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LATE REPORTS SHOW INCREASE CHARITY WORK

Order Enlarges Scope of Endeavor Along These Lines. Many Letters Received.

CATHOLICS GRATEFUL

Protestants Show Appreciation of Help From Organization.

Special to The Fiery Cross. Indianapolis, Jan. 5.—Be- reports received at state quarters show that Klanries throughout the state in the holiday season only exceeded those of last

Hundreds of tons of coal were delivered to unfortunate residents of towns and cities scattered in all parts of the state. These baskets and were delivered by a number of caravans. The total figures show the baskets of food, clothing, coal and a great amount was also given to poor. Toys were distributed to children of needy parents and much was carried into sorrowing homes of Klansmen and Klanewomen from Michigan to the Ohio river.

Junior Members Helped.

The Junior Klan also took an active part in the distribution of packages and it is found to be a great aid to the senior organizations. The lads lined up and were kept busy in many towns Christmas Eve and morning. Due to well-worked-out systems the delivery of food, clothing, coal and toys was greatly expedited.

Each mail coming into The Fiery Cross office carries many letters of appreciation from all parts of the state. Especially from Roman Catholic clerics shown appreciation for the good deeds done them by the Klanamens at Christmas.

Indiana Members Paid Bill.

The charity work done at Christmas was from the funds of local Klans and that money donated by Klanamens and Klanewomen and therefore that amount does not lessen the fund which the Klan has nationally set aside to conduct charity work. At the Klancon in Kansas City, held in the middle of the entire Indiana, the Klan was set aside for work.

Klan has been planning to expand its scope of charity work and has made Christmas indicates titles along these lines are as planned.

Wayne Shows Large Increase in Membership

December Shows Biggest Gain of Any One Month. Big Party is Held.

Special to The Fiery Cross. Fort Wayne, Ind., Jan. 5.—Many newly initiated members took part in the big New Year's Eve party held in the Klan Temple and presented a varied program. One of the features was the presentation of the Klans, an organization which promises to feature many Klan programs throughout the state during summer activities. At midnight a fiery cross was burned with appropriate ceremonies. Members of the women's organization took part in the evening's entertainment, and a banquet was served.

The trend of the Klan's increasing membership for the month of December was given, and it was found that the greatest gain in membership in any one month had been made in December.

Local members expect to make 1925 a banner year in Klan membership and activities. Much praise has been bestowed upon the Klavalkers who have effected a splendid organization in Fort Wayne. It is expected that their efficiency will do much for the local organization during the coming year.

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Judge Carroll to Draft New School Code Bill Measure

Bill to Be Presented at 1926 Session of State Legislature—Those Present.

Special to The Fiery Cross. Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 5.—At a meeting of the committee on recodification of the state school laws, the work of drafting the new school code bill was outlined and it was decided to have Judge John D. Carroll of Frankfort, eminent jurist, take charge.

Several of the different committee members were assigned to redrafting many of the chapters and sections of the present law. J. Virgil Chapman, state superintendent of rural schools, sat as chairman. Among the other members here were, Lee Kirkpatrick, city superintendent of Paris; M. L. Hall, superintendent of county schools of Shelbyville; M. E. Ligon, principal of the University High School at Lexington, and County superintendent, E. Coleman, of Paducah.

OAKLAND CITY HOLDS JOINT SOCIAL MEET

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DR. EVANS, OPERATED ON FOR APPENDICITIS, RAPIDLY RECOVERING

(Special to The Courier.) Dyersburg, Tenn., Jan. 5.—Dr. Hiram Wesley Evans, Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, who was operated on here January 1 for appendicitis, is doing fine and is rapidly on the way to recovery, according to reports from his bedside at the Dyersburg hospital today.

The head of the national organization was much cheered on receipt of the following telegram from Dallas, Texas, his old home:

"Klan No. 66 is asking Divine Providence to watch over and care for you and to restore you to health for America and humanity.

"Earl H. Silver, Secretary."

Many telegrams of a similar nature have been received by Dr. Evans from all over the United States and their arrival have helped to cheer Dr. Evans in this hour of trial.

KLAN INSURANCE COMPANY PLANS MEETING JAN. 17

Oklahoma Representatives to Attend Convention and Discuss Plans.

(Special to The Courier.) Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 5.—Plans to perfect the Oklahoma agency organization of the Empire Mutual Life Insurance Company of the United States, which is owned by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, will be outlined at a convention of all Oklahoma representatives of the company, to be held in Oklahoma City January 17, as the announcement made today by Dr. L. E. Farris, general agent for Oklahoma.

Not only will the active Oklahoma field agents be in attendance at this meeting, but Klansmen from nearly every county have signified their intentions of attending to obtain information concerning the company and its plans.

Officials Will Attend.

Several high officials of the company, including the general manager and agency superintendents, will be here for the meeting, Dr. Farris said.

The company has enjoyed a large volume of business in Oklahoma although the general agency was not established until later this year. The Oklahoma agency organization has been successful, and the company will serve to get the Oklahoma representatives and other Klansmen in the state in closer touch with their home office.

At the same time they will get acquainted with other agents of the company and become important informants concerning the company and its plans for the future.

Headquarters in Kansas City.

The home office of the company is located at Kansas City, Mo., and it is organized as an old line legal reserve life insurance company, writing all standard forms of life insurance. Nearly a quarter of a million of insurance has been written in Oklahoma since the company entered the state. Samuel Hoyt Venable is president of the company.

Cooperation Is Proving to Be Successful Plan

(Special to The Fiery Cross.) Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 5.—Cooperation afforded the Women's organization by the state office is proving a great aid to that organization, according to reports from different parts of the state. This cooperation is being given to the women's organization at practically every point in the state. The local units of the men's organization of the Klan are cooperating to great advantage, and many joint meetings have been held when matters of general discussion have been before the meetings. Reports show that many joint social functions are being held throughout the state.

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CHICAGO FACES REAL CLEANUP OF VICE JOINTS

Newspaper credit Patriotic Orga with Plan to Officers to Act.

NEUTRALITY IS SHOWN In Stories, Featured by Tribune and News, Tell of Units in All Wards.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—That the big newspapers of the country are beginning to appreciate the strength of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan may be presumed from the changing attitude of the Chicago Tribune, and the Chicago Daily News, and as revealed in their news columns.

Heretofore these papers have rarely if ever, printed anything about the Klan other than stories written to discredit the patriotic organization or subject it to ridicule.

Last week, however, the Tribune featured a story on its front page under the caption, "K. K. to Raid Chicago Vice Cleanup City." This was followed up by the Daily News.

Without official comment on its accuracy The Courier reprints the Tribune's story, in part, as follows:

"The Ku Klux Klan of Illinois is preparing to clean up Chicago. Booze, vice, and gambling are to be its targets in a big drive to be started soon."

"Law enforcement of all sorts will be the object of the Klan."

"We will soon be so organized as to have units in every block of the city," a spokesman for the Klan said.

"There will be organizations in the block units for neighborhood districts and wards, units for streets and at last a great city-wide organization."

"This will be so because it is membership will not be known, and when bootleggers and resort keepers don't know their enemies it is hard for them to guard against them."

"Our members will obtain information, get the evidence, and we will then obtain search warrants, which will be placed in the hands of deputized members, who will assist in the raids."

"We have so arranged that we can send out an order or a request or suggestion or any sort of word or command and it will rapidly spread among the men throughout the city in about an hour."

North Vernon Unit Members to Have New Degree Team

(Special to The Fiery Cross.)

North Vernon, Ind., Jan. 5.—Members of the local Klan are preparing to become the recipients of the K-Duo Degree which will be conferred on a number of the members of the North Vernon Klan in the near future. The degree will be conferred in the new Klan hall into which the local organization recently moved. The local organization is maintaining its reputation as a real Klan unit and enthusiastic in its indoctrination.

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Streets of City Decorated with Flags Call Forth Word of Praise.

(Special to The Courier.) Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 5.—During Christmas week Klan units and Klan women were working overtime gathering Christmas baskets and taking them to needy families. The two organizations cooperated in presenting the baskets and in this manner more ground was covered.

During Christmas week all the streets were decorated with Christmas flags making a beautiful appearance and everyone who was here to say: "This city must have a large number of Klansmen judging from the American flags on display because it never fails to signify their presence."

KOKOMO JUNIORS ARE VERY ACTIVE

(Special to The Fiery Cross.) Kokomo, Ind., Jan. 5.—The members of the Junior Klan have been very active here recently and it is understood that their organization is growing to more substantial growth. The Juniors have planned many activities for 1925. At midnight on Christmas Eve, they burned a fiery cross and held ceremonies fitting the occasion. On New Year's Eve they held two crosses, one of them being fifteen feet high.

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ROMANISM IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Text Books Poison Young Minds

WHILE Protestants have been off guard, Romanism has crept stealthily into the public schools of America. As a direct result, public school boards and school commissions are either manned principally by Roman Catholics or are under the influence of those favorable to the papal cause, nuns are permitted to teach Protestant children in the garb of their church and Protestant children study textbooks whose main reason for existence is the justification and glorification of the Roman corporation. In Michigan and in Indiana unwary Protestant educators have permitted Roman Catholics to foist on the children in the public schools history textbooks that, from cover to cover, exalt the papal dignity and belittle Protestant movements.

One of the most offensive books in this respect is "Our Ancestors in Europe" by Jennie Hall, which was written for the Protestant public and instilling a deep respect for Romanism in the hearts of the Protestant boys and girls who study the book. "Our Ancestors in Europe" is the authorized history textbook for public school children in the seventh grade in Michigan schools, and in the sixth grade in Indiana schools.

A Roman Text.

The book is filled with pictures depicting incidents in the life of Roman Catholic officials. Description after description portrays the cruelty and severity of Roman power. The greater the more benevolent, the more humane rulers of all ages are represented as devout Roman Catholics, and those who were cruel and unjust are labeled Protestants.

Even greater pains are taken to leave the impression with the boys and girls who study the book that America rightfully belongs to Europe.

The church had come, also, to own land in Italy, as great dukes or kings owned land, and the Roman bishop ruled these lands as dukes ruled theirs, or gave them to nobles to hold as kings gave land to their nobles. So the pope came to be a "papal power" also. He called himself "Christ's vicar," that is, one to whom Christ had given the power to do part of His work for Him. Some people thought that this meant only looking after the souls of men, appointing priests and officers of the church, planning and attending to church affairs, other people thought that it meant much more than that. It seemed to them that religion and the church and the pope ought to control all the actions of all men. They thought that God had given the pope power to appoint and to command priests and bishops and the emperor that the pope was the rightful umpire of all troubles and the decider of all questions."

Pages 164 and 165, "Our Ancestors in Europe" (Copyright 1916, Silver, Burdett & Company).

THE POPE ON HIS THRONE

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