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## Judge Grady Renounces Allegiance to Ku Klux

Death Blow to Klan in North Carolina Struck by Grand Dragon Grady, Who Refused to Be Tool of Imperial Wizard Evans.

### LEGISLATURE OUTLAWING THE KLAN

Officers of 66 out of 86 Lodges in State Surrender Charters—Lodges, or Klaverns, Falling Over Each Other to Confirm Action of Officials.

There is no question as to who has killed Cock Kluckerism in North Carolina and given the national organization a blow that will probably prove fatal. Judge Henry A. Grady is the man who has done it, and will confess it.

Bruce Craven, the first grand dragon in the state, did exactly what Grady has done, and more, but the time was not ripe five years ago. Craven denounced the order as a political machine, renounced his allegiance, and, thinking he possessed the power, declared the klan in North Carolina dissolved. But just about this time Grady seems to have come into the klan and through his fine personality, aided by the then unwaning loyalty of the membership, as grand dragon, presumably succeeding Craven, was not only able to thwart and silence Craven, but to extend the organization.

Grady had been elected judge before his connection with the klan was discovered, and the discovery raised a storm of protest. His friends who were not under the hallucination were sorely grieved and have never been able to understand how so sane a person could have been wedded to that nightmare of un-Americanism.

But Grady has made amends as did Craven. For four years his loyalty seemed unshaken; while the criticism of his kluckerism only served to make him a more careful judge. A false step in his judicial capacity would have proven fatal, but he has made none.

But his loyalty to the declared principles of the klan fortunately did not mean his loyalty to a self-seeking and fanatical imperial wizard. Simmons, the founder, was proving unsatisfactory, and Grady helped displace "his majesty." Simmons was paid \$140,000 to surrender the headship of kluckerism. Dr. Hiram Evans, a Texas dentist, succeeded to the imperial office, turning out to be a bigger fool and fanatic than Simmons, and evidently a scoundrel to boot.

The affairs of the klan moved along. The order was publicly proclaimed as participating in politics. It was no unusual thing to hear of a "klan candidate," yet no step was even taken to enforce the constitutional provision against secret political societies. This paper asked a few weeks ago how much evidence was needed to prove the plan a secret political society. But whatever the amount needed, it, and more, has been produced by Judge Grady, who utterly refused to become the tool of Evans in trying to have the North Carolina legislature pass laws that the Judge denounces as unconstitutional and unchristian.

The beginning of the end came January 3, with a letter to Judge Grady from national headquarters ordering him to secure the passage of four proposed bills prepared by Evans or at his behest. The Judge was advised to have the one aimed at Catholics introduced by a legionaire and to keep the fact of its being a klan measure "screened." Grady refused, and insisted that not only would he not consent to push them but that the very discovery of the fact that the klan was back of the bill would mean the disruption of the organization. Evans was firm. Grady tells him that it is generally known that these measures had been introduced in several states, and that if he were unprincipled enough to try to put the things over under a "screen," the people would learn it was a klan move and that public opinion would be disastrous. But the fool still insisted, and demanded Grady's resignation, and he got it and the surprise of his life with it. Grady wrote him in no uncertain terms and renounced his allegiance to the organization so long as it was dominated by Evans, which, the Judge declared, was forever under the policies of the Wizard, implying that the Texas dentist had the power to perpetuate himself in office.

Tuesday morning the revelation came in the *News and Observer*, which had been given the "scoop" as the *Greensboro News* had been given it by Craven five years ago. The cat was not merely let out of the wallet but the wallet was stripped to tatters.

Tuesday the Legislature got busy. Senator Rivers Johnson, who hailing from Warsaw, one of the seats of kluck-

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## MONCURE NEWS

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mr. T. J. Harrington last Thursday evening. He was one time postmaster at Moncure and he had many friends in this vicinity. He had been an invalid for many years but he bore his affliction patiently. He was buried last Friday at Buckhorn cemetery in the presence of many friends and relatives.

Mr. W. T. Utley, who has been in Central Carolina Hospital at Sanford since he was wounded, was able to be brought home yesterday, February 21st. His many friends here are glad to welcome him back home and hope he will soon be well again.

Mr. S. W. Womble has been appointed sheriff of Lee county, to fill the unexpired term of Sheriff Turner. We wish to congratulate Mr. Womble in receiving this honor. He has not yet decided how he will arrange for his family and his farm.

The Sons and Daughters of Liberty held an interesting meeting last evening in the Masonic hall. A large per cent of the members were present. After the program a social hour was enjoyed and delicious refreshments were served.

The Page Trust Co. at Sanford has been appointed permanent receiver for The Banking Loan & Trust Co. and The Moncure Mill & Gin Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jenks and two little daughters, of Hamlet, were in town yesterday, Monday, shaking hands with their many friends here.

## GOLDSTON NEWS

Ramseur and Goldston played a very interesting game of baseball here last Thursday afternoon. The score was 17 and 26 in Ramseur's favor.

Both teams met at Sanford Thursday evening and had another interesting game. The score was 27 and 32 in favor of Goldston.

The literary societies put on some very interesting programs last Friday afternoon. Some of the grades gave interesting programs on the lives of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

The Willing Workers Society, which is the seventh grade, have purchased a globe. They are very proud of it, but they are more joyous over it in another way. They are going to present it to the school as a token of their love, and are in hopes that it will be beneficial to others. These are a fine bunch of boys and girls and the writer is always expecting worthwhile things from them.

Mrs. R. J. Hough was a pleasant visitor at the school Friday afternoon.

We are closing six months of our school this week. Then only two more months remain. The time is running upon us, and there is a good deal yet to do. We want pupils to work and keep on working and be up to par when the school closes.

Mr. W. M. Vann, of New York, spent the most of last week with Mr. E. M. Goldston. Mr. Vann spent the winter at Lake Waccamaw. He expects to return to New York within a month.

Mr. Roland Goldston, of Raleigh, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Goldston.

Misses Nancy Hester and Ollie Dixon spent the week-end with Miss Myrtle Johnson, of Bynum.

Mr. H. C. Ward and family have moved to Bennett, where he has a position in the sash and blind factory. He has worked in the sash and blind factory here since last August.

When the time was out the score was a tie, 27 and 27. They were given five more minutes to play off the tie, which resulted in defeat for Goldston.

Misses Grace Burke and Etha Elkin's valentine party for February the fourteenth at the home of Miss Burke was postponed until later on account of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Olive have moved into their handsome new home which they have recently completed. It is beautifully situated on a hill overlooking Goldston, in the northwestern part of town.

Mr. Olive is a progressive farmer here, and Mrs. Olive is one of the most energetic women that I know. She is an efficient rural carrier on Goldston Route 1. Both Mr. and Mrs. Olive take lots of interest in the Methodist church here and are interested in everything that is good for the upbuilding of humanity. Congratulations are extended for their new home and for a progressive spirit in an unselfish manner.

Mr. H. H. Stout is having a residence removed on one of his lots on the highway.

## NEW ELAM NEWS

New Hill, Feb. 21.—Mrs. J. Jeter Hackney is in the hospital at Durham again. She was a patient there for a long time, then came home for a short while but was compelled to go back. The best we can learn the doctors are puzzled as to what the trouble is.

Rev. J. F. Johnson delivered a very good sermon at New Elam Sunday morning. There was no services held Saturday afternoon as the pastor conducted the funeral of Mrs. Nancy Hatch.

Mrs. A. J. Holt has been at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Hearne for two weeks. Mrs. Holt has been ill for quite a while.

Coley Goodwin, of Elon College, spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Goodwin.

Mr. John Jones and family of Fuquay Springs, were visitors in this section Sunday.

Miss Nina Sturdivant, of Pittsboro, spent the week-end at home.

We have been informed that Mr. J. R. Fardner and Miss Clara Alexander were married one day last week. Mr. Gardner is a merchant near Bell's high school.

Mr. Dewey Smith and little son, David, left. He also bit her little son. Mr. Smith married Miss Ruth Puryear. We sympathize with them. The little Spikes boy's heart is very weak and we understand his condition is very serious.

## MERRY OAKS NEWS

70-Year-Old Lad Banks \$24.00 Robbit Fund—Now rying Turnip Greens—Personal Notes

Mrs. L. E. Pate, of Lilesville, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Holt, of Merry Oaks.

Mr. A. E. Cotten, one of Chatham's 70-year-old farmers, has caught 88 rabbits the past season. He made a bank of his own to put his money in and when he opened it he found the sum of \$24 collected for the sale of rabbits.

He still wants more money and is peddling turnip greens to get his bank filled. We wish him great success.

Miss Thelma Auman spent Sunday with her aunt at Cary. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Craven motored to Sanford Wednesday on business.

Mr. Wade Speagle, of Merry Oaks, spent a day or two at Raleigh last week. Quite a number of people from Merry Oaks attended the preaching services at New Elan church Sunday morning.

### MR. T. J. HARRINGTON PASSES

Brick Haven, Feb. 21.—Thursday evening, February 17, the beautiful cheerful spirit of Mr. T. J. Harrington, everywhere known to his friends as "Tommy," passed into the great eternity.

Always frail, he fought one illness only to be overtaken by another; yet never did he lose his undaunting courage nor his determination to make the most of life despite his handicaps.

Bedridden for many months, he continued to direct his affairs till the end, with the assistance of his faithful and devoted wife, and to plan every detail for the protection and welfare of his family.

His wife (nee Miss Claire Lawrence) survives him with three splendid boys, Jack, Allen and Craig and one young daughter, Marion Lawrence. He also leaves three sister and three brothers, all of the Brick Haven section.

Mr. Harrington had prayed that he might meet death quietly and calmly and he passed away fully conscious of the approaching messenger.

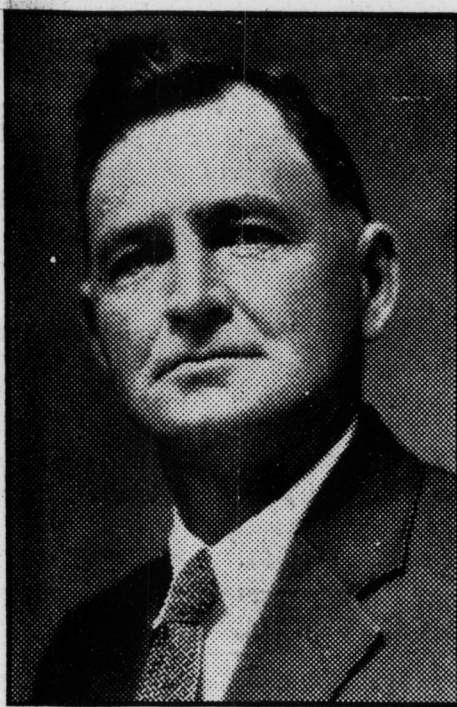
A host of friends from the neighborhood and surrounding towns gathered Friday afternoon at his home to pay him their last tribute of love and admiration. A quartet from Moncure sang several beautiful selections and Rev. Cad Morris from Cary, a former school friend and room-mate, conducted the service, which was beautiful in its simplicity and sincerity, his remarks bearing on the love Mr. Harrington had for the welfare of his church and community. He told too of coming down last August to see his friends, hoping to cheer him and finding no opportunity, for so cheerful was the patient that he found it was he himself being cheered.

He was laid to rest in the Buckhorn cemetery under a wealth of lovely flowers, symbolic of his bright and happy spirit.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the loved ones so deeply bereaved.

### DR. AND MRS. FARRELL ENTERTAIN

Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Farrell had as their guests February 11 Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Chapin, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hinton; also on Feb. 13 Dr. and Mrs. Farrell gave their annual dinner to the members of the Farrell family, including his mother and brothers and sisters, also Mrs. Farrell's mother, Mrs. J. W. Johnson. Turkey and many other good things were served.



S. W. WOMBLE APPOINTED SHERIFF OF LEE.

It is gratifying to his old Chatham friends to learn of the promotion of Mr. Sam W. Womble to the sheriffalty of Lee county. Mr. Womble was reared only a few miles south of Pittsboro, attended the Pittsboro school, and has numerous relatives in this section. We are glad to publish his picture and to present below the write-up appearing in last week's *Sanford Express*.

Says the *Express*:

"The board of county commissioners at a called meeting Wednesday appointed Mr. S. W. Womble, of the Lockville section, sheriff for the almost two years unexpired term of Sheriff J. L. Turner, who was shot and killed by blockaders on January 30th. Only one ballot was required to elect after which his election was made unanimous. Sheriff Womble qualified by taking the oath of office as administered by Clerk of the Court Gunter Watson Wednesday afternoon in the presence of the board of commissioners. In order to take charge of the office and begin looking after the business at once he gave a process bond of \$5,000 through friends and expects to be prepared to give a permanent bond of the same amount from a bonding company at the meeting of the commissioners the first Monday in March.

"Several good men were candidates for the office, but it seems that a majority of the board decided to vote for Mr. Womble on the first ballot. His election seems to meet general approval and it is felt by the people of the county that in naming him for sheriff the commissioners have made a wise selection. Sheriff Womble became introduced to the voters of the county while making the canvass for the nomination for Clerk of the Court at the hands of the Democratic party last summer. He made a clean race and received a flattering vote. Sheriff Womble attended school at Pittsboro and took a business course at Trinity College, now Duke University. Since reaching his majority he has engaged in farming and has interested himself in those things calculated to advance the material, educational, religious and civic affairs of his section of the county. He is 50 years of age and is physically, mentally and morally well equipped for the office. He is a man of decided views and firm convictions when it comes to dealing with moral questions and questions of law and order.

"It will take some time to organize his work and get down to business."

### BELK'S SCHOOL NEWS

(Delayed)

Mrs. Mary Beckwith died Saturday, Feb. 12, and was buried in the family burying ground the next day. Mrs. Beckwith was over seventy years old. She was a most excellent woman.

Miss Ollie Biggs was called home Saturday, her grandmother being very ill.

Mr. J. T. Lawrence is dead. He was 81 years of age. He was well known in Wake and this section of Chatham. He lived in Wake till ten years ago when he came to Chatham. He was a confederate veteran. He was married twice and leaves seven children. The funeral was conducted at Ebenezer by Rev. A. J. Brown.

Mrs. Henry London returned home Wednesday after visiting her daughter, Mrs. John H. Anderson, in Fayetteville.

### NOTICE

It is clear that many subscribers will neglect sending in their addresses and subscription dates so long as the *Record* is delivered to them as it has been since the fire which destroyed the mailing list along with the plant. To reach as nearly every subscriber as possible we have sent out two or three hundred extra papers each week. But we cannot afford that any longer. The issue is smaller this week. Subscribers who have not sent in names may not get the paper. If not, let them blame themselves. A postcard will do the work.

## BELL'S SCHOOL NEWS

Supt. W. R. Thompson and Miss Coltrane were visitors at Bell's School Friday. Miss Coltrane is instructor of the Teachers Training Class at Pittsboro. She spent the day observing in Miss Cheek's room.

Mr. J. R. Gardner, a prominent merchant of this community, and Miss Clara Alexander, of Durham, were married last Monday. They will reside in this community. Their friends wish them a long and happy life.

Mrs. Mary Beckwith, a devoted member of Ebenezer Church, departed this life Feb. 11th. Mrs. Beckwith was a good neighbor and will be greatly missed in the home and community. Two children survive: Mrs. J. A. Adcock and Mr. W. D. Beckwith.

Misses Zachary and Harris spent the week-end at Stem.

Mrs. W. D. Beckwith has been very ill. We are glad to learn that she is improving.

Mrs. C. W. Adcock, of Horseshoe, is visiting her father, Mr. J. S. Goodwin, of New Hill.

Miss Jenevrette Seymour, of Goldsboro, spent the week-end at home. Miss Seymour is a student there.

Misses Catherine Morgan and Minnie Wilson, students of Bonlee High School, spent the week-end with their parents. They also called at the teacherage.

Miss Mina Smith was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lasater Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Hunt motored to Durham on business Friday.

Mrs. W. J. Morgan and little daughter, Christine, were guests of Mrs. Jacob Thomas, of Siler City, Friday.

Miss Bertha Overton is at home after spending two months with her sister who lives at Norfolk, Va.

### AN EMBARRASSMENT

The editor was very seriously embarrassed by a mishap in the make-up of last week's *Record*. The Carolina Playmakers had just been to Pittsboro and given a performance. A column article was written about the event and was expected to appear prominently on the front page. But there was not a line of it in the paper. On the contrary, there appeared under display head a long account of the doings of the Duke Glee Club, which has never been to Pittsboro at all, the article having been set in type by our Durham printers for the *Duke Chronicle*, which they also print. You can imagine the chagrin of the editor when the Carolina boys had asked for copies, when Prof. Waters and the Parent-Teacher organization had been thoroughly interested in the coming of the Playmakers, and nobody knew or cared anything about where the Duke Glee Club had been. And to make matters worse, an editorial criticism of the substance of one of the plays did appear. We felt like going to the woods.

### FORMER FOOTBALL FAVORITE IN COUNTY

Seeing a handsome car bearing a New Jersey tag parked here Feb. 12, the *Record* man made bold to introduce himself to the three prosperous looking worthies in it, and lo it turned out that one of these New Yorkers (for they were N. Y. business men) turned out to be no stranger to these parts. It was only a little more than 20 years ago that C. Hunter Carpenter was the football phenom at Chapel Hill, his exploits furnishing copy for the sport pages of North Carolina newspapers. The other gentlemen were R. G. Harry and B. C. Downing. Chaperoning these youngsters, off for their winter hunt on the Hickory Mountain Club reserves a few miles from here, are Mrs. Downing and Mrs. McCormick.

### MR. ELLINGTON'S FUNERAL

The funeral of Mr. W. A. Ellington, whose death is noted in another item, was preached at the Pittsboro Methodist church Wednesday at 11:00 o'clock by Pastor C. M. Lance. Mr. Ellington was a member of this church, though he moved away from Pittsboro three years ago to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. C. C. Jones, at Courtland, Va.

The burial was at Hank's Chapel cemetery.

Mr. Ellington was a highly esteemed citizen of Pittsboro for a number of years, and reared a fine family of sons and daughters, all of whom were present for the obsequies, as were the sons and daughters-in-law except Mrs. R. H. and Mrs. C. W. Ellington, of Salisbury.

Miss Allie Mae Dunlap, of Bonlee, who has been ill for months, has so far recovered as to be able to make a visit to friends at Little Rock, S. C., a short time ago. She was accompanied by her nurse, Miss Mary Lou Ward. They returned to Bonlee Monday, accompanied by Miss Ruth Huggins, who is visiting the Dunlap home. Miss Dunlap is so nearly well that Miss Ward says she will probably discontinue her services in a few days.

## TEACHER TRAINING SCHOOL BANQUET

(Delayed)

The Alumnae and present class of the Chatham County Teacher Training School of Pittsboro, North Carolina, held their annual banquet on Saturday evening, February 5th, 1927, at the Blair Hotel. The dining room was artistically decorated with cupids and hearts and red and white carnations, carrying out the Valentine motif. The menu consisted of fruit cocktail, a chicken salad course and an ice course.

The honor guests were: Mrs. T. E. Johnston, state supervisor of teacher training; Dr. James E. Hillman, state director of teacher training; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stevenson, of Statesville, superintendent, and Mrs. W. R. Thompson and Mrs. R. L. Hayes, president of the local Parent-Teacher Association.

Miss Berta Coltrane, the efficient director of the Training School, acted as toast-mistress and presided with ease and grace. In a few and well-directed words, she charmingly welcomed the guests. The response was made by the esteemed former instructor, Mrs. Ruth Berry Stevenson, in her usual pleasant and interesting manner. The speakers of the evening were Mrs. Johnston and Dr. Hillman. Mrs. Johnston's theme was "Learning How to Teach Children," Dr. Hillman confined his talk to the professional side of teaching. Both talks were entertaining, interesting and instructive. In addition to the speeches, every one was pleasantly entertained throughout the evening by songs and toasts from the classes, by stories and jokes by Superintendent Thompson and Mr. Stevenson, and by a toast from Mrs. Hayes. Exceedingly helpful talks were made by Misses Mary Dell Bynum and Bessie Chapin on "Playground Equipment and Supervision" and "Chapel Programs." Miss Louise Brooks led the songs and Miss Pauline Brown read greetings from absent alumnae. The ease and dignity with which the students conducted themselves and the interest they showed demonstrated clearly the high character of the work of the school.

### MRS. NANCY HATCH DEAD

Her many friends were grieved when the news of the unexpected death of Mrs. Nancy Hatch early Friday morning was spread abroad.

Mrs. Hatch had been a sufferer from angina pectoris and had a desperate attack Thursday evening. She suffered intensely and no relief could be secured, passing away Friday morning at 6:30.

The funeral and burial were at Hanks' Chapel Saturday afternoon, the services being conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. Fuller Johnson, and Rev. J. S. Gardner.

Mrs. Hatch was Miss Nancy Hearne before her marriage to W. M. Hatch. She was 66 years old. She leaves three children, Mr. Henry Hatch, of Pittsboro, in whose arms she died, Mrs. Arthur Hackney, of Raleigh, and Miss Jewel Hatch, of Burlington. She leaves two brothers, John and Stephen Hearne, of Tarboro, and one sister, Mrs. J. W. Griffin.

The deceased was most highly esteemed and much sympathy is felt for the bereaved family.

### P. T. A. AS HOST

The Pittsboro P. T. A. served lunch on February 5th to the teachers of Chatham county. Mrs. R. H. Hayes, president of the Association, asked the teachers to consider themselves guests of the Pittsboro P. T. A. at the noon hour. Mrs. Walker Blair, chairman of the social committee, with this committee very graciously served the teachers. Everybody enjoyed the hour very much. The efforts of the whole organization were complimented and especially the work of the social committee on this occasion.

Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Hayes also served supper in picnic style to the Carolina Playmakers on February 12. The Playmakers came to Pittsboro under the auspices of the P. T. A. Mr. J. S. Waters, chairman of the program committee, made special arrangement with Manager Elmore that Pittsboro get forty per cent of the proceeds without the regular guarantee of one hundred and fifty dollars and only thirty per cent to the school. Mr. Waters is a member of the Carolina Playmakers. The association received twenty-nine dollars.

### An Alert R. F. D. Man

There is not a more wide-awake or more accommodating R. F. D. carrier in the county or any other county, we believe, than T. B. Beal, carrier on route 2, Bear Creek. He is always alert to serve his patrons. One of the latest proofs of it is his sending to the *Record* a type-written list of subscribers on his route, with dates of expiration of subscription so far as he could learn the latter. He dropped a note in each subscriber's box, asking for the expiration date, and then gathered the notes in reply and made out the list sent us. Thanks, Mr. T. B.