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SOCIOLOGY CLASS GREATLY IMPRESSED BY KIS-LYN TOUR

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On Friday afternoon 16 members of our Sociology 5 class took a trip to the Industrial Reform School for Boys at Kis-Lyn. Mr. William Kyle, superintendent, guided our tour. We were all eager to see just how the boys live and I'm sure many of our previous impression of delinquents were changed. I previously pictured a juvenile delinquent as a mean looking individual, but after seeing the sweet-looking faces on some of the 7,8, or 9 year old boys my ideas were extremely reversed. I have interviewed the advisor of our class, Miss Dossenbach, who arranged the trip, and the students so that they themselves can tell you the interesting inside story of a reform school.

What was your impression of the cottages that we visited?

Lois Carper---"Clean floors that were waxed to a shine. The rooms were quite large. Each cottage had a T.V., study room, books and scads of puzzles. The boys all slept in one room on single beds like a dorm."

What impressed you most in your visit?

Jane Ann Rumbel---"The little boys."

Is each boy able to have a choice of food?

John Artim---"No, every boy eats what is served and he may have a second helping."

What did the boys say about the food?

Gene Perry---"One said they had spuds and apple sauce twice a day. Otherwise the food was good."

What can you tell us about the production and consumption of their food?

Ralph Kaufman---"They canned 2500 qts. of fruits and vegetables last year. They raise all their food, and make their own sausage, scrapple and bacon."

Did you find out anything from the boys that impressed you?

Mary Frances Veale---"One youngster asked me where I went to school. When I replied Penn State he exclaimed, "Oh, State Penn." When I explained the difference, he admitted that he never heard of the University, but he heard all about the penitentiary."

What was most surprising to you?

Walter Smerconish---"The kids should have cookies and milk before going to bed."

What were some interesting facts that Mr. Kyle told us?

Tommy Zubach---"The self-efficiency of the group and boy scout activities. They sold \$25,000 of milk to Farmers' Co-operative last year and it takes \$260,000 for upkeep of the institution."

What was your first impression as you entered Kis-Lyn?

Shirley Ray---"I really didn't get any impression until we visited the cottages and saw the shiny floors."

What did you think of the boys who were there?

Pete McWenigle---"I think they're a lot happier than from where they came because they have a better home."