

PRESIDENT NOT THERE TO GREET UNMASKED KLAN

Had He Been in Washington He Would Have Been Face to Face With Persuading Problem

FROM NEARBY STATES

Though Unmasked Few Klansmen at National Capital Live There; Most of Them Visitors

By DAVID LAWRENCE

Washington, Sept. 14.—Hooded but unmasked members of the Ku Klux Klan swarmed the grounds of the White House today, but President Coolidge was not here to greet them.

The Klansmen were everywhere on the streets and in the parks. Not a mask was visible. Nevertheless, Washingtonians recognized few Klansmen in uniform who actually live here.

A new head near resembling somewhat that of the Masonic Shriner appeared here for the first time in the Klan parade. It is a red skull cap with the letters "K. K. K." sewed in white.

No disorder of consequence was apparent as the residents of Washington took the demonstration good naturedly. The National Capital is a convention city and the people here have learned to regard all guests with respect.

The fact that a hooded order with a program of direct hostility to other groups in the citizenship of the country proclaimed its principles on parade at the very capital of the nation did not evoke any outbursts from the groups affected.

Varying reports have been current as to the purpose of the demonstration. Some have intimated that the affairs of the Ku Klux Klan have not been progressing favorably and that a parade in Washington would be an excellent means of persuading reluctant citizens that the order was very much alive and was increasing its membership.

The railroads were not a bit disappointed with the plan for they carried thousands of passengers on many special trains. A trip to Washington is always an excellent way to gather a crowd because sight seeing opportunities and the chances are that the Klan assemblage here will be made an annual affair.

Heads Nations



Dr. Montehilo Nincich, Jucos-Dran diplomat, who has been elected president of the League of Nations, at the League meeting in Geneva.

SCHOOL PATRONS WILL CLEAN UP

Will Make Merry With Shovels and Harrows at New Central High

Tomorrow will be clean-up day at the New Central High School, just outside this city on the Hertford-Edenton Highway. The school is in the closing stages of construction, and all patrons living in the district have been asked to go out tomorrow with shovels, hoes, rakes, discs and harrows for grading and leveling the grounds.

Supt. M. P. Jennings, of the county schools, stated today that he was hopeful that the new school would be ready to begin the term Monday morning, though no definite announcement was possible yet by reason of additional work still to be done.

Berea and Providence schools have come into the New Central District on a tentative basis. Mr. Jennings announced, thereby making the consolidation of Pasquotank County's little schools complete, at least for this term.

The people of Berea and Providence districts, Mr. Jennings explained, entered the district through an arrangement whereby three-fourths of them, both men and women, signed an agreement voluntarily to pay the special tax of 20 cents per \$100 property valuation assessed against the remainder of the New Central District.

In the event the patrons in the two small districts like the facilities afforded their children in the big new high school, they will be expected to vote themselves into the district next spring, Mr. Jennings stated.

Definite announcement whether the New Central School will open Monday probably will be forthcoming tomorrow, according to the superintendent, R. H. Holmes, formerly of the faculty of the Elizabeth City High School, who is principal of the new school.

True Bill Expected Against Mr. Wood

Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Sept. 14.—It is expected that a true bill will be returned sometime today by the Wake county grand jury, charging the Rev. George Wood of Kinston with murder, or at least manslaughter, in connection with the fatal shooting of J. B. Vickers, escaped convict, who he was returning to State's prison from Spartanburg, South Carolina, where he had been captured after a previous escape from a prison guard in Charlotte. Wood, though a minister, was deputy sheriff in Lenoir county, and much interested in Welfare work. If he is indicted, as seems certain, the unusual paradox will be presented, of a minister going to trial for the murder of a man he sought to help.

Mr. Wood and his attorney, John G. Dawson, Chairman of the State Democratic Committee, were in Raleigh yesterday, in view of the possibility that the true bill might be returned then, but it was not forthcoming. However, it is believed that the indictment will be returned today, though it may be several days as yet.

It is generally believed that Solicitor W. E. Evans, Wake county's so-called "hanging solicitor," will seek the extreme penalty, in order to make an example of Wood. His prosecution is also expected to be further embittered because of the controversy between himself and Coroner L. M. Waring, as to jurisdiction in the matter, when Waring released Wood on his own recognizance, before Vickers died, and Evans immediately had him re-arrested.

RICHARD MERTON IS AGAIN TESTIFYING

New York, Sept. 14.—When Richard Merton, German industrialist, first arrived in America in April, 1921, to attempt to recover assets of the American Metals Company he knew his legal claim was weak.

He testified to this today at the trial of Harry Daugherty and Thomas W. Miller, charged with conspiracy to defraud the Government. His legal claim was not strong as he felt because the transfer of stock to the Societe Suisse a few days before America entered the World War was oral, in answer to questions concerning the late John T. King, former Republican national committeeman from Connecticut, he said he did not come here with the idea of finding "a clever politician. King died shortly after he was indicted.

Merton said although he felt his case weak he also felt America had no desire to seize private property without justice and sufficient cause.

GAUD COURT HOUSE

Leaksville, Miss., Sept. 14.—Kennie Wagner, charged with the murder of Murdock McIntosh, Green County deputy sheriff, in December, 1924, entered a plea of not guilty when his trial opened here today. Armed guards patrolled the grounds about the courthouse.

Teeming Hundreds Swing Jauntily Thru Gates Of Learning as Term Opens

Elizabeth City Graded Schools Open 1926-27 Session With "Full House"; Mother Wipes Away Tear as Six-Year-Old Fares Forth

By RALPH POOL

As Junior Marches Away

Across the Chasm

Fewer in High School

Enrollment is Large and Very Encouraging

Mrs. HASKETT DEAD

Camden, Sept. 14.—Consolidation of Camden County's schools into four major units affording high school educational facilities for every child in the county was crystallized into fact Monday, with the opening of the new Camden High School at Camden Courthouse, equipped to serve the entire Courthouse township.

DR. HIGHSMITH EXPLAINS PLAN HIGH SCHOOLS

Speaks to Principals and Superintendents of This Section at Meeting Held Here

CULTURE IS "CAUGHT"

Director Stresses Importance Teacher's Personality and the Teaching of Science

Stopping briefly to assail his critics vigorously, and to explain his attitude toward the teaching of Latin and geometry in the high school, which has been a source of sharp controversy in North Carolina for the past decade, Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, State director of high school education, outlined a comprehensive system here Tuesday for the reorganization of smaller high schools in the State on a more practical and better functioning basis.

Dr. Highsmith led the discussion in a conference of high school principals of the northeastern counties of the State at the high school. The session closed with a luncheon at the Southern Hotel at 1 o'clock. Superintendents and principals from practically all the counties in this part of the State attended.

"What is the major function of the public high school in North Carolina today?" Dr. Highsmith demanded, in opening his discussion of the place which should be given to Latin and geometry in the curricula of the smaller high schools. "Is it to prepare the student for college, or is it to give him the best possible training for most effective citizenship?"

His critics to the contrary, Dr. Highsmith told the principals present that he did not propose to eliminate Latin, but rather to put it in its proper place, with reference to the needs of the pupils. "What is the real purpose of Latin?" he asked, and answered his own question by stating that it was to give a clearer insight into the derivation of ENGLISH words.

"We need to go to the Latin for much of our knowledge in medicine," he commented, "but that no longer is the case. In the 50 years from 1875 to 1925, we learned more about medicine than in the whole history of mankind up to then." He added that the same was true, in the main, of other fields of human endeavor, declaring that it applied also in a measure to literature.

"For many students, Latin is a downright waste of time," he declared. "It has driven many out of our high schools, though of course we didn't call it that. We called it 'elimination,' or by another name of the kind. I hope the last child to be run out of high school on account of Latin has been run out already."

Dr. Highsmith explained that the proposed reorganization applied also to mathematics, the principal change being that geometry was made elective in the third year of high school, instead of a requirement for graduation. "I am unalterably opposed to making all pupils take it," he stated, vigorously. "Geometry also has run many out of school. It has been elective in the Raleigh High School, for instance for the last five years, and in making it so in the rural schools, we are simply giving the country child the same degree of consideration."

Father Of Eleven Let Off Light Says Judge

Currituck, Sept. 14.—Currituck County Recorder's Court adjourned Monday at 4 o'clock after a number of continuances and the trial of only two cases.

One of the defendants tried was Mat Trotman, charged for many years a familiar figure about the courthouse when he was employed as waiter at the Walker Hotel, on a charge of illegal possession of liquor.

Mat's arrest followed the finding of two of these gallons of liquor near his premises which are about 300 or 400 yards from Mat's post office. The finding of this liquor near Mat's home, together with evidence from a number of his white neighbors, to the effect that he had, since he had ceased to be a waiter, gained a reputation throughout the community generally as a bootlegger, was all judged sufficient evidence to justify conviction by County Judge Newbren.

"I'm going to let you down light," said Judge Newbren to Mat after it had been represented that the man was the father of 11 children seven or eight of whom are still dependent. Thereupon the court imposed a fine of \$100 and costs and a sentence of 12 months in jail, with the provision that the jail sentence be suspended conditional upon the defendant's appearance before the court every three months for the next year to show that he had not violated the Turlington act.

The raid on Mat's premises which resulted in the discovery of the liquor was made by County Police Officer Bejanga.

The other defendant tried Monday morning was Will Perry, Moyock negro youth, charged with the larceny of property from the Moyock High School Athletic Association. They were fined \$10 and costs, which in his case meant a total of \$39.51.

Arrest of Perry's case was made by Police Officer Bright of Moyock.

KELLAMS ARE ON PROGRAM FRIDAY

One of Features of Second Day Radcliffe Chautauqua at High School

The Kellam Entertainers, headed by Thomas J. Kellam, is one of the Radcliffe Chautauqua attractions which is always in demand. It has toured practically the entire country under the auspices of various Chautauqua and Lyceum bureaus, and its record for return dates and requests for them is an enviable one. These entertainers are on the program here Friday, Chautauqua is here Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the High School auditorium.

ENGINEER BADLY HURT IN UNUSUAL TRAIN ACCIDENT

Sustains Serious Injuries When Flung From Engine Travelling at 35 Miles Per Hour

DRIVING ROD BREAKS

Fireman Leaps for Safety, and Norfolk Passenger Train Keeps Going, Minus Its Crew

Flung from his engine when a side rod on the driving wheels broke, tearing away that side of the cab, Engineer O. J. Sawyer, on the Norfolk Southern northbound passenger train No. 4, bound from Raleigh to Norfolk, was seriously injured yesterday morning. The accident occurred about five miles east of Washington.

The engineer was given prompt medical aid, and was taken to Norfolk aboard the train, afterwards being carried to St. Vincent's Hospital. Information from the hospital by long distance telephone today was that he had been suffering so severely from shock that no examination had been made. It was stated, however, that he was recovering somewhat, and an examination probably would be made later in the day to determine the extent of his injuries.

When the driving rod snapped, it thrust about and tore away the side of the engine cab in which Sawyer was stationed, and hurled him off with it. The colored fireman jumped for safety, and was unhurt save for minor bruises and scratches.

Minor engineer and fireman, the train continued merrily on its way, but only for a short distance. The unruly rod also had smashed a steam pipe connection, and in one great gust the live steam in the engine burst forth. The train slowed down and came to a stop, robbed of its power, within a few hundred feet of the spot where Engineer Sawyer and his wrecked cab lay.

Conductor Singleton, aboard the train, promptly took charge of the situation, and when the engineer's hurts had been dressed, had another engine dispatched to the scene. The train continued on its run to Norfolk, arriving here about four hours late.

When the accident occurred, the train is estimated to have been running about 35 miles an hour. Conductor Singleton is quoted here as having stated that Engineer Sawyer lost considerable blood from the forehead in a minor railroad accident near Washington some time ago, and that he complained of severe pain in the back.

Sawyer is about 45 years old, is married, and lives in Berkley, Virginia. His wife was away on an automobile trip, and he is said to have requested yesterday that the next reason is that he is an artist, as is Miss Lowrey, his assistant. These two smiling folk put on two programs at each Chautauqua, brim full of humor, accordion, violin and saxophone solos, character impersonations and various sorts of duets. Miss Lowrey is one of the very few accordionists among the fair sex.

Dream of Camden Leaders Made Reality Through Opening of New High School Near Courthouse

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R. J. Jones, a graduate of the University of Virginia, is principal of the new school, which has a corps of six teachers, two of whom are in the high school department, and the remainder in the grades. The building has just been completed, and is the ultra-modern one story type, housing ten spacious and attractive classrooms and an auditorium seating 500. Equipped, it will have cost approximately \$45,000.

Indications on the opening day were that the enrollment of the new school will be about 150 this year. It is taking the place of four smaller schools, two employing two teachers each, and the other two, one teacher each. In the next year or two, it is expected that the school will become accredited, through a gradual increase in the number of pupils in the high school department.

COTTON CONSUMED IN AUGUST REPORTED

Washington, Sept. 14.—Cotton consumed during August totaled 59,452 bales of lint and 67,781 of linters, compared with 460,577 of lint and 61,240 of linters in July, the Census Bureau announced today.

American Chaser Locked In Harbor

Peking, Sept. 14.—The American destroyer Hart has been locked in harbor at Swatow by mines laid by the Chinese at the entrance.

ARE VOTING TODAY IN NINE OF STATES

Washington, Sept. 14.—Prohibition and American adhesion to the World Court figured prominently among voters of nine states who went to the polls to choose party standard bearers for state and national offices.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Sept. 14.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Oct. 16.92, Dec. 17.15, Jan. 17.22, March -17.40, May 17.62.