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say, a sheriff in a county like this, where the sheriff gets a cut of all the taxes that are collected.

The local Kleagle deserves credit for an excellent recruiting job. For half a century, until 1964, the Klan has been pretty well dormant in Neshoba County. The club faded out shortly before World War I for a logical reason. There was neither a Jew nor a Catholic in Neshoba County then, and hatred is difficult to sustain when there is no one around to hate. The Negroes? They were much too docile to hate.

But early last year, faced by the specter of a great invasion of civil rights workers from the North, sweeping in to plunder and pillage, which is not easy in tennis sneakers, the Klan sprouted again in Neshoba County, as it did in the rest of the besieged state of Mississippi. Exactly what the citizens of Neshoba County feared is hard to ascertain. This is a county of some 21,000 people—15,000 white, 4,500 Negroes and 1,500 Choctaws—and the local Negroes are not noticeably militant. The right to vote would not have made much impact; only a small percentage of Neshoba's Negroes could pass even an honest literacy test. Hotels? Restaurants? Miscegenation? The Negroes here think walking on the same block with whites is integration.

Still, the Klan rose to fight for survival, and early last spring the Klansmen spread the word that the first full Klavern had been formed. They used the traditional Klan symbol for a new Klavern, burning crosses throughout the county, including one in front of the county Court House in Philadelphia, most likely to alert Sheriff Lawrence Rainey and Deputy Sheriff Cecil Price, in case no one had remembered to tell them.

The Klan in Neshoba County is part of a Klan Province that spreads over six counties, including Lauderdale County, which surrounds Meridian. The Province, as I understand it, is under the command of a Grand Titan. I hope that is the proper title, because titles vary from Klavern to Klavern, and the Klan is touchy about

its titles. Some Klansmen almost don't mind what you say about them, so long as you get their title straight. Almost.

The Province reports to the state organization, which is headed by an Imperial Wizard. He is a man who lives in Laurel, Miss., and he is no relation at all to Robert Shelton, an Imperial Wizard who lives in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Shelton is the head sheet for the United Ku Klux Klan, which is, of course, distinct from the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the Mississippi branch.

I am afraid I may have slighted the Grand Dragon, the Grand Giant and all the other Grand Klan officers by not explaining their duties. I did not mean to. I did not mean to slight anyone in the Klan, because in fraternal organizations like this one, there are always a few mavericks who simply refuse to stick with honest moratoriums.

**Madison Music Group
Preps for Helldorado**

MADISON SCHOOL'S instrumental music ensemble has been busy preparing for a fifth grade assembly program and participation in the Helldorado Days Parade, the latter scheduled for Thursday, May 13.

The ensemble consists of fifth and sixth grade students who have been taking lessons since last September. None had previous experience. Instrumentation includes a clarinet section, a percussion section, and one trumpet and one bell lyre each.

Students participating in the program are Eddie Cowart, Kathy Osley, Ruth Jimerson, Veronica Davis, Vernetta Ray, Donald Smith, Arletha Hawkins, Noralla Clary, Margaret Schneider, Robert Spencer, Bobby Ernest, Eugene Shaw, Frank Jefferson, Paul Roberson, Donald Smith, Kenneth Feaster and Steve Ward.

The drummers made their first public appearance at one of the Madison School mass assembly programs directed by Mr. O. N. Abington and the combined instrumental music class performed for another school program directed by Mr. Lindburgh Smith.

Madison's instrumental ensemble will combine with school bands from Matt Kelly and Highland, and drill teams from Madison and Matt Kelly for joint participation in Helldorado Days activities.

HOME OWNERS are invited to attend a course in landscaping and gardening now being offered by the Adult Education Department of the Clark County school district at Las Vegas High School. The class meets in Room 354, Frazier Hall, on Monday and Wednesday nights from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Cost of the course, which will continue for 14 more sessions under the tutelage of landscape architect John Fitzpatrick, is \$6. Instruction includes information regarding trees, shrubs and grasses suitable to the local climate, locating plantings for best results, proper fertilizing, watering, pruning and pest control.

**MEET YOUR
CANDIDATES**

JOE JULIAN, a resident of Las Vegas for the past 15 years, is a candidate for the City Commission in the forthcoming election. Julian will seek the post now held by Phil Mirabelli.

Claiming he is "totally dissatisfied with the slipshod, inefficient methods by which the city government is now being operated," Julian says he will seek to establish orderly business procedures and a policy of financial responsibility, while instituting tighter budgetary controls.



JOE JULIAN

A prominent businessman and long-time Democratic party stalwart, Julian has pioneered and developed many local ventures, including radio station KRBO (now KLUC) and the first and only strip car wash. He presently owns the Flamingo Estates Shopping Center, the Joe Julian Professional Building and is in the midst of constructing a new modernly designed shopping complex to be known as the Rancho Plaza Mall.

A member of St. Anne's Catholic parish and long active in civic and church affairs, Julian served as Chief Deputy Coroner under the late Judge Oscar Bryan.

An eleven point program on which Mr. Julian will base his campaign features:

1. Apply sound business procedures to city government.
2. Adopt policy of fiscal responsibility and tighter budgetary controls.
3. Restore public confidence in city government.
4. Increase salaries and opportunities for city personnel.
5. Cease 'give-a-ways' of downtown alleys.
6. Keep city out of real estate business.
7. Institute city beautification program.
8. No raise in sewer service rates.
9. Investigate decline in parking meter revenue.
10. Realistic recreational program.
11. Complete new bus system.

"This program is designed to provide efficiency in government and city management with YOU in mind," Julian said.

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