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BAGGETT WOULD PRESS GRADY FOR ANSWER ON KLAN

Senator-Elect Intimates Legislative Investigation

GRADY STILL SILENT ON HIS MEMBERSHIP

Grady Declares That No Public Official Should Be Allowed To Hold Office And Affiliate With Organization Whose Membership And Purposes Are Secret.

(News and Observer.)

If Henry A. Grady, judge-elect in the Sixth Judicial district will neither deny his affiliation with the Ku Klux Klan, the public should know through proper channels into his mind with secret organizations, declared John R. Baggett, senator-elect from Harnett county who will offer a measure in the coming session of the General Assembly outlawing all such organizations from the State. Though asked daily for more than two weeks to answer the allegation made by Dr. Oscar Haywood that he is a leader in the ranks of the Invisible Empire, Mr. Grady has maintained silence except for the statement that he is not yet ready to talk. For a week or more he was not available for interview, and since that time he has declined to make any statement for publication.

"In my opinion a judge or any other State officer who holds membership in a secret order, the purposes of which are kept secret, and the identity of whose members is hidden, should not be permitted to longer hold office and affiliate with such an organization," Mr. Baggett declares. "I cannot conceive that Mr. Grady would belong to such an organization and still expect the people of North Carolina to support him."

Indications of the past two weeks would make it seem that Mr. Grady

with the Klan with which Dr. Oscar Haywood connects him. In the event one of the first steps Mr. Baggett will take, as a member of the General Assembly, will probably be resolutions calling for an investigation.

Mr. Baggett continues: "Such affiliation is not in keeping with the spirit of our government, which was founded upon political freedom and religious liberty. If we hold to the noble and fundamental principles enunciated by our forefathers—which were founded themselves upon the teaching of the meek and lowly Nazarene—we must stand for open and public enforcement of the laws of this country and not for any clandestine administration."

Opposes Invisible Empire

"I yield to no man in my loyalty or enthusiasm for the enforcement of the laws of our country, by the properly constituted authorities, but I shall always oppose, and I believe it is the duty of every good citizen to oppose any secret or invisible empire or organization unwilling to divulge its membership, its purposes, or its aims. I cannot see how any man can take an oath to support the high ideals and purposes of our Constitution and at the same time engage in, be a party to, aid and abet, or give cover to any secret screened, masked organization that has no place in this wide, open, free American government of ours."

Not Benefit to Man

"When a prominent member of any secret organization," Mr. Baggett continues, "is ashamed and afraid to get on his feet in public, or to the press, and relate the fundamentals of his secret order, the purposes for which it exists, or divulge the benevolent acts it has done and explain its place in society, then that organization is not a benefit to man nor to the community in which it exists. It certainly does not appeal to American ideals of government."

The officer, either State or county (and ministers who permit the white-robed ones to walk down the aisle and leave \$50 notes might be included here) who accepts any secret influence to enable him to carry on his work is simply shutting off the power of the government (and in the case of the minister, Jesus) has clothed him with. If it should be proven that such an one believes in the screened and masked robes, he should be dealt with by the authority given the people under our Constitution and impeachments brought to rid society of him.

Can't Serve God and Mammon

"If Mr. Grady belongs to such an organization, and it is the kind it is generally reported to be, then I think, as I have previously said, that he should make its principles public and defend them before the people. But

PASSENGER TRAIN IS DERAILED AT ENFIELD

Enfield, Dec. 7.—Atlantic Coast Line train No. 86 split a switch one hundred yards south of the station at Enfield at 6:10 a. m. derailing three cars, two day coaches and a dining car. Engine and tender, and Pullman cars did not leave the track. The engine proceeded north to pass track, returning on Southbound track taking off Pullman cars. Two day coaches were received from Rocky-Mount. Transfer of passengers was effected, and the improvised train proceeded north at 9:30. Traffic on the northbound track will be delayed until noon or later.

GREAT PROGRESS IN BUILDING ROADS

North Carolina Ranks High With More Than 600 Miles During Past Year

Washington, Dec. 7.—Greater progress was made on the nation's highways during the last year than in any similar period in the history of the country and there is now apparent a real public appreciation of the importance of maintaining the roads that are built, Thomas H. McDonald, chief of the Bureau of Public Roads, stated in his annual report to the Secretary of Agriculture made public last night it was hardly probable he been added to the federal aid roads alone, he stated and doubtless more than an equal mileage has been constructed without federal assistance.

During the year 7,469 miles of road project were completed and 17,978 miles were under construction, which were estimated as fifty per cent complete. Federal aid earned by the states on completed and uncompleted projects amounted to \$194,560,136, of which \$166,911,552 had actually been paid. North Carolina completed more than 500 miles.

TURLINGTON NEWS

Mr. W. R. Turlington had a big corn shucking Tuesday afternoon with a crowd of jolly folks, and plenty to eat and to drink.

Mr. L. L. Turlington has been under the weather this week, due to cold.

Miss Lettie Mae Innis one of the Turlington teachers is ill with influenza and is at her home at Sorrell.

Mr. J. L. Stone died Sunday night at 11 o'clock at his home near Turlington. Mr. Stone has been failing in health for some time. Mrs. Stone and family have the sympathy of the entire community.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Whittington were visitors in the home of Mr. L. L. Turlington Thanksgiving.

Miss Morris one of the Turlington teachers and Miss Ala Turlington were guests at a corn shucking at Mr. Sipes on Wednesday afternoon. They enjoyed a delightful supper.

Come to the "big blow out" at Turlington school house Saturday December 16th 1922, 7:30 o'clock.

The "Christ of the Andes" is a statue of the Saviour, cast in the bronze from the cannon of opposing Argentina and Chileans, standing nearly 13,000 feet above the level of the sea at Cambré Pass, on the mountain frontier between Argentine Republic and Chile. It was placed there in March, 1904, as a symbol of the perpetual peace which was then sworn to by the opposing nations. An inscription on its base reads, "Sooner shall these mountains crumble to dust than shall the people of Argentine and Chile break the peace which they have pledged themselves at the feet of Christ the Redeemer."

he cannot serve God and mammon. He cannot serve secrecy in government and be a good, open American servant.

"In the beginning of this government our forefathers ordained and established the Union for the purpose of perpetuating justice, domestic tranquility, common defense, general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to themselves and posterity. Under this government we have passed laws prohibiting any secret organization whose purpose it is to in any way engage in political campaigns or advocate secret political principles. My bill proposes to take the masks and night gowns off this group and bring them in the fold of law-abiding citizens."

WARD APPOINTED CLERK OF COURT IN JOHNSTON

A. M. Noble Succeeds F. M. Brooks As Judge of Smithfield Recorder's Court

Smithfield, Dec. 6.—Ed F. Ward today qualified as Clerk of Superior court in Johnston county and was sworn into office. Mr. Ward who received his appointment from Judge Frank A. Daniels last night, succeeds J. R. Barbour of Benson, who was elected to the office, and who has been filling out the unexpired term of the late W. S. Stevens, but was unable to take up the duties because of his failing health.

Judge A. M. Noble, was installed as Judge of the Recorder's court here Monday, succeeding Judge F. H. Brooks, who formerly served in that capacity.

D. B. Oliver of Pine Level, only surviving member of the old county board, was selected as chairman of that body. The other commissioners are J. W. Wood, J. W. Woodland, Perry E. Johnson and E. R. Gully.

1918 SERIES DUE JANUARY THE FIRST

All War Savings Stamps Purchased in 1918 Are Now Redeemable at Face Value

Owners of War Savings Stamps, purchased in 1918, are advised that they are due and payable at their face value of \$5 each on January 1, 1923.

Advance presentation for immediate exchange for Treasury Savings Certificates or for payment at maturity, may be made now at post offices, banks, and trust companies. Holders may apply to exchange the whole or part of their 1918 War Savings Stamps at maturity value for Treasury Savings Certificates to be dated January 1, 1923, with the difference either way to be paid in cash or they may arrange for full cash payment to be made at maturity.

The largest possible amount of Treasury Savings Certificates in the exchange.

The Treasury Savings Certificates, offered in exchange for War Savings Stamps at their face value of \$5 each, are a government security similar in all respects to the War Savings Stamps, i. e., yielding 4 per cent interest, compounded semi-annually, if held to maturity, or 3 per cent simple interest if redeemed to maturity, except that they are issued in denominations of \$25, \$50, and \$1,000.

An opportunity is thus offered for the reinvestment of funds on a most attractive basis. Holders of \$25 in War Savings Stamps can now obtain a \$25 Treasury Savings Certificate and \$4.50 in cash. \$100 in War Savings Stamps will be exchanged for a \$100 Treasury Savings Certificate and \$18 in cash. An owner of \$1,000 in War Savings can get a \$1,000 Treasury Savings Certificate and two \$100 Treasury Savings Certificates and \$16 in cash.

Possible delay and confusion may be avoided by prompt presentation of the War Savings Certificates, series 1918, at post offices or banking institutions.

MRS. RAYMOND JOHNSON DEAD

I write a few lines to the Dunn Dispatch of the death of Mrs. Raymond Johnson:

Sister Johnson passed away December 1, 1922 and her funeral service was held at her home conducted by her pastor L. R. Tate of Benson the 2nd of December.

Notwithstanding the fact that the weather was very unfavorable, the many friends of Sister Johnson and her husband, came to her funeral service, a number of whom brought many costly and beautiful flowers.

Sister Johnson's body was laid to rest in the Lee cemetery near Calvary Baptist church. Sister Johnson was about 30 years old and she had been a member of Trinity Missionary Baptist church for several years. All who knew her seemed to love her.

She was the daughter of Mr. Manning Morgan and she has four sisters and one brother, and her mother to mourn their loss. Her father being the only one of the family who had passed away previous to her death.

She married Mr. Raymond Johnson something like a year ago. A son of Mr. Cleo Johnson near Calvary Baptist church about 8 miles from Dunn.

Mr. Raymond is a young man well thought of by all who personally know him and he is a successful farmer. He and his wife had just started out in life, and they were doing well.

About three weeks before the death

ANNOUNCE HUGE STOCK DIVIDENDS

Banks And Savings Corporations Announce Dividends Totalling \$2,400,000

New York, Dec. 6.—Stock dividends totaling \$2,400,000 were announced Tuesday by 7 large industrial corporations and banks, bringing the total stock dividends declared in the last few months to more than \$1,500,000. The sums in virtually all cases have been provided for out of undistributed surpluses, apparently in anticipation of unfavorable tax legislation in the next Congress. The Studebaker Corporation increased its capitalization to \$15,000,000 by declaring a 25 per cent stock dividend. Directors also declared the customary annual ten per cent dividend which would be continued.

The Vacuum Oil Company distributed \$45,000,000 surplus in the form of a 300 per cent stock dividend. The William Wrigley Junior, Company declared a 10 per cent dividend of \$1,500,000 common shareholders.

The Bank of Manhattan Company, one of the oldest in the country, increased its capitalization to \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 by declaring surplus and declaring a 10 per cent stock dividend. The Equitable Trust Company announced plans to increase its capital from \$12,000,000 to \$20,000,000, one half of which would be a 33 1/3 stock dividend and the remainder of a new issue of stock to which holders of the old stock might subscribe.

The E. I. Dupont Nemour Co. declared a fifty per cent stock dividend amounting to \$2,000,000. The Whitman Mills of Bedford, called a stockholders meeting to consider a stock dividend of fifty per cent by increasing its capitalization from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000.

ORPHANAGE GIFTS

Thanksgiving Offerings Pour Into Thomsville From State Baptists

Thomsville, Dec. 6.—Thanksgiving contributions to the Baptist Orphanage are pouring in like an avalanche from all parts of the state, reports the treasurer, F. B. Hamrick, the total today reaching upwards of \$50,000.

The rush is unusually strong on account of the closing of the books of the state-convention whose reports must be shaped for the annual session in Winston-Salem next Tuesday afternoon.

Lexington First Baptist Sunday school leads the Liberty school with \$1,500. Scotch Neck church leads the state with nearly \$2,000.

The largest personal offering reported so far is \$1,000 by Mrs. C. R. Merritt, of Mt. Airy. The largest gift from a country church is \$483 from Enon in West Chowan association.

Pritchard Memorial of Charlotte stands in the forefront, in fact first in her contributions through the Sunday school according to report the amount being over \$1,500.

Lumberton First church sends in \$1,000, Brown Memorial, Winston-Salem, \$850, Greensboro First church \$650, Tabernacle, in Raleigh, Carthage, Marshall, Apex, Weldon, New Bern, Mt. Airy all rank high as givers.

Dr. Kesler wishes it to be understood that this season of Thanksgiving embraces practically two harvests, as on last year the convention met in November and this year it is meeting in December.

Five thousand dollars was paid for a single branch of red apples in Ferrell, New Jersey, by a nursery firm. A record and agreement of purchase have been filed with the county clerk. The owner received \$1,000 outright for the purchase of the apple branch, and will receive \$4,000 additional in installments at the rate of two cents each for every tree budded from this branch, which is to remain on the tree in the orchard, according to reports.

of his wife they had born in their home a little boy.

I am sure Mr. Johnson has the sympathy of the pastor and many friends in his great loss and distress. Also the other loved ones who are so greatly bereaved.

I think the people again in behalf of Mr. Raymond Johnson, for the kindness each one has shown him in his distress.

L. R. TATE.

Benson, N. C.

SENATE LEADERSHIP CAMPAIGN WARMS UP

Efforts of Friends of Simmons And Robinson Make A Contest Certain

Washington, Dec. 6.—A contest appeared certain here between Senators Simmons, of North Carolina and Robinson, Arkansas, for the Democratic Senate leadership in the next Congress to succeed Senator Underwood, of Alabama, who is to retire as leader voluntarily because of his health. Friends of both began an active campaign although neither Senator had formally announced his candidacy.

Senator Simmons is the ranking Democrat in point of service and was chairman of the finance committee during the Wilson administration. Senator Robinson, also a veteran, but a younger man, has been prominent in Democratic councils for a number of years and was chairman of the last National Convention at San Francisco.

MONTHLY MEETING OF WOMAN'S CLUB

Held In The Club Rooms Tuesday Afternoon, Dec. 6th. Was Well Attended

The Music Department of the Woman's club of Dunn held its regular monthly meeting in the club rooms at 1 o'clock Tuesday, December 5, with Mrs. Marvin Wade and Mrs. Wallace Coltrane as joint hostesses. In absence of the chairman, Mrs. Harper Holliday; the meeting was called to order by the Secretary, Miss Blanche Grantham. She announced that an interesting program had been arranged by the committee—this being opened by Miss Agnes Connady, supervisor of music in the public schools. As this is the first year that a course in public school music has been taught in the schools, much interest was shown.

The Music Department heard Miss Cannady and some of her pupils. She gave a demonstration of her work—especially that done in the primary and lower grammar grades. The little folks sang and did some work in sight singing, which convinced those present that the school children of Dunn were enjoying a rare privilege in having this phase of work added to the curriculum and in having Miss Cannady as supervisor, who is a graduate of the North Carolina College for Women.

After the school children had entertained an appreciative audience—there were several musical numbers rendered by the club members and an article read.

A short business session followed the musical program during which it was voted to have Mr. Ast and his talented daughter, Miss Anita Ast of the Fayetteville School of Music give a concert in Dunn during January under the auspices of the Music Department. The music loving people of Dunn are looking forward to the coming of this organist and pianist, who accompanies his young daughter who is a violinist.

After dispensing with other routine business, the hostess served a salad course with hot tea. The social hour proved a delightful conclusion to an enjoyable afternoon.

WINSTON-SALEM FAVORS LICENSING CHAUFFEURS

Winston-Salem breaks the ice with a proposal to evolve a system of licensing chauffeurs of automobiles instead of the machines which they drive. It is to be hoped that the idea can be worked out satisfactorily and that Representative Cox or Senator Sams will bring it down to the Legislature as a model for the whole State.

There will need to be no rigorous examination at the outset; the main provision should be one for revocation of the license as soon as it shall become established that the chauffeur is heedless of the safety of those entrusted to his care or others whom he meets on streets or highways.

Our present traffic regulations have been adapted on the wrong basis. A permit is required before a citizen of the State may purchase a pistol no matter what that pistol is to be used for. We turn anybody loose with the deadliest weapon in the world, a gasoline-driven vehicle, and hold no examination as to mental, moral or physical fitness. That sort of thing cannot fail to give trouble. The longer it is persisted in the worse conditions will become.

Winston-Salem has made a beginning on the right end of the problem; why not follow her lead?—Nashville Times.

L.T. GOVERNOR HEAD OF NEW TRUST COMPANY

A charter for the Continental Trust Company, of Charlotte, incorporated with a capital stock of \$500,000, was granted yesterday by the Secretary of State. Lieutenant Governor W. B. Cooper is president of new concern.

The company's charter was granted with permission to begin operation with a paid in capital of \$100,000 already subscribed. Besides the Lieutenant Governor, W. C. Dowd Charlotte publisher; D. E. Henderson, attorney; G. A. Marsh, W. H. Webster and E. H. Gresham are among the stockholders—News and Observer.

SOIL FERTILITY IS FUNDAMENTAL

At Very Foundation of Prosperity of The People, Says Dean Williams

By C. B. WILLIAMS

Chief, Division of Agronomy, North Carolina Extension Service

No thoughtful person can fail to realize that to a very large extent the prosperity of our people is closely associated with the productiveness of our soils. Go wherever you may, if the farmer is doing his part by the soil, and it is productive, you will find the people are generally making some money and are maintaining much better standards of living than is ordinarily being maintained. So at the very foundation of the prosperity of our people lies the question of soil fertility and the use of crops and varieties of crops that will give the largest returns for the expense and effort put into the production.

Where people are dependent solely upon the farm as a livelihood they can never be very prosperous as a general rule. The only way to be generally prosperous is to have a diversified production. In the past few years, because of a

person may be able to get some information that will be helpful to our people in building up the economic production of their soils and in the growing of crops that are going to give them the largest yields per unit of labor and expense, is going to be in the interest of public good.

There seems to be well rooted in the public mind the idea that increased production per acre means a large total aggregate production and over production. This need not necessarily be the case. The point which is wished to be emphasized is that in order to get largest returns one must see to it that he gets at least moderately good yields per acre, and in order to do this he must use good seed and rational methods for maintaining and building soil fertility. If there is danger of over production, cut the acreage and produce more per acre, and in order to do this our soils must be built up. So this being the fact, our workers have devoted considerable attention, not only during the past year, but in previous years, to securing specific information with reference to our soil needs for most profitable crop production and in giving this information out to the farmers of the state through carefully planned and conducted demonstrations on different farms in different sections of the state, and in other ways. The same general plan of operation has been used in securing information with reference to what are our varieties or types of our main crops for different sections of the state and in giving this information to the people in the same general way. It is felt that one of the most effective ways of carrying information is through field demonstrations and by holding meetings at the demonstration fields at the end of the year to show that the different treatments or varieties of crops have done comparatively, so as to bring out the special points it is wished to emphasize with the farmers of the community. For instance, if it has been recalled that a certain treatment or variety of crop is best in a certain section on a particular type of soil in order to succeed best in the growing of a particular crop, then this fact or facts may be brought out by carefully conducted demonstrations at some good farm in the county or section where it is felt that the information needs to be emphasized.

The soil fertility demonstrations and better seed demonstrations put on by the Division of Agronomy each year have proven very effective means of impressing on many farmers of many communities in the state the importance of using particular methods of soil fertility building and of using better strains of different crops than they have been growing.

Georgia can profit by the pattern set by this great old state. While we hum and haw over a small bond issue for roads to match the government appropriation, North Carolina is going ahead spending millions for roads. Schools are being generously supported, and North Carolina boys and girls in future years will show in lives of fine achievement what a splendid investment good schools have been—The Vidalia (Ga.) Advance.

S. F. M. TART DEAD

Mr. S. F. M. Tart a well known citizen and business man of near Newton Grove, died December 3, 1922 and his funeral services were conducted in the Catholic church at Newton Grove Sunday afternoon, December 3rd. A large crowd attended. Mr. Tart was a man who was well liked by all who knew him, and was said to be a nice clever gentleman.

He leaves a wife to mourn her loss. I am sure she has the sympathy of her many friends and loved ones in her bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fenton returned Wednesday night from Robeson county, where they spent a few days immediately after their marriage last week.

THE NEW COUNTY OFFICERS SWORN IN LAST MONDAY

Board of Commissioners Elected Jas. A. Taylor Chairman, E. F. Young, Attorney

MOST OF THE BOARD ARE NEW MEMBERS

Neill A. Salmon Was Named Solicitor of The Recorder's Court, Otis P. Shell Tendered Office of Vice-Recorder. Only Routine Business Transacted.

Harnett County's new commissioners took the oath of office at Lillington Monday and went into regular session. Only routine business came before the board and but little work was disposed of at the first session.

Jas. A. Taylor, who succeeded J. W. Jordan as commissioner from this section of the county, was unanimously selected as Chairman of the board. E. F. Young, also citizen of Dunn and one of the best known attorneys in the county, was named as county attorney. Neill Salmon was selected for the office of solicitor of the Recorder's Court by Cavinas H. Brown, the new Recorder, who also named Otis P. Shell as Vice-Recorder. The two latter nominations were confirmed by the commissioners.

All the county officers took the oath Monday and they enter upon their duties backed by the largest majority that has ever come to a political party in Harnett county. The excellent organization perfected by Chairman Jordan functioned well and the county affairs for the next two years will continue in the hands of excellent men.

NEW NORTH CAROLINA A GEORGIA VERDICT

North Carolina is setting a good

example. \$50,000 have been spent on roads, and in the past two years about one hundred million dollars have been spent for education and good roads. In describing what this great aim for education means, The Asheville Citizen says:

"Forty-two million dollars on public education in a year! Consider what that means. It means an immensity of happiness, power, and wealth for North Carolina. It means that boys and girls who would have gone into cotton mills and furniture factories with minds untaught to think will have their imaginative powers stimulated by schooling that they will contribute labor-saving and money-making invention to the world of machinery. It means that men who would have fished the mountain streams will harness those waters to industrial undertakings. It means that young men and women who would have killed away days empty with ignorance will develop that genius which paints undying pictures and carves cold marble into warmth of beauty. It means that mothers who would have cherished no dream of greatness for their children will give them the home life that leads to fine achievement. It means, in brief, that North Carolinians from mountain top to ocean edge will be worthy of North Carolina, the state which in natural resources is the outstanding leader of all America."

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