

# Ray May Spend Part of Time Painting Interior of Building

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James Earl Ray will spend part of his time painting the interior of the maximum security building at the state penitentiary, under a proposed prison plan filed Thursday.

The confessed killer of the Rev. Martin Luther King will also help prison officers distribute food to other prisoners in the maximum security building.

PRISON authorities estimated that it would take Ray two years to paint the interior of the maximum security building under the proposed schedule. But they said they planned to move him later to Brushy Mountain.

A proposed work, exercise and recreation schedule for Ray was filed in federal court Thursday by Asst. State Atty. Gen. Bart Durham. This was the result of an order issued by U. S. Dist. Judge William E. Miller following a Dec. 28 hearing before him on a Ray motion.

Ray's motion asked the court to order his release from maximum security and solitary confinement. As an alternative, Miller ordered the

authorities to submit a proposed schedule of work, exercise and recreation for Ray.

THE NEW schedule was made effective Thursday, providing that Ray offered no objections. Miller required the schedule to be filed by not later than Jan. 12.

Although the schedule included a two year paint job, the state said it is the intent of prison authorities to transfer Ray "at some time in the reasonable future to the state penal facility at Brushy Mountain where he will have more liberal restrictions than can currently be afforded him in the prison at Nashville."

No date for the transfer was given.

THE SCHEDULE, among other things, stated that Ray would continue to be allowed "both local newspapers," THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN and Nashville Banner.

It said Ray presently has a television set "which he will be permitted to keep. He will also be permitted, if he so desires, to have a transistor radio, playing cards, and access to books from the prison library."

The fact that Ray was permitted a television and reading material was first learned at this hearing. His specific complaints were that he had little exercise and nothing to do. He asked for some form of work.

THE STATE attached to its routine schedule for Ray a statement which said the schedule "shall be for Monday, Wednesday and Friday." It said that on Tuesday and Thursday Ray "will be permitted to do maintenance work from 8 a.m. to 10:25 a.m., and "go to the exercise yard from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting.

"When weather does not permit, Ray is to have the opportunity of exercising in one of the corridors." It said that Ray will be furnished a coat and cap when he exercises in the yard.

The statement said that on holidays and weekends Ray will do work, "such as painting or maintenance, as the main (prison) population doesn't work on those days." It added, however, that "every day Ray is to have the opportunity of assisting with the serving of meals and he is to have the opportunity to have an exercise period."

RAY, IT WAS further stated, will be allowed to converse with his attorneys, visitors, chaplains, or medical personnel whenever such situations arise. The state added that it might become necessary to make adjustments later in the schedule.

The schedule, which has not been acted on by the court, is:

6-8 a.m. — Ray assists officers prepare food trays and deliver to other inmates in maximum security building. During this time Ray will eat and then help sweep and clean corridors.

8-10:25 a.m. — Ray to be placed on exercise yard of maximum security building, if weather permits, otherwise he will exercise in a corridor.

10:35-11:15 a.m. — Ray will be in his cell while officers eat lunch.

11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — Ray to assist officers prepare trays and deliver to other inmates and then eat himself.

12:30-1 p.m. — Ray will be in his cell.

1-3 p.m. — Ray will be furnished paint and brush to do painting in maximum security building, and given needed directions.

3-3:30 p.m. — Ray to eat supper and assist officers with serving supper meal.

3:30-4:30 p.m. — Ray to sweep and clean corridors in building.

4-6 a.m. — Ray to be locked in his cell to watch TV, listen to the radio, write letters, read, study, rest, sleep, or otherwise use the time as he sees fit.

charging they failed to perform at least seven scheduled performances had contracted with perform in late June and July 1969.

CLARK SAID the agreement through defendant Shortender, signed the contract to make the performance Feb. 7, 1969.

Officials at the Nashville agency declined comment the suit yesterday.

The defendant stars — Wynette, Jones, Hara, Morrison and Dewey Phillips — did not appear scheduled performances Salisbury, Md., and Wheeling, W. Va., on June 27-28 nor one at Selinsgrove, Pa., July 6, the suit charges.

CLARK'S COMPLAINT alleged that they played most of the other scheduled dates in between but that their failure to appear at the first two scheduled stops caused

## Three Plead Guilty To Loudon Charges

KNOXVILLE (AP) — A Loudon physician and two Loudon pharmacists pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court yesterday to narcotics charges which were reduced from a felony to a misdemeanor.

Henri Hugh Richesin, owner of Loudon Pharmacy, pleaded guilty to a charge of failing to keep adequate records of the dispensation of percodan tablets between March 26 and Sept. 29, 1968.

During that time, the indictment said, more than 19,000 tablets out of a stock of 25,000 were unaccounted for.

Dr. William B. Harrison, physician with 35 years practice in Loudon, and Richard Richesin, a pharmacist and nephew of the drug store owner pleaded guilty to charges of aiding and abetting in the miscounting of the tablets.

Judge Robert L. Taylor referred the three men to the probation office for presentence investigation.

## 2 Plead Guilty To Paper Blasts

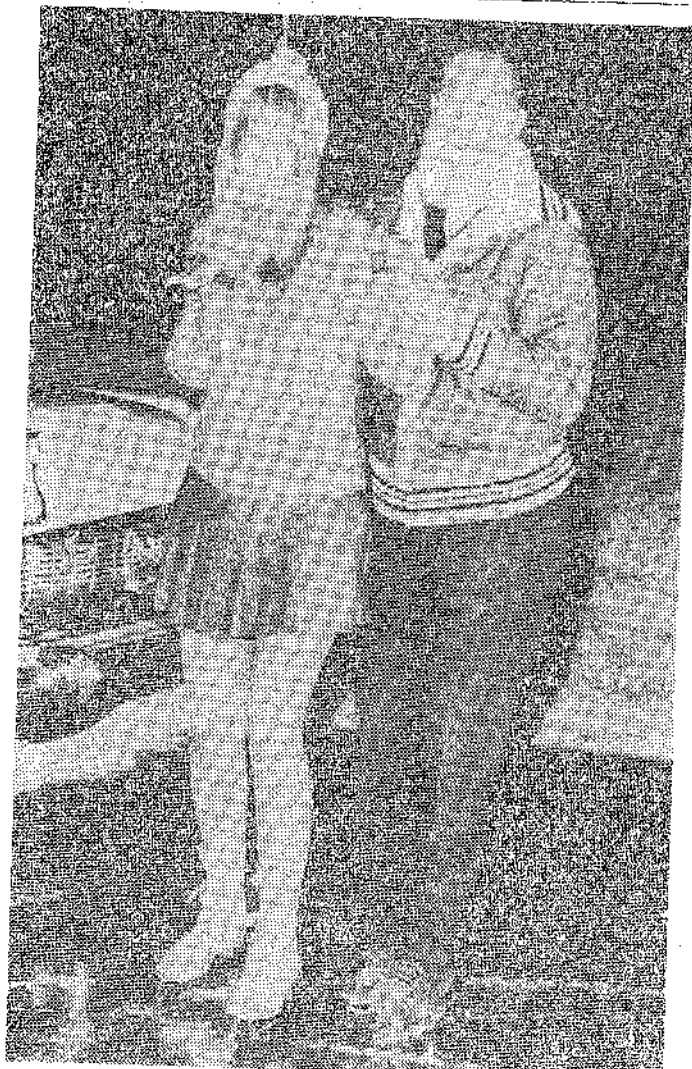
MADISONVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) — Two Madisonville men pleaded guilty yesterday to firing shotgun blasts into the building occupied by the Monroe County Democrat in November of 1968.

T. R. Atkins and Stanly Coleman received fines of \$250 and suspended jail sentences of six months each in the case.

It was the second trial on the charges of firing several shotgun blasts into the weekly newspaper office of prize winning editor Dan Hicks Jr. No one was hurt in the incident.

## See Stars

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Detectives are investigating reports that some drug addicts are getting their pipe dreams from smokiv dried portions of a star known as "the crown thorns" and found on Great Barrier Reef.



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## Old Times Not Forgotten

MONTGOMERY — It's just like old times for retired Air Force Col. Chester Kuntz, who bought ice skates when he lived in Illinois 16 years ago. As temperatures here dipped below freezing this week, he flooded his driveway and took his daughter, Melissa, skating on the inch of ice that formed.