

What Chance Does He Have To Escape?

Prisoner Has About One Chance In A Thousand To Make Getaway.

The chance of a person escaping from the State prison system is about one in a thousand. At last investigations of the division of institutions and correction of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare into the number of escapes since 1933 leads to that opinion.

Women prisoners take French leave practically are negligible, W. C. Ezell, director of the division, said this week, and pointed out the fact that during six years only three women, all Negroes, have escaped and all three were recaptured.

"Though the Negro group makes up only about 30 per cent of the general population of the state, the race has contributed 56.5 per cent of the 168,826 prisoners handled since the state took over the job of caring for county prisoners in 1933," Ezell said.

"While during the entire period of the prison division lost one prisoner for each 862 handled, while escapes were one out of each 37 handled, Negroes were one out of each 72 handled. Losses sustained were one out of 747 handled and one out of 23 escapes for white prisoners, one out of 877 handled and one out of 13 escapes for Negroes," he said.

White prisoners have shown a tendency to escape twice as often as Negroes although the latter have been much more successful in eluding the officers once they were out on their own.

Escapes during six years have been 1992 white and 1330 Negro, while 1905 whites and 1221 Negroes have been recaptured. This leaves a total of 196 former prisoners still at large, 87 white and 109 Negro. The escape rate has been lowered gradually and recaptures increased during the period as shown by records of fiscal 1934 when one out of each 30 handled was able to escape in comparison with the lower record of 1939 of one escape out of each 87 handled.

Playmakers' Club Presents Program

The Playmakers Club of Person County Training school will make its initial appearance of the season by staging three one-act plays, Friday night, November 17 at 8 o'clock, under the direction of M. M. Graves.

The following students will participate: Emma Jay, Gladys Clay, Elvana Jeffers, George Baird, Nora Willis Buckner, Samuel ones, James Woods, Mary Lunsford, John Harris, Odette Baird, John Baird, Nathaniel Villines and Bennie Owens. All patrons and friends are invited to attend.

C. M. Gray, Jr., of Trenton, was winner of this year's corn-growing contest conducted in Jones county for 4-H club members with a yield of 87.6 bushels an acre.

Beer Industry's "Clean-Up" Plans Work Thoroughly

Raleigh—Twenty-one dealers in seven counties have lost their retail beer licenses as a result of the beer industry's "clean up or close up" campaign in North Carolina.

The board of commissioners of Buncombe, Wayne, Mecklenburg, New Hanover, Brunswick and Iredell Counties have revoked 19 licenses on petition of the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee, it was announced. The Gaston County Superior court revoked two licenses after the committee had filed revocation petitions with the Gaston County Board of commissioners.

One dealer in Iredell county was placed on probation after he promised the board of commissioners he would heed the committee's warning and "clean up". The Haywood County Board of commissioners deferred action until its December 4th meeting on one revocation petition to await the outcome of a case against the licensee in Superior court there.

The Committee also has filed petitions for revocation of several licenses in four counties, but the board of commissioners are not expected to act upon these petitions until the latter part of November or in early December, it was announced.

In addition, 27 beer outlets have been warned to "clean up"

or face more drastic action in letters sent by Colonel Edgar H. Bain of Goldsboro, State Director of the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors committee in charge of the beer industry's "clean up or close up" campaign.

New Marx Bros. Laugh Hit Comes To Palace Theatre

In the wildest, craziest and most uproarious comedy of their careers, the Marx Bros. return to the screen after a year's absence in "Marx Bros. at the Circus," at the Palace Theatre today and tomorrow.

This time the mad Marxes invade the world of the Big Top for their riot of merriment and are assisted by the strangest aggregation ever assembled for a carnival of comedy. They include a gorilla, an "Upside-Down-Girl," a midget, the Strongest Man in the World, a trained seal, a symphony orchestra adrift on the ocean, a herd of elephants, African lions and beautiful ballets that sing and dance atop of horses.

"Marx Bros. at the Circus" is the story of two circus roustabouts, Harpo and Chico, who engage a jobless lawyer Groucho, to save Kenny Baker, circus owner, from losing his show. Through a series of typically Marxican hysterical sequences,

the show is saved, Baker wins the love of Florence Rice and Groucho fades out in the arms of Margaret Dumont.

"On Your Toes" Race Sets New Show Record

Virginia Hart, 20-year-old Ft. Smith, Ark., girl, recently set a unique world record, the first for such an event, by speeding 25 yards in 3.9 seconds on her toes. The novel one-event sport meet was staged at the Warner Bros.

Studio in Burbank, Calif. Competing against the shapely dancer were five other ballet girls, Marie Groscup of Wichita, Kansas, Marsha Kent of Hollywood, Wana Williams of San Francisco, and Shirley Lopez and Sally Craven, both of Los Angeles. All were members of the ballet ensemble working in the film "On Your Toes," starring Zorina, which is showing at the Dolly Madison theatre today and tomorrow.

Starter of the race was Louis Zemperine, the University of Southern California's world-famous mile runner, and time keeper was Jim Kelly, A. A. U. official. Judges of the race were Zorina and George Balanchine, noted ballet master.

Winners were awarded coveted Capezio ballet slippers, three

pair to Miss Hart in first place, two pair to Sally Craven in second and one pair to Marie Groscup, third. In addition, Miss Hart got a special "On Your Toes" cup.

HEAR BAND CONCERT

On Friday morning, November 10, the students of Person County Training school, enjoyed a band concert and song recital, given by the Colored orphanage of Oxford. The band was under the direction of Madison C. Lemon.

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Surveys on rural power lines for Richmond County have been continued and prospects for these lines look unusually bright, say Assistant Farm Agent J. P. Choplin.

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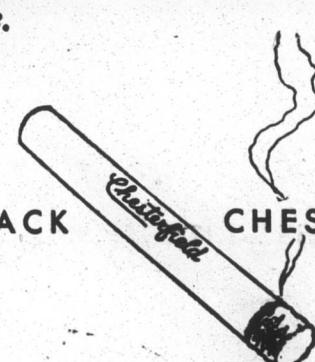
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