

CLOSER CHECK ON PAROLES IS KEPT

State Welfare Board Seeing That Terms of Paroles Complied With

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Raleigh, July 11.—An effort is being made to keep a much closer check on paroled prisoners than ever before to see that the yet and keep employment and comply with the conditions of their paroles. Dr. R. E. Brown, director of the Division of Charities and Public Welfare said Institutions of the State Department today. It is expected to materially enlarge the follow up work of paroled prisoners when the new law passed by the 1933 general assembly, providing for more extensive supervision of paroled prisoners, is put into operation after the merger of the Highway Commission and the State Prison is completed.

Since January of this year, Dr. Brown has been endeavoring to keep a closer and closer check on all paroled prisoners throughout the various county welfare officers and has been getting better results than ever before. Parole report blanks have been sent out at intervals to the county welfare officers, asking them to report on the paroled prisoners living in their counties. Most of these have sent in fairly detailed reports on many of these paroled prisoners, and these reports are filed away with the name of each prisoner. It is found that any of these prisoners have violated their paroles, the Commissioner Paroles is notified so that the parole can be revoked.

The trouble so far has been that the division has not had sufficient funds to do the follow up work needed and to make thorough investigations of paroled prisoners, Dr. Brown said. Nor has the division been able to render the assistance it would like to the Commissioner of Paroles by investigating applicants for parole.

"We should be able to get reports on paroled prisoners at least once a month for the first six months or a year after they are paroled," Dr. Brown said. "We should also be able to make a careful investigation of their existing conditions we cannot do that. Under the law, however, we hope to be able to do more."

Balbo at Takeoff



Latest picture of Gen. Italo Balbo, commander of the Italian air fleet bound for Chicago, shows him talking to newspapermen just before the takeoff.

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Merchants Resenting Tax Plans

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cards advertising prices. It has also served to renew the demand from the merchants that the present regulations be revised to require all merchants to do this. Under the present regulations issued by Commissioner Maxwell, it is optional with merchants either to show the sales price and the tax separately, or to include the tax in the advertised prices. Many of the merchants are also objecting to the four different schedule set up for the collection of the tax and are asking that one single schedule or bracket be prepared to apply to all alike.

"Until it is made mandatory for all merchants to show the sales price and the tax separately, some of the merchants are going to refuse to show the tax and take advantage of the law to boost their prices more than three per cent," said Willard L. Dowell, executive secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association. "It is also a fact that as long as the four different brackets for the collection of the tax stay in effect that some merchants are going to continue to lose money, especially those whose sales are mostly in the five and ten cents range."

"Most of the merchants of the State want to cooperate with the State in making the sales tax as much of a success as possible, despite the fact they believe it to be unfair and unwieldy," Dowell continued. "But they cannot make a success of it under the existing regulations and schedules. No merchant can be satisfied with a tax under which he must steadily lose money."

"But if Commissioner Maxwell will do two things, most of the merchants will be satisfied and will cooperate with him fully. The first is to make it mandatory for every merchant to show both the sales price of his goods

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New Commission Faces Huge Task

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ones under the industrial recovery act.

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soners from the State Prison on the highways as well as the short term prisoners.

Operate the highway department, including all maintenance, on an appropriation fully \$6,000,000 a year smaller than in any previous year.

These are only a few of the bigger jobs ahead of the commission. In addition to these, it must hear countless delegations from every section of the State urge the construction or improvement of numerous new roads, ask the bridges to be rebuilt or widened or that existing roads to be re-located or straightened. It must also hear many complaints about prisoners and the location of prison camps.

While no action has as yet been taken by the new commission with regard to any division of authority between Chairman Jeffress and Executive Director Pou, most opinion in informed circles here is that Chairman Jeffress will devote the greater portion of his time to directing the new \$11,000,000 highway construction program with Federal funds and that most of the maintenance work, as well as the supervision of all the prisoners, will be placed under the direction of Pou. Another factor that tends to make this a logical division of the duties of the commission is the recent serious illness of Chairman Jeffress and the necessity for him to be relieved of some of his past responsibilities. It is also maintained that the direction of the new Federal aid highway building program is going to be a man-sized job in itself and that alone will occupy most of Jeffress' attention.

Since Pou has never had an actual experience in supervising road construction or maintenance, some have wondered whether or not he would be put in charge of the maintenance end of the highway work. It is conceded, of course, that he is intimately familiar with the job of handling all types of prisoners and that he has been unusually successful in dealing

with all kinds of prison problems. Since prisoners are used exclusively on maintenance work, with no new construction work done with prison labor, the handling of maintenance along with the prisoners is a natural sequence, it is pointed out. Those who know Pou maintain that, even if he doesn't know much about maintenance now, it will not take him long to learn all about it. They also believe he will be able to get a maximum amount of work out of the prisoners at a minimum amount of expense to the State, which is what both Governor Ehringhaus and the taxpayers want. In fact, the reason the 1933 General Assembly passed the act consolidating the highway and prison departments, was that it believed the two could be operated as a single unit much more economically than as two separate departments. It is now up to this new commission and to Jeffress and Pou to see that this is done.

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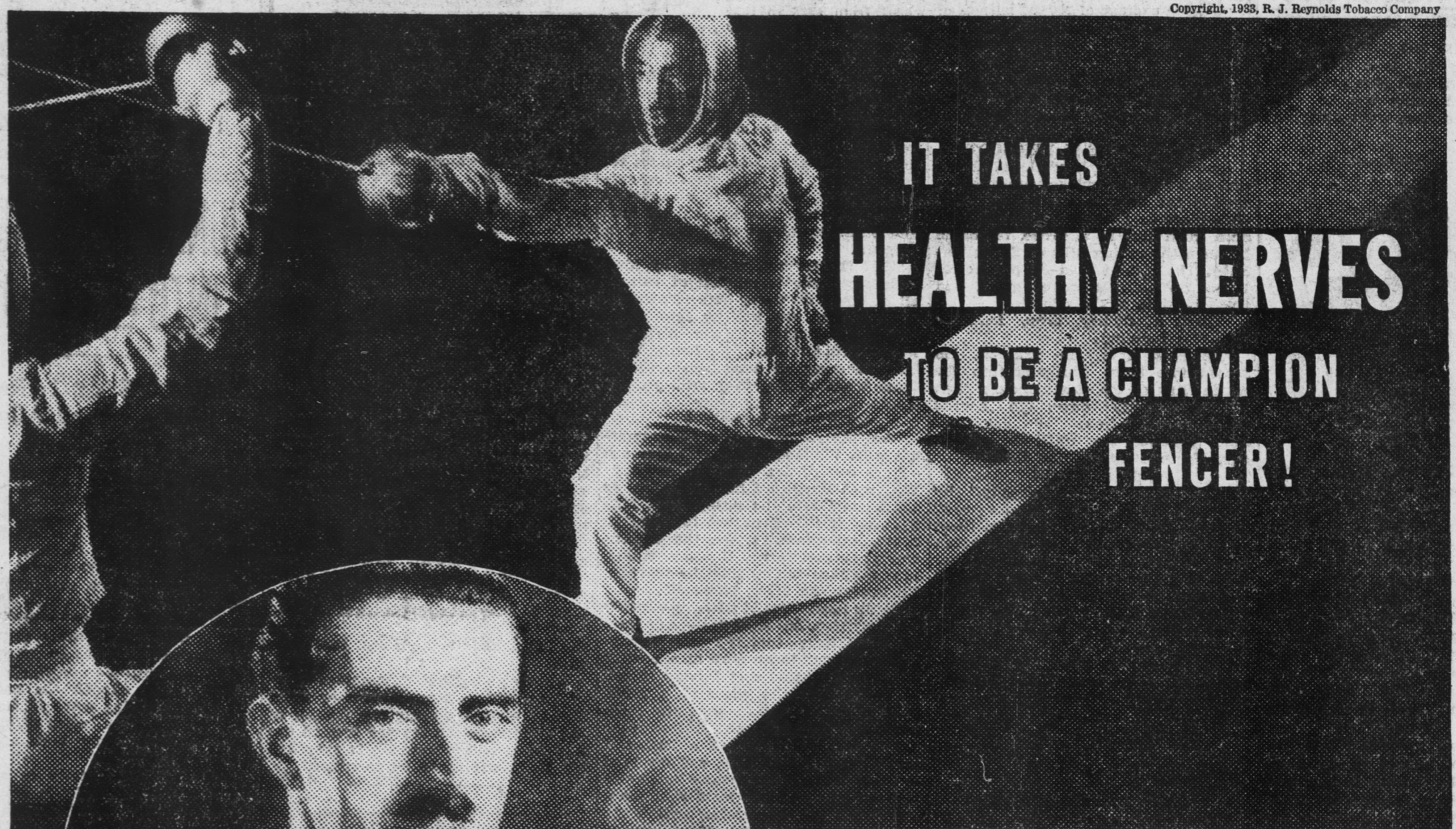
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