## *LECTURE TUESDAY ON TRUTH OF K. K. K.*

### Dr. Hawkins Explained Reason for Need of Organization and Ideals

### AMERICANISM ITS MOTIVE

One of the finest lectures, if not the best, ever delivered from a local platform, was that given by Dr. J. H. Hawkins, of Atlanta, Ga., on the "Truth About the Ku Klux Klan."

Irrespective of the subject, the lecture was delivered in a most masterful way and in such an even, modulated, attractive voice, that it was impossible for any of the audience to lose their attention even for a minute.

Originally, the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan formed an organization in the south after the Civil War, for the preservation of the purity of the womanhood of the south and the enforcement of the laws, not as made by the order, but which were on the civil records. At the request of President Grant, the Imperial Kleagle disbanded the organization and was unheard of until a few years ago, when a few of the original organization got together and formed the organization now in existence, which has a membership nearing the two million mark.

Americanism is the main and prime object of the organization and the oath taken by every member is that of allegiance, first and foremost to his country and state. It is an organization that believes that these United States should be ruled by American born men and women and not by peoples of other countries or by the church, as the original founders of the United States distinctly stated in the Declaration of Independence that the country should always have a dividing line between church and state.

Membership in this organization is not confined to protestants, but any one, swearing allegiance to the government above all else before he can become a member. No foreign born male may become a member.

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan have no crow to pick with any law abiding citizen or organization or race, so long as they abide by the law, but the organization is opposed to the violation of the law by any and every one, especially of foreigners, who are in this country by their own choice for their own personal betterment and it is against any organization that is plotting to overthrow the government or undermine it in favor of some other form of government. The Negro has no need of fear from the Ku Klux Klan so long as he is a good Negro and stays in his place. Dr. Hawkins brought out at this point in his talk that the Divine Creator made five races and it was impossible for any one race to blot out any other and gave an example how when mixing black and white blood after a certain number of generations the black shows up again, notwithstanding the fact that between this point of the return of the black blood and the original mixing with the white, a lighter colored race is produced than even the white. So long as he colored man stays in his place and tries to make of himself the best colored man possible he need have no fear from the organization, but let him try to stain the womanhood of another race, he must beware.

Dr. Hawkins stated that the many cases brought before him of warnings presumedly sent out by the K. K. K. were not sent by the organization as that was against the rules and regulations. If a person does something which is against the moral or civil law the organization may send him a letter on the official stationery warning that person as man to man or brother to brother to change his ways, but it never threatens.

In his talk he spoke of the forces arrayed against the K. K. K., which were classed under three heads, Catholics, Jews and foreigners. The former, he said, were waging the strongest attacks on the organization because they think the organization is opposed to their church. This is not true. America is a free country for any one to live and worship as he so desires and as long as there are those persons who believe ni the Catholic Hebrew, Mohammedan or any other religion and abide by the rules and regulations of the country the K. K. K. will have no fight with them. But when any church or organization makes citizens of the United States swear allegiance, first, last and all the time to anything other than the government of this country, so long as they are citizens thereof, then the K. K. K. will wage war, if necessary against such an organization.

In this conenction he stated that the laws of the organization were so free and above board and was so strongly patriotic that any white citizen of the United States, whether he be Jew or Gentile, Catholic or Protestant, could join the organization so long as he was willing to take the oath providing for allegiance first to the government of the United States and the state wherein the citizen resided.

Regarding the wearing of masks, he said that the organizaton would at any time come out in the open and uncover provided their opponents would come out and uncover their plottings and plannings against the government. But so long as they kept their plans in the dark the members would wear the masks which was simply the regalia of the organization the same as that of any other secret society and that the organization had as much right to be organized as the Masons or the Knights of Columbus or the various Hebrew organizations, and that the regalia was only permitted to be taken out and warn in meeting places or on parade and the latter only when permission is granted by the Imperial Wizard.

In closing, he called on the members of the organization to stand staunch and true in their faith for a more perfect and clean womanhood and stated that a far greater menace than that of the Negro stared the country in the face in the Japanese occupation of the western coast with their low standard of morality, which was causing the almost eradication of the American citizen in that section. He told of men of 35 and 40 going to the public schools and sitting in classes beside the American girl of 13 and 14 and of his wiles to harm her and then of the casting off of the poor unfortunates by their parents and leaving them no place to go but the Japanese quarter where they were made slaves.

It was a splendid presentation of the workings of the order and it is to be regretted that the hall was not packed, for as one man said, every citizen of this county should have heard it, whether he be in favor or against it.

## MISS BREED CLEVERLY ENTERTAINED FRIDAY

Miss Roselth Knapp Breed more than delighted the audience present last Friday evening in the Masonic Hall at which time she gave a humorour recital under the auspices of the ladies of Christ Church, Denton.

Miss Breed's personality is an exceptional one. She is capable of portraying characters of many classes in such a way that the hearers forget that it is an impersonation and feel that it is the character in person before them.

Varied was the program given and many were the characters portrayed, each one carried on in the most polished style and gave the audience an evening full of entertainment and pleasure in her presence.

Miss Breed makes a specialty of humorous articles and rarely deviates in her program from the lighter vein. Friday evening, however, she gave one reading which was not humorous, but which was appreciated as much by the audience as the humorous selections.

During the course of the evening, and the program was not a short one, Miss Breed kept the audience in an almost continuous round of applause smiles, laughs and grins and lived up to her reputation of giving a delightful, humorous entertainment.

Possibly the hardest part of the program was the selection "A Marriage by Telephone" in which Miss Breed rep resented the different characters in such a realistic way that it seemed as though all of the characters were present, going through the ceremoney on the stage.

It is regrettable that such a small audience witnessed this excellent program, truly an exceptional one for a rural community, as such artistst rarely are heard except in the larger cities, and it was only through the personal influence of Miss Caroline Redden that this date was arranged for.

## TOWER BEING ERECTED FOR ELECTRIC SIREN

Denton's new fire alarm is to be kept high and, we hope, dry, for the Denton Volunteer Fire Company has purchased and is erecting a 60-foot steel tower, on the top of which the new electric siren is to be mounted.

This tower is being erected on the rear of the lot of the Denton National Bank, on 2d street and when finished, will provide a very suitable location for the fire alarm.

It will be operated by electricity, the switch to be located in the office of the C. & P. Telephone Company, according to a contract now being drawn up between that company and theCommissioners of Denton.

Altitude is one of the requisites for the satisfactory working of an alarm of this kind and as the tower on which it is to be built is higher than any building in town, nothing will enterfere with its sending its voice in case of fire.

Numerous matters were taken up at the special meeting of the firemen last Friday evening, mostly pertaining to the erection of the fire alarm and a few minor details regarding the equipment.

Chief Anderson reported an inspection made by himself and a representative of the Town Commissioners that afternoon of the fire equipment and stated that the investigation found everything in shape and in its place.

## Only Three More Days for Shopping

With only two more shopping days before Christmas, the stores are full of happy crowds making their last-minute purchases. All the stores are open until nine this week, to accommodate the shoppers, and in many cases it is even later before the doors are closed for the night. Christmas decorations are everywhere, and there is the general good humor and jollity usual at this holiday season. Some of the windows are most artistically arranged, with a plain intent to wheedle the dollars out of one's pocketbook.

Although it is generally conceded that the "early bird catches the worm," there seems to be an unending stream of gifts this year, to supply the wants of the late comers. It is fun to shop when there is such an array of gifts from which to choose as there is this year. The practical gifts vie with the "purely luxury" variety, and in many cases the two virtues are combined.

One of the best examples of such a combination is the victrola. It is commonly acknowledged that music is of paramount importance in our education, and a tremendous force in our daily lives. For the many who for one reason or another are unable to produce music of their own effort, the victrola, best known of all phonographs, is a blessing. And even for those who play or sing, it opens a vastly wider field than is possible in the experience of one person. The greatest of the world's artists are at one's command, and the educational possibilities are unlimited. Newnam's have a splendid assortment of these machines—you can suit your own pocketbook. Such a gift will be a lasting one, an ever-ready source for pleasure and profit.

With the wintry winds and the biting cold of the last few days, a gift of blankets or quilts from Everngam's would be gratefully received. A splendid assortment of various colors and designs and excellent quality in all are the features of these goods.

Silver and jewelry, appropriate for any occasion and any person, are both beautiful and useful. At Wright's one can find the latest patterns in silver ware, as well as articles of jewelry for the whole family, down to the daintiest pins for the wee baby. Gifts without number are there for your choosing.

A splendid suggestion is found in the shelves of kitchen utensils at Walls' Hardware Store. How the aluminum does glisten, and how a woman would love one or more pieces to round out her kitchen equipment, or replace the worn and chipped agateware.

Electrical gifts are assuming one of the most important places in all the realms of presents. The modern home, like the modern factory, is equipped with all the labor-saving devices for heating, cooking, cleaning, washing, etc., as well as with the latest improvements in lighting effects. Gifts aplenty for everybody are on display at the Eastern Shore Gas & Electric office.

And toys! Christmas time is certainly the child's time, and almost every store has its toy department, where the eyes of the kiddies fairly bulge at much-to-be-desired treasures. Nuttles have the out-door toys, such as sleds, kiddie cars, wagons, skates, etc. Dolls reign supreme at J. Ed. Nichols, with full paraphanelia of trunks, bureaus, beds and clothes. Elephants and bears, blackboards and desks all will please the little boy or girl heart who is fortunate enough to receive them.

Christmas candy, cleartoys and canes, for filling stockings or trimming trees will be found at Denton Candy Company. These are homemade, of pure ingredients, and delicious, as all who tasted them last year will testify. Boxed candy, too, makes always a good gift.

Clothing is always acceptable, and Fleetwood's, out by the station, can supply most anything on your list in this line at very attractive prices.

The extras for the Christmas dinner must not be forgotten, either. The plum pudding, the nuts, and the fruit that are a necessary part of the family feast, can be found at the American store or at Young's, out on Sixth Street, or at The Farmers Supply Co., The fruitcake is still another of the earmarks of Christmas. Delicious home-made ones, at Koenig's, will save you much labor and time, and you will be delighted with them. Order just the size you want.

Stationery and subscriptions to magazines are always well received as gifts. The latter, especially, is a source of pleasure throughout the entire year. These, with beautiful Christmas cards and gift dressings and decorations of all descriptions, may be found at The American Union office. The justly famed Dennison supplies are here. Let us add a monogram to your gift of stationery, at a very moderate sum, and make the gift worthy of the giver.

## SENIORS DID GOOD WORK IN THEIR CLASS PLAY

Last evening the members of the Senior Class of Caroline High School presented their annual play before a crowded house in Masonic Hall. The play chosen this year, "Mr. Bob," was a delightful two-act comedy. Excellent portrayals of the characters by the seniors, against a splendid stage setting, produced a most commendable performance, as the generous applause and the favorable comments of the audience testified.

The play was concerned with a mix-up occuring in names, whereby identities were so confused that most amusing conditions ensued. "Mr. Bob" proved to be a girl, much to the surprise and consternation of one of the men in the case, while another couple, strangers at first, were thrown together in another queer way. The whole thing was a laughter-provoking entertainment, a jumble of cats and yachts, architects and school chums.

Much credit is due the actors for their work in this play. They had received much coaching and training and each one took his or her part exceptionally well. Costumes and stage settings were well carried out. The hall was decorated with holly and made very attractive.

The cast of characters was as follows:

Philip Royson, Linden Duffy
Robert Brown, Clerk of Benson and Benson, Conover Crouse
Jenkins, Miss Rebecca's Butler, George Anderson
Rebecca Luke, A maiden lady, Berniece Hendricks
Katherine Rogers, her niece, Dorothy Miller
Marion Bryant, Katherine's friend, Rebecca Cohee
Patty, Miss Rebecca's maid, Nellie Thawley

Ushers, Blanche Croll, Florence Hills, Veda Hoffman, Florence, Morgan, Ruth Satterfield, Hazel Towers.

Committee on scenery, Byron Cade, Helen Covey, Ida Culver, Edward Hill Theodore Orme.

Business Managers, Elizabeth Porter, Norma Cooper.

### MRS. MOLLIE THAWLEY

Mrs. Mollie Thawley, wife of the late James H. Thawley, died at her home in East Denton Sunday, December 17th, at the age of 74. Funeral services were held at the Mission on Wednesday afternoon, at two o'clock. Interment was made at Concord. She leaves one sister, Miss Etta Chaffinch.

### MARINE—NUTTLE

On Saturday, December 16, at 1:30 o'clock, Miss Mary E. Nuttle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Nuttle of Andersontown, was married to Dr. David Marine, of New York City, by the Rev. Mr. T. B. Morgan of Chincoteague, Va. Only the immediate relatives were present at the ceremony. The bride was attired in a brown traveling suit and wore a bouquet of orchids.

Following a buffet lunch, Dr. and Mrs. Marine left for an extended trip to Florida. After February 1 they will be at home at 599 W. 190th Street New York City.

May the blessedness of the Christmas spirit abide with you and the glorious promise of a bounteous New Year be given unto you.

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