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Board of Health Inquiry May Be Ordered Soon By Governor

By J. C. BASKERVILL, Tribune Bureau

Raleigh, April 29.—An investigation of the charges of graft against the State Board of Health, in connection with the enforcement of the Sanitary Privy law that will bring out every phase of the entire and somewhat odorous affair will undoubtedly be ordered by Governor A. W. McLean as soon as he returns to Raleigh, even though the Attorney General, Dr. John B. Wright, member of the Board of Health, and Senator Rivers Johnson, would undoubtedly be glad to have the matter dropped.

This was the general opinion in the capital today, as a result of the recent letter to the Attorney General by Dr. C. O. H. Laughinghouse, State Health officer in which he reiterated that it was the intense desire of the Board of Health, of the State Medical Society and the majority of the people of the state that the charges be thoroughly investigated and the matter be brought to a final conclusion, and the graft charges either established or disproved.

And while Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, remains non-committal as to what action he intends to take, those who know Governor McLean feel sure that he will take the view of the situation taken by the Board of Health and that he will insist that a very thorough investigation be made and carried through, reveal what it may.

The Board of Health and members of the medical profession generally over the state feel that the report made by the attorney general to Governor McLean, that he had found nothing upon which to base investigation, was little more than white-wash investigation—indeed, hardly an investigation at all, and that he was influenced by a desire not to embarrass any one, rather than by a desire to give the Board of Health its due. This view is further substantiated in view of the fact that it was stated by Dr. Wright before the State Medical Society in Dur-

Expect New Child Labor Law To Get Full Cooperation

Tribune Bureau

Raleigh, April 29.—Indications are that employers of children between the ages of 14 to 16 will cooperate in every way to conform to the new regulations passed by the 1927 general assembly, restricting the employment of children under 16, and who have not completed the fourth grade in school, to eight hours a day, or 48 hours a week, according to E. F. Carter, executive secretary of the Child Welfare Commission, and who is charged with the enforcement of these new provisions.

Although the new regulations and directions for the procedure of employers of children between 14 and 16 are just being sent out by Mr. Carter, he had already received letters from employers in all parts of the state assuring him of their cooperation, and asking for specific instructions, stating that they may be assured of their complete cooperation. Within a few days, this letter of instructions, together with a copy of the interpretation of the law by the Attorney General, will reach every employer and certification official in the state.

The enforcement of the regulations with regard to those children between 14 to 16 who are employed, involves a great deal of detail work, all of which is set forth in the letter to the employers. First, the employers are asked to make a careful check of the certificate of each child between 14 and 16 in his employ, to determine whether the certificate shows the child has or has not completed the fourth grade in school. Where the record is not positive, the employer is asked to have the local certifying officers secure the desired information as to the child's school qualifications from the official school records, upon blanks provided for this purpose, and have this officer also certify the record upon the certificates already held by the employer.

"This statement should be made upon the top of each certification card, for each child where the question of his school qualification has been raised," the letter continues. "When this has been done, the certificates should then be returned to the files, where they will later be examined by the

commission."

With this letter is enclosed a form upon which the employer is asked to list all those workers in his employ which have been certified by the Child Welfare Commission, so that the records may be double-checked in the central office here, and which will later be checked over in the office of the employer by a certified agent of the commission. When the certificates are finally inspected they will be officially stamped to indicate whether each child has or has not completed the fourth grade educational requirement.

Out of the 8,553 children between 14 and 16, certified in 1926 for employment, only 5,817 were actually employed, the records of the commission show, the remaining 2,736 being either temporarily employed, or "floaters."

Now, out of this 5,817 workers between 14 to 16 actually employed, approximately 2,500 will fall below the grade educational qualification, thus limiting them to eight hours a day employment, instead of ten, as heretofore. Some of these may be forced to give up their jobs, where they are employed in a continuous operation, that requires ten hours to the shift. But in most cases, employers have indicated that they would cooperate to the fullest extent and put these who are below the fourth grade standard on eight hour shifts, until such a time as they may be above the equivalent of a fourth grade education.

To this end the State Department of Education, through its Vocational Education division, under the direction of T. E. Broxton, is going to cooperate through the organization of classes in all communities where there are sufficient to demand it, so that those workers under the educational qualifications may go to school and work at the same time. The organization and work of these classes will be greatly facilitated since the majority of those in them will be working only eight hours a day, instead of ten, giving more time for study.

This new law will be of material assistance in raising the educational standards of children in industry, and also tend to increase the age of those employed. Mr. Carter believes, despite the fact that it is not as far reaching as some think it should be.

MANGUM IS FOUND IN CHARLOTTE HOTEL

Detectives Arrest Magistrate After Judge Issues Capias, to Be Tried Saturday

Charlotte Observer, 29th.

Magistrate S. A. Mangum, faced with charges of failing to deliver to the Mecklenburg county government fines, forfeitures and fees collected in rural police court, was arrested yesterday afternoon by City Detective L. E. Moser in a Charlotte hotel on a capias issued by Judge E. McCa. Currie after the magistrate failed to show up for trial in recorder's court yesterday morning.

Mr. Mangum was required to post \$500 bond before he was released from custody. He had previously been at liberty under his own recognizance.

Yesterday was the second time a delay has resulted in the trial, it having previously been continued Friday, a week ago.

When the case was called in court yesterday morning, Wilson H. Price, attorney for the magistrate, reported that his client was ill and could not attend court.

City Solicitor Fred Holmes and County Attorney John S. Catcher, who will prosecute the case, asked for a physician's certificate.

Counsel for the defense admitted no certificate would be forthcoming. Judge Currie then ordered detectives to the home of Mr. Mangum in North Charlotte to investigate the defendant's condition.

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He walked slowly, resolutely, down the aisle, and the crowded court-room suddenly hushed into dead silence. Staring, bright eyes followed him as he strode along. Eyes—eyes—the eyes of honest people focused on a rank criminal, a pretender, a false savior of the breed of hospitality. Let them look! It was their right!

He stopped at the bar of justice. Yes, he had passed—Chuck Wilson, Lige Connor—the ranch boys—Mrs. Monroe—June. . . . All staring, staring. . . . Suddenly he noticed that a small, proud figure was sitting on the judge's dais. A Boy Scout! In a daze, he looked around—face a jury of small khaki-clad figures—Boy Scouts! Dimly, he wondered what it was all about. Bide Hanson was speaking in the silence of the room.

"Meet Hiszoner—Judge Pinky Swain—an' don't laugh," Fred stared into the face of the Scout, "an' the District Attorney. . . . Didn't yuh get my note?" he asked. "What note?" At this moment June called to her, and she departed swiftly.

And Fred had found the note later, stuck half-way under a mat rug right near the door, under which it had slipped when he had thrust it beneath the door in early morning. . . . So they didn't know. And he was still as great a culprit, as guilty a man, as he had been when he passed himself off as a son to this saintly, trusting old woman. And June—but June, gazing at him out of her great, brimming eyes, had merely whispered, "Thanks, Fred, for saving Buddy's life," and hurried away. June—that sweet wild flower of the range.

CHAPTER XIII—Continued

"Fred," whispered Buddy, "yer a real brother. . . . Good, yuh saved my life!" And he clutched eagerly at Fred's hand, trembling hand. . . . A little later the boy dropped off to sleep.

Mrs. Monroe walked softly in. She looked at Fred with a curious mixture of wonder and affection. "Fred-fumble, with his hat. . . . Didn't yuh get my note?" he asked. "What note?" At this moment June called to her, and she departed swiftly.

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No. There was nothing else to do. The saving of Buddy had been an incident. He must go away. He then spoke up in a loud, clear voice:

"Folks, yuh jest heard the speech by ole Pinky—I mean dis-dishonorable court—but our hangin's gonna be diffrunt—we're hangin' a Boy Scout medal on somebody that deserves it—a regular scout!"

A loud burst of applause rent the air. Suddenly the court-room was in an uproar of laughter, applause, hearty cheers. Through the din Fred bewilderedly heard the piping voice of Buddy manfully crying: "He risked his life tuh save mine—he's a hero—svep of he is my brother!"

It was the last straw. Honored by these wonderful boys—honored—a criminal—a malcontent—a potential home-wrecker, murderer, hunted by the police. . . . His eyes flashing, suddenly galvanized into action, Fred rose mightily, thrust up his lean, brown hand, and cried with a voice that instantly stilled the uproar:

"STOP!"

Dead, leaden silence. Somewhere a child began to whimper with fright. Buddy's jaw dropped. Bide Hanson, who had been chuckling, leaned forward with interest.

"I can't stand this any longer! I'm no hero—I'm not even his brother! I'm a fake—wanted by the police—for murder!" A gasp, and silence again. "I came here with my heart full of hatred—to avenge my mother's death. . . . dead through the shock caused by the attack of 'Scar-hand' Monroe, lost son of Mrs. Monros of this town. . . . Fred paused, cleared his throat, plunged bravely on. "I can't accept their praises—or their medal—but I can try to be worthy of their friendship." He paused again, and then held out both his hands mutely to ward Bide Hanson, lowering his head. "I'm glad it's over," he muttered in a low, strange voice. "Take me away from here, Sheriff."

In the amazement that followed a shrill, crackling old voice suddenly broke in upon the awed silence. It was old Luke Burlingame, sitting near the front between his son Steve and Powell. "Hear that, Sheriff! Stop this tomfoolery an' fall'im—before he kills somebody else!"

In the pandemonium that broke out, with Scouts running about, people talking in whispers, men shouting, old Luke turned quickly to Steve and Ed Powell and grunted: "Here's yer chance—crack that safe at the Monroses an' get those securities while there's nobody home. 'Hurry up!' The youngies Burlingame and Powell arose and slipped into the crowd.

Nobody seemed to notice a tall, dark-mustached man in a sombrero who had sat quietly throughout the entire proceedings, watching with keen interest. Now, as Fred Blake was being led out a side door he rose and followed.

(To be continued.)



CHAPTER XIV THE SCOUT'S COMMAND

Holding his head high, Fred Blake rode into the town of Sierra, followed closely by Bide Hanson. The streets were curiously thronged—it seemed as if all of Sierra County had gathered in town. People were chatting gaily, dressed in their church-clothes, focking the side-walks and overflowing into the dirt on either side of the street.

As Fred and Bide Hanson rode slowly up the street, side by side, the crowd gave them a wide, almost respectful, berth, and as they passed the people were silent. Fred's face flushed with shame, but in his heart he felt a great area of relief, a sort of genuine, inscribable. And this was the man who so short a while ago had shook his hand heartily in the living-room of the Monroe rancho and welcomed him to Sierra! Fred's lips twisted into a queer little smile. It was a funny world.

They dismounted in front of the court-house, and with Bide Hanson's bulky figure directly behind him, Fred pushed his way through the dense crowd outside and into the building. As he neared the door he heard a woman whisper shrilly directly behind him: "That's him! His head went higher."

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