



**CHARGED WITH INCITING INDIAN-KLAN CLASH**—Rev. James William Cole, self-styled grand wizard of the North Carolina KKK, makes a point during interview at his Marion, N. C., home. "I have no fight with the Indians," declared Cole, gaunt, gaunt, man of 33, preacher, former critical pithman and hack driver. His home is some 40 miles from the scene of shot-gun-pistol fracas between the Indians and the Ku Klux Klan group.—Clarion Ledger-Daily News-AP Wirephoto.



**SENIORS AT PEMBROKE STATE**—Pembroke college seniors try on cap and gown for class picture. The college, located at Pembroke, N. C., was originally for Indians but now is accepting whites. It is a modern four-year liberal arts institution. Left to right are: Flora Locklear, Julian Martin, Gilbert Sampson and Joseph Brooks.—Clarion Ledger-Daily News-AP Wirephoto.



**GUNS CONFISCATED FROM INDIANS**—Sheriff Malcolm McLeod of Robeson county, North Carolina, checks over guns confiscated from hand of Indians who crossed state-burning rally of Ku Klux Klan group from abandoned Moxie confederate.—Clarion Ledger-Daily News-AP Wirephoto.

## IN PILOT'S COCKPIT

### Powder Puff Derby Has Jackson Stops

By BOB NEBLETT

Jackson is going to be one of the stops in the annual Women's Trans-Continental Air Race (Powder Puff Derby) July 4. The race will be from San Diego to Charleston, S. C. via Yuma, Tucson, El Paso, Midland, Abilene, Tyler, Jackson, Montgomery, Macon.

**MAPS AIDS VETS**  
MAPS is helping the ex-military to find jobs. MAPS, sponsored by the Army Aviation Placement Service, designed to help men and industry both, by accelerating the placement of highly-trained U. S. Army aviation technicians in the civilian aviation industry.  
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Army Aviation, Association is going to make every effort to coordinate all job placements through MAPS.  
Men who contemplate civilian employment in the near future can

write to AAAA, Westport, Connecticut, for additional details about this service.

**'COPTER RECORDS**  
Establishment of three new world helicopter altitude records by an Army pilot has been announced by the Department of the Army.

Captain James E. Bowman of the United States Army Aviation School at Fort Rucker, Alabama, set new world altitude records of 30,335 feet in two weight categories, 28,200 in a third helicopter weight class.  
The record-breaking flights were conducted by the United States Army with the cooperation of the Ceasna Aircraft Company and under the supervision of the National Aeronautics Association representative. The records are subject to confirmation and acceptance by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale of Paris, France, the world-wide governing body of supporting aviation, which is represented in the U. S. by the National Aeronautics Association.

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# Indian-Negro-White Peaceful Existence Upset By Uprisings

By WILL GRIMSLEY

**MAXTON, N.C., Jan. 25**—Nearly a century ago, during the Civil War, a Confederate general forced Indian soldiers into Negro battalions. They had been fighting alongside white troops.

It led to trouble.  
But since then, the Indian and the white heretofore have lived in peace.

Until two weeks ago, that is. Then two crosses were burned outside Indian homes.

That led to trouble, too. The Indians swooped down on a Ku Klux Klan meeting in an abandoned cornfield a week ago and sent the white-robed Klansmen scattering.

Today, tension as taut as a guitar string still grips this small farming area in the southern part of the state, not far from the South Carolina border.

The Indians have returned to their usual pursuits, but they are restless and edgy in the face of reported new KKK rallies and threatened reprisals. So are other groups in this land of four-way segregation.

### WILD RUMORS

Wild rumors feed the flame. One report from South Carolina, not confirmed, was that Klansmen were being sent to a new reservation at Maxton with possibly 50,000 in attendance.

They were another report that a group of men in cars with South Carolina license plates drove up to the modern all-Indian high school in nearby Pembroke and entered the building. The report proved baseless, but the building was searched thoroughly for days.

Pembroke is the center of the ancient Indian colony, whose origin is shrouded in mystery and romance, probably going back to the early Roanoke colony of Sir Walter Raleigh.

The trouble started on Monday, Jan. 13. That night, Klansmen burned a cross on the outskirts of St. Pauls, in front of the home of an Indian woman who the Klan said was going with a white man.

### SECOND CROSS

Another cross was burned a few miles away, where an Indian family had moved into a white neighborhood in the county seat of Lumberton. Robeson County has about 40,000 whites, 20,000 Indians, 25,000 Negroes and 5,000 Smilings, still another dark-skinned group.

Klan next called a rally for Saturday night, in a corn field near here. Sheriff Malcolm McLeod warned against it, saying he lacked manpower to handle a riot if one should occur.

The Klansmen ignored the warning. Some 50 to 75 of the men, by their own estimate, gathered in the open field. Many carried shotguns, rifles and pistols.

As they assembled under a single electric light, armed Indians gathered along the highway. The sheriff estimated their number at 1,000.

Suddenly, as if by prearranged signal, the Indians charged the unarmed Klansmen. One Indian punched out the light with a rifle butt. With blood-curdling shrieks the Indians started firing into the air and into the ground.

**ONLY SCALP WOUNDS**  
Klansmen and scores of curious spectators broke for cover. Shortly afterwards, sheriff's deputies and police cleared the area with no serious casualties. There were only a few superficial wounds.

"We only wanted to scare them," said Sheriff McLeod, son of Pembroke's Indian mayor. Oxendine captured a huge white banner with the letters KKK splashed across it—the only spoils of the brief skirmish.

The Rev. James William Cole, a preacher from Marion, S. C., and self-styled grand wizard of the North Carolina KKK, says he escaped by reaching the highway and catching a ride with a friend.

He was driven the 45 miles home. Other friends took care of his wife and two small children, who also were at the scene.

"Everybody was looking for the Rev. Cole," he said afterwards. "I have no fight with the Indians."

Cole, 33, a gaunt, goateed former carnival pithman and hack driver, is accused of inciting to riot. So is James Garland Martin of Reidsville, N.C. The trial is set for next Wednesday. Cole is fighting extradition from his South Carolina home, contending his life is in danger.

Martin, a tobacco plant worker, was fined \$60 plus court costs and given a 60-day suspended sentence by an Indian judge here this week, on charges of disorderly conduct, carrying weapons. He testified that Klansmen were ordered to come to the rally armed.

"We were told it looks more impressive," he said.

After a lecture by the judge, he renounced the Klan, saying: "I don't think it does any good."

Sheriff McLeod said relations between the Indians and whites had gone untroubled for decades before the KKK incident. Although attending segregated schools, they had lived and worked—and often worshipped—side by side with no ill feeling.

### OUTSIDERS

"This was strictly outsiders' doings," the sheriff said.

The origin of the Robeson County Indians remains a mystery, but historians have connected their ancestry with the "Lost Colony" of Roanoke Island, sent from England by Sir Walter Raleigh.

The Indians have no tribal customs. They never have been in a reservation nor have they been under government subsidy. Many of them have blue eyes and blond hair. There are no distinct Indian characteristics.

It is said when Scotch settlers moved into the area in the mid-1600s they found Indians here living not in tepees but in normal houses, farming the land and speaking in Elizabethan dialects. Their names instead of being typically Indian were Scotch, English and Irish, such as "Lowry," "Jones," "Jacobs," "Sampson" and "Maynor"—names also found on the list of Gov. John White's Lost Colony.

### 10 SURMONDS

Today 90 per cent of the Indian population in the area may be bracketed under 10 surmounds such as those listed. Others are "Oxendine," "Chavis" and "Deere." The last believe never have been the name of Virginia Dare, the first white child born on American soil.

Indian historians believe the Lost Colonists of Roanoke moved over to the mainland after Gov. White had returned to England in 1585.

to get fresh supplies. Then they were absorbed by the Indians through intermarriage.

Some students have found a connection between the Croatan Indians, who are scattered through parts of North Carolina, and the Roanoke colony. The word Croatan carved on a tree at the site of the Lost Colony is one argument they use. English names are another.

But the Robeson County Indians, who are neither Croatans, nor Cherokees, who live in the western part of the state. They trace themselves from the Sioux, but call themselves Lumbees, after a river in the area.

For years these Indians lived side by side with the white settlers, worked and fought with them, carving records of bravery in the Revolutionary War and War of 1812.

### MIXED UNITES

However, according to legend, during the Civil War a New Orleans general found the Indians fighting alongside white men and ordered the Robeson County regular army ranks and put into service battalions with Negroes.

The Indians resented this. Many thought that these were Allen Lowry, who with his son William was sought out and shot down by a guard of 30 men and buried in graves dug by the Lowry men themselves.

A witness to these killings was another son of Lowry, teen-aged Henry Berry, who swore vengeance and later as an Indian outlaw spread a trail of murder and terror throughout the territory. Henry Berry Lowry, a hero of Indian lore in the Robin Hood tradition, was supposed to have dropped from sight.

This KKK uprising is the only trouble the area may have had since Henry Berry Lowry rode, commented Walter Clark, a 72-year-old Indian farmer.

Today Robeson County has one of the most unique segregation problems in the country. It has four distinct social systems—one for the whites, another for the Negroes, another for the Indians and still another for a group known as the Smilings.

The Smilings moved into North Carolina from Maxton and Rowland—some 30 years ago from South Carolina. Dark of skin, they are accepted by neither the whites nor the Indians and refuse to attend Negro schools. So the county is erecting a new \$50,000 school for the Smilings alone.

## AT GRIDIRON SHOW

### State's Politicians To Be 'Slow Roasted'

Mississippi's politicians will be roasted over the open flame of the Jackson Press Club's third annual Gridiron Show Thursday night.

The three-act comedy, written, produced and enacted by members of the club, is devoted to lampooning politicians for the amusement (?) of the victims.

Various skits in the show are designed to reflect, in ludicrous manner, Mississippi's behind-the-scenes politics, freely translated by the Press.

Invitations announcing the title "Who's Running This Cotton Pickin' State, Anyhow?" have been mailed to state and local leaders throughout Mississippi.

No politician is too obscure to be impersonated, no issue too insignificant to evade the scorching satire of the script.

Gridiron shows were originated some years ago by the National Press Club when top governmental officials and events were characterized.

The first Jackson Press Club Gridiron Show came on the heels of the 1955 general election. High lights of the political campaigns, coupled with a regular legislative session provided ammunition for the salvos of the press.

The second show was held during a special legislative session.

The late James D. Arrington, Mayor of Collins, newspaper editor and humorist, served as master of ceremonies.

One of the skits of last year's show was a mock television program entitled "I did it and I'm glad!" featuring Cliff Bingham in the role of Governor J. P. Coleman and W. F. Minor in the role of Dick Sanders, television commentator.

A slapstick surprise ending brought roars of laughter and applause as former Governor Hugh White appeared on the stage in person amidst a bevy of fictitious gubernatorial candidates. The former governor waved his cane and announced they would be "next governor over my defeated body!"

City of Jackson and Hinds County politics and issues are aired in one act of the show. An original song last year entitled "Jubilation in the role of Governor J. P. Coleman" resulted in a new nickname for Jackson's Mayor Allen C. Thompson.

Tom Q. Ellis, clerk of the Mississippi Supreme Court and secretary as master of ceremonies this year, in a show which promises many surprises and much laughter.

The show, which featured dialogue and original songs suited to the hour, will be held in the Victory room of the Heidelberg Hotel beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday.



## TO GRADE ESSAYS

David H. Sahler, supervisor of driver education in Hinds county schools, standing, confers with Grady Gilmore, head of the public relations department of the Mississippi Highway Patrol, left, and Capt. L. V. Warren of the Jackson Police Force. Sahler has just turned over to the two officers the 1500 entries in the essay contest on safe driving, written by Hinds youths. The officers are to be the judges of the contest.

## DR. JONES DONATES \$100 TOWARD TRIP TO MAYO

An eight-year-old white child suffering from a rheumatic heart has been given a check for \$100 toward paying expenses to Mayo Hospital in Rochester, Minn.

The money was given by Dr. Laurence C. Jones, principal of The Pine Woods Country Life School, who learned of Linda Joyce Rummel's plight from her father, W. E. Rummel, who was doing some work at the school recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Rummel want to thank the professor publicly for his sympathy and his donation. The little girl has been bedridden now for some time. They live in Magee.

## FEWER FATALITIES

### Patrolmen Are Praised For Reducing Accidents

Eighteen Mississippi Highway Patrolmen receiving commendations from Commissioner Tom Scarborough for one-year fatality free runs were: Patrolmen C. T. Williams and Donald Woods of Houston; W. P. (Bill) Kenny and Fred Cret of Bay St. Louis; D. Wade and H. B. Grisham of Senatobia; B. M. Duncan of Gulfport; and Patrolmen J. W. Beall of Jackson and formerly of Philadelphia where the award was earned.

A. B. Marlar of Burnsville; T. P. Bollen of Fayette; George Lansing and Burnice Beasley of Meadville; W. H. Brunt and Grady Prevost of Ackerman; H. K. Solomon of Lumberton; and "Special Achievement" recipients Duckworth and Stennis.

The awards were presented to the Patrolmen during special ceremonies conducted at Highway Patrol headquarters, Jackson, Jan. 24. Commissioner Scarborough made the presentations.

The assigned patrol run of these two Patrolmen, Highway 23 south of Hattiesburg, was once described as one of the "toughest in the state," yet the accident rate there is coming down. Both officers are heavy ticket writers.

Commissioner Scarborough has contended that the ratio of accident prevention in highway safety is directly proportional to the amount of enforcement effort expended.

## A. S. Prouty Plan 25th Anniversary

City fireman A. S. Prouty is planning a big celebration tomorrow if nobody's home catches a fire.

Prouty and his bride of 25 years are going to throw open the doors at 815 Monterey St., at 2 p. m., in observance of the anniversary.

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## Neill To Head Neurosurgical Society

Dr. Charles L. Neill, Jr., of Jackson was elected president of the Neurosurgical Society of America at its annual meeting in Key Biscayne, Fla. He succeeds Dr. Lyle French, professor of neurosurgery at the University of Minnesota, as president of the society which draws its members from the United States, Canada and Cuba.

A former vice-president of the Neurosurgical Society of America, Dr. Neill is a member of Southern Neurosurgical Society and will be co-chairman for that group's convention here in March.

A native Jacksonian, Dr. Neill graduated from Central High school and Millsaps college. He earned his M. D. degree at Cornell and took his advanced training at Cornell-Bellvue Medical Center in New York before entering practice in Jackson.

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