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UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY

LEAVENWORTH, KANS.

ADMISSION SUMMARY

Committed Name PRYOR, John J. Reg-No- 56509-L Classified Feb-14-1940

True Name	John Joseph Pryor	Judicial District	WD*Mo-Kans. City
Date of Birth	Dec. 17, 1873	Offense	Evade Income Tax.
Age	66	Sentence	2 yrs. Comm. Fine \$20,000 Probation 5 yrs.
Race	White	Sentence begins	Jan. 19, 1940-(Fine paid, 1-17-40)
Country of Birth	Kans.	Committed	Jan. 19, 1940
Citizenship	USA	Eligible for Parole	Sept. 18, 1940
Marital Status	Married	Conditional Release Date	Aug. 27, 1941
Legal Residence	Lee Summitt, Mo.	Expires Full Term	Jan. 18, 1942

REPORTS REC'D FROM: F.B.I. Rec'd U.S. ATTY. Not Rec'd PROSECUTING
AGENCY Rec'd

1. PREVIOUS CRIMINAL RECORD:

Date	Place	Offense	Disposition	Source
12-2-39	Kans. City, Mo.	Evade Income Tax.	Present case	FBI

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2. ASSOCIATE WARDEN'S REPORT:

OUTLINE OF OFFENSE: (Special Investigator's Report)

“ . . . Pryor was indicted December 1, 1939 at Kansas City, Missouri, on nine counts as follows: (Counts 1 to 3, inclusive), wilfully attempting to defeat and evade his individual income taxes for the calendar years 1934, 1935 and 1937; (Count 4) those of the Dixie Machinery and Equipment Company for the calendar year 1934: (Counts 5 to 8, inclusive), those of the Boyle-Pryor Construction Company for the calendar years 1931 to 1937, inclusive and (Count 9) those of the Missouri Asphalt Products Company for the calendar year 1935.

STATEMENT BY INMATE:

Subject has no record of previous arrest. He states in this instance that he is a victim of his own limited knowledge of his own business organization in that he had "... left the office end of it to my partner Mr. Boyle and I was out getting the work, pushing it on through to completion and collecting the funds". He denies that he knowingly committed violation of the income statutes, etc. Plead guilty.

SUMMARY OF IMPRESSIONS:

Subject is a "first offender" in that he has no record of prior arrest. He has been engaged in "general contracting" work over a long period of years and has been closely associated with the activities of the political machine which appears to have dominated affairs in the City of Kansas City, Missouri. His father before him was a contractor of success in the same city and subject appears to have followed his father's associations and activities in connection with the Kansas City political organizations controlling

contracting work in that vicinity. The operations of this company, or rather three companies, in which subject is a "half-owner" were of very large scale. In so far as the violation of the income tax laws, subject may be regarded as a victim of temptation.

Subject's attitude toward the sentence and confinement is very satisfactory. He states he intends to cooperate fully and whole-heartedly with the Government's agents in efforts to iron out the somewhat involved details of the case and that he intends to conduct himself in a manner beyond reproach during confinement. I believe he is conscientious in his desire to make an entirely adequate adjustment here without untoward incident.

He requests that he be permitted to cell in a cell alone during his incarceration. In view of his age and his particular characteristics, etc. and his desire for seclusion from other institutional inmates for the reason, he states, that he wishes to work in cooperation with the Government's agents now investigating the somewhat confused financial matters existing between the Government and his personal holdings in the three companies involved in the instant violation, his request is not regarded as unreasonable. He states he is willing to forfeit his freedom of the institutional Yard during recreation periods, if necessary, in order that he may be assigned to a cell alone.

QUARANTINE REPORT indicates subject has made a satisfactory adjustment during the Quarantine period,

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I believe he will make an entirely adequate institutional adjustment and no problem is anticipated. Insofar as the future social adjustment of this inmate is concerned, there is no indication that he will again become involved in similar violations and he will probably return to an adequate social situation.

Recommendations:-

TRANSFER: NONE. Benefit by such is not indicated in this instance.

SUPERVISION: MEDIUM. No institutional problem is either indicated or anticipated.

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(White) Age 66

SOCIAL:

A. FAMILY DATA:

Father	James Pryor		Died at age 68
Mother	Alice (Todd) Pryor		Died at age 80
Sister	Mary Pryor	61	Address Unknown, Kansas City, Mo.
Wife	Catherine (Black) Pryor	57	Lee Summitt, Mo.
Ex-Wife	Catherine (Hughes) Pryor		Died in 1930

PARENTS: Irish-American born; no marital discord; interested in welfare of subject and treated him well; completed 6th grade; occasional attendants of Cath. church; good health during subject's childhood.

FATHER: Born in Ireland; died when subject age 40; arrived in U S prior to subject's birth; citizen of U S; responsible parent; employed as general contractor; steady worker.

MOTHER: Born in Mo.; died when subject age 60; never remarried; devoted parent; never worked outside home.

SIBLINGS: Subject 2nd of 4 children, 2 deceased; relationship with sister close.

Mary - 2 years College, single, school teacher, moderately comfortable economic status, no delinquency.

MARITAL STATUS: Married. Subject obtained license and married 6-11 at Kansas City, Mo. Relationship congenial; subject expects to reunite with wife when released.

WIFE: 9 years younger than subject; fair health; completed 8th grade; at home prior to marriage; known to subject 2 years prior to marriage; now living alone on her farm.

ISSUE: None.

Subject previously married to Catherine Hughes, 1911, Hot Springs, Ark. Wife divorced

1911 at Kansas City, Mo. Ex-wife now deceased.

B. PERSONAL DATA: Born 12-17-73 at Cherokee, Kansas of Irish extraction.

EARLY DEVELOPMENT: Good health during childhood; early home life normal; no participation in organized boys' activities except attended Church; no childhood delinquency except occasional truancy; permanently separated from parental home at age 20 to work as salesman.

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY: Completed 6th grade, quit at age 14 to work as foreman for father.

OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY: Principal occupation: General Contractor. Subject says he operated J J Pryor Construction Co., Kansas City, Mo. since 1932. Worked steadily; denies previous law violations as means of support.

MILITARY SERVICE: None.

LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES: Enjoys normal recreational activities; member of Eagles and Kansas City Club; occasional attendant of Cath. church. Non-drinker of late years, but formerly drank heavily (VA3). Non-user of drugs; no history of venereal disease; associated with persons of all types.

RESIDENCE PAST FIVE YEARS: Kansas City, Mo. for entire life.

Probable bona fide residence: Kansas City, Mo. No migratory habits indicated.

C. ECONOMIC STATUS:

PARENTAL HOME: Subject comes from Irish-American middle class family living in comfortable economic circumstances; average social and cultural status; subject only delinquent in family; father provided adequately on comfortable economic level; mother never worked outside home; home located at Cherokee, Kansas from birth to 1; Kansas City, Mo. from 1 to present. Parents owned 8 room modern frame house in good repair, located in middle class neighborhood in Kansas City, Mo. Furnishings owned by parents were satisfactory and home was carpeted and curtained; children sent to church regularly; home discipline normal; family relations congenial. Parents are now deceased.

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C. ECONOMIC STATUS: (Cont'd)

PERSONAL HOME: Subject left parental home at age 20 because of work as salesman; home ties with sister strong. While single, subject stable socially and made good industrial adjustment; never engaged in law violations as means of support. Lived in comfortable economic circumstances with parents and private families in middle class sections of Kansas City, Mo. Good standard of living.

While married and living with wife, subject continued to be stable socially and to make good industrial adjustment; rarely engaged in law violations as means of support; good health during adult years; appreciated family; responsibilities and supported wife to best of his ability; lived in comfortable economic circumstances; good standard of living; owned 14 room rock house in good repair, located at Lee Summit, Mo. Subject values his past maximum assets at \$500,000; at present owns 3 homes, including 2 farms.

SOCIAL AGENCIES INTERESTED: Provident Assoc., St Louis, Mo (VA2).

IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS: None at this time.

D. REFERENCES AND RESOURCES: Sister and wife may be in position to assist with readjustment plans; claims wife loyal; reunion planned; has experience as General Contractor; reports ownership of considerable property.

TENTATIVE PAROLE PLAN:

Possible Parole Advisor: None at present.

Possible Employer: Expects to operate own contracting concern.

Probable Destination: Lee Summit, Mo.

E. ATTITUDES AND CHARACTERISTICS: Subject product of Irish-American middle class family living in comfortable economic circumstances; average social and cultural status; early home life normal; subject only delinquent in family. Subject stable socially and regular in social habits; extra-legal activities rare; moral standards good; associated with persons of good reputation; stable residence; industrial habits good; possesses initiative and drive; resourceful; comprehends well; family ties close with personal and parental family; friendly, alert; loyal to wife; good provider. "Mr. Pryor is a likeable, good hearted person; has been very generous with his mother, sister and family. He is a rough and ready Irishman and has become well-to-do by receiving business from the city (this is hearsay) illegitimately. A great deal of publicity in the local press has been given this case" (VA3).

F. PLANS: Personal and family background being explored further. Sister and wife being encouraged to cooperate with readjustment plans.

RECOMMENDATIONS

CUSTODY: Medium - light sentence; not a dangerous offender; first offender.

TRANSFER: Not recommended - should adjust here; this institution considered suitable place of confinement.

WORK: Paying assignment unnecessary since subject has no dependents in need.

- G. SOURCES:
1. Initial Social Interview.
 2. Social Service Clearings, St Louis, Mo.
 3. Report from Kansas City Provident Association.

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4a. Medical: Feb, 10, 1940

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND CORRELATED HISTORY:

General: A white male, 66 years, 6' in height, 231 1/4 pounds, overweight, erect and general appearance is good.

Blood pressure 138/84.

Special: None.

Venereal: Gonorrhea denied; G.U smear is negative.

Syphilis denied; Blood tests are Negative.

Narcotics: Use denied; no needle scars.

Dental: Calculus.

Rated as B.

Recommendations:

Treatment: Oral prophylaxis.

Work: Light duty, due to age and obesity.

No limitation as to cell location, dining, recreation or disciplinary measures.

Transfer not indicated.

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DIAGNOSIS: At least normal. Probably superior/ intelligence.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Treatment - routine.

Plans - nothing specific.

Quarters - regular.

Work - Light duty in keeping with physical condition. Dining - regular.

Disciplinary Prognosis - good general adjustment.

Custody - medium.

Transfer - no.

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5 (a) FIRST WORKED FOR PAY as a Construction works helper at age 17. Has been a constructing contractor all of his working life; expects to continue as a contractor after release.

RECOMMEND: GENERAL MAINTAINCE IN KEEPING WITH PHYSICAL CONDITION.

5 (b) ATTENDED PUBLIC SCHOOL IN A CITY IN MISSOURI completing the 6th grade at age 15. Progress retarded due to remaining out of school to work.

TESTS	SAT	"Y"	E.A.	10-4	ENG. A.	9-0	Arith. A.	11-4
			G.E.	4-4	#1	3-2	#9	6-4
					#2	3-4	#10	4-7
					#4	5-2		

SPREAD OF SCORES FROM A LOW of 3-2 in Paragraph meaning to a high of 6-4 in Arithmetic Reading. Tests in keeping with schooling claimed and with length of time out of school, (51 years).

RECOMMEND: EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES OPTIONAL.

5 (c) RELIGIOUS

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1. MEDIUM: Light sentence; not dangerous offender; first penitentiary sentence; apparently not custodial risk.
2. NONE: Should he able to adjust here; this institution considered adequate place of confinement for this type offender.
3. SOCIAL SERVICE: Personal and family background being explored further. Sister and wife being encouraged to cooperate with readjustment plans.
4. (a). Oral prophylaxis. Light Duty.
 (b). Routine
5. (a). GENERAL MAINTENANCE: Orderly, "C" Cellhouse; LIGHT DUTY recommended by the CMO; considered suitable assignment for this type offender; subject is 66 years of age, light duty case; it is felt that subject can make a satisfactory adjustment at this type of work.
 (b). Educational activities optional.
 (b). Chaplain's recommendations approved.
6. Form 792 to be secured.

