



Imagine being soaked with cold water while bound to a chair and being forced to sit there for six hours.

And after being bound to the chair, imagine the degradation of having no alternative but to use a bedpan in front of 33 other persons.

The scene is not a prisoner of war camp. It's a state mental institution—in Kansas.

Kansas is divided into three state hospital districts, Larned, Osawatomie and Topeka. The Larned district comprises more than 50 per cent of the state's 82,264 square miles.

IT IS SITUATED on nearly 1,400 acres of rolling Kansas plain. At first glance the facility closely resembles a college campus.

Behind that facade Eagle-Beacon Staff Writer Betty Wells found a maze of twisted minds, not all of which belonged to the patients.

For a firsthand insight into life within the institution, Miss Wells voluntarily committed herself and spent eight long, frightening days within the ward as "one of them."

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MAJ. CHARLES G. BOYD RIDES HORSE IN FRONT OF HIS LAWRENCE HOME ... Former POW says, "I am more content now than I think I have ever been."

Ex-POW Shuns Role of Hero

LAWRENCE, Kan. (UPI) — A year ago Air Force Maj. Charles G. Boyd squatted in a cramped prison cell halfway across the globe, choking down rotten food and enduring a constant barrage of propaganda against America.

CHUCK BOYD SINCE has come to grips with being a reluctant hero who never again will pilot a fighter jet. He also has adapted to shocking changes that occurred in his native land while he was a prisoner of war.

Boyd — his tall frame draped over an immaculate white lounge chair as the sun set majestically over the Kansas prairie — tilted his head back and softly said:

"I am more content now than I think I have ever been."

Boyd, whose "Diary of a POW" was published by UPI last spring after his release by the North Vietnamese, has emerged from his cauldron of changes with a new sense of dedication to his country. He also has an urgent desire to blend in and shed the often uncomfortable robes of a former POW.

"This whole business of being a returning prisoner of war can become a profession if you allow it to," Boyd said in an interview last week in his almost new, split-level home five miles west of Lawrence, where he is working on a master's degree at the University of Kansas.

His hands groping to put shape to his words, the handsome, tanned career officer tried to explain the frustration of thanking the thousands of people who wore his POW bracelet, while trying at the same time to move beyond the identity of a mere ex-POW.

"I received thousands of letters from people who were so emotionally involved in me," he said, his voice tightening. "These letters were just an outpouring of how happy we are that you made it home. Well what do you say? What can I do to repay you for this tremendous support you have given me?"

"So I found it very difficult when people ..."

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1 Dead, 20 Hurt In SE Tornadoes

From Our Wire Services

Tornadoes touched down in three states Saturday night, killing a baby and injuring 20 persons.

The unidentified baby was killed and three persons were injured at Pot Ash, Ala.

In Columbus, Miss., a twister destroyed several trailers and injured 18.

Another tornado hit a mobile home park just south of Lafayette, La., and flattened one home; its owner was hospitalized.

Scandals Make Kansas Day A Half-Century-Old Replay

By AL POLCINSKI Political Writer

When it comes to Kansas Day celebrations, some things change, others change not at all.

Take the one 50 years ago. In January 1924, as Republicans poured into Topeka to celebrate their party on the state's 50th birthday anniversary, the Big news flattened one home; its owner was hospitalized.

committee was uncovering the seamy side of the Teapot Dome affair.

This year, as Republicans prepare for the annual tub-thumping session, another Senate investigating committee and several grand juries are digging into more Washington scandals. This time it's Watergate and activities related to the re-election campaign of President Richard Nixon.

Watergate's pall of gloom has spread nationwide and has touched Kansas. Things have been looking down for Republicans, much as they have for the past seven years that Democratic Gov. Robert Docking has been in office.

That's the way it was looking — until last week. Then a grand jury in Topeka dumped a flood of indictments on people connected with the architectural contracts for the \$40 million expansion of the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Among those indicted were Gov. Docking's brother, George (Dick) and the governor's former research director and patronage chief, Richard Malloy.

REPUBLICAN LEADERS have been kind and courteous in the public statements of the past week but for the first time in many years, there are bound to be more smiles on the party faithful attending this Kansas Day.

GOP State Chairman Jack

Hintz on Kansas Family Tree Uprooted by War



By FORREST HINTZ Staff Writer

NEWTON, Kan. — Julie Gradert can talk about it now, but it never will be easy. The scars are too deep; the memories too vivid of a family scattered and all but destroyed by the raging winds of war.

"It's hard to feel that was a part of my life," Mrs. Gradert said. "It doesn't seem real. It's taken all these years to try to understand what happened to the first 15 years of my life."

"WE LIVED in a tiny village in the Ukraine in a Mennonite colony my forefathers had helped found. There were several other Protestant colonies there too.

"My father was mayor, and the way things there, he was responsible for everything that happened.

"One day, some of the herdsmen in the communal cattle herd went into alfalfa and some of the animals bled and died. The Russian authorities arrested my father and we never heard of him again. Two days later, the war broke out.

"THE GERMAN army occupied our village in 1941 and changed the name to 'Grudert.' In one way, I think the Russians considered all of us a threat. We spoke Russian, but we spoke German in the homes, and in the two years of occupation I think most of the colonists identified with the Germans.

And when they began to retreat in 1943, we had no choice but to leave ahead of them.

"I was 13 then, the youngest of the family. My mother, sister and three brothers and I left together. We tried to travel as villages so families wouldn't be separated. Just as we got ready to leave, Russian planes came over and strafed the road.

"THAT WAS in October, and from then through November we walked west. We had no idea where we were going, but always, we could hear the guns. The second night we were on the outskirts of some town and identified with the Germans.

record numbers, foreign embassy staffers say.

THE FOREIGN businessmen are attracted by Egypt's large labor force, plentiful electricity, oil and natural gas, and a good location for trade with Africa, the Middle East and Europe.

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It will permit the reopening of the canal — once a major money-maker for Egypt — for the first time in six and one-half years. Also freed for reconstruction are the former canal-side commercial centers of Port Said, Ismailia and Suez City.

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Today's Forecast

WICHITA AREA — Cloudy and cooler 11/24 m.d. 40s. Low upper 20s.

KANSAS — Partly cloudy. Cooler in west. Lows upper teens northwest, low 30s elsewhere. Highs in 20s and 40s.

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Democrats Pledge Action on Energy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic congressional leaders promised Saturday to help solve the nation's energy problems and called on President Nixon to work as a partner.

They commented in response to Nixon's energy address to the nation a week ago.

Rep. John J. McFall, D-Calif., the House Democratic whip, said Congress thus far has provided the leadership in dealing with the energy crisis.

"Throughout most of last year, the administration appeared to prefer talk to action," McFall said in a nationwide radio address.

He became conditioned to react as a patient—the long hours of television—the endless card games—the trips to the cafeteria, three times a day, always at the same time—the one-day dispensing of "cigarette money"—the medication four times daily.

MAKING TOKEN inquiry, she was told she could get "anything you want" in narcotics and soon was given a joint of marijuana by another patient.

And contrary to general public belief, Miss Wells found no separation of mental patients in her ward.

Women in their teens mingled with those of senior citizen level. Despite varying degrees of "sickness," they shared the same ward-night and day.

At Larned, Miss Wells learned that many idealists who entered a "helping profession" soon became hardened and lost empathy for their charges.

They became a dehumanized part of a dehumanizing institution, where once grieved, both patient and staff are sentenced to a very special type of hell.

Her experiences are described in a six-part series beginning Monday in The Eagle.

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HE SAID many of the programs Nixon called for in his address and in a special energy message to Congress last Wednesday are already contained in an omnibus energy bill on which Congress is scheduled to take final action next week.

The bill, giving Nixon broad powers to deal with the energy crisis, has been criticized because of administration and oil industry opposition, McFall said.

In addition, he said, Congress has passed the Alaska pipeline bill, given Nixon standby authority to allocate fuel and is nearing final action on measures to establish a Federal Energy Administration and a Energy Research and Development Administration that would concentrate the

TOPEKA (AP) — A 45-year-old Kansas law that kept a guest passenger insured in a motor vehicle accident from recovering damages from the owner or operator of that vehicle for ordinary negligence was declared unconstitutional Saturday.

At the same time, the Kansas Supreme Court set aside a \$600,000 judgment against the Kansas Highway Commission. It was one of the largest motor vehicle accident judgments ever granted in this state.

THE HIGH COURT said the 1931 Kansas "guest statute" law was unconstitutional

because it violated the equal protection provisions of the federal and state constitutions.

The court said the statute created an unlawful discrimination between persons who were entitled or not entitled to recover damages resulting from ordinary negligence.

A legislative committee that studied the matter in the last year recommended the repeal of the law which allowed recovery only in cases of extreme or wanton negligence.

BILLS to repeal the law have been introduced in nearly every session of the

legislature in recent years and a measure was pending in this session when the high court ruled the issue.

The Supreme Court decision was hailed by the president of the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association in a prepared statement.

Terry O'Keefe, Wichita, said it was the "single most important advance of the rights of the injured in Kansas in recent years."

THE DECISION came on an appeal from a Linn County case filed by Terry A. Henry against Thomas W. Bauser, Justice David Prager wrote the court's opinion holding the

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Israeli Withdrawal Pulling Foreign Trade Into Egypt

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Egypt is ready to replace combat fatigues with commercial trade in a major rebuilding effort for the Suez Canal and the cities along its banks liberated by Israeli withdrawal.

West German, American and British underwriter demilitarization experts are looking for ways to defuse unexploded shells in the Egyptian Suez Canal Authority, are seeking

maintenace craft and canal pilots in Europe.

President Anwar Sadat is reported about to name a new reconstruction cabinet or technocrats able to guide the rebuilding and attract foreign investment.

Arab development funds are flowing into Cairo from the oil-producing states, and European, Asian and American businessmen are checking in at local hotels in

record numbers, foreign embassy staffers say.

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