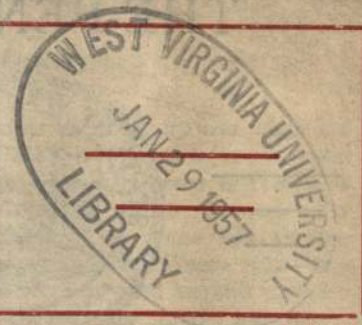


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### WEIRTON--THE STEEL CITY

#### Mr. Dopudja First Appointed Educational Director In History Of Institution

By: George Moore

Michael Dopudja of Weirton, West Virginia assumed the duties of Educational Director at the institution in June. Mr. Dopudja is the first man appointed to set up a system of academic and vocational schools here since the institution was founded in 1866.

The new Educational Director is a graduate of Weir High and received his Bachelor of Arts degree at West Liberty State College. He worked at various jobs in his community during holidays and the summer vacations from school. He was inducted into the service and passed through the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was assigned to the 42nd. (Rainbow) Division of the United States Army. Later, he was transferred to the Military Government School at Fort Custer, Michigan and Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. He was then transferred to the European Theatre of Operations where he served with the British 21st. Army Group and the American Military Government in the Third Army sector in France, Luxemburg and Germany. He was awarded the Bronze Star in Luxemburg. His duties were Public Safety, Registration, Circulation, Industries, labor and Education. His last appointment was Director of Military Government near Augsburg, Germany.

Mr. Dopudja was discharged from the service in 1946. He made a return trip to Geneva, Switzerland and Antwerp, Brussels and Leige in Belgium as a civilian. Upon his return to the States, Mr. Dopudja entered the University of West Virginia where he received his M. A. in Education.

After his assumption of his present duties, Mr. Dopudja made an extensive tour of Federal institutions to observe the methods which they utilized in their educational programs. He is using the "best" possible features of these institutions.

The inmates are currently attending classes in on-the-job training and undergoing various tests to determine their grade levels and the "needs" of the institution. "The needs of the greatest number will be met he states." "Education in a true democratic sense...is not compulsory, but voluntary."

By: George Moore

In just seventeen momentous days Weirton grew from the "largest unincorporated town" in the United States to what is believed to be the fourth largest city in the state. The 1950 census is expected to reach over 35,000. The story of these seventeen days is probably unparalleled in the history of municipal government. In this short time, from June 13, 1947 to July 1, 1947, The Mayor and the City Council approved the appointment of the man that they wanted for City Manager; organized a 25-man police force; a three-company fire department; wrote an administrative and criminal code; set up a schedule for city licenses; drafted ordinances providing for the creation of Civil Service Commissions and Pension Funds for the Police and Fire Departments; arranged for interim expenditures and financing pending consideration of the city budget; decided on the appointment of city officials; and organized the Departments needed for the functioning of a city. Thus the stage was set for the birth of a city on the First of July, 1947.

The "baby" among American cities is now one year old and is doing just fine, thank you....She started from scratch and with no cash or debts bought \$50,000 worth of street and refuse removal equipment and accumulated a \$45,000 surplus strictly from income in the first nine months. The money will be used for general city improvements.

#### Cornfield to City

Thirty-nine years ago Weirton was a peaceful cornfield down in the valley between the Ohio River and the wooded hills of the northern panhandle of West Virginia. The town was born when the Weirton Steel Company sent its first red glare against the night sky in 1909. This was an ideal location for industry and the new firm expanded.

The business that grew to be today's Weirton Steel Company began in 1905 as a small tin plate mill in Clarksburg. At the outset, the firm met with many disheartening experiences. Any one of these could have brought ruin---a prolonged drought which forced them to use and re-use highly corrosive water at the risk of the destruction of machinery---the financial panic of 1907---the burst of a flywheel that cut the plant in two---and a costly shut-down that was caused by the "rocking" of the main engine on its foundation.

In the face of these hard blows, it would have been an achievement just to have saved the company. Instead, the men who founded Weirton pressed on to build that small enterprise (within a few short years) into the world's largest independent producer of tin plate. Other local industries are Phelps Can Company, Pittsburgh-Weirton Bus Lines, and Kusic and Haines.

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By: William Jerry Atkins

There are as many methods and theories for the effective rehabilitation of persons sentenced to penal institutions as there are penal administrators. Every person concerned with the custody or administration of prisoners has his own theory for the proper way to salvage the human misfits that are incarcerated in the institutions of today. Unfortunately, not all of these theories are applicable, mainly because of the difference between the individuals committed into such custody and care and the myriad factors governing the reason the individual committed the crime for which he was segregated from society.

Ministers may expound on the benefits of religious guidance, custodial members give forth dissertations regarding discipline, psychiatrists and psychologists hold forth (in obscure and abstruse jargon) on emotional maladjustments and financial insecurities, and sociologists write articles on environmental factors. While these factors all play an important role, no one set of these factors will fit every individual in prison.

Our primary interest is to discover that factor or factors responsible for the return of men and women to penal and correctional institutions. What causes them to fail in their attempt at readjustment? Or, further still, what causes them to make little or no effort at readjustment?

One of the most obvious reasons is the stigma, the blot, that is attached to the word, "ex-con." In many instances, when a person has paid his debt to society, that society will not allow the person to forget that he has paid by serving time in prison. This unpleasant fact the subject usually encounters very shortly after release.

When a man is released from an institution, instead of being reformed, he finds that he has absorbed an astonishingly large amount of criminal lore, whether deliberately or not. Only too often the place where a man is confined for reform or to "become penitent" is to all practical purposes a school of crime.

Then, when he is released, he has no one to assist him in his struggle to earn his way back into the community; there are no Veterans Administrations, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Red Cross, Disabled American Veterans, or other organizations willing to give him the breaks, to help him make a new start. Although, theoretically, he is starting with a "clean slate," and is entitled to the same opportunities as others with like capabilities.

Then, when he is discriminated against, fails to receive adequate employment, and becomes even more disillusioned with one world, it is small wonder that once again he begins to prey upon the society to whom he has "paid his debt." He does this for a livelihood. Only too often this situation is true.

Happily, however, there are ways and means to combat these obstacles. As an outstanding example, I cite a recent legislative action by one of our far western neighbors:

In the State of California, a bill was passed to provide a means whereby a parolee or discharged prisoner may regain his place in society without the discriminations usually attached to one of his status. It is known as the Deuel Pardon Bill. There are several steps necessary for the issuance of this Certificate of Rehabilitation, but if the subject shows that he has conformed to the necessary regulations which call for complete sobriety, the industrious pursuit of a gainful occupation, good moral character and conduct subsequent to release from custody, and observance of all laws of the land, then he is granted a pardon; thus removing the attendant prejudices commonly prevalent in most communities.

Another great step in the effective reformation of law violators has been put into action. Whether this or similar action will spread throughout the country remains to be seen. To date it seems to be a highly successful maneuver, and a credit to those capable and intelligent people who sponsored its existence.

# CURBSTONE CHATTER

RICHARD L. CHALFANT  
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## CURBSTONE CHATTER

Someone said "Open the door, Richard!" but I haven't the key---must have left it in my other pants. The waste-basket hasn't gotten any copy of mine for quite a while now, and the wind is blowing too hard for the Co-Editors to get my smoke signals; they always start with an S.O.S.

A certain little "Dead End Kid" was telling us the other evening how well he was dressed upon his entry here. He had gone to great lengths in his description of his wearing apparel. Then out of the stillness came a voice in reply, and the reply went something like this: "All you wore in here was a zoot suit with a neat pleat and a queer rear." This must be the style from Esquire but it looked good on you, Stan.

The mystery of who discovered Powhatan has at last come to light. Due to security reasons its name cannot be revealed. But I can say he looked like Washington crossing the Delaware---only in this case it was the Ohio.

Clifford Pauley is one fellow who believes in following the Doctor's orders. The good Doctor forbade Clifford to work between meals and he hasn't done a tap since. Better get off your "rusty dusty" and sweep that tier.

Since Janie Mickens sang "Stormy Weather" during her last appearance here, it has rained nearly all the time. That gal even shook the heavens with her rendition of this popular tune. The blues even came in and got me. Yes, Yes!

Norvis Ashley, of pugilistic and "rabbit path" fame, is taking a rest cure but it isn't getting him down in the least. He knows all his friends on the avenue are waiting to welcome him back. Chin up, old top, it won't be long now.

Vic and his Be-Bop boys sure cut a wicked path with their musical strategy. Look out for an invasion of the bandstand upon their return. Beat me daddy, I ate your bar...as the termite said to the bartender. Come in Clarence and Henry.

They say that it is slander or some such thing when you make false statements against people. Well maybe it is but I think it is a guilty conscience that makes the new groom (mentioned in this column last week) so angry. You can't get blood out of a turnip, "Captain Bob."

"Baby Dumpling" is making a beef because his basketball team wasn't given any publicity in the sport section. That seems too bad because I understand he was quite proud of their record. How about a check-up on this detail, Mr. Sports Writer?

It looks like the passing parade when the baseball team goes by my window--always confident of a victory.

I learned more about the Powhatan discovery a few minutes ago. It seems that Winifred Sears was the Skipper of the ship and Pell was Jack-in-the-Pulpit. They had quite a party. Even lucky enough to find an empty house--something rare indeed. Those boys had big ideas, too bad they slipped.

"Blackie" Gibson said he was going to ask the State for a pair of roller skates to help him in his nightly trip around the tier. How does a fellow like that expect to skate when he can hardly pick up his feet, he's so lazy? That lad is slow. Period.

Has anyone seen Elmer lately? Strange voices keep calling for him at all hours of the night. Boy, I wish they would dig him up so I could get some much-needed sleep. Elmer, Come out! Answer, dammit! So I can sleep in peace.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

By Mike Ehasz

The Hospital is doing business as usual at the same old stand. Now for that little "chit chat" in regards to the hospital and the people that make it tick. Recently some members of the Board of Control toured the hospital and in the very near future, if all indications are correct, the place will receive some financial help via appropriations for a new stove and refrigerator as well as other articles needed in the culinary department. The drug room, run so capably by Bill Clark, will come in for its share of glory. Dr. Yoho emphasized the fact. He wants the proper drugs and medicines necessary for making and keeping the men entrusted to his care in the best of health. Hats off to the Doc, a true Gentleman and a Scholar. Jack Cook, erstwhile Head Steward, also got to voice his opinions and did a fine job of getting over to the members of the Board the vital importance of proper and modern medical care for the men in the hospital. If this correspondent remembers correctly, Jack was the first to dream of an enlarged operating room for the prison. It looks as if his dream will be realized, finally. Warden Skeen, while attending the Warden Convention, saw and talked with men who firmly believe, as he does, in modern penology and in the care and treatment of his charges.

"Loops and Whorls" Williams was recently released from the hospital, cured. That is physically. Mentally, he is worrying over his rapidly receding hairline and has called into consultation none other than a well known specialist to diagnose this case of the missing hair, or the tresses that aren't there. Lanko must be having parole trouble and pains or why the worry over the bulges in the wrong places, and the huge doses of a well known reducing tablet? Maybe it's to combat the effects of his bulging waistline, Tsh. tsh. tsh. On him a girdle locks good.

Urban "big Deal" Johnson and "Heels Beals" Hagar let Jack Cook sleep through the visit of the beautiful nurse who came in with Doctor Yoho the other morning. With satisfied smirks and the serene knowledge that the head was asleep, they escorted them through the hospital. The two crowded over the attention they received but the victory was short-lived for now they are both in the doghouse. Any other time they would have had Jack up at the crack of dawn while they lay in the arms of old Morpheus.

James "Wildroot" Shew, tonsorial artist of the hospital, has been trying to tutor Joe (I wanta go home) Kirby in the finer points of barbering, but poor Joe will never learn. While he toils over the hair Old "Wildroot" snoozes in the shade of the custom-built barber chair installed in the hospital. Red plus upholstery--no less! A recent innovation in the shop is an ultra-violet ray lamp for the guys who are going home.... they can always tell the folks that they have been on vacation.

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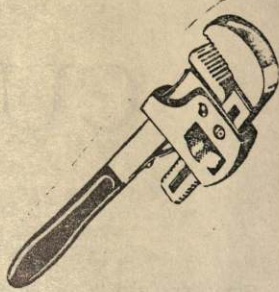
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# INDUSTRIAL NEWS

By W. G. Goodman



## COMMISSARY

By The Department Clerks

The Commissary is one of the most essential of the departments in the institution. It is under the supervision of the capable, George B. Dakan, "The Mayor of Rosby's Rocks."

Mr. Dakan has spent many years in the merchandizing business, having been affiliated with his father, the late R.G. Dakan, in the firm of R.G. Dakan and Sons of Rosby's Rocks, West Virginia. He was in charge of the State Shop before he assumed his present duties. This gentleman is a sportsman by hobby and his chief interest is baseball. He is an affirmed Red Sox rooster. His chief interest is his small grandson, Sammy. The youngster is the walking boss and takes over anytime he so desires, much to the pleasure of his grandad.

Mr. Dakan is assisted in the Commissary by his book-keeper, John Morgan; stock clerk, Fisher Booth; head butcher, Jack Taylor; assistant butcher, Raybourn Legg; and two janitors, Thomas Austin and Mr. James Perkins. Raybourn and Fisher take active parts in the band. Raybourn is a member of the quartette and handles the loud speaker system. Fisher aids Mr. Vess with the beginners class.

The Commissary handles all of the food that comes into the institution and issues it out to the mess department. It also handles all of the sanitary and miscellaneous supplies that are to be distributed within the institution. The annual business of the Commissary is one that will run a close second to many outside wholesale concerns.

## DINING HALL AND BAKERY

Things are pretty much the same in the dining hall this issue except for the fact that, as usual, there have been a few changes in personnel. W. G. Goodman has left the department to take a job with the educational department. De Shank, Oshe, and Diles have been taken off the contract and sent to the South Hall. De Shank has been replaced as head cook by Clarence Emert. Clark St. Clair has succeeded Oshe as head wash room man. Both of these jobs pay outside good time. Jones, Bonds, Hinkle, Hines, Lyons, and De Vore are all newcomers to the department. Roy Mack Johnson left the dining room to go to work in one of the shops.

Probably the best news from the kitchen is that a new dish washing machine is a decided improvement over the old method. The contraption washes the dishes through hot, soapy water; rinses them through hot clear water; and sterilizes them through a steam bath.

The construction of the new bakery is at a stand-still due to the lack of conduit. This material is necessary for the completion of the building. Construction is expected to begin again soon.

## PAINT FACTORY

All of the machinery in the Paint Factory has been thoroughly cleaned and repainted. Production has slackened

a little this month which gives the paint crew plenty of time to do a lot of necessary painting. Mr. Lambert is spending his vacation in the hospital undergoing a serious operation. Mr. Barnhart is in charge of the factory until Mr. Lambert's recovery.

William "Big Foot" Gordan will be leaving the department this month. He is being discharged. "Good luck, 'Big Foot,' and be sure to keep that best foot forward."

The Paint Factory is to be used for the vocational training of inmates who are interested in the production of paint. This training will begin with Mr. Lambert's return.

Gilbert Carpenter seems to be having trouble finding his coffee. He complains of having trouble with his feet. Surely his foot trouble is not due to the coffee shortage. If it is he might try tea.

In the last edition of the "Penscope" it was printed that the Paint Factory clerk would help with the news from the department. It is the shipping clerk who is gathering the news.

## TOBACCO FACTORY

Angelo Parise has been assigned to the Tobacco Factory since the last edition of the "Penscope" and he states that he is well satisfied in his new surroundings.

This writer wishes to make a correction of an article that was printed in the last edition of the Penscope with regards to Donald Wurster challenging George Moore to a debate of sports. At no time was such statement made. The boys in the department always welcome a discussion of sports since their main topic of conversation at the plant is the review of all sports past and present. In bringing this subject to a close, we feel that George Moore has done a splendid job of reporting the sporting news in general and we don't wish to leave any wrong impressions behind because he is our favorite reporter.

Vocational classes are in progress at the Factory. Instructor Angelo M. Pelosi reports that the students are showing a keen interest in their studies. At the present time the instructions are centered on basic fundamentals.

## SOAP FACTORY

The Political situation in the State of Georgia has Lewis "Georgia Boy" Williams in quite a turmoil these days. Lewis is the junior partner in the firm of Williams and Williams, and hopes to be leaving the firm in the near future. His friend Herman Talmadge being elected Governor of the State, makes Lewis the more anxious to get back to Georgia where he can discuss the political situation with his friend.

Mr. Euster Williams, senior member of the firm, has but recently returned from his vacation and the Soap Factory is running at full tilt again. His vacation extended a couple of

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## A Short, Short Story

### IT'S A CINCH

In the days prior to pari-mutual betting in New York and in the days when benzedrine and heroin were unheard of as stimulants for the "bangtails," I was quite adept at giving my hard earned "spondulicks" to the bookmakers. All bookies are good guys so I didn't mind in the least. It so happened that one day I was fortunate enough to tap one of these guys for a wad by winning a daily double. This enabled me to set myself up in business. I have never given up my longing, however, for playing the horses.

One day quite a few years ago I was at a well known eastern track and was well aware that the fourth race of that particular day was to be a race between five leading candidates for the glue factory. One horse in particular, Lightnin' his name was, happened to be running and I knew that it would be to my advantage to lay a buck or two on the crowbar to win.

I walked up to one of the ticket windows and asked the bookie what odds he would quote me on Lightnin'. "To you, the bookie replied, the odds on that nag are 150 to 1." I proceeded to place the sum of \$5,000 on Lightnin' to win.

After the running of the first race I decided that I had best lay another wager on Lightnin' in the fourth. I went to the same window and laid another two grand in front of the bewildered bookie. He stared at me for a moment and wrote out the ticket at the odds of 150 to 1.

At the end of the second race I again confronted the old boy with an additional five "G's" to lay on Lightnin'. The aforesaid bookie looked longingly at the dough and then at me. "Mister, he said, you look like a good Joe and I have seven thousand of your lovely dollars already, so why don't you let well enough alone. I know that I am a little on the soft side but that is all right. Lightnin' has no chance at all of winning that race."

"Why, I asked, are you so certain that the horse has no chance of winning?"

"You see, replied the good bookie, I happen to own the nag. Now if you insist I will give you another bet of five "G's" at the same odds."

I placed the bet and said to the bookie, "It so happens that I own the rest of the horses in that race and I still am of the impression that it will be a damn good hoss race."

And it was.

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### SPIRITUAL LAW VERSUS NATURAL LAW

Before anything was, God was. Before He created anything He brought into existence a law to govern the operations or functions of that something. Doesn't that appear natural and reasonable? The same applies to man-made machines which operate in conformity to some natural law---not a spiritual law. Spiritual laws are natural laws, but natural laws are not always or necessarily spiritual. Machines are made to conform to the laws of gravity, expansion, ductility, freezing, heating, momentum, etc. These are natural laws by which all life and objects are controlled. These laws cannot be destroyed nor abrogated, but they can be made inoperative temporarily, as in the case of airplanes working against gravity or by increasing or decreasing the boiling point of liquids; by raising or lowering the altitude man may be benefited by working with against the natural laws, and he may be harmed. The airplane works against the law of gravity; hence a benefit to man. Or man may work with gravity by jumping from a height; hence harm is done. Or man may destroy himself by working against the laws of health. But man has never benefited by working against spiritual laws. It is with the operation of such laws that these articles are most concerned.

Each planet in its course is apparently governed by an unchangeable law; by a law, trees grow round if left to themselves. Raindrops are round according to law. Man cannot change these laws; God does not want to. He cannot change them and be God. He is unchangeable.

### I READ HIS WORD

I read the Word of God; it starts a flame  
Within my heart: His Word that I can claim  
Forever as my own, and always I  
Find in its glow a fire to warm me by.  
I find my strength and courage in His Word,  
My hope is kindled and my heart is stirred  
To stronger, growing faith. I turn a page;  
The path is clearly marked from Youth to Age.  
One need not lose the way. A hand leads on  
From rosy morning's earliest breaking dawn  
Till evening, and He promises a light  
He says: "I will be with you to the end."  
For that dim hour between the day and night,  
I read His Word, I trust my guiding Friend.  
O you who falter on the road of life,  
Bowed down with burdens, overcome with strife,  
Open His book and read His Word, and find  
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# SPORTS

By George Moore



## JAYCEES TO SPONSOR DONKEY GAME

On Wednesday evening the sport fans in this vicinity will have an opportunity to witness one of the oddest spectacles in the sport world. The Jaycees will play the Civic Organizations a game of Donkey Baseball at the Prison Stadium. The contest will get under way at 6:00.

The contest is played on specially trained donkeys. The batter is on the ground when he hits the ball but must mount a donkey before going to first base. Fielders must chase the ball on their donkeys, get off and retrieve the ball and get back on their donkey before making a throw. After the ball is hit it is all up to the donkey. He is liable to head for the first and again he is liable to head for the wide open spaces. On the other hand he is subject to take a notion not to go anyplace.

The game came into prominence some years ago when some joker had the idea to revolutionize the national pastime. The game is a crowd pleaser but can be a little rough on the players. You can gamble that there will be more than one would-be base runner thrown for the proverbial loop.

A special feature of the evening will be that during the first four chukkers of the game the runners will all ride donkeys to first base. During the last two chukkers they will be required to carry Sparkle, the baby donkey, to first and then mount a donkey and ride the rest of the way around the bases.

The contest will be sponsored by the Moundville Junior Chamber of Commerce. The proceeds will be used to supply needy families with Christmas baskets. Anyone buying a ticket to this game will not only be aiding a good cause but are assured that they will be in for an evening of first class fun.

### SOX DROP 10-4 DECISION TO MINERS

The Red Sox dropped a 10-4 decision to the Hitchman Miners at the Stadium Sunday. The game was a thriller until the ninth when the Miners broke loose with a six run splurge to sew up the ball game. Hal Cox, Les Williamson, and Johnny

Howard shared the mound duties and allowed the Sox a total of two hits. The Miners themselves collected nine hits off of the combined efforts of Henry Claytor, "Big Shoe" Nutter, and Robert Thomas.

In the hectic ninth inning Nutter walked the bases full. Joe Gongola then hit a screaming drive into right that Pyles took to be a foul. While he was arguing that the ball was foul the runners all scored.

Higginbotham, Sox centerfielder, was on base every time he came up. He was passed four times and reached first by virtue of an error. He stole second five times and third once.

### RED SOX DOWN CAVE CLUBBERS 7-5

In a ball game that was called at the end of the fifth inning because of darkness, the Red Sox defeated the Cave Club 7-5 on the latter's home grounds on Wednesday evening. This redeems the Sox for the game they dropped to the Cave Club earlier in the season.

The Sox pushed over four big runs in the fourth and scored single runs in each succeeding inning. The Cave Clubbers tallied once in the first, twice in the third, and twice again in the fourth. Their offensive was highlighted by two homers by their left fielder, Korsnick. "Doc" Shanton, Sox third base man, hit a ball into Illinois but was held to three bases by the speedy Cave Club fielders. "Doc" and Fred Baker led the Sox attack with two safeties each.

The Clubbers took the game to be a tune up for tougher games later on. They must have broken an "E" string in the tuning since the Sox proved more than a breather. Peterson and Hacker shared the mound duties for the losers while the pitching chores of the Sox were handled by Baker and Clayton.

### FOOTBALL TOWN

Weirton is the home of the Weirton Red Riders. This is, year in and year out, one of the better high school teams of the nation. Many of these gridgers have carved great names for themselves in the annals of football. The town looks upon their football teams with a great deal of pride---and well they might. They are always in the top brackets among the state teams. The city also boasts a professional grid aggregation, the Weirtoners. The squad is composed of many former state high school and college stars. The Weirtoners won their season bid later 20-7 from the McKee Rocks.



# SPORTS



## PURDUE OUR ROSE BOWL CHOICE

With the new football season ready to get under way, it is time we take a look at the collegiate grid picture. From this corner it looks like the Irish of Notre Dame are again the leading contenders for top rating in the national picture. The South Benders will take to the grid wars minus the services of All-Americans Lujack and Connors who are now with the Chicago Bears, but as usual their reserve strength will be a big factor in their having a successful season.

In the East it looks like Army and Penn State. The Black Knights of the Hudson are starless but should capitalize on a comparatively easy schedule. Penn State has the edge on her rival Pennsylvania.

The Big Nine is always tough to predict but from here it looks like the Boilermakers of Purdue. They lose only one man from last years powerhouse. Minnesota may rely on a heavy line. This they must couple with a mediocre back field.

Doak Walker and Company of Southern Methodist are the first choice in the Southwest. Texas and Rice may cause the Mustangs a little trouble but they get the nod.

In the Far West it is California and Oregon all the way. Oregon State and Southern California are dark horses but lack the power to have a better than average season.

Reaching into the hat we take North Carolina in the South. "Choo-Choo" Justice should supply the spark needed to give them an undefeated season. Our second choice is Georgia Tech. The University of Maryland saw the boat leave when Lou Gambino was declared ineligible.

Here it comes. The Mountaineers of West Virginia should lose only three games on their schedule. South Carolina looms up as a formidable foe. The loss of Baumgardner and Keane is a blow to Coach De Groot. If Jimmy Walthall's knee holds up and Russ Comb's passing is up to par, the Mounties are in for a good year.

In the Ivy League it is a toss up. Choose for yourself. That's all for now. Don't say I didn't tell you.

### SPORT BRIEFS

All fighters will begin training Monday for the October Card.

The Red Sox journey to Ripley Sunday for another game with the Jackson County boys.

On the third of October, weather permitting, the Sox will play a combination of stars returning from Pro leagues under the management of Mr. Westfall at the prison stadium.

### WEIRTON STEEL BULLETIN

The pictures shown in this and the previous issue have been generously contributed by the Weirton Steel Bulletin. We are indebted to John A. Jones, Editor-in-Chief, for his support and cooperation.

The Bulletin is recognized throughout the nation as the "best" industrial paper of its kind. The "Penscope" is also receiving national recognition, it is comparing favorably with newspapers of both Federal and State institutions.



## SPECIALTIES

### CANON CITY

On Monday, September 12th., inmates of this institution saw the motion picture "CANON CITY." This film is the authentic story of the sensational break from the Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado, in December of 1947.

Immediately following the showing, several inmates were selected and interviewed by Mr. Bud Shanw, announcer from radio station WTRF, Ballaire, Ohio, in order to get their opinions of the picture for an audience reaction and popularity poll. A transcription of the actual interviews was broadcast at 4:30 P.M. on Wednesday, September 14th.

The stirring epic was filmed for the most part in Canon City, and many of the people who took part in the real life reign of terror played roles in the motion picture. Mr. Roy Best, who plays the part of the Warden, is the Warden of the Colorado State Penitentiary. Various townspeople who lived a part in the actual sequences and convicts who were present during the break were used whenever it was possible to do so throughout the story.

The general consensus of opinion in this Penitentiary is that the picture has good entertainment value, excellent casting and direction, and superb photography. To the public this show will offer much information of value, especially to those who are interested in the salvage of those human misfits who are paying their debts to society through time spent behind prison walls.

It is hoped, however, that the public will not take the view that this motion picture presentation of prison life and attitudes are typical and true-to-life presentations of all prison life, and that the conduct and bearing of the men depicted in this film are accurate representations of all the men in prisons throughout the country.

When the baser element (that can be found in every community and society) make a law unto themselves and take the things they want by force and through the overthrow of the rightful powers-that-be, the remaining members of that society or community suffer as a result.

In prison, as elsewhere, there are good and bad; this terminology is employed on purely a relative basis. There are those who are reformed, or are being reformed, and then there are those who will not reform and have no desire to.

We men in this Penitentiary have found a forceful lesson in the Eagle-Lion production, "Canon City." To most of us, the fact that it is far better for both us and society that we pay our debts for our depredations, has been brought home with overwhelming clarity and unquestionable logic.

We then, are those who have mended or are mending our ways; and it is we who suffer when a rebellious or incorrigible individual in our society opposes the forces of law and order.

## SAFETY FIRST



The importance of safety within the various industries in the institution cannot be over-emphasized. Although the Penitentiary boasts of its safety record---and well they might---the new student personnel who are entering for vocational training must be cautious and observant of all rules and regulations governing the shops. The machines are not toys nor will they stand abuse. Quite often there is a kick and someone on the receiving end eventually winds up in the hospital ward. Be careful---observe all rules.

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## CONTINUATIONS

### INDUSTRIAL

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days longer than he originally anticipated but we all know how hard it is to return to work after a vacation. It is rumored that he anticipates taking the remainder of his vacation while the World Series is on. We could name a lot of guys that he could get to go with him.

Lovell Drake, formerly of the Educational Department and "Penscope" staff, is being trained in the clerical duties of the Soap Factory. He will succeed "Georgie Boy." Vocational study is expected to be started in the factory within the next few days. William "Bill" Goodman of the Educational Department is currently making charts and compiling information for the beginning these classes. Word has just reached us that Okey Robinson will be leaving the Department to accept a job at the Plumbing Shop. Okey has just completed a tray made from stone and at the present time is occupied at making a humidor which is being cut from a solid piece of stone. Frank Singleton, one of our boarders, is going to be checking out of the institution in the near future and has a problem facing him. The question is how can he go out with no hat to shield the bald spot which has appeared at the top of his head. It is easy to see why all the worry since no wigs are issued upon leaving here.

### HOSPITAL

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in Palm Beach, at Ye Ol' Skeeen Mans'on on Jefferson Avenue.

Ray Lilly, who has been a patient for nineteen months with a kidney ailment, the other day received a blood transfusion from John Henry Jarvis; fifteen minutes later he had to be forcibly restrained from going to the court to play basketball. Ray has been bedfast for all his nineteen months as a patient. What is that stuff in your blood, Jarvis? Maybe you should give "Trackwalking" Blackie Gibson a shot of it.

Rufus "Eight-Legs" Smith, radio experimenter, who waits on tables in the Captain's dining room at the hospital, was presented with an electric percolator recently by "Loops and Whorls" Williams. Imagine Cap Adkins' surprise when he lifted it to pour a cup of the fragrant herbs and have the thing pause for station identification.

For ten months Clifford Mincey, ex-head cook at the hospital, was my boss. He was the head cook; I was the second.



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Positions now are reversed and during the clean-up campaign here recently, he was called upon to do a lot of hard work. His words to his old second in command were: "I have created a monster."

### WEIRTON

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Thomas E. Millsop, President of the Weirton Steel Company, is the Mayor of the new city of Weirton. Mr. Millsop's salary is \$500 annually. He turns back the entire amount except \$1.00 in token payment of his four year term. The Mayor is well known throughout the state. Governor Meadows recently appointed him a member of the Board of Governors of West Virginia University. Appointment to the nine-member board is considered one of the highest honors in the State of West Virginia. With men like Mr. Millsop at the helm, the new city is bound to prosper.

Daily life in Weirton is colored by the customs of thirty-six nationalities. The city is a miniature one-world in which these people have worked and worshipped together in peace and harmony throughout four decades. In thirty-nine years there has not been a single instance of racial violence between the white man and the negro. There have been no work stoppages because of labor disputes in the Weirton Mills since long before World War II.

The Chamber of Commerce points out that more than one-half of the population of the United States lives within 500 miles of the city, making it an excellent location for the expansion of industry in the future. The Weirton port on the Ohio River is one of the busiest inland industrial ports in the world, a part of a 12,000 mile waterway system. Two new industries are expected to locate in Weirton this year.

### Hollywood Interest

The past summer has heard the traditional Hollywood chant of Lights! Camera! Action! in the mills of the Weirton Steel Company. The United States Bureau of Mines has just completed filming a full-length talking picture in color filmed exclusively in Weirton. The title of the educational picture is "Tinplate." It is a story of how tinplate is made and was written by Homer Gordon, well-known Hollywood and New York script-writer. It is being produced by the Atlas Film Corporation of Chicago, an Eastern branch of M.G.M.

Hundreds of Weirton people took in a revival of the gala days of the Ohio River steamboat era late in July of this year. With a beep-beep of its ancient calliope, America's only show boat, drydocked since before the war, brought fun and "mellerdrummer" to nearby towns. With the coming of the "Majestic" the heyday of floating theatres was recalled and townfolk came to "cheer the hero and hiss the villain."

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## SCHOOL & LIBRARY

By: George Moore

### SCHOOL

The long awaited Stanford Achievement Tests have arrived and are being given to the potential students. These tests will determine the grade levels of the men that have already enrolled in the school. Mr. Dopudja, Educational Director, states that the school will open Tuesday.

The potential instructors are continuing their classes in the different methods of instruction. These classes will run up until the opening of the school. Each instructor will be expected to spend three hours in preparation for each hour of instruction. The elementary school will be under the supervision of Everett Truman and the Secondary school under the supervision of George Moore.

The Marshall County School Board has contributed more text books to be used in the Elementary School. Due to the fact that there is a limited space for classes and a large number of men enrolled for the various courses, it is possible that there will be more than one grade taking instruction in the same room. This will not detract from the instruction since there is no great difference in any two adjacent grades in adult education.

Vocational Training is progressing rapidly in the Tobacco Factory and in the Laundry. Mr. Pelosi, Tobacco Factory instructor, states that the men in his shop are taking an unusual interest in their study. The Laundry course is meeting with the same interest under the able supervision of Mr. Dial.

### LIBRARY

The West Virginia Library Commission has loaned the Educational Department five hundred more books. This consists of both fiction and non-fiction material. Much of the material will be used to a great advantage in the school. These, coupled with the loans from the Marshall County Library, make an adequate selection of books.

The Library was badly in need of up-to-date reference books as well as fiction books by the more popular authors. The Library help is becoming more familiar with the Dewey Decimal System which makes for easier handling of the books. The problems that confront the Librarians now is the lack of adequate shelf space. Plans are being considered to build more shelves in the two class rooms. The number of books being withdrawn daily is increasing. There are over four hundred books being withdrawn weekly. The interest shown in the Library indicates that the interest in the school is growing.

There are books available now on great painters, Shakespeare, auto-mechanics, war adventure, etc. These books are in first class condition and the Library urges that the men using them cooperate in helping to keep them that way. Returning books in good shape insures our being able to get more of them. Every effort is being made to get the books that are in the greatest demand.

It has again come to the attention of the Librarian that books are being left on the yard. This practice is unnecessary and must be stopped. Men who leave the books on the yard are only making it impossible for someone else to read these books. It is also urged that all men using the Library refrain from taking the magazines from the building. There is a limited number of them and it is necessary to keep them where they can be read at all times.

## MUSICAL NOTES

By Keith Noe

It looks like something new has been added. Our good Pal, James Clark, trumpet player, song writer and author of "Musical Notes" has resigned his post and turned his duties over to Yours Truly. James says that he is going to devote all of his time to writing hill-billy songs. What's the matter, Old Boy? I thought that you were our number one jive king. Well, there's the old saying that, "You can take the boy out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the boy." Anyway, he did a grand job as a reporter.

Well, Cats, since this is my first article, I must tell you that I'm not quite hep to all this jive talk that you have been reading in "Musical Notes," but give me time and I will swing on to the drag.

No doubt you have heard the singing trio of the past, which featured Carl Leasure, Raybourn Legg and Fred Legg. Fred took a much needed vacation shortly before Christmas, consequently leaving a silent duet. Recently, however, I joined them, so you will hear us swing out on some of the latest "pop" tunes of the season, probably next month when the fight cards reopen.

It seems that Fisher Booth, our band leader, is doing fine with the boys in the band; the harmony is so close that you can't even hear "Hi-Jack's" trombone. Congrats, "Fish," you have to be good to accomplish that.

By the way, are you keeping posted on the latest song hits? Speaking of favorites, I like "There's A tree In The Meadow," which has been number one on the Hit Parade; in fact, it's the best since "The Gypsy," and was written by the same tunesmith, namely, Billy Reid. Let's all hope he comes through with one that will beat Hoagy's "S'ardust," an all-time hit that will never die. He is shooting fairly close, don't you think?

As far as nature boy is concerned, the woods are full of them. You'll have to hand it to old "Nature Boy" though, he has now earned enough to pay a barber for the weeks.

Every time I tune in on my television set I seem to hear water running. Recently I took off my dark glasses to see if I could discover the cause of this outlandish noise, and guess what I found? Yep! That's it! The little knob above my wash basin was turned on. I suppose that's why Bing Crosby always sounded like he was gargling. Now I know what the boys meant when they said I sounded like Bing when I sing.

Say, if any of you folks down around Wheeling hear a noise in the evening like debris pounding a tin roof after an atomic bomb explosion, please don't run to the nearest air-raid shelter, but take my advice and buy yourselves some ear muffs, because you will go stark, staring mad if you don't. It's only the prison orchestra rehearsing but you couldn't prove it by listening. They've been trying to play "Flying Home," and I can't help but wonder why. As for myself, I would just as soon walk, but the Parole Department have other ideas, so you can bet that I will be here for the next issue---so "Till Then" better jitterbuggin.'

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I am writing this story,  
And I hope what I say,  
Will reach all the boys.  
Who thinks that crime pays.

I've seen lots of troubles,  
Sorrows and pain.  
But the life of a convict,  
Is one lived in vain.

I started out stealing  
When I was a lad,  
I laughed at my parents,  
My mother and dad.  
I bragged of my boldness,  
Said I'd never get caught,  
But the voice of experience,  
Is a lesson self taught.

I landed in prison,  
A dark, dreary Hell.  
No name, but a number,  
And a small empty cell.

A hole of confinement.  
A place to repent.  
A slow life of torture.  
No place to be sent.

So go to church on Sunday.  
Do what the people say'  
For if you land in prison.  
You'll learn that crime--  
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## TIME BUSTERS

By: John Morgan

"My wife always has the last word."  
"Buddy, You're lucky. Mine never gets to it."  
"Who is that on the phone?"  
"It's some woman. All I can hear her say is 'Idiot.'  
"I'll answer it. It's my wife."  
"Where did you get that black eye?"  
"Remember the beautiful girl that said she was a widow?"  
"Yes."  
"Well she wasn't."

"What is the idea of having a one-eyed man for a store detective?"  
"Well look at him. Can you tell who he's looking at?"

EX-COWBOY: When I left the ranch I was a three letter man."

GIRL FRIEND: Did you have a football team there?"

EX-COWBOY: "No. I sat down on a branding iron."

JACK: Why were you running up the street this morning?"

JOE: "I was running to stop a fight."

JACK: "Who was fighting?"

JOE: "Me and another fellow."

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SHIVERING POLAR BEAR TO HIS MOTHER:

"I don't care who my ancestors were. I'm cold."

Columbia City, Tennessee calls itself the Mule Market of the World. They had a parade exhibiting their fine mules. It was headed by the Governor.

TEACHER: "What is a comet?..

SMALL BOY: "I don't know."

TEACHER: "Do you know what they call a star with a long tail?"

SMALL BOY: "Sure. Mickey Mouse."

God created the world and rested. Then he created the fowls of the air and rested. Then he created the fishes of the sea and rested. He created man and rested. He created woman and since there has been no rest.

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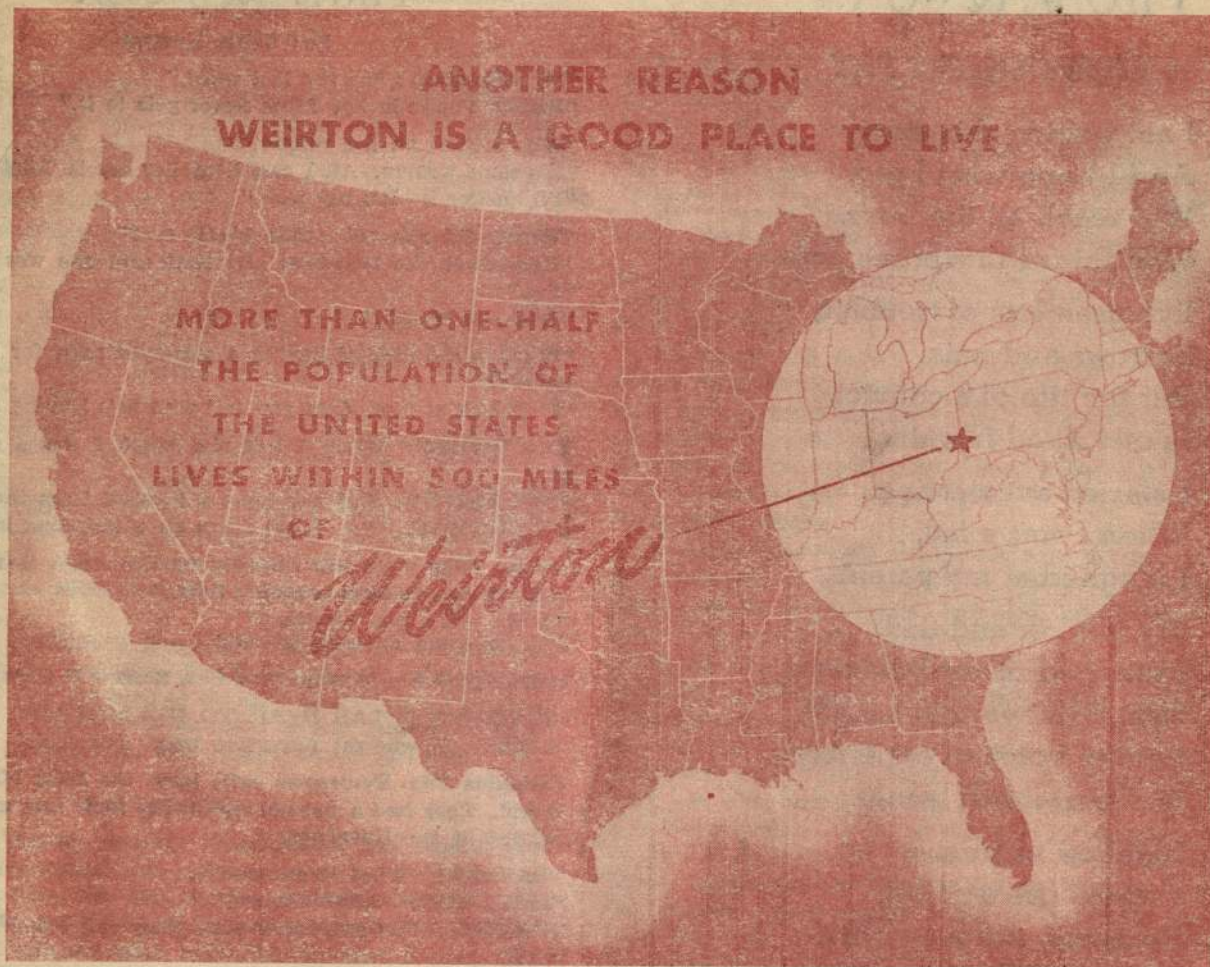
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High Number .....	35618
Low Number .....	5324
Number of men at five (5) Road Carps throughout the State.....	608
Total Number of men .....	1,875

## BRIEF COMMENTARIES

### OUR APOLOGIES

The "PENSCOPE" staff would like to take this opportunity to apologize for any misunderstanding that may have arisen when subscription blanks to the "PENSCOPE" were included in the letters written by the inmates. It should be clearly understood that we are in no way trying to "high-pressure" or force anyone into subscribing to this paper.

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