

# NEWS AND VIEWS

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## "URGENCY OF CHRISTIANITY"

ELM CITY—Before this appears in print, history—"favorable or unfavorable"—will have been written from and about this little Wilson County town of less than eight hundred people of all races because of an unfortunate impasse occasioned by ordering away from the painting and Bible school project of the First United Presbyterian Church here of a small group of white Pennsylvanians ("youths") who were aiding the construction by the Ku Klux Klan grand dragon James R. Jones of far away Granite Quarry in Rowan County, who was backed up by many area whites.

The three-million-member United Presbyterian Church in the USA has had a policy of interracial religious and educational activity for more than one hundred and seventy-six years, and it has not just begun in Tarheelia, the KKK leaders should at least know.

Now that the project is scheduled to resume under adult interracial effort Tuesday of this week, it is the fervent hope that further unfavorable publicity will not stifle its completion, despite the threats and intimidations of large crowds of klan demonstrating before the Elm-City hall and its two-man police force and a deputy sheriff.

It is heartening to hear that Gov. Terry H. Sanford has pledged the full protection of the State in the execution of what is only a church project just as we are sending eight colored youths to participate with whites in camping projects in Kentucky and elsewhere.

Surely, our nation is really headed for the devil—and fast—when whites and colored cannot work and worship God together in an effort to engender greater mutual understanding among all peoples. Must the Klan be permitted to dictate the terms upon which Church must operate? If so, the Church had better close up the Bible. Then too, all denominations—more or less, leading ones—are promoting these types of interracial fellowships in an effort to get us off the colossal powder keg of hate, dispute, distrust and racial prejudice. IF WE DON'T GET OFF THESE THINGS OUR NATION WILL BLOW UP LIKE OTHERS ARE DOING! This is the "urgency of Christianity" in our times. MAY GOD HELP US!

August first is the date for the issuance of a 5¢ U. S. postage stamp reminding some forty million unregistered Americans that it is time to go register and vote—in all elections according to Syd Kronish, authority on the subject of philately (stamp collecting).

An eligible Hollywood bachelor, Richard Chamberlain, reportedly keeps in trim and out of the arms of marriage-hungry girls by running a mile-and-a-half each morning before his eight o'clock work detail. He says: "It's the greatest way" to keep in trim for both work and bachelorhood. He anticipates marriage "when I get 31—three years from now" he says; and will continue running for his health's sake.

**"CHRISTIANITY APPLIED"**

We have just read that the late Sam Rayburn, famed Texas Speaker of the House of the U. S. Congress, in referring to young Preacher Bill Moyers, mild-mannered Texan, who relaxed the ministry to become a trusted White House assistant to Lyndon B. Johnson while he was Vice-President as well as after he became President said, in answer to those who criticised Moyers: "De-

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The Holy Temple Church of Bunn held its regular worship service beginning at 3 p. m. The pastor, the Rev. Alston was in charge and everyone had a wonderful time.

The wedding of Mr. Sidney R. Crudup and Miss Mable B. Holden was held recently at Zion Springs Church.

The Bridesmaids were: Miss Shirley Smith, Gladys Crudup, Mary Crudup, Janet Hopkins, Loreta Holden and Helena Holden. The flower girl was, Little Miss Jessie Mae Holden; Matron of honor was, Mrs. Rachel Smith. Ushers were: C. J. Richardson, James Miles, John Hopkins, Ollie Lee Donson, Kenneth Crudup, Joseph Neal, George Perry, Mrs. Gaybelle Harris and Mrs. Hall.

The Rev. C. H. Boykins of Wilson, married the couple.

**PERSONALS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thompson, formerly of Louisville, who now live in Richmond, Va., was the weekend house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Booth.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Crudup, Sr., Mrs. Martha Ann Rodgers, Mrs. Emma Hopkins, Mrs. Mattie W. Crudup and Mrs. Vernal Booth, recently attended the district meeting of the Eastern Stars of Smithfield.

**Benson-Four Oaks**

BY MRS. FLORENCE J. WYNN  
Church Activities

**RENSON**—Worship service was held at St. James Disciple Church. The pastor, Rev. R. Williams delivered the sermon. His text was taken from St. Luke 10:2. Subject, "The Harvest Is Great, Laborers Are Few." A very inspiring message it was, and the Rev. A. A. Anderson pastor of the First Baptist Church, followed with a very good talk which was like another sermon, but enjoyed by all.

**TO BE ALERT** and able and willing is something my substitute housekeeper is (81 years old), and it gives me a lift to have her around.

On Tuesday, noon, worship serv-



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## METHOD

BY MISS DORA STROUD  
CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Oak City Baptist

**METHOD**—Rev. Leatho Dennis held his mid monthly service Sunday, July 12 at 11 o'clock. A strong message was delivered by him, which was enjoyed by all.

The sweet voiced junior choir was in charge of the music under the direction of Miss Lorraine Dunton, B. T. U. and night services was held as usual.

St. James AME Church  
Owing to the pastor of St. James AME Church, having to preach at the S. S. Convention in Pittsburgh, Sunday, morning service was not held. Regular service was held at night, with Rev. Sheares delivering a lovely sermon. All present had a great time.

Misses Louise Avery, Sharon E. Taylor, Bettie M. Stokes and Earl Morgan were delegates to the convention. Miss Taylor won second place in the oratorical contest, Friday night. St. James Junior Choir rendered music Friday night at the convention. Mrs. Elizabeth Lee Ferguson is pianist for the choir. Mrs. Annie Stokes Arrington is secretary of the Raleigh District Convention. Several other members attended the Friday night and Sunday sessions.

St. Johns A M E Church on the Rhamkette Road will be the host of the next convention. Regular service at St. James Sunday morning. Groups who did not report last Sunday night are expected to make reports Sunday morning.

**Prayer Service**  
Each Monday and Wednesday nights are prayer service nights.

**Sick**  
Our sick are doing fairly well at this time. Remember they need our love and cheer. Mrs. Annie S. Carter is recuperating nicely at home now. After being a patient at Wake Memorial Hospital.

**Deaths**  
Mr. Lynwood Young, husband of Mrs. Effie Young formerly of Method, but now resides at 1018 South Person St. passed Monday. Funeral service will be held at St. Paul AME Church Wednesday at 4 p. m. The most faithful wife and all of his relatives have our deepest sympathy.

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