

LIGHTHOUSE EDITOR VISITS KLAN MEETING

Klan Meeting -- Not So Hot

By John H. McCray
Accompanied by John Archer Bell and Ralph Burton, I took advantage of the Ku Klux Klan meeting in West Columbia last Wednesday night, and an hour later after it broke up, headed back to Columbia with a feeling of emptiness and that the time had been wasted on seeing and hearing nothing which makes sense.

Negroes Scared
Before starting out, however, I was to learn something else: There are a lot of Negroes in Columbia at least, who are really scared to death of the Ku Klux Klan. Of about a dozen men who had nothing to do I tried to get to ride over, only two would go and these gladly. Two others were equally as eager but were tied up with their business interests. The other eight weren't having any part of it.

We found traffic pretty thick but had the special help of a young man wearing the uniform of an ROTC cadet, who directed us to a rather choice spot. Parking the car and walking about a city block, we took stands about 20 feet from the partially enclosed platform and heard Klan Grand Dragon Samuel Greene of Atlanta go through his verbiage.

Against Negroes
Don't let anybody kid you that

the Klan isn't against Negroes. Greene so declared in trying to outline the Klan's position. But no matter what topic he turned to, he signed off on it with the "your daughter" and some Negro wanting to marry her.

Greene lauded your Gov. J. Strom Thurmond and the states righters to the skies. The Klan, he said, is fighting side by side with all states righters, and is aiding law enforcement officers to do their job. The Klan, he went on, is not a political organization, but keeps a constant eye on "white Protestant Gentiles in office who don't labor to uphold white supremacy."

And to emphasize his organization's position on the Klan's memory, he told one of Governor Thurmond's favorite "darky stories" about a Negro slave named Zeb, whose memory the Klan tested in an attempt to win him from his master, only to find that the Negro didn't forget over a ten year period. "The Klan," Greene declared, "will have a memory a hundred times as good as that of this nigger slave," for white Gentiles in office who betray white supremacy.

White Women
We held positions on the farther side of the lot from Gervais street extension (on U. S. highways 1 and 21) and attracted only mild curiosity. Close to 300 hooded figures shifted and shivered in a circle around a ten or twelve foot slowly burning cross, the odor from which was nauseating. (Klansmen ought to buy a better grade of burlap.) About one-third of the number were women and since Greene harped on the fact that the order was here to protect "white womanhood," we kept wondering if the women were there to protect white manhood.

About mid-way Greene's monotonous and dead talk, a bus pulled up on Gervais street extension, at the red light, and a number of young people from the University of South Carolina got off. One or two were firing toy cap pistols and others were letting out rebel yells.

We couldn't see what was happening a block away but understood some of them brought along a supply of chemical bombs of the variety a freshman chemical student prepares.

There was a mild sensation, however, particularly among klanswomen. Everybody was a bit uneasy and forgot about Greene, keeping an eye on this invading horde. We noted that some of the robed figures mingled with the invaders. Catcalls kept coming from over there the rest of the meeting, however.

We Are Snubbed
We got two laughs during the show. First time was when Klan members would repeatedly look over the out-stretched hands of Burton and myself and give literature of Bell, who requires two

ORANGEBURG MAKING EDUCATION POPULAR

(By The Atlantic News Service)
ORANGEBURG--If you live in or near Orangeburg and don't know much about what's in books, what's happening in the community, how to run your home, understand your children, fix things, develop your personality, speak and write fairly, the blame is all yours.
Extra "Free" Work
The responsibility of raising the educational level and personal usefulness of citizens here has been taken over lock, stock and barrel in an annual six nights educational center, which at first was accepted rather bashfully, but which last year, and for the first two classes this year, is a mammoth event, drawing heavily on the population and getting plenty extra "free" work from city and college teachers.

A Community Education Center Committee, whose chairman is R. E. Howard, conducts the special school, held this year in February and March. The February dates were 16 and 23, those for March are 2, 9, 16, and 22.

Others on the committee are J. C. Parler, principal of the Wilkinson high school, where sessions are held at night, and who pushes the project over; A. Mendenhall, John H. Pearson, Mrs. Johnnie Williams, Miss Mary Bellinger and Miss A. S. Roberts.
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Class periods run for 45 minutes, following them is a general assembly, during which a competent person talks about this thing or that. Speakers this year include City Superintendent W. H. Huxton, President M. F. Whittaker of State College, President

good looks in the day time before you settle on his race. Bell liked this very well and kept telling us we weren't eligible for Klan membership. He condensed later and collected copies for Ralph and myself.
The other came when, as the order filed out to the tune of "God Bless America," a klanswoman lifted her hood to talk to another behind her.
Archer, rather loudly, shouted, "Look, she ain't got no teeth," which the woman heard. The look on her face for the moment she recognized at least Ralph and myself, and her open toothless mouth, her scrawny and anemic features was something to behold. She dropped her hood quickly and marched on silently. Burton said afterwards that a look at her explained why the order wears hoods.

We passed up the barbecue because we understood it was a private affair but it probably wasn't any more interesting. Most of the order wore hoods with the number of Georgia klaverns on them.

Jamaicans Seek Liberian Haven

By Wilbert E. Hemming
KINGSTON, JAMAICA, BWI (ANP)—The Jamaican government announced last week that it had sent a letter to the government of Liberia asking information about immigration laws there and opportunities for new settlers in the African republic.
No answer has yet been received from Liberia. The letter asked how many persons the republic can take, how they would be received, and their citizenship status, and other terms required for immigrants.

Because of the unemployment situation in Jamaica the government has sought information from other nations. American nations have replied "not wanted" to Jamaican pleas, a government official said. The labor shortage in Rhodesia in Africa "did not appeal to the government," the official said.

Finally, after many demands from persons wishing to go to Liberia, the government is seeking facts from that nation.

Faculty members at State and Clifton

Teachers Listed
Last year, principal and director Parler sponsored a banquet for the teachers, who this year are Mrs. Rosa Lee Bush of Bowman, attorney Squire Morgan and the following city

Lauds Record of S. C. Minister Now In Virginia

FLORENCE — (ANS) — The achievements of Dr. A. W. Brown as pastor of the Six Mt. Zion church at Richmond, Va., were lauded this week by Dr. A. W. Hill of Florence, who had delivered an installation sermon at the Richmond church on last Sunday.

Dr. Brown, a native of Saluda county, a graduate of both S. C. State College and Benedict College, and also Virginia Union University at Richmond, pastored several churches successfully before accepting a call to the Richmond church, known popularly as the John Jasper Memorial church because at one time the late Jasper delivered his famous sermon, "The earth—am square and the sun do move" there.

Dr. Hill said under Dr. Brown's pastorate, Six Mt. Zion has paid Ophelia Williams, Mrs. Rosa D. Harris, Miss Cordelia J. Blount, Mrs. A. W. Brown and Rev. Warren Jenkins.

Among the center's two year students is the approximately 90 year old Walter Litzey, who is expected to be back this year to learn how to live and be able to keep up with what's happening in the community and the rest of the world.

DR. TOBIAS TELLS OF NEW RACE GAINS

Lists Wrong Man, Hospital Pays Off

LITTLE ROCK — (ANP) — A mix-up in names, which resulted in a deceased patient getting the name of one who is living, and vice versa, came to light here last week when Dr. George W. Jackson, State hospital superintendent, was told the hospital would reimburse funds expended by the family of the living patient for the burial of the stranger.

It happened that two patients were admitted on August 15 and 16, respectively. The first one died two days later, but through mistake was identified as the second one.

Relatives of the living man were notified and they arranged for transportation and burial. At the time, they wondered if the identification had been made correctly.

The mistake was not confirmed until the wife of the deceased patient came to visit the living patient whom she thought was her husband.

off mortgages which accumulated before his time, enlarged the edifice, built a Sunday School Department, installed chimes and added thousands of members.
Dr. Brown has pastored the church for 25 years. The church is now celebrating its 32nd anniversary. The church has 18 auxiliaries. The public collection last Sunday was \$420.00.

NEW YORK — (ANP) — At an interracial meeting last week, Dr. Channing H. Tobias, president of the Phelps-Stokes fund, told of gains made last year against prejudice.

He was featured speaker at a service sponsored by four religious and racial groups and held at the Free Synagogue. Sponsoring churches were the Presbyterian Church of the Master, a Negro church; the Japanese Methodist church; and the Church of the Divine Paternity, Universalist—a white church, along with the synagogue.

Dr. Tobias said that bias in the U. S. is falling like the "walls of Jericho." He praised the election of a Negro to the city council in Richmond, Va., the court decision of Federal Judge J. Waties Waring, and the appointment of Rep. William L. Dawson of Chicago as the first Negro to head a congressional committee.

Other democratic attitudes and activities praised by Dr. Tobias included Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll of New Jersey called by the speaker, "a person in the public eye who had set an example that Gov. Dewey might well follow, especially in the handling of the State National guard."

Other victories included the improved attitude toward Japanese American people and the attitude of Atlanta citizens in the desire to allow the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball team featuring Negro stars to play in that city.

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