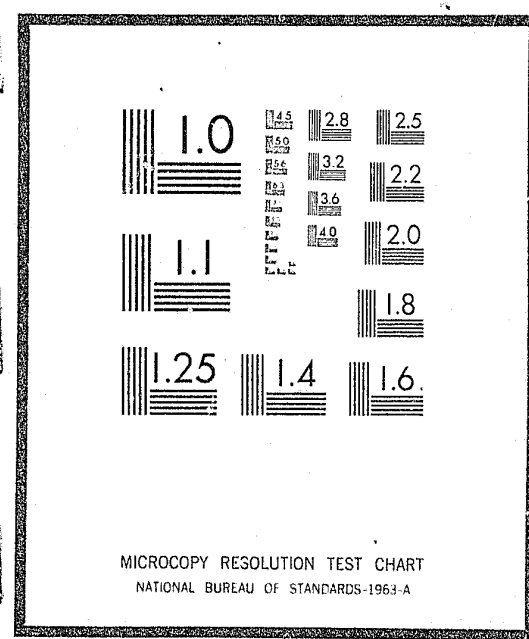


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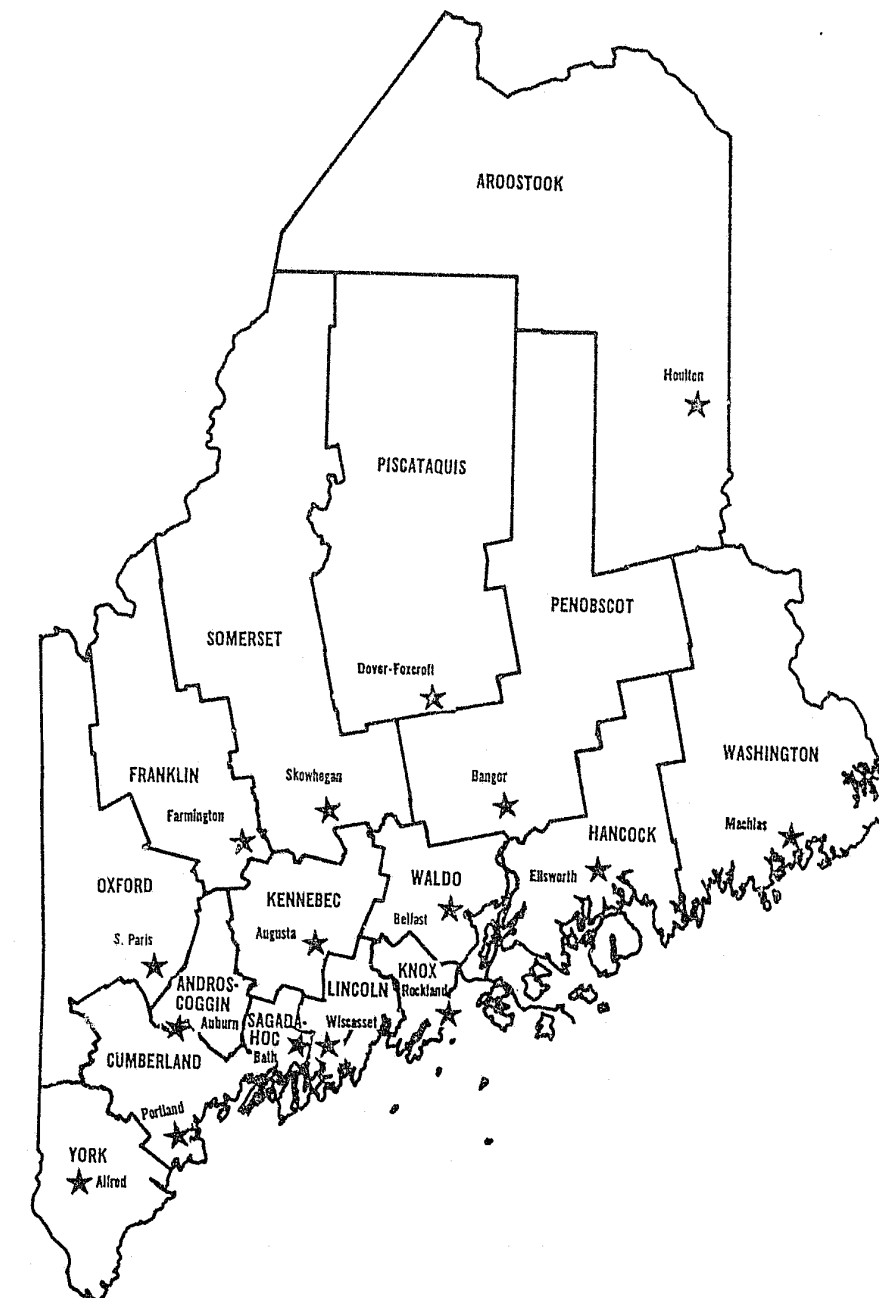
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James B. Longley
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1976 COUNTY JAIL INSPECTION REPORT



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Honorable Governor James B. Longley
State House
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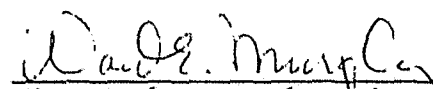
Dear Governor Longley:

The enclosed County Jail Report is submitted in compliance with Title 34, M.R.S.A., 1964 and amended by P.L. 1967 c 248, P.L. 1969 c 258, and regulations set forth relating to "Standards for County Jails" established by the Department of Mental Health and Corrections. New "Standards for County Jails" are completed and are being distributed to all counties.

The Inspection Report was prepared by Mr. Joseph L. McClay, State Jail Inspector for the Department of Mental Health and Corrections.

This inspection was based upon up-dating information presented in the 1975 County Jail Inspection Report, to determine what areas of recommendation had been acted upon, and to give a general account of conditions present at the time of inspections of each county jail.

Respectfully submitted,


Miss Ward E. Murphy, Director
Bureau of Corrections

December 1, 1976

State of Maine
County Commissioners and Sheriffs

Commissioners and Sheriffs:

In accordance with the authority and instructions contained in Title 34, M.R.S.A., 1964, section 3, which is stated below, the results of the 1976 county jail inspections are contained in the following individual county reports.

Title 34, M.R.S.A., 1964

§ 3. Inspection of county jails; standards; transfer of prisoners

The department may make frequent inspections of all county jails and shall inspect all county jails at least twice in each year and report annually, before December 1st, to the Governor and Executive Council in respect to the conditions of said jails.

The commissioner shall establish standards for all county jails. Such standards shall approximate, insofar as possible, those established by the Inspector of Jails, Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Failure on the part of the county commissioners to maintain standards established under this section, discovered during any jail inspection conducted under this section, shall be reported by the commissioner in writing to the county commissioners of the county in which such jail is located, specifying deficiencies and departures from such standards and ordering their correction. It shall be the responsibility of the county commissioners to cause such deficiencies to be corrected and such standards to be restored, within 6 months from receipt of the report and order of the commissioner. For failure of the county commissioners to comply with such order, the commissioner may order the county jail to be closed and the prisoners transferred to the nearest county jail or jails meeting the prescribed standards and having available room for prisoners. The cost of transfer, support and return of such prisoners shall be paid by the county from whose jail the prisoners are transferred as provided in this section for other transfers. The commissioner may contract with any qualified person to serve as consultant to the department for the purpose of inspections under this section and to inspect the county jails, and any law to the contrary notwithstanding, such qualified person may be an officer or employee of the department.

The department, upon request of the sending sheriff and approval of the county commissioners, may transfer any prisoner serving a sentence in his jail to any other county jail to serve the balance of his sentence, or any part thereof, upon the approval of the sheriff and county commissioners of the receiving county. Cost of transfer or return of such prisoner shall be paid by the sending county. The amount to be paid for the support of the prisoner in the receiving county shall be at a rate agreed upon by the county commissioners party to the transfer, and shall be paid by the sending county.

P.L. 1967, c. 248; P.L. 1969, c. 258.

The statute covering the administration of medication in county jails is as follows:

34 M.R.S.A., Sec. 912 is enacted to read:

1. Administration of medication by sheriff or deputy. The sheriff of any county may administer to any prisoner in his custody and charge, any oral or topical medication as prescribed by a licensed physician or dentist, or if requested by a prisoner, any nonprescription medication in accordance with the directions on its container. The sheriff may delegate this authority to administer medication to his deputy who is in charge of the county jail or to the master or keeper of the county jail.

2. Limitations on administration of medication. The sheriff or his delegate shall not administer any prescription or nonprescription medication to any prisoner who has been incarcerated in the county jail for less than 24 hours, unless the sheriff or his delegate has consulted with and received permission to administer such medication from a licensed physician.

3. Insulin injections. No provisions under this section shall prevent any prisoner from self-administering insulin injections providing:

A. A duly licensed physician has authorized such self-administration; and

B. Such self-administration takes place in the presence of the sheriff or his delegate.

4. Statement by prisoner. Before administering any nonprescription medication to any prisoner who has been incarcerated in the county jail for 24 hours or longer, the sheriff or his delegate shall secure a written statement signed by the prisoner, which states that the prisoner has requested such medication and had no previous adverse allergic reaction to such medication.

5. Records of medication administered. Every sheriff or his delegate shall maintain for at least 2 years a record which shall include a description of each prescription and nonprescription medication administered in the county jail and the identity of each person to whom such medication is administered.

6. Administration of medication not a violation. The administration of medication to prisoners as provided in this section shall not be a violation of Title 32, section 2102, subsection 2, paragraph D or Title 32, section 3270 or any other law.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

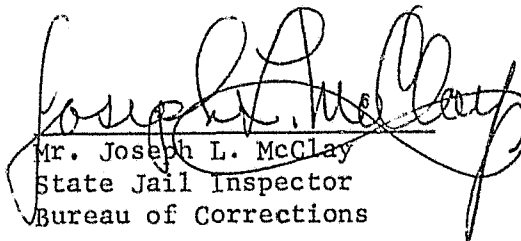
Effective March 23, 1976

Due to numerous unforeseen delays, the new Standards for County Jails were not completed in time to be incorporated in the final report for 1976. The Standards will be published and in force during the first quarter of 1977.

The year of 1976 was a time of continued progress insofar as improvements in the physical facilities of the county jails throughout the State are concerned. Androscoggin County has nearly completed extensive renovations to the old portion of the jail; Cumberland County has revamped the office area within the security section; Knox County is well under way in the complete renovation of their jail; Oxford County has revamped their dining and visiting area; Penobscot County completed the phase two portion of a three phase renovation program; Piscataquis County is progressing with the renovations of their facility; Waldo County has completed a new and modern jail and Washington County remodeled and installed new equipment in the jail kitchen. The citizens of Hancock County voted in favor of an act to authorize the County Commissioners to raise money for a new County Jail and District Court facility. York County citizens voted to increase the amount of the bond issue in hopes that the Commissioners will attempt to give positive consideration to a new and badly needed jail facility. The Commissioners of Aroostook County purchased an unused school building in Houlton and extensive renovations are nearly completed; a portion of the building will house the offices of the Sheriff thereby allowing for added space for females and juveniles in the jail building. Two counties, Somerset and Washington, submitted applications for funds under the Public Works Employment Act of 1976 for new construction and renovations but neither project was funded.

The Work Release Program, under the guidance of the Sheriffs, is still proving very successful from the standpoint of the inmate as well as the counties involved. A total of \$126,228.00 was earned by inmates and a total of \$31,531.00 was paid by the inmates for board.

The Bureau of Corrections extends its appreciation to the Sheriffs and most Commissioners for their cooperation given the Bureau in matters pertaining to the jails during 1976.


Mr. Joseph L. McClay
State Jail Inspector
Bureau of Corrections

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County Jail Inspection Report

October 4, 1976

Androscoggin County Jail

Auburn, Maine

Rosaire Martel, Sheriff

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS 7/1/75-6/30/76

Androscoggin County

Employees: (FT Denotes Full Time - PT Denotes Part Time)

Male:

Jail Attendants (FT) 21

Counselors (FT)

Cook (FT) 1

Other (FT)

Jail Attendants (PT) 10

Counselors (PT)

Other (PT)

Female:

Matrons (FT) 3

Counselors (FT)

Cook (FT)

Other (FT)

Matrons (PT)

Counselors (PT)

Other (PT)

Average Overnight Population:

Adult

Male 17

Female 1

Total 18

Juvenile

Male 1

Female

Total 1

Total Detained, County Jail: (Holds for other Departments/Awaiting Trial, Bail, Transportation, etc.)

Adult

Male 1,461

Female 42

Total 1,503

Juvenile

Male 128

Female 14

Total 142

Total Sentenced:

Adult
Male 592
Female 3
Total 595

Juvenile
Male
Female
Total

Suicides:

Adult
Male 1
Female
Total 1 Hanging in cell.

Juvenile
Male
Female
Total

Deaths (other than Suicides):

Adult
Male 1
Female
Total 1 Heart Att. (In hosp.)

Juvenile
Male
Female
Total

Escapes:

Adult
Male 2
Female
Total 2 Work Releasees (Failed
to return)

Juvenile
Male
Female
Total

ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY JAIL - AUBURN, MAINE

Built 1969

HOLDING FACILITY AND LOCKUP "ADEQUATE"

The capacity of this facility remains at twenty-six (26) adult males, three (3) adult females and three (3) juveniles, either male or female, for a total of thirty-two (32) inmates.

The renovations of the old section of the jail are nearing completion. A complete new kitchen with modern equipment has been installed. One floor of the old jail is being remodeled for minimum security inmates such as work releasees and trusties. An all purpose room to be used as a dining room, recreation room and meeting room is being finished off.

The renovations when completed will allow for an increase in the maximum security area which has been at or near full capacity during the past year.

ADMINISTRATION:

Record Keeping: A well maintained file folder system is kept at this facility.

Mail: Incoming letters and packages are inspected, with the written consent of the inmate, for contraband.

Rules for Jail Personnel: There are written rules and regulations describing the duties, and how they are to be carried out, for personnel who work in and around the jail.

FOOD SERVICE:

A professional cook prepares the meals for the inmates.

A full set of cutlery (knife, fork and spoon) is now being issued to the inmates.

Food is now prepared in the new kitchen using new equipment and utensils.

Meals are served to the inmates from a serving line and are eaten while sitting at tables in the dining area.

SANITATION (Food Related):

All deficiencies noted during last year's inspection have been corrected.

SANITATION (Non-Food Related):

The overall cleanliness of the cell block area was poor. For the second year in a row it is noted that there are rules governing the clean-up procedure but they apparently are not being enforced by the jail attendants.

The inside of the jail is in need of painting and is scheduled to be painted as soon as some masonry work is completed.

New mattresses are on order to replace the ones now in use that are in bad shape.

The practice of allowing food in the cells should be stopped as this is a good source for vermin.

The plumbing fixtures were in good working order but more attention should be given to the cleaning of toilets.

The laundry room should be cleaned more often.

CUSTODY AND SECURITY:

There should be a jail log maintained where all inmate checks, cell inspections and any unusual incidents taking place in the jail can be logged, showing the time and signed by the correctional officer on duty. A log of this nature is an official document and could be a deciding factor in possible law suits in deaths, injuries, etc.

Cell block checks, by jail attendants, should be made more often than hourly, on each and every shift.

FEMALE AND JUVENILE AREAS:

Juveniles and females can be housed at this facility.

Both areas are in need of painting and this will be done as soon as the previously mentioned masonry work is completed.

The juvenile area should have an extensive cleaning and more attention paid to the cleanliness in the future.

A second means of egress from the female area will be installed in the near future.

INMATE CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE:

There are rules for inmates which are enforced. Infractions of the rules could result in lock-up, loss of good time, loss of privileges or charges lodged against the offender.

Since the last inspection this facility has adopted an open jail policy as opposed to a locked policy, this gives the inmate more freedom of movement within the jail.

There is a plan of the day for inmates to assure that they know when and what is expected of them during the course of a day.

This facility operates two twelve hour shifts with four employees per shift insofar as the jail operation is concerned.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

A regular jail doctor makes two scheduled visits per week to the jail and is subject to call at any time. The response to special calls is very prompt.

No deficiencies were noted in the medical and health care.

Reference should be made to Title 34, M.R.S.A., Chapter 69, Section 912 regarding medication.

INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS:

Visiting: The visiting time has been increased from eight to ten hours per week. There is now a two hour period of visiting in the P.M. Special visits are at the discretion of the Sheriff.

Library: The Library consists of a few books, some paperbacks and magazines. Books can be checked out of the Auburn Public Library.

Commissary: There is a small commissary where cigarettes, tobacco, candy, etc. may be purchased.

Recreation: The outdoor recreation area has been moved to the rear of the court house, thereby increasing the space available by about ten times over the old area. The inmates can play volleyball, basketball, or just enjoy the outdoors. Weather permitting, the recreation period lasts two hours per day.

Church Services: Available to those inmates who wish to attend.

Programs:

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings are available to the inmates.

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this report is to provide a detailed description of the current state of the Aroostook County Jail and to identify areas for improvement.

The following information was obtained from a tour of the facility on October 5, 1976.

The jail is a two-story building located in Houlton, Maine. It is currently housing approximately 100 inmates. The facility is owned and operated by the Aroostook County Sheriff's Office.

The jail is currently under a contract with the State of Maine for the provision of inmate services.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

Renovation of the inmate quarters and the installation of a second main entrance from the north end are the projects to be undertaken in the very near future. As yet there has been no discussion with the Sheriff's Office as to any plans he might have for the jail.

County Jail Inspection Report

October 5, 1976

Aroostook County Jail

Houlton, Maine

Darrell O. Grandall, Sheriff

Aroostook County

Employees: (FT Denotes Full Time - PT Denotes Part Time)

Male:

Jail Attendants (FT) 7

Counselors (FT)

Cook (FT) 1

Other (FT) Janitor 1

Jail Attendants (PT) As needed

Counselors (PT)

Other (PT)

Female:

Matrons (FT) 1

Counselors (FT)

Cook (FT)

Other (FT) Secretary 1

Matrons (PT)

Counselors (PT)

Other (PT)

Average Overnight Population:

Adult

Male 26

Female 1

Total 27

Juvenile

Male .9

Female .1

Total 1.0

Total Detained, County Jail: (Holds for other Departments/Awaiting Trial, Bail, Transportation, etc.)

Adult

Male 932

Female 28

Total 960

Juvenile

Male 117

Female 21

Total 138

Total Sentenced:

Adult
Male 198
Female 1
Total 199

Juvenile
Male None
Female
Total

Suicides:

Adult
Male
Female
Total

Juvenile
Male
Female
Total

Deaths (other than Suicides):

Adult
Male
Female
Total

Juvenile
Male
Female
Total

Escapes:

Adult
Male
Female
Total

Juvenile
Male
Female
Total

AROOSTOOK COUNTY JAIL - HOULTON, MAINE

Built 1889

HOLDING FACILITY AND LOCKUP "ADEQUATE"

This facility has a capacity of one hundred and two (102) adult males and six (6) adult females, for a total of one hundred and eight (108) inmates.

The halfway house which has been in operation since September 30, 1974, after a slow start, has been operating at near capacity since March 1975. Residents of the halfway house come from Maine State Prison, Maine Correctional Center and the Aroostook County Jail.

The County Commissioners purchased a school building located across the street from the county complex and renovations are in progress. When the remodeling of the building is complete a portion of it will house the offices of the Sheriff's Department. This will free up some space in the jail building for expansion of the facility.

The population at this jail is large enough to warrant the position of jail administrator, and it is suggested that the Commissioners and Sheriff seriously consider hiring such a person.

ADMINISTRATION:

Record Keeping: The file folder system that was set up a year ago is being well maintained.

Mail: No deficiencies noted.

Rules for Jail Personnel: There are rules for jail personnel.

FOOD SERVICE:

The quality and quantity of food is more than adequate at this facility.

No deficiencies noted.

SANITATION (Food Related):

All kitchen help shall wear aprons and hair restraints. (This deficiency is noted for the third year.)

There should be a thermometer to check wash and rinse water temperature. (This deficiency is noted for the third year.)

SANITATION (Non-Food Related):

There is a janitor employed by the county on a full time basis and he is responsible for the cleanliness of all but the occupied cells. The areas that the janitor was responsible for were clean.

All areas except the juvenile area were clean.

Fire resistant mattresses are in use throughout the facility.

CUSTODY AND SECURITY:

A jail log should be started and all cell checks, inmate checks and any unusual incidents taking place in the jail should be logged showing the time and signed by the correctional officer on duty.

Trusties are housed separately from the rest of the population thus cutting down the likelihood of contraband being brought into the jail.

Segregation of different types of inmates is possible at this jail.

FEMALE AND JUVENILE AREAS:

Juveniles and females can be housed at this facility.

Juvenile Male: One half of the top floor of the jail has been set aside for the housing of male juveniles. This section is segregated from the rest of the jail population both by sight and sound.

Juveniles are fed in their cells thus maintaining the segregation from adults.

The male juvenile area was dirty.

Adult Female: The female area is totally segregated from the rest of the population. This area is clean and well maintained.

Female inmates are fed in the female area.

There is a separate means of egress from the female area.

FEMALE AND JUVENILE AREAS (continued):

Juvenile Female: At the present time if there should be male and female juveniles as well as adult females in the jail at the same time, the female juvenile would have to be housed elsewhere due to a segregation problem.

When the offices of the department are moved across the street, the vacated area will be made into a juvenile area for both male and female.

INMATE CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE:

There are rules for inmates, a copy of which is given to each inmate upon incarceration.

This facility is large enough so that segregation of certain types of inmates is possible.

The inmates in this jail are not locked in their cell at all times but are kept locked on the walk where their cell is located thus keeping the disciplinary problems at a minimum.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

There still is no doctor who calls at the jail on a regular basis. Inmates are taken to the hospital when they complain of an ailment. The County Commissioners should retain the services of a doctor to visit the jail at least two times a week.

Reference should be made to Title 34, M.R.S.A., Chapter 69, Section 912 regarding medication.

INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS:

Visiting: Regular visiting is held on Saturday between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. and again from 12:00 noon until 4:00 P.M. for a total of seven hours per week. Special visits are authorized by the Sheriff. It is suggested that visiting privileges be extended to more than one day a week.

Library: The Library consists of a large number of books which have to be taken to the inmate's cell as there is no room for reading purposes.

Commissary: There is a small commissary maintained by the staff where purchases can be made by the inmate.

1. The first of the two buildings

is a small building with a flat roof and a small porch. It is located at the rear of the property and is used for storage.

The second building is a larger building with a gabled roof and a small porch. It is located at the front of the property and is used for office space.

The third building is a small building with a flat roof and a small porch. It is located at the rear of the property and is used for storage.

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County Jail Inspection Report

October 6, 1976

Cumberland County Jail

Portland, Maine

Richard L. Thayer, Sheriff

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS 7/1/75-6/30/76

Cumberland County

Employees: (FT Denotes Full Time - PT Denotes Part Time)

Male:

Female:

Jail Attendants (FT) 19

Matrons (FT) 3

Counselors (FT) _____

Counselors (FT) _____

Cook (FT) 2

Cook (FT) _____

Other (FT) 1 Medical Officer

Other (FT) _____

1 Records & I.D. Officer

1 Work-Release Officer

1 Records Clerk

1 Assistant Jail Administrator

Jail Attendants (PT) _____

Matrons (PT) _____

Counselors (PT) 1

Counselors (PT) _____

1 Teacher

Other (PT) 1 Jail Physician

Other (PT) 1 Nurse

Average Overnight Population:

Adult

Juvenile

Male 67

Male 1

Female 2

Female 1

Total 69

Total 2

Total Detained, County Jail: (Holds for other Departments/Awaiting Trial, Bail, Transportation, etc.)

Adult

Juvenile

Male 2804

Male 83

Female 253

Female 98

Total 3057

Total 181

Total Sentenced:

Adult
Male 377
Female 11
Total 388

Juvenile
Male 1
Female 0
Total 1

Suicides:

Adult
Male 1
Female _____
Total 1 Smoke Inhalation (Fire set
by inmate)

Juvenile
Male _____
Female _____
Total 0

Deaths (other than Suicides):

Adult
Male _____
Female 1
Total 1 Overdose (Drugs)

Juvenile
Male _____
Female _____
Total 0

Escapes:

Adult
Male _____
Female _____
Total 0

Juvenile
Male _____
Female _____
Total 0

CUMBERLAND COUNTY JAIL - PORTLAND, MAINE

Built 1964

HOLDING FACILITY AND LOCKUP "ADEQUATE"

The capacity of this facility is one hundred (100) adult males, eight (8) adult or juvenile females and two (2) male juveniles, for a total of one hundred and ten (110).

The increase in the capacity came about when double bunks were added to the dormitory section that houses the work releases and kitchen help.

The facility is still detaining and housing inmates from York County where there is still no suitable facility to house inmates. During the year a total of five hundred and twenty (520) persons were cared for by Cumberland County for York County. York County paid \$74,550.00 for the boarding of their inmates.

During the year there was a change in jail administrators and from all indications the jail is being operated in a more efficient manner.

ADMINISTRATION:

Record Keeping: No deficiencies noted.

Mail: No deficiencies noted.

Rules for Jail Personnel: No deficiencies noted.

FOOD SERVICE:

No deficiencies noted.

SANITATION (Food Related):

No deficiencies noted.

SANITATION (Non-Food Related):

There is a systematic plan for cleaning up the jail and it appears that it is being enforced as it should be. The entire jail was 100% cleaner than in the past.

There has been a list of authorized articles that may be kept in the cells, since this list has been posted the cluttered appearance of the cells has improved.

Food is no longer allowed in the cell block area.

The additional staffing on each floor means that the rules for the cleaning of the jail are now enforced.

CUSTODY AND SECURITY:

A new classification system for the assigning of inmates to a particular area within the jail along with the addition of one more correctional officer on each floor has tightened up the security to the point where there were no escapes this past year.

In the 1975 report there were five suggestions made which would tend to tighten the security at this jail and all five have been adopted and are working out very well.

Each shift consists of a sergeant and four correctional officers which under normal conditions gives adequate coverage.

FEMALE AND JUVENILE AREAS:

Adult Female: No deficiencies noted.

Juvenile Female: No deficiencies noted.

There is a matron on duty within the female section twenty-four (24) hours a day.

Juvenile Male: The male juvenile section has been moved to one section of the main cell block, the area is totally segregated from the adult population. The two rooms used in the past are located in the basement of the building and posed a safety problem.

INMATE CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE:

There are rules and regulations for inmates, a copy of which is given to the inmate upon being incarcerated.

There has been a "plan of the day" put into effect so that all inmates know what is required of them and when.

A disciplinary board hears all charges of infractions of the rules and recommend punishment for the accused.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

No deficiencies noted.

The City Health Officer of Portland inspects the facility once a month.

Reference should be made to Title 34, M.R.S.A., Chapter 69, Section 912 regarding medication.

INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS:

Visiting: Maximum security inmates are allowed visiting three times a week, two times during the day and once at night for a total of two and one half (2 1/2) hours. These visits are non-contact. Medium and minimum security inmates are allowed visiting four times a week, two times during the day and two times during the night for a total of seven (7) hours. These visits are open visitor held in the recreation area.

There have been new rules and policies issued governing visiting at this facility.

Library: No deficiencies noted.

Commissary: No deficiencies noted.

Recreation: A large recreation area containing basketball hoops, ping pong table, weights and various other gear, is opened twice a day for those inmates who wish to use it. This area also serves as the visiting area. The usual TV, radio, cards, and games are the pastime within the cells. Plans call for a fenced in outdoor recreation area.

Programs: The Alcohol Anonymous weekly meetings held at the jail, which are open to members from the community, are reported to be the best in the area. Meetings of sixty (60) persons in attendance are common. The GED program is one of the more popular ones and is a continual program.

Drug counseling is available for those who wish to take advantage of it.

Counseling in many areas is available through the Counseling Center.

A Director of Community Correctional Programs is employed by the county.

PHYSICAL PLANT:

One of the deputies is assigned as maintenance deputy on a full time basis, to take care of repairs etc. in and around the jail.

Oil Burner: No deficiencies noted.

Electrical: No deficiencies noted.

Fire Prevention: No deficiencies noted. Fire drills are held twice a month under the supervision of the Portland Fire Department.

October 7, 1976

Farmington, Maine

Ronald Durrell, Sheriff

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS 7/1/75-6/30/76

Franklin County

Employees: (FT Denotes Full Time - PT Denotes Part Time)

Male:

Female:

Jail Attendants (FT) 8

Matrons (FT)

Counselors (FT)

Counselors (FT)

Cook (FT)

Cook (FT) 1

Other (FT)

Other (FT)

Jail Attendants (PT) 4

Matrons (PT) 4

Counselors (PT) Ministers 2

Counselors (PT)

Other (PT)

Other (PT)

Average Overnight Population:

Adult

Juvenile

Male 7

Male

Female .07

Female

Total 7.07

Total

Total Detained, County Jail: (Holds for other Departments/Awaiting Trial, Bail, Transportation, etc.)

Adult

Juvenile

Male 517

Male 29

Female 25

Female 1

Total 542

Total 30

Total Sentenced:

Adult
Male 62
Female 0
Total 62

Juvenile
Male
Female
Total 0

Suicides:

Adult
Male
Female
Total 0

Juvenile
Male
Female
Total 0

Deaths (other than Suicides):

Adult
Male
Female
Total 0

Juvenile
Male
Female
Total 0

Escapes:

Adult
Male
Female
Total 0

Juvenile
Male
Female
Total 0

FRANKLIN COUNTY JAIL - FARMINGTON, MAINE

Built 1889

HOLDING FACILITY AND LOCKUP "ADEQUATE"

The capacity of this facility is thirteen (13) adult males, one (1) adult or juvenile female, and four (4) juvenile males, for a total of eighteen (18) inmates.

In 1976 Kenneth French, the long time and highly respected Sheriff of Franklin County died and Governor Longley appointed Ronald Durrell, Chief Deputy, to the position of Sheriff for the balance of the term. The transition to Sheriff Durrell's administration has been very smooth with no major problems insofar as the jail is concerned.

ADMINISTRATION:

Record Keeping: No deficiencies noted.

Mail: No deficiencies noted.

Rules for Jail Personnel: New rules and regulations governing the duties and conduct of jail personnel are in the process of being written.

FOOD SERVICE:

A full cutlery service, depending on the kind of food served, is now issued to inmates.

Food is prepared in the kitchen of the Sheriff's quarters.

SANITATION (Food Related):

No deficiencies noted.

SANITATION (Non-Food Related):

All plumbing fixtures were in good working condition.

The cleanliness, of the cell block, was more than satisfactory. The cell block was painted during the year.

CUSTODY AND SECURITY:

Cell checks are made every thirty minutes instead of every hour.

Cell inspections and inmate checks should be logged in a jail log rather than on the desk blotter.

Inmates are searched every time they enter the cell block.

FEMALE AND JUVENILE AREAS:

Adult Female: This section is totally segregated from the adult male section of the jail.

The bathtub should be replaced with a shower due to the possibility of a person under the influence of alcohol or drugs drowning in a partially filled tub. (This deficiency is noted for the fourth year.)

The toilet should be replaced with the penal type combination toilet and lavatory.

Juvenile Female: A juvenile female could be held for no longer than twenty-four (24) hours, provided there was not an adult female being held and there was constant supervision by a matron, otherwise, the juvenile would have to be taken to the nearest facility cleared to house this type of inmate.

Juvenile Male: Under no circumstances should a juvenile be held at this facility for more than twenty-four (24) hours and, only then if it is absolutely necessary.

If this jail is to be classified as a holding facility, there will have to be a section for each of the above-mentioned class of inmates with complete segregation for each class.

INMATE CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE:

Rules and regulations for inmates are in the process of being re-written.

A plan of the day should be drawn up and put into effect so that the inmates know what is expected of them from the time of arising until the time of retiring.

There is one jail attendant on duty at all times and he is responsible for the complete operation of the jail.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

Even though the response of the local doctors to any call for medical services at the jail is very prompt, it is still much more satisfactory if the services of one doctor could be retained so he could make regular calls at the facility.

Prescription drugs shall be kept under lock and key.

Reference should be made to Title 34, M.R.S.A., Chapter 69, Section 912 regarding medication.

INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS:

Visiting: There is a two hour period of visiting on Saturday from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. The Sheriff and staff grant special visits when warranted. It is suggested that the possibility of more visits per week be looked into, particularly a night visit.

Library: There is no library, as such, but there is reading material available. The Maine Statutes are available for the inmates' use.

Commissary: Cigarettes, candy, etc., are purchased by a deputy, at the request of the inmates.

Recreation: The County Commissioners and Sheriff should explore the possibility of fencing in the area between the jail and the store next to it for a small outdoor exercise area.

Colored TV and the usual cards and games comprise the indoor recreation.

Programs: Church services are held every Sunday.

Alcoholic counseling is available when wanted or when the need arises.

G.E.D. is also available for those inmates who wish to take advantage of it.

Local civic organizations are a good source for meaningful programs if they are made aware of the want and need for them.

PHYSICAL PLANT:

It is again brought to the attention of the Commissioners that the space occupied by the Civil Defense could be made into juvenile and female areas as well as adding a visiting and indoor recreation area.

Oil Burner: No deficiencies noted.

MINIMUM PLANT OPERATIONS

1. All plants must be noted.

2. If a plant is not in operation, it is a violation of the law.

3. If a plant is not in operation, it is a violation of the law.

4. If a plant is not in operation, it is a violation of the law.

5. If a plant is not in operation, it is a violation of the law.

6. If a plant is not in operation, it is a violation of the law.

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9. If a plant is not in operation, it is a violation of the law.

County Jail Inspection Report

October 8, 1976

Hancock County Jail

Ellsworth, Maine

Robert Williams, Sheriff

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS 7/1/75-6/30/76

Hancock County

Employees: (FT Denotes Full Time - PT Denotes Part Time)

Male:

Female:

Jail Attendants (FT) 3

Matrons (FT)

Counselors (FT)

Counselors (FT)

Cook (FT)

Cook (FT) 1

Other (FT)

Other (FT)

Jail Attendants (PT)

Matrons (PT) 4

Counselors (PT)

Counselors (PT)

Other (PT)

Other (PT)

Average Overnight Population:

Adult

Juvenile

Male 8

Male 0

Female 0

Female 0

Total 8

Total 0

Total Detained, County Jail: (Holds for other Departments/Awaiting Trial, Bail, Transportation, etc.)

Adult

Juvenile

Male 2975

Male 72

Female 52

Female 18

Total 3027

Total 90

Total Sentenced:

Adult
Male 44
Female
Total 44

Juvenile
Male
Female
Total 0

Suicides:

Adult
Male
Female
Total 0

Juvenile
Male
Female
Total 0

Deaths (other than Suicides):

Adult
Male
Female
Total 0

Juvenile
Male
Female
Total 0

Escapes:

Adult
Male 2
Female
Total 2

Walked out of Sheriff's
office

Juvenile
Male
Female
Total 0

HANCOCK COUNTY JAIL - ELLSWORTH, MAINE

Built 1856

HOLDING FACILITY AND LOCKUP - "INADEQUATE"

The capacity of this facility is fourteen (14) male adults. Under no conditions will females or juveniles be incarcerated in this jail.

The citizens of Hancock County voted in favor of a bond issue to construct a new jail and district court facility. Architects are now in the process of drawing up plans for the facility.

The Sheriff and the County Commissioners deserve a lot of credit for the time and effort they put forth to help convince the citizens of the need to replace the old jail. The tentative date for starting construction is around the first of 1977.

ADMINISTRATION:

Record Keeping: No deficiencies noted.

Mail: No deficiencies noted.

Rules for Jail Personnel: No deficiencies noted.

FOOD SERVICE:

A full set of cutlery (knife, fork and spoon) should be issued when appropriate.

The quality and quantity of food served is still more than satisfactory.

SANITATION (Food Related):

No deficiencies noted.

SANITATION (Non-Food Related):

The cleanliness of the cell block was good with the exception of the individual cells which were fair.

The condition of the paint was only fair. The cell block should be painted as it will be more than a year in the future before a new facility would be ready for occupancy.

SANITATION (Non-Food Related) (continued):

Plumbing: All plumbing fixtures were in working condition.

CUSTODY AND SECURITY:

One of the most serious deficiencies at this jail is the lack of a jail attendant in addition to the dispatcher. The dispatcher should not act as a jail attendant, as his primary duty is dispatching. There should be two (2) men on duty at all times, the dispatcher and a jail attendant, not only for the safety of the inmates, but also for the safety of the department personnel. (This deficiency is noted for the fourth year.)

Checks of the cell block are still only conducted every hour, this important function should be conducted at least once every half hour.

The use of a jail log has been instituted since the last inspection.

Inmates are searched every time before entering the block.

FEMALE AND JUVENILE AREAS:

Any females or juveniles who may be brought to this facility, are transported to Penobscot County for holding, as this jail does not have the facilities to hold such inmates.

INMATE CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE:

Rules and regulations for inmates are posted inside the jail and each incoming inmate is given a copy.

Supervision of inmates would be better if there was a second man on each shift. If there had been a second officer on duty at the time of the escape of two inmates it would not have happened. It is very possible that it could be less expensive for the Commissioners to hire one more man per shift than to spend money searching for escapees or paying doctor and hospital bills for possible injuries which happened because only one man was on duty.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

In case of sickness among the inmates, a doctor has to be called in. The response to calls is very good but the services of a doctor who would call twice a week at the jail on a regular basis would be much more satisfactory.

Reference should be made to Title 34, M.R.S.A., Chapter 69, Section 912 regarding medication.

INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS:

Visiting: There is very inadequate visiting space at this facility. Visits are held in the dispatcher's office which is very confusing, offers no privacy and poses a security risk. There are visits of one half hour on Wednesday and Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Library: There is no library at this facility. Cards for the public library are available if the inmates wish. A request for donations of books and other reading materials would no doubt receive positive action from the community.

Commissary: Purchases are made by deputies upon request of the inmates.

Recreation: The plans for the new facility will have both indoor and outdoor recreation facilities for the inmates.

Programs: Alcoholic Anonymous Meetings are available to interested inmates.

The Ellsworth Mental Health Center offers counseling to those in need of it or those who want it.

The new facility will have programs and program area built into it.

PHYSICAL PLANT:

With constant repair and maintenance to the present structure, this County can get by until a new jail is ready. If for some reason or other the new facility does not materialize, the possibility of closing the present jail is very great.

Oil Burner: No deficiencies noted.

Electrical: All cells should have a light in them. The complete wiring system within the cell block is unsatisfactory.

Fire Prevention: There is no fire plan with the fire department but the fire department does come in and inspect periodically.

Furnace to be enclosed in room having at least one-hour, fire-resistive rating with self-closing, one-hour doors at all openings into the balance of the building.

Kitchen to be enclosed in construction having a fire-resistive rating of at least one hour with self-closing, one-hour doors at all openings into the balance of the building.

Door opening into attic area over cell block to be approved fire door.

The above deficiencies are noted for the third year.

WORK RELEASE:

There was a slight increase in 1976 in the amount earned (\$3,751.69) and the amount of bond paid the County (\$810.00) over 1975.

REMARKS:

While the construction of new facilities underway in the County through the State Prison.

County Jail Inspection Report

October 11, 1976

Kennebec County Jail

Augusta, Maine

Stanley Jordan, Sheriff

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS 7/1/75-6/30/76

Kennebec County

Employees: (FT Denotes Full Time - PT Denotes Part Time)

Male:

Female:

Jail Attendants (FT) 6

Matrons (FT) 0

Counselors (FT) 0

Counselors (FT) 0

Cook (FT) 1

Cook (FT) 0

Other (FT) 1

Other (FT) 1

Jail Attendants (PT) 6

Matrons (PT) 1

Counselors (PT) 0

Counselors (PT) 0

Other (PT) 0

Other (PT) 0

Average Overnight Population:

Adult

Juvenile

Male 34

Male 1

Female 2

Female 0

Total 36

Total 1

Total Detained, County Jail: (Holds for other Departments/Awaiting Trial, Bail, Transportation, etc.)

Adult

Juvenile

Male 481

Male 44

Female 35

Female 0

Total 516

Total 44

Total Sentenced:

Adult
Male 219
Female 7
Total 226

Juvenile
Male 2
Female 0
Total 2

Suicides:

Adult
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

Juvenile
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

Deaths (other than Suicides):

Adult
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

Juvenile
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

Escapes:

Adult
Male 2
Female 0
Total 2

1-Work Releasee
1-Walked off from
YMCA

Juvenile
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

KENNEBEC COUNTY JAIL - AUGUSTA, MAINE

Built 1890

HOLDING FACILITY AND LOCKUP "ADEQUATE"

The capacity of this facility is sixty-two (62) adult males, six (6) adult or juvenile females and twelve (12) juvenile males, for a total of eighty (80) inmates.

During 1976 new laundry equipment was installed in a room outside the cell block area. The laundry is operated by an inmate and is proving out to be a big improvement.

The most urgent needs at this facility are: one more man per shift to be stationed inside the cell block; adequate visiting area; separate entrance to female section and additional toilet fixtures in the block. (The deficiencies are noted for the second year.)

ADMINISTRATION:

Record Keeping: No deficiencies noted.

Mail: No deficiencies noted.

Rules for Jail Personnel: No deficiencies noted.

FOOD SERVICE:

The quality and quantity of food served at this jail is adequate. The use of an inmate as a cook should be stopped, the paid cook should do all the food preparation.

SANITATION (Food Related):

A separate sink for vegetable preparation should be installed. (This deficiency is noted for the third year.)

Sugar should be dispensed from a pour type dispenser. (This deficiency noted for the third year.)

Kitchen personnel should wear aprons and hair restraints at all times in the kitchen. (This deficiency is noted for the second year.)

SANITATION (Non-Food Related):

The housekeeping within the cell block needs to be improved. There are areas badly in need of dusting, which can only be reached by using a ladder. Cloth covered mattresses are still being used at this jail. Unless they are put through a sanitizing process at regular intervals, they become very unsanitary. Fire resistive mattresses were supposed to have been purchased in 1974 but never were. This situation should be remedied. There is a need for more toilets in the cell block, standards call for at least one toilet to eight (8) inmates. Under present conditions, there is one toilet to ten (10) and sometimes twelve (12) inmates. This inspector was informed in 1974 that there had been a certain amount of money set aside for the purchase of penal type combination toilets and lavatories. In 1975, the information received was that the money had been spent for something other than the jail. Some of the fixtures checked were not in good working order. (The above noted for the second year.)

The walls need painting.

CUSTODY AND SECURITY:

There should be a jail log maintained separate from the desk blotter to record all cell checks, inspections, head counts, shake downs, and any other happenings within the cell block.

All inmates are searched before entering the cell block and work releases are often times strip searched.

Segregation of inmates is possible in this facility.

More time should be spent inside the cell block by the officer on duty on each shift. The mere presence of an officer inside acts as a stabilizer as far as problems are concerned.

FEMALE AND JUVENILE AREAS:

Adult Female: There should be full time matrons on the staff at this facility due to the nearly constant presence of adult female inmates. The female area should not be entered by anyone unless a matron is present. In order to get to the female area you have to pass through the adult male section of the jail. There should be a separate entrance which could be used as an emergency exit as well.

Juvenile Female: Juvenile females should not be incarcerated at this facility under the existing physical layout.

Juvenile Male: Male juveniles can be segregated from the rest of the population but to gain entrance to the area you have to pass through the adult male section.

INMATE CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE:

There are written rules and regulations for inmates, a copy of which is given to and explained to each new inmate.

There should be more control exercised over the inmates, this can be done by having an officer stationed inside the cell block at all times. With an open jail policy such as exists in this jail there has to be closer supervision to keep the incidents at a bare minimum.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

Inmates with complaints of illness have to be transported to the emergency room of the hospital as there is no doctor who will come to the jail either on a regular basis or an emergency. This is a serious deficiency from a health standpoint inmate-wise and financial county-wise. The Commissioners should explore the possibility of engaging the services of a doctor to make regular calls at the jail.

Reference should be made to Title 34, M.R.S.A., Chapter 69, Section 912 regarding medication.

INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS:

Visiting: The visiting facilities at this jail are extremely poor. The Sheriff should explore the possibility of using the dining area for visiting. This area would be more comfortable and much more secure. Visiting is held on Sunday from 8:30 to 11:00 A.M. and 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. for a total of four and one half (4 1/2) hours a week. The possibility of more visiting days should be looked into.

Library: No deficiencies noted.

Commissary: No deficiencies noted.

Recreation: The outside recreation yard is used daily, weather permitting. On Tuesdays and Thursdays for a period of one to one and one half hours sentenced inmates who care to go, are taken to the YMCA for recreation.

Programs: During the past year the Sheriff started his own pre-release program for inmates who were sentenced to long terms i.e. 364 days. The program consists of counseling, educational aid, work release, and a more relaxed setting. The program has been very successful. Following is a list of available programs under the guidance of the Program Director:

GED (High School Equivalency)
Arts and Crafts
A.A weekly meetings
Kennebec Mental Health (Counseling)
Community Justice Program

Leather Craft
Chain and Chaining
Chain and Chaining
Chain and Chaining
Chain and Chaining

REPAIRS

The walls and ceiling of the main section of the jail are in poor condition. There is a large hole in the wall above the door to the kitchen. It is a constant source of air and noise. The walls are also exposed to water damage from the roof and ceiling which is easily noticed.

The walls and ceiling of the main section are in very poor condition especially so when the water is being poured on the roof to relieve themselves.

The walls and ceiling throughout the jail are in need of painting. There is a large crack in the wall in the area of the female section. It is suggested that the county commissioners have the facility and agency be used for the above mentioned repairs.

There has been a malfunction of the heating system resulting in a dangerous level of carbon monoxide. The problem has been solved by the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners have decided to have a new heating system installed.

It is recommended that the main section be converted into single occupancy instead of double. The present 21 x 34 square foot cell allows for only 20 square feet per inmate which is far below the suggested 30 square feet in a single occupancy cell.

REPAIRS

There was a decided increase in the earnings of the inmates during the past year, but a decrease in the amount of money paid the county (\$5,255.00).

REPAIRS

It is the desire of the new sheriff to utilize that portion of the building used for living quarters to expand the office space as well as add some space for jail programs.

County Jail Inspection Report

October 8, 1976

Knox County Jail

Rockland, Maine

Carlton V. Thurston, Sheriff

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS 7/1/75-6/30/76

Knox County

Employees: (FT Denotes Full Time - PT Denotes Part Time)

Male:

Jail Attendants (FT) 4

Counselors (FT) 1

Cook (FT) 0

Other (FT) 0

Jail Attendants (PT) 6

Counselors (PT) 0

Other (PT) 9

Female:

Matrons (FT) 1

Counselors (FT) 0

Cook (FT) 1

Other (FT) 0

Matrons (PT) 3

Counselors (PT) 0

Other (PT) 0

Average Overnight Population:

Adult

Male 9

Female 0

Total 9

Juvenile

Male 0

Female 0

Total 0

Total Detained, County Jail: (Holds for other Departments/Awaiting Trial, Bail, Transportation, etc.)

Adult

Male 1172

Female 6

Total 1178

Juvenile

Male 27

Female 2

Total 29

Total Sentenced:

Adult
Male 161
Female 0
Total 161

Juvenile
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

Suicides:

Adult
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

Juvenile
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

Deaths (other than Suicides):

Adult
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

Juvenile
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

Escapes:

Adult
Male 2
Female 0
Total 2

1-Ran from processing
room.
1-Trusty walked off
from jail.

Juvenile
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

KNOX COUNTY JAIL

On August 31, 1976 the jail was closed and the inmates were moved to Waldo County Jail. The construction crew moved in and started what will amount to a complete renovation of the jail when they are done. The tentative date of completion is February 1977. The renovated structure will have separate areas for adult males, adult females, male and female juveniles, program areas, dayroom space, visiting area, booking area, storage space, and a control room.

During this past year the Sheriff's office along with the communications section was moved to new quarters in the courthouse.

The Sheriff and County Commissioners are to be commended for the time and effort put forth along with a great amount of foresight in taking a plan and making it into a reality.

County Jail Inspection Report

October 12, 1976

Oxford County Jail

South Paris, Maine

Alton Howe, Sheriff

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS 7/1/75-6/30/76

Oxford County

Employees: (FT Denotes Full time - PT Denotes Part Time)

Male:

Jail Attendants (FT) 3

Counselors (PT)

Cook (PT) 1

Other (PT)

Jail Attendants (PT) 3

Counselors (PT) 3

Other (PT)

Female:

Matrons (FT)

Counselors (PT)

Cook (PT)

Other (PT)

Matrons (PT) 3

Counselors (PT)

Other (PT)

Average Overnight Population:

Adult

Male 13

Female

Total 13

Juvenile

Male

Female

Total

Total Detained, County Jail: (Holds for other Departments/awaiting Trial, Bail, Transportation, etc.)

Adult

Male 535

Female 18

Total 550

Juvenile

Male 42

Female 17

Total 59

Total Sentenced:

Adult

Male 71

Female 1

Total 72

Juvenile

Male

Female

Total

Suicides:

Adult

Male

Female

Total 0

Juvenile

Male

Female

Total 0

Deaths (other than Suicides):

Adult

Male

Female

Total 0

Juvenile

Male

Female

Total 0

Escapes:

Adult

Male 5

Female

Total 5

1 - Work Release
2 - Kitchen Window
2 - From kitchen

Juvenile

Male

Female

Total

OXFORD COUNTY JAIL - SOUTH PARIS, MAINE

Built 1895

HOLDING FACILITY AND LOCKUP "ADEQUATE"

The capacity of this facility is twenty-six (26) male adults, and two (2) adult females, for a total of twenty-eight (28) inmates.

The proposed planning for renovating this facility was tabled by the County Commissioners, as being too expensive, the estimated cost was \$300,000. Serious consideration should be given to either renovation or new construction for a number of reasons, one being that, with the exception of Rumford, this is the only lockup in the county, therefore, other law enforcement agencies must use the Oxford County Jail for detention purposes. There has been some thought given to the boarding of inmates at the Androscoggin County Jail in preference to maintaining a jail in Oxford County; the cost of boarding and transporting inmates over a period of four (4) years would exceed the estimated \$300,000. It is very doubtful that Androscoggin could accommodate Oxford because they are filled to capacity most of the time, this would mean transporting a greater distance to a facility that could handle the Oxford inmates, therefore, added costs would result.

The Tri-County Halfway House, located in that portion of the Oxford County Jail Building that used to be the jailer's house, was opened on April 1, 1975. The clients for this House come from Maine State Prison, Maine Correctional Center, Oxford, Androscoggin and Franklin Counties. The capacity of the House is nine (9) adult male clients. From the date of opening through June 30, 1975, the House operated with an average of five (5) clients. The Sheriff and County Commissioners are to be commended for the part they played in establishing the Tri-County Halfway House.

ADMINISTRATION:

Record Keeping: No deficiencies noted.

Mail: No deficiencies noted.

Rules for Jail Personnel: No deficiencies noted.

FOOD SERVICE:

An area just outside the cell block, yet within the security area, has been renovated and is being used as a dining area. This has increased the security of the facility during meal times.

The quality and quantity of food still are more than adequate.

SANITATION (Food Related):

The kitchen and storage room were not dirty but they could be arranged so that they don't appear so cluttered.

The oven of the range needs some work done on it. The Sheriff stated that he is trying to get a new range for the kitchen.

SANITATION (Non-Food Related):

The cell block has been newly painted.

The windows were in need of a good cleaning.

Trash receptacles in the cell block shall be emptied at least once every day.

The second floor windows need to be screened to keep flies and insects out.

The wash basins in the cells are not operational and should be removed. The plumbing fixtures, with the exception of two toilets, were in good working order.

CUSTODY AND SECURITY:

The windows on the second floor should have tempered glass and security screening installed. Some of the bars on the second floor have been tampered with, since there was an escape by sawing the bars.

It is suggested that the jail attendant on each shift spend most of his time in the cell block, keeping constant watch on the inmates to lessen the possibility of escape attempts and suicides.

The opening of the dining area within the security area should mean a sharp reduction in escapes. Of the five escapes in 1976 four were due to the inmate's having had to be outside the security section to eat or visit. The fifth escape was a work release inmate who did not return from work.

Closer and more numerous checks of the cell block should be made, especially on the second floor as there is no security screening on the windows and bars have been sawed in the past.

FEMALE AND JUVENILE AREAS:

There is one room separate from the rest of the jail which has a shower, toilet and lavatory that can be used to detain adult females or juveniles for two or three hours while awaiting bail, pick up by parents or transfer to another facility. In the case of females there shall be a matron present. Under no conditions will adult females or juveniles be incarcerated to serve sentence.

INMATE CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE:

Segregation is possible, but seldom used, at this facility.

There are rules and regulations for inmates, a copy of which is given him when he first comes into the jail.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

During 1976, the services of a doctor were retained on a full time basis to attend to the medical needs of the inmates. There is no set schedule of calls, but the doctor responds at once when called. The Sheriff and Commissioners should attempt to get the doctor to make at least two scheduled calls a week.

Reference should be made to Title 34, M.R.S.A., Chapter 69, Section 912 regarding medication.

INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS:

Visiting: Visiting is now held in the area where the inmates eat their meals. Visiting is allowed on Sunday for one hour between the hours of 2:00 and 3:00 P.M. for members of the immediate family. It is recommended that visiting hours be held more often and at least one nighttime visit per week.

Library: A small collection of books make up the Library which is located in the dining and visiting area.

Commissary: Deputies make regular commissary runs to the local stores on a regular basis, to purchase items for the inmates.

Recreation: The outdoor recreation or exercise area is ample in size but the surrounding fence is in real bad shape. The County Commissioners should give some serious thought to erecting a new fence around the area.

Indoor recreation consists of TV, radio, cards, and games.

Programs: Counseling service and AA meetings are the extent of programs offered. A check with local civic and service organizations could possibly generate some interest for community involvement in getting more programs into the jail.

PHYSICAL PLANT:

It is suggested that planning for a new facility, rather than renovating the present one, be started at once. There is a great need for an adult female section, a juvenile female section, and a juvenile male section which are completely segregated by sight and sound from the rest of the jail.

PHYSICAL PLANT (continued):

The ceiling over the first floor is metal and it is rusting out in many places. The plumbing throughout the facility is so old that there are leaks showing up from time to time. In fact, some valves are not available due to the age of the plumbing. The windows on the second floor are old and crummy and contain plain window glass that could be broken and used as a weapon by the inmates present.

Electrical and ventilation system:

Electrical: The electrical wiring is in bad shape throughout the entire plant. The conduit pipe is attached to the walls and ceiling and could very easily be torn off causing a very serious condition. The lights in the cells are exposed, with no protection at all, just a bare bulb. The possibility of someone getting a shock or even electrocuted is very real.

Exit Passageway: There should be an exit to the outside direct from the cell block.

WORK RELEASE:

For the most part, the Work Release Program is operated direct from the Prison House. The earnings to the inmates were \$13,908.95 and the total paid was \$7,308.50.

FUTURE PLANS:

The Sheriff is proposing to the commissioners that some method of funding be found to build a new jail in back of the present facility.

County Jail Inspection Report

October 13, 1976

Penobscot County Jail

Bangor, Maine

Otis N. LaBree, Sheriff

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS 7/1/75-6/30/76

Penobscot County

Employees: (FT Denotes Full Time - PT Denotes Part Time)

Male:

Jail Attendants (FT) 7

Counselors (FT) _____

Cook (FT) 1

Other (FT) _____

Jail Attendants (PT) _____

Counselors (PT) 2

Other (PT) _____

Female:

Matrons (FT) 4

Counselors (FT) _____

Cook (FT) _____

Other (FT) _____

Matrons (PT) _____

Counselors (PT) _____

Other (PT) _____

Average Overnight Population:

Adult

Male 29

Female 1.05

Total 30.05

Juvenile

Male 2

Female 1

Total 3

Total Detained, County Jail: (Holds for other Departments/Awaiting Trial, Bail, Transportation, etc.)

Adult

Male 876

Female 51

Total 927

Juvenile

Male 24

Female 12

Total 36

Total Sentenced:

Adult
Male 282
Female 4
Total 286

Juvenile
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

Suicides:

Adult
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

Juvenile
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

Deaths (other than Suicides):

Adult
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

Juvenile
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

Escapes:

Adult
Male 1 Work Release
Female
Total 1

Juvenile
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

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PENOBSCOT COUNTY JAIL - BANGOR, MAINE

Built 1870

HOLDING FACILITY AND LOCKUP "ADEQUATE"

The capacity of this facility is eighty-two (82) adult males in the main cell block. The new section can house six (6) adult females, juvenile females or juvenile males or any combination of the three classes. If overcrowding were to exist, the infirmary could be used to sleep four (4) additional inmates for a possible capacity of ninety-two (92).

Phase two of the three part renovation plan for the facility was completed and opened for use during 1976. The renovated area consists of six (6) individual rooms with day room space for each room, a three bed infirmary, attorney's conference room, dark room, combination office and identification room and a waiting room. This area of the jail complex is second to none in the State County Jail System and probably in New England.

Tentative plans call for going right ahead with phase three. There is also discussion on renovations to the cell block after the phase three completion.

The Sheriff and the County Commissioners are to be commended on the improvements both major and minor which have taken place at the facility over the past six years.

ADMINISTRATION:

Record Keeping: No deficiencies noted.

Mail: No deficiencies noted.

Rules for Jail Personnel: No deficiencies noted.

FOOD SERVICE:

No deficiencies noted.

SANITATION (Food Related):

No deficiencies noted.

SANITATION (Non-Food Related):

The interior of the jail should be repainted. The toilet used by the kitchen crew and the area surrounding it should be cleaned more often and more thoroughly.

The shower stalls in the adult male section of the jail should be painted.

The room where the ping pong table is located needs to be maintained better as far as cleanliness is concerned.

New laundry equipment was installed during the past year and the laundry is operated by inmates in a very capable manner.

All plumbing fixtures with the exception of three toilets were in good working order.

CUSTODY AND SECURITY:

A very well kept jail log is maintained at this facility. The log contains a record of all routine and unusual incidents occurring during any given shift. The log is the responsibility of the shift supervisor.

There is at least one jail attendant inside the cell block at all times and when the count gets above a certain number an extra attendant is added on each shift.

FEMALE AND JUVENILE AREAS:

Adult Females: The renovated section is laid out so that one or six adult females may be incarcerated at one time. There is a matron on duty twenty-four hours a day for the care of female inmates. Each room contains a bed, chest of drawers, chair, penal type toilet, basin and drinking fountain, and day room space with a shower for each room. This area is kept in spotless condition.

Juvenile Females: When the need arises this class of inmate may be incarcerated at this facility. The section is so designed that the juvenile would have the same accommodations as the adult plus being completely segregated both by sight and sound.

Juvenile Male: The same holds true for this class of inmate as the female juvenile.

INMATE CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE:

Each inmate is given a set of rules and has them explained to him or her upon entering the jail.

All inmates undergo a twenty-four hour period of segregation for observation when they first are incarcerated.

This jail has an open jail policy whereby the inmates are free to visit throughout the cell block, and with the presence of an attendant in the cell block at all times the problems have been very minimal.

All inmates are searched before entering the cell block.

Infraction of rules results in lockup, loss of privileges, or loss of good time.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

The services of a full-time physician, who makes two (2) regular calls per week, is employed by the County.

There is now a three bed infirmary where an ill inmate may be placed instead of having to be taken to a hospital. The Sheriff has on his staff two RN's who are available when and if the need for such services arises.

This facility has a very good working relationship with the Bangor Mental Health Institute in the handling of inmates with possible mental problems.

Reference should be made to Title 34, M.R.S.A., Chapter 69, Section 912 regarding medication.

INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS:

Visiting: This is the only county jail in the state that allows visiting seven (7) days a week. Five (5) day-time and two (2) night-time visits make up the schedule for a total of fourteen (14) hours per week. According to the Sheriff and his staff, this is working out very well.

Library: No deficiencies noted.

Commissary: No deficiencies noted.

Recreation: A fenced-in area beside the jail with a volleyball court offers outside recreation for the inmates.

There is TV, radio, ping pong, games, cards, library for inside recreation.

Programs: A representative from the Counseling Center comes in twice a week for those who wish help with their problems.

There are weekly meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous for those who wish to attend.

The GED program for furthering the inmates education is available.

The Sanger Mental Health Institute furnishes counseling for those inmates who need it rather than hospitalization.

There has been a recent addition to the staff who will be taking action at the present situation in the Prison.

GENERAL PLANS:

With the existing program, the Prison is a very healthy place. The inmates are well taken care of and the staff is very professional. The Prison is a very good place to be in.

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PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:

The work will be done in the future. The Prison is a very good place to be in.

GENERAL PLANS:

Work will be started in the very near future on the three part renovation plan. There will be the complete renovation of the top floor of the old prison building, the plan will be for two dormitory type minimum security rooms and a recreation and all purpose room.

County Jail Inspection Report

October 14, 1976

Piscataquis County Jail

Dover-Foxcroft, Maine

Frank H. Murch, Sheriff

Piscataquis County

Employees: (FT Denotes Full Time - PT Denotes Part Time)

Male:

Jail Attendants (FT) 3

Counselors (FT) 0

Cook (FT) 1

Other (FT) 0

Jail Attendants (PT) 6

Counselors (PT) 1

Other (PT) 0

Female:

Matrons (FT) 0

Counselors (FT) 0

Cook (FT) 0

Other (FT) 0

Matrons (PT) 2

Counselors (PT) 0

Other (PT) 0

Average Overnight Population:

Adult

Male 4.4

Female 0

Total 4.4

Juvenile

Male 0

Female 0

Total 0

Total Detained, County Jail: (Holds for other Departments/Awaiting Trial, Bail, Transportation, etc.)

Adult

Male 324

Female 9

Total 333

Juvenile

Male 8

Female 0

Total 8

Total Sentenced:

Adult
Male 36
Female 3
Total 39

Juvenile
Male _____
Female _____
Total _____

Suicides:

Adult
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

Juvenile
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

Deaths (other than Suicides):

Adult
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

Juvenile
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

Escapes:

Adult
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

Juvenile
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

PISCATAQUIS COUNTY JAIL - DOVER-FOXCROFT, MAINE

Built 1901

HOLDING FACILITY AND LOCKUP "ADEQUATE"

The capacity of this facility is seventeen (17) adult males at the present time. The completion of renovations which are presently under way will increase the population by four (4) for a total of twenty-one (21). The new section will be used to house adult females, juvenile females and juvenile males separately. This new section will save the county the cost of boarding and transporting of inmates at other facilities as had to be done in the past.

The Sheriff and County Commissioners are to be commended for their part in getting funds for the renovation of this facility.

ADMINISTRATION:

Record Keeping: No deficiencies noted.

Mail: No deficiencies noted.

Rules for Jail Personnel: No deficiencies noted.

FOOD SERVICE:

Due to the small number of inmates housed at this facility the meals are prepared by the Sheriff's wife and both the inmates and the family of the Sheriff eat the same food.

Seconds are available if desired.

SANITATION (Food Related):

No deficiencies noted.

SANITATION (Non-Food Related):

The cell block at the time of the inspection was cluttered and dirty due to the renovations that were in progress.

The entire interior of the jail will be repainted upon completion of the renovations.

There will be a storage area for excess clothing and personal belongings when the construction is completed. During the past year sheets have been purchased for the use of the inmates.

A washing machine and dryer should be purchased for use by the inmates for their personal clothing.

All plumbing fixtures were in good working condition.

CUSTODY AND SECURITY:

The most serious deficiency in this area is the lack of a second employee on each shift. When there are inmates in the jail, there should be a jail attendant other than the dispatcher on duty at all times.

Security checks of the block and the inmates should be made at least every one half hour.

A part of the present renovations is the replacing of the windows in the cell block with security type windows.

Every time an inmate enters the security area he is searched.

FEMALE AND JUVENILE AREAS:

The second floor over the main cell block which used to house the law library is in the process of being renovated to house female and juvenile inmates. Upon completion there will be four rooms for confinement and two day room spaces. There will be a conference room and a room for office space. The area will be completely segregated from the rest of the jail and will have two separate entrances. The segregation of adults and juveniles both from sound and sight will be possible.

Upon completion of this section females and juveniles can be incarcerated at this facility.

The Sheriff and County Commissioners are to be commended for their efforts in the renovating of this jail.

INMATE CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE:

Control and discipline have not been a problem at this jail due to the small population.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

Inmates requiring medical attention are taken to the emergency room of the hospital or a doctor is called to come to the jail. The response of the doctor to calls from the jail is immediate.

Reference should be made to Title 34, M.R.S.A., Chapter 69, Section 912 regarding medication.

INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS:

Visiting: With the completion of the renovations there will be a more adequate visiting area. Regular visiting is on Saturday from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Families of the inmates usually are allowed to visit at anytime. Serious thought should be given to increasing the number of days of regular visiting.

Library: Some type of a library is planned in the renovated area.

Commissary: No deficiencies noted.

Recreation: The County Commissioners and Sheriff should give serious thought to fencing in a small area in the rear of the jail for an exercise area. Presently the only inmates who get out of doors are the trustees.

Programs: Alcoholic Anonymous Counseling is available.

The Community Counseling Center has people available on a twenty-four hour basis for all types of counseling.

Church services are held every Sunday.

There is a lack of programs at this jail.

PHYSICAL PLANT:

A complete paint job after the completion of the renovations will put this facility in good shape.

Oil Burner: No deficiencies noted.

Electrical: No deficiencies noted.

Fire Prevention: No deficiencies noted.

WORK RELEASE:

Due to the economic conditions in the area and the scarcity of jobs,
there was no Work Release Program at this facility in 1976.

FUTURE PLANS:

None at the present time for this facility.

County Jail Inspection Report

October 15, 1976

Somerset County Jail

Skowhegan, Maine

Francis B. Henderson, Sheriff

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS 7/1/75-6/30/76

Somerset County

Employees: (FT Denotes Full Time - PT Denotes Part Time)

Male:

Female:

Jail Attendants (FT) 3

Matrons (FT) 1

Counselors (FT)

Counselors (FT)

Cook (FT) 1

Cook (FT)

Other (FT) 7

Other (FT) when necessary

Jail Attendants (PT) 4

Matrons (PT) 3

Counselors (PT) 1

Counselors (PT)

Other (PT) additional when
necessary

Other (PT) additional when
necessary

Average Overnight Population:

Adult

Juvenile

Male 27

Male 1

Female 2

Female 1

Total 29

Total 2

Total Detained, County Jail: (Holds for other Departments/Awaiting Trial, Bail, Transportation, etc.)

Adult

Juvenile

Male 815

Male 63

Female 44

Female 13

Total 895

Total 76

Total Sentenced:

Adult
Male 238
Female 7
Total 245

Juvenile
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

Suicides:

Adult
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

Juvenile
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

Deaths (other than Suicides):

Adult
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

Juvenile
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

Escapes:

Adult
Male 4 (3 over fence
1 walked out door)
Female 0
Total 4

Juvenile
Male 0
Female 0
Total 0

SOMERSET COUNTY JAIL - SKOWHEGAN, MAINE

Built 1900

LOCKUP "ADEQUATE"

The capacity of this facility is forty (40) adult males. Females and juveniles will no longer be incarcerated in this jail due to the lack of proper facilities.

The County Commissioners requested funds under the Public Works Employment Act of 1976 to renovate the present structure or build a new one, but the funds were not forthcoming from Washington.

The County is trying through the Legislature to purchase a portion of the former Women's Correctional Center in Skowhegan with the idea of having the County Jail at that location.

At the present time, the Somerset County Jail is the only detention facility in the county.

ADMINISTRATION:

Record Keeping: No deficiencies noted.

Mail: No deficiencies noted.

Rules for Jail Personnel: No deficiencies noted.

FOOD SERVICE:

At the time of the final inspection, inmates were doing the cooking and this is completely unsatisfactory. The Sheriff informed the Inspector that he was searching for an experienced cook. During the past year, there has been several complaints from the inmates regarding the food at this facility. The main complaint was that all the food came out of a can. These complaints were all checked out and at the time of the inspection a more varied menu was being served. Seconds should be allowed or an ample serving should be given the first time.

SANITATION (Food Related):

The kitchen was in a clean and sanitary condition.

Inmate kitchen help shall be made to wear aprons and hair restraints.

SANITATION (Non-Food Related):

The cells were cluttered and dirty.

Inmates in the bound over section had to use buckets to relieve themselves at night when locked in their cells as there is only one toilet in the block and when the inmates are locked up they do not have access to it.

Excess clothing should be stored and not allowed in the individual cells.

There should be a systematic cleaning plan for the cell block and it should be enforced and supervised by jail personnel.

CUSTODY AND SECURITY:

This inspector feels that there has not been enough thorough inspections of the cell block in the past, consequently there have been sawed bars and escapes and attempted escapes.

Constant inside the cell block supervision of the inmate population is the best deterrent of possible problems.

FEMALE AND JUVENILE AREAS:

Females and juveniles will no longer be incarcerated at the Somerset County Jail.

INMATE CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE:

The segregating of sentenced inmates from bound overs, those awaiting bail, etc., seems to be one of the main reasons for the numerous inmate problems at this jail. The person who has not been tried is presumed to be innocent until found guilty, therefore, should have broader rights than the sentenced person. In this facility the unsentenced are locked up while the sentenced enjoy more rights and privileges.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

The doctor does not make regular scheduled calls at the jail but is always available when he is called. In some cases the inmate is taken to the emergency room at the hospital by a deputy.

When an inmate wishes to see the doctor, a request slip is filled out and given to the attendant on duty and the doctor is notified.

Reference should be made to Title 34, M.R.S.A., Chapter 69, Section 912, regarding medication.

INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS:

Visiting: Visiting is allowed three times a week, Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. and on Saturday from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. for a total of six (6) hours per week.

The practise of locking visitors in the bound over section while they visit shall be stopped.

This facility is badly in need of a suitable visiting area.

Library: There are a small number of books available to the inmates. The library should be expanded.

Commissary: Deputies purchase the commodities, requested by the inmates, from local stores.

Recreation: The outside exercise or recreation yard is used when the weather permits and when there are sufficient deputies to oversee the inmates. The main deficiency here is that only sentenced inmates are allowed out.

T.V. is allowed for two to three hours on nights when there is no visiting and then only one channel is allowed. The T.V. should be allowed inside the cell block at all times, to be policed by the inmates themselves. There are no radios allowed in this jail.

Programs: There are church services every Sunday morning.

An Alcoholics Anonymous Counselor makes regular visits to the jail.

A G.E.D. Program is available upon request.

PHYSICAL PLANT:

This facility, with some renovations, could possibly serve the County as a lockup but under present and future standards could not be used as a holding facility. Everything about it is outdated and outmoded. There is a lack of room for office space, storage, visiting area, counselling area and the cells are small and dingy. The plumbing is exposed in the block and in a constant need of repair.

Oil Burner: No deficiencies noted.

Electrical: The conduit pipes run along the walls and ceiling and can be easily torn down. There are no security lights in the cells. All wiring is obsolete.

Fire Prevention: There is a fire plan with the local fire department. There are ample exits in the case of an emergency. There are many layers of paint built up in the cell block which could cause toxic smoke in the event of a fire.

WIFE RELEASE:

The State Police program showed an increase of triple theft which was recorded for the previous year. Amount earned \$7,400.00 and paid \$1,000.00 in fines. The program is quite successful.

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per. The State Police and the courts are working together to keep the streets safe for the people. The program is quite successful.

County Jail Inspection Report

October 8, 1976

Waldo County Jail

Belfast, Maine

Stanley Knox, Sheriff

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS 7/1/75-6/30/76

WALDO County

Employees: (FT Denotes Full Time - PT Denotes Part Time)

Male:

Jail Attendants (FT) 3
Counselors (FT)
Cook (FT)
Other (FT)

Jail Attendants (PT) 9
Counselors (PT)
Other (PT)

Female:

Matrons (FT)
Counselors (FT)
Cook (FT) 1
Other (FT)

Matrons (PT) 10
Counselors (PT)
Other (PT)

Average Overnight Population:

| Adult | Juvenile | Cannot be held overnight |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Male 7 | Male 00 | |
| Female 0 cannot be held overnight | Female 00 | |
| Total 7 | Total 00 | |

Total Detained, County Jail: (Holds for other Departments/Awaiting Trial, Bail, Transportation, etc.)

| Adult | Juvenile |
|-----------|----------|
| Male 525 | Male 50 |
| Female 18 | Female 5 |
| Total 543 | Total 55 |

Total Sentenced:

Adult
Male 65
Female 0
Total 65

Juvenile
Male 00
Female 00
Total 00

Suicides:

Adult
Male --
Female --
Total --

Juvenile
Male --
Female --
Total --

Deaths (other than Suicides):

Adult
Male --
Female --
Total --

Juvenile
Male --
Female --
Total --

Escapes:

Adult
Male --
Female --
Total --

Juvenile
Male --
Female --
Total --

WALDO COUNTY JAIL - BELFAST, MAINE

Built 1976

HOLDING FACILITY AND LOCKUP "ADEQUATE"

This new facility will have a capacity of ten (10) adult males, two (2) adult females, two (2) juvenile males and two (2) juvenile females for a total of sixteen (16).

There will be no report on the old facility because the new one will be in operation by the time this report is published.

Besides the sixteen individual rooms for the inmates the facility will consist of day room space for each room, a laundry, control room, matron's room, office space, public toilets, booking room, two counsel rooms, visiting room, janitor's closet, stripping room, kitchen and a combination dining room and all purpose room. The building is one story brick constructed. The County Civil Emergency Preparedness Unit occupies the major portion of the basement for its quarters.

The County Commissioners and the Sheriff deserve a lot of credit and should be proud of their accomplishment.

County Jail Inspection Report

October 18, 1976

Washington County Jail

Machias, Maine

Reid Moholland, Sheriff

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS 7/1/75-6/30/76

Washington County

Employees: (FT Denotes Full Time - PT Denotes Part Time)

Male:

Jail Attendants (FT) 5

Counselors (FT) _____

Cook (FT) _____

Other (FT) _____

Jail Attendants (PT) 3

Counselors (PT) _____

Other (PT) _____

Female:

Matrons (FT) 1

Counselors (FT) _____

Cook (FT) _____

Other (FT) _____

Matrons (PT) 3

Counselors (PT) _____

Other (PT) _____

Average Overnight Population:

Adult

Male 6.7

Female .4

Total 7.1

Juvenile

Male 3

Female .4

Total 3.4

Total Detained, County Jail: (Holds for other Departments/Awaiting Trial, Bail, Transportation, etc.)

Adult

Male 287

Female 16

Total 303

Juvenile

Male 50

Female 10

Total 60

Total Sentenced:

Adult

Male 26

Female 0

Total 26

Juvenile

Male 1

Female 0

Total 1

Suicides:

Adult

Male 0

Female 0

Total 0

Juvenile

Male 0

Female 0

Total 0

Deaths (other than Suicides):

Adult

Male 0

Female 0

Total 0

Juvenile

Male 0

Female 0

Total 0

Escapes:

Adult

Male 2

Female

Total 2 Ran from office

Juvenile

Male 0

Female 0

Total 0

WASHINGTON COUNTY JAIL - MACHIAS, MAINE

Built 1826

HOLDING FACILITY AND LOCKUP "INADEQUATE"

The capacity of this facility is eighteen (18) adult males, two (2) females (adult or juvenile) and two (2) juvenile males, for a total of twenty-two (22) inmates.

The citizens of Washington County voted against a bond issue in the general election of 1976 for the construction of a new facility. The Chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners advised the Jail Inspector that the plan is to go to the people once more for a vote before the time limit runs out.

Application was made to Washington for funds under the Public Works Employment Act of 1976 to construct a new jail but the request was not honored.

It is the recommendation of the Jail Inspector that this jail be used as a lockup i.e. to hold inmates no longer than seventy-two (72) hours. Inmates who are to be incarcerated for periods longer than seventy-two (72) hours shall be transported to an adequate holding facility and incarcerated there.

Sheriff Clemons, after a long and distinguished career with the Washington County Sheriff Department, retired on January 1, 1976 and Reid Moholland, Chief of Police, Eastport, was appointed by Governor Longley to fill the office.

ADMINISTRATION:

Record Keeping: No deficiencies noted.

Mail: No deficiencies noted.

Rules for Jail Personnel: No deficiencies noted.

FOOD SERVICE:

The Commissioners should hire an experienced cook to take charge of the kitchen and prepare the food. Inmate help is OK to act as kitchen help, but should not do the actual cooking.

Kitchen help shall wear aprons and hair restraints while working in the kitchen.

Milk should be served at least once a day.

The menu at this jail is not varied enough and does not contain enough meat on it.

The new equipment that was installed in the kitchen will not remain in good condition long if there is not someone hired to take charge of the kitchen and the inmate help.

SANITATION (Food Related):

Tables in the dining area are badly in need of repair. (This deficiency noted for the fourth year.)

The food storerooms should be completely redone, such as repair of walls and ceiling. (This deficiency noted for the second year.)

SANITATION (Non-Food Related):

The cells were cluttered with clothes and personal effects.

Some cells were dirty. There should be a systematic cleaning plan for the cell block and it should be enforced and supervised by jail personnel.

The walls, floors, and bars were badly in need of paint.

Trash receptacles shall be emptied more often as they are a breeding place for vermin.

The dining area in the cell block was in a cluttered condition.

There should be a clothes washer for use by the inmates. (This deficiency noted for the third year.)

There should be sheets available for issue to the inmates.

The use of slop buckets creates a very unsanitary condition.

CUSTODY AND SECURITY:

A jail log should be maintained by each shift showing time of cell checks, block inspections, inmates received and discharged, shake downs, reports of illness and any unusual occurrences within the jail.

All inspections throughout the jail should be conducted more often than once an hour.

Inmates should be searched everytime they leave or enter the cell block.

FEMALE AND JUVENILE AREAS:

Adult Female: When a female is incarcerated at this jail, she must be taken through the adult male section in order to get to the female area. The female room has everything but a way of communicating with the desk. When a female is incarcerated, there shall be a matron on duty at all times during this period. (This deficiency noted for the third year.)

Juvenile Female: Female juveniles can only be held at this jail, if the adult female area is not occupied, and then no longer than twenty-four (24) hours under the present conditions.

Juvenile Male: In order to get to this section, a juvenile has to be taken through the adult male section of the jail. There is no communications set up in this section either. Male juveniles should not be held any more than twenty-four (24) hours under the present conditions.

INMATE CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE:

There are jail rules and a plan of the day for inmates. The rules, especially the cleanliness of the cell block, are not being enforced by the jail personnel. If the jail attendant does not go into the block more often than once an hour, the rules certainly are not going to be followed as though he were in there more often.

Loss of good time, lockup and loss of privileges are imposed for infractions of the rules.

Constant supervision is the key to control and discipline of inmates and less problems for the staff.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

The County Commissioners should employ the services of a doctor on the basis of his making at least two scheduled calls a week at the jail to care for the health needs of the inmates.

INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS:

Visiting: There is a total of four hours visiting a week on Sunday from 10:00 to 12:00 A.M. and 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. Special visits are granted with permission of the Sheriff. The possibility of more visiting should be explored by the Sheriff with some thought given to evening visits. The visiting facilities are very poor at this jail especially from a security standpoint.

Library: A small number of books is the extent of the library. Steps should be taken as at least try to enlarge on the number of books.

Recreation: There is no outside recreation or exercise area. This serious deficiency is noted for the third year.

Programs: The total lack of programs at this jail is a very serious deficiency. An inmate wrote to, and asked a question, he is entitled to an answer. With the help of University of Maine, Machias, it was said that certain recreational programs could be instituted. A check with local clubs and service groups is a good way to get immediate involvement in jail programs.

PHYSICAL PLANT:

In Summary: Is condition noted.

This jail does not by any means meet even the most minimum of standards and should be closed. It is not sanitary and even though it is constructed of stone and brick there is a very bad odor present as well as other safety factors.

The lack of toilet facilities in the cells means that the old fashioned "pots" are used by the inmates at night thereby causing an unclean condition and a health hazard. There is a lack of light in the cells and it is very hard to see. The cells should be repainted and should be fire proofed and the cell doors should be locked and have a secure position lock of the door.

The two windows in front of the cells have only pine railings in front. Insects are coming in from the cells or being washed or thrown or the doors open. The railings are very inadequate.

The electrical system in the cell block is old and dangerous. The conduit pipe holding the wiring is exposed so that it could easily be pulled from the walls and ceiling and the light receptacles are not protected and many are damaged most of the time. From time to time wires are exposed and could cause a fire or possibly electrocute an inmate or an attendant.

WORK RELEASE:

The Work Release Program was non-existent during the year of 1976.

FUTURE PLANS:

The County Commissioners are exploring every avenue for funding for a new facility in Washington County.

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October 19, 1976

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Alfred, Maine

Richard Dutremble, Sheriff

YORK COUNTY

On November 2, 1976 the citizens of York County voted in favor of a bond issue of \$400,000.00 in addition to the \$800,000.00 bond issue of November, 1973.

During the year, the Commissioners applied for and received the OK of a grant from federal funds of \$200,000.00. This plus \$112,500.00 which had been granted in 1973, plus the \$1,200,000.00 in bond issues gives a grand total of \$1,512,000.00 available for the construction of a new jail in York County.

For the good of the citizens of the county, it is imperative that construction be started as soon as possible.

From October 1, 1975 to October 1, 1976 a total of seven hundred and fifty-four (754) York County prisoners were housed at Cumberland and Kennebec Counties at a cost of \$110,917.00 in board alone. At this rate it would not take many years to spend in board alone more than the amount it would cost to build a new jail. It would seem to be only good sense to get the jail started as soon as possible. From all indications the voice of the people in York County is not being heard by the officials who were elected by the people.