

THROUGH THE STATE PRISONS

(Concluded from Page 1) of the Charlotte Republican-Tribune, and Fred D. Koster, editor of the Ionia State News, we arrived at the Ionia State Reformatory (God again forgive the misnomer) about 12:30 o'clock last Friday afternoon. Warden Charles Shean met us in his office, and welcomed us to his institution. In view of the hour, we were invited to dine at his home. Mrs. Shean had seen that the fare was sufficient for the unappetizing appetite of our friend DeFoe, so the rest of us were well supplied with provender.

S-P-E-C-I-A-L-S for this Week End

- FANCY PEACHES 2 1/2 lb. can 21c
BREAD FLOUR 24 1/2 lbs. \$1.09
3 PACKAGES POP CORN 23c
STRICTLY FRESH EGGS 47c
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not even a whisper is allowed. The same silent system is maintained during meal time. Go to the chair or furniture factories and, though the men do most of their work on their feet, they must produce a certain amount of finished materials. Day after day, for instance, they produce for the State of Michigan as many as 100,000 forklifts or forklifting one or more persons. The seriousness of their crime, alone determines whether they stay six months or a life-time—yet they do the same general work, regardless of their offense.

Environment Watch the 16-year-old youth slip into his bed after the evening meal, while next to him on his right is a 30-year-old hold-up man, in for the third time on his left is a degenerate, narcotic who, when "cooked up," nearly killed a drug-store clerk in a "stick-up." The youth is trying to write a letter to his folks back home, and his thoughts are constantly interrupted by the low conversation of a bandit. Imagine, if you can, the chance this youth, who is "in" for six months, has of coming out better than when he went in; in prison life does any good for him, it is simply because, by deter- mination, backed by positive character qualities that will lead him straight and true, out of the "row."

Wants To Be Alone We met a young chap from Linden, and Mr. McMullen engaged in conversation with him. The boy had been arrested for getting mixed in some angle of the older, legging business with an older relative, and was serving three years, 16 months of which had already been exacted. He regrets, more or less, his association with his environment, with the exception that he preferred a single cell over the dormitory system. Most of Ionia's guests feel the same way—especially the first offenders.

Real Production If you want to see efficiency to the last degree in manufacturing, visit Ionia's shirt factory. Here you will see 750 inmates bending over sewing machines, as blue and white cloth is speeded through production and comes out to the tune of 1000 dozen shirts per day. The sewing machine operators, as well as others engaged in folding, packing and wrapping the shirts into boxes of a half dozen each, are compelled to remain silent while at work; the same "silent system" prevails at meals, except that the inmates are permitted to produce 18 shirts daily, which are sold to jobbers by the State at 75 cents each, and to the consumer at \$1.25. Last year the shirt factory made \$80,000 for Michigan.

Capital Punishment Warden Shean has some decided opinions on crime and the criminal, and society's responsibility in the matter. He is most vigorous in his opposition to capital punishment, and declared that "if the Michigan Legislature enacted a capital punishment bill I'd quit my job immediately. I have two boys; I hope and trust that they will become honest men, but if they ever did anything wrong I hate to see them pay with their lives for a thing which, after all, circumstances may have brought upon them; and what if they were convicted upon circumstantial evidence? and never really guilty of the crime charged against them? That's why I, as a Warden, will never leave my family table and say to my wife, 'well, I've got to go over to the prison and hang or electrocute a couple of inmates. I'd not feel right when I came back and had to face my wife.'

NEW STREET LIGHTS ON JAN. 26, IS PLAN The new Woodward avenue lights will not be turned on until Jan. 26, Manager James W. Parry said yesterday. This date is tentative, he explained, but the lights will not be in operation before then. No program is planned in connection with turning them on. However, members of the village commission said probably a few minutes of darkness on the village will precede the start of the new, willpower the start of the new, powerful lights.

INCOME TAX BLANKS RECEIVED IN VILLAGE Income tax blanks are being received in Birmingham this week. Filing of income statements can be done between now and March 15, it has been announced.

ENGINEERING REPORT DUE

(Concluded from Page 1) figures furnished by Village Treasurer Charles Plumstead, costs of conducting Birmingham's engineering department for 1928 were slightly less than the previous year. At the close of the

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VILLAGERS AND THE VILLAGE

(Concluded from Page 1) the conclusion that the day, must after all, have been a cold one.

Human flies have come to the village. Men who are at work on the sign going up on the roof of a savings bank have a novel way of descending the perpendicular ladders from which some inmate construction work. Rather than take the time to step from rung to rung and justice courts staidly seize the sides of the ladder and slide down.

An increase of \$2,173.74 in fines is shown in the annual police report for 1928 over the record for 1927 in comparison of fines today. The receipts for the past year in the report including both police and justice courts totaled \$8,004.50 while in the previous year it was \$5,830.76.

The prolonged cold wave has brought many calls for warm bedding at the Community House Thrift Shop. Mrs. Otto F. Beier, manager of the shop, reported this need asking that villagers donate everything possible the line of warm clothing as well as bedding.

POLICE GUNS START WEEKLY ROARING

First revolver target practice by the Birmingham police force was held, Monday, at the Army in Pontiac. Ten policemen lined up and shot 10 rounds each in the first of the monthly competition in which a prize will be awarded to the patrolman with the highest score. Patrolman Earl Moody was high and Patrolman William Green was second in the target shooting. Practice will continue for the villagers at the Army every Monday and Tuesday.

fiscal year on Dec. 31, Plumstead's report shows that only \$9,050 was spent of the budget of \$10,500 for the regular engineering services to the village, exclusive of all special assessments projects, which latter carry their own engineering expense items. Included in the \$9,050 is \$1500 worth of permanent physical equipment, according to Parry.

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"The newboy on this train is a supersalesman." "Yes." "Yes, he sells true Stories with American Mercury covers." First Violinist—Where's Leon? Second Violinist's Wife—Oh, he's hiding around somewhere.—LITE.

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