

# Time Hangs Heavy — When You're In Jail

## So You Think It's Easy To Do Nothing—Try It!

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(Second of a Series)

Does a sense of uneasiness and restlessness grip you when there is nothing to do?

Did your interest dwindle over the constant bridge games you played while streaking across country on a swift train? You probably had to get up and walk around awhile after losing interest in the game—counting telephone poles on the long bus ride. No it is not easy to kill time, is it?

Approximately 50 inmates of the county jail are confronted with a common problem: How to "kill" time while serving a jail sentence.

Housed in an unpleasant, depressive "tank" with eight or ten inmates—seeing the same faces day-in, day-out — time hangs heavy on a person's hands.

The daily routine of the jail is not an inspiring sight to see at any time of the day. Breaking up the long hours of card games, "bull sessions," reading or letter writing are the three meals a day. Oatmeal every morning—the breakfast is never varied—at 8 o'clock, noon soup, and 4 p.m. dinner is the menu. Monotonous, isn't it?

The prisoner in the county jail,

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except for the 15-man work crew, has nothing else to do, hour after hour, day-in, day-out, month after month.

Many people have a stereotyped opinion that serving a stint in the county jail is a "soft touch," something similar to a vacation with nothing to do. A person who has this image of life in the county jail would receive a jolt after being on the other side of the bars for a few days.

Ask the young Concord man, who recently served time on the Alameda county work farm and is doing 90 days for disturbing the peace.

Find out what the steward serving a five-month term for writing bad checks does to occupy his time. These men, who are in the felony tank, cannot go out on work crews no matter how much they desire to see sunlight and exercise their muscles.

"We are sitting back in that tank doing nothing," the Concord man said. "Time hangs heavy when all you have to do is think about doing time. There is nothing to do but sit there."

The only thing the prisoner has done since he entered jail April 23 is refurbish a pair of his own old shoes.

"You sit back there and look at the same fellows day after day," he glumly added. "Time has passed slow. You are pull-two days for one when you have nothing to do."

The prisoner convicted of writing bad checks, an elderly man who is a steward by trade, looked astonished when asked what he does to occupy his time. He replied, "What can you do?"

"There is nothing to do but play solitaire, eat and sleep—that's all," he added.

A power lineman, the discontented Concord man related that he has lost weight by just sitting around and could not even climb a pole now.

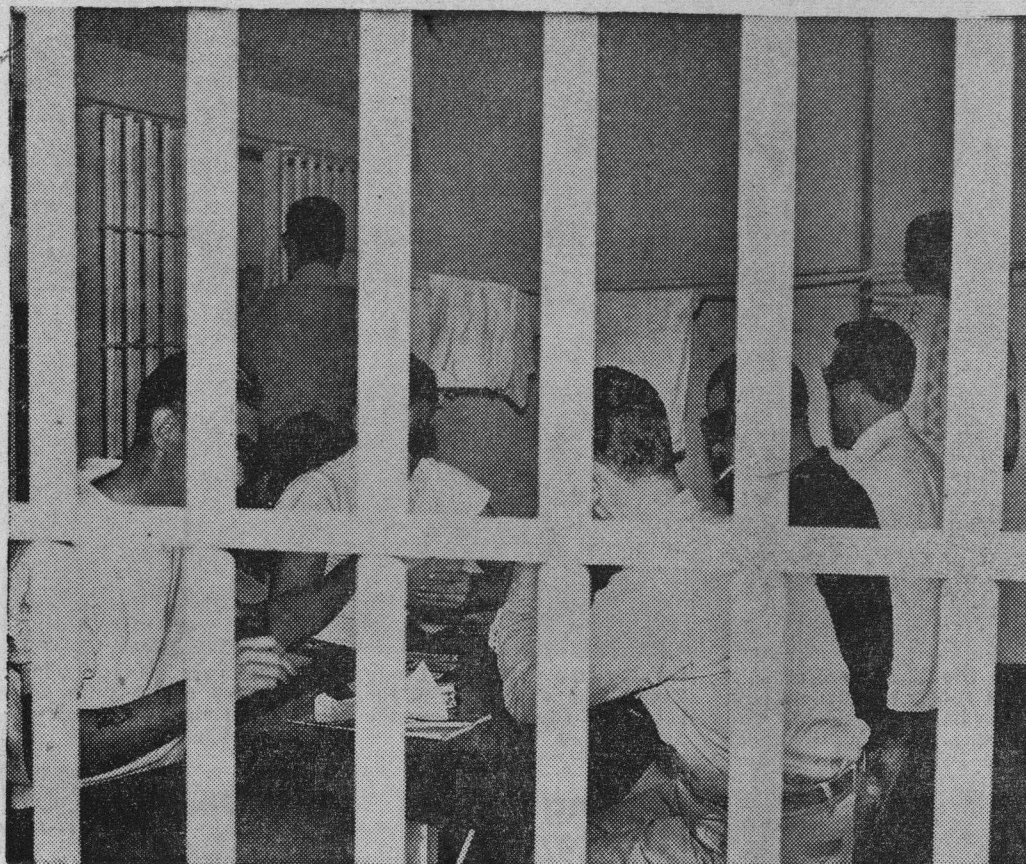
"There is nothing to do but sit there," he dejectedly explained.

Both prisoners said their story is the same the other prisoners will unfold—nothing to do.

"Go ask them, they will tell you the same thing," the lineman claimed.

With nothing to do, the pris-

### Time On Their Hands



### Cells Are Crowded



Prisoners in the county jail with nothing to do during their sentence while away the time reading, sleeping, playing cards and writing letters. Taxpayers pay a fee of approximately \$100 a day for the maintenance and upkeep of the jail. One of the biggest problems, Jailer Hal Esty, says, is lack of adequate recreational facilities and the absence of a county jail farm.

### Troop 77 Girls Receive Awards

Seventh grade Girl Scouts of Troop 77, Holy Cross school, held their final meeting of the year and Court of Awards at Forest Pool in Boulder Creek on Tuesday.

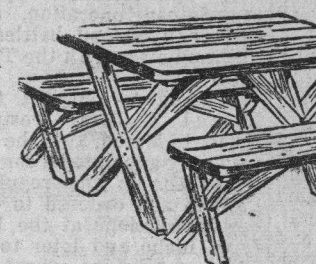
Awards went to Julia Bolla, good grooming and first aid to animals; Veronica Edmundson, good grooming, child care, first aid to animals and conservation; Janet Fortier, good grooming; Donna Gregory, good grooming; Judy Jantz, good grooming and conservation; Margaret Lee, good grooming; Patsy Mumby, good grooming; Cynthia Penniman, good grooming and first aid to animals; Jackie Sinnott, good grooming; Rita Weber, good grooming and child care; Rose Weber, good grooming and child care, first aid to animals and conservation.

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oners devise numerous ways of expending their energy. They walk around the table in the tank; swing on the bars, do push-ups, sit-ups—anything to keep active.

One time prisoners from the county work crew got a ping pong ball and played on the tank table; at other times prisoners use the table for shuffleboard, putting checkers into play.

The county taxpayers are paying for the idleness. It costs approximately \$100 per day to run the county jail.

"This cost to the taxpayer of operating and maintaining the county jail is more than offset by the services performed by the county jail inmates," Jailer Hal Esty explained. "Approximately 40 per cent of the total cost for upkeep is for feeding."

Esty related that some 15 prisoners, comprising the county work crew, do maintenance jobs at the county hospital, parks, various city and county installations, and the county courthouse.

The day in the county jail begins at 8 a.m. when a trustee brings the breakfast on a "chow" cart to the tanks.

The daily serving of oatmeal is supplemented with four slices of toast and a cup of coffee. Between 10 and 11 o'clock in the morning the "soup-line" is set up. The soup is distributed in the same manner as the breakfast.

Although they do not have the opportunity to choose the soup desired from a menu, the soup is varied daily. The serving includes split-pea, vegetable, and bean, with crackers and coffee.

Inmates are given the main meal at 4 p.m. On different days the prisoners get chili

beans, stew, and meat loaf, supplemented with a vegetable, potatoes and fruit. A spaghetti dinner is also served.

Coffee is served with all meals, which are figured to cost 25 cents a meal for each prisoner. On Sundays the prisoners receive pancakes for breakfast. The regulations of the jail stipulate that prisoners must be in bed by 9 p.m., but this is not a steadfast rule, Esty related. A few of the prisoners sit up and play cards until the early hours of the morning.

"It is permissible for them to stay up late as long as they are quiet and do not disturb the inmates who are asleep," he said. "There have been occasions when late activities get out of hand and prisoners sing and bang on the walls."

Noisy activities are caused by lack of adequate recreational facilities, the jailer mentioned. On these occasions, the ring leaders have been removed from the tank area and put into solitary confinement.

Goods from a canteen are available to the prisoners every Tuesday and Friday afternoon. The articles are brought back to the tanks by a trustee. Writing material, candy and toilet articles are sold directly to the inmates.

Profits from the canteen go into the county treasury under the inmate welfare fund. The purpose of the fund, Esty said, is to provide the inmates with hobby crafts, recreational equipment and other articles not furnished by donations from the county taxpayers.

Visiting hours are from 10 a.m. until noon and 2-4 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. Even during visiting hours it is hard for the inmate to forget that he is behind bars — a violator of the law. The visiting room is divided in half with two layers of heavy wire mesh and screen sep-

arating the prisoner from the visitor.

Sleeping and reading is a favorite pastime of the prisoners in the county jail. There are four prisoners to a cell, except for the tank spokesman, "the judge," who has one cubicle to himself. Two of the tanks have six cubicles and the other two tanks contain four cells.

## Gluckmann Tells Of Strong Headwinds

San Francisco (AP). — Watchmaker Peter Gluckmann reported at 5 p.m. PDT today that he was encountering stronger headwinds than he had predicted when he set out at 5:58 a.m. yesterday morning on a solo flight to Honolulu.

Gluckmann passed the coast guard's station ship "Nan" about 1000 miles from here just before 2 p.m., PDT, the coast guard said.

Gluckmann told the civil aeronautics authority here he already was in contact with Honolulu by radio and that he did not consider the headwinds serious.

When he left in his 225-horsepower Beechcraft Bonanza Gluckmann said he expected to take 16 to 18 hours for the 2400-mile hop.

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Esty explained that the barricade is placed between the inmate and visitor in order to prevent the passing of any contrabands to the inmates. A minister or lawyer is permitted to see a prisoner at any time of the day during "reasonable hours," the jailer said.

A church service is performed outside the tanks by a religious organization.

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