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**KU KLUX KLAN**



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Menomonie, Wisconsin, Thursday, July 8, 1926

KLUXERS GATHER HERE ON MONDAY TO OBSERVE 4TH

Klansmen say Nearly 14,000 tickets were sold to grounds  
PARADE ON STREETS

Speakers Tell Audience Purpose of Order -- Hold  
colorful ceremony.

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With a program featured by a parade, speeches, band, concerts, public initiation and fireworks, the Ku Klux Klan of Dunn county staged a monster Fourth of July celebration that attracted thousands Monday at the fair grounds in Menomonie. It was the largest demonstration ever conducted by the Klan in Dunn county and drew many participants from several counties in Northwestern Wisconsin, including Eau Claire, Pierce Chippewa, and Barron. It was the first time that the Klan had put on a public celebration in Menomonie. Those in charge of the box office state that there were nearly 14,000 paid admissions at the gate.

The weatherman generously furnished an ideal day for the Fourth of July celebration. The summer heat was tempered by a cool breeze to remove the agony from a perspiring throng, giving full rein for enjoyment of the celebration.

CROWD ARRIVES EARLY

Cars, bedecked in holiday attire began rolling



into town in large numbers about nine o'clock in the morning. Two hours later the autoes formed a constant procession moving toward the fair grounds.

In the parade, which left the fair grounds about two o'clock in flowing white robes of the Klan predominately. with automobile floats, portraying historical events and with the national colors aflutter, at intervals, presenting a pageant that was a novel sight to many. The procession formed insided the race track shortly after one o'clock, while the Ludington Gaurd band was giving one of its popular concerts in front of the grandstand, that was packed with interested onlookers. Bugle calls rang out gathering the various groups of the Klan. The procession proceeded south around the track to the grandstand, where it was joined by the band.

#### Procession moves on

At the head of the procession was E.B. Norton, carrying the United States flag, and the colorgaurd. Then came the band. Next came Pat Malone, Klan orator, on a white charger. Robed klansmen on horseback, perhaps some 30 or 40, took the next place in the paradē. Then two floats and in succession sections of klansmen and klan women afoot and on horseback with scattering floats. Midway in the procession was the Klan fife and drum corps, coming right after a huge banner carrying the words, "Spirit of '76 - '26".

Impersonations of Geroge and Martha Washington in arig drawn by a team of dapple grays, were there to lend a historical touch to the pageant.



Lincoln was represented on one float, with a Union and Confederate soldier. Other floats carried the little red school house, rock of ages, and Uncle Sam and Columbia. Chetek, Cornell, Eau Claire, and Anson, Chippewa County, and other places were represented by floats.

On the Anson float was a big banner with "We Aint Got Weary Yet." Other banners noted in procession were "We Stand for Law and Order," "Save America for Americans," "Protection of Children," "Free Speech and Freedom of the Press." At one place in the lane was a monster United States flag carried by eight robed Klanswomen.

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. . . . Pat Malone followed with an hour's talk, dealing with American principles and what these principles mean to the American people, the world and the Ku Klux Klan. He said he thought the American people are lax in accomplishing their duty as citizens and that they must come to a better understanding of the true meaning of American citizenship.

#### Large Class of Candidates

It is stated by Klansmen that about 700 candidates took the oath during the ceremony which lasted about 45 minutes. and took place in the field in front of the grandstand. To the right of the crowd in the grandstand were gathered men candidates for the klan and the junior boys. To the left were the women candidates and the Tri-K's.

The four ceremonies took place on the field at the same time. . . . .



The procession of Klan candidates, headed by robed knights and with a similar group behind them, marched slowly on the the field while the band played "Onward Christian Soldiers," and the vast audience rose and sang the words. Each robed knight carried a flaming torch in his right hand. Reaching the field they formed a hollow square surrounding the candidates who were in line four abreast. Then came the ritualistic ceremony in which the candidates were conducted, about the square by masked knights, halted before officers at different stations and finally at the east end of the square the candidates knelt and took their obligation.

#### Burn Three Crosses

Midway in the ceremony a huge cross was set afire in the center of the field and similar crosses blazed from the elevations on the east and south side of the grounds.

Thirty minutes of gorgeous fire-works followed . . . . In the spectacular displays were many set pieces, including the cross, schoolhouse, klansman afoot and on horseback, 100 per cent, battleship fight, the American Flag and Good Nite, . . . .

. . . . The Rev. Palato, Methodist minister from Madison, spoke both morning and afternoon. His theme was "America for American Citizenship." He stressed the fact that the American people need a "physic of Americanism" in order that the American institutions as we know and understand them will forever remain American. He touched on the voting problem and stated that only through the power of the voters that the institutions that are American will remain American.



Pat Malone had one of his peanut scarmbles for the kiddies, famoun in Klan circles. Over 200 sacks of peanuts were used in the scarmble. Among the speakers on the afternoon program were Assemblyman Paul Riley, Chippewa Falls. Mrs. Ballard kleagle of the Women of the Klan, introduced Mrs. Sara~~h~~ Bellows, imperial representative, who spoke briefly on the part of women must play in the defense of the rights of citizenship. The Rev. Brown spoke on the Spirit of tht Klan, stating that the Klan was often misunderstood by those who did not investigate but were willing to take the word of others. Pat Malone also spole on the afternoon program. Following the talk by assemblyman Riley was a number by the Klan chorus which sang, " The Fiery Cross."

The celebration passed off with no disturbances. Chief of Police George R. Cook said no arrests were made and that there was no drunkenness. Considerable favorable comment ~~had~~ been heard concerning the way in which the vast crowd was handled, . . . .

At one place in the evening program Mr. Lindsey from the platform in front of the grandstand priased the courteous reception that had been accorded the Klan in Menomonie and spoke in complimentary terms of the city officials. He called fro the corwd to rise and give three cheers for Menomonie and Dunn county which they did with awill.

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## MONSTER CROWD ATTENDS KLAN CELEBRATION

A crowd that rivaled "the largest gathering ever witnessed in Ellsworth and which many claim exceeded that record, witnessed the first annual Klan celebration held here last Friday and Saturday.

Owing to the inclement weather of Friday there was not as large an attendance as expected, but the crowd numbered fully 4,000 people. The program opened with a salute to the flag and the singing of The Star Spangled Banner. The invocation was followed by an address of welcome and a speech by Dr. G. Alfred Brown. The Baldwin Band was on hand to furnish music, as was also a male quartet from Stillwater. Owing to the rain the ball game between Wisconsin and Minnesota Klans was called off. Pat Malone addressed the crowd following the dinner hour and Mrs. Sarah Belows, Imperial Representative, also spoke. The band and quartet furnished music at intervals throughout the afternoon. In the evening Pat Malone delivered another address and a splendid program of music was given. The play, "Harold, the Klansman," was presented both afternoon and night in an inclosure on the grounds.

The Klan had its official headquarters in the new Club Work Building. Saturday the weather was more pleasant and a crowd estimated at from 11,000 to 12,000 people attended the event.

The Menomonee Band was on hand to furnish music and the Stillwater quartet also rendered selections. Community singing and a solo by Mr. Hitchcock were features of the morning program.

In the afternoon a tug-of-war was staged between Klansmen from Goodhue and Pierce counties; the latter winning the event. In the pie eating contest for boys, Calvin Rice won the prize, Pat Malone again addressed the gathering, Mr. Ertel of Minneapolis sang several numbers and there were vaudeville acts and plenty of entertainment.

The Klan had charge of the dining hall and stands and fed the vast crowd in a capable manner.

The feature of the evening was the parade from the Fair Grounds to East Ellsworth and return. At the head of the parade was a big fellow, carrying a large flag. On each side walked a shorter man. Following was a squad of horsemen, all in regalia. Few, if any, were masked. The Menomonee Band was next in line, followed by a number of floats and squads of men and women on horseback and on foot. It is estimated that fully 700 took part in the parade. Floats carried the name of the town or county represented. Among these were Menomonee, Boyceville, River Falls, Ellsworth, St. Paul, Dunn county, Wis., and Washington, Goodhue and Wabasha counties in Minnesota. The feature float appeared to be "the little red schoolhouse." One float that attracted much attention depicted a minister marrying a white girl and a negro. This float carried the slogan, "we do not stand for this."

Those participating in the parade carried red and green banners on their return trip to the grounds and the effect was pleasing.

The festivities ended with a gorgeous display of fireworks, which rivaled anything ever presented here.

The best of order prevailed during the celebration, no trouble being encountered.

## TRAFFIC COUNT

The following traffic count was made at the intersection of highways

## Pierce County Teacher's Institute

There will be a two-day institute on August 24 and 25 in the Court House at Ellsworth. Grace A. Randall of Owatonna, Minnesota, will lecture on "Music" and "Projects." May M. Roach of Stevens Point will give work on "Language."

The evening of the 24th Miss Randall will give a lecture on "The Appreciation of Paintings," with slides. Anyone interested is welcome to attend this in the Court Room at the Court House.

The work given at this institute will benefit every teacher in this year's teaching. Teachers who will teach in rural schools, state graded schools and grades below high school in Pierce County this year are expected to attend both days. If schools are in session school boards are urged to give teachers the two days providing they attend the institute. Teachers who cannot attend, will please send a statement to that effect, signed by the school clerk. Charts will be kept of attendance.

## Cornelison Family Hold Re-Union

Last Sunday fifty relatives of the Cornelison family held their annual reunion and picnic near the "Old Spring" on the old homestead at Trimble where father, grandfather and great grandfather Cornelison have resided. The latter taking up his abode there in the year 1852 and residing there until his death in 1906.

It was a jolly reunion of relatives, some of whom had never seen each other before and none of them living more than one hundred and twenty-five miles from the meeting place.

They voted to hold their next reunion next August at Grand View, a place on highway 35 about a mile or two south of Holton, Wis., which overlooks the St. Croix river and the city of Stillwater.

The following poem was furnished by J. W. Cornelison for the occasion, several copies of which were distributed to relatives.

### Homeland

On the banks of the old Trimble  
We stand with thoughts anew,  
And memories of childhood days  
Bring us back to our love for you.  
Each ripple and old mossy stone  
Has a story that's never told,  
A message of homeland dreams  
More than our hearts can hold.

An echo of love that does entwine  
Our youth in its glory divine,  
The old stream and the bridge, round  
The bend,  
Will be to us as a shrine,  
Thy banks and lone shady nooks  
As lovers we strolled long the way  
That leads to the spring neath the  
hill,  
Oh time, bring us back to that day.

As pure as the waters that flowed  
Was the love in the stories we told  
told

And the murmur of thy silvery stream  
Goes on and on to the sea,  
We bring here today this message to  
you

As thy waters flow on to the sea,  
May they go on forever and carry a  
songs  
Of our hearts, glad tidings to thee.

## Bay City Trounces Prescott Again

The Bay City ball team took another game from Prescott Sunday by a score of 4 to 3. The game was well played throughout. Bay City clearly outthit their up-river rivals but several errors aided Prescott to score.

## EL PASO FARMER TAKES OWN LIFE

Worry over a land deal in which he had made arrangements to remove from a homestead where he had resided for more than 35 years, is thought to have brought on a spell of melancholia which resulted in Nels Bjornson, well known El Paso township farmer, taking his own life last Friday.

Bjornson's body was discovered in a barn on his farm at 10 o'clock Friday morning by his son. The unfortunate man had first swallowed a dose of paris green and had then hung himself with the trip rope of a hay fork. He had been dead but a short time when the son found his father's body.

Mr. Bjornson, who is about 60 years of age, had resided on his farm in El Paso for the past 35 years. He recently made a deal with Fred Langworthy, whereby he purchased the Langworthy farm of 140 acres, valued at \$15,000. The Bjornson farm was included in the trade deal.

After the papers had been drawn up Mr. Bjornson called at the office of the Polson Land Co. in Red Wing, the firm making the deal, and stated he could not bear to think of leaving his old farm. He asked if some arrangements could not be made whereby the deal could be called off.

Carl A. Polson, of the Polson Land Co., informed the HERALD on Monday that Mr. Bjornson was told that satisfactory arrangements could be made and that Mr. Bjornson was given 30 days in which to decide whether or not he cared to go through with the original deal.

Worry over the proposed change is thought to have brought on a temporary spell of despondency however and resulted in his suicide.

Coroner Hoyer was summoned and pronounced no inquest necessary, death being due to suicide.

Mr. Bjornson is survived by his wife and three children.

## PRESCOTT MAN DROWNS IN LAKE

The St. Croix river claimed a victim last Thursday night when George Schnell of Prescott was drowned in its waters. Schnell, a bachelor, 63 years of age, fell from a launch. The body was recovered in ten feet of water Friday.

With John Saxine, a companion, Schnell had been engaged in pulling driftwood out of the river. Completing their work they pulled for shore after dark. While Saxine was tying the boat to a tree he heard a splash. Schnell had evidently rocked the boat, lost his balance and tumbled into deep water. Saxine threw an oar to the man, but he disappeared in the darkening waters.

Coroner George Hoyer was summoned from this city and an inquest was held Saturday morning. Death was declared due to accidental drowning.

Schnell had no known relatives in this vicinity.

## Sunday "Bandeo" Draws Big Crowd

The "bandeo" given at the Fair Grounds Sunday by bands from El Paso, Hudson, Woodville and Ellsworth, was largely attended. It is estimated that fully 8,000 people heard the organizations.

The bands, all under the direction of James R. Penman of Hudson, furnished some mighty good music.

A feature of the event were the vocal solos by Mrs. W. H. Bittner with band accompaniment.

Mrs. Pearl Bowen, Republican candidate for the office of Secretary of State, addressed the gathering.

Born To Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Spriggle of Diamond Bluff Sunday, a daughter.

## Record and Herald Horn Tooters Tour With Badger State Editors

The Herald scribe, his son Stanley and Kenneth S. Close of the Ellsworth Record had the pleasure of joining members of the Wisconsin Press Association last Thursday on a tour of the central and northern parts of the Badger state.

It is the purpose of the Association to really "see Wisconsin first." This was the sixth summer trip made by the state scribes, many of whom had never been in the section visited. It is possible that a trip through our own part of the state will be made next summer.

The local delegation left Ellsworth Thursday morning in the Herald Willys Knight car going over highway 18. The only forced stop on the trip of over 700 miles was made just outside the village of Strum, where we picked up a nail and were forced to change tires. We made Neillsville for dinner and then went on to Wisconsin Rapids where the scribes gathered.

The Rapids proved by far the neatest and most progressive looking city on the entire trip. This city is in Wood county, the very central part of the state. Headquarters for the newspaper men was at the new Witter Hotel, a very fine hostelry. Here the Press Band, with W. H. Goldthorpe of Cuba City as director staged a short rehearsal and then gave a concert preceding the banquet.

Judging by the remarks of the toastmaster and various other speakers, following the spread, the Wisconsin Rapids people are real boosters for their city. The talk by County Agent R. A. Peterson, formerly of

as a further outlet for the milk. A number of factories have developed a special sweet cream trade. Whole milk is shipped to Milwaukee, Chicago and even as far as Florida. The industry returns approximately \$4,000,000 annually to Wood county farmers. The farmers believe in diversification, and supplement the dairy program with the production of hogs and of cash crops such as peas, beans, cabbage, etc., which find a ready market at the canneries.

We spent the night at the Rapids and Friday morning at 8 o'clock nearly fifty cars, filled with newspaper men and their families started for Medford. For miles the going was all on concrete. We were guests of the Medford Chamber of Commerce that noon and partook of the best meal of the trip, served in a big dance pavilion. The food was plain, of the best, and served in a hurry.

After dinner we were on to Park Falls to spend the night. Here a half game between Rhineland and Park Falls was the feature event of the trip. A banquet took place at the Commercial Club rooms. After this fine repast the Press Band joined with three other bands one from Butternut and two from Park Falls in a concert in the city park. Later the scribes and their families were given an opportunity of watching a wrestling match between a couple of real athletes and of attending an old time dance at the city hall or a modern dance at the pavilion. We spent a short time watching the square dancers do their stuff and then looked up



**Come and Hear Pat**

**MALONE**

**At the Opera House**

**BOYCEVILLE**

**REVIVAL**

**Inter  
Denominational**

**Non-  
Sectarian**

**MEETINGS**

**SUNDAY, APR. 17**

**Starting at 2:30**

Pat will be here with his gospel team, supervised by Rev. Hughes, and requests that all kiddies join his children choir.s

**Everybody Welcome**



Sisseton S.D. Oct 27th 1925.

Mr Robert R.Hull  
Nat.Cath .Bureau o,Inf.  
Huntington Ind.

Dear Sir:,

Your,s of Oct 15.25 .at

hand . Concerning this man :Pat Malone "whose real name is Arthur Malone I have sufficient information on hand to put him out again as I did before if the people and clergy down there at Wisconsin will give me a chance to meet him. But all the things I can put out against him in any audience are of such a nature that they have to be handled carefully and according to the circumstances. This man even though he has bills against his honesty in a number of places and has been affiliated with several abortion Doctors in Fake -Hospital stunts and had insinuating pictures taken of himself dressed as a priest and a young lady as a sister in positions of real immorality; and was the driving power behind the famous refusal of the Krueger boys at Withhee to enlist in the army and all the trouble caused there and the bloodshed resulting , this man who never passed ~~eg~~ even the 8th grade and does not know how to spell the word priest this man who was with Spurgeon in Iowa uñer the auspices of the Knights of Luther and got in a dirty mess \_\_\_&&& this man I say is held too high by the Menace group and is advised by pretty good attorneys. It would be dangerous to publish anything I have on hand as it might in a round about way lead to court and then they could get their chances to force me to bring stronger proofs than I can produce.

If this man is really doing the harm some people say he does the local clergy should give me a chance to put him out again as the Right Rev.Bishop of



LaCrosse I am informed did tell them at a confirmation meeting to do. (If I shall have another chance at him I will force the issue with the help of some officers of the law to that extent that we get enough on him to make his whole career public knowledge.) I handed all my documents over to Judge Parker of Madison, Wis. at the time of the Krueger trial at Withee and he told me that it was not wise to publish any of them but that if I ever would get another chance at Mr Arthur Malone they would be only to glad if they could be of any service to settle his long account. The office of Madison Wis. has been on his trail for years but were never able to get a cinch on him with sufficient evidence to put him before the bars. Judge Parker told me at the time that I should try to get hold of him in such a way that they could pinch the whole outfit behind him.

I certainly would like to be able to hand you the documents I have. But they were all given to me confidentially and hence I am sorry that I can only make oral use of the things the contain so as not to expose the original informants.

Your,s respectfully

*R. J. Schuster omi*

*Rev. R. J. Schuster, O.M.I.*



# TRUTH!

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Facts concerning the mob of Roman Catholic Women composed of the Catholic Guild of Hudson, Wis., that caused a disturbance at the residence of T. A. Disney.

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Sunday, at about 4 p. m., a large number of women representing themselves as connected with the Catholic Guild and headed by Mamie Murphy and Mrs. Jos. Miller visited the residence of Mr. T. A. Disney, where J. H. Neff and Dr. G. Alfred Brown, who are connected with the Ku Klux Klan, had rented rooms while they are holding their Big Klan Meetings at Northline, Wis. The purpose of the visit of the Catholic Guild was to force Mrs. Disney to put Mr. Neff and Dr. Brown out of their house at once; notwithstanding the fact that Mrs. Disney had just recovered slightly from a serious operation and is in very poor health, this committee or mob insisted on entering the house and threatening to use mob force in making J. H. Neff and Dr. Brown leave at once. So intense was their demands that the excitement was too much for Mrs. Disney, who is now in a serious condition from the shock. Mr. Neff was finally called downstairs and introduced to the leaders of the mob, Mrs. Miller and Mamie Murphy, who were very indignant in their demands that he vacate at once. Mr. Neff refused to leave the house on the grounds that he was an American Citizen in one of the States of the U. S. A. and as such he refused to budge on the asking of this Roman Catholic Mob. Mamie Murphy at this point raised her umbrella to strike him and was prevented by Mr. Disney who interfered. Due to the fact that the Roman Catholic Mob was inspired no doubt by someone higher up in authority, they lost all respect for Mrs. Disney. Out of respect and consideration for Mrs. Disney, Mr. Neff and Dr. Brown have taken up other quarters in Hudson and will continue with their meetings in the big tent at Northline, Wis.

These men who are representatives of the Ku Klux Klan, which has a large membership in and around Hudson, are emphatic in their statements that the Klan is composed of American Citizens who stand for law enforcement and free speech. This occurrence emphasises the need of such an organization in America. The Klan never has nor never will interfere with any person's rights to worship God as he so pleases; but stands unalterably opposed to the control of America or American Institutions by Alien Powers. These subjects will be discussed at length at the big tent at Northline all next week. Only Protestants are invited.

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**Wake Up, Protestant People!**  
Come and learn the truth of the Ku Klux Klan



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## LITTLE CHANCE OF UTILITY BILLS TO PASS

### Little Chance That Bills Which Passed Assembly Will Get By Senate.

by Senator Walter H. Hunt

The Senate is still working under a call which was put on Tuesday night. Except for the fact that all members present signed a gentlemen's agreement to return after going out for their meals, we would have been under lock and key for something like five days. Senator Casperson was absent and was unable to return until Friday morning. The purpose of the call was to bring all senators back to the Senate in order that a full vote might be had on the public utility bills. About eight of these bills were passed by the Assembly recently. The bills are now all up for consideration before the Senate. All day Tuesday and a part of Wednesday was given over to the discussion of the bills and then they were laid aside and the regular order of business was taken up pending the return of Senator Casperson. There is little prospect that the utility bills will pass the Senate. The Governor's forces are well lined up and are doggedly opposing any attempt to put across any of the measures which passed the Assembly by such a large majority. It was hoped for some time that at least one or two of these bills might be passed, but at this time it does not seem probable that any of them will weather the roll call of the Senate. The lobbyists of the big power companies who have come in here by the scores from Chicago, Milwaukee and other large cities, claim now that they have eighteen votes in their vest pockets. If this is true, and it probably is approximately true, it seems useless to continue the fight much longer. Progressive members, however, feel that a good strong fight should be put up on each one of these bills. The people back home are interested and it behooves their representatives to fight to the last ditch on bills which mean so much to the common people throughout the state. Whether or not a roll call will be reached on these bills by the middle of next week can not be determined at this time.

The Children's Code bill which has received so much attention, both in and out of the legislature, seems now sure to be passed by the Senate within the next day or two. This bill finally passed the Assembly by a majority of about two to one. It was strongly opposed at first by almost every county judge in Wisconsin. It was also opposed by many religious denominations. All of these forces, however, did the sensible thing. They sat down with the Children's Code committee, threshed out their differences and came to an agreement and the bill has been amended in such a way that all elements seem to be at least fairly well satisfied and almost nobody at this time is opposing the bill. The committee on Education and Public Welfare of the Senate held two public hearings last week and reported the bill to the senate unanimously for passage.

The University budget will be a bone of contention for some days to come in the Senate. That bill was reported by the Joint committee on Finance to the Assembly and was discussed in that body for several days and many amendments were offered. Most of the assembly amendments

## Brother of Mrs. Moen Injured in Crash

C. L. Bune, principal of schools at Downing and a brother of Mrs. S. E. Moen of this village, was quite badly injured in an automobile accident while driving from his summer home at Lake Elmo to the university. Mr. Bune was on the state highway when another machine came from a side road and crashed into his car which was driven into a bank and was badly smashed. Mr. Bune was picked up in an unconscious condition and rushed to a hospital where it was found that his back was injured. First reports were to the effect that the injuries were quite serious, but later reports are more favorable.

## Crowd of 2000 At Klan Picnic

The annual picnic staged by Ku Klux Klan chapter No. 89, took place at the fair grounds in this village last Sunday and was attended by a crowd estimated at 2,000 people. Besides the Pierce county delegation, many were also present from Red Wing, St. Paul, Menomonie and other points.

The ball game between Beldenville and Moeville was the feature of the morning program, the former team winning by a score of 10 to 6. A picnic dinner was served at noon, coffee being served free.

At 12:30 two hundred children were given free treats at the refreshment stands.

The afternoon program opened at 1:30 with community singing led by James Westaby of Menomonie. Mr. Westaby also delivered a sermon. This was followed by an address by Mrs. Anna Wilson, Imperial Kaliff of the women's organization of the Klan. At 5 o'clock Ralph M. Hammond, head officer of the state organization, arrived from Superior and delivered an address, outlining the program of the order for this year and next.

A program of sports and races completed the program.

### JOE LERCHER TO PLAY

Joe Lercher and his ladies' orchestra, which made such a big hit at the Fourth of July celebration at Ellsworth, will furnish music for the dance at Shady Brook Pavilion at Beldenville next Saturday night. Mgr. Heacox has been fortunate in securing this excellent organization which is one of the best in the Twin Cities.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bittner and H. F. Doolittle and son Stanley spent Sunday at Chippewa Falls.

The Loomis bill providing for a very large increase in state aid for high schools, has passed the Assembly by a substantial majority. The bill originally provided for a state aid of \$50 per pupil in high schools. The Joint Committee on Finance amended it so that the bill when it came to the Senate called for a state aid of \$35 per pupil in high school. On Thursday the Senate amended the bill by making it \$25 per pupil. The amendment just mentioned has been adopted by the Senate, but the bill as a whole has not yet been acted upon. Most all of the members are of the opinion that something should be done to help the weaker high schools of the state. The only difference seems to be to reach a plan which all members, or a majority of the members will agree to. The Loomis bill, however, as amended will probably pass the Senate and after it goes to the other house the Assembly will no doubt concur in the Senate amendment.

The big surprise was thrown into the Senate this morning when a joint

## Away From Home



## Mrs. A. H. Zechial Wins Prize For Careful Driving

### Six-Cylinder Cars Likely to Lead Fours In Production

Detroit, Aug. 31.—For the first time in the history of the automobile industry, six cylinder cars promise to lead the field in production this year, according to a survey by the Chevrolet Motor Company completed today. Up until this year four cylinder cars ranked first in annual production volume.

Comparative production figures for the first six months of this year are offered in support of the forecast. During this period there were produced approximately 1,900,000 sixes as compared with approximately 1,265,000 fours, an indication of what the total for the year is apt to be.

How the change comes about is illustrated in the survey. Chevrolet's manufacturing goal for the year is 1,350,000 cars. Chevrolet's change-over from a four to a six means a deduction of this enormous total from the four cylinder field and adds it to the six cylinder field.

How the automobile picture has changed almost overnight will be noted in an inspection of the 1928 showing. Last year when Chevrolet was producing a four cylinder car, four cylinder manufacturers built approximately 2,098,000 cars, with one large manufacturer of four cylinder cars on limited production due to model change, while six cylinder manufacturers were making 1,617,000 cars.

As it now stands the year 1929 should show approximately 3,000,000 six cylinder units as compared to only 2,250,000 four cylinder units.

Consequently this significant development, which will make the current year an epochal one in the annals of the automobile business, comes about chiefly as a result of the entrance of Chevrolet into the six cylinder field. In lay circles, this event is seen as a tribute to the automobile industry and the newest step which this gigantic business has taken in the direction of constantly offering its patrons more automobile per dollar.

Great volume production, coupled with expert direction in the engineering, manufacturing and selling branches of the business are given as reasons that are making it possible for the automobile industry to lead all others in giving the public the utmost for its money.

Ellsworth people will be interested in learning that Mrs. Zechial, wife of Rev. A. H. Zechial of Madison, formerly pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, was the first woman to win a prize in the Wisconsin State Journal's safe driver contest. The Madison paper says: Patrolman Fleming had a hard time deciding between her and R. D. Schneider for first honors, but finally awarded first prize to the man. Mrs. Zechial received a check for \$10 for her consideration for pedestrians and her skill in handling her car through traffic. We hope she proves to be an example to many of the opposite sex who think that only a man can drive a car with efficiency and safety.

The Journal goes on to say: Patrolman Fleming's attention was brought to Mrs. Zechial's machine Friday afternoon while she was driving up West Main street toward the square.

"The car bearing license number 120-317 C, a Ford sedan, approached from West Main street toward the square," The Journal's judge said. "I noticed it was being driven by a woman, so I watched it carefully."

"The driver, who proved to be Mrs. Zechial, was progressing at a moderate rate of speed. She reached the intersection at the same time a woman with three children was trying to cross. Mr. Zechial brought her machine to a dead stop and waited until they were entirely across the street. Then she proceeded northeast on Main and seemed to know exactly what she was doing. I think she is one of the best woman drivers I have ever seen."

Notified of her good fortune by The State Journal Friday, Mrs. Zechial said that winning the prize was a most pleasant surprise.

"I have driven a car for about 20 years now and have always tried to be careful and considerate of other persons," Mrs. Zechial explained. "And it gives me a great deal of satisfaction to be classed among Madison's safest drivers."

Mrs. Zechial's husband, the Rev. A. H. Zechial, holds a pastorate in the Cottage Grove Presbyterian church. He was the first to congratulate his wife on her careful driving.

## Youth Shot in Arm

Donald Kleth is carrying his arm in a sling as the result of the accidental discharge of a .22-calibre rifle. While at the Bert Collett farm near Ono Monday, Donald crawled into a wire



Oct. 2, 1928 and died Nov. 6, 1928, having been ill only a few days. He leaves to mourn his early departure, his father, mother, two sisters, Opal and Ruby, and one brother, Clyde.

Palmer Gerhart, a gift from Heaven, Was sent to us early one day, But God took him back to His Kingdom For He found him too good to stay.

He found his soul, so spotless No room for this evil of earth So He took him back to his kingdom Five weeks from the time of his birth.

**JULIUS LARSON**

Julius Larson, for many years a resident of Trimble, passed away Nov. 7th, death being attributed to heart failure.

Mr. Larson was born May 11, 1864 in Fladi Parish, Denmark. He came to this country Jan. 24, 1887 and settled at St. Paul. He came to Trimble 23 years ago. He was united in marriage to Hilda Hanson, August 30, 1905. He is survived by his wife and two children—Lawrence and Irene.

Funeral services were conducted Nov. 9th from the Bethel church of which he was a member.

**Seventy Voices in Choir to Sing Here**

Seventy students will blend their voices in a sacred concert to be given in the Community Hall on November 25 at 3 p. m. The choir is composed of students from St. Olaf College and sing every Sunday at St. John's Lutheran church of Northfield, Minnesota.

The exceptional feature of the concert will be the presence of Mrs. Gertrude Boe Overby, who has been the soloist of the St. Olaf Lutheran choir for several years, and who has sung often over the radio through station WCAL. She is probably the best soloist the St. Olaf choir has ever had.

St. John's Choir could in reality be called the second St. Olaf Choir, since its members are composed of the overflow from the famous choir. Only a limited number can sing in the St. Olaf choir, so the others are organized into what is called the St. John's Choir. Professor Overby, its director follows the same method of directing as Dr. F. Melius Christenson.

This community is especially fortunate to secure such a famous choir of seventy voices to sing here. The best way that a community can show that it appreciates the very best in music is to support this concert one hundred per cent. The concert is sponsored by the Young People's society of the English Lutheran church.

**Fred Freier Married**

Miss Stella Summers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Summers of Iron Mountain, Mich., and Fred C. Freier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Freier of Ellsworth township, were united in marriage at Norway, Mich., on Nov. 3rd, by Rev. Hughes.

The bride is a well known resident of Iron Mountain and a graduate of the public schools of that city.

The groom is a graduate of the Ellsworth High School and also of the River Falls Teachers' College. For the past three years he has been principal of the Golden Rule state graded school at Iron Mountain.

Fred's many Ellsworth friends join with the HERALD in extending congratulations and best wishes.

**THANK YOU**

I take this means of expressing my thanks to the voters for their support at the primary and general election.

Mrs. Mary Kjelstad.



**Next Health Center Thursday, Nov. 22**

The health center held regularly for Pierce county families is announced for Thursday, Nov. 22, in the court house, Ellsworth. The staff will include Dr. Margaret J. Hatfield and Florence Hoessly, R. N., both associated with the state board of health.

These centers are educational in nature only. Every case found in need of actual treatment is referred to the family physician or dentist. In many cases parental direction alone is sufficient to overcome unfavorable symptoms.

Much attention is given to the nutrition of the child. Some children are markedly undernourished, and not always are they among the financially poor. The causes may be many, but whatever the cause the fact of under-nutrition is a problem of importance. A marked variation from accepted standards of height and weight is a signal for finding the causes. In the child health conferences many of these have been discovered. Too much fussing about food, too much excitement, eating when fatigued, poorly functioning digestive organs, poorly balanced diet, too much or too little food, irregular eating habits, all are factors.

Parents bringing children to these centers are advised of the importance of well balanced meals at regular hours, of plenty of water to drink, of sufficient and regular sleep and rest, of sunlight and fresh air, of proper clothing, of good posture and deep breathing, of cultivation of poise in both parents and children.

The center is for any family in this area. Children up to 6 years are received.

**River Falls Normal Loses to LaCrosse**

The River Falls Teachers' College football team, still in the running for possible state championship honors last week because her goal line had not been crossed this season, went into a terrible slump Saturday at La Crosse and emerged from the game at the small end of a 12 to 6 score.

River Falls, primed to the minute the preceding Saturday, held the hard-driving Superior team to a scoreless tie. The team either slumped during the week or expected an easy game, for La Crosse, a team which Superior had beaten by a top heavy score, turned in a fairly easy win.

River Falls had a wonderful team this season—one of the best in her history—and the woeful finish is to be regretted.

River Falls High defeated Menomonie Saturday, 20 to 0.

**"Axel" is Back Again**

"Axel" is back. Many of our readers have informed us that they have missed, during the past few months, the weekly letter from "Axel Peterson." Your old friend is back this week and his letters will be a weekly feature in this paper for the next year at least. Axel gives you a post-mortem on the election as a starter.

**PROGRAM AND BASKET SOCIAL**

There will be a program and basket social at Donegal School Friday evening, November 16th. Ladies please bring baskets. Everybody welcome.

Mary Welch, Teacher.

Fresh Fish and Oysters at J. C. Haberman's Market.—ad.

**Surprised on Silver Wedding Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kraus were agreeably surprised last Sunday evening by about 150 relatives and friends who had gathered at St. Francis church hall in honor of their silver wedding anniversary.

The event was a complete surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Kraus who had been invited by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Haberman to attend a show in Red Wing. J. C. and his wife piloted the Kraus' directly to the church hall, instead and landed them in the center of an enthusiastic gathering.

A bounteous dinner was served and a program of speeches and music took place. A. J. Quinn acting as toastmaster. Talks were given by M. J. Quinn, Fr. Shanaghy, Jake Zimmerman of St. Paul and Wm. Gerke of Menomonie. Musical numbers were given by Miss Marie Kjelstad and Howard Kraus.

Mr. and Mrs. Kraus were presented with a purse of silver, a silver carving set and a silver sandwich tray.

Out of town guests attending the event were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gerke and daughters and son of Menomonie and Miss Millie Baenisch of St. Paul.

**Durand Man Arrested On Forgery Charge**

Wm. Coady of Durand, Wis., was arrested by Sheriff Kjelstad last Friday on a forgery charge. It is alleged that he raised a check issued to him by W. H. Seivwright, from two dollars to forty-two dollars.

In justice court here last Saturday afternoon he plead not guilty and gave a thousand dollar bond for his appearance for a hearing before the justice at 1:00 p. m. on November 24, 1928.

**Says He's "Old Batch" And Can't Pay Fine**

Wm. Hodge of Centerville was arrested by Game Warden Lawrence Hope last Saturday when Hope ran onto him trapping muskrats out of season, in Pierce county.

He was brought in to Justice Court here at 5:30 p. m. Saturday. Hodge plead guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of fifty dollars and costs of \$7.89, which he said he couldn't pay because he is an "old batch."

He was committed to the county jail until said fine and costs be paid or discharged, not exceeding ninety days.

The usual excuse, for not paying a fine, if any excuse is offered is that "they have a wife and family to support." Hodge sprung a new one.

**Klan Stages Parade**

Pierce county Klansmen celebrated the Republican victory on Wednesday night of last week with a parade through Ellsworth streets. There were several dozen automobiles in line, headed by an advance car flying a large American flag and a truck bearing a casket. A man stood at the head of the casket beating a drum. We understand the supposed casket held the "remains" of the Democratic candidate, Al Smith.

The procession wended its way to the Frank Anderson farm south of Ellsworth where a cross was burned and a bonfire lit.

This was the first Klan demonstration here in two years.

W. F. Anderson, Victor Halls and Ozmun Amundson were St. Paul visitors Saturday.

candidates running for president and vice-president. One ballot was marked for every candidate.

One voter was so wet that he tried to dry out a little by voting for both Smith and the Prohibition candidates. Two voters were no doubt so dissatisfied with all five candidates that they refused to vote for any one for President.

Five state, legislative and county ballots were cast without any marks of any kind upon them.

Seven persons admired both candidates for sheriff so well that they made crosses in the little squares opposite both of their names. There couldn't be any slight or partiality in that.

Two persons voted for both Isaac Lusk and Charles E. Hanson for the assembly.

Eight persons wanted both Hanson and Theodore Swanson in the Legislature at the same time, and made crosses in the square opposite both of their names.

One voter voted for John W. Reynolds and George Mensing for attorney general. The law only provides for one attorney general at a time, and we can not imagine what one would want two for unless it is to muss up the business of our state a little more than it is now.

The ballots described above were not counted for anyone, because the election officials could not determine from such markings whom the voters had wanted or intended to vote for. The entire ballot was not thrown out on account of these defects, all that part of these tickets that were marked so the election officials could determine the voters choice, were canvassed in the regular way.

It may be that some voter intended to cross off one name and cross on another but no one can say whether that was their intention or not.

If a voter wishes to mark out a name he should do so by drawing a heavy pencil line through the name he wishes to erase. The erasure of the name of a candidate that a voter does not wish to vote for is a good practice. It is likely to obviate an oversight by election officials.

Any one who does not understand fully how to vote should obtain one of the yellow sample ballots or cut the sample out of the local paper and have a trusted friend mark the sample for them as they may want it marked, and take the marked sample to the election booth and mark the official ballot the same as the sample.

**Waltonians Will Broadcast Saturday**

Vice-President Dawes will head a group of conservation speakers who will broadcast from Chicago over the National Broadcasting Co. system under the auspices of the Izaak Walton League of America next Saturday evening at 7 p. m., central standard time. Dr. Henry Ward, president of the league, will also speak.

The affair will formally launch a nation-wide program of expansion of the league and an arousing of the public to the need of conservation of outdoor resources and an upbuilding of recreational facilities, according to Ferd Doellner, general manager of the Waltonians.

**Dies At Osceola**

Mrs. G. G. Hillskotter of Osceola, mother of Mrs. A. J. Harlander of this village, died last Saturday at the age of 64 years. Deceased underwent an operation for goitre about a year ago and has suffered several paralytic strokes. Mrs. Harlander was at the bedside when her mother passed away.

Mr. Harlander and children attended the funeral which was held Tuesday at Osceola.

Ada Collett is home, recovering from an operation on her foot.

PCH, Nov 15, 1928



## Former Ottman Corners School Teachers and Students in Re-union

### Spring Lake Man Killed in Car Crash

Newton Aamodt, 26-year-old farmer living in the Town of Spring Lake, near Spring Valley, was instantly killed at about 11 o'clock Sunday night when his car overturned on a curve on county trunk M. in St. Croix county, about one and one-half miles north of New Centerville.

A friend, named Erickson, the only other passenger in the car, suffered two broken ribs and other injuries but will recover.

According to information given Coroner La Grandeur, who was called to the scene, the accident occurred when Aamodt applied his brakes near the curve and they failed to hold. The car is said to have been traveling at a fairly high rate of speed. The machine turned over in a ditch.

Dr. Conway of Spring Valley was called but he could do nothing to aid the young man.

Deceased was a brother of Miss Louise Aamodt who is employed as a nurse at the Ellsworth hospital. Miss Aamodt, returned Monday morning from her vacation trip to be confronted with the sad news of her brother's death.

### Public School Band Coming Along Fine

Ellsworth people were given a real surprise on Memorial Day when the newly organized Ellsworth Public School Band appeared in the line of march and rendered some music entirely pleasing to the ears. It is safe to say that each and every one in the crowd was mighty proud of the young musicians.

It is highly gratifying to state that the members of the band have been practicing faithfully during these hot days and are staging weekly rehearsals under the direction of Bandmaster Schmidt of Eau Claire.

The writer dropped in at band practice Monday afternoon and found the youngsters working on their first overture. Sounded pretty good, too. Mr. Schmidt is certainly bringing the band along in fine shape and, we believe, Ellsworth people are due for some more surprises in the way of public concerts before long.

### Drowned in Lake Pepin

Within sight of scores of people who lined the shore, G. P. Peterson, Lake City business man, drowned in Lake Pepin at Lake City Sunday afternoon. The man had been fishing but decided to go ashore after anchoring the launch out a ways because of the approaching storm. He started to swim ashore and suddenly called for help. There was no boat handy and persons on shore lost time in going to his assistance. Charley Sharpe, Bay City man, plunged in without removing his clothes and made a desperate attempt to reach the drowning man but failed. Other swimmers followed but they were too late. The body was recovered. Peterson was proprietor of a dry cleaning works. He leaves a widow and two children.

## Thrift and Savings

Judging by the ever increasing number of savings bank depositors, and stock and bond buyers, it would seem that the habit of saving has a very popular appeal. Yet saving can be popularized even more, to the great benefit of all of our people. Rightly planned saving grows to be fun. A young matron who before her marriage had been a spendthrift, began a

The second annual re-union of the Ottman Corner school was held at Powers Farm Sunday, July 27.

Early in the forenoon cars began arriving and by noon parking space had to be made in the field beyond the barns. At about one o'clock the guests partook of a bounteous picnic dinner, after which President Frank Nugent called the meeting to order and the following officers were elected for the coming year: President—Frank Nugent, secretary—Minnie Leonard, treasurer—Lester Bartlett, reporter for the Ellsworth Record—Mrs. Alfred Peterson, Herald reporter—Mrs. Bert Ottman. No committees were appointed.

Following the election of officers State Superintendent John Callahan, Ferris White, Michael Nugent, Cyril Bartlett, John Swanson, Earl Casperson, Peter Powers and Evelyn Thoner made short speeches on their school days, the two former as teachers, three others as members of the school board and the last three reminisced on their days as pupils. Earl Casperson telling how he and Pete Powers managed to have school dismissed when they were tired of the day's routine.

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### Attorney I. E. Magee Married Wednesday

Atty. Irwin E. Magee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Magee of this village, and Miss Helen Cremer, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. E. Cremer of Red Wing, were united in marriage at 6:30 Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents. They were attended by Miss Frances Cremer of Red Wing and A. L. Taylor of Merrill. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Phillips Garland of St. Paul before a number of relatives and friends of the combining parties.

The bride is a graduate of the Red Wing high school and of the La Crosse Teachers College and is well and favorably known in Ellsworth. She is a sister of Mrs. F. J. Putzier.

The groom is a member of the law firm of Casey & Magee and a graduate of the Ellsworth High School class of 1919, and of the class of 1925 of the University of Minnesota Law School. He has already established himself as one of the leading attorneys in this section of the state. Mr. Magee is also a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Ellsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Magee left immediately following the ceremony on a trip through the west after which they will be at home to their many friends at Ellsworth.

The HERALD joins in extending congratulations.

Choosing a spot near the graves of his parents in a cemetery at Huntington, near New Richmond, William T. McDonald, St. Paul attorney, took his own life Thursday afternoon by shooting himself with a revolver. A letter was found, addressed to his wife in which he professed to "end it all." Testimony heard at the coroner's inquest would indicate that the man had planned all the details of his death in advance. He was 68 years old.

**NEW RICHMOND CHAUTAUQUA BACKERS PAY \$25 EACH**  
New Richmond's \$1,250 chautauquau was given little or no patronage last week, says the Journal. The fifty backers handed over \$25 each to make up the guarantee and opened the program on Friday free to everyone. The New Richmond paper says the chautauquau was first class in every respect but a flop so far as the financial end was concerned.

### Baarley Has Thrilling Experience Sunday

Archie Baarley, local well known aviator, had a rather thrilling experience, and one which few would care to take, Sunday evening when the wind storm struck this section.

Baarley had been making passenger flights at Strum and was returning home in the face of the storm. He noted the threatening clouds and headed for the Hager City airport. Archie says he attempted to make a landing from a height of 1000 feet but the heavy wind simply shot the plane upward to an altitude of 3000 feet.

Baarley admits that he thought of a lot of things about that time, among others that his gasoline tank wasn't full by a long ways. He turned the ship and headed back in an effort to beat the storm. In this he was successful, landing the plane in a small field near Grange Hall. The landing proved difficult, not only because of the small field, but also because it was almost as dark as night.

Archie says he had just time to anchor the plane when the storm broke. Mr. Thompson, the man on whose field he had landed, came running over and grasped Baarley by the arm. Together they ran to a ditch and flung themselves down into it just as the storm swept over. A barn only a few rods away was blown down. The plane was not damaged.

Baarley secured some dry clothes at the farmhouse and secured a ride to Ellsworth. He went to Grange Hall Monday and took the plane to Hager City.

It was a thrilling experience and one which will not soon be forgotten by the local aviator.

### Langbeins Celebrate Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Langbein, well known residents of Ellsworth township, were pleasantly surprised last Sunday by a delegation of relatives and friends, the occasion being their 48th wedding anniversary.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Bontroth and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ballon, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Hoffman and family, B. Ballon, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Crawford and Miss Grace Langbein of St. Paul and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Krummel, Mrs. Barbara Krummel, Clyde Schultz, Mrs. Geo. Lantz, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bieslin, Jr., and daughter, Wm. Bieslin, Sr., Mrs. Mary Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Fink and family, Raymond Fink, Andrew Fink, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kraus and son, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Zarbock, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Myers and family and Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Johnson and family of Ellsworth.

Needless to say a bounteous dinner was served and a very pleasant time spent in visiting and renewing old acquaintances. In the evening the gathering dispersed, one and all wishing Mr. and Mrs. Langbein many more years of happy wedded life.

### Three Pay Fines In Justice Court

C. E. Hunter of Spring Valley who was arrested on July 19, charged with malicious injury to the Community Hall at Spring Valley and who plead not guilty on arraignment, changed his plea to that of guilty when his case was brought up for trial last Friday.

## Wind Storm Again Does Great Damage In Pierce County

### Storm Late Sunday Wrecks Several Silos--Barns and Sheds Damaged

The second destructive wind storm within six weeks struck sections of Pierce county late Sunday afternoon, causing a considerable amount of damage to buildings, crops and shade trees.

The storm followed a day of terrific heat and prior to the blow, which began at about 5:30, hardly a breath of air stirred. The storm was forecast by lowering clouds and many local people predicted a storm as destructive as the twister of June 13.

The storm broke with a terrific roar here in Ellsworth and lasted only a few minutes. The wind swept through the village uprooting shade trees and damaging gardens to an even greater extent than the June storm. Shade trees were blown down at the H. R. Huber, G. A. Fresse and I. O. Moon places on Chestnut street and along Grant street near Mark Sanderson's. At Jack Nelson's barber shop at East Ellsworth, the plate glass front was blown in. Damage is reported at the Edgar Butler barn and at the H. M. Young place.

The storm appears to have swept across the district in Trenton and Trimble hit by the storm in June although the damage was not as heavy. At the Henry Anderson place, where a new barn was being constructed to replace the one destroyed by the tornado, the frame was demolished. Da-

(continued on page four)

### Crowd of 2,500 Attends Klan Picnic

Weather threatening and hot did not stop the crowd attending the 4th annual picnic of Pierce Klan at the fair grounds Sunday. It was estimated that fully 2,500 people were in attendance.

The raising of the mammoth United States flag was a feature in the forenoon as it took considerable effort to raise a flag 104 feet long and some 40 feet wide, weighing around 600 pounds.

Many had picnic lunches at the noon hour. At 1:30 p.m. the program was held from the band stand where a program of music, recitations and speeches took place. The Nepple orchestra of St. Paul made a great hit—this organization has been heard by many over KSTP. The orchestra consists of the mother and three daughters.

H. C. Moore, grand dragon of Kentucky, gave a real oration on immigration problems, its good and its evil, also covering other views and conditions on Americanism at the present time. Ralph Hammond, grand dragon of the state of Wisconsin, also Mrs. Hunt, head of the women's organization, gave short addresses. There were also tug-o-war races, etc.

The refreshment stands did a thriving business, practically selling out completely. There were some over 220 kiddies given treats which helped make it a gala day for them.

All present were pleased and await the fifth annual Klan picnic to be held some time in 1931.

On Aug. 10, at Frank Anderson's farm the grand dragon of Texas will deliver an oration, and the public is invited.

—Contributed.

### Pollution is Killing Hundreds of Trout At River Falls

Lloyd Rice, who is attending summer school at the River Falls Teachers College reports that the pollution





A KU KLUX KLAN robe collected by a history seminar class at River Falls State college is modeled by Gordon Reeck, member of the group.

Pointing to the emblem is Walker Wyman, instructor. At left is Leon Morrison, who dug the robe out of an attic.

## STUDENTS RUMMAGE ATTICS—

# Ku Klux Klan Robes Sought

By DAYLE MALONEY

Special to the Pioneer Press  
RIVER FALLS, WIS. — Ku Klux Klan robes are in demand by a class of senior history students at River Falls State college.

The seminar group of 14 isn't planning to stage a revival of the Klan in this area. Instead, they want the robes as part of

a research project. Members of the class say the robes for which they are searching would probably have been used in western Wisconsin during the middle 1920s.

They have rummaged through attics, talked to oldtimers and scanned newspaper files in a nine-county area to gather information about the Klan. Each

student's main assignment is to write a paper on Klan activity around their home community during the 1920s.

Other objects in the class' search are record books, posters and pamphlets. The students plan to preserve such items in the college's historical collection.

So far they have just one robe for the collection. Finder of the prize was Leon Morrison of Ellsworth, Wis. "I just happened to run across a former member who had one stuck away in his attic," Moss Morrison said. "I had been trying to find one since December and was almost ready to give up when I hit the jackpot."

Some reports say there apparently were thousands of the white-robed Klansmen in western Wisconsin. "But it seems like most of them have thrown their robes away or cut them up for sheets," said Dr. Walker Wyman, instructor of the seminar.

"It would be a shame if some of these can't be located and kept for historical purposes," he added.

The students also have attempted to trace the activities of Pat Malone, national Klan organizer who worked in this part of Wisconsin. But the students say it is harder to follow the tracks of Malone than to hunt down the elusive robes.

Tracing Klan activities was chosen by the students as a class project. And, although the group picks a different topic each term, this is the first time it has worked as a unit on one subject.

Dr. Wyman said the Klan is the most unusual topic ever chosen by the seminar. "The project started slow," he said. "But activity has certainly hit a peak in the last two weeks. These students are bound and determined to find some robes for the collection."



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March 2, 1960

Attorney Willis Donley  
Menomonie  
Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Donley:

During the winter quarter the senior seminar in history has been studying the Klu Klux Klan of the 1920's in Wisconsin. Each student has been studying the Klan in his own community. Two young men, James Schlough and William Clark, have been studying the Klan in the Boyceville-Menomonie-Downing area. These students are seeking Klan records such as the books of secretaries and treasurers but, to date, have not found anything. They have also sought Klan robes and have found one outfit for an adult and one for a child which will be put in the college regional materials room. They have also found a few books that were sold at Klan meetings.

After the story of the history seminar appeared in last Sunday's Pioneer Press, John Halls of Ellsworth called me to suggest that the students interview you. He said that you had talked on Pat Malone and the Klan for some time in his presence. The purpose of this letter is to ascertain whether you would permit James Schlough and William Clark to come to your office at your convenience and interview you on this matter, or to see if you might come over to the college sometime and talk to the seminar group on this subject. I hope that we can find a way to get your contribution to the Klan subject as we want to file all of this information in the college library for permanent safekeeping.

Sincerely yours,

Walker D. Wyman  
Professor of History

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Menomonie, Wis.

Leon Morrison

Dear Sir:-

I saw in the St Paul paper  
you are trying to get some information on  
the K. K. K. I have quite a lot of  
Klan stuff, If you are interested write

Frank L. Stewart -  
Menomonie, Wis.  
Route no. 1.



March 31, 1960

Mr. Frank L. Stewart  
Route 1  
Menomonie, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Last week Leon Morrison gave me the letter you had written about the Klu Klux Klan. He completed his college work at the end of the winter quarter and so is not in school now. He asked me if I would write you and tell you about our interest in finding record books, scrap books, secretaries' minutes and other documents used by the Klu Klux Klan.

You stated that you have a lot of Klan things and you invited some of us to contact you. I have spoken to two students who live in the area north of Menomonie and they will try to see you within the next few weeks. They are William Clark who lives on a farm near Boyceville and James Schlough who lives a little farther north. Both of these boys have been studying the Klu Klux Klan and would be very happy to talk about it with you. Any kindness that you can show them will be appreciated by the college. We are trying to collect Klan things and put the collection in a safekeeping place in the college library. We appreciate your willingness to help.

Sincerely yours,

Walker D. Wyman  
Professor of History

WDW:tf



K. K. K. in Ellsworth

John Hells

Telephone

Feb 28, 1960

His father, ed. of Ellsworth Record, refused to join Klan. Pat Wolave tried, threatened to blackball his paper among KKK members, but never had much effect.

Editor Hells and 3 Catholics (who feared to go as first) went to KKK meeting out of Ellsworth a way, took bag of nails, tacks, and many KKK membership flat tires on way home. John Hells says he still reminds local KKK members of this incident.

Pat Wolave bought car in Ellsworth, got KKK members to go on note, and then never paid it.

Willis Darley of Thevaranie talked for an hour at Pat Wolave in presence of John Hells.



Wis. State Journal

Mormon Attack  
Wis. Clan

Oct 18, 1921

Chippewa Falls, W.I.

Charles F. Wheeler, past  
grand master of Modern Mormons  
issued a declaration of war  
on the K.K.K. Wm F  
Wheeler of Chippewa Falls said  
K.K.K. contrary to Mormonic  
principles.

26th  
Nov



Wis - 57 Journal

Oct 15, 1921

# Racine Farmer Intimidated 1921

"Gov. John J. Blaine late Monday took a hard look in the alleged outrages committed against John H. Baker, a Racine county farmer, by the Ku Klux Klan. The governor called up the Racine sheriff and offered the assistance of the state, if necessary. Sheriff Nate James informed the governor, however, he would like to handle the situation.

"Sheriff James and deputies are working in the case and will give Baker and his family every protection.

"That there is an organization of the Ku Klux Klan in Racine County, authorities appear certain. Baker is in intention to sell his farm of 72 acres, for which he could get \$170 an acre and was offered but \$160, may have caused some persons to attempt to frighten him into selling the farm at the lower figure."

Orey



friend will watch tonight  
for a return of the strangers."



Wis. News  
Oct. 15/31

"Investigation into the alleged existence of a Ku Klux Klan organization in Racine county, following the visit of five hooded strangers to the farm of John H. Miller Jr. Sunday night, will be directed by Sheriff Nate James."

"They demanded he leave the place <sup>(near Colemans)</sup> by Oct. 25 - or suffer the penalty..."

"According to Miller's story, he was milking Sunday night when an automobile drove up and he was accosted by one of five men. The occupants of the car were gone and their heads were hooded..."

"Miller, who is a prominent farmer, took his wife and three children to the farm of his father and will stay away. He will not return until the matter has been cleared, he said. Neighbors spread to form a guard about the place."

"... a band of armed



67<sup>th</sup> Cong. 1st Sess. H. Res. 191

Sept 28, 1921

Whereas the press reports set forth that the Ku Klux Klan have organized a campaign against selected groups of American citizens, reviving a tradition of sectarian and cowardly violence and lawlessness; and

... is un-American in its spirit and as a necessary incident of its existence issues propaganda of religious bigotry and racial hatred; Therefore be it

Resolved: That a committee be appointed to investigate the activities of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan ...

Resolved further, That the necessary action be taken by the House of Representatives ... to order an examination of the financial condition



of the said Knights of the  
Ku Klux Klan...



PT. I Clipping  
Cap. Times,  
Sept. 12, 1921

Foreman in Attack on Klan

Shawano, Wis.

He said that "any organization that has for its purpose the inciting of racial or religious prejudice and intolerance is a cancerous ulcer, eating into the vital of our nation, and destroying the ends of government."

He said that these inviolable governments "sometimes engaged in night-riding, in dragging men and women from their homes, in committing violence, in attempting to intimidate public officials, and in despoiling the flag which protects them."

"We had too much of this riding of the people during the war," he asserted.

"Every act of violence was a poisonous thrust at democracy."



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Milwaukee Journal

Oct. 16, 1922

" 1,200 Applaud  
Klan "Speaker" in Milwaukee

" With 25 hooded, white-sheeted members of the Milwaukee Chapter of the Ku Klux Klan seated on the stage in the Auditorium Thursday night, the Rev. C. Lewis Fowler, faculty member of the Klan's James University at Atlanta, Ga., took the platform and in a vehement, impassioned speech, kept an audience of about 1,200 applauding him.

" Dr. Fowler... made a defense of the Klan and its object and spent the remainder of his time in denouncing the Catholics, the Jews and the Negroes....

" Oh, my friends, the time has come for a reckoning with the priest hood in America. We are ready for them and nothing can stop us now.

" We shall tear off the mask and show the truth. We shall go into the monasteries and the nunneries and



show the death that exists there  
and we shall rescue the  
thousands of girls, Protestants  
as well as of other faiths, sent  
to these so-called schools  
of correction and forced to lead  
a living death.

" . . . . There was a girl, a little  
girl, assigned by a judge in a  
certain city to one of the schools  
of correction. She went there  
when very small. They put  
her to work in a laundry. We  
heard of this case and we  
rescued her — at the age  
of 33. She was in dense  
ignorance, all that she knew  
was the treadmill of that  
house of living death.

" That girl, in America,  
is legion. Her crime is comparable  
with that crime. . . .

" Every lie you see in  
the press is born in the brain  
of a Catholic priest. . . .

" . . . . Our program is an  
American one. Here it is:

' First, we have established  
a great American movement,  
for the proper education of  
Americans.



1922

Unlwaunkees Lodge

Klan Begins in Minneapolis Sep 19/1922

"

Minneapolis. The first ritual of the Ku Klux Klan in the northwest was witnessed by newspapermen from a distance last night.

Members of the Klan in white robes and high peaked head pieces, more than 1,000 strong, went through the spooky rites of the order initiating 100 candidates."



The Ku Klux Klan  
Robert De Silver  
Am. Civ. League  
Clipping 117.1

Cost -

\$10 membership  
6.50 for regalia worth  
\$2

The cartoon has a Klansman  
saying

"Come pay \$10 to join the  
Klansman. Then pay \$6.50 for a  
regalia worth \$2 then  
you can whip and tar  
and feather the people  
you fear or dislike."



Captives Mar 27

Pat Malone

Beato Co. Court, <sup>had</sup> sentenced him to jail on a slander charge for an year - charged Father Peter J. Sweeney with perjury & father of illegitimate children in Mandana.

Reversed by Wis. Supreme Court remanded back for new trial by Judge Walter C. Owen. Reversed on account of technical errors in procedure.

Decree Mar 5/27.

Neil Grund, Apr 5/27

Malone had been convicted last September in Beato on charge of criminal slander preferred by a priest.

Tried again in Marinette, found guilty by Judge W. B. Grundan, fined \$100 and costs of first trial.

He said "he was through with the Ku Klux Klan forever, said Sweeney



Chase. He feels he was made  
the goat in the matter  
by the Klan and he  
stated he will now proceed  
to make some startling  
exposures of the Klan."



" Second, we will maintain a lecture bureau so that the truth may be told. We shall bring some of the best minds in America to the platform.

" Third, we shall maintain a national publishing house already established, for the purpose of flooding the country with books and literature telling the real truth.

" Fourth, we will censor every book that goes into the public schools so that the poisonous lies may be kept from the minds of our children. That is my job. And we shall require every school teacher in America to take an oath to support the Constitution and the flag — or get out."

He paid 1,000 candles to be initiated at Lake Umbagog in a field 15 miles of Melrose.

[ Found in Modern P.M. 1922 ]  
See Captivity, Oct. 11, 1922



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Cop Times, Feb. 11  
1927  
Clipping, p. 2

Klan took over  
William From Members in  
State; focus are now  
quitting."

Rev. Dr. Woodward, former  
Klan candidate for U.S. Senate  
is now organizing the Knights of  
Caucasian Protestantism and  
the Independent Klan. Sept  
for a few Fox River units, the  
former Klan membership  
has shown little enthusiasm  
for this rival organization.

In City in Wis., KKK  
hosted a M from people,  
and gave back "a few  
hundred dollars worth of  
regalia and many tons of  
love and intolerance."

KKK claims 50,000  
Wisconsin members, and  
about 15,000 robes and  
other regalia were sold  
of \$90,000. "No Klan  
meeting was canceled without  
its collection or admission  
charge, which drops the  
grand total extracted from  
its members well over



the million dollar work. ...

Chas. Lewis, former Grand  
Master, paid \$6.00 a  
year, plus expenses.

"The majority of paid  
workers were imported from  
Indiana and Michigan and  
since stripping the state of  
the log money and sawing  
the dragon's teeth of hope  
have now departed to other  
fields, leaving behind in-  
solvent and bankrupt  
blowouts.

"The present Grand Master  
is in deep water & Ralph  
Hammond J. Hamlin admitted  
taking money from a large corporation  
for political purposes and not  
reporting it to the Secretary  
of State as required by law,  
his name being called upon  
for <sup>the</sup> membership for ex-  
planations. ...



Wis. News, Dec. 18

1926

Pierce Co. Sheriff \ Clipping, No. 2.

"Francis H. Baker, 'Ku Klux Klan' sheriff of Pierce County, found guilty of 'neglect of duty and official misconduct' by Gov. John J. Blaine, will seek vindication before the state supreme court, he announced at his home in Ellsworth.

"Trouble arose when Sheriff Baker is alleged to have sided with the Klan in a controversy with the American Legion at Ellsworth on Sept. 16 according to Fred M. Wylie, special counsel named by the governor to probe the affair.

"Both Gov. Blaine and Sheriff Baker will go out of office in a few days. Had the time not been so short the governor announced he would have removed Sheriff Baker.



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Milwaukee Leader, Sept 9, 1922

Wis. News, Oct 6, 1922



Bob Davis  
Feb. 29, 1960

Specimens of K.K.K. To Dennis in  
1952-3  
in South

Purpose: To prevent integration

Operations:

Action vs Whites who violated  
White - Negro relationships. Never  
bothered Jewish storekeeper or Catholic.

Example: Husband and wife, with  
child; husband goes out with another  
woman, wife with another man. K.K.K.  
shot radio, + son hurt. Took husband  
& wife to swamp. Strapped them.  
No Negro involved. It would  
punish both Negro & White.

Uniform

Paper faces + cheap goods  
Drum

Grew after 1951. Marched  
through Darlington, S.C. singing  
"Overland Christmas Soldier"

At meeting, attack Yankees +  
pro-Negro followers.

Witnesses disappeared:

One went on a vacation for a  
year, tavern keeper and  
wife were shot to death  
in C. Car.



Violence so great & numerous  
in South that they held up  
Gardner west & returns.



Source: Balsam Lake.

July 1960  
Mar. 7/60

Ed. Husband, Balsam Lake

Former editor of paper,  
was in charge of the County  
Hist. Soc.

Was a Klansman, and an  
organizer in 1920's.



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Klan two affidavits saw...

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in Wis. Cap. Times, Oct. 18, 1926



Clippings: Ku Klux Klan  
Part I

"A Decided Change  
in Tone" Leg. Reference Lab.

Cap. Times, Sept 10, 1921

"A distinct change in tone seems to be coming over the press of the state in its treatment of the Ku Klux Klan.

"The Milwaukee Journal is now running a series of articles appearing in the New York World exposing the Klan and showing some of its inside workings.

For an editorial on Aug. 27  
The Press said:

Gov. Blaine has been asked by citizens of Milwaukee to use his office in an effort to prevent the growth of the Ku Klux Klan in Wisconsin. To request would not be an unreasonable one, but for the fact that the governor is asked to prepare and sign a proclamation declaring the organization unlawful and that all who become members are to be treated as outlaws.

"There may or may not



be a branch of this organization in Wisconsin. That is a matter to be ascertained, and in the meantime the Governor will be showing proper respect for the law by refusing the request of the Milwaukeeans. Wisconsin is big enough to cope with any organization, and is too big to throw suspicion about any of her people without first ascertaining if an unlawful act has been committed.... Gov. Blaine it was ascertained this morning told the committee that he would not sign any such a proclamation and would take no part in the situation until an overt act had been committed. Good for Gov. Blaine....



K K K

Membership List

Owned by estate of  
~~Magie~~ in  
Prescott.



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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
MADISON, WISCONSIN

JOHN W. REYNOLDS  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

January 26, 1960

Dear Walker:

Thank you very much for your letter dated January 12th; it was certainly good to hear from you.

In response to your question about the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, we have assembled some information which should be useful.

The articles of incorporation when first submitted to the Secretary of State were disapproved based on the opinion of the Attorney General. A copy of that opinion is enclosed. The articles were apparently revised, resubmitted and accepted on November 27, 1925 and a copy of those articles are enclosed also.

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan were dissolved December 11, 1946 in the Circuit Court of Dane County in an action brought by the Attorney General.

Through my checking on this I have learned that the Legislative Reference Library has some newspaper clippings on this organization in case you are interested in any further research.

Best personal regards and please be sure to come in to see me when you get to Madison.

Sincerely yours,

*John W. Reynolds*

Walker D. Wyman  
Wisconsin State College  
River Falls, Wisconsin

*make your son & am glad to  
know that there is to be the new editor of  
the Cardinal*

*Articles of Incorp.  
Ku Klux Klan of Wis*

*Walker D. Wyman Papers*

*Correspondence  
1960, Jan. - 1962, Jan.*

*1960 Jan - Sept*

*River Falls  
Miss  
R*

*Box 10*



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# OFFICE OF REGISTER OF DEEDS

I, Phil C. Westfahl, Register of Deeds of Milwaukee

County, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that a duly certified copy of the original articles of organization of

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Wisconsin,

a corporation located in said Milwaukee county, which articles

had attached a certificate of the Secretary of State of Wisconsin, showing that such articles were accepted

and filed in the Department of State, was on the 28th day of November, 1925,

duly left and filed for record in my office.

Witness my hand and official seal this 28th day of November, 1925.

(Seal)

*Phillip C. Westfahl*  
Register of Deeds

Milwaukee County, Wis.

brotherhood under a common oath to cultivate and promote patri-  
otism towards our national government; to practice an honor-  
able cleanliness towards each other; to exemplify a practical  
benevolence; to shield the sanctity of the home and the chastity  
of womanhood; to teach and inculcate a high spiritual philosophy;



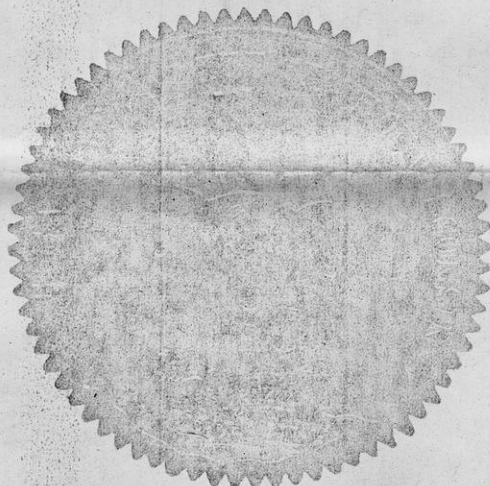


TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I, ROBERT C. ZIMMERMAN, *Secretary of State of the State of Wisconsin and Keeper of the Great Seal thereof*, do hereby certify that the annexed photostat copy of Articles of Incorporation and Dissolution by Court Order of

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF WISCONSIN

*has been compared by me with the record on file in this Department and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such record; that I am the legal custodian of such record, and that this certification is in due form.*



*In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State at the Capitol, in the City of Madison, this*

*25th day of January, A. D. 19 60*

*Robert C. Zimmerman*  
ROBERT C. ZIMMERMAN, *Secretary of State*



April 20, 1935

Honorable Fred R. Zimmerman  
Secretary of State  
C A P I T O L

Dear Sir:

You submit the articles of incorporation of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Wisconsin, which have been presented to your office for filing. You inquire whether there is any legal reason why these articles should not be filed.

Article V provides as follows:

"Said corporation shall be subordinate to, and a subsidiary of, the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Georgia, and shall be known as a Realm under the system of organization of said last named corporation; said Realm shall be divided into Provinces and Klans, a Province being any major division of said Realm, and a Klan being a local subordinate lodge or organization; and the constitution, laws, rules and regulations of the corporation last above named are adopted for the organization, conduct and control of said Realm, Provinces and Klans."

It appears by the above article that the proposed corporation is to be "subordinate to and a subsidiary of" a corporation by similar name existing under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Georgia. This is a most unusual statement in the case of a nonstock organization. It appears clear that such a corporation cannot be organized under the laws of this state as a subsidiary of a foreign corporation. It must have been within the contemplation of the framers of the Wisconsin statutes that the members of a nonstock corporation in this state should elect the officers and control the corporation, something which is evidently intended to be prohibited or at least restricted by article V as drawn.

*Articles of incorp.  
for the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Wis.*

*File in [unclear]*

*1935-1965*



Under our form of government, the state is the sovereign and is supreme, and the corporation exists as an entity only as a child of the state. When the state creates a corporation as a new entity, it thereby delegates a part of its sovereignty, and it cannot be presumed that it would so delegate a part of its sovereignty to be controlled by any outside authority, except the federal government, to the extent of the powers conferred upon the federal government.

Furthermore, article VII provides as follows:

"The first meeting of this corporation shall be held on the 29th day of May, A. D. 1925."

The statutes require, in case of a corporation formed without capital stock, that

"the articles shall fix the time and place for the first meeting for the election of officers." Sec. 180.02 (7).

You are, therefore, advised that the articles submitted are not entitled to filing in your office.

Very truly yours,

Herman L. Ekern  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

CAE: LF  
HLE

Caption: Articles of incorporation submitted to secretary of state for filing disapproved.



"We fight not for glory nor for  
wealth nor for honor, but only  
and alone for freedom, which no  
good man surrenders but with  
his life."—SCOTTISH CLANS, 1320

IN GOD WE TRUST

"Through these portals do mem-  
bership pass the future guar-  
dians of American Liberty and  
Security"



IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS

POST OFFICE BOX 596

ATLANTA 1. GA.

March 15 1960

Mr James Schbugh  
107 Stratton  
River Falls, Wis.

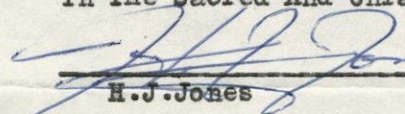
Dear Friend Schbugh:

Your good letter has been received by this office and appreciated, it is always refrshing to hear from the real Americans of this great Nation of ours, Yes Brother Schbugh we will have Kleagles in your State within the next 90 days, but in the meantime I suggest that you accept a Kleagles (Organizers) Commission and start organizeing your area now, I feel sure that with the help of the other good people of River Falls you can set up a great unit in a very short time, if this proposal meets with your approval please advise me of same and I will mail your Commission and other paraphernalia which you will need in Organizeing.

I am enclosing our application for you to fill out and return to this office for approval, in closing let me again thank you for your most timely letter, I know that with good men like yourself to assist us we can soon return our Government back to the people that it rightfully belongs to, let me hear from you.

Yours

In The Sacred And Unfailing Bond

  
Imperial Wizard  
H.J. Jones







## APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP

## Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

INCORPORATED

THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE



To His Majesty the Imperial Wizard, Emperor of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan:

I, the undersigned, a native born, true and loyal citizen of the United States of America, being a white male Gentile person of temperate habits, sound in mind and a believer in the tenets of the Christian religion, the maintenance of White Supremacy and the principles of a "pure Americanism," do most respectfully apply for membership in the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan through Klan

No. \_\_\_\_\_, Realm of WISCONSIN

I guarantee on my honor to conform strictly to all rules and requirements regulating my "naturalization" and the continuance of my membership, and at all times a strict and loyal obedience to your constitutional authority and the constitution and laws of the fraternity, not in conflict with the constitution and constitutional laws of the United States of America and the states thereof. If I prove untrue as a Klansman I will willingly accept as my portion whatever penalty your authority may impose.

The required "klectokon" accompanies this application.

Endorsed by \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant

Kl H.J. Jones (Imperial Wizard) St. or R.F.D. No. 107 STRATTONKl \_\_\_\_\_ City RIVER FALLS State WIS

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

The person securing this application must sign on top line above. NOTICE—Check the address to which mail may be sent.

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## Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

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and same is accepted as such and as full sum of "KLECTOKON" entitling him to be received, on the acceptance of his application, under the laws, regulations and requirements of the Order, duly naturalized and to have and to hold all the rights, titles, honors and protection as a citizen of the Invisible Empire. He enters

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Klan No. ...., Realm of .....

....., 19 .....

This applicant was duly naturalized by same,

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I certify the above to be correct.

Signed ..... Kligrapp

Klan No. ...., Realm of .....



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Walter & Theron Clough, had in their employ in The Ford Garage which they owned, two Catholics. Benjamin Shramske, (he later became Village Postmaster) now deceased, & William Northrop also deceased. In spite of Klan's aims no apparent friction was in evidence between the Clough's employees (Catholic) although they, the Clough's, were staunch Klan members. [Bob Johnson]

The Blodgettes & Hallie Labaree kept at my brother to join the Klan [Elmer Johnson] He became so disgusted by their constant asking, they would talk to him in the fields etc. He once came home & told our parents that he would like to sell out & leave. [Anna Halvorson]

There was a women's auxiliary & a Junior KKK group. [Robert Johnson]

We drove over to Cornell for a big parade in my old Reo [Robert Johnson] The party included John Brewer, Calvin Clough and Alex [Alexander Johnson brother] & I. The car broke down we had to go to Eau Claire the next day for a bearing.

Nick Norton, from the town of Sherman asked me to join. [Robert Johnson]

There was a big ceremony when I joined [laughing embarrassedly] That's been over 30 years ago I have forgotten we've put it out of our minds I couldn't tell you about it. [Robert Johnson]







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Meetings were very orderly  
 Evangelistic type meeting  
 sang songs - hymns  
 opened with Onward Christian Soldiers  
 said Lord's Prayer Malone spoke  
 sometimes there were other  
 speakers. [MRS. DON DONAHUE]

Members

Roy Taylor  
 Bill Dougherty  
 Hayden  
 Larson

Anti-Klan

Elizabeth Burch

Persons interviewed 1/22/60

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## Flaming Cross Is Burned Wednesday On Anderson Hill

Monster Cross Is Visible For  
20 Miles, Presenting A  
Unique Sight.

December 5 — 1924

Appearing as though it was burning high up in the southeastern skies, a monster cross was burned last week on Wednesday evening on the Anderson hill southeast of town.

Residents of the city and community first noticed the flaming cross about ten o'clock that evening. Measurements made later of the cross proved it to be forty-two foot in height with a twelve-foot cross-bar. Erected on what is considered the highest point in three counties, the burning cross was visible for twenty miles in all directions.

Although secrecy is associated with the display of the fiery cross about a hundred men from this city and community ascended the steep hill Wednesday evening, supervising its erection and burning. The Ku Klux Klan is said to have nearly a thousand members in this section of the county and elsewhere in the county similar crosses were also burned from hill tops.

The monster cross, framed against a dark southern sky, with flames leaping fifty foot skyward, was the Klan's symbol that it was endeavoring to maintain that Puritan Spirit of 1621.







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Picture Of Old Meeting Place Of Klan

MARCH 10, 1958



The Klu Klux Klan, active in and around Boyceville during the period of 1924 to 1927, used to have a meeting place on the second story of Peterson's Market—then the Daigneau Store Co. Bill Clark, local historian, gave us the tip on the paintings still remaining on the walls, so we snapped this picture of them. The best guess as to the number of local members, seems to be about 100 and they would travel to Menomonie, Wheeler, and the Teegarden Woods, to join other hooded members. We can remember seeing a cross being burned on Anderson's Hill, just back of the present Boyceville Speedway, and this action was about the only public thing they performed. Their dislikes seemed to be one religious group and the temperance angle was fitted in to some degree. Fellow by the name of Malone was the "big noise" and when he ran out of gas, the movement seemed to peter out.



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## Klan Damage Suit Will Be Tried This Month

Hudson All Stirred Up Over The Sensational Case; 11 Men Will Be Tried.

SEPT 3 — 1926

Hudson, Wis.,—The rift which was torn in this community last June with the coming of the Ku Klux Klan meeting and the subsequent destruction of the klan meeting tent and prosecution of a Catholic priest and 13 of his parishioners for it, is growing.

Although no open hostility has taken place since the preliminary hearing at which charges against Rev. Father Peter Rice, the priest, and two others were dismissed and 11 of the other defendants held to the Circuit Court, both sides in the conflict here are quietly preparing for the climax of the fray, which is expected the last week in September.

No action has been taken as yet with regard to the actual tent destruction, but Ray Twining, Milwaukee attorney retained by the klan, has notified at least 50 men and women in Hudson, who visited the klan meeting grounds the night of the tent burning, that he will file civil suit against them for damages in connection with the tent burning.

SEPT 12 1926  
A Klan meeting was held at the Boyceville opera house Wednesday evening. A large number of ladies joined the Auxiliary.

The city was deserted Wednesday evening when practically the entire male population attended a Ku Klux Klan meeting in the Perry Day woods northeast of town.  
MAY 16 1926



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## Ku Klux Klan Demonstration At Menomonie

Klan Will Stage Celebration At  
Fair Grounds—Officials Ex-  
pect 25,000 Visitors.

**JULY 2 — 1926**

The Ku Klux Klan of Dunn County are going to hold the largest demonstration ever held in the northwest, at the Fair Grounds, in the City of Menomonie on the fifth day of July. Plans are now being formulated to handle about 25,000 visitors from the neighboring counties and from part of Minnesota. The Klan officials have received word from the officers of other county units and are under the impression that there will be approximately 10,000 Klansmen, Juniors Klanswomen, and TriKs in the Parade. There will be many colorful floats in the parade exemplifying the different periods of history. fife and drum corps, bugle corps, teams, and hundreds of marching robed figures. The Fireworks display, according to the report from the Fireworks Company will be the largest and best display ever seen in the Northwest. The Naturalization Ceremony will be the largest ever held the officials believe, in the state of Wisconsin, for the Klan has been holding a revival meeting with Pat Malone, one of the foremost lecturers on the platform for the Klan, during the past three weeks; this revival will continue through the Fourth of July.

The program will begin at 10:00 a. m. at the Fair Grounds with The Salute to The Flag; there will be something going on from that time until the Fireworks Display is over in the evening.

## Pat Malone To Conduct Revival Meetings Here

April 15 — 1927

Malone, Noted Speaker, To Open Two  
Week Revival Meetings, Start-  
ing Sunday, April 17.

A series of inter-denominational non sectarian revival meetings will be held at the Boyceville Opera House starting Sunday afternoon, April 17, at 2:30.

These meetings will be held every evening, continuing indefinitely, except Saturday evenings, and are open to all, regardless of religious belief.

An interesting feature of these revival meetings will be a "question box," and Rev. Hughes, who will cwork with Malone in these revival meetings, will appreciate receiving a large number of questions, and which may be answered publicly or privately, this depending upon the text of the question.

A cordial invitation is extended to all and it is sincerely hoped that the opera house will be taxed to capacity at each meeting.



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# Ku Klux Having A Series of Meetings Northeast of City

May 16 ————— 1924  
Monster Crowds Attending Klan Meetings; Organizer At Work In Community.

Considerable talk has been current regarding the activities of the Ku Klux Klan in northwestern Dunn county. Two meetings, both largely attended, were held recently in the Perry Day woods northwest of Wheeler. Talks were given by Klan organizers but as far as the Press has been able to learn, active organization has not as yet been attempted.

For several weeks a Klan organizer has been the city, but as far as we are able to ascertain, he has made but little effort locally to secure members. Scheduled meetings have been held both north and south of the city and today the Klan is the one subject for general conversation.

The editor knows nothing about the Klan. True, we've been given "pointers" as to the merits and demerits of the order, but inasmuch as said information came indirect, and as we have not been officially appointed a judge of our fellow men and their organizations, the Press seeks a neutral corner when it comes to Klan discussion.

And it might be well to add that a country editor has enough cares to worry him to an early grave without taking up the cudgel for or against any political or religious organization, both new in their respective field, unless it is unquestionably detrimental to the best interests of the community.

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## Klan Organizer Speaks In City Monday Evening

May 16 ————— 1924

A Ku Klux Klan organizer was in the city Monday and gave a short talk at the opera house that evening. Although the dramatic editor did not have the pleasure of hearing him, we are told that he gave a splendid talk, outlining the aims of the Klan and other facts concerning one of the fastest growing orders in the nation. No attempt has been made to organize locally, but various meetings have been scheduled near the city, while national speakers have addressed great crowds in Teegarden's woods east of Knapp.



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**Klan Meeting Attract Many**

*SEPT 5 — 1924*

A crowd, estimated between 8000 and 9000, attended the Ku Klux Klan meeting at Knapp on Monday evening. A 100 robed Klansmen, some of them mounted, a number of striking floats and two bands made up the half-mile long parade. About two hundred citizens from Boyceville autoed over to see the Klan in action and the meeting was the largest ever held in west-central Wisconsin.

**Many Attend Ku Klux Klan Meeting**

*MAY 9 — 1924*

Quite a number of our citizens attended a Ku Klux Klan meeting last Thursday evening northeast of town. A local man informed that nearly two hundred were present. At the close of the meeting a monster cross was burned, and which was visible for many miles in all directions.



BADGER OLD TIMER'S REACTIONS MIXED

# Old Klan Activities Recalled

By ROGER GRATIOT  
Special to the Pioneer Press

Current attempts to revitalize the Ku Klux Klan in the northern United States have recalled memories of its activities in Wisconsin during the mid 20's.

Emotions of old timers are mixed as to the real mission of the Klan then. Some claim the Klan was alive in Wisconsin purely for fraternal and social activities, but others are just as firm in their belief that it stood for "anti-everything."

The fraternal activities drew many to join in regions that were still fairly isolated around 1924. Barron, Chetek, Ladysmith, to name a few, were towns off the beaten path and every tent show that passed through received maximum attention from residents for miles around.

And the Klan had tents big enough to seat 1,000 people. They had pageantry, too. Meetings were heralded by a parade through town with members in their robes and peak-topped masks.

One Klan organization had a 100-voice choir and a Klan quartet. Local bands were prevailed upon to give concerts as part of the meetings.

In the beginning the speakers, powerful professionals, usually limited their oratory to the evils of rum and the dignity of womanhood.

Bored farmers and small-town business people responded to the circus excitement and soon had a robe of their own. For a dime they could buy a Klan song book with such songs as, Hail! Hail! The Klans All Here and Klux Wisconsin which was sung to the tune of On Wisconsin.

Camaraderie made them glow and the speakers made them feel needed and important.

To the tune of Onward Christian Soldiers they would go forth with baskets for the poor singing, Onward Ku Klux Klansmen. One unimpressed townswoman who attended one meeting said, "All

they did was sing Klux songs and any old settin' hen can sing Klux, Klux, Klux."

It usually cost \$10 to join. The Klan organizer kept four for himself and sent a dollar to the national headquarters. Pat Malone, one of the most active organizers in Wisconsin, built a \$18,000 summer home on Lake Chetek.

When a town became firmly organized, a wooden building usually covered with tar paper was often built to replace the huge tent. Oshkosh had one that could seat 10,000 people, but most of the Klan "tabernacles" built in western Wisconsin were much smaller. In many places they were permitted to meet in the city hall, some fraternal lodge or a church.

By 1926 there were over 2,000 local Klan organizations in the U.S. and at least 4½ million members. They took out a charter in Wisconsin in October, 1925. Eight months later 30 acres near Roberts was purchased for a permanent county headquarters. Almost every group either owned a meeting ground or had free access to a large acreage.

Many crosses were burned, but the reasons are still in conflict today. Many felt they were being intimidated. When a cross was burned across the river from St. Mary's hospital in Ladysmith, the nurses and patients were terrified.

Others assert it merely meant another 1,000 members had joined the Klan. Some assign them all to practical jokes.

The Klan suffered at the hands of many local wags. Stink bombs rolled under the tent flaps many times. Pat Malone would nearly burst with rage when someone would put mere pennies in the collection plate. The Klan was vehemently anti-liquor, so some young fellows pretended to be drunk when they showed up for their initiation ceremony.

Malone was a show in himself. A gifted speaker, he could hold his audience completely enthralled, lifting

them to the heights of inspiration to do good for the needy and to protect the American flag.

Malone darted from town to town setting up new groups and seemed tireless in his enthusiasm for the ideals of the

Klan movement. He would lose his composure, however, if anyone was found not singing or if the collection plate seemed lightly fed.

By late 1925, the circus atmosphere was dimmed by

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# Klan Activities Recalled

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some of Malone's confessions and the exhortations of hate which followed them. He was an ex-priest, he claimed during a meeting in Barron. He said he knew and would expose the confessional box and the Knights of Columbus' political machine. He offered \$100 to any Catholic priest that would debate with him for one hour.

Also at Barron, Helen Jackson, a woman who called herself an ex-nun, talked to a meeting held for Klan women only. She was selling a book of her confessions as a nun to anyone, however. A copy of the book is in a display case of Klan materials in the hall outside the Wisconsin Historical Archives in the library of Wisconsin State university at River Falls.

Earlier in 1925, at Menomonie Junction, Malone, who had two fingers missing, claimed he lost them when hung by his fingers in a closet by two priests.

Also that fall, at Clear Lake, he told of a visit he had paid to his brother who was a Catholic priest. He described the sumptuous meal at the priest's house. He then recounted how he hid a silver tray in his brother's bed. Some time later he received a letter from the priest asking if he knew anything of the missing tray. Malone told the audience of exhorting his brother that if he would ever sleep in his own bed he might find the missing treasure.

This was the new tenure of the Klan. Anti-semitic, anti-Catholic and anti-foreign born were ideals being thrown from the platform by the speakers. In June, 1926, an incident near Hudson helped bring it to the public's attention.

In River Falls, Malone had handed out pamphlets accusing area priests of social misconduct with nuns and parish housekeepers. He challenged them to the usual one-hour debate. Placards repeating the charges were nailed to telephone poles throughout River Falls.

of the Ku Klux Klan, had honored the festivities with his esteemed presence. When he left, the \$5,000 apparently left with him.

The townsmen went to Malone. He claimed he knew nothing. It was at this time that businessmen realized that most of them had extended various amounts of credit to Pat. He assured them that he would deal with them all. Shortly, he too disappeared.

River Falls and Ellsworth eventually had their problems with the Klan also. The Klan preached "100 per cent Americanism" as one of their ideals. Towards the end they were getting very particular as to how it should be practiced.

One of their speakers had stated in Cornell that foreign-born residents of the U.S. were responsible for 30 per cent of the feeble-minded, over 50 per cent of the criminals and 80 per cent of the court convictions in the U.S. The Klan looked back at World war I and the Germans with undisguised hate.

At the 1926 Pierce county fair in Ellsworth, the American Legion proudly displayed in their booth a regulation, ceremonial flag of the U.S. edged in yellow fringe. A similar flag hung in the armory at River Falls. The Klan demanded that all such flags should be torn down as they were un-American; the yellow color implied pro-German sentiments, they said.

The Pierce county sheriff, an admitted Klansman, apparently used his office in an attempt to have the flags in question removed.

Wisconsin's exasperated Gov. John J. Blaine, who previously had closed the supposedly unsafe Oshkosh tabernacle (it had been built in only six days) and had made the Klan hold their River Falls meetings elsewhere than in the armory, took immediate steps to have the zealous sheriff removed from office.

Were western Wisconsin Klansmen good or bad? Were they really "huskies in nighties" as one minister described them? It seems to depend on which old timer asked.

In January of 1927, more than a hundred Klan members, in sleds and autos, called upon the county home near River Falls on a Saturday night and with their orchestra playing, treated the inhabitants to a big feed, games, apples and cigars.

Perhaps the one who complained the least about them was the Jew who ran the only dry goods store in Chetek. He sold all the area members the materials with which they made their hoods and robes.

A Klan tent, large enough to hold 1,000 people had been set up immediately east of the Northline school, 2 miles east of Hudson. G. Alfred Brown was to be the speaker for the Klan gathering, scheduled for 8:30 p.m. June 17.

An additional rumor had been started that a Hudson priest "had died of a disease not in line with the professional duties or capacities as a Catholic priest."

Father Peter Rice of Hudson, set off for Northline to accept the challenge of debate. Court records in Hudson reveal both sides of the story, but the evening may be briefly described as having been an exciting one.

The files show a thoroughly incensed group of Hudson, Stillwater and River Falls citizens arrived shortly after Father Rice made his appearance and, unbidden, entered the debate. It eventually ended with a burning tent rather than a cross lighting up the countryside.

The incident, coupled with Malone being sentenced to a year in jail for similar untrue statements about a priest in Oconto Falls, obviously hurt the Klan's fraternal image.

Chetek suffered perhaps the greatest blow at Malone's hands. He more or less headquartered there and had built a summer home on the lake. It was later learned, he had unpaid charge accounts with almost all the business firms in town.

In 1926, on Labor day, the Klan and the American Legion combined forces to celebrate. Hundreds came to town and when the occasion was over, \$5,000 had been collected in proceeds. J. H. Neff, the Klan area organizer of 21 Wisconsin counties, bearing the impressive title of Great Titan of the Fourth Realm of Wisconsin Knights.



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# Austria Arrests Neo-Nazis; U.S. *Power Press* KKK Link Seen

*Feb. 22/1940*  
VIENNA, AUSTRIA —(AP)—

Austrian police announced Sunday that a secret Nazi underground group recently uncovered here had close links with the Ku Klux Klan of the United States and an international fascist movement with headquarters in Sweden. Three leaders of the group were arrested on charges of neo-Nazi activities.

A police spokesman said large quantities of anti-Semitic propaganda material seized during a police raid on a Vienna printing plant had been shipped to Austria from the United States and Sweden.

Part of the material—anti-Semitic pamphlets, drawings and posters—bore the inscription "Ku Klux Klan of America" the spokesman said. Some were marked "printed by the White Brotherhood," an alleged European branch of the klan. Other books and pamphlets were printed in Malmo, Sweden, by the fascist "Social European movement," the spokesman said.

He said the Austrian underground group served as cover-up for six outlawed Austrian Nazi organizations. Its members communicated through a secret code.

Those arrested were Alfred Honkisz, 33, owner of the printing plant; Herbert Drexler, 25, a university student, and Miss Heidi Suessmayer, 22, also a student. Police said all three have records of neo-Nazi activity.

The organization was described as part of a worldwide network of anti-Semitic and neo-Nazi groups. Among the propaganda material there was also a monthly "fuehrer letter" printed and distributed by the outlawed Hitler youth-type "Austrian National Youth."



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## Klan Leader Makes Bid for Governor

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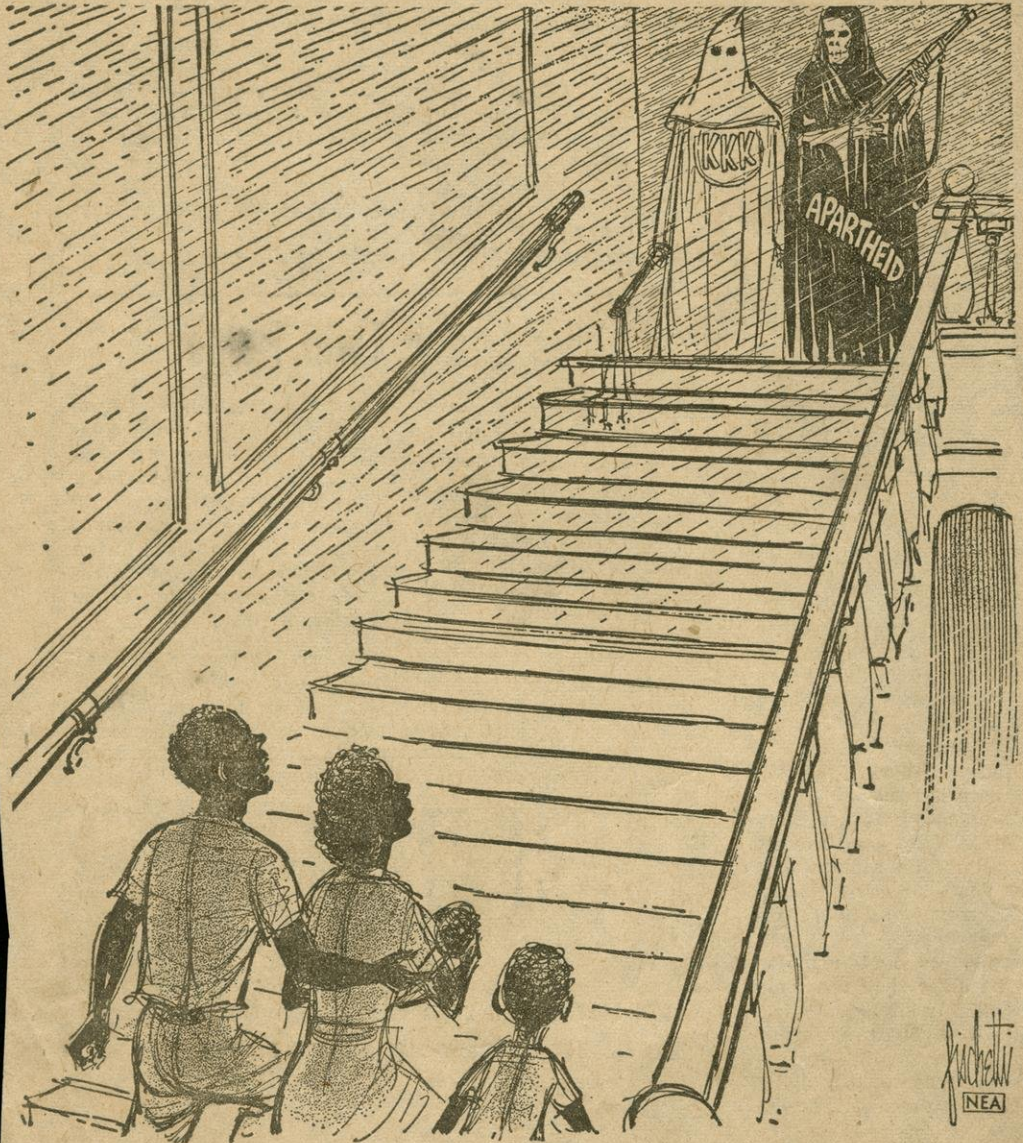
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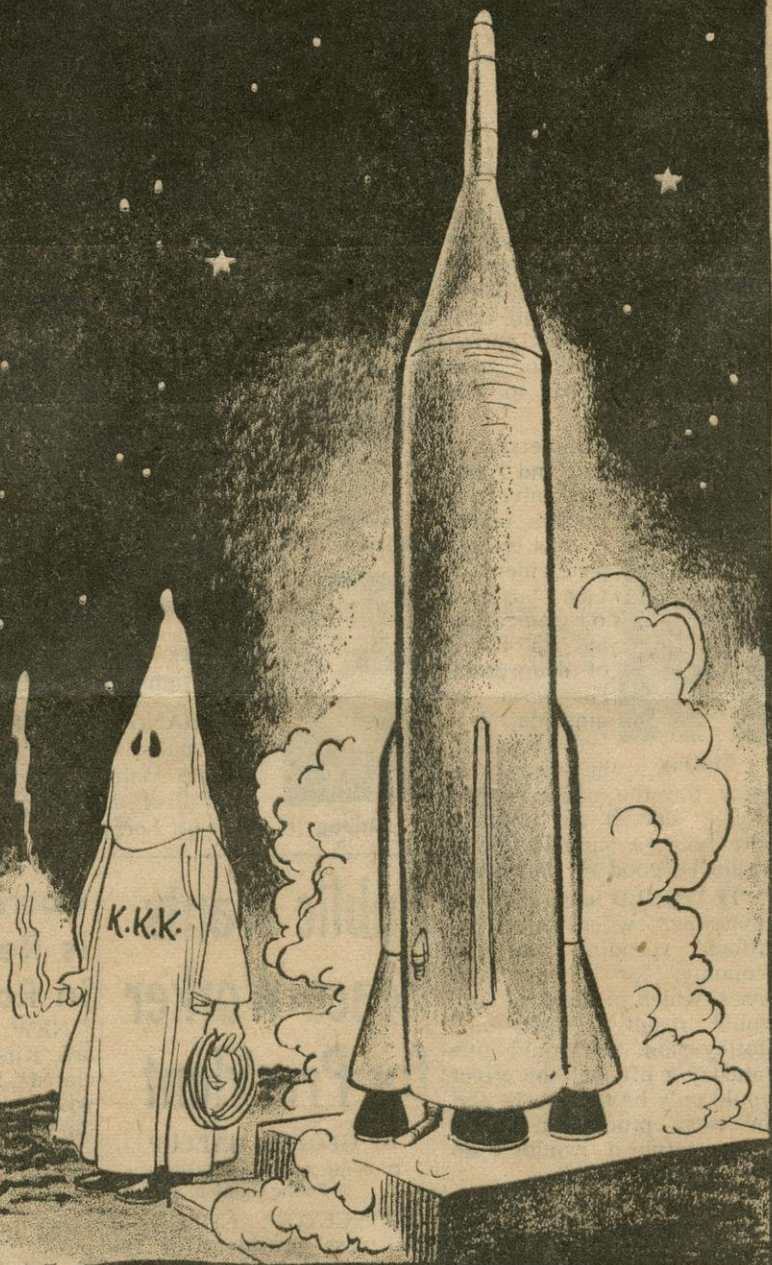
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Mr. John A. Turcheneske  
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River Falls, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

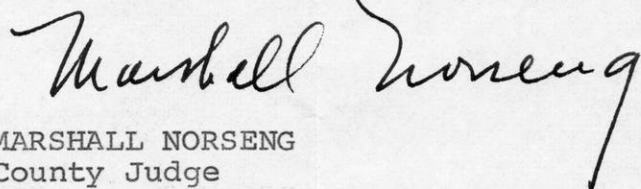
Mr. Potter, Clerk of Court, showed me your letter addressed to him requesting information about the Ku Klux Klan, Pat Malone and other particular members, and their activities.

I suggest that you write to Attorney David Raihle, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. I believe he has some of the original records of the Klan in this area and he might be of some help to you.

As a personal note, I lived in River Falls until 1929. I remember that in the late 20's the Klan had a meeting house at River Falls on Lewis Street (West Side) about four blocks north of the old hospital, and Pat Malone would come to conduct the "services." It seems to me that he usually wore the clerical collar and usually had with him a bodyguard as he walked up the street.

Please give my greetings to your mentor, Walker Wyman. Tell him that I met some beautiful lady in Madison the other day and she made inquiry about his recent book on the logging days.

Yours very truly,

  
MARSHALL NORSENG  
County Judge

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matters? (For example, would your Office know of anyone living in the area during the period of 1921-1928 that I could contact?)

If possible, I would like to have the above information within a month or so. Again, Sheriff, any information regarding the foregoing will be most appreciated. Thanking you in advance for your help, time and consideration, I ask to remain

Sincerely yours,

*John A. Turcheneske, Jr.*  
John A. Turcheneske, Jr.

October 22, 1970

Mr. John A. Turcheneske, Jr.  
Rural Route One  
River Falls, Wisconsin

Dear John:

In reference to your inquiries, regarding the KuKluxKlan, having been in operation in our area in the early 1920's. There was an organization that called themselves the Ku Klux Klan years ago, but as to whether they were actually true members of the Klan. I couldn't say.

Now as to our records that go back to those years, we do not have any, as the Wisc. state law requires, and all Sheriff's Depts. were ordered to destroy all records from 1901 to 1962, which was done in our Dept. So we are sorry that we cannot help you out, but we surly would have been happy to have been able to help you.

Incidentally, I was in my 'teens during those years, and I can remember some of the incidents that took place, but as to who the men were I couldn't advise you. The Pat Malone, and J.H. Neff you mentioned in this letter, I do recall, but they are dead years ago. I do remember them burning crosses here during those years.

Very sorry that we can't be of any more help that ~~Kix~~ this

Very sincerely yours,

*Richard Coleman*  
Richard Coleman  
Deputy Sheriff  
Sheriff's Dept. Ashland County  
Ashland, Wisconsin



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Spooner, Wisconsin

Dec. 28, 1970

Mr. John A. Turcheneske, Jr.

River Falls, Wis.

Dear Sir;

We are in receipt of your letter of Dec. 15th 1970 addressed to our order and I will answer your letter in two parts- first from the standpoint of the order and secondly from a personal standpoint.

I doubt that you would be able to get any information from Masonic lodges taken from their minute books for the following reason. Masonry includes in it's membership, members from many different religious faiths, many nationalities and several political persuasions therefore discussion is strictly forbidden in our temples which would invade the privacy or feelings of any member. Further, no entry would be made in our minutes regarding anything which would not be strictly of our own fraternal order.

I am enclosing a small folder which we customarily give to a person who might be interested becoming a member. (What About Freemasonry). You will note from what is contained here that we could not have a record of anything of that nature.

We happen to have a good Masonic authority right there in River Falls who I am sure could express our opinion of the Klan. He is Atty. Charles E. White, 113 Main St. I am sure he could amplify any information I have given you.

Now from a personal standpoint I will say that as a young boy I well remember hearing my father say that he felt the Klan movement was seriously disturbing the tranquillity and harmony in our community. The Klan was anti negro, anti Pope and anti Jewish. I well remember seeing a large cross burned over a mile out of town where perhaps a thousand klans men had gathered at night followed by a parade (torchlight) into town. I don't know what followed but heard from an ex-deputy sheriff that people were really up tight that evening. Since we had only one negro family in the surrounding country, hardly anyone of Jewish



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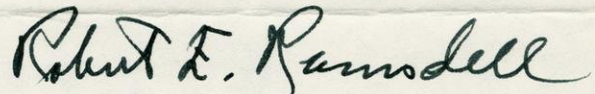
extraction and our Catholic neighbors didn't talk much about selling the nation to the pope we boys took the attitude that it was just another circus of some kind. We had even planned to build our own cross, wrap it with burlap bags and soak it with kerosene just to cause some excitement. This group of boys was composed of some Italian Catholics, some protestant and one boy whose father was suspected of being a Klansman. Fortunately, we never did get around to doing this. It seems that most of this took place around 1923. The names you mention do not sound familiar however I remember the local organizer was named Dague. I will say that today no-one knows for certain who any Klansman was but it definitely left a scar on the community.

I would suspect that the sheriff's records of those years would help in your research. He is located at Shell Lake, Wis.

I regret that we cannot give you more information but I was only a boy of twelve at the time this was going on.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Ramsdell, SEcy





## The Ku Klux Klan

The materials in this display case are from the collections of the St. Croix Valley Historical Research Center. The Center, located in the library basement, seeks to collect materials documenting the history of western Wisconsin. As these materials indicate, the KKK's activities were not relegated to the southern United States.



THE KU KLUX KLAN IN THE 1920's OPPOSED NOT ONLY NEGROES BUT ROMAN CATHOLICS, JEWS, AND ALL IMMIGRANTS FROM CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE, THEY STOOD FOR TEMPERANCE AND EVANGELICAL PROTESTANTISM. TO THE KLANSMAN OF THAT DAY, THE ONLY TRUE AMERICAN WAS WHITE, OF ANGLO-SAXON DESCENT AND A PROTESTANT.