

KKK: OFTEN DOWN BUT NEVER QUITE OUT OF BUSINESS

Organized After Civil War—Revived in 1915—1,500,000 Members At Zenith—Decline in 1925.

Here is a condensed history of the Ku Klux Klan. Facts are from various books on the Klan, principally one by Prof. John Moffatt Meeklin of Dartmouth college, published in 1924 by Harcourt, Brace & Co. Information on the present Klan situation was obtained at national headquarters of the Klan in Atlanta.

(By the AP Feature Service.) On December 24, 1865, six men of the disbanded confederate army met in the law office of Judge Thomas M. Jones in a small brick building at Pulaski, Tenn.

One of the six, Captain John C. Lester, proposed a club to dispel gloom over defeat of the south. It was proposed that the name should be "Kuklux," Greek for band or circle. Someone suggested Ku Klux, and Lester said: "Let's add Klan to this—we're all Scotch-Irish." That name was adopted.

Even Horses Wear Sheets That night the Klansmen disguised in sheets, their horses also covered with sheets, rode through town frightening negroes. Members saw in this organization a weapon against negroes and against carpet-baggers from the north.

A year later in a ruined house outside Pulaski the Klan really was born in its first important convocation.

A delegation was sent to General Robert E. Lee in Virginia, but while he is supposed to have given the Klan his blessing, he refused to join. General Nathan Bedford Forrest, southern cavalry hero, became "grand wizard" in convention at Nashville, May, 1867, and Klansmen in full regalia paraded in Athens, Ala., and Pulaski.

Acts of Violence Start Acts of violence in the south by men in Klan regalia followed. Public sentiment was aroused again. The Klan Tennessee legislature passed an anti-KKK statute in 1868. Trials of Klan members held in Alabama and South Carolina ended in non-convictions.

But lawlessness attributed to Klan was a factor in its decline, beginning in 1899. The congressional investigation of 187-72 also hit it hard. By 1873, KKK was a "synonym for the most sinister and dangerous forces in American life" (outside the south), according to Prof. John Moffatt Meeklin of Dartmouth. Then for almost half a century KKK was in eclipse.

Revived in 1915 In 1915 William Joseph Simmons

(tall, thin-lipped, spectacled) dream of a new Klan to take in all sections on credo of "basic Americanism." On October 16, 1915, he and 34 associates signed a petition for a charter. Petition was granted. On Thanksgiving night, 1915, Klan gathered under a blazing torch on Stone Mountain, near Atlanta, Ga., and took oath of allegiance to The Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Soon, warnings posted by Klan revealed its presence in many southern communities, and it spread northward.

But it wasn't getting anywhere in particular until June, 1920, when Simmons conferred with Edward Young Clarke and Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler, two shrewd publicity experts who proceeded to "sell" the Klan to the country. Ten dollars was the initiation fee.

The Klan stood on a platform of 100 percent Americanism, white supremacy in south, anti-Catholicism, anti-Semitism, purity of womanhood.

World Investigates Klan Between June, 1920, and October, 1921, Klan grew from an estimated 5,000 members to 100,000. In this period the New York World made an investigation of the Klan, and reported these findings for that period:

- Four killings
- One mutilation
- One branding with acid
- 41 floggings
- 27 tar-and-feather parties
- 2 kidnappings
- 43 individuals warned to leave
- 14 communities threatened by posters
- 16 parades of masked men
- Whether justly or unjustly, a wave of lawlessness that accompanied Klan's growth was associated with the Klan.

Congress Acts Again The outcry was so great that another congressional investigation followed, in October, 1921.

But exposure and investigation were just so much free publicity for the Klan. It spread rapidly from the old south to west of the Mississippi into north and east Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, northern Louisiana, southern California, Oregon, Ohio and even to New York City, supported by the Klan.

Evans Takes Spotlight In 1922 Hiram Wesley Evans, a Texas dentist, appeared at Atlanta headquarters before the Klan's "big three"—Simmons, Clarke and Mrs. Tyler.

"They were \$90,000 in debt," Simmons said, later. "In 60 days I had them out of debt with \$90,000 in the treasury!"

Evans became Imperial Kligrapp (secretary) at the Klan's first national convocation near Stone Mountain, Ga., in May, 1922. On Thanksgiving Day of that year he became imperial wizard. He still holds that position.

In the middle 1920's he guided the Klan in its widespread political activities, a power feared or courted by politicians.

Repudiates Lawlessness After 1925, the Klan declined again. Evans ascribes this to his illness that year. He says that at the height of its power the Klan had 1,500,000 members. He disclaimed responsibility for lawlessness attributed to the Klan.

With the passing of the depression, the Klan began to take a new lease on life. Officials at Atlanta headquarters recently said the organization was growing "by leaps."

Every state in the union, the Panama Canal zone and Alaska were reported to have their "realms." Canada has a separate Ku Klux Klan.

Main things for which organizers say the Klan stands today are:

1. Buy American.
2. Deportation of aliens who hold American jobs "until every American is employed."
3. Eradication of communism and other ills that are enemies of democracy.
4. Better public schools.
5. White supremacy.

MILADY'S FEET GROWING LARGER

RALEIGH, N. C. (UP)—Milady's foot, once distinctive and smart only if appearing ultra-small, has grown an average of four sizes in the past two decades and is growing still.

Furthermore, modern, well-dressed women no longer object to wearing larger-sized shoes.

They ask for them. They have renounced the tiny foot as a criterion of feminine loveliness and are going in for comfort in their footwear, according to Roscoe Griffin, president of a North Carolina shoe store chain.

"The average size of women's shoes 20 years ago was a 4," Griffin said. "Today it is an 8."

Women's feet will continue to grow larger for several years, Griffin believes, now that shoes actually fit and permit proper pedal development.

"Most important of all, women today don't worry about their feet being large. They are willing to be fitted, instead of demanding certain sizes, usually too small," Griffin added.

He explained the increasing size of women's feet as due to a gradual change from two-small, cramping, styled-for-style-and-not-for-comfort shoes to narrower, longer and made-to-fit shoes which the women of today insist on buying.

QUOTE BIBLE IN REPLY TO DUN FROM DEALER KENOSHA, Wis. (AP)—A merchant, in reply to a request for payment of a bill, received this note: "Please refer to Matthew 10:29." The merchant telephoned his pastor, who quoted: "Have patience with me and I will pay thee all."

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