

OUR CONTRIBUTORS

FRANK LIESCHING is Deputy Governor at H.M. Prison, Wandsworth. He has served at Hollesley Bay and Rochester borstals and at Haldon Camp, Exeter, where he developed a reading scheme designed for adult illiterates.

MISS EVANS has been at Wakefield since October 1958. She first worked as a social worker to the psychiatric unit and more latterly, since April 1962, as prison Welfare Officer.

Prior to 1958, Miss Evans worked as a hospital almoner, and most of her previous employment experience was in a medical setting.

She is shortly to take an appointment as assistant lecturer in social work.

ALAN MARKHAM is organiser of an after-care scheme using voluntary Associates, at the Blackfriars Settlement. The scheme is financed by the Nuffield Foundation.

The Settlement is in the middle of the old borough of Southwark, quite near to the Elephant and Castle. It is concerned with a wide range of social work, much of it using voluntary helpers under the supervision and guidance of paid workers. Besides youth clubs, case-work and much contact with the old, the Settlement has been able to introduce several quite experimental pieces of social work, including a new occupational work centre, a large summer play scheme, and a series of clubs for educationally subnormal children.

GRAHAM H. CAVE is a prison visitor at H.M. Prison, Bristol. He has made an extensive study of the English penal system.

C. J. NORMAN was a Borstal house-master in 1938, transferring to Hong-Kong as Assistant Superintendent in 1940. He was interned by the Japanese in 1941, returning to duty in 1945: he was appointed Superintendent of Prisons in 1947 and has been Commissioner since 1953. He was made C.B.E. in the 1963 New Year's Honours.

E. S. DARLING studied psychology at Cambridge, and joined the Prison Service in 1957 at Wakefield, where he is a Senior Psychologist. He has been interested in, and associated with the group counselling programme there, off and on, for the last four years.

JAMES V. BENNETT: Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons since 1937. A.B. and L.L.B. Brown University. Cadet Aviator in World War I. In 1945 on leave of absence for six months to organise civil prisons in Germany. Recipient of War Department's Exceptional Civilian Service Medal, Navy's Distinguished Public Service Award, Selective Service Medal, and the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service.

The Federal Prison System consists of some 38 institutions including penitentiaries, reformatories, camps and four half-way houses.

Mr. Bennett has stated that his job is not only to carry out faithfully the orders of the court but also "to make the prisoner into a self-respecting citizen, trained to take his place in a production line and aware of his obligations to live a law abiding life."