

# Senator Sam Ervin Says: James R. Oliver Taken in Death Catholics Reach Diocesan Goal News From Merry Hill Section

WASHINGTON — After extended debate the Senate has passed the so-called "Civil Rights" bill for 1968. Some have asked: "What good was accomplished by the long debate?"

In my view, the debate did much good. It called attention to the freedoms to be lost under this drastic bill and it examined the constitutional invalidity of many of its provisions. When the battle was over, it showed anew that there are still some men in the Senate who believe that under the Constitution the federal government has no power to regulate the titles to real estate or to rob supposedly free Americans of their rights to control, use and dispose of private property according to their own desires.

Many times during the debate, I attempted to point out constitutional and practical objections to the so-called open occupancy proposal and to other provisions of the bill.

The outcome of the bill and many of its provisions were decided by close margins. One crucial test was decided by a single vote. In the end, while the main battle was lost, some of the bill's provisions were rendered less obnoxious.

For example, the Mondale open occupancy substitute constituted as rank a prostitution of the judicial process as has ever been put forward in this nation. It provided that the secretary of Housing and Urban Development was to be charged with the responsibility for enforcing the provisions of that proposal. It provided that the same secretary, or his designee, was to receive housing complaints from others and prefer complaints on his own, and would act as the omnipotent prosecuting attorney, jury and judge.

In the final version of the bill, my opposition to this procedure brought about a change to permit

impartial judicial enforcement of the so-called open occupancy proposal. Enforcement would be vested in the United States District Courts to permit individuals to bring controversies before federal judges in their home areas rather than to go before federal crusaders in Washington.

It should be pointed out, too, that during the course of the debate the Senate adopted an amendment which exempts owner occupant sales and rentals of single family dwellings from the provisions of the bill.

Moreover, I was able to win Senate passage of my amendment to extend constitutional rights to the reservation of American Indian, a measure that I have been fighting for over a long period of time. My amendment grants reservation Indians basic constitutional rights which other Americans have come to take for granted. These are the rights of freedom of speech, freedom of religion, trial by jury, right of counsel, and freedom from excessive fines and cruel and unusual punishments.

Another worthwhile amendment which I put into the bill will protect the rights of law enforcement officers, National Guardsmen and regular Army personnel who are engaged in preserving law and order in riot torn areas. Strange as it may seem, as originally written the so-called "Civil Rights" bill could have deterred law enforcement by authorizing criminal penalties to be used against those engaged in controlling riots. My amendment removes this possibility.

The debate also secured passage of several anti-riot amendments to protect small businessmen from looting and rioting and to make it a federal crime to travel in interstate commerce with the intention of inciting riots. For these reasons, I think the debate accomplished much good.

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### Plenty Of Occasions

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## James R. Oliver Taken in Death

James Raleigh Oliver, 64, 701 Cabarrus Street, died at his home Thursday after an illness of several years. He was a fisherman.

Mr. Oliver, a native of Chowan County, was a son of R. P. and Sarah Harris Oliver.

Surviving is his wife, Mrs. Minnie A. Oliver; one son, Felton Oliver of Edenton; three daughters: Mrs. Dorothy Lucas of Virginia Beach, Va., Ernestine Oliver and Vera Anne Oliver, both of the home, and one step-daughter, Mrs. Virginia Smith of Edenton; one brother, J. H. Oliver, Sr., of Edenton; and one sister, Mrs. Lizzie Shisky of New York.

Seven grandchildren also survive.

He was a member of Rocky Hock Baptist Church. Funeral services were held at 3 P. M., Sunday in Williford Memorial Chapel with Rev. Russell Rice in charge. Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

## Death Claims Mr. Chappell

Leroy Ernest Chappell of Ryland, died suddenly Thursday afternoon. He was 62.

Mr. Chappell, a retired barber, was a native of Perquimans County. He was a son of Thomas and Ella Chappell.

Surviving is one sister, Mrs. Lizzie Hitts of Richmond, Va.

He was a veteran of World War II.

Funeral services were held at 2 P. M., Saturday in the Williford Memorial Chapel with Rev. Harold Leake and Rev. George Cooke in charge. Burial was in Chappell Hill Cemetery.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this opportunity to thank our many friends for the help, flowers, visits, cards, food and your prayers during the illness and death of our husband and father, W. B. Hassell. We also thank each of you that contributed to the Baptist Orphanage in his memory. God bless you all. His Wife and Children.

## Catholics Reach Diocesan Goal

The latest report from central headquarters in Raleigh indicates that this year's goal of \$150,000 has once again been reached in the Diocesan Loyalty Campaign. And to help reach that goal the local Catholics together with some of their friends have come up with an increase of 15 percent over last year's contributions.

Thanks to the fine work of the co-chairmen: John Miller and Fred Guay, together with the men volunteers: Skinner White, Frank Palumbo, John O'Brien, Gerald Maher, Joseph Gai, Frank Kalapos, Ercelle Griffin and Martin Lash the returns were in and processed by 3:30 P. M., Sunday.

The amount at the present time totals \$513 for St. Ann's Parish alone. If the few who said they'd send their donation in later this figure could rise to \$600.

To add to the above, All Souls' in Columbia came through with \$287 and although this was a few dollars less than last year they are to be commended for their wonderful cooperation in a project of Diocesan proportions, said Father Joseph Lash.

Finally it may be of interest to some that there were nine in Columbia who gave the requested sum of \$25 and 12 made the sacrifice here in Edenton, he said.

Correct this sentence: "When I was a young man the girls were crazy about me and I had a great time with them."

## News From Merry Hill Section

By Mrs. Ethel Winborne

Mrs. Sue Britt left Wednesday for Newport News to spend some time with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hitt.

David Cobb has been a patient at the McGuire Veterans Hospital at Richmond for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coward and children spent last Sunday at Chesapeake, Va., with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Liverman and Mrs. Ada Greene of Harrellsville visited Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pruden, Jr., Saturday.

Mrs. E. J. Pruden, Sr., and Mrs. S. B. Adams visited Mrs. Fred White, Misses Ida and Ethel Britt of Harrellsville last Tuesday.

Mrs. Kate Johnson visited Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Johnson of Colerain Tuesday.

Truitt Robertson of Colerain spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Chesley White.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Bailey of Hampton, Va., were the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smithwick, for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas White and children of Newport News, Va., spent Saturday with his mother, Mrs. J. W. White.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Barfield and children were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Small at La Grange.

Mrs. J. W. White spent Thursday in Plymouth with Mr. and Mrs. Gene White and family.

Mrs. Virgie Baker and

Mrs. Ethel Winborne visited Mr. and Mrs. Hobson Taylor of Williamston on Saturday.

Britt Smithwick of State University of Raleigh was at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smithwick, for the weekend.

Billy White of State University, Raleigh, was at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe White, for the weekend.

Mrs. Milton Robertson and sons of Colerain visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. White, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pruden, Jr., made a trip to Elizabeth City Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Manual Canal and daughter Shela of Tampa, Fla., spent from Saturday until Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baker.

Mrs. Jimmie Smith and children of Norfolk spent last week as guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Williford. Mr. Smith spent Saturday and his family returned to Norfolk with him.

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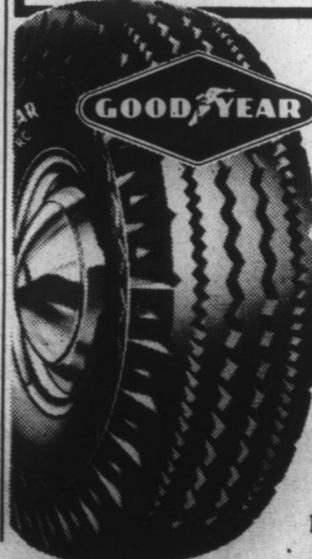
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