

# Ku Klux Klan Losing Hold on Fears of Negroes; Dissension From Within Group Growing

By Ben Price

ATLANTA, April 16 (AP)—The attitude of many southerners, white and negro, toward the Ku Klux Klan has changed. The Klan isn't what it used to be.

At Gainesville, Ga., 50 miles north of here, a negro woman eyed a Ku Klux Klan parade from her porch rocking chair. A dozen hooded heads turned as she sang out, "Send us yo' sheets, white folks, we'll wash 'um."

The negroes lining the road grinned broadly as the parade moved on, a flock of giggling negro children fell in behind, drumming loudly on tin pans.

Last February at West Columbia, S. C., Dr. Samuel Green, grand dragon of the association of Georgia Klans, told a crowd of Klansmen and curious that unless "white supremacy" was maintained, "the day will come when a black buck negro may ask for your daughter's hand in marriage."

A voice on the outskirts drawled, "Well, she can always say 'no,' can't she?"

## On Prowl for Klan

At Mumford, Ala., February 20, a 12-year-old boy kicked over a burning cross and doused it in a water hole. Later that night men armed with shotguns were reported on the prowl for Klansmen.

The Mumford incident prompted Alabama's Gov. James E. Folsom to order the arrest of anyone operating a car with a concealed license plate, a favorite Klan device.

Said Folsom, "Mobs, hooded or unhooded, are not going to rule Alabama."

Irate city councils in a half dozen cities have passed anti-mask ordinances on the heels of Klan parades — Wrightsville, Columbus and Macon, Ga., Chattanooga, Tenn., Tallahassee and Miami, Fla. Atlanta's Junior Chamber of Commerce is pressing for a similar ban.

A Klan parade at Denmark, S. C., brought quick reaction from Gov. Strom Thurmond who told state police to get busy enforcing

laws against "intimidation" by masked men.

## To Obey Laws

Green promised Thurmond he would "obey" any Klansman guilty of violating laws.

Nobody, however, lambasted the Klan more than Gov. Fuller Warren of Florida. He called them "hooded hoodlums and sheeted jerks" after a parade through Tallahassee.

Within the pattern of change, however, there were still hangovers from the days of direct violence and intimidation.

At Trenton, Ga., Sheriff J. M. Lynch reported robbed men took seven negro prisoners from him, carried them to Hooker, Ga., and there flogged the lot. The sheriff said he had arrested the negroes after receiving complaints of "wild parties."

Latest of the violence outbreaks was reported April 6 in Chattanooga, just over the Tennessee line from Trenton. A 38-year-old railway worker said five unmasked white men invaded his house and beat him severely.

The grand dragon says the Klan is "building up fast," but it is public knowledge that the Klan is bothered by internal dissensions. Last year two large klaverns at Manchester and Columbus, Ga., broke away to form "The Original Southern Klans, Inc."

The Anti-Denigration league of B'nai B'rith says the Klan is largely impotent outside of Georgia. Within Georgia the Klan is known to be having trouble keeping its private business private.

## Amity High Band Presents Concert

AMITY — Amity high school band presented its spring concert Wednesday in the gymnasium.

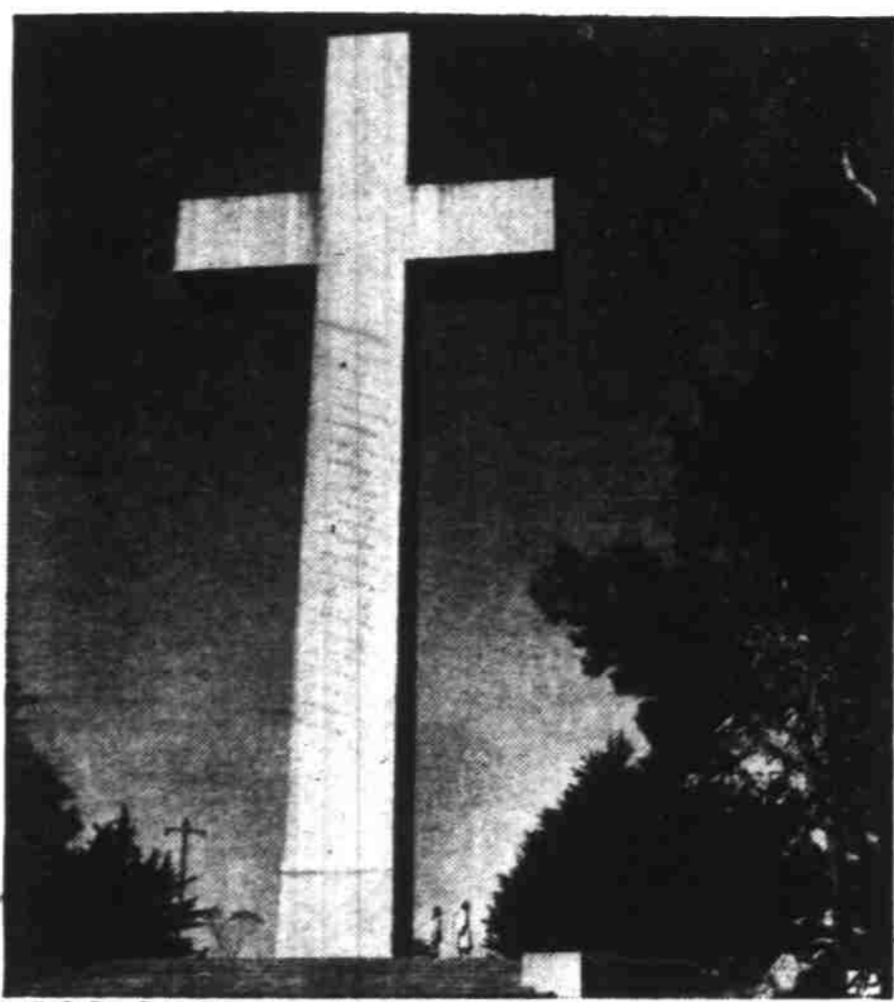
Numbers were presented by the girls' chorus, solo by Irene Shandy, instrumental trio comprising Bob Watts, Mild Canfield and Bob Clark; guest flutist, Byron Hoyte of Portland. The band played in its new blue and white uniforms.

Citation awards were presented by Joe M. Barr, director, to DeJores Bell, Rebecca Wood, Betty Koeever, Robert Watts, Dean Jones, Norman Newman and Keith Schuchterdt.

## Gates Sailor Reported Sick in California

GATES — Mr. and Mrs. Burrell Cole received word from their son, Seaman Apprentice Thurlow Cole, that he has spent the past three weeks in sick bay at Alameda, Calif., but is recovering now.

Guests last week of the Norman Garrisons were Mr. and Mrs. H. Siltola and daughter of Salem and Mrs. Herman Zeller and family of Scio. They motored to Detroit.



FOR EASTER WORSHIP—60,000 worshippers will gather beneath this 103-foot concrete and steel cross atop Mount Davidson, San Francisco, Easter morning for the Sunrise service.

## Brooks School Schedule Set; Posters Ready

BROOKS — Health posters are under preparation in grades four to eight, with selections to be made at achievement day, April 21 at 2 p.m. at the Brooks schoolhouse for exhibits at the Silverton spring fair.

New pupils at the local school are Eddie Anderson, Patsy and Floyd Jackson.

Mrs. Alta Simmons, third and fourth grade teacher at Brooks, is nominee for president of the P.E.P. Teacher's club.

In the doubleheader baseball game between Brooks and Hazel Green, Brooks boys lost by a score of 13 to 4. The Brooks girls won 42 to 3.

The school calendar for the remainder of the year include 4-H achievement day, April 21, 4-H spring show, April 29 at Silverton; graduation, May 25 at 8 p.m. at schoolhouse; picnic, May 27 at Brooks; closing day, May 31.

Students of the graduating class are Paul Edmonds, Eugene Armstrong, Troy Archer, Larry Dickman, Paul Johnson, Clair Simmons, Maysie Wellman, Dovie Lee Legg, Vanan Holmes, Roberta Lowery, Wayne Osborn, Vernon Hillier, Alden Dodd, Raymond Morrow.

The entire staff of teachers at Brooks has been retained for next year: Mrs. India Reavis, Salem, in primary grades; Mrs. Alta Simmons, Brooks, third and fourth grades; Mrs. Loretta Martin, Salem, fifth and sixth grades; Mrs. Esther Franz, Salem, seventh and eighth grades.

Paul France, a resident of the Brooks district, has been employed to drive the school bus and do janitor work.

## Search for Bodies Enters Tenth Day

INDEPENDENCE, April 16—(Special)—Search for the bodies of two men believed drowned in the Willamette river here went into its tenth day Saturday.

The men were Robert C. Woods, co-owner of the Valley Concrete company, and W. A. King, Macco corporation's superintendent of construction for the new Willamette river bridge here. They were thrown into the river April 6 when their small boat capsized. A third man swam to shore.

Cardiff, Wales, is Britain's biggest coal export port.

## Wheat Price Rally Subsidies

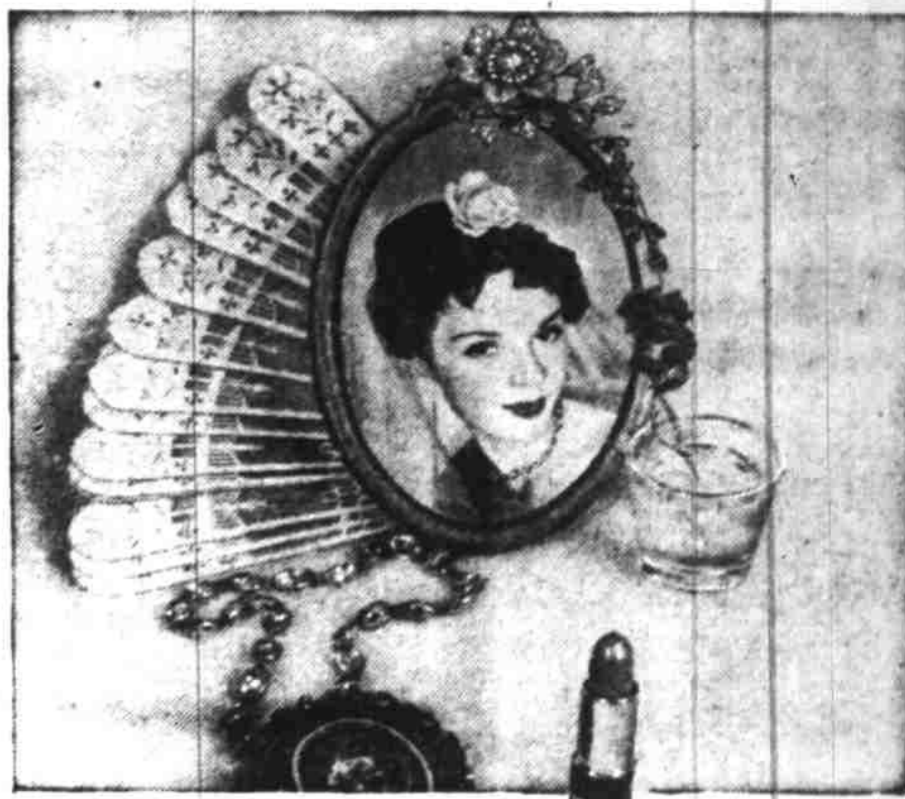
CHICAGO, April 16 (AP)—A renewed run-up May wheat ran into resistance on the board of trade today, the contract finally ending with a small fractional gain after having spurred nearly 2 cents in early dealings. New crop wheat futures ended lower.

While wheat dominated the action in the short session, a fairly good trade developed also in soy-

beans. Gains extending to nearly 3 cents were recorded at one time. Before the close soybeans also retreated, although they managed to hold a good part of the early advance.

Wheat closed  $\frac{1}{8}$  lower to  $\frac{3}{8}$  higher, oats were  $\frac{1}{8}$  lower, rye was unchanged to  $\frac{1}{8}$  higher, soybeans were  $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  higher, and lard was unchanged to 5 cents a hundred pounds higher.

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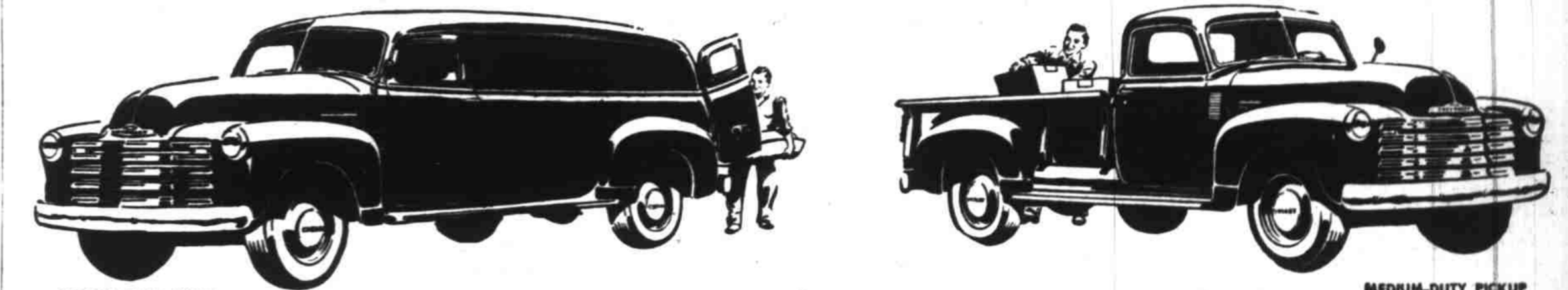
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