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GRADY HEAD OF K. K. K. IN STATE

Judge Grady Makes Statement; Admits That He Is Grand Dragon.

KLAN PLACES MANNING

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—Judge Henry A. Grady of the sixth North Carolina district and grand dragon of the North Carolina division of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, since September 22, 1922, has broken an erstwhile impenetrable silence and given the public a statement of his connection with the klan.

Judge Grady first submitted to an interview by the Greensboro Daily News representative Tuesday night, January 8. At that time he was considering a public declaration in response to the wishes of his fraternity and in recognition of a widespread public misunderstanding about the dual capacity in which he was serving the public. In the presence of a number of klansmen a week ago he was asked to state for the press his present relationship and to discuss particularly the questions of allegiance to the state and to the klan. The signed statement which he made January 14 is a response to the wishes of his brethren inside the fraternity and to the public outside.

The jurist does not go deeply into details, but it is no longer a secret that the klan will disrobe in short time. Judge Grady expresses himself squarely against the hood and helmet for public purposes.

Judge Grady has stood so high at the bench that his continued affiliation with the klan has been with great difficulty reconciled.

While he does not comment on the circumstances, other klansmen do, and they cannot quite comprehend why the judge of the Superior court bench has been so much more fiercely assailed than is Attorney General James S. Manning, known member of the klan, and now the attorney general of the state, likewise a former Supreme court justice. Nevertheless he will as stoutly insist that he is helped as jurist by his obligation as klansmen, just as he will maintain that his Masonic affiliation is and aid to the good citizenship which inheres in the judgeship.

Judge Grady is positive that the klan, of which there are more than 30,000 in the state, will abandon except for ceremonial purposes, the hood and helmet. The sentiment for this abolition has grown rapidly since the general assembly of 1923 which sought to bring the klan under public eye. Judge Grady in that connection says any klansman is at liberty to disclose his own connection with the klan, but not that of a fellow klansman. But once in the courts and under obligation to answer, he declares that denial of membership by a member is rang perjury.

Judge Grady has taken the view that he should not draw pay as an official of the state and as a functionary of the klan. Therefore, he answers in the most definite, categorical way, the charge of holding on for the money which is said to be one of the main objects of klan enterprise. He declares that he received no pay whatsoever as grand dragon and never has so. He prints the oath of the klan and lets the public see whether it is in conflict with the oath of citizenship or that of judge.—Greensboro Daily News.

COTTON STORAGE BUILDING IN WILMINGTON DAMAGED

Wilmington, Jan. 18.—Two sections of a warehouse of the Wilmington Compress and Warehouse company, located on the water front, were destroyed by fire here today. The loss is estimated at \$75,000. The origin has not been determined.

If you think more of your work than you do of your worries you will soon have no worries to think of.

Sweeps Dynamite Cap Into Fire; Painfully Hurt

Mrs. Vara Johnson, who lives on Wilson's Mills, Route 1, swept a dynamite cap in the fire Saturday night, the explosion striking her in the face, and causing painful injuries. The accident occurred about seven o'clock. She was brought to the Smithfield Memorial hospital and is getting along nicely.

PINE LEVEL TO VOTE ON SCHOOL BONDS

Recently the Pine Level School District made application to the State for a loan of \$30,000.00 with which to build a much needed school building. This loan was declined by the State, because the Pine Level school is so close to Selma, which is already a standard high school.

The people of the Pine Level District not intending to be out done have called an election to vote \$30,000.00 in bonds for the purpose of erecting their school building. Some of them say they are going to have a school even if the State will not help them build it. This election will come off on February 5th. It is expected that the issue will carry by a safe majority, for where the people are determined as are those in the Pine Level District, who are interested in going to school, there is no way to down them.

BELOVED PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER DIES

Dr. H. G. Hill of Maxton, veteran Presbyterian minister who died last Tuesday, will be mourned all over the state. The following extracts from an account of his death in the News and Observer:

Dr. Hill contracted a cold Monday a week ago. Soon serious bronchial trouble set in and then pneumonia Sunday. His was a valiant fight against death, his rugged sturdy body battling to the last. Then he died as one going to sleep. Though in his ninety-third year, he was mentally as bright as ever and his step light as a young man's.

Dr. Hill was born in Raleigh November 20, 1831, and was, therefore, 92 years old at his last birthday. His early life was spent in Milton, in Caswell county, where he went to school until about 13 years of age, at which time his father took him into his store and bank. Here for seven years he was instructed and had practical experience in business life and principles, filling every position from janitor to cashier of the bank.

When he reached the age of 21 he decided to enter college and fit himself for future usefulness. After teaching school for one year he entered Hampden-Sidney College and took the full course in three years graduating in 1857.

In 1868 he was called as pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Fayetteville, and accepted. Here he labored acceptably for 18 years. Resigning this work in 1886 he supplied the Second church, Charleston, S. C. during the absence of the pastor, Dr. Brackett, and passed through the thrilling experience of the Charleston earthquake in the fall of that year. Finishing this engagement he accepted a call to the pastorate of Maxton and Centre churches and for 37 years has been their honored and useful pastor.

For more than half a century he has been a member of Fayetteville Presbytery, and in all this time he has had but two pastorates.

In Honor Of Basket Ball Teams

Friday evening after the Sanford-Smithfield basket ball game, Misses Arah Hooks and Marjorie Johnston delightfully entertained at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Thel Hooks, in honor of the basket ball teams. Tables were arranged for various games, which together with music made the time pass all too quickly. Delicious fruit punch was dispensed throughout the evening by Misses Mattie Lassiter and Mary Gattis Holland.

SIXTY BOYS HURT IN N. Y. ARMORY

Crash To Floor When Balcony Railing Collapses; Six Seriously Injured.

MAJORITY ONLY STUNNED

New York, Jan. 19.—During the running of an event in the annual junior and senior track and field tournament in the Thirteenth Coast Defense Armory, Brooklyn, a 100-foot section of the balcony railing collapsed this afternoon, throwing 300 cheering boys to the floor 12-15 feet below. Six of them were seriously injured and 60 others were hurt.

All the spectators on the side of the balcony where the railing broke were boys ranging from 14 to 17 years of age, students at the New Utrecht Commercial and Eastern District schools. The running track was beneath the balcony. To see the result of the 440-yard run which was being contested, the boys rose en masse and leaned against the railing. It gave way as the runners crossed the finishing line.

The balcony was made of iron, but fastened to a wooden base which gave way against the surging of the boys, and those packed against the railings tumbled as a great cataract. Boys in the back clutched at those seated behind them, bringing many others to the floor.

In the opposite side of the balcony, which extends around the building, were girl students whose screams were not more piercing than others of the 5,000 spectators rushed for the exits in a mad scramble but a few onlookers went to the aid of the injured.

Two physicians to watch after the athletics were among the first to extricate those scrambled on the floor, but in a short time 40 physicians and surgeons with 30 nurses arrived from five neighboring hospitals almost simultaneously with 250 police reserves from five precinct stations and 30 firemen from two engine companies.

Many of the fallen untangled themselves and limped off, since the majority were only stunned, but a score or so were unconscious and taken away in ambulances.

EIGHT MEN MAKE ESCAPE AT CAMP

Raleigh, Jan. 18.—Eight white Wake county convicts Wednesday night escaped from camp No. 1, twelve miles from Raleigh and yesterday and last night successfully eluded all pursuit. Led by Billy Crews, young man from Boston, serving six months' term for larceny the prisoners burned a hole in the wooden roof in which 17 prisoners were confined and then cut through the sheet iron covering of the roof. The escape was not discovered until yesterday morning and although all of the men were tracked to Raleigh and three of them were seen to board a westbound freight train by Warden S. J. Busbee, of the State Prison, none of the eight has been apprehended.

Two of the prisoners were sent to the roads only last week and only one had been serving more than a month. George Fleming, of Raleigh, serving 30 months for forgery was the only one of the eight with a longer term than a year.

Nine of the 17 prisoners confined in the cage did not escape and claimed to know nothing of the departure of their comrades. Guards were on duty, but it is believed their view was obstructed by other prisoners and that there was no negligence on the part of guards. The camp is in charge of supervisor E. M. Smith, who has several times been under charges of cruelty to prisoners.

The best way to become popular is to do something to warrant popularity.

FEDERAL TAXES COLLECTED IN 1922

Average Tax of \$68.37 For Every Man, Wo- man, And Child In The United States.

SOURCES OF REVENUE

Washington, Jan. 20.—An average of \$68.37 for every man, woman and child in the United States was collected in taxes in 1922 by the national, state, county and city governments and all other civil divisions having power to levy and collect taxes. Taxes collected in that year amounted to \$7,433,081,000, the Census Bureau announced today.

Taxes collected by the Federal government in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1922, amounted to \$3,204,133,000, which was almost five times the amount collected in 1912. The per capita amount of the government's taxes was \$29.47.

Sources of Revenue

The sources from which the Federal government's taxes came were: Customs duties, \$562,189,000; income and other profits taxes, \$1,691,090,000; other miscellaneous internal revenue taxes, \$935,699,000; tax on circulation of national banks, \$4,304,000 and Federal Reserve franchise taxes, \$10,851,000.

Taxes collected by other than the Federal government totalled \$4,228,948,000, or an average of \$38.90 for each person. General property taxes were \$3,329,380,000, or 78.7 per cent of the total. Special taxes, including inheritance, income, etc., contributed \$258,034,000; poll taxes \$29,190,000 licenses and permits, \$408,597,000, and special assessments, \$203,747,000.

The state governments collected \$867,468,000 in taxes, an increase of 183 per cent over 1912; the counties collected \$742,331,000 an increase of 141 per cent; cities and other incorporated places collected \$1,627,329,000, an increase of about 80 per cent; townships collected \$151,318,000, school districts \$738,433,000, and all other civil divisions \$102,069,000.

GOOD SHOWING IN SALE OF TREASURY CERTIFICATES

During 1923, about \$11,000,000 of Treasury savings certificates were sold in the Fifth Federal Reserve District, nearly \$500,000 more than in 1922, according to Howard T. Cree, director of Treasury Savings Organization, in a statement to Postmaster of Smithfield, N. C.

These certificates, issued in denominations of \$25, \$100, and \$1000, with a limit of holdings for any one person of \$5,000 purchased within any one calendar year, appeal strongly to the small investor with whom safety is a primary concern.

The popularity of the certificates is indicated by the reports of sales through the post offices of the district as follows: West Virginia \$3,092,800; North Carolina \$2,580,524; Virginia \$1,606,625; South Carolina \$626,371; District of Columbia \$609,175; Maryland \$497,900. In addition there was sold through the Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond \$1,619,300 and through the Treasury at Washington \$345,775, making a grand total of \$10,978,475.

Of this amount, \$35,700.00 is credited to the Smithfield post office as sales for the year. Postmaster Sarah A. Lunceford having exceeded the quota assigned at the beginning of the year, has been advised by the director that her name has been placed on the "Honor Roll" of postmasters, as a mark of distinction and credit for the faithful and efficient work of the Smithfield office in the sale of these government securities, and forwarded to the Treasury Department at

Mr. John R. Jordan Dead

News reached this office last week of the death of Mr. John R. Jordan, which occurred at his home in Ingrams township on January 10th. Mr. Jordan had been sick for some

South Again Honors Its Beloved Hero

Automobiles Run Together; Mr. B. L. Jones Hurt

Mr. Bernice Jones sustained painful, though not serious, cuts and bruises on the head last Friday morning when his car collided with that of Mr. Shep Broadwell, at the intersection of Third and Bridge streets. Both cars were badly damaged. Mr. Broadwell was not hurt, and Mr. Jones was able to continue at work.

SMITHFIELD MAY LAND BOY SCOUT HEADQUARTERS

A movement of local interest discussed at the meeting of the Kiwanis Club Thursday evening was the establishment of headquarters for the five county Boy Scout organization which includes Johnston county now under consideration. A committee from Kinston and Goldsboro was here to confer with Mr. T. C. Young, chairman of the local committee, and Smithfield, we are informed, may have a chance of being selected as headquarters.

The chief speaker at the Kiwanis banquet Thursday evening was Mr. Felix Harvey, Jr., of Kinston, Lieut. Governor of the Carolinas District of Kiwanis Clubs. He spoke on "The Value of Kiwanis," and every one present was delighted with his speech. Mr. L. J. Mewborne, president of the Kinston Kiwanis Club, was present and made a talk. Other visitors present who were dealed upon included Messrs V. O. Hamilton, W. W. Rivers, of Goldsboro, and S. S. Stough, of Kinston. Mr. R. P. Holding, newly elected president of the local club, was master of ceremonies.

AUTOS INCREASE IN POPULARITY

As the New Year dawns the automobile is seen coming into a greater era of popularity which will bring it more intimately than ever into the commercial and social life of the nation.

This is the opinion expressed by officials of the Ford Motor company, which, itself, has during the year just ending enjoyed the greatest business in its history. The opinion is based upon reports received from various sections of the country and upon dealer estimates coming in for 1924.

These all indicate not only a growing prosperous condition generally, but a greater tendency toward the use of the automobile, both as a passenger carrying vehicle and a commercial haulage unit.

Another feature of this review and one which most closely affects the prospective purchaser is that buying will start much earlier in the New Year than in the last and the so-called "spring rush" will be on long before the winter snows have melted.

Apparently, many persons contemplating the purchase of cars for the coming year have profited by the experience of others in previous seasons and do not intend to edlay placing their orders. Consequently, they have determined to get into the market early and as a result the 1924 car shortage period will be advanced a number of weeks.

Those who mourn his death include one son, Mr. Thel Jordan, a sister, Miss Martha Jordan, and a brothere, Mr. George Jordan.

The most popular public speech is often the shortest one.

Great Throng Attends Unveiling Of Head Of Robt. E. Lee On Stone Mountain.

N. C. WAS REPRESENTED

Stone Mountain, Ga., Jan. 19.—The South again today honored its immortal leader, when high up the granite wall of Stone Mountain there was unveiled the sculptured head of Robert E. Lee.

The dream of a great memorial began to come true when a bright board American flag was lifted and gathered as a glowing cornet upon the majestic brow of Lee, looking out from the sheer wall of Stone Mountain—the first of the mighty group planned by Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor, after the dream of Mrs. Helen Plane, a daughter of the old South.

Impressive Setting

The skies were tenderly gray, and even the chill breeze out of the North seemed tempered, while a trace of rain was in the air, as the distinguished gentlemen of the Old South gave the signal for the thunder of granite boulders down the sheer face of the mountain, and then the slow lifting of the National Emblem that disclosed the face of the great leader, sculptured in heroic bas-relief upon the living stone.

The dawn of a great dream coming true lighted the towering granite wall of the mountain, and under its more than royal cornet the calm face of Lee looked out across the gray landscape, keeping watch now and forevermore over the Southland that he loved and the nation that he served.

Pause of Reverence

A pause of reverence, of homage—and then the roll of the handclapping swept across the hillside to the mountain and echoed back again, and its light spray, touched here and there with a true old "rebel yell," must have reached to the first member of that mighty group of heroes to come forth from the living granite.

Thousands of people came from near and afar and in horse drawn buggies and wagons and automobiles. There were women with babies in their arms and with baskets holding the family lunch. Their tanned countenances bespoke from where they came. Blending with this settling was an occasional grey uniformed veteran.

Mrs. Allen Plane, 94-year-old widow of a Confederate Colonel killed in action, was carried upon the rostrum by Mr. Borglum, the sculptor, who had laid out the gigantic work and toil that had brought forth from the granite the head of Lee in less than six weeks, and with bared head, he stood beside her as the stately lady, attired in a costume of the 'Sixties,' waved her command to the mountain to give forth the head of Lee.

Governor Trinkle, of Virginia, who was accompanied by his chief of staff, Colonel Hirma M. Smith, shook hands with each of the veterans on the stand before he sat down. There followed in the distinguished procession Governor Morrison, of North Carolina, and his aide, Adjutant General Neff, of Texas. Governor McLeod, of South Carolina, and Governor Neff, of Texas. Governor Walker of Georgia, with his full military staff, came at the end.

Dr. Plato Durham, of Emory University, delivered the oration and when he declared that the "man who calls Lee a traitor is doubly damned," there came from the far corner of the stand from a bent veteran "Amen."—Associated Press.

Step! Look! Listen!

There will be a play at Pleasant Plain church next Friday night, Jan. 25. The proceeds will go for the interior of the church. You are dually invited.