

Klan Leader Made Eligible For Parole

INDIANAPOLIS, March 5—(P)—D. C. Stephenson, power-wielding Ku Klux Klan leader of the corrupt 20's, has been made eligible for immediate parole from a life sentence for murder.

Governor Schrieker commuted Stephenson's sentence to the 25 years he has served in the Indiana

state prison, saying: "My own feeling is that Stephenson has paid the penalty."

The phenomenal Klan organizer was sent to prison for the death of a 25-year-old statehouse employe, Miss Madge Oberholzer. But in his 45 appeals to the courts since then, he claimed he was a political prisoner.

Release Due Soon

The governor's action leaves only a few official formalities before the pudgy 56-year-old prisoner is released, probably before the end of the month.

Stephenson came to Indiana from Texas in 1921 to sell \$10 memberships in the Klan. By the time he was convicted of second degree murder in Noblesville in 1923, he

was so powerful in Indiana politics that he once boasted: "I am the law."

Week End Party

Stephenson's conviction grew out of a week end party in a Hammond hotel. He claimed Miss Oberholzer took poison afterward. Her family claimed Stephenson refused medical attention for bites on her body.

The jury accepted the prosecution claim that the girl, weakened by poison, died of an infection of bites inflicted by Stephenson.

The girl remained in Stephenson's mansion in the east end of Indianapolis after the week end party, but she was taken to her parents' home before she died. She made a statement accusing the powerful Klan leader, then only 31 years old.

New Machine Televizes Human Heartbeats



NEW YORK—(P)—Human heartbeats are put on television by a new machine. A man lies on a table near the machine. The sounds of his heart show up as flashes of light on a special television screen. Or flick a switch, and you see pictures made by the electric currents that keep his life pump working. As you watch, you hear the actual sounds through an electronic stethoscope. A whole roomful of people can listen in and watch at the same time. These devices are new aids against America's number one killer—heart diseases. They are being used to train doctors to spot heart and blood vessel troubles accurately. Early or accurate spotting can save lives, or add years to life.

Jefferson Cook Clubs Meet, Share Wares

JEFFERSON—Cooking clubs 2 and 3 met last week with their leader, Mrs. Ova Nelson, discussing summer school at Corvallis. Exhibited were homemade bread and sponge cakes. Gerald Zehner had the best cake and Gary Zehner, the best bread.

Ankeny grange will hold its regular business meeting in the hall Saturday night.

Youthful Manila Musicians Play Catchy Rhumba Tunes

By Carlos A. Angeles

MANILA—(INS)—City schoolboys and street urchins are using unconventional, but musically effective, instruments with which to play catchy South American rhumbas—and are a hit in usually staid Manila.

These musically-inclined boys gather together at city streets, party gatherings and have even invaded parlor rooms to play hip-swaying congas and sambas, their style.

These self-styled Latin American bands number over a hundred at present.

Strange Music

Reason for their unprecedented popularity is the oddity of their presentation of the South American hits.

Moreover, the "cumbancheros," as they are called, employ the most grotesque assortment of musical instruments—and have gotten away with it.

At least, music that comes out from their strange-looking, homemade instruments is simply "out of this world."

And Manila is wild about them. In fact, a downtown Manila theatre has signed up one contest-winning "cumbanchero" to play regularly on its stage.

A regular band can play a torrid conga in a style Xavier Cugat might well approve, by utilizing only a pair of marracas, guitar, harmonica, drums and dried gourd.

Instruments

But a super-duper band uses among other things "timbales," "bongos," "chicletos," "claves," "jawbones," "castanets" and "tom-bardors"—which, despite their weird-sounding names, are native variations of their Cuban counterparts.

And these, "cumbancheros" claim, are what make them give the South American rhumba that certain, fascinating rhythm.

A casual inventory of the instruments reveal the ingenuity employed by these junior musicians.

Bookkeeper Free on Bail

KLAMATH FALLS, March 5—(P)—Bookkeeper Edna Sherrerd McClane, 29, was free on \$7,500 bail tonight. She was arrested Thursday on a charge of embezzling \$4,000 from the Kalpine Plywood company.

Bail was posted by C. E. Sherrerd, Medford, the woman's father. Mrs. McClane waived preliminary hearing when arraigned today before Justice of the Peace Joseph Mahoney.

District Attorney D. E. Van Vactor said the bookkeeper had admitted diverting company funds to personal accounts.

Salem Heights Group Approves Donations

Statesman News Service

SALEM HEIGHTS — Mrs. Leslie Bates was hostess to the Salem Heights Woman's club last week when the club laid plans to send representatives to the state golden jubilee meeting at Portland in April.

Members voted money to the scholar fund loan for exchange students and a donation to the penny art fund. Mrs. Emerson Teague was the guest speaker and her topic was, "Education—Corner Stone of the Community."

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