

### Ex-Convicts Make Honest Living Despite Ostracism Of Society

Many of the kind in the factory, many workers have bank accounts.

Elbow, row on row, they had a seat for a machine civilization. These men who once sneered and seized what they desired, writes Earl Sparling in The New York Telegram.

There are sixty of them, sixty former convicts, and at the Amazon Leather Goods factory, 25 W. 26th street, they manufacture purses.

An erstwhile soft-shoed burglar sits next to a reformed hard heeled bandit; a sly pickpocket elbows a sleek confidence man, and they labor eight hours a day to make frail purses of kid and cloth.

The spectacle is presented by the Marshall Stillman Movement, which acquired the factory January 13.

Never was there another such factory as this one in 26th street, where right guys are learning to make a righteous living.

The Marshall Stillman organization started placing former convicts at these work benches months ago, when the place was owned by Frederick J. Groehl. As a former city magistrate and assistant district attorney and a criminal lawyer who had defended Gerald Chapman, the bandit who paid a mechanical world he had defied by dangling on one of its strangest creations, a hanging machine, Groehl was interested in the possibility of reclaiming outlawed men, and eventually sold the factory to the organization for \$100,000, raised by public offering of stock, part of which is still being sold by R. H. ("Fatty") Keller, recently an inmate of Sing Sing.

Peture "Fatty" Keller ambling into the offices of Wall street millionaires to tell them about the Marshall Stillman Movement Industries, the president of which is Groehl, the man who gave "Fatty" the first of his several sentences. Some jack-trade fiction writer could build a story out of "Fatty" alone.

"Pardon my appearance, Mister. I ain't used to this kind of thing. I just got out of the stir. Took my stretch on a rap. Mr. Paul Felix Warburg—you know the guy—met me at a tea at the Baltimore hotel and said I ought to be able to sell you some of this stock. He gives me your name see? Now this factory is—"

But away with "Fatty" This story of the 26th street factory should be told by Harry Naler, the gentle, amiable superintendent, who has never been arrested even for running past a traffic light.

"I been here for years," says Naler. "Say, I could tell you lots. I was here when the first one of these fellows came here. Judge Groehl sent him to the pen first, and when he comes out he sends him here for a job.

"I guess I was sort of surprised that first day, but I tell you, I'm not surprised now. We got here one of the best factories in America. These boys are the best workers in the world. They increased the output as much as 20 per cent. They come to me just the other day and offer to work six hours more a week for nothing. Get that!

"And, say, we don't need no burglary insurance around this place. We could leave the doors open and the safe unlocked every night in the week. If any bird broke in here some night I'd know the next morning who does it. They get grapevine ways, you see.

"Don't ask me how. How should I know? They don't do anything like that themselves any more, but they know who does. If any one in this factory was to take as much as a pocketbook, I'd know within ten minutes.

"These boys get a share of the profits as well as regular pay. No one will ever rob this factory, you bet.

"Yes, I guess I was kind of nervous when we first started all this. For a while the cops used to come in every day to look for suspects, and some of my best workers would run and hide on the fire escapes. You know how it is with a cop. He can make a suspect out of anybody that's been in prison. They don't come any more now.

"What did all these boys do? Say, don't ask me. I don't want to know, rot me. In the beginning I used to call them into my office and ask a lot of questions. I got one young fellow who was a bandit and he started telling me all the people he cut up. He names this fellow and that fellow until my blood runs cold, and then he names one of my best friends, who got held up in Bronx a couple of years ago. Say, for \$50 that fellow cuts my friend almost from ear to ear, like this. Just for \$50 and my friend would of given \$500 to keep that from happening. 'Oh, don't tell me no more!' I tell that young bandit, and never again do I ask any questions. Oh, sure, that young bandit still works here. He's one of the best workers I got."

Sixty former convicts, elbow to elbow, row on row, manufacturing purses that once they would have stolen. Each has a bank account now. Three-fourths of them are married. They do not look like convicts. They are young, most of them. Mere boys, and their faces are not different from those of millions who sit at machines elsewhere in this roaring, clanging republic.

They . . . but, perhaps, the story is not in them, nor even in Alpheus Geer, founder of the movement, who entertains two-termers in his home, who writes to Einstein concerning the moplan of the universe, who once proposed that every subscribing member of his organization wear a badge that would protect him from thugs, who believes that spiritual apprehension is the one thing worth while.

Perhaps the story is in us, the citizens of the ordinary world. For look, we have come to write of these former convicts, but we find it impossible to talk to them.

We summon Sam Sacco, their leader, ten years in Sing Sing. We try to talk to him. The tongue halts and the words fall. There is a barrier between us. "I will tell you anything you want to know," says Sacco. "It is not so good to get your name in print like this, but some one has to make a sacrifice to help along." Sam tries. We try. But the attempt dwindles and dies. There is a high wall, a wall that stretches from heaven to hell.

At the benches the other makers of purses are peering furtively. Turn ever so quickly, and they are earnestly busy again with their machines. But they are watching, wondering. You know it with the back of your head. Men watch like that in prison as the screws stalk by the bars.

You would like to ask these men questions. But not use. They are honest citizens with bank accounts and homes and wives. But they live behind a wall which even Alpheus Geer, gray, lingering apostle of what Gilbert Seldes calls the Stammering Century, may not be able to tear down.

### BELWOOD SCHOOL NEWS ITEMS TOLD

#### Juniors And Seniors Give Play. Program On Lincoln. Senior Class Officers Elected.

(Special to The Star.)

Belwood, Feb. 21.—The play given by the juniors and seniors on Friday evening, February 8 was a decided success. The players presented their characters well to be immature pupils. \$59 was taken in. As usual at our school, the order when our substantial patrons and friends say of us, "it was better than I expected."

The enrollment by grades is as follows: First grade, 120; second, 70; third, 50; fourth, 35; fifth, 62; sixth, 37; seventh, 33; high school, 100. Music department, 27. A total of 507 pupils have been enrolled this year.

Last week the grades gave some very interesting programs on Lincoln and his work. Also the scouts observed their 19th anniversary week. Good turns, life-saving and other demonstrations were given. Last Sunday at 3 p. m. Rev. Rush Padgett gave the scouts and about three hundred others a good sermon on the three phases of life, physical, mental and spiritual. Wednesday the 13th Belwood troop No. 1 was welcomed by the newly organized troop of Fallston. Our boys gave a demonstration in scouting to the hosts in the latter's auditorium. Mr. Propst, Belwood's good scoutmaster, reports that all the old members have re-registered with but one or two exceptions. Several new members have joined. The troop is now beyond the limit in number.

The senior class has organized as follows: Class motto, "Climb, Tho' the rocks be rugged." Class colors, white and green. Class flower, white carnation. Historian, Ruth Tillman. Poet, Corine Hoyle. Giftorian, Vangle Mull. Statistician, Charlotte Peeler. Prophet, Selma Propst. Orator, Robert Porter. Elva Richard and Inna Carpenter will present the class song, Leona Mull will make the class roll. Members of the senior class are as follows: Ralph Carpenter, president; Robert Porter, vice president; Charlotte Peeler, secretary; Inna Carpenter, treasurer; Clyde Costner, Leona Mull, Florence Dayberry, Selma Propst, Corine Hoyle, Ruth Tillman, Vangle Mull, Greek Norman, Zella Willis, Elva Richard, Robey Brackett, Pauline Lackey, Ray Sparks.

The school calendar for the remainder of the year is about full. The following entertainments will be given: March 1, we take part in the Webb contest at Shelby; March 15, negro minstrel; March 17, or the third Sunday in March at 3 p. m. Dr. Davis, president of Bolling Springs junior college will preach in the school auditorium, Belwood.

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION.

North Carolina, Cleveland County. In the Superior Court. M. P. Garris, Plaintiff vs. Lena Privett Garris, Defendant.

The defendant, Lena Privett Garris, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Cleveland county, North Carolina, for absolute divorce upon statutory grounds; and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the superior court of said county in the court house in Shelby, N. C., on the 23rd day of March 1929, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action which has

### NOTICE COMMISSIONERS RE-SALE

Pursuant to an order of the court made in special proceedings in the superior court of Cleveland county, entitled E. C. Smith et al vs. Bessie Fisher, et al, the bid at a prior sale having been raised in accordance with law, the undersigned, as

commissioner appointed by the court, will offer for resale at the court house door in Shelby, N. C., at public auction to the highest bidder for cash on Saturday, March 2, 1929 at 12 o'clock noon, the following described real estate situated in No. 5 township, Cleveland county and bounded as follows:

Being that tract of land conveyed from Christopher Felmont and wife to James K. Smith by deed dated March 3, 1881, and recorded in book MMM at page 61 in the register's office, Cleveland county, lying on the waters of Buffalo and adjoining the lands of Ira Erwin, Thomas Smith, and others. Beginning on a Black Oak, R. M. Elliott's corner, and runs thence N. 76 E. 112 poles to a rock and per-

simmon tree; thence S. 32 E. 44 poles to a stake on school house land; thence S. 59 1/2 W. 16 poles to a stake; thence S. 32 E. 10 poles to a stake; thence S. 59 1/2 W. 29 2-3 poles to a stake; thence N. 69 W. 72 poles to a stake and pointers; thence N. 81 W. 24 poles to the beginning, containing 22 3/4 acres more or less.

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