

(For the N. C. Bar Association)

This is one of a spring series of articles that will appear each week throughout the next three months. They have been written for the non-lawyer as a public service of the North Carolina Bar Association.

Punishment For Crimes

What crimes are punishable by kept in Raleigh. leath in North Carolina? Murder in the first degree ulations governing prisoners unburgiary in the first degree, rape and arson. These are the so-callder the control of the State Prison System?

ed "capital crimes'. If at the time of rendering its verdict in open 'court, the jury shall so recommend, the punishment for any of these crimes may be imprisonment for life in the State prison.

What is an inderterminate sentence?

An indeterminate sentence is one which provides for a minimum and maximum sentence of imprisonment. Such sentences may be given by Superion Court Judges in North Carolina, fin their discretion, when sentencing prisoners for a period in excess of twelve moths.

The Director of Prisons is authorized to consider at least once in every six months such cases, and to take into consideration the prisoner's conduct, and to authorize his discharge at any time after the service of the minimum time subject to his earned allowance for good conduct.

What is the "work release plan" for prisoners?

The General Assembly of 1957 provided by statute for a so-called "work release plan." Under this plan a prisoner may be released from actual custody during the time necessary to proceed to a place of private employment, perform his work, and return to the quarters designated by the prison authorities. The plan is administered by the State Prison System, as authorized by statute.

prisoners only when recommended by the presiding judge and requested by the prisoner in writing, and then only if the defendant has not previously served a term or terms or parts thereof totaling more than six months in jail or other prisons. Furthermore, it is applicable only to

Vacancy Waiting those sentenced for commission of misdemeanors, and not the Why do you want to enter the United States?" the immigration more serious crimes of felonies. To date, actually few prisonofficial asked. ers have been committed by "I want to lead a peaceful life

judges to prison under the work and make an honest living," rerelease law. The major explaplied the immigrant. nation is that offenders who "Good," said the official. "That qualify are likely to be placed is not one of our overcrowded fields."

How soon after sentencing

s one sent to the central prison in Raleigh? Within five days after the adournment of the court at which ne was sentenced, if no appeal

has been taken. After being processed through the receiving center at the central prison in Raleigh, he may then be sent to one of the 86 field units or 8 prison institutions of the North Carolina Prison

State Prison Commission.

Surprise

lessons from the driving school,

took her father out for a spin in

the family car. "Oh, daddy!"

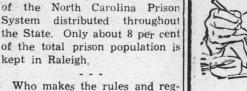
she shrilled. "Doesn't speeding

over hill and dale make you glad

"Glad? I'm amazed."

you're alive?"

The teen-aged girl, after two



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