

DEFENDS CO. BOARD AGAINST JURY REPORT

E. C. Moore, Chairman of Commissioners, Issues Statement in Reply This Week

Declaring that the janitor was instructed to secure additional help to keep the court house clean and sanitary during court week, E. C. Moore, chairman of the county board of Commissioners, in a prepared statement on Monday of this week defended the board against presentations of the Cherokee county grand jury, and said that he and the superintendent of the county home some months ago had sought the advice of Solicitor John M. Queen relative to illegitimate children being at the county home and the solicitor was unable to tell them what to do about the matter.

Mr. Moore's statement was in reply to criticism of the board in presentations returned last week and which Judge Felix E. Alley ordered served upon the commissioners, and said if some action was not taken by the next April term of court to remedy the conditions pointed out, that the attention of the solicitor be directed to the matter for action.

The grand jury criticised the commissioners for failure to provide sufficient funds and help for keeping the court house clean and sanitary, especially during court week; for failure to fix the transom over the grand jury room; and for failure to rectify the condition relative to two illegitimate children being born at the county home, the parents of whom are inmates of the home. The report was signed by J. S. Kerner, foreman, and said that these conditions had been complained of before by that body.

Mr. Moore's Statement follows in full:

"For the August term of court the janitor was furnished an extra man for the full term to help keep the court house in a clean and sanitary condition. He was also instructed to get help for the present term if needed. We think that the county court house is as well kept as the taxpayers are able to pay their taxes, and would like to say that we are not working for the courts alone. The courts are the only place that we have not been able to make reductions in expenses as in every thing else.

"As to the county jail having lights broken out, this is something we knew nothing about and it has not been reported to us. We do not have time to visit the jail and county home weekly nor monthly to see what is needed. The jailor should report the needs to the commissioners.

"The needs of some of the taxpayers are much greater than at the county home, court house, or jail. If the grand jury would visit the homes of some of the taxpayers they would find that some of them are living much harder than prisoners at the jail or inmates at the county home.

"With the county badly in default on its past expenditures, and numbers of citizens scrambling to exist, we do not feel that this is the time to add more indebtedness.

"As to the condition which has existed at the county home for a number of years, and which was inherited by the present board when it went into office in regard to the illegitimate children, if the grand jury will provide a sensible solution we will be glad to carry it out. The superintendent of the county home and I went to the solicitor, Mr. John M. Queen, many months ago for advice. He told us that he could not advise anything that could be done."

HILL RAISES LARGE POTATOES

W. F. Hill, of Shoal Creek township, recently brought to this office two large sweet potatoes, one weighing four and a half pounds and the other three and a half pounds. They were of the improved Porto Rican variety. Mr. Hill said he planted a half acre and used stable fertilizer on the land. They are the largest sweet potatoes we have seen this year, and we wonder if any one else can beat the record.

BOX SUPPER

There will be a Box Supper at Shady Grove Saturday, November 25th. It will be for the benefit of church. Everybody is invited. Boys bring your money and girls bring a box.

J. L. SHIELDS

FUNERAL RITES MAYNARD ALLEN LAST FRIDAY

Funeral services for Maynard Allen, 26, were conducted last Friday morning at 11 o'clock from the Hangingdog Baptist church by the Rev. J. L. Mulkey, and interment was in the churchyard.

Mr. Allen died Thursday morning at 1 o'clock at the home of his father in the Ebenezer community about 6 miles west of Murphy. He had been sick about six weeks. Flu and its complications were the cause of his death. He was a member of the Ebenezer Baptist church for more than 2 years.

He is survived by his father, J. C. Allen; one brother, Glen Allen, and six sisters, Mrs. John Kephart, Mrs. Ernie Dockery, Mrs. Vesta Kent, Mrs. Jim Cornwell and Miss Minnie Allen, of Cherokee County, and Mrs. Elsie Johnson of Akron, Ohio.

NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN WINS AT WORLD'S FAIR

Miss Lucy Morgan Drives Wolf From Door Of Mountaineers—Conquers for Penland Weavers

Chicago, Nov. 13.—(AP)—The wolf was gone from the doors today of a group of North Carolina mountaineers and strangely enough it was the World's fair hundreds of miles distant that drove it away.

The story of these people, banded together in an organization known as the Penland Weavers, is the story of Miss Lucy Morgan, whose courage and optimism overcame obstacles that at first seemed insurmountable. She arrived in Chicago last spring with pottery and weaving from the hands of the Penland Weavers. She asked officials of the Century of Progress exposition for space for a concession, but she had no money to pay for it. They have to take a chance on her.

They did—and in a little, inconspicuous booth known as the "Carolina Cabin" she set up business. Society women became interested in her and by word of mouth the story of Lucy Morgan and how she was attempting to save her mountaineer neighbors from destitution spread. Today she was ready to return to North Carolina. She said profits of the "Carolina Cabin" were enough to pay off all indebtedness of the Penland Weavers hard hit by the stress of the times.

But before she left she was a guest of honor at a reception and tea given by her newly made Chicago friends.—Raleigh News and Observer.

Miss Lucy Morgan is well known in Murphy. She is a daughter of the late Alfred Morgan, and is a sister of Mrs. Ben Warner, and Mrs. Esther Freas of Murphy.

FOREST FIRES DO MUCH DAMAGE IN THE COUNTY

Rain which began falling about dark Tuesday night proved an effective aid and weapon in fighting forest fires.

Forest fires have been raging for the past two weeks in several sections of Cherokee county, and thousands of acres have been burned over and thousands of dollars damage wrought to the timber and fences.

Nearly every night last week, one could look out over the mountains from Murphy in several directions and see long slowly creeping streaks of flame zigzagging across the mountains. Similar scenes have been witnessed in other sections of the county.

In the Damon mountains southwest of Murphy in North township, hundreds of acres have been burned over. In the Will Scott mountains east of Murphy, the Fain Mountains on the north and the Poorhouse mountains on the south, and the Lovers Leap mountains on the west, hundreds of acres have likewise been burned over. Large areas have also been reported burned over in the mountains west of Tomotla between Murphy and Marble, in the section forming the headwaters of Marble, Mill and Wagon Timber creeks.

Damage reported so far has been to standing timber and fences, and is estimated at around \$25,000.00. All efforts at control of the fires have been confined to owners of the lands in the fire districts, and the rain Tuesday night was a welcome aid in this respect.

FACULTY BLACK FACE SHOW TO BE TUES. NIGHT

School Benefit Minstrels Promise To Have Plenty Of Fun And Laughs

On Tuesday evening November 28th, the people of Murphy will have the opportunity of seeing one of the outstanding local entertainment affairs of the year, when the "Black and White Minstrel" will be staged in the local school auditorium at 8 o'clock by the school faculty and several players from the town at large, according to announcement by those in charge of the minstrel tour.

Prof. H. Bueck, superintending principal of the Murphy unit, will act as interlocuter. B. R. Carroll, Neil Sneed, Sam Akin, J. H. Axley, C. H. Daniels will take the parts of end men, and Miss Adie Leatherwood, Miss Emily Sword, Miss Lois Latham, Miss Ruby Courtney, Miss Pauline Moore, will act as end ladies. Other members of the minstrel circle include Miss Fannie Hathcock, Miss Margaret LeMay, Miss Martha Mayfield, Miss Dair McCracken, Mrs. T. A. Case, Miss Mary Nell Williamson, Miss Ruth Holshouser, Miss Lucine Wells, Miss Edna Padgett, and Messrs. Kenneth Wright, A. W. Lovingood, W. H. Murray, Sid Hindshaw, R. W. Gray and Joe Dyer.

Mrs. H. Bueck is directing the production of the minstrel, and the chairman of the various committees are: Miss Estelle Mauney, tickets; Miss Margaret Hall, stage; Miss Bernha Mayfield, publicity; Mrs. Evelyn Patton and Mrs. Leila Axley will assist with the make-up and stage business.

The first feature on the program will be the minstrel circle proper, and will include jokes, songs and dances. Then will follow two skits, "Fast Feet," and "Barnacle Bill," "Devil Crabs," a short farce, follows, and "Airport Airs" will be the after-piece closing the evenings entertainment. Practice periods are being held each night, and an advance ticket sale will begin Friday afternoon when a number of the children will work for free tickets. Admission will be 10 and 25 cents.

The proceeds from the minstrel will be used for purchasing supplementary readers for the grades of the elementary department. The sixth and seventh grades have already purchased supplementary reading sets with money realized from a Halloween party sponsored by Mrs. Harry Lahn, grade mother. Mr. Bueck said that about \$100 would be necessary to finish buying the supplementary readers for the elementary department and any proceeds above this would be used to purchase some piece of needed equipment for each high school room.

The entire evening's performance will be filled with good clean, wholesome entertainment, its sponsors say, and the young and old will laugh and shake off the depression by coming out. There will be plenty of fun and no one should miss it.

Higgins And Carper Returned To Murphy

The Rev. Thomas F. Higgins was returned to Murphy Methodist church this week for his third year by the Western North Carolina Conference which was held over the week-end in Charlotte. The Rev. J. H. Carper was returned to the Murphy circuit. Mr. Higgins and Mr. Carper are both popular men in the county and their returned for another year to the charges here is a cause for rejoicing by their many friends.

Other pastors in this immediate territory are: W. G. McFarland, Andrews; H. R. Cornelius, Hayesville; L. B. Hays was returned as presiding elder of the Waynesville District.

Former pastors of the Murphy church were sent to the following churches: H. P. Powell, First church Marion; E. J. Harbison, Mocksville; J. E. Abernathy, Central church, Mooresville; D. H. Rhinehart, Calvary church High Point. The Rev. C. M. Pickens, former presiding elder turned to Winston-Salem district as of the Waynesville district, was re-presiding elder.

The Ladies Aid Society of Hampton Memorial M. E. church will give a box supper at the church at 6 o'clock Thanksgiving evening November 30th. There will be a few minutes for a general "sing" before the supper, and a short program of Thanksgiving and humorous numbers will be given. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the occasion with us.

JAIL BREAK IS THWARTED BY OFFICERS

An attempted jail break was thwarted last week when officers seized a hack saw and two extra blades, a pair of pliers and a screwdriver, which they believed were smuggled into the jail by accomplices. Sheriff L. L. Mason said.

Last Tuesday night about 7 o'clock, Sheriff Mason said he heard a sawing noise coming from one of the cell sections on the second floor. He and two deputies investigated and found the saw and other tools hidden under the bed covering on one of the bunks. All prisoners denied any knowledge of the saw and blades, and because of their refusal to tell ownership of them could not be established. An investigation is being conducted quietly into the incident, the sheriff said.

The prisoners had shortly before been locked in the cell cages for the night, and only a slight cut was made in one of the bars. Thirty-two prisoners were confined in the jail at the time of the attempted break, one of whom had just been sentenced to 3 to 5 years in States prison, while two others had received sentences of 18 months.

H. L. Thrasher of Andrews, was the 3 year man, and Sheriff Mason said he had seized 5 hacksaw blades only last week which had been found in the cell occupied by Thrasher.

PARK GUIDE FEATURES GREAT SMOKY SCENES

A guide to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park has recently been issued from the Inland Press, Asheville, by George W. McCoy and the late George Masa, both of whom are well known in Western North Carolina. Mr. McCoy is state news editor of the Asheville Citizen and Asheville Times, and Mr. Masa was for many years a leading photographer of Asheville and an authority on the Great Smoky Mountains.

The guide contains 141 pages of pictures and information about the National Park, with maps of highways in and near the park and trails to scenic points. A general description of the area is given together with the principal elevations. A detail log of seven tours through the park area forms a valuable section, while another section treats of camping, hunting and fishing in the boundary with rules and regulations promulgated by the government park authorities for use of the park by the public.

Other sections treat of the history of the region, plants, flowering seasons, wild life, geology, inhabitants, accommodations, etc. In fact, it is a complete treatise on the Smoky Mountains National Park, and has been hailed far and wide as one of the most valuable tourists guides to the area yet published.

The guide sells for 50c a copy, and may be obtained from the Inland Press, Asheville, N. C. The Regal Hotel at Murphy has been instrumental in distributing a number of the guides in this section.

Peachtree Health Club Goes To Brasstown

On Saturday afternoon members of the Peachtree Health Club met at the school house and were carried by bus to Brasstown, as guests of the Brasstown Woman's Club. Upon arrival, the club was met by Miss Jane Chase, and shown to the gracious living room of the Keith House, where the Bellevue and Martin's Creek Health Club's were already assembled. Miss Kidder, Health nurse of the Folk School and leader of the Health Clubs, welcomed the members and introduced the members of the Folk School. Miss Butler told of how the Folk School was started, and why, which was indeed very interesting. After being shown all the interesting things about the farm, refreshments were served at the farm house which is called the center of the Folk school. An excellent time was had by all those attending from Peachtree were Mrs. Edd Howard, pres. of the club, Mrs. F. Watkins, Mrs. John Shanks, Mrs. H. Shanks, Mrs. Arthur Boyd, Mrs. Nelse Leatherwood, Mrs. Plemmons Mrs. R. C. Pipes, Mrs. H. B. Elliott, Mrs. Dixie Arrowood, Mrs. Walter Witt, Misses: Opal, Oval and Dale Sudderth, Hazel Watkins, Addie Donley, Lilly Brooks, and Myrtle Foster of Marble, and Mrs. Dillard McCombs.

COURT ENDS SESSIONS ON NOVEMBER 19

Criminal Docket Takes Up Entire Term—Few Civil Motions Heard Saturday

Given the privilege of choosing voluntary banishment from his native state for 5 years or serving 6 years in its prisons, J. M. (Bose) Fain accepted voluntary banishment in superior court here Saturday on a plea of guilt to house breaking and larceny in connection with the robbing of the Store of W. E. Dickey & Sons here last August.

Judge Felix Alley, who presided over the court, sentenced Fain to 3 to 5 years for house breaking, and 2 to 5 years for larceny, the latter sentence to begin at the expiration of the first. Judge Alley ordered a capias to issue on November 20 to put the sentence into effect if Fain was found in the state. Fain left Sunday, the 19th, for his sister's home at Blue Ridge, Ga., from where he plans to go west and "start all over again."

Allen Wise of Murphy, who entered a plea of guilty with Fain to the same charges, was given 12 months, and Judge Alley directed that the county commissioners hire him out to someone who will pay him a laborer's wage, that \$10 of that wage be paid to W. E. Dickey, whose store was broken into and robbed, enough of the wage be applied to pay the costs in the action to the extent necessary to save the county harmless, and any other wages left to be paid to his father.

On a count of house breaking, Wise was sentenced to 3 to 5 years, and on a count of larceny he received 3 to 5 years, the latter sentence to begin at the expiration of the former. However, the sentences for house breaking and larceny were suspended upon condition that he not violate the state law against larceny or kindred laws during the next five years.

Hubbard Acquitted

Victor Hubbard in whose room the stolen goods were found on the morning following the robbery and who implicated Fain and Wise in the affair, was acquitted by a jury on his plea that he was so drunk he did not know what he was doing or what was happening. Both Fain and Wise testified that Hubbard was not a party to the crime when its execution was begun, but he was later brought into its commission when they had to change their plans about storing the stolen property after removal from the store.

Witnesses testified that the goods stolen from Mr. Dickey's store consisted of ten 100-lb bags of sugar, 200 lbs of coffee, 5 lbs of tobacco, and about ten cartons of cigarettes. Most of this was recovered by Mr. Dickey, they said.

The case was of wide interest because of the prominence of the principals involved. Bose Fain, who admitted that he had already served two terms on the roads for like offenses, is a son of the late A. A. Fain, a former clerk of superior court. Allen Wise, a star player on the Murphy football team, is the son of Irving Wise who for the past forty years has been in the employ of Mrs. Nettie Dickey in the operation of the famous Dickey Hotel. Victor Hubbard is closely related to S. W. Lovin-good, former mayor of Murphy and at one time State senator from this district.

In passing sentence, Judge Alley said the court was showing mercy because Mr. Dickey, the man whose store was robbed, had asked that mercy be shown and the boys given another chance, and it was this plea of Mr. Dickey and their friends that the court was heeding. The Judge told Fain that there seemed to be something radically wrong with his make up, and it appeared that he could not keep his hands off of other people's property. Judge Alley said he did not believe it would do any good to send Fain back to the penitentiary because he had been there twice on kindred offenses. He told Fain if he would get out of Murphy and stay away from the influence of associates here, he believed it would do him more good than going to prison, and he was getting that chance.

Because this was his first offense and he was only 16 years old, Judge Alley said he thought Allen Wise should be given another chance. "If he violates the law during the next five years," said Judge Alley, (Continued on page 5)