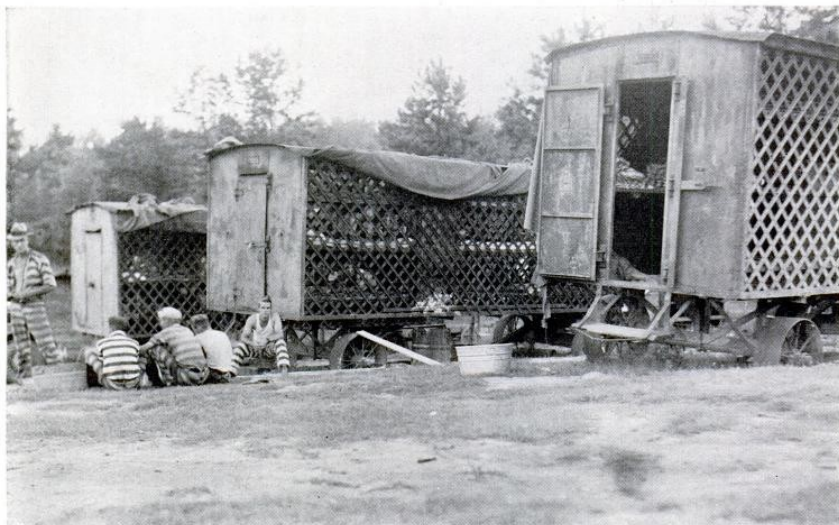


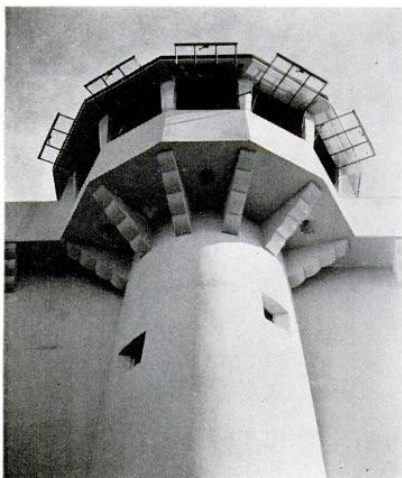
OPENING OF NEW GEORGIA PRISON MARKS BEGINNING OF THE CHAIN GANG'S END



TRUSTEES GUARD IRON CAGES ON WHEELS IN WHICH GEORGIA HOUSES CHAIN-GANG PRISONERS

Once again in the news are Georgia's famous chain gangs, last spotlighted in 1932 when the Governor of New Jersey refused to extradite the escaped author of *I Am A Fugitive From A Georgia Chain Gang*. During August, 100 prisoners fled from the gangs in an unprecedented wave of escapes. A gang warden was arrested when a young prisoner died after confinement in a chain-gang "sweatbox." Massachusetts' Governor Hurley refused to extradite an escaped Negro chain-gang prisoner on the ground that he would again be treated "cruelly and inhumanely." Georgia's Governor Rivers retaliated by paroling another Negro prisoner on condition that he spend the rest of his sentence in Massachusetts. More seriously concerned with the wholesale escapes, the Georgia Governor threatened to discharge wardens who let prisoners get away, ordered them to shoot at runaways to kill, talked of restoring floggings.

Another solution to the chain-gang problem appeared in the new \$1,500,000, PWA-built, "escape-proof" State prison near Reidsville, Tattall County, which Georgia is now opening. It will hold nearly 3,000 of the State's 8,000 prisoners. Its opening marks the beginning of the chain gang's end.



Three watchtowers let guards survey every inch of the new Reidsville prison. Note the loopholes in floor for guns.



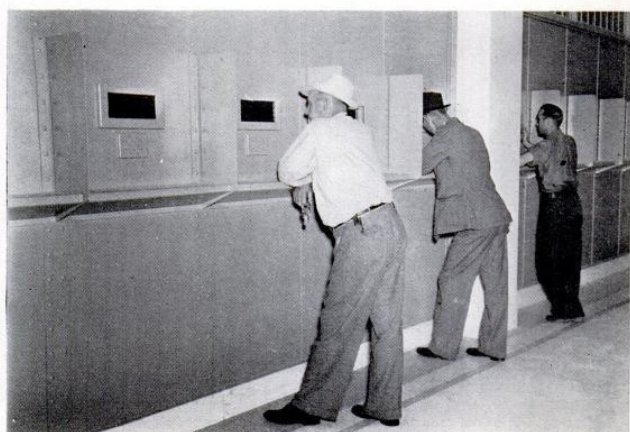
Face washing in the prison's mass lavatories is watched by guards through invisible peepholes in walls and ceilings.



Behind the prison is a quarter-mile annex housing kitchen, shop where prisoners make textbook covers and auto tags.



Face-to-back in the Reidsville dining room sit the first batch of especially troublesome convicts sent to the prison. The well-guarded dining room will seat 1,000 prisoners.



Visitors see prisoners through tiny windows made of plate glass to prevent smuggling. Guards tune in on the built-in microphones through which visitors and convicts talk.