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"THERE IS NO FAILURE EXCEPT FAILURE TO SERVE THE PURPOSE"

"IN PROPORTION AS THE STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT GIVES FORCE TO PUBLIC OPINION, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT PUBLIC OPINION SHOULD BE ENLIGHTENED."—WASHINGTON.

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Members Defending Miss McGee Declare Joint Celebration Was Held for Lincoln and Washington Although Not on the Birthdays of the Two Great Americans—Petitions Still in Circulation

Members of the Parent-Teachers' Association, which is also known as the Mothers' Club, and which, it is understood, is the outgrowth of a number of mothers' clubs, have come to the defense of Principal McGee, of school No. 54, a number of patrons of which are now signing petitions asking for the removal of Miss McGee to another school at the close of the present school year.

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(Special to The Fiery Cross)

VINCENNES, Ind., May 5.—Led by the Boosters band of this city, approximately 2,000 Klansmen and Klanswomen marched in the Klan parade here on last Thursday when the Klan organization gave an all-day program in this city. The parade moved at 7:30 and received much applause from the thousands who looked on. Delegations from Washington, Bicknell, Loogootee, Wheatland, Shoals, Sandborn, Aliceville, Evansville, Oaktown and other points, took part in the procession which contained many beautiful floats. There were 200 men in line who were not in Klan regalia.

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Decatur Citizens Indignant at Act of Board of Methodist Church

Act Results in Sudden Spurt in Klan Membership—Big Meeting Is Held

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DECATUR, Ind., May 5.—Indignation is running high here today following the closing of the Methodist church to a meeting to which only Protestant Americans had been invited. According to stories circulated, and which bear the stamp of authenticity, the word Protestant is what really caused the trouble. An advertisement in a local newspaper had appeared in which it was stated that an "Americanization" meeting would be held. The advertisement also stated that Protestant women were invited from all parts of Adams county.

Arrangements had been made by those in charge of the meeting, to use the Methodist church. When women began to arrive for the meeting, which was to have been held on last Thursday afternoon, they were confronted by the janitor who said he had had instructions from the church board to keep the church locked. Many of those women who came to attend the meeting were members of the church and the fact that the church was closed to its own members and other Protestant women does not tend to lessen the indignation felt here.

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Spirit of Klan Pervades City as Pro-Alen Forces Realize They Have Been Tricked by Leaders and the American Organization Is Stronger, Greater and Mightier Than Ever Before.

(By Wingfoot)

ELWOOD, Ind., May 3.—Elwood today experienced its biggest day! "Tinplate Day," which in Elwood has always meant that day on which the largest crowd had ever assembled in this city, has been relegated to the rear and it is now "Klan Day" which has taken its place.

The day ended in a burst of glory as Klansmen from many cities marched between two throbbing lines of men, women and children who shouted their approval as the spectacular procession moved through the streets of the city headed by one hundred mounted Klansmen in full regalia and escorted by city police.

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"At the meeting held March 12, 1924, the president made the following announcement before adjournment: 'The regular election of officers for the ensuing year will be held on Wednesday, April 9, at 3:15 o'clock, and I urge the mothers to register in the roll book, because only those whose names are in the roll book for this year are eligible to vote.'" (The foregoing is taken (Continued on Page 5)

## WILLIAMSON COUNTY PROUD OF KLANSMEN

### Citizenship Proves This by Nominating Law-Enforcement Men at Primaries

MARION, Ill., May 3.—The citizens of Williamson county are proud of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. They showed it in the primaries when candidates who acknowledged themselves as being favorable to law enforcement were nominated over their opponents by almost a 3-to-1 majority.

At the time the raids were going on in Williamson county, Klansmen were held up to the world as law violators, the press declaring they were taking the law into their own hands and as individuals acting without authority. Now that the trials are over at Danville, and about 200 Williamson county bootleggers are behind federal bars for periods ranging from six months to two years and fines ranging from \$200 to \$2,500, and about seventy-five open saloons and roadhouses in the county have been closed, the press of the nation is silent. Not a word of these convictions.  
 Why doesn't the press print these facts?

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The subcommittee of the Senate committee on privileges and elections investigating this case is scheduled to meet next Monday and listen to the attorneys for Mr. Peady, the defeated candidate, spring a new attack. Having lost so far on every phase of the case, Senator Mayfield is not worrying any over their next move.

The chances are that the Peady attorneys will next try to prove that Texas people spent their money like water electing Senator Mayfield and in this charge they are going to ring in the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in the Lone Star state. Be that as it may, the Klan follows mostly voted for Mayfield and that is what hurts the Peady fellows. If the Klansmen spent money freely they must have been buying their own votes for so many of them evidently voted for Mayfield.

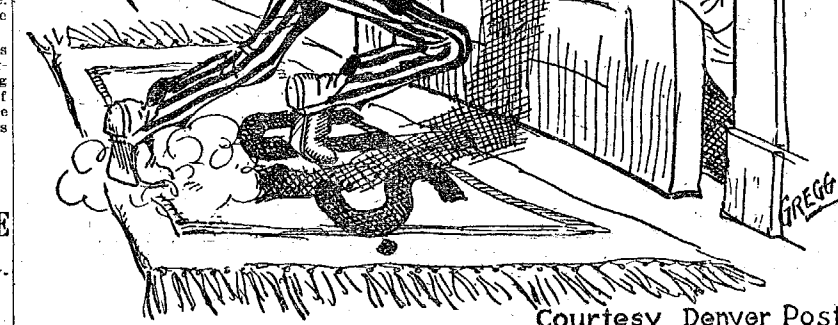
#### Klan Did Not Give

Senator Mayfield states that he is clearly within the law as to personal spending money and that he knows nothing whatever as to what anyone else did. He says the Klan did not give him money to spend for the election, hence, he is in the clear on that proposition.

If the Peady attorneys are unable to make this charge stick and lose out on that as they have lost on the other charges up to date, they might as well pack up their belongings and go home. Senator Mayfield is winning his spurs in the Senate, is highly respected and his conduct is such that everyone likes him. His chances are ten to one that he will retain his seat and go on with his senatorial duties just as he has up to date.

### Cicero Klan Holds Big Demonstration, Parade

CICERO, Ind., May 5.—The local Klan held a large demonstration here Wednesday evening, which was preceded by a parade. Klansmen marched to the tabernacle, west of town, where the principles of the organization were ably discussed by the Rev. E. E. Kuhn, of Clarks Hill. A large and enthusiastic audience listened attentively to his address. The meeting was a huge success.



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## Alien Interests Bombard White House Under Japan Camouflage

### KOKOMO KLANSWOMEN CELEBRATE BIG DRIVE

#### Losing Team Provides Program and Banquet—Many New Members Added

KOKOMO, Ind., May 3.—Women of the Ku Klux Klan gathered at Mel-faira park Monday evening to celebrate the successful conclusion of a membership drive. For three weeks in this charge they are going to ring in the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in the Lone Star state. Be that as it may, the Klan follows mostly voted for Mayfield and that is what hurts the Peady fellows. If the Klansmen spent money freely they must have been buying their own votes for so many of them evidently voted for Mayfield.

The drive closed on Monday, April 21, and for one week the Blues, losing by a slight margin, had been preparing for the event. The meeting was attended by a crowd estimated at 2,000. The initiatory ceremonies were given in full by Knights of Nathan Hale Klan No. 11. The band and drum corps added a program of music and several addresses were made by local speakers.

A short review of the Klan in Kokomo was made by the officers and brought out the fact that it was the first organization in Indiana to receive a charter. The record for the women showed they had kept pace with the men's organization and received a charter in December. The method of government and procedure at meetings had been followed and to this supervision was given the credit for the rapid increase in membership.

#### FALL'S SISTER HELD

LOS ANGELES, May 3.—Mrs. Katherine Petty, sister of former Secretary of the Interior Fall, will appear for hearing before the lunacy commission Monday. Meanwhile, she is held at the psychopathic ward of the General Hospital here, following her arrest at Santa Monica, Monday night, on a charge of carrying concealed weapons.

### NORTH VERNON CHIEF OF POLICE DEPOSED

#### Said to Have Balked Attempt to Destroy Handbills Announcing Klan Meeting

NORTH VERNON, Ind., May 5.—The un-American Unity League failed as usual to interfere with a Klan meeting held here last Friday when a large crowd heard a forceful speaker deliver an address on Americanism. Excellent music composed a part of the program.  
 An attempt by a local attorney to destroy handbills announcing the meeting was frustrated by the chief of police, who, it is now understood, was discharged by Mayor Webster because of his act. Rumors have it that a Knight of Columbus is now slated for the job of police chief.  
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### WOMEN AT WHITING HOLD BIG CEREMONY

HOBART, Ind., May 5.—The Hobart degree team has returned home from Whiting where it had gone to put on the work for the initiation of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan. Following the ceremony a dinner was served to four hundred members of the Klan from this county. The Women's Organization is very strong in Hammond county and is planning great things for the future. There is much enthusiasm.

### FLORIDA KLAN PROGRESSING

LAKE WORTH, Fla., May 5.—Geo. B. Baker Klan No. 70 of this city, which is not yet one year old as a chartered Klan, has tripled its membership since its charter was granted. This is a record which few Klans will be able to beat, and it is expected that before the year is out that the membership will be four times that of the charter membership.  
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It is reported on pretty good authority that the president has about decided not to accept the bill as it is with the Japanese exclusion legislation a part of it. He also knows that the present bill passed both Houses of Congress by overwhelming majorities and it begins to look like a test of strength between the executive and legislative branches of government.

President Coolidge no doubt wants to do the right thing, but he is confronted on the one hand by the insistence of Secretary of State Hughes and subjected to enormous pressure being exerted by the organized church interests of the country that some method be found to soothe Japan's wounded pride. In this manner, Secretary of State Hughes is hopeful of hitting upon a solution of the question that will satisfy the exclusionists in Congress and at the same time apply a poultice to Japanese feeling. Whether it can be accomplished or not is extremely problematical.

As originally drawn, the House bill would make Japanese exclusion effective July 1, when the present immigration law expires. Smarting under the sting of Ambassador Han-hara's "grave consequences" letter, the Senate passed a bill making exclusion effective immediately.  
 President Coolidge asked, and obtained an agreement on the July 1 date fixed by the House for the exclusion clause to take effect.

### JUNIOR KLAN HOLDS PUBLIC CELEBRATION

ALEXANDRIA, Ind., May 5.—The Junior organization of the Ku Klux Klan held their first public demonstration on April 30, in the Scott Addition Christian church. As 20 Junior Klansmen marched in the organist played "Onward, Christian Soldiers," "America" and "The Star-Spangled Banner" was sung by the audience. The speaker, Rev. J. W. Whitely, explained the principles of the Junior organization in a convincing manner and was interrupted frequently by much applause. The Junior Klan is a live bunch and are anticipating a much larger organization by the end of the summer.

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The Klan spirit pervaded the air. Heavy rains earlier in the day failed to check the enthusiasm of the Klansmen in the parade or the thousands which viewed the procession. Heads up, Klansmen from Muncie, Marion, Indianapolis, Tipton, Alexandria, Noblesville, Greensburg, Greencastle, South Bend, Summitville, Anderson, Kokomo, Peru, Elwood and other points in Indiana, and Dayton, Ohio, stepped proudly to the martial airs of the bands and drum corps.

#### Women Take Part

Members of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan from many points in Madison and surrounding counties added their numbers to the marchers.  
 The drum corps from Alexandria and Peru brought cheers all along the line while bands from this city, Anderson and Kokomo and other points brought applause. Cries of admiration were frequent throughout the line of march as the floats (Continued on page 5)

## KLANSMEN MAKE GIFT TO COMPLETE SCHOOL

### Milltown (Ind.) Organization Comes to Aid of Authorities — Finances Were Exhausted

MILLTOWN, Ind., May 3.—Nine members of the local organization visited the community hall during a picture show and between the second and third reels lights were flashed on as they marched to the stage and stopped in cross formation. A brief talk was made by the spokesman on the Bible and flag, after which he called for any member of the school board that might be present in the audience. Martin Lynch, the only member present, came forward and was presented with an envelope containing \$87 to be used on the interior of the new school building.  
 Last summer Milltown erected a splendid two-story brick veneer and concrete school building, but owing to lack of funds a part of the interior was left unfinished. The gift was for the purpose of finishing the lunch room, which was greatly needed and will be appreciated by the pupils.  
 The Klan in Milltown is steadily growing and the above is only one instance of the good it is doing for the community.

