

Threatened By Klan, Man Vows To Shoot Robes Off

Theater Owner To Shoot Kluxers In Gray, Georgia

GRAY, Ga. (AP) — Describing Ku Klux Klansmen as robed cowards who go about threatening people, a white theater owner here last week declared he would "shoot the robes off" any Klansmen who tried to "take over" his theater or interfered with his activities.

The warning was issued by James Balkcom, who said a man approached him during intermission time at the show last Thursday night, showed him white Balkcom believed were Klan credentials, and warned that the Klan would visit the theater if he continued to permit Negroes to sit in the balcony.

A similar threat was made to a white concession-stand operator who was told by an unidentified caller that "it would be a good idea" if he stopped working at the theater.

Balkcom, meanwhile, said he was determined to deal with the

klans in his own way. He referred to them as a bunch of cowards and said he would meet their threats with one of his own. Said Balkcom:

"I've had dealings with this bunch of cowards before. The way to meet a threat is to make one. I'm not afraid of any of them, and if they bother me, they are going to have to do it through the barrel of a shotgun."

Balkcom said he had a previous brush with the Klan. He said he was approached by a Bibb County Klan official eight years ago and asked to join the Klan and distribute literature at his theatre. He said he ran the man off and will continue running them off every time they come.

Bibb County Klansmen rode through Gray last Friday night in a move which Balkcom said was more than just a coincidence.



VIE FOR "MISS A&T SUMMER SCHOOL"—These summer school students at A&T College

and concluding last week. They are from left to right, Misses: Shirley Garvin, Gastonia; Catherine Brice, Hickory, the winner of the title; Margaret Neville, Chapel Hill and Mozelle Ritter, Carthage.

Dr. A. Caliver Heads National Effort To Stamp Out Illiteracy Among Millions

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Reporting that only his mother and father had been miraculously spared when death-dealing hurricane "Audrey" struck Cameron, La., last week, John Collins, a young local barber, has just returned after a hurried trip to the stricken district, his former home.

"I located my mother and father in Lake Charles living with an aunt, but I could learn nothing of the fate of some 40 other relatives, including several brothers. Such bodies as visitors could get to see, before many of them were buried by state authorities in common graves were unrecognizable," he declared.

This bears out other reports from there that one could not tell Negroes from whites in the makeshift morgues.

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Miss Fannie McCallum, of Greensboro, dean of this year's school, said that this was the largest number ever to attend. Mrs. Mary N. Morrison of Statesville, was chairman.

Four courses were offered this year, namely, "The Gospel According to Mark" taught by the Rev. John L. Bryan; "Christ, the Church and Race," taught by Miss Harriet Beahm; "Japan" taught by Mrs. Morrison; and "The Social Witness of the Local Church in the Ecumenical Movement," taught by Mrs. David D. Jones.

In addition, there were workshops in "Drama and Audio-Visuals in the Church," conducted by Mrs. Dorothy Jones of Rocky Hill, and "Parliamentary Procedures and Responsibilities in the Woman's Society of Christian Service," conducted by Mrs. L. M. Mayfield of High Point, and a number of departmental clinics.

The following persons were registered:

R. L. Edwards, Guilford; Janie Fitzgerald, Greensboro; Mattie B. Gidney, Shelby; C. C. Hickerson, Winston-Salem; Ruth Jolly, Lenoir; L. B. McMillan, Greensboro; Clarice Robinson, Greensboro; Madeline Turner, Greensboro; D. A. Wooten, Charlotte; Carrie Mayfield, Winston-Salem;

Misses Gladys Williams, Marion; Estelle McCallum, Greensboro; Isabel R. Jones, Asheville; Marie L. Gidney, Shelby; Fannie McCallum, Guilford; M. Thompson, S. E. Jurisdiction; High Point; B. L. Burge, Newton; Nora Bynum, High Point; Thelma Caldwell, Winston-Salem; Ollie Camp, Jonesville; Helen Chapman, Greensboro; Nancy Cheek, Greensboro; Pauline Clark, Shelby; Sophia East, Pilot Mountain; Marie Fuller, Hickory; W. M. Gannaway, Fayetteville; C. L. Gidney, Raleigh; Martha Gray, Trinity; W. E. Harston, Greensboro; Louise Hardy, Asheville; Catherine Hargrove, Maxton;

Mesdames Sam, Hattie, Higginville, Missouri; J. W. Jones, Greensboro; L. W. King, Winston-Salem; E. M. Laughlin, Clemmons; Martha London, Shelby; Ethel Murphy, Smithfield; W. P. McCallum, Lumberton; Lena Phillips, Ransbury, M. M. Pritchard, Newton; J. C. Rush, Winston-Salem; Ahn Sanders, Smithfield; Deatrice Smith, Hickory; Mary Smith,

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