

KOFC ISSUES WARNING AGAINST BOGUS OATH

Hoax Usually Makes Reappearance During Campaign Years.

The reappearance in certain sections of the country of the bogus fourth degree oath of the Knights of Columbus has led James A. Flaherty of Philadelphia, Supreme Knight of the K. of C., to issue a warning to any who take part in circulating this alleged oath and to request the press of the United States and Canada to aid in enlightening the public regarding the falsity of this "oath."

"The Knights of Columbus," Mr. Flaherty stated, "invite information from anybody regarding circulators of the alleged K. of C. fourth degree oath. This bogus oath, revolting in character, has been in circulation for many years. It is a blasphemous and evilly designed document, calculated to stir up religious hatred and to inflame bigotry. Strangely enough, its appearance coincides with general election years."

"The Knights of Columbus is not an oathbound organization, and, as far as secrecy is concerned, we have more than once submitted the internal workings of the Order, even to the details of degree work, for examination by non-Catholics, even ministers of protestant denominations, who have found us to be simply a patriotic organization striving to do good wherever and whenever we can."

Recently this disgusting "bogus" oath, containing foolish threats of massacre and carnage against those who do not agree with us in religious matters, was circulated in Albany and Providence and in up-state parts of New York and rural sections of other states. An attempt was made to circulate it during the war, but the Department of Justice stopped that, the circulator being an alien enemy and that fact is significant in the recent attempt to revive the "oath." The oath is usually printed with a catch line at the bottom, stating that it has been taken from the Congressional Record. The truth is that it has appeared in the record, as evidence in an election case in which it was successfully used against a candidate who happened to be a Knight of Columbus. His opponent strongly disclaimed knowledge of the "oath."

"The Knights of Columbus believes that this 'oath' is circulated by ignorant persons who are victims of a more or less intelligent attempt to discredit the organization and cause religious strife for political or other ends. We shall prosecute those who malign us by distributing this 'oath' whenever and wherever we may find them. We have already obtained a large number of convictions in various parts of the country."

"The press of the country can render a distinct service by warning the public against this foolish attempt to create bigotry and ill-feeling, especially at this time."

Worthington

We Have Troubles of Our Own. We think there are enough mean things happening in Worthington without being credited with every violation of law that occurs in the southern end of the county. The Sunday Times gave an account of the trial before Justice Muagrove of Dawig Luken-son and headed the article "Worthington Man." No such man lives in or near Worthington and we should not be charged up with it. People in

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other sections reading such accounts would form the opinion that Worthington was the worst place in the world. Hereafter we shall expect that Annabella, Wyatt, Carolina and other points will receive proper credit for such happenings and not Worthington simply because they are located on a rural mail route starting from Worthington.

Returned Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry King who spent the winter in Oklahoma and Texas, returned home arriving here on Sunday night. While in Texas Mr. King was employed in the oil well drilling business. He reports such work as being very slack in Texas at present.

A Wedding in Town.

On Monday evening at 6:00 o'clock Mr. Elijah Benton Fluharty and Miss Emma Pearl Shiffert were united in marriage at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Fluharty in the Davis apartments. Rev. Frank Ice, of Barckville, was the officiating minister.

Pie Social.

The pupils of the public schools have announced a "pie social" to be held in the S. J. Sturm building on Wednesday evening, March 17th, and ice cream, pie, cake and in fact everything good to eat will be served. The proceeds are for the benefit of the Worthington school.

Mumps in Town.

The epidemic of "flu" has subsided but it is followed by an epidemic of mumps and several cases are reported in town at present. Ted McDaniel is one of the victims.

Some Educational Needs.

Of late much has been said of the educational needs of Worthington and some of the things desired have been accomplished under the principalship of Prof. G. C. Goodnight but one of the greatest needs still remains, and that is a high school for this section. We understand the people of Worthington backed by other towns in this section will make a fight to the finish to secure the high school.

A Kick on Passenger Service.

Of late there has been considerable kicking on the passenger service on the interurban line between Clarksburg and Fairmont especially in regard to the car leaving Clarksburg at 7:45 a. m. and arriving at Fairmont at 9:00 o'clock. It is a one car trip and runs at a time when the passenger traffic is the heaviest, at least on the northern part of the line. On Monday morning last when the car arrived at Fairmont 266 passengers were registered and they were packed in the car like sardines in a box, about four car loads into one car. With a 6 per cent. quarterly dividend and the present rate of fare charged the M. V.

T. company should be able to supply an extra car on this trip.

Personals.

Chas. O. Messenger and Zadoc C. Talkington, who have been employed in the Texas oil fields for the past several months, returned home on Monday.

Taylor Davis, who has been located near Cadiz, Ohio, arrived here on Monday for a visit and we understand he will locate here again if a location can be secured.

Mrs. Elizabeth Snodderly Keene, of Clarksburg, Pa., arrived here on Monday for a visit with relatives and friends.

S. J. Sturm and S. K. Jacobs were in Fairmont on Monday qualifying as registrars for Precinct No. 1, Lincoln district.

Jas. W. Emerson, of Middleton, was a business caller in town on Monday. Jas. T. Taggart was a business caller in Clarksburg on Tuesday.

Howard Gains, who is employed in the McKeesport, Pa., gas field, came home on Saturday for a visit and returned on Tuesday.

Mrs. Florence E. Tetric was a business caller at Shinnston on Monday.

Attorney E. B. Carskaddon and family, of Fairmont, took supper at the Ark hotel here on Monday evening.

John C. Jacobs, who had an attack of "flu" is able to be out again.

The only baseball managers really in a stew are Ed Barrow and George Gibson. They and their athletes are being bailed out at Hot Springs.

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