

PAYNE MOVED TO HOSPITAL

Former President of Morehead
State Teachers College
Brought to Lexington
Institution

ACTION IS COURT ORDER

MOREHEAD, Ky., Oct. 22—Dr. John Howard Payne, former president of the Morehead State Teachers College, was committed to the Eastern Kentucky hospital for the insane at Lexington, early this morning.

Two Morehead physicians and a hospital interne testified that Dr. Payne was "of unsound mind at the present time," and described him as a violent person at a trial in the court of County Judge C. M. Jennings. Dr. G. C. Nickell and Dr. Everett D. Blair of Morehead and Joe Moore, interne in the Patty Clay hospital, Richmond, submitted the principle evidence that led to a unanimous jury verdict that Dr. Payne was a "lunatic."

All three physicians stated that his condition was apparently the result of indulgence in drugs.

Dr. Payne was not brought into the courtroom and did not know of the proceedings. He was at the president's home at the time. Dr. Nickell and Dr. Blair signed an affidavit that to bring him in the courtroom might be the cause of violence with possible injury either to himself or someone else.

County Judge Jennings ordered that Dr. Payne be taken to the hospital immediately and appointed Joe Moore, and W. A. Langford of Richmond, both of whom testified at the proceedings, to take him.

Langford and Moore were brought into the case, since Dr. Payne was a visitor in Richmond Sunday. According to the evidence introduced, Dr. Payne, in violent mood, broke furniture and dishes in the home of Dr. H. L. Donovan at Richmond Sunday. Mrs. Payne is in the Richmond hospital as the result of a nervous breakdown.
