

Alabama First Southern State To Strike Real Blow At Ku Klux Klan

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Gov. James E. Folsom and his Alabama Legislature deserve to be commended for their speedy, forthright response to the ugly challenge of white-robed terror in their state.

Newly placed on Alabama's statute books is a law that bans the wearing of masks, hoods or robes. The penalty for violation is a \$500 fine or one year in jail.

Alabama thus becomes the first state in the South to strike a real blow at the resurging Ku Klux Klan, which most southern authorities blame for the rising tide of violence in the region. There is some talk that Alabama now may go a step farther and revoke the Klan's state charter, thus making it an outlaw organization. All decent American citizens must hope this goal is also achieved.

More than that, they must wish that a whole procession of states will follow Alabama's lead. Nothing would be more gratifying than to see the South rid itself of these night-riding hoodlums without interference from outside.

It seems incredible that we should have to be decrying such primitive violence in a 1949 America. In fact, were we not so well aware of the tragic results of this practice, we probably would be tempted to laugh heartily at the absurdly silly business of grown men running around in flapping white garments.

But, stripped of their bedsheets these latter-day terrorists can be seen for what they are: Nazi-

style bully boys with an even bigger streak of cowardice, if that is possible.

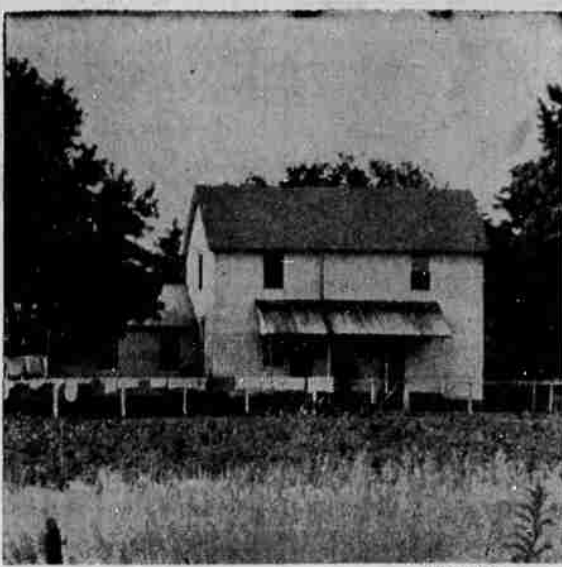
Alabama has had the fundamental good sense to unrock these spineless bullies permanently.

There is evidence, too, that it is earnestly determined to find among them those who were responsible for the recent floggings and other outrages in the Birmingham area. A county grand jury already has returned a dozen or more indictments.

These various state and local moves to stamp out hooded violence have not kept Congress from launching its own inquiry into the outbreaks. A House Judiciary sub-committee is looking into them.

No harm can come from a further airing of the facts so that all Americans can understand the menace for what it is. But Congress ought to do nothing to discourage the excellent beginning Alabama has made toward crushing this particular lawlessness.

It should allow state authorities a chance to follow through. And permit a little time for us to see whether Alabama's behavior may not prove contagious to its neighbors.



(NEA Telephoto) "HAUNTED HOUSE"—Did you ever see a haunted house? It might describe the farm home of Tony Greten (above) near Lively Grove, Ill. According to Greten and his family, they have witnessed "spirit manifestations" in their home that have caused them many sleepless nights since it started May 1. The manifestations start with unusual noises and slight house shakings, always after Greten's son, Jerome, 11, goes to bed. The Catholic Church has taken over the case.

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Weekend Celebrants Pay \$150 in Fines

Seven Fourth of July weekend celebrants paid a total of \$150 in fines levied by Judge Ira B. Riddle in Municipal Court Tuesday.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly were Edwin Clarence Koch, 21, and Maynard Hamilton Sowell, 38, both of Roseburg. Both men forfeited \$30 bail.

Chester Woodrow Moore, 33, Sutherlin, and Joe Shelton Hoskins, 24, Medford, were charged with being drunk in a public place and forfeited \$20 bail apiece.

Charged with being drunk on a public street were Carl Valmar Carlson, 30, and Harold Benjamin Hall, 49, both of Roseburg. Both forfeited \$20 bail.

Herbert Warren Muma, 28, Roseburg, was arrested on a dis-

THE BETTER CHOICE

PRINEVILLE, July 6.—(AP)—Mrs. William York Richards, the first woman to become a civil engineer at Oregon State College, has switched careers.

Immediately after graduation at Oregon State last month, she was married to Richards, who was graduated in mechanical engineering. She is now a housewife in Phillipsburg, N. J., where Richards is employed; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mc Glenn, said here.

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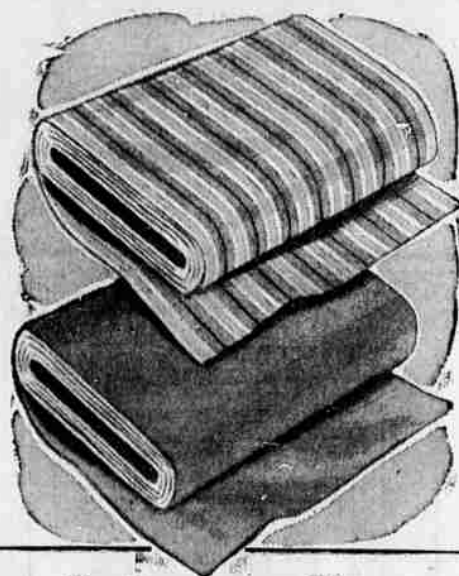
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