

**Report on Condition of County Institutions**

**State Board of Charities and Corrections Inspects Jail. Chain Gang and Poor House**

Mr. D. W. Owens, jailer. Visited March 24, 1919, by Assistant Secretary Broyles with the jailer and Supervisor White. Prisoners, three negro males and three negro females.

The Sumter jail, as the Sumter people know, is entirely obsolete and unsuited to the needs of an up-to-date, progressive county. Steps were taken several years ago toward building a suitable plant, but for various reasons nothing definite has been done. The officials responsible for the matter ought to push the question, and build for Sumter a new and properly designed building, which in our opinion should be placed on the lot immediately in the rear of the Court House, the two buildings being joined by an enclosed, overhead gangway from the second floor of the jail into the second floor of the Court House, over which bridge prisoners could be carried into the court room without having to pass through crowds which might gather on the ground with the intention of doing violence to the prisoner. What Chester, Florence, Dillon, Jasper, Newberry, Richland and Greenville can do Sumter county can do also. If the citizens arouse themselves and demand improvement.

Since our fourth inspection, the commissioners have built a new kitchen for the Sumter jail, moving it from the main building. This is a decided improvement, since the old kitchen was immediately under two of the cells, and made them terribly hot in summer. The new kitchen needs screens on the windows, however, and should be equipped with a good sink at once. The supervisor reports that last summer he removed all window sash from the windows, in order to give better ventilation to the upper tier of cells, and we commend him for this step. Some of the screens in the main building are torn, and when the sash are removed this summer these screens should be repaired. Much of the steel is rusting, and should be repainted before further damage is done. The interior walls also need whitewash quite badly. Finally, the commissioners should provide for more medical service for the jail by paying the county physician to make a physical examination of each new prisoner within 12 hours of his commitment, to vaccinate against smallpox when indicated, and to make regular weekly inspections of the prisoners' food and quarters.

We commend the jailer for his careful attention to personal hygiene of his prisoners, and for the sympathetic attitude shown toward them in general. We recommend that boys be separated from adults in all cases, as required by law (Act 429, Acts 1912, Section 7, which reads in part, "If confinement be necessary before

the case can be heard, the child shall not be incarcerated in the same room with adult criminals, but in a separate room of detention," this law applying to all boys or girls less than eighteen years of age.) Three regular meals should be given all prisoners daily, though supper can be light, something like wheat bread and syrup being suitable. The prisoners should receive fresh meat or fish at least twice weekly, and wheat bread at least once each day.

We commend the jailer for his effort to give prisoners suitable work to do, instead of keeping them locked in their cells throughout the day.

State Board of Charities and Corrections, G. Croft Williams, Secty.

**Score Card Report on Sumter County Jail.**

Features:	Possible	Actual
1. Jail Plant: Permanent		
1. Location	15	8
2. Separation of Prisoners' Quarters from Jailer's residence	10	10
3. Prisoners' Quarters:		
(1) Fire Hazard	45	35
(2) Ventilation	70	28
(3) Facilities for Classification	100	15
(4) Sanitary facilities	100	77
(5) Cell facilities and type	60	24
(Total score under Section II)	490	237

Features:	Possible	Actual
II. Sheriff's Management: Methods and Results:		
1. Jailer's General Duties	50	35
2. Records of Prisoners	30	27
3. Prisoners' Quarters: Conditions	70	61
4. Classification of Prisoners	80	65
5. Personal Hygiene of Prisoners	80	80
6. Prisoners' Food & Feeding	65	51
7. Discipline & Occupation of Prisoners	25	25
(Total score under Section III)	400	344

**III. County Commissioners and the Jail:**

Features:	Possible	Actual
1. Jail's Equipment and repair	110	80
2. Medical Service for Prisoners	80	8
3. Financial Management	10	2
(Total score under Section III)	200	90

Complete Score on This Jail . . . . .1000 671

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**Report on Sumter County Chaingang.** Mr. J. H. Holland, foreman. Visited March 24, 1919, by Assistant Secretary Broyles with Supervisor L. E. White. Camp located in Sumter, on lot immediately in rear of jail, which was used for winter quarters. Convicts on gang 23, all negroes, of whom 10 were trusties.

The Sumter chaingang is one of the best managed gangs in the State, its score this year being two points higher than that earned by Charleston camp last year, which was

the leader for 1918. Among the notable improvements made since our fourth inspection, in June, 1918, we especially commend the following: The Supervisor now allows men deserving it ten per cent. off their sentences for good behavior, instead of the month to the year plan previously used. The foreman has tried reducing trusties in grade instead of whipping them, and has stopped the former practise of allowing two men to bathe in the same tub of water. In addition, he has still further bettered his already excellent score under the head of Convicts' Quarters. It is only giving due credit to state that the Sumter cages and convicts' beds are easily the best kept in the State.

In order that conditions may be still further improved, we recommend that the Supervisor have canvas slip covers made for the cotton pads and mattresses. These pads and mattresses cannot be washed, and they are expensive, but the canvas covers can be washed when necessary, and will save much wear on the more expensive bedding. The kitchen car should be repaired, also, a new floor and new screens in the windows being needed. A coat of light colored paint inside will encourage cleanliness, since dirt will show on the lighter walls, making it easier to point out careless cleaning to the trusties in charge of the car. Finally, we recommend that the commissioners increase the medical service arranged for along the lines suggested in our handbook, copies of which were recently sent to the Supervisor and foreman. (See page 29.)

We recommend that the foreman have the kitchen waste barrel kept tightly covered always, and that the cooks be required to keep the kitchen car cleaner. While it is not bad, it is below the rest of the camp in general condition, and may be distinctly improved. When the camp moves out on the road, be careful to dispose of sewerage and manure carefully, as suggested in the handbook, pages 37 and 38.

**Score Card for Chaingang.**

Features:	Possible	Actual
I. County Commissioners and Chaingang:		
1. The Camp and Equipment:		
(1) Guards' quarters	25	21
(2) Convicts' quarters	105	84
(3) Kitchen	50	44
(4) Storeroom	15	15
(5) Stock Adequately sheltered	5	4
2. The Convicts:		
(1) Medical Attention	65	28
(2) Records of Convicts	30	0
(3) Convicts' Food and Feeding	70	55
(4) Classification as required by law	60	60
(5) Ten per cent. off for good conduct	50	50
3. Miscellaneous	25	11
(Total score under Section I)	500	372

II. Foreman's Management: Methods and Results:

Features:	Possible	Actual
1. Camp and Equipment: Conditions		

Features:	Possible	Actual
(1) Camp grounds	10	10
(2) Guards' quarters	10	10
(3) Convicts' quarters	80	78
(4) Kitchen and equipment	15	12
(5) Storeroom	19	10
(6) Stock	5	5
2. Camp Sanitation:		
(1) Water supply: source ununsuspicious	20	20
(2) Disposal of sewerage	50	15
(3) Disposal of manure	30	10
(4) Disposal of kitchen refuse	10	6
3. The Convicts		
(1) Personal hygiene	75	75
(2) Discipline	150	123
(3) Records	25	12
(Total score under Section II)	590	442

Complete score on this Chaingang . . . . .1000 314

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**Report on Sumter County Almshouse.**

Mr. J. L. Nunnamaker, superintendent. Visited March 24, 1919, by Assistant Secretary Broyles with Supervisor L. E. White. Inmates, 4 white females, 1 negro female, and 1 negro male, the last named being blind.

The plant of the Sumter county home is probably above the average in the State, and the sympathetic attitude of the Supervisor toward the inmates is strikingly good, but the system of management is bad, and should be completely changed, as shown by the score under Administration and Medical Service, fifteen points out of a possible one hundred being earned. To begin with, the fee system should be entirely abolished, and for it substituted a salary for the superintendent and matron. The farm should then be worked in the interest of the paupers, the entire proceeds being used for their benefit as is required by law (Civil Code, Section 1529). In addition to paying salaries to the superintendent and matron, a strong, able-bodied colored woman should be hired to help with the sick and generally assist the matron around the farm. Finally, the county physician should be paid a salary instead of fees, and should be required to make a physical examination of each new inmate, either before admittance or within 24 hours afterward, to vaccinate against small-pox unless contra-indicated, and to make regular weekly inspections of the paupers' food and quarters. If these things were done, the almshouse would receive 100 points in score under this head instead of the 15 gotten now. Only three or four counties in the State still use the dangerous fee system in their county almshouses. Last year we found bugs on the bed occupied by the negro man, and again this year we found them on the bed occupied by both negroes present. We recommend that the superintendent watch these rooms more carefully, especially the one in which the blind negro lives, and see that the beds are kept free of vermin of all sorts.

Score Card for Almshouse. Possible Actual

Features:	Possible	Actual
I. Almshouse: Permanent		

Features:	Possible	Actual
1. Location and Acreage	15	15
2. Superintendent's quarters	10	8
3. Paupers' quarters	175	122
(Total score under Section I)	200	145
II. Superintendent's Management:		
1. The Paupers		
(1) Personal hygiene	60	58
(2) Occupation and discipline	25	25
(3) Records	25	23
2. Paupers' Quarters: Conditions:		
(1) Dormitories and ad-juncts	110	95
(2) Kitchen and Storeroom	25	24
(3) Classification facilities, full use of	45	45
2. Sanitation:		
(1) Disposal of sewerage	50	43
(2) Disposal of manure	30	0
(3) Disposal of kitchen refuse	10	8

Features:	Possible	Actual
4. General Conditions	20	17
(Total score under Section II)	400	338
III. County Commissioners & Almshouse:		
1. Almshouse equipment & repair	155	122
2. Sanitary facilities	85	60
3. Administration and Medical Service	190	15
4. Paupers' Food and Feeding	40	35
5. General Supervision	20	12
(Total score under Section III)	400	244

Complete score on this Almshouse . . . . .1000 727

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Paris, April 7.—President Wilson's condition was improved this morning but by direction of Rear Admiral Grayson, his physician, he will remain in his room today attending no meetings. He hopes to resume work Tuesday.

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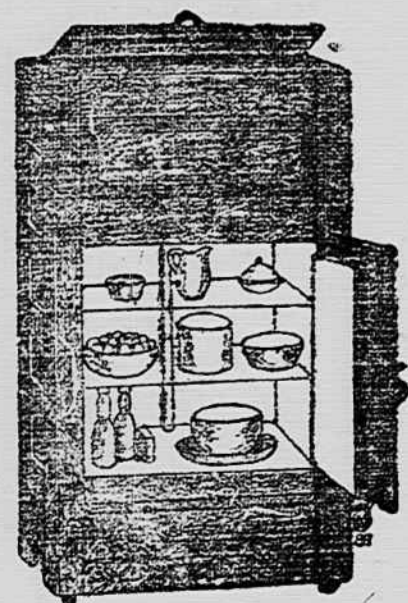
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