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REV. J. F. D. BOWERSOX PH. D. & D. S. PREACHES ON THE KU KLUX KLAN

Rev. J. F. D. Bowersox, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, of Mexico, this county, delivered a very strong and interesting sermon on Sunday evening, May 6th, on the principles of the Ku Klux Klan. Rev. Bowersox stated that Commissioner Croley had asked that each pastor preach a sermon on law and order and as the Klan stood so strongly for these principles he deemed it expedient to use the Klan as the basis of his remarks.

The church, which has a seating capacity of about 750, was filled to its capacity. The subject was handled in a very plain and fearless manner and the audience exemplified every sign of the most intense interest during the entire discourse. He referred to the secret, fraternal, and patriotic organizations of this country as being organs of the church, while they could not in any way be counted upon to take the place of the church, which had been established by Christ, in view of the fact that they were founded upon His teachings they were aiding the church in its endeavor to save the world for Christ.

In referring to the opposition to the Klan so prevelent in many sections of the country, he stated that the opposition was fostered by those who were biased in their views and prejudiced towards the teachings of the Constitution of the United States, stating that such individuals and organizations, while living and existing on Columbia's free soil, had sworn their allegiance to governments and rulers foreign to their government, and that they were, in a broader sense, really not entitled, under the ruling of our Constitution, to citizenship in this great nation of ours. Here he read from the ritual of the Klan its requirements for membership which was as follows: "White native born American Citizens, who believe in the tenets of the Christian religion; in the separation of Church and State; in the freedom of speech and press; in our systems of free public schools; in white supremacy; in religious freedom, believing that every man and woman should be allowed the privilege of worshiping his God according to the dictates of his conscience; in the sanctity of the home, and in the observance and enforcement of the laws of our land." At this point he stated that he would leave the verdict in the hands of his audience for them to decide the motive behind any individual or organization, which sought to fight or discredit such principles as these which were the foundation and fundamental principles of the knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

He referred to the Klan as the human agency through which the great principles which called for the sacrifices made by our forefathers at Lexington, Bunker Hill, and Gettysburg should be preserved. He branded the accusations made against the organization, to show that it was Un-American, as being malicious lies stating that any number of accusations had been made against the organization by both the press and individuals, but that they had failed in every instance to prove their accusations. He stated that all through the history of the human races when a reformatory move was started those who loved darkness better than light have sought to place their stamp of disapproval on these movements. These factions have fought the Church, they have fought Masonry and now they have centered their activities against the Klan, but as has the Church withstood this fight and has Masonry withstood this fight so will the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. It was here yesterday, it is here to-day, and will be here to-morrow.

In closing he stated that it was the duty of every red-blooded, white Protestant, gentile, native born American citizen to support and co-operate with this organization to keep America the home of the Americans. He assured every one present that the Klan was not the organization which the Roman Catholic press of the country has tried to tell them it was, but that it was the best friend they had.

Sunday morning, at 10:30, Mother's Day services will be held in the Church of the Brethren, Belle Grove Square, this city. Elder J. M. Henry, President of Blue Ridge College will deliver the sermon in honor of Mother's Day. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order in the office of the Board on Wednesday, May 2nd. at 10:30 a. m. Commissioners Glover and Koons were absent.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The lists of paid and unpaid bills were submitted to the Board and approved.

Requests for contributions to local funds raised for purposes indicated, were presented to the Board which contributed ten ($10) dollars to the amount already raised in each case, but the contribution will not become available until after the opening of school next fall, in view of lack of funds.

Oakland Mills.

Meadow Branch—$25, l'brary, maps.

Clear View—$11, dodge ball, records etc.

Pleasant Valley—$75.66, maps, library, etc.

In preparation of the budget the Superintendent placed before the Board the following items that must be taken care of in the budget for the coming year under the head of repairs and additional buildings:

(a) The following schools need new roofs: Salem, Hobson Grove, Humbert's, Green Valley, Good Hope, Cherry Grove, Mt. Olive, Otterdale, Oak Grove, Walnut Grove, Bish, Cranberry.

(b) New floors are needed in the following schools: Otterdale, Friendship, Houcksville.

(c) The painting and other repairs for the Graceland building, the Mt. Airy buildings, and the Union Bridge buildings. Bids were received for the Graceland and Main Buildings in Westminster at $4.00 a day, and a bid of $237 for the Mt. Airy plant.

(d) The installation of a flush toilet system for the main building in Westminster, and also a flush system for Graceland.

(e) The securing of heat plans for the re-heating of the Westminster main building, and similar plans for the Sykesville building to include the the transfer of the Westminster plant to the new Sykesville building, and the old plant in the Sykesville building to be reserved and used in some other place.

(f) The construction of a two-story wood addition lined with sheet rock on the inside to the Manchester Academy building, and the placing of the furnace in an excavated cellar under the new part; the changing of partitions, and the installation of a water system in the elementary building.

(g) The purchase of portable building as follows: 1 double, Westminster; 1 double, Mt. Airy; 1 single, Manchester; 1 single, Union Bridge, and the transfer of the three portables now at Sykesville to Reese, Washington and New Windsor, colored, respectively.

h) The construction of two-room wooden building at Springville, using the old stone building for foundation material.

(i) The renting of the basement in the Medford school, in order to organize a two-room school at this point. Also, the lease of a shop near the Union Bridge school building for manual training and drawing purposes.

(j) The Board also authorized, in view of the congested situation at Mt. Pleasant, the transfer of the 4th, 5th and 6th grades to the Charles Carroll school, beginning at the opening of school in the fall.

(k) In view of the congested condition of the executive office due to the increase of the supervisory force and the addition of a nurse to the force, it has been found impossible for efficient service to continue in these cramped quarters. The Board has, therefore, requested under the authority given in the law, Section 74, Chapter 382, the necessary funds for the construction of an administration building on the Graceland grounds.

Authority was granted to employ the necessary labor to continue repairs and painting throughout the summer as soon as the items for the same are approved in the budget by the County Commissioners.

The Board adjourned at 1:00 P. M.

Westminster firemen will attend the state convention to be held in Frederick, June 4, 5, 6, and 7, and will be lead by the Westminster Band.

Monday Dr. George E. Baughman, of this city, will leave for Atlantic City for a week's visit to Mrs. Cora Massey, formerly of this city.

PRISONER ESCAPES FROM JAIL

"Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage," for Joseph Brant, of Cumberland. Brandt was a patient at Springfield State Hospital, Sykesville. On the night of April 1 he escaped from that institution. It was on a Sunday night. The families of James Wheatley and James R. Weer, of Sykesville, were at church. Brandt burglarized their homes. At Wheatley's he used the telephone, and the operator heard him call his father. Norman Brandt, at Cumberland, and attempt to tell him that as soon as he could get enough money and some clothing he would come home.

Going through drawers and closets at Wheatley's he secured a small sum of money, and at Weer's a watch, an overcoat and other clothing. About 10 days ago he was captured at Cumberland. Sheriff E. Edward Martin, of this county, went to Cumberland and brought him to the jail here. There being some question as to whether he is insane, State's Attorney Theo. F. Brown caused him to be held in jail, waiting the action of the grand jury on the charge of burglary.

But Brandt was not willing to wait, and Monday night he again "flew the coop." The sheriff was in the cells locking up the prisoners for the night, at 10 o'clock. He was called to the telephone in the office adjoining the corridor. Brandt, in some way got out of the cage into the corridor, and while the sheriff was at the telephone in the office slipped through the cage door, which had been left unlocked for a few minutes, and made his escape by the back stairway.

CARROLL POST BANQUET

The annual banquet of Carroll Post No. 31, American Legion, this city, was held at the Westminster hotel, Friday evening last at eight o'clock with a good attendance.

Colonel Millard F. Tydings, member of the second Congressional District of Maryland, and Captain George A. Monagon, commandant of Cadets at Western Maryland college, were guests of the post, and made pleasing addresses. The Liberty quartette rendered a selection after Colonel Tydings' address, as also after Captain Monagon's talk. Western Maryland college orchestra furnished music during the evening's entertainment.

Harry G. Berwager, post commander, was toastmaster and kept the assembly in a happy frame of mind. The banquet committee was Peter N. Samios; Carroll L. Crawford and D. Eugene Walsh.

Memberships in the post have slowly dwindled down to about seventy-five active members. The post maintains a comfortable club room in the Wantz building, East Main street.

DEER PARK CHAPEL CEMETERY

At the annual meeting of the Board of trustees of Deer Park Chapel the following resolutions were passed.

No graves shall be dug in the cemetery on Sunday except in cases of extreme emergency.

The fee for digging graves must oe made adequate to justify the removal of all dirt excavated within two weeks after digging.

Any one desiring the use of Deer Park Chapel for funeral services shall be required to find out from the pastor whether the church can be secured for the hour desired before making public announcement of the hour.

Because the old records have been lost or destroyed, all lot owners in Deer Park Cemetery are requested to come to Deer Park Chapel Saturday, June 2nd, 1 P. M. or send written information concerning the location of their lots so that a new and accurate record can be obtained.

COLLEGE PLAYERS WILL PRESENT CLARENCE

On Friday evening May 25th. at eight o'clock, the Western Maryland College Players will present Booth Tarkington's "Clarence" in Alumni Hall. This comedy is one of the most delightful ever written by Tarkington and is now being produced by many dramatic organizations in colleges all over the country. This will be the final play of the year at Western Maryland and will be part of the graduation exercises in the Department of Speech.

MEETING OF SEMINARY BOARD

New Residence For President To be Built.

Post Graduate Course Established And Women To Be Admitted As Students.

Tuesday last the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of The Westminster Theological Seminary was held at the seminary, this city and, among other business transacted, it was decided to establish a post graduate course leading to the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology.

The admission of women as students of the seminary on equal footing with men to all courses of study and degrees was also adopted.

The residence of the president of the seminary not being a modern one the board decided to build a new one in keeping with architectual design of the new seminary building.

Under the administration of Rev. Dr. H. Latimer Elderdice, who, for many years, has been president of the seminary, the institution has made steady progress until now it is considered one of the leading ones in the country.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLIES AT GREENMOUNT AND TAYLORSVILLE

The sixth of the series of Sunday School rallies being held in these several districts of the county by the Carroll County Sunday School Association will be held on Sunday afternoon, May 13 at 2:30 o'clock at Greenmount. Sunday Schools of Hampstead district are asked to take notice and send representatives.

On the afternoon of May 20, at the same hour the next meeting will be in the M. E. Church at Taylorsville. All schools in Franklin district are asked to attend this meeting.

The concluding meeting of this series will be on the following Sunday May 27, in the Lutheran church at Keysville, covering the schools of Middleburg district.

MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB

Of unusual interest was the meeting of the Woman's Club, Westminster, on Tuesday last, Mrs. George K. Mather being the hostess. After opening the meeting, the President, Mrs. Carroll Albaugh, turned the program over to the committee, the topic for the afternoon being Literature. Mrs. S. Luther Bare read an interesting article on valuable editions of early authors and volumes that collectors prize. Mrs. J. S. Myers told of Maryland authors, many of whom are not so well known, but whose work is of real literary merit. Mrs. Mather read several selections from Maryland poets and Miss Mabel Harris, of Western Maryland College Faculty, sang the majestic poet of Sydney Lanier, "The Ballard of the Trees and The Master," set to music by Chadwick, accompanied by Mrs. Charles O. Clemson. The soulful quality of Miss Harris's voice and her expressive rendition, made this particularly impressive. Mrs. Frank W. Mather gave an account of the writing of Home, Sweet Home, by John Howard Payne, this being the hundredth anniversary of the singing of this song. Miss Harris then sang the song in a delightful manner. Mrs. William R. McDaniel, who was the Club's delegate to the General Federation meeting in Baltimore, gave an interesting account of that meeting. At the close of the program, the committee served refreshments.

ST. JOHN'S BAG ONE

On Thursday afternoon, April 26th, St. John's won its first game of the season on the Chatauqua grounds. Their opponents were the Westminster H. S. Sophomores.

The score was 11-4. Starting out in the first inning St. John's knocked Cook out of the box, making six runs off his delivery. Knox then took up the pitching duties and did somewhat better, allowing five runs in five innings. Tubman on mound for the winners allowed only two hits but he passed six of the opposing batsmen.

The game was called at the end of the sixth inning due to darkness.

Score By Innings

							R.	H.	E.
St. John's	6	0	1	0	2	2	11	15	3
W. H. S. Sop.	0	0	0	2	1	1	4	2	5

Batteries—St. John's, Tubman and Cootes. W. H. S. Soph., Cook, Knox and Stoner, Hawkins.

OBITUARY

WILLIAM W. DUDDERAR

William Westwood Dudderar died May 8, 1923, at Frederick City Hospital, aged 68 years and 4 months.

The funeral services were held yesterday at New Windsor M. E. Church, this county at 1:30 P. M., and the interment was in Linganore cemetery, Unionville, Frederick county.

MRS FRANKLIN ADREON

Page Dame, wife of Franklin Adreon, and only child of Rev. George W. Dame, rector of Ascension Episcopal Church, this city, died Monday, May 7, 1923, at her late residence, 1721 Madison avenue, Baltimore.

Yesterday the funeral services were held at her late residence at 10 A. M. Interment private.

MRS. CAROLINE L. WAGNER

Mrs. Caroline L. Wagner, widow of the late Samuel Wagner, this county, died May 5, 1923, at the residence of her daughter Mrs. Thomas J. Kaufman, 2447 Barclay street, Baltimore, aged 82 years.

Tuesday the funeral was held at her daughter's residence and the interment was in Meadow Branch Cemetery, near this city.

MRS. SUSAN CRAMER

Mrs. Susan Cramer, widow of Alexander Cramer, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Rohrbaugh, at Millers, this county, Sunday at noon. She was aged 92 years, three months and 14 days. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock with services at the house and further services in the Lutheran church at Manchester. The former pastor, the Rev. C. G. Leatherman, officiated. Interment was made in the Manchester cemetery.

JOHN F. LOCKARD

John F. Lockard died at the residence of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Kate Ogg, Eastview, Tuesday, May 8, 1923, aged 69 years. He is survived by two brothers, Howard S. Lockard and William O. Lockard, and three sisters, Mrs. Martha Hoff, Mrs. Mary Barnes and Mrs. Amanda Spencer. Funeral services in charge of Rev. J. N. Link were held this morning, Friday 11th at Deer Park Church and interment made in the adjoining cemetery. The pallbearers were Ivan Sayers, Henry Little, Joseph Niner, John A. Rosenberger, Albert Arnold and Thomas Jones.

F. A. Sharrer & Son, funeral directors.

MRS. HOSEA ROBERTSON

Helena E., wife of Hosea Robertson, of near Warfieldsburg, this county, died Saturday, May 5, 1923, at 9 P. M., at the Woman's Hospital, Baltimore, aged 29 years, 8 months, and 29 days. Besides her husband, she is survived by two small children.

The funeral services were held Tuesday, meeting at the home at 11 A. M., and further services at Brandenburg M. P. Church, Rev. J. N. Link officiating, and the interment was in the adjoining cemetery.

The pallbearers were E. W. Pickett, Frederick and William Fleming, Clarence Conaway, Mahlon Grimm, and Frank Brandenburg.

Harvey Bankard and Son funeral directors.

MRS. FRED GRAF

Miss Mollie Graf, wife of Fred Graf, died at her home on York street, Manchester, this county, at 3 A. M. Sunday following a long illness from Brights disease with complications. She was aged 50 years and two months. Besides her husband she is survived by her father Vincent McCulley, two sons, Harry Graf, Hampstead, and Harvey Graf, at home, two daughters, Mrs. Harvey Miller, Manchester, and Miss Sadie Graf, at home; and the following sisters and one brother: Irvin McCulley, Maple Grove; Mrs. Ella Krumrine, Hanover; Mrs. Charles Frederick, near Manchester; Mrs. Charles Brown, Mrs. Harmon, and Miss Bessie McCulley, Alesia. The funeral took place Wednesday morning with services at the house and further services in the Lutheran church at Manchester, the Rev. C. G. Leatherman, Hummelstown, Pa., her former pastor officiating. Burial was made in the cemetery at Manchester.

Yesterday morning a chimney at the residence of Mr. Edward W. Case, this city, caught fire and the firemen extinguished it with chemicals.

MOVING PICTURE CONDEMNED AS IMMORAL

For the Sentinel.

I do not court publicity, and realize that this communication will subject me to adverse criticism on the part of some, but I cannot forget the words of Ezekiel 33: 6, and I feel that I would be playing a coward's part if I did not sound a note of warning to the parents of Westminster, and urge them to do one of two things—ascertain for themselves the character of some of the motion pictures that are exhibited here, and insist that pictures that at least do not offend one's sense of decency be not shown in Westminster—or forbid the attendance of their children at theatres that tend to the corruption of their morals.

As a lawyer, I do not hesitate to say that if I were to use fitting words to describe the scenes depicted on the screen in a picture house in this city on Monday night last, and you were to publish my communication, it is questionable whether your paper should be allowed to pass through the mails. Let me try, without the use of objectionable language, if possible, to tell the parents of Westminster what some of their children saw on that night. It was a wonderfully staged production, with magnificent setting, perfect acting, beautiful and thrilling, in its entirety, and therefore the more insidiously dangerous. One who saw it said to the writer "The censors must have censored that film with their eyes shut." Another characterized it as "a bawdy-house picture."

It was the story of a young Spanish bull-fighter. He was of humble origin, married to a beautiful girl. Every impulse of his heart made him true to her. A more beautiful woman, of the wealthy class, who had "turned the heads of half of the kings and princes of Europe," became enamored of him. She invites him to her home. He does not visit her. Her pandor persuades him that it is to his interest to accept the patronage of such a representative of a social order so superior to his own, for the sake of advancement in his calling. The whole story of her seductive methods is told in the pictures. Half clothed she appeals to him, with lacivious glances she caresses him, praises the iron muscles of his arms, as she runs her fair hands over them, and expresses her longing for the day when she will know the sensation of being roughly handled by his strong hands. He is human, and, though loyal in heart to his wife, in the vile woman's passionate embrace, he momentarily yields, and clasps her to his breast, and kisses her. In revulsion, he casts her to the floor, exclaiming: "One moment I love you, the next I hate you. You offspring of the devil, you serpent from hell," and rushes from her presence, while she, with dishevelled hair and practically nude, throws herself into an arm chair, sprawling, with limbs outstretched, and laughs in triumph. Some of his men friends observe the change in the man wrought by the influence of this she-devil, and persuade him to retire for a time to his country place, that he may be away from her evil sway. She learns of his purpose. When he and his friends arrive at the entrance to his estate, they find a large automobile, apparently disabled. In it is the woman, who informs him that she had been on her way to her uncle's estate, near by, and calls his attention to the strange coincidence that her automobile should have broken down just at his door. While the machine is being repaired, he must perforce extend to her the hospitality of his house. They enter. She asks to be allowed to "tidy up" herself. Now comes the most disgusting scene and most demoralizing in the whole story, by reason of its salacious suggestiveness.

Defenders of this class of pictures are prone to quote "Honi soit qui mal y pense," and "to the pure all things are pure," but the pure garments of innocence of our young boys and girls cannot be plunged into such a slough of filth as is shown in this picture, without defilement.

His servant carries her travelling bag upstairs for her. The young toreador goes with her into the upper hallway. She approaches a door. He says to her: "That is my wife's room." Her reply, with a suggestive leer, is: "It may take a long time to repair the automobile, and I may have to spend the night here," and enters the room which should have been held sacred, by even so degraded a creature. The next morning comes the denouement. The wife, the young man's mother and sister arrive. In their presence the siren flaunts herself, causes the young man to do her bidding, mocks the mother and wife, and leaves triumphantly.

Most significant, as indicating the influence of such pictures is the fact that, at the depicting of the most salacious and suggestive scenes partially described above, all over the house there were audible evidences, in "giggling" and "tittering," that their meaning was well understood.

I believe in the moving picture. I am a friend of the Westminster exhibitors, but I am a better friend of our boys and girls, and, for their sakes, I, as one citizen of Westminster, register my protest against the exhibition of such pictures in our little city.

WILLIAM L. SEABROOK.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Sunday will be Mother's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Koontz, this city, spent the week-end with friends in Annapolis, Maryland.

Mr. Roland Armacost is building a frame house at Webster street and Manchester road, this city.

This week Mr. Milton Devilbiss, of Baltimore, visited Mr. Jonas Bachman, of this city.

Tuesday, May 22 the Reese public school will hold a festival the proceeds of which will be used for school purposes.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton O. Myers, of Pen-Mar, spent the week-end with their son, Mr. Raymond Myers, this city.

Tuesday the storm lifted the frame stable on the property of George Leister, Ward avenue, from its foundation.

To-day Mrs. Jesse Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Matthews, this city, was taken to a Baltimore hospital for treatment.

Mr. John Schweigert is seriously ill at his home, W. Main street, this city, from blood poisoning. His son John, residing in Panama, has been notified of his father's condition.

Mrs. A. C. Shlosser, this city, Wednesday returned from a visit to her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Kritzer, of Hagerstown, Maryland.

Monday the intermediate grades of the Westminster High School will render a pageant, proceeds to be applied for library books and athletic supplies.

Sunday next at 1:30 P. M. there will be preaching at the Warfieldsburg Church of God. A preacher and a quartette from Blue Ridge College will be present.

Miss Cordelia Myers, this city, attended the commencement of the graduating nurses of the Church Home and Infirmary of Baltimore, one of the graduates being her aunt, Miss Ruth Myers, of Pen-Mar.

Monday last the Westminster High School base ball team defeated the Franklin High of Reisterstown by a score of 10 to 4, and Friday last the W. H. S. defeated Mt. Airy by a score of 24 to 10.

Mrs. Ludlam Michaux, formerly Miss Agnes Fink, of this city, city, and son, of Michaux, Virginia, who for the past two months has been visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bernard Fink, this city, tomorrow will leave for their home.

Sunday Miss Catherine Brown and a party of fifteen young ladies form Baltimore arrived in this city, having ridden to Reisterstown on the trolley and hiked from there to this city where they spent the remainder of the day picnicing on Belle Grove square. They returned to Reisterstown in a motor bus.

Mrs. Harry Leppo, of Shipley, this county, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wagner, this city, who on March 29, was burned severely by lye, after being in the Maryland General Hospital, Baltimore, for five weeks, where she gave birth to a daughter, is at her parents' home in this city. Her eyesight is seriously impaired, but a faint hope is cherished that it may be restored.

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