Borough Council Protests Recent Escapes, Commissioner Answers

Dallas Borough Council, be- sentenced to a Correctional Instisuperintendent, and sent a copy of of living outside the institution. the letters to Governor David L. Unfortunately, in a number of

Herewith are the letters, and ceive them and some find it al- with no seat in it?' published with them a reply from most impossible to make an ade-Arthur T. Prasse, Commissioner of quate adjustment. Fortunately, cute!

(It may be noted that no action defectives, many do find acceptance has yet been taken to relay a warn- and make excellent adjustments in hand" ng siren by means of fire-hall the community. In fact, the deblasts, using a prearranged signal, fectives have a better record of adin case of escape of a prisoner.)

June 17, 1961 or better than average intelligence. Mr. Frank Johnston Superintendent State Correctional Institution at

Dallas, Pennsylvania Dear Sir:

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I am directed to write this letter to you on behalf of the Council of under supervision. Being the last "I haven't had a hot meal since 408, and the actual number was Dallas Borough, Luzerne County,

been alarmed and disturbed by the that they are not ready for release Stall? escape of two of your inmates certainly are not placed in a mini- There won't be any 40-foot truck result, members of the Dallas nately no one has yet devised a least another year. Borough Council have been contacted by numerous residents, demanding that something be done. It is the understanding of Council that the recent escapees were inmates who were allowed to work outside the confines of the institution gates, under guard. If so, the

proved to be inadequate. If additional guards are needed mates who are allowed outside the of eight thousand inmates, almost They succeeded in having the final Barre heart specialist, are making of the safety of residents in this community, feels that immediate supervision. steps be taken to hire an adequate vent any further escapes.

system has, in two instances,

A copy of this letter is being

Very truly yours,

Secretary CC: Gov. David L. Lawrence

The Honorable David L. Lawrence Office of the Governor Main Capitol Building Harrisburg, Pennsylvania Dear Governor Lawrence:

Enclosed herewith, for your information and for appropriate action, is copy of letter of even date to Mr. Frank Johnston, Superintendent of the State Correctional Institution at Chase, relating to the questing that a more adequate

economically.

Enc. (1)

Mr. Robert W. Brown Dallas Borough Council 227 Huntsville Road Dallas, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Brown: my attention his copy of your letter of 17 June 1961 addressed to again in his community. the Superintendent at the State I would be very happy to meet Correctional Institution at Dallas. I with you and other members of the had discussed the contents of this Borough Council at your conletter with the Superintendent, venience. I believe a frank discusafter he had received his copy of sion of problems of mutual concern your request to have him take would be helpful. necessary precautions so that resi-

dents near the institution would not be harmed by escaped inmates. Judging from some of the local newspaper reports it would appear that many residents are under the impression that the institution houses "mental cases". Actually this is not the case. Rather the inmates are committed to the institution because they have broken some law, some for relatively minor offenses, and at the same time are defective in intelligence Most of them are morons. They can be trained vocationally to handle a number of work assignments, but it is very difficult to

give them any academic training beyond the fourth grade level. To keep them in the regular correctional institutions would mean that they would have very little opportunity to engage in sports, musical activities, vocational training, etc., because they would continually be outclassed by inmates who have average or better than average intelligence. If they become "mental cases" they are transferred to a mental hospital under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public

After reception at the institution each inmate is carefully studied by a staff of professional personne while placed in a maximum custody assignment. He then starts on a work program; after he has proven himself on a low level job he is given a chance to learn additional vocational skills. During all this time he is carefully watched by the officers assigned to the block and the work detail in an effort to learn more about his personal habits, interests, and ability to get along with others.

As you probably know most individuals who are committed or Dallas Borough Council Letter Cont

program he is given additional re-

Robins, Catbirds, Orioles, Starlings, Flickers, Blue Jays and Girl Scouts sieged by residents who have been tution are eventually released. It under the direction of Mrs. William greatly disturbed about the recent is our aim, of course, not to recom- Barker, harvested the cherry crop escape within 32 days of two in- mend any for return to society along Lehman Avenue. The Girl mates of the Correctional Institu- until such time as he appears to be Scouts picked 56 quarts for the protion, protested to Frank Johnston, ready to assume the responsibilities duce stand at the Auction. "Isn't it beautiful. What is it? cases, the public is not ready to re-

The Barnyard

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From

Comments heard at the Auction: "Whoever heard of buying a chair

"Aren't the auctioneers' knees

however, particularly in the case of "Where is Myron Baker?" "Lady, I'm sorry, I didn't see your

"If Jack pours on the same charm at work as he does on the Auction justment in the community than Block, Eastern Pennsylvania is gothose inmates who have average ing to be the largest hardware firm As the inmate progresses in his in North America"

"What does Myra Risley want with sponsibilities for making decisions another dog?

lowed to work outside the fence at the Auction'

step in preparation for release I the Auction started, and my huscan assure you that individuals band and children haven't either" who have shown by their conduct "Where's the key to the Antiques grade at Gate of Heaven School in

within the past two months. As a mum security assignment. Unfortu- trailers in Pennsylvania for at

havior that is infallible. This is not by an 80-102 vote Thursday. Suponly true in institutions, but in porters of the measure to raise the it. It's lots of fun," replied the proud every walk of life. Classification of legal limit on the trailers from 35 inmates in the Commonwealth of to 40 feet promise that they will night and older than Paula, he has Some states have well over one Lobbyists for the Pennsylvania busy Huntsville Road! hundred escapes a year, whereas Railroad and the Sun Oil Company to properly watch over those in- we normally have less than ten out worked openly to defeat the bill. and Dr. Russell Stevens, Wilkesgates, the Council, in the interest half of whom at one time or other roll call vote postponed from Monwork outside the institution under day to Thursday and in the three quahanna River from Towarda this I realize full well the effect these to defeat the proposal. During a ently made the Susquehanna trip complement of guards or to do whatever else is necessary to prewhatever else is necessary to pretwo escapes has had on the resitest vote Monday proponents of every summer are Thomas V. Hefdents in your community. Unthe legislation had polled 125 votes
fernan Sr. of the Sunday Indepen-

las left a particularly bad impres- age. directly to his attention in Harris- A number of years will undoubted- down if not able to use the 40-foot inary. ly pass before its effects have les- trailers. Most other states allow Dallas Borough Council, sened. In other communities hous- the larger size carriers on their ing Correctional Institutions the highways.

ferent. The citizens recognize that speculation that he might try for there will be an occasional escape the United States Senate in 1962. there will be an occasional escape, the United States Senate in 1962. but this is accepted as one negative Asked at a press conference last turned from a trip through the mid-June 17, 1961 factor among the many positive week to comment on rumors that dle west where he stopped off to factors that comes from having an he would contest the Democratic visit with Jack Blackman, now a institution in the community. I nomination with current Senator director of Investors Syndicate in

> parently others have too because be a candidate. individuals from Luzerne County Atty. Burt B. Lewis is recupera- lon on the corner, so he says, has have already asked that the Phil- ting following surgery at General a new name. adelphia institution be relocated in Hospital and has every intention Those who attended the Ohlmantheir area. In fact, many counties of being home next week.

that will replace the one in Phi- some of the happiest days of his presented at the reception to his recent escape of inmates and re- adelphia in order to help them youth in the Back Mountain country, mother, his new inlaws, and his I want to assure you that we now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Clar- whose presence, in spirit, Lee said, that other appropriate corrective measures be employed.

Respectfully yours,

The want to assure you that we ence Laidler, recently sent us a copy of the Civil War issue of Medical Affairs, Alumni Magazine of the cherishes the love of little child-Dallas Borough Council had limited experience in institu- University of Pennsylvania School tions, so that they will be more of Medicine. The issue gives an exalert and capable of handling situa- cellent insight into the medical tions such as this. In addition the and surgical history of the war which classification clinic is being par- 651 Pennsylvania alumni served in June 27, 1961 ticularly careful in the selection of the Union army and 616 with the men for minimum security assign- Confederate forces. Dr. Buckman inments. At the present time I do forms us that the editor, Alan C. not feel that we should change our Davis, knows Dallas well and has overall method of operation. All an aunt living here. Will she kindly prisons throughout the country come forward and receive the grateconsider minimum security assign- ful acclaim of the Civil War Round Governor Lawrence has called to ments necessary as a final step in Table for having a nephew who has

Lida Weber, according to the publication of the Anthracite Dog Training Club, has a new job with Dr. Richard Post. The Webers have also bought a "tired old farm" in Sweet Valley. A great place for a kennel and those Dobermans (or do you say it Dobermen?) to run. The D. T. Scott's cat, Mr. Smith

Sincerely yours, Arthur T. Prasse Commissioner of Correction is much improved. Black as mid-

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means in most cases that he is al- Loyalville to house the stuff he buys was Lizette Liebold, who came clos- Thursday, and the red surrey was glass plate covers which also make est to guessing the number of marb- safe under cover, and not in operales in a fishbowl. Lizette's guess was tion,

September, is daughter of Mr. and

Pennsylvania has been effective; try to revive the bill during this been ailing of late; but he is still we rank first in the nation among session of the Legislature, but the one of the most popular and durable states our size in having the lowest outlook for passage appears dim in cats in the neighborhood. You just number of escapes in any one year. the face of strong outside pressure. have to be hardy to be a cat along

County Commissioner Bo Northrup day period swayed enough votes week. Another pair who until recfortunately the first escape at Dal- - 19 more than required for pass- dent and Alan Hutcheson of Kingston. The latter two are lucky men, mailed to Governor Lawrence, so sion. This certainly is not typical that the matter may be brought of most escapes, but it did happen.

A Hazleton trucking firm has inthe sion. The latter two are lucky men, they are the husbands of two of my nicest classmates at Wyoming Seminary of the state of the state of two are lucky men, they are the husbands of two of my nicest classmates at Wyoming Seminary of the state of the state of two are lucky men, they are the husbands of two of my nicest classmates at Wyoming Seminary of the state of

> For once Joe MacVeigh was seen in good company. With Russell and reaction to an escape is quite dif- Governor Lawrence removed Mary Lawry, he drove down to Lee am sure you have already noticed Joseph Clark, the Governor replied St. Louis. Joe also visited his formthe spurt in your economy. Ap- "I am not a candidate and will not er home but found nothing familiar in the neighborhood. The sa-

> Horlacher wedding were impressed have asked for the new institution | Dr. Lewis Buckman who spent | with the beautiful toast which Lee especially summers in the home father - the late Harry Ohlman,

> > ren tells this story which I know to be true. While he and his wife were out driving with a tiny girl companion seated between them, his wife observed that there had been one of those embarrassing accidents of childhood. Making no fuss about it, she inquired casually, "What happened?" The tiny girl's eyes fell. Then as a happy thought struck, she flashed "I

Winner of Humphreys Children's owner, who was able to answer the ney said. "Many passenger car and eventually he is placed in a "Ray Hedden will have to build Bootery U. S. Keds Surrey Contest phone because it was raining on operators are guilty of the same minimum security assignment. This another addition to his home at was Lizette Liebold, who came clos- Thursday, and the red surrey was

> Edward Humphreys poses with Lizette for the picture. The surrey was the centerpiece of the Humph reys window for several weeks, while children guessed the number of mar-Mrs. Henry C. Liebold of Fernbrook. | bles as anywhere from 59 to 2,670. in Shavertown.

B. B. GUNS, AIR RIFLES, WILL BE CONFISCATED, WARNS TOM MORGAN

B.B. guns and air rifles are against the law in Pennsylvania. Parents are responsible for their children's actions and for payment of damages resulting from such actions.

Vandalism, states Burgess Thomas Morgan, will result in an appearance in Juvenile

A number of children in Dallas Borough have been apprehended in possession of air rifles and B. B. guns, capable of putting out the eye of another child or puncturing a hole in a glass window.

The Burgess' own window on Pioneer Avenue has been broken, also a window of a dress shop on Main Street, Dallas.

Weapons found in possession of youngsters will be confiscated, and parents held responsible. A trip to juvenile court will follow, warns Burgess Morgan and Chief Russell Honey-

Visited In Boston

Mr. and Mrs. August Stella, Terrace Street, Fernbrook, have returned home by way of Allegheny Airlines after spending six days in Boston, Mass., with Mrs. Stella's brother Lt. Joseph Tondora, Jr. and family. Lt Tondora is with the submarines and is Officer in Charge of the U.S.S. Billfish, docked in Boston. While in celebrated their ninth wedding anniversary. Grandma and Grandpa Tondora took care of Cathy and were away on vacation.

Camp At Conference

Fine Imposed For Obscured License Plate

issued a warning regarding the proper display of vehicle registration plates.

Commissioner Frank G. McCartney said State Police have been alerted for violations of the Vehicle after a flurry of complaints to various stations throughout the Com-

"Truck operators especially have been guilty of allowing dirt and mud to accumulate on registration plates so that they are almost violation, or of using plastic or the registration numbers illegible.

"In addition, during this tourist lowing at their home on Sunday sliechter, Jr., Diane; Mrs. Steven season, troopers will be on the night: Mr. and Mrs. Russell Race, Welitchko, Nancy, Conrad, and lookout for trailer hitches mounted on rear bumpers in a manner which obscures the license plate."

State Police called attention to "What are you doing with the The contest attracted many children section 501 (c) of the Vehicle Code method of predicting human beThat's what the House decided
havior that is infallible. This is not have a contract the first of the superior of the display in Shavertown.

Surrey?" was the question asked to Back Mountain Shopping Center to Back Mountain Shopping Center in Shavertown. days imprisonment for the display of "an altered, defaced, unreason Photo by Kozemchak ably dirty or forged registration plate." And to section 504 which states "No plate shall be attached at a height of less than 12 inches from the ground ... nor shall any plate be obscured." Violations of this section call for a fine of \$10 or up to five days imprisonment.

Section 801 (d), regarding the vides a \$10 fine or five days imprisonment for violations.

legible at 100 feet during daylight guest of honor. hours and up to 50 feet at night, Colonel McCartney said. "Drivers who are careless of these provisions of the law tend to be careless of other provisions as well.

Local Boy Trains At ROTC Summer Camp

Cadet Thomas H. Goddard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Goddard, 1 Hilldonia Ave., Dallas is receiving six weeks training at the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) summer camp at Ft. George, Ga. Meade, Md. Training will be concluded July

During training Cadet Goddard is receiving practical experience and instruction in technical and administrative subjects, with special emphasis placed on duties of an infantry second lieutentant.

The 21 year old cadet is a student at Lafayette College, a 1958 graduate of Westmoreland High School, and is a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Patricia Rittenhouse

The first of 70 enlisted waves to report for duty at the Felmoore Brenda Stella while mom and dad Naval Air Station in California were welcomed aboard by Lt. Commander T. G. Dreis and wave Lt. (J. G.) Sue Ann Rice. The newcomer is Hospitalman Appentice Alfred M. Camp, principal of Dal- Patricia Rittenhouse, daughter of las Adult Extension School, at- Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Rittenhouse of tended the third annual conference Lake Silkworth, Pa. She has been of School Administrators early this in the Navy for nine months and week at Pennsylvania State Uni- has attended the Naval Hospital Corps School at Great Lakes, Ill.

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Mother Duck And Eight Babies Take Spotlight At 47th Wilson Reunon

A dirty license plate on a car or Tex Wilson, crashed the party at blage, abandoning the three retruck may cost the driver a \$50 the 47th annual reunion of the Wil- maining eggs in care of a baby fine, Pennsylvania motorists were son family on Sunday, stealing the sitter. As twilight deepened she reminded today as State Police spotlight when she brought her led her babies back to their nest in

Harry Sweppenheisers Celebrate Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sweppen-heiser, Kunkle, recently celebrated Code regarding license plate display their twentieth wedding anniver-

ficiated. Mrs. Sweppenheiser is the ming. former Bette Race, daughter of Mr. The guest roster included, Mr. totally obscured," Colonel McCartare three children, Joyce, a junior Allan Moss; Mr. and Mrs. Richard at East Stroudsburg State Teachers Culver, Keith, Cindy; Mr. and Mrs. College, Harry Jr. and Donald, stu-Robert Culver, Dianne, Steven; Mr. dents at Dallas Area.

Sr., Russell Race III, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen; Mrs. Daisy Prynn; Carl Smith, Carol and Carl, Jr, Mr. Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Prynr

Mrs. James LaBar Is Honored On Birthday

Dallas, was guest of honor at a Stella Inman; Mr. and Mrs. Tex the Scandinavian Motel, near bert Voight. Rickets Glen, last Thursday. Present were Mrs. Miriam Hosler, Mrs. illumination of plates at night, pro- Mary Daubert, Mrs. Bernice Williams, Carol Ann Williams, Mrs. Florence Paeglow, Mrs. Augustine out of its cast and regaining its "Vehicle plates should be plainly Roese, Mrs. Emma Roese and the power. Mrs. Protheroe of the Dal-

One of two mother ducks who eight newly hatched baby ducks make their home on the shore of down to the water and taught them the lake at the home of Mr. and Mrs. to swim in full sight of the assemthe middle of a hayfield, where mowers had skirted the spot, leaving a margin of safety for Mamma

Mallard. Prize for coming the farthest went to Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Prvnn, who travelled from Illinois for the largest family, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Culver of Shickshinny, with The couple was married June 22, their six children; for the youngest, 1941 in Demunds Methodist Lisa Vossler of Montoursville; the Church. Rev. Thomas Kline of oldest, Mrs. Daisy Prynn of Wyo-

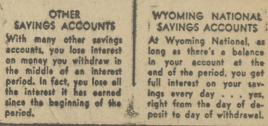
and Mrs. Ted Wilson; Mrs. Leona The couple entertained the fol- Bellas; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gel-

and Mrs. Jack Cook, Linda and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vollrath; Mr Johnny, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Race, and Mrs. Chester Glahn, David and Debra and Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Marjorie; Adeline and Jerry Long; Prebola, Jack, Judy and Jimmy, the Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Morris, Mel-Sweppenheisers and their children. vin, Jr., Kenneth, Gary and Sharon; Mrs. Philip Gaughn, and Norah Ann; Mrs. Florence Wilson, Betsy London: Mrs. Rose Adell Vossler Kirk, Craig, and Lisa; Mrs. June Mrs. James LaBar, Parrish Street, Giles Wilson; Nelson Wilson; Mrs. birthday luncheon given by friends Wilson, Texie, Cathy, Teddy, Del-

Arm Out Of Cast

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