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District Attorney, Gen. Thos. O. Morris, Addresses Citizens.

At Jimmie's Playhouse last Sunday afternoon Gen. Thos. O. Morris appeared on the platform as one of the speakers in a series of Sunday afternoon meetings promoted for the benefit of the people of Union City who find some leisure to devote to the problems of the day.

Mr. Morris, who has been in the service of this Judicial District for a number of years as prosecuting attorney, chose the subject of crime. First he found that a great many people talk and write of crime who do not know anything about it. They've had no experience with criminals and shoot very wide of the mark.

Criminal conditions are growing more serious, Mr. Morris stated, and he proceeded to talk more particularly about his district. In some of the counties of the district crime has increased twofold and more. Making comparisons, Mr. Morris said that some time back Obion County stood fifth, at that time having a greater criminal record than four of the other counties. These conditions have improved until Obion County has taken second place for having eliminated a greater percentage of crime.

Mr. Morris then proceeded to speak about the jurics and the officers of the law in connection with the fact that they are criticised for being in league with criminals—the jurics are packed and the officers are partners in crime. This is a mistake, says Mr. Morris. Once in a very great while a man will get on the jury to defeat justice, but very seldom only. As for the officers standing in with moonshiners and criminals this is another popular fallacy. It is a mistake that does the officers a great injustice. The officer has enough trouble without this, but it is too often the case.

Proceeding Mr. Morris took the ground that it is not hard to detect murder, larceny, arson, but very difficult indeed to detect the moonshiner and the bootlegger. In the first place it is not against the laws of Tennessee to make whiskey, but it is an offense to carry it about and the bootlegger must be found guilty of transporting and selling liquor. The moonshiner can make all he wants unless the Federal officers take the matter in charge. It is against the Federal statutes to manufacture whiskey as a beverage. The great trouble in apprehending the bootlegger is the fact that he is protected in the practice by the man who buys the liquor. This man will go before the grand jury and refuse to tell the truth and thereby the bootlegger is in no danger. Says Mr. Morris seventeen men out of twenty will lie to the grand jury about buying whiskey, and then when an indictment is found the witnesses will leave the State. So you see it is not the delinquency of the officer but the man who buys and drinks "white mule."

These are the facts, Mr. Morris states, and he knows. Mr. Morris says that one of the smaller counties of his circuit is now infested with more crime than any of the others. There are more moonshiners and criminals there than anywhere else in his circuit. Whiskey made with Merry War Lye and mean enough to kill is made in abundance in that county. It did sell for ten dollars a quart, but for fear of Federal officers enforcing the law and putting them out of business the price has been reduced to two dollars a quart.

Winding up the address, Mr. Morris made the statement that prohibition is not a failure, but the day will come when there will be no whiskey made in the United States and prohibition will become a reality. A very large crowd heard the address with interest and attention.

PURPLE TORNADOES

The Purple Tornado of the Union City High School had one of the most successful seasons it has ever had. The year was started out right by electing Joe Callicott captain. Aside from the fact that Joe is one of the headiest quarterbacks in High School football circles he is always in the fight and never quits fighting until the last whistle has blown.

Too much praise cannot be given to the wonderful line that was developed by Coaches Keiser and Williams.

It never weakened against the heavy punting of such men as Wakefield, the star of the Greenfield team, and Killbrow, the plunging fullback of the South Fulton team. On right end "Si Reynolds is a wonder at receiving passes, catching them from all positions, and his defensive work against Carr Institute was of the highest order. Earl Smith, right tackle, could always be counted on to open up a hole big enough to drive a wagon through. Pug White was as good a man as could be found anywhere to play alongside Smith and Reynolds. The wonderful development of R. C. Reynolds at center can be considered little less than phenomenal (more credit to our coaches). On the left side of the line "Papa" Grissom and Robert Bond played some of the best games of their careers. The work of Grissom at fullback was one of the outstanding features of the game. Robert Bond, who always believes in giving the other fellow what he gives sure did give a sample of his wares against South Fulton. Earl Heppner at left end, was one of the best smashing halves seen in action in many days on the High School football field. May, fullback, and Owens, right half, could always be counted on to make their share of yardage through any line that was run up against. Jordan, left halfback, played the best season of his several football years. He was always a ground gainer on end runs and has the distinction of making the highest number of points for the season.

A complete list of the games played is as follows:
September 23, at Newbern, the football season was opened and resulted in a 27 to 7 victory for Union City. Touchdowns were made by May, Jordan, Reynolds and Heppner. Callicott kicked one goal and Jordan 22.

Marvin University was defeated here on Sept. 30 by a score of 33 to 3. Jordan scored 3 touchdowns and Reynolds 1 in this game. Joe's educated toe served him well in this game and he put 2 dropkicks through the bars. Jordan kicked 4 goals.

In a half game played at Hickman in a drizzling rain, Hickman was defeated by a score of 56 to 0. If the game had continued for the full length they would have had an additional machine to keep up with the score. Jordan scored 3 touchdowns, Callicott 1, Owens 3, and May 1. Jordan kicked 8 goals.

On Oct. 14 we ran up against a team that was a little too far out of our class. Greenfield cleaned us by a score of 41 to 5. Despite the fact of the large score it was one of the hardest fought games that has ever been played on the local field. Greenfield players admitted that it was one of the hardest games they had ever played. We scored on them, which is saying a lot more than Jackson and several other teams did. Joe booted his third dropkick of the season through and Brock was tackled behind his own goal line for a safety.

In a game that was thrilling from start to finish, played in Fulton against Carr Institute on Oct. 21, the final results were 13 to 0 in our favor. Jordan scored both touchdowns and Callicott kicked one goal. In a return game played in Union City on the 28th Carr was completely outclassed and the Purple Tornado swept on to 32 to 0 victory. Reynolds scored 3 touchdowns and Callicott 2. May kicked 1 goal and Callicott 1.

On Nov. 4 we were defeated for the second time by South Fulton. The fellows had an off-day and had examinations on the two preceding days. The final score was 26 to 3. Joe again saved the day by booting a dropkick through.

On Armistice Day we defeated Trimble by a score of 17 to 7. Reynolds scored one touchdown and Jordan one. Callicott kicked 2 goals and his fifth dropkick of the season. The Nov. 19 game was called off by Murray and the Thanksgiving game was called off on account of rain. Trimble refused to play on the 25th.

Early in the season a campaign was inaugurated by which the team might purchase uniforms and by the hearty co-operation of our business men we raised enough money to purchase pants and jerseys. We are greatly indebted to these men who contributed to this fund, and especially so to Mr. Boyd, who not only gave us a benefit picture but also ten dollars of his own money. Hats off to Mr. Boyd and to the citizens who helped us in this campaign.

If there is any one man who deserves credit for our wonderful showing it is Mr. Dean Keiser. Mr. Keiser was with us from start to finish this year and only missed 3 days the whole season from being up to practice. The team greatly appreciates Mr. Keiser's efforts in our behalf and as an appreciation for his loyal support gave him a brand new sweater.

Dixon Williams and Mr. Sheeley were always with us whenever it was possible and had a great influence in the development of the team. The slogan adopted by the basketball team is "WATCH OUR SMOKE." Mr. Keiser and Mr. Sheeley are getting the fellows in fine shape and a winning team is anticipated.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl five years old. I want you to bring me a doll, high chair, pocket book and lots of fruit.
Your little girl,
Iris Campbell.

STATEMENT MADE BY RAILROAD OFFICIALS

Cost of Service from Hollow Rock to Hickman, Etc.

In view of the public interest in the addition of a night train to the present service of two passenger trains each way daily between Hollow Rock Junction and Hickman, Ky., I feel that your readers may wish to know some of the factors that must be considered by the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway in determining whether or not this service can be added in fairness to the patrons of the other divisions of the railway and in accordance with the terms of the Transportation Act of 1920 which provides that the railway shall be operated "efficiently and economically."

The N. C. & St. L. Ry. is anxious to serve every town on its line to the best of its ability, and will always be glad to offer such services as can be operated without serious loss.

The General Manager of the road has requested the Traffic Department a thorough and complete survey of the possibilities of the traffic that might be developed by this additional train north of Hollow Rock Junction, and if this survey should indicate that the service can be self sustaining, the road stands ready to offer it.

When this train was operated prior to 1918, it was handled in connection with the Nashville-Memphis service by way of McKenzie and the L. & N. Railroad, the same crew which handled the train from Nashville to McKenzie taking it on to Hickman. At that time the total expense of the service was little more than the cost of fuel consumed between McKenzie and Hickman, with such wear and tear on the equipment and such additional night help at stations as was incidental to the service.

In 1918 the N. C. & St. L. Ry. began to operate through service between Nashville and Memphis over its own lines between Nashville and Memphis over its own lines by way of Jackson at night, thus giving night train service to Jackson and other populous West Tennessee towns. The same crew now handles the trains all the way from Nashville to Memphis. A connecting service from Hollow Rock Junction to Hickman would necessitate an additional crew.

Trains could be operated under the conditions existing prior to 1918 at about one-fourth of the present cost of operation. The Operating Department of the road estimates that the service proposed would now cost not less than two thousand dollars per month actual out of pocket expense. Of this amount about \$1,668.00 would be required for wages of an additional crew and for fuel. It has been suggested that the restoration of this train would add enough additional revenue to pay for this. During the month of August, 1917, before this train was discontinued, careful check of the business handled between Hollow Rock Junction and Hickman showed that it amounted to less than \$500.

In this connection a comparison of the number of passengers carried on the N. C. & St. L. system as a whole with the number of passengers carried between all points north of Hollow Rock Junction and Nashville during three representative periods of six months each, one before the war, one during the war, and one since the war, throws some light on the question.

During a six months period in 1915-16 there were 3,000 tickets sold from all these stations to Nashville. At that time there were three trains daily. During the last six months in 1917, which were also the last six months during which the night train was operated, there were 3,878 tickets sold, an increase of 44.55 per cent over the pre-war period, and 11.86 per cent over the last six months during which the night train was operated.

Contrasted with this is the fact that during the six months ending in October, 1921, the number of passengers handled on the whole system decreased 1.07 per cent as compared with the period during the war.

It has been further suggested that the furnishing of a night train service on this division might be the means of building up enough additional freight, mail and express business between Nashville and the territory served as well in some measure make up the deficit which would have to be incurred in the operation of the train. This possibility will be carefully investigated and will receive full consideration.

If the results of this investigation should prove favorable, the railway will of course be glad to offer the additional service, for after all the railway profits by the building up of the business of the communities which it serves.
Very truly yours,
ROBERT A. HENRY,
Director of Public Relations.

C. P. Church Christmas Service.

MORNING—11:00 O'CLOCK.
Prelude.
Processional—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing."
Invocation.
Hymn—"Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem."
Scripture.
Prayer.
Hymn—"Angels from the Realms of Glory."
Offertory.
"Hymn—"Oh Come, All Ye Faithful."
Sermon by the pastor.
Prayer of consecration.
Anthem—"Christ the Lord is Born."
Recessional—"Silent Night."
Benediction.
Postlude.
The choir—16 voices.
Organist—Miss Adams.
Pianist—Miss Davidson.
Saxophone—Mr. E. R. Adams.
"Blow, bugles of battle, marches of peace;
East, west, north and south, let the long quarrel cease;
Sing the song of great joy that the angels began;
Sing of glory to God and of good will to man."

EVENING, 7 O'CLOCK.
Prelude.
Hymn—"Hark, What Mean Those Holy Voices."
Scripture.
Prayer.
Hymn—"Joy to the World."
Sermon by the Pastor.
Prayer.
Anthem—"Glory in the Highest."
Benediction.
Postlude.

Resolutions.

We your committee on resolutions, beg to make the following report:
We wish to thank the program committee for the splendid program arranged for the last meeting of the Obion County Teachers' Association held at Cloverdale on December 3, 1921, and to thank all who took part in the program. Each number was helpful and entertaining. Furthermore, we wish to thank the teachers and citizens of Cloverdale for the substantial and pleasant manner in which they entertained us on this occasion.
Signed,
J. C. COX,
L. D. WILLIAMS,
WILLIE E. MARSHALL.

In Memoriam.

The angel of death has again entered the portals of Macedonia Baptist Church and taken one of her most esteemed members, Brother J. G. Primrose. While we feel most keenly our loss, yet we know that our loss is Heaven's gain.

We would not think of calling him back, if we could, to endure the sorrows and tribulations of this life, when we know that he is happy and free from earth's ills.
Brother Primrose was born July 15, 1876. He professed faith in Christ at the age of fifteen, and afterwards united with Macedonia Church. He had the honor of deaconship conferred upon him, also superintendent of Sunday school.

He was married to Miss Della Byassee, of Dorens, Mo., July 16, 1900. To this union were born two girls, Lorena and Ersell. He is survived by his widow and daughters.
He often spoke of greading the sting of death, but when the Death Angel entered for his soul his last words were: "Sweet Jesus!" His soul winged its flight to the haven of rest to await the coming of loved ones and the church which he loved so well. He will be missed throughout the community as a neighbor and citizen.

His heart was always burdened with the success and upbuilding of God's work. He had been faithful and true to his church and with Paul could say "I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the righteous Judge shall give that day."

He believed in giving encouragement to those who labor for Jesus, and the following little poem well expressed his belief.
Give flowers to the living.
Let them see appreciation of their labors while they are here.
Give them honor, love and cheer,
Give encouragement and praise to the worthy you meet.
Sweetest blossoms for the living
strew on the path for the weary.
Funeral held at Walnut Grove Church by Rev. Roy Keathley, L. J. Crocker.

MRS. C. F. FLOWERS,
J. T. PERRYMAN,
EARL BRYANT,
ROY KEATHLEY,
Committee.
—Beautifully lithographed tin candy boxes at The Candy Shop.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll with long curly hair, a red rocking chair, a set of dishes and lots of good things to eat. Essie Escue.
P. S.—Don't forget my little friend, Lewis Emma Carman. Bring her a pair of house slippers.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl. I want you to bring me a set of dishes, a stove, a tub and some clothes pins. Also lots of fruit. I will go to bed early. Lena Kersey Brown.
P. S.—Don't forget my teacher, Miss Ruth Kerley.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy seven years old. Please bring me a saddle and blanket, a pistol and some caps. I will try and be good.
Will J. Brown.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy. I live close to Beech Church. I have been a good little boy this year. I want you to bring me a little pistol, a gun, set of Jacks, a ball, a dancing negro, and don't forget Oden. I will go to bed early expecting you. Please don't forget all the little children near Community Pride.
Your little boy,
Frank C. Fowler.

P. S.—Please bring me a Jesse James story book.

Dear Old Santa: I am a little girl and I stay at home with my mama. Please bring me a fan, a story book and all kinds of good things to eat, and don't forget my pet, Paul.
Your little girl,
Ruth Vagar.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy. I want you to please bring me a ridey horse, a horn, car, monkey to climb up a string, a rubber ball, a Teddy bear with big eyes and a gun to shoot rabbits, some candy, apples, oranges, nuts, and don't forget my grandparents, and oh, don't forget grandpap Shepherd, for he said he


just loved me, and he is an old man just as good as me.
Yours truly,
Raymond Crawford.

Dear Old Santa: I am quite a small boy. I go to school and try to be good, so please don't forget me Christmas. I want you to bring me a little tricycle, some red boots, so I can go hunting with my larger brother. I have some good dogs, but I would like to have a little sleigh to hitch them to. Papa said I might have some fire works, so don't forget them. I hope I have not asked for too much. If you have plenty of horns you may leave me one. Santa, I will go to bed early and look for you.
George Lewis Beauchamp.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy and have tried to be good all the year. I thought I would write and tell you what I want. I don't want much. Please bring me a bald-headed, bow-legged baby doll, a little gun, a rocky horse, a ham and a con figger, all kinds of fruits and candy, and please, Old Santa, don't forget my two little brothers, Clifford and Robert. Bring them something nice. Don't forget mama and papa.
Your little boy,
Arnold Lee Armstrong.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl three years old. Please bring me a big doll that goes to sleep, doll buggy, a telephone, dishes and table, lots of nuts, oranges, apples, and candy.
Your little girl,
Euliyne Marie Kelly,
Union City, Tenn.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl eight years old. I go to school every day and study hard. I have been a good little girl. I want you to bring me a walking doll, set of doll dishes, a doll trunk, and all kinds of fruits. I will go to bed early.
Your little girl,
Brenna Shapard.



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The enterprising grocery concern, The Cash Grocery Co., is giving away, absolutely free, one brand new Ford Touring Car to one of their customers. This car is now on display in our show rooms, and we invite you to come in and see it. Go to the Cash Grocery Co. for full details in reference to the giving away of this car.

The car will be given away
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We wish to all of our friends and customers a most merry Christmas and a bright, happy and prosperous new year, filled with the bounties you so richly deserve.

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