

Fun & Games at the Queens County

In talking with many people, these last few weeks, it has become evident to me that very few people know exactly, or even partly what is going on behind those "dirty brick walls" on Longworth Avenue.

Well, believe it or not, it is even dirtier inside than out. There are many bad things happening there and I hope to let as many people know about them as possible.

I guess the best introduction is to run through a routine day for a "routine prisoner" (of which I am no longer, thank God)

At 6:00 A.M. his cell door is opened and he is shaken to get him up. He then has to make his bed, clean his cell and "prepare" himself for breakfast at 7:00.

Breakfast is bad. The fried eggs are hard enough to bounce and the boiled eggs are either hard or not cooked at all. The toast is extremely soggy and the coffee is watered down. An interesting note here is that no prisoner is given milk with his meals.

After breakfast (yippee) everyone is free to do what he wants until dinner. These include reading, sleeping (on top of "made" iron bed) playing cards, watching T.V., or if you feel like working, the guards will let you mop the entire front section of the jail.

Dinner (as well as other meals) is brought from J.F.F. at 11:45 a.m. in a truck with no food heater, thus becoming relatively cold. This meal includes spaghetti, macaroni, a cold plate, a hot turkey and sometimes beef or chicken and potatoes. This could be a "decent" meal if there was more and the quality wasn't so terrible.

Between dinner and supper there are many more interesting activities. You can repeat the morning ones or maybe pace the floor or look out one of the three windows. If one of the "not so lazy" guards are on you might be able to get a few minutes outside in the yard. Prisoners are supposed to be out for one hour daily

but this is work for the guards and that is last on the list for guard priorities.

Supper is worse than dinner as a rule. I might add that I experienced a permanent indigestion problem while I was eating the jail food. But I guess it's better than starving or being locked up for days, (this happens if you refuse to eat).

The time between supper & "bedtime" is the longest period of the day because, due to lack of activity, the men are usually quite down by now.

At ten o'clock, everyone is locked back in his cell where he is alone again, naturally, until the next morning. Saturday is an exception here, as everyone can stay up to watch the hockey game. (Saturday night special).

Many terrible "happenings" arise out of these general conditions and I hope to be able to tell you about them in the near future.

If you have any questions or interest please let me know in your own way. It's time the truth was out so keep tuned to this paper for the particulars on pills in jail, convulsions in jail, surprise inspections, fires and all sorts of other fun things, all which can only happen at our own "Queen's County".

Love and Kisses

Sidney T. Kidd

& friends

P.S. Dinner just came in. Beans and potatoes and bread and tea. That's really going to smell bad in the garbage.



REALITY CALLS FOR QUALITY

With the Student Union elections looming nearer and nearer and more complaints arise concerning the present council's term in office, I'd like to take the opportunity to say a few words on the subject.

Thinking back to last year's election, the campaigns, the promises, it appears all you have to do is get up in front of a microphone, promise absolutely nothing, say a lot of vague generalizations about nothing in particular and you've got the campaign wrapped up. If on the other hand, you are really concerned and want to change things within the Student Union and what's more, have very definite ideas, one word of caution; don't tell them to anyone for two reasons:

- 1) they will continue to use your ideas as their own,
- 2) you won't win anyway because people are afraid of people who can think. They resent them to a point that they will elect someone on a sympathy vote rather than someone on their intellect and initiative.

This past year's council has been (to say the least)

useless. Three quarters of the meetings started one half hour late as we had to wait for members to turn up before we could start and a surprising number were cancelled because not enough showed up to hold it.

If you are seriously considering running in this year's election, please stop and think of your motives before you even entertain the thought. If you are running for the popularity of it all -- don't, we don't want you and you won't be gaining in popularity; if you are running just to run and have a good time -- don't the same applies; if you are running because you think changes are necessary -- but have no idea what to change, -- don't, for good intentions and trying hard to do something that you have no conception of in the first place will not succeed. You NEED definite ideas -- you need a certain amount of understanding among the executive members of the council, and above all, you need strength of character.

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