

**TODAY and TOMORROW**  
— by —  
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**RELIGION . . . . . divisions**  
For three years the Protestant Episcopal Church in America and the Presbyterian Church have been considering merging into one religious body. The project has now been postponed for another three years, with the adjournment, without action, of the Triennial Convention of the Episcopalians. There was, however, a great joint meeting of the two sects, and leaders of both are hopeful of eventual union.

There are three distinct branches of the Lutheran church in America. They, too, have been trying to find a common ground on which to merge, as the various Methodist church branches recently did. They haven't quite got to the point of union, but in this great sect there is a widespread feeling that they are getting close to becoming a single church instead of three.

To me every effort to bring religious bodies together seems important. A large part of the disrespect in which religion is held in America arises from the great number of sects, differing from each other in no essential particular, but creating the impression that religious people are hopelessly divided among themselves and have nothing positive to offer to the seeker for light.

**TOLERANCE . . . . . sects**

What hurts the cause of religion most, as I see it, is the intolerance of members of some sects for those holding a different view from their own on matters of ritual or interpretation. It is every American's right to believe and practice whatever religion he or she pleases, or none at all. That goes without saying. Everyone has a right to try to convert others to his particular belief.

There has never been any doubt in my mind that those rights are conditioned upon respecting the right of everyone else to worship as he pleases. No American has any right to denounce another because he belongs to a different religious sect. I happen to have been born the

**Trucks Crash Near Brooks Cross Roads**



There was plenty of wreckage and litter scattered over highway 21 about a mile north of Brooks Cross Roads Sunday following a crash between two trucks, one loaded with household furnishings, but no one was hurt. The accident occurred when a dump truck, en route to Asheboro, was said to have gone out of control and hit an approaching truck. The dump truck, pictured left, turned over on its side, scattering its load about the highway. The huge truck and trailer pictured right, was damaged about the front. The driver of the smaller truck, whose name was not learned, was said to have been arrested for driving while intoxicated after highway patrolmen had investigated the accident, and was placed in jail at Yadkinville. The driver of the large truck, a Mr. Collier, was en route north from Florida.—(Tribune Photo.)

son of a Protestant minister, but one of the earliest teachings of my father was that Jews and Catholics had the same right to their beliefs that Protestants had.

The test of any man's religion is not the name of the church to which he belongs but his personal character. I have known men of almost every creed with whom I would not want to be associated in any way. I have known men and women of the finest character belonging to sects with whose tenets I totally disagree. I long ago gave up asking what any man's religion is; all I want to know is what is his personal character.

**CHARACTER . . . . . criticism**  
"Character" is something which is hard to define. It is the sum

of all the qualities which make up an individual's personality. To say that a man has a good character is to say more than merely that he pays his bills and meets his just obligations. Character, in the last analysis, involves doing much more than one is required to do, in holding an attitude toward others in which kindness and justice are mingled.

One has to know a man or woman pretty well to discover all the qualities that go to make up that individual's character. I think one test is contained in Lord Chesterfield's definition of a gentleman. Writing to his son, he said: "A gentleman is one who never gives offense unintentionally." That, of course, implies a constant awareness of the sensibilities of others and a constant

alertness to avoid hurting another's feelings.

I begin to be suspicious of a man's character when I find that he habitually criticizes others without sufficient justification, and that he never admits his share of the blame for any trouble in which he may be involved.

**POLITICS . . . . . intelligence**

We have just come through a political campaign in which, if the charges made by their respective oppositions were true, none of the candidates had a personal character that would make him a fit person for decent people to be seen with. That sort of personal "smearing" has always been considered fair play in politics. No candidate for office ever had such vile and vicious attacks made upon him publicly as George Washington, and none of his successors has escaped.

Intelligent people discount that sort of political mud-throwing, realizing that no man capable of the low motives and disreputable conduct of which candidates for office are accused could have gained a position where he would be seriously considered. But in a Democracy like ours, we must tolerate this form of freedom of speech because we want to protect the right of freedom of speech in every phase.

I am very doubtful how useful politically that sort of personal attack really is. The only votes it can influence are those of the least intelligent.

**TO HAVE PROGRAM AT WHITE PLAINS CHURCH**

Dr. I. G. Greer, superintendent of Mills Home, Thomasville, will present a program in behalf of the orphanage at the monthly meeting of the Surry Baptist Associational Sunday school at White Plains church, near Mount Airy. The meeting will be held on November 10, and will begin at 2:15 in the afternoon. A glee club from the orphanage will furnish special music for the program.

There are 52 churches in the association, and it is hoped that a good representation will be present for the meeting Sunday.

**ARLINGTON MAN DIES RESULT HEART ATTACK**

Funeral services for Cephus Alexander Culler, 80, who died at his home in Arlington from a heart attack, were held Monday afternoon from Shoals Baptist church. Mr. Culler was a native of Shoals and a son of the late Constantine and Mrs. Hetty Scott Culler. His wife, Mrs. Lenora Hauser Culler, died several years ago. He is survived by three children, Mrs. W. I. Kiger, of Arlington; Robey Culler, of Mount Airy, and Ira Culler.

**ELK ANTLER WINS BEST PAPER PRIZE**

John Gambill, editor of the Elk Antler, high school paper here, received a check for \$2.50 Wednesday morning, which is the monthly prize offered by the Beta Club Journal for the best school publication. Prizes are awarded for both printed and mimeographed papers, and the local school paper won in the latter class. The entries include all school papers in the Southern states.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED AT DOBSON**

The following couples were issued marriage license at Dobson during the past week: Frank Key and Minnie Lou Leach, both of Mount Airy; William Smith and Miss Sarah Jane Tate, both of Mount Airy; James E. Ridge and Martha Lou Presnell, both of Pilot Mountain; Bill Wood and Miss Verlie Hamlin, both of Dobson; Samuel Wilson, Winston-Salem, and Miss Mecia Key, of Elkin.

A cubic yard of gravel weighs 2700 lbs.

**Mission Circle to Meet This Evening**

Circle number four of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church will meet this evening, (Thursday) at 7:45 at the home of Miss Ruth Atkinson on West Main street, with Miss Julia Abrams associate hostess. The week of prayer offering will be observed.

All members are cordially invited to attend.

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