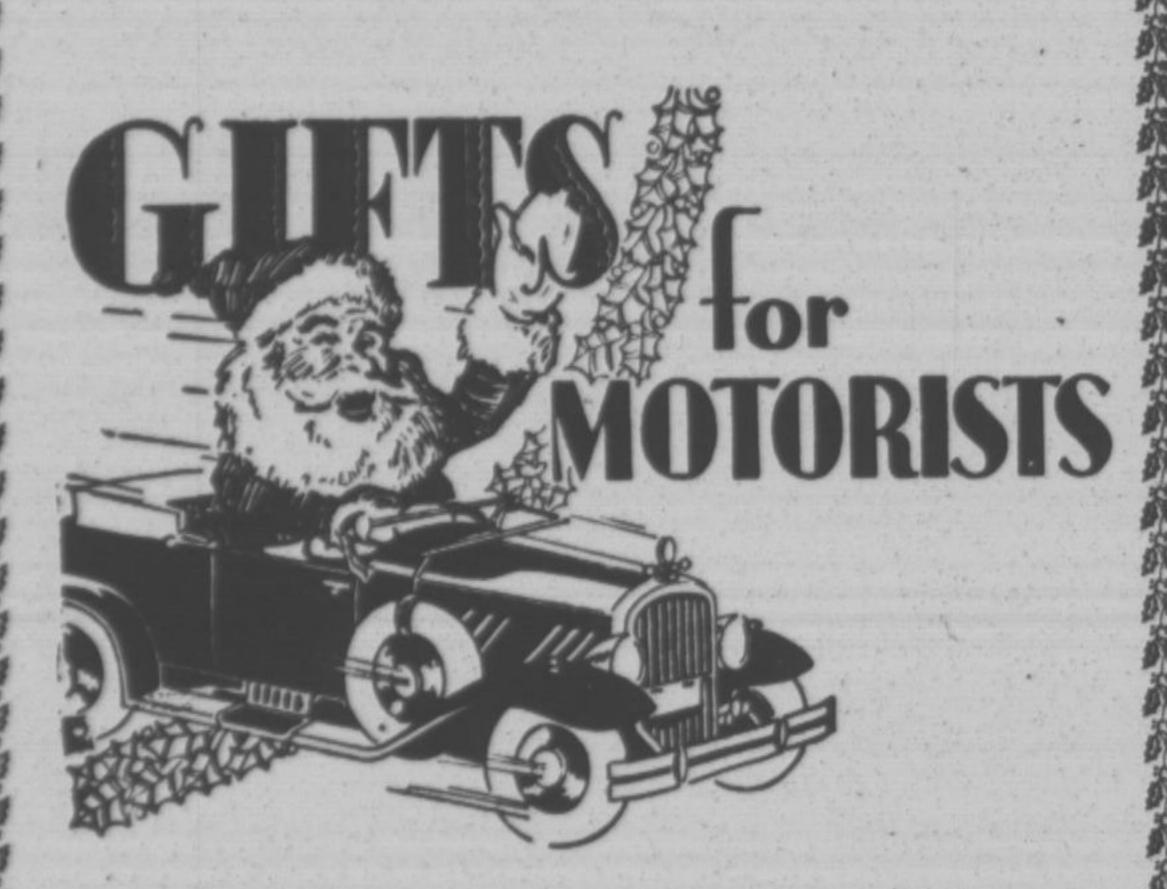
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## **BRANDON HAS PLAN** TO IMPROVE PAROLE

State Public Welfare Director Offers Unique Scheme to Benefit Prisoners

Rodney Brandon, director of the department of public welfare of Illinois, recently recommended new methods of procedure in giving pardons and paroles, anticipating action to be taken in that direction by the judicial advisory council of the state.

Brandon believes that a prisoner's term should end when he has convinced officials by his actions that he is genuinely penitent. He explained provide other holiday adornment in detail his plan before the judicial throughout the city, and during the council which is drafting a proposed holiday season the whole town will remodification of the state penal laws. This council will submit its report to the next general assembly.

Makes Distinction

The director distinguished between genuine penitence and what he called "emotional penitence."

"Every prisoner is sorry he is in prison," Brandon said, "But he may not be sorry for the reason that sent him there. That is emotional penitence. The difference between the scientifically and is a problem for doctors and psychoanalysts.

"Prisoners should not be held in prison after they are genuinely penitent. Nor should they be released up. He will most likely seek revenge on the public and land in prison again."

"Social Hospitals"

His theory, he said, would turn prisons into social hospitals, where every effort through education and science is made to get the prisoner "socially well." He said he realized that such an attitude would be a revolutionizing of penal philosophy and could not be expected overnight.

As to expediting the criminal court process, he said he favored the Maryand system which does not permit a man "to escape trial through a comma or semi-colon in an indictment."

He said the council found in its investigation that Maryland sends a criminal to trial with more speed than any other state.

Considering the parole system, Brandon recommended that impriscomment should "taper off." Before expiration of his term he said, the prisoner should be in such a state of genuine penitence that he can be trusted to come and go from prison.

Stringent at First

"Parole should be so stringent at first as to almost make the prisoner wish he were back in prison so he might have some freedom. Then parole, as the prisoner justifies his release, should taper off."

He recommended adoption of a state-wide probation system similar to that of Cook county, which provides restitution to the injured party in many instances. It does not benefit the man who has had his car stolen and wrecked to send the thief to prison for five years, but it does help the owner if the thief is put on probation and forced to pay out of his wages for the damages, he explained.