diploma. With four other men from the institution, this group of ten men will receive this test during the month of July. The regular school semester concludes on July 31st, which will necessitate a G.E.D. Examination in August for this group. Plans now call for another Graduation ceremony in September.

Books purchased under the Federal Title IV grant have been coming in at a good rate and the full \$1,400 order should be complete soon.

The summer schedule will continue as planned with plans for expansion in both the A.B.E. groups and the regular...academic program being set for the upcoming Fall term.

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MOVIE SCHEDULE FOR KSP THEATER

July 10-11	FORT UTAH (Western)	John Ireland & Virginia Mayo
July 17-18	MARCO 7 (Melodrama)	Gene Barry, Cyd Charisse
July 24-25	BUCKSKIN (Western)	Barry Sullivan, Joan Cauldfield
July 31-Aug. 1	THE VIOLENT FOUR (Crime Drama)	Maria Volonte, Thomas Milan
Aug. 7-8	THE GOOD GUYS AND THE BAD GUYS (Western)	Robert Mitchum
Aug. 15-16	ASSIGNMENT TO KILL (Mystery)	Patrick O'Neal, Joan Hackett
Aug. 21-22	SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SHERIFF (Western)	James Garner
Aug. 28-29	KILLERS THREE	Robert Walker, Diana Varsi

(Subject to change without notice)

PENAL PRESS

By Bill Cox

THE FORUM-Lincoln, Neb.-Hey, Ken! It looks as if you all is gettin' all the good Country/Western shows out your way. Larry Lee and Durwood are real favorites here. 'Course we don't get snows in here we have to depend on the squalk-box.

THE INSIDE VIEW-Allegheny, Penn.-April Issue-Gene T. Stegeman's article on the Receiving of A Letter and What It Means in Prison really had the right tune all the way through it. Editor K. B. Julian's JUSTICE U.S.A. told it right, too.

THE MESSENGER-South Dakota-Summer Issue-All of us are still laughing with you, A. K. Nelson, your article on cigarettes was really a Gasser

G.S.P. NEWS-Georgia-April Issue-Bobby Wants To Read had many a hard-hearted newsmen here wiping a tear from their eyes and agreeing that there is a Hemingway somewhere in your newspaper staff. Noticed you all ran a poll just like our Sill's Survey. Question the same and all that. How come no credit for borrowing the idea from the November issue of CASTLE?

JEFFTOWN JOURNAL-Missouri-May Issue-Sammy Reese is the new king of the cartoonists in this locked-in, locked-up world of ours.

SAN QUENTIN NEWS-April 30 Issue-What do you say to the best newspaper with the finest lay-out in the penal press circuit. Al Dean sure knows how to read the Style Book and proof you out.

WAUPUN WORLD-Wisconsin-May 20th Issue-C. H. Pope's story on the Old Man's Gang told the story of the senior secured soundly.

THE BEACON-Dorchester-May-We are really happy,.....; Terry Tremayne, to see that you have the Beacon back on the beam. From reading your editorial, we want to join the Alive One.

LAKESHORE OUTLOOK-Indiana-May-All of us are eagerly awaiting a copy of An Eye For An Eye by that famous foursome that edit your paper. Old Ed here let me read an excerpt of it in the Fortune Society News-Letter. From just that little bit, we are sure that the book will be not only a best-seller but an eye-opener for the general public.

TIME-Joilet-Statesville-April-Dick Hayward is a real pro when it comes to cartooning, original too! Joe H., The Editor is still reading Richard Lawson's Creative Expression Through Graphic Arts. He said that the May cover should be considered as a real classic. 'Tis a shame that you all got off on a bad kick awhile back but it looks as if you are back on the right rails again. Yours is the only magazine in the whole circuit that keeps old pipe smoker on the ball. When you and the Island Lantern let go a broadside, he's evil for a month. By the way is your Donny Rice - The Yogi Bear of KSP Fame?

BEST SCENE-Wyoming-May-What can you say but that the BEST SCENE is one of the best seen here.

EL SAGUARO-Arizona-Your new format puts you square in the running for a top award this coming year in the Penal (Continued on page 13)

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Press Contest. This change does make . . . , a readable book.

ENCHANTED NEWS-First Quarter-All the penned-in penmen are reading Checkmate. A very good article say all the Kentucky paperhangers.

PRESIDIO-March/April Issue-Your plastic surgery program is one that we have long wanted to see started in Kentucky. Iowa is really on the right track for rehabilitation aid.

CCI NEWS-Chillicothe, Ohio-June 3rd-"I'm Tired" by Herb Watts has the "hard-hat" approach that most of us thinking fellows agree on.

THE BRIDGE-Connecticut-Spring 1970-Published just four times a year, when it does come out, it comes out strong. A top magazine.

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FROM THE PENAL PRESS:
PRISON AND THE PATHETIC SEARCH FOR SECURITY

Not long ago a remarkable unsigned article appeared in the Presidio, inmate publication of the Iowa State Penitentiary at Fort Madison. It was entitled "Mama Is A Prison," and here it is:

"Sounds goofy, doesn't it? The title, I mean. How could anyone have an inanimate parent; a rock Mama? I'm almost sure I have. With every day of this fourth prison sentence, I become more certain of it."

"Yes, I'm a repeater. An 'habitual criminal' is what the county attorney called me when he let me plead guilty to this last charge. But of course he didn't know I was just coming home to Mom."

"Prison is ultimate security. Like a womb. A guy can lay curled up in one and keep warm and well-fed and not worry about much of anything. The umbilical cord to the outside world brings in newspapers if I want to read them, and enough entertainment to pacify a guy with limited appetites."

"After doing a certain amount of time, everything becomes relative, anyhow. In a little world, little pleasures are big. Pie for desert is as much a treat to me now as a whopping steak dinner is to a business - type wheel. A guy who has never tasted caviar might wonder a little about it. But never misses it. And after three prison terms I hadn't had much time for any other kind of life."

"Security. There's a frantic and constant scuffle for it out there-- for the human needs and desires outside this womb."

"There's endless worry about jobs, wars, housing, taxes, prestige and keeping up with the Jones. There's harassment and panic and debt."

Sometimes it all seems so far removed from this prison that it's almost unreal. Sometimes it seems that the world out there is shut in, not this one. It seems that theirs is the cage and they dart frantically in circles, seeking escape."

"I'm not alone in my views. There are a lot of other guys like me. They haven't put the mirror to themselves yet. Just watch them, though. They prove it all the time."

"There's the guy who kicks in a place, then tells all the barflies in town about it. Or the paper hanger who puts his own name on rubber checks, time after time. We've all read about or known people who keep breaking into the same place again and again, or those who steal from people they know well." (Continued on page 14)

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"Sure, they have a lot of excuses about getting caught: The bartender was a dirty rat for calling the police when the check kept bouncing out of the cash register. Someone snitched, because there weren't any cops in there the first three times I hit it. I didn't see those three hundred people watching when I broke in."

"It all boils down to the fact that these guys catch themselves. They push their way into prison."

"Many crimes are so needless, so irrational, they have to stem from a desire to be caught. These people are subconsciously begging for Mama."

"And like me, they keep coming in and in and in..."

A man who can write with that sensitivity and introspection ought not to have to find Mama behind the walls. But he points to one of the most distressing puzzles facing all courts, parole boards and prison psychiatrists - the man who tries to solve his problems through the practice of unsuccessful crime.

The pathetic fact is that most such men, unlike the self-analytical gentleman in the cell house at Fort Madison, really think they want to be free. Like most prisoners they curse the prison, the guards, the food, the life. But they do what is known in jail as "easy time." They rarely beat upon the bars or plot elaborate & dangerous escapes. Mama, curse her, is too comfortable.

These hidlers from life, these fleers from competition and the uncertainties of freedom, are in most - but not all cases - ill equipped to compete.

I once knew a brilliant forger who wrote beautifully for a prison newspaper. His periods of freedom were short, his transgressions transparent. But on his last furlough he fell into matrimony with a strong-minded baby from Texas. She must have been all the mama he needed, for he hasn't been back.

"It is the boys who deep down inside are frightened, who don't think they can hack it in the world of men, who are our prison tragedies. Some we could reclaim if all our prisons had the schools, the training courses, the workshops all prisons ought to have. If we dragged them by the heels into enough marketable skills the Free World might not seem so hard to climb."

"But we'd save all of them. In the grim cell blocks, in the crowded prison yards, in the fetid atmosphere of perversion and cruelty there is a way of life - something you can count on: Mama lives there."

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KSP STAY-TISTICS

from the Chief Records Clerk

(June 16, 1970)

Low Number - 4144

High Number - 27565

Death Row - 14

Total Count - 1,035

"Every Kentuckian counts" - Hon. Louie B. Nunn

ALCATRAZ WILL BE DM. PARK

San Francisco-The federal government says it will make a park of Alcatraz Island, despite objections of Indians who have occupied the dismal 21-acres since last November.

The Interior Department said without any clue to a timetable--- that it will create a Golden Gate National Recreation Area on the island.

It said the public park would "give particular emphasis and recognition to the contributions American Indians have made to the development of our country."

The Indians, who seized the island in a small-boat landing operation last Nov. 20, rejected the park idea more than a month ago.

They are expected to do it again formally at a tribal meeting Sunday, claiming once again that the island rightfully belongs to them.

Joe Morris, an Indian spokesman, said there was no change in the Indians' position that they want the island for an Indian educational and cultural center - a center they want to own as well as operate. They claim an 1868 treaty with the Sioux provides any unused federal land automatically reverts to the Indians.

Thomas E. Hannon, regional administrator of the General Services Administration, said the title to Alcatraz was being transferred from the GSA to the Interior Department.

Thirty meetings between the Indians and government representatives failed to produce an agreement, Hannon said.

Hannon stressed government concern for safety of Indians on the island. A small fire occurred there recently. Water, sewage, heat, and light all present problems.

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CASTLE OBSERVES ITS' NINTH YEAR

With little or no fanfare, CASTLE-the voice of the confined at the Kentucky State Penitentiary-observed this month of July its' birthday. For nine years, through thick and thin, CASTLE has been coming out to the readers within the walls and beyond. The June-July issue saw another record as H. R. Dunbar, Castle Editor, occupied the editors chair for more than two years. Under his editorship and with the assist from many volunteers and staff members, CASTLE has received three awards from the S.I.U. Penal Press Contest. In 1968, a honorable mention for Third Place in the national in its division. Our poet-in-residence, E. M. Matzko landed a national award from the Cloven Hoof, the literary magazine of Saginaw Valley College.

All-in-all, we write with some pride about CASTLE. Publishing a magazine with the limited budget here takes some doing. There is always a look on the face of the Editor-a look of amazement when we manage to finally go to press. Filling Castle's required pages takes some doing for there is only so much news to be garnered from the nine acre plot that is KSP. Functioning now as Penal Press Editor, I want to take this opportunity to urge the men of KSP to start submitting news stories to us from their various departments and, to write poetry or short stories to be included in coming issues of CASTLE. We can't pay you so about the only reward you will receive is to see your name in print and a copy of that issue of CASTLE mailed to the folks to let them know that you are still alive and kicking.

A little more support on your part and we can have full issues every month that tells about you, the workings of the institution and some of the hopes and aspirations that you have for yourself. Drop your stories by the News Office, located next to the Barber Shop in the Vocational School. We will be glad to see (Continued on page 18)

CANTEEN

The month of June saw various prices and policy announced for the Inmate Canteen here. Associate Warden [redacted] for custody, Mr. W. G. Herndon made the various announcements via the Inmate Daily transfer sheet. On June 4th it was announced that the prices on cigarettes would be increased due to price and tax increase. Regular size increased from 25¢ to 30¢.....and king size.....from 30¢ to 35¢. On June 17th a price decrease was announced for coffee and T-shirts. The 6-ounce jar of instant coffee went from \$1.40 to \$1.30 and T-shirts from \$1.10 to \$1.00. At the same time, it was announced that Motorola portable television sets had been reduced in price from \$120.00 to \$110.00. With this price change, the parts warranty was continued for one year but the labor warranty was discontinued. Arvin portable television sets were made available for \$80 with a 90 day warranty on parts and replacement also included for this price. On Monday, the 22nd, it was announced that inmates will be permitted to spend \$15 by Canteen Purchase Order (C.P.O.) every three months for clothing, such as T-shirts, socks and shorts.

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1. A wedding is a one man band.
2. A honeymoon is a thrill of a life.
3. American women are the best yessed women anywhere.
4. An engagement is a period of urge on the verge of a merge.
5. You wouldn't worry about what people think of you if you knew how seldom they do.
6. An arsonist is one with a burning desire.
7. A gown is at least an honest opinion.

CARTOON OF THE MONTH by DuRain



"I should've hit him back but I don't feel like getting up."

POETRY

By Rocklett E. Smith

Violence is unnecessary
and it claims an unequal share
of what is good and great
in this world
Violence is a mother
it breeds children
tyranny, oppression, recriminations,
It is always a criminal act
and at one time or another
most of us are guilty
Violence is sacrilege
it offends the senses
of dignity,
respect for life
it is a pathway
back through time
to darker ages
And violence
claiming blood
as its booty
has a worthy mother
who teaches him constantly
how to destroy life
and awaken
through her influence
the worst in men
She is Hate
she is good
at her job.

By Rocklett E. Smith

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THE POWER OF GOD

God came to me one night
In the gloom of a prison cell
He spoke to me and I saw the light
That saved my soul from hell.

He gave me a different outlook on life
And words cannot express
How full he filled my burdened heart
With peace and happiness.

The magic of his love divine
Washed all my sins away
Put in their place, sweet peace of mind
And a urge to kneel and pray.

So I devoted my Life to Him
Doing his will each day
Striving to help Anyone
Who is last along the way.

BY Gene Kirby

Dedicated to Rev. Houston Inman, a man
who walks with God each day and loves it.

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"I Hope"

I hope
for peace
permanently
I hope that good
will win the final victory
over evil
I hope everybody's dream
comes true
and everything works out
just right
in spite of bad dreams
I hope that all
who hate
will miraculously
be converted
to real
lovers
I hope every Romeo finds
his Juliet
I hope philosopher's
discover truth
absolute
and every priest
is canonized
and I hope
against hope
that what is real
true
and good, in this world
will ultimately
prevail!
I hope

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From "Envoy"

Sweet world, if you will
hear me now:

I may not own a sound-
ing Lyre
And wear my name upon my
brow

Like some great jewel
quick with fire

But let me, singing, sit
apart,

In tender quiet with a
few,
And keep my fame upon my
heart,

A little blush rose wet
with dew.

By Sarah Piatts

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POETRY

BEYOND THE PRISON WALL

As I watch the shadows fall
From the window of my cell
I see beyond the prison wall
A world I love so well.

Across the lake, not far away
Beyond a tree covered hill
The moon hides behind a cloud
The night is dark and still.

A veritable torrent of memories
Pass before my eyes
So vividly I see a face
That will haunt me until I die.

The stain of conviction is upon me
Family and friends have turned away
Society has demanded a price
God knows I can never pay.

A man is only half a man
When he looks up at the stars
And views the world he loves so well
Through a window filled with bars.

By Gene Kirby

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Of his family life, he states, "I am 28 years old and single, one of 15 boys and girls that constitute the Smith family." His father is deceased and his mother is a foreman at the Kentucky State Fair & Exposition Center in Louisville.

From the talent that he has so far displayed, we can safely say that in coming years, Rocklette E. Smith will make his mark in the world.

OUR NEW POET

In addition to regular poetry contributors, E.M. Matzko and Gene Kirby, with this issue we introduce Rocklette E. Smith.

Rocklette was born in Louisville. He comes naturally to his insight into the problems, hopes, and aspirations of the Black by growing up in the Ghetto area. He attended Central High School but received his high school diploma while attending medical school at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. As a teengare, he was an amateur boxer and one of his classmates at Central and gym-training buddies at Columbia gym was Cassius Clay.

Rocklette says, "I have always been enthusiastic about good literature and poetry. I have secretly wished to become a writer most of my life." He has his future well planned for this fall he will enter Murray State University majoring in Education. He also plans to complete a novel he has been working on.

COMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST CASTLE

NEWS FEATURES ON NEW CONSTRUCTION

CASTLE VISITS THE CLOTHING HOUSE

SCHOOL PROGRESS AND COMING FALL TERM

WHO'S WHO AND WHOSE CONFINED AT KSP

DON'T MISS THE AUGUST ISSUE !

CASTLE CELEBRATES NINTH YEAR Continued:

and we will run your material. Of course, all material is subject to some editing for space requirements and such. We will however get your idea across, so please let us hear from you.

By: Bill Cox

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HOSPITAL NOTES

by: Lester Moore

Today, we are going on a tour of the prison hospital, for our readers who have never had the privilege of seeing our modern facility.

As we approach the hospital, the first thing you will see, are lots of pretty flowers, that seem to flourish under the green thumb of Johnny Lynn.

We enter the lobby where we are met by Officer J. A. White. Inmates must state their business, he will then direct them to the proper department.

A right turn from the lobby will take us to the X-Ray department where Preston Little and Bill Cox are busy as beavers. If not taking X-Rays they are at work cleaning their department.

On the right is the record's office where Waylon Evans, Dr. Salb's clerk is going through hundreds of files every, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; sick call days here.

The next room is first aid. This sure is a busy place, seven days a week. The first aid room is open twice a day from 7:30 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. then from 2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. the rest of the day is donated to emergencies. This department is manned by Jerry Anfinson and Arlin Stephens.

Next door we have our small surgery which is fully equipped. This also serves as Doctor Niles (who is the eye doctor) examinations room. Dr. Niles comes to the institution about once a month.

Our hospital ward contains 23 beds. We almost always have 6 to 8 patients. Sometime there is more.

These rooms are cleaned daily and fresh wax is applied and the floors are buffed. This work is handled by Herbert Reado and Alvin Guilty.

Then we come to John Preston who is in charge of the Physio Therapy. John cares for all the aching backs and anything else that needs treating with Physio - Therapy.

William Burris who is the Ward Nurse does a real job with the patients. I must say he really keeps the patients clean. He insists on baths for those who are able to be up, and if they are not able to be up then they get the same kind of treatment their Mother's use to provide. He also keeps them well shaven. Keep up the good work Bill.

We have a very fine kitchen, all electrical ovens and range. However we get our food from the main dining room. The diet trays are prepared under the supervision of Mr. Meredith and transported to the hospital by Lawrence Smith, better known as Jap. This food is also served by Jap.

Tuesdays and Thursdays you will see a lot of green in the hospital. When Jerry Anfinson, Donald Cornett, and Tommy Swift come out with masks and gowns to assist Doctor Salb.

It sure seems funny to see Cr. Salb performing surgery on a patient and holding smelling salts under Don's nose. (Just joking Don).

Our laboratory is tended by the able hands of Kenneth Benoit and Daryl Williamson. Daryl is constantly running up and down corridors testing someone's blood. Some of the fellows refer to him as a vampire.

The dentist, Doctor Walker from Hopkinsville, Ky., sure has the respect of the men who are afraid of Dentist. Doctor Walker filled some teeth for me and I'll have to say he's "painless". Doc Walker is assisted by James Page. James helps with fillings and extractions, cleaning and relines. Newby Whitt is the custodian of

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this area.

The next room on the way out is occupied by the Hospital Administrator, Mr. Wendell J. Chapman and Dee David his clerk. This room sees a lot of action as it's the place where Mr. Chapman orders all the medications and supplies for the hospital. He also talks to dozens of men daily who have medical problems.

Mr. Perry is in the Pill Room. He passes out hundreds of pills daily. The pill line runs three times a day, 7:30 A.M., 11:45 A.M. and 2:00 P.M., Mr. Perry must also make the rounds of the cell houses where he doctors the men who are confined to their cells.

Our night nurses are Don Cornett and Phillip Hare.

I sincerely hope you have enjoyed the tour of the hospital. If you wish to see it first hand, just get sick and we will send out our eight-legged ambulance after you.

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PAROLE BOARD RESULTS MAY AND JUNE

In a joint session the Kentucky State Parole Board met here on May 27th and 28th to see candidates for parole for the months of May and June. The full board was present including Chairman Glenn Wade and members; Mrs. Lucille Robuck, Mr. Sewell Harlin, Mr. David L. Davis and Mr. Glynn McMinnoway.

The Parole Board average for paroles granted was down three percentage points for the same period last year when 47% of the men seeing the Board were recommended for parole. This May the percentage was 44%.

Of the 25 paroles recommended, men with life sentences received the most consideration. A total of six were granted parole... Four men doing three years and four men doing two years received a recommendation. So did one man doing fifteen, three men doing one year, two with a sentence of twenty-one years, one with eight, three with ten and one man with a five year sentence. For the May session, deferments from four months to four years were handed out. Parole was denied to 18 men. Two other men were seen, one for interview only and one had his parole conditions stand with the same stipulations.

The June session resulted in 30% paroles granted as against 29% for the same period last year. Thirty cases were considered, nine had parole recommended, parole was denied to nine, deferments ranged from one month to four years. One man doing life, one with twenty-one years, two with ten years, four with five years and one man with three and a half years were recommended for parole.

The next meeting of the Parole Board here will be in the last week of July.

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"Confinement in itself is punishment, Whether for a day or forever, but confinement need not be without hope or chance to remake shattered lives."

-Clinton T. Duffy
Former Warden
San Quentin, California

CANTEEN PRICE LIST-KENTUCKY STATE PENITENTIARY

Effective: July 1, 1970

* Denotes price change from previous lists

CANDY, NUTS, GUM:

Candy Bars	.01-.05-.10
Kraft Candies (Seasonal)	.45
Kraft Caramels	.45
Marshmallows	.25
Bubble Gum	.01
Chewing Gum	.05
Peanuts (Bag)	.05-.10
Peanuts (Can)	.65
Mixed Nuts (Can)	.80
Certs	.10

CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO:

Regular Cigarettes	.30
King Size Cigarettes	.35
Bull Durham	.05
Country Gentleman	.15
Royal Blue	.20
Mapleton Tobacco	.20
Prince Albert	.20
Half & Half	.20
Black Cherry	.20
Bugler & Kite	.10
Cherry Blend	.30
Mixture #79	.30
Madeira	.30
London Dock	.40
Prince Albert (Large Can)	1.50
Half & Half (Large Can)	1.50

CIGARS:

Cigars	.05-.10
Hav-A-Sweet Cigarillos	.20
Roi-Tan Trumps	* .30
King Edward Tips	.25
White Owl Miniatures	.30
Between The Acts	*.35
Roi-Tan Little Cigars (Filter Tips)	.35

CHEWING TOBACCO:

Apple	.20
Cannon Ball	.25
Bull of Woods	.25
Rough Country (Twist)	* .25
Rices Best (Twist)	.40
Beech Nut	* .30
Snuff:	
Garrets	.15
Copenhagen	*2.25
Skool	.2.25

SMOKING ACCESSORIES:

Pipes	as marked
Lighters	1.00
Roller Kits	1.00
Pipe Cleaners	.10
Pipe Filters	.10
Flints	.10
Wicks	.10
Matches	.01
Roller Aprons	
(Cigarette)	.10
Cigarette Papers (pack)	.05

SHAVING NEEDS:

GILLETTE PRODUCTS:

Razor, Super-speed	1.00
Razor, Techmatic	as marked
Blades, thin	.25
Blades, Stainless	
Steel	.90
Techmatic Blades	1.00
Shaving Cream (aersol)	.80
Shaving Cream(foamy)	1.20
Shaving Cream Tube	.55
Styptic Pencils	.10
Magic Shave	.50
Afta Shave, Mennens	.70/1.10
Noxzema	.65
Shaving Talcum	.50

DEODORANTS:

Mum (Small)	.30
Mennen Speed Stick	.90
Right Guard (reg.)	1.10
Right Guard (Anti- Prespire)	1.20
Old Spice Stick	1.00

ORAL HYGIENE:

Tooth Brushes	.35/ .70
Tooth Paste, Crest	.40
Tooth Paste, Ultra-Brite	
	.70
Tooth Paste, Sensodyne	1.00
Polident (can)	.50/1.00
Denture Cream	.80
Fasteeth	.60/.90
Efferdent	.75/1.20
Poligrip (tube)	.80

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HAIR GROOMING

Head & Shoulder Shampoo	.80
Prell Shampoo	.40
Royal Crown & Pomade	.20
Brylcream Hair Dressing	.70/1.10
Command Hair Dressing	1.00
Wildroot Hair Dressing	.90
Vitalis Hair Dressing	1.10
Lucky Tiger Hair Dressing	.40
Pocket Combs	.25
Comb & Brush Set	1.00

MISC. TOILET ARTICLES

Talcum Powder	* .30/.55
Foot Powder	1.00
Mirrors	.50
Finger Nail Clips	.25
Toilet Tissues (Roll)	.20 or 2/.35

MEDICATIONS

Cough Drops, Vicks	.15
Cough Drops, Smith Bros.	.10
Chapstick	.50
Mentholatum	.50
Preparation "H"	1.30
Soda, Baking	* .15
Tums	.15
Rolaids	.20
Vicks Salve	.65
Listerine Lozenges	.60
Sucrets	.25
Heat Powder	* .60
Aspirin (Box)	.15
Anacin (Box)	.30
Alka Seltzer (Twin Pak)	.10
Clearasil, Tube	.90

SOAP

Sweetheart	.10
Lifebuoy	* .20
Camay	.15
Dial	.20
Zest	.20
Dove	.25

WRITING MATERIAL

Tablets	.25
Bic Pens	.20/.25
Pencils	.05
Sheaffer Cartridges	.50
Note Book Binders	.80

CLOTHING, TOWELS ETC.

Socks	.80/1.00
Shorts & Briefs	1.10
T-Shirts	* .60/1.00
Athletic Shirts	1.10
Sweat Shirts	2.00
Swim Trunks	3.00
Handkerchiefs, White	.15
Handkerchiefs, Bandana	.25
Bath Towels	* 1.10
Wash Cloths	* .35
Gloves, Brown Jersey	.45
Shower Clogs	.50

BEVERAGES

Orange Juice	.25
Grapefruit Juice	.25
Pineapple Juice	.25
V-8 Juice	.20
Instant Coffee W/Sugar	.05
Instant Coffee (6 oz. Jar)	1.30
Instant Chocolate Pk.	.05
Instant Tea	.15/.40
Tea Bags (Box of 8)	.15
Kool-Ade	.05/.15
Instant Sanka Coffee (4 oz. Jar)	1.25

DAIRY PRODUCTS

Sweet Milk	.30
Butter Milk	.25
Chocolate Milk Pt.	.15
Ice Cream	.25
Ice cream Novelties	.10
Cottage Cheese	.40
Oleo	.10
Creamery Butter, Stick	.30
Frozen Malt, Ctn.	.20
1/2 Gal. Orange Drink Btl.	.75
Orangeade & Lemonade Ctn.	.10

RADIO & T. V.'S

Radio, Motorola A.M. & F.M.	37.50
Radio, Motorola A.M.&F.M. Clk.	42.50
Radio, Motorola A.M.&F.M. St.	115.00
*T. V. Motorola 12" B&W	110.00
*T. V. Arvin, 12" B&W	80.00
T. V. Motorola 14" Color	335.00
Earphones, Pair	1.25

*Note: Motorola Warranty is one year on all parts including picture tube. No warranty on labor.

Arvin warranty is one year on picture tube, 3 months on all other parts. No warranty on labor.

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MISC. ITEMS

Can Openers	.25
Extension Cords	.95
Fans	10.50
Fly & Mosquito Spray	1.25
Roach & Ant Spray	1.25
Immersion Heaters	.65
Picture Albums	3.50
Pinochle Cards	.50
Plastic Bowles	.25
Plastic Cups	.25
Plastic Spoons	.01
Playing Cards (Deck)	1.00
Scotch Tape	.25
Shoe Polish	.25
Shoe Strings	.10
Sight Savers	.15
Sun Glasses	1.00/2.00
Sun Glasses (Polaroid Clip ons)	3.00
Watches, Timex	11.95/12.95
Electrical Plugs	* .40/.65

PASTRIES, COOKIES, CHIPS

Pies	.60
Pies, Pecan	.90
Cakes	.05 & Up
Cookies	.25 & Up
Chips, Etc.	.10 & Up
Slim Jims	.10
Tid Bits	.15
Soft Drinks (Cup)	.10
Coffee (Cup)	.05

FOOD

Bean Dip, Can	.25
Beanee Weanee, Can	.30
Beef Stew, Can	.45
Black Pepper, Can	.20
Bran Flakes, Box	.50
Bread, Loaf	.35
Cheese, Sliced, Pk.	.45
Chili, Can	.40
Chopped Beef, Can	.75
Corn, Can	.30
Corned Beef, Can	.75
Corn Beef Hash, Can	.50
Corn Flakes, Box	.30
Creamer, Jar	.60
Crackers, Box	.40
Crackers, Pk.	.10
Crackers, 12 oz. Ritx, Pk.	.45
Deviled Ham, Can	* .30
Dill Pickles, Each	.15
Fruit Cocktail, Can	.35
Hot Sauce, Bottle	* .25

CASTLE

Onion, Each	.25
Lima Beans, Can	.65
Luncheon Meat, Can	.25
Mustard, Jar	.65
Oysters, Can	.45
Oyster Stew, Can	.30
Peaches, Can	.85
Peanut Butter, Jar	.15
Peas, Can	.45
Pineapple, Sliced, Can	.20
Pork & Beans, Can	.20
Potted Meat, Can	.40
Potato Salad, Can	* .15
Potato Sticks, Can	.20
Pudding, Can	.45 & Up
Sandwich Meats, Sliced, Pk.	.20
Sardines, Can	.20
Salt, Box	* .25
Soup, All., Can	.65
Sloppy Joe, Can	.75
Spam, Can	.30
Spam Spread, Can	.40
Spaghetti & Meat Balls, Can	.65
Steak & Gravy, Can	.35
Sugar 2lb. Bag	.40
Tamales, Can	2/.05
Catsup, Pk.	* .40
Tuna, Can	.55
Variety Pack Cereal, Pk.	* .30
Vienna Sausage, Can	.65
Weiners, Pk.	

* Denotes price change from previous lists.

It is suggested that you retain this list and refer to it prior to making your canteen purchases.

Prices are subject to change without notice and all prices include the 5% Kentucky Sales Tax.

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THOUGHTS:

Trust everybody - but cut the cards!

Some people pray for more things than they are willing to work for.

Everything in the modern home is controlled by switches except the children.

-Corrections Candle

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