

THE "OLD GRAY" AND THE NEW RIDER

E. PHILIP ELLIS

A Real Race Leader

The Rt. Rev. Reverdy Cassius Ransom, D. D., L. L. D., who comes to reside over the A. M. E. Church in South Carolina has distinguished himself as a wonderful race leader. His noble efforts are not simply confined to his denomination but to all the people irrespective of creed. No man is truly a race leader whose usefulness does not exceed his denomination. The recent forum for Columbia composed of leaders of all denominations, to be the organized voice of colored citizens is the result of his intelligent vision. Bishop Ransom in his endeavors to help his people does not only occupy Methodist pulpits but Baptist and Presbyterian pulpits as well. His is the most sane position when it comes to political parties. The bishop is right. I am convinced to believe that when it comes to political parties, the one that does the most good for all the people is the one to support, whether democrat or republican. While bishop Ransom gives the connectional school his untiring support he does not refuse any opportunity to speak to the young people of his race in the government schools as well. This is no new thing for him in this state; but every place he has pastored and presided. He is highly spoken of everywhere by people of both races and by members of all churches. They are saying that God has brought forth this mighty leader for such a time as this. The citizens of Union are in arms to receive him in that city on the 4th Sunday in March. He will be the guest of the Winnsboro District and will preach at Bethel Church of which the Rev. L. G. Bowman is pastor, and at the city of Bethel church on that day to hear our great leader.

A Chain Gang Chorus

Since being presiding elder, I was sent to spend a Saturday night with an officer of the church who lived in a beautiful grove around which a large gang of colored prisoners were in camps. The following Sunday morning the prisoners engaged in singing spirituals, plantation melodies and gospel hymns. And I was never more affected with sweet singing in all of my life. The singing at the church I attended that day was not to be compared in anyway with that I heard from the chain gang that morning. On that chain gang were sweet tenors, fine bass voices and good sopranos. The church I attend had in its choir persons singing from boisterous on down. That chain gang chorus many of whom were out of that same church community could melt your eyes to tears. They were endowed with the same gifts when they were free, but it took the chain gang to develop them. All day Sunday they roamed the woods hunting up trap games, and while key skills, but when they got stripes on their backs and chains around their ankles, they found that their talent given from God was to sing. And had they put that talent to use in his church they would not have been on that chain gang. Even now many churches in the rural districts cannot operate a choir of any kind. They have nice choir boxes built in their churches, but not a single person to occupy them. The talented singers of the community, men and women, are out joy riding all day Sunday and haven't the church to think about. They will almost curse you if you mention the church to them. It will take the chain gang, the penitentiary and the dreadful death house to draw from their lips:

"Trouble Lord I'm troubled
Troubled about my soul
But soon as my feet strike Zion
I wont be troubled no more."

It is heart rendering to know that so many men and women, boys and girls will not do a single thing for God until trouble overtakes them.
D. D. No Business Title
One of the glaring mistakes of denominations is that they try to make a D. D. fit every place in their connectional machinery. When it comes to their institutions they look for a D. D. General Officers, must be D. Ds. Every editor and business manager must be a D. D.; auditing board members must be D. Ds. It was not the purpose of the Almighty that a D. D. should be used in all the business pertaining to his church. Hence the seventh deacons were set apart. The laymen are really gifted when it comes to material business. The Palmetto Leader, Publishing Company, at 1310 Assembly Street, Columbia, S. C. is one of the most complete publishing businesses of colored in the South. This enterprise is the product of Mr. George H. Hampton, a college graduate, but not a D. D. Every Negro in South Carolina should subscribe to The Leader. The Lewie Regalia Company in the same building supplies fraternal orders all over the United States. Mr. J. B. Lewie, founder of this great establishment is an educated man, but not a D. D. The authorities that operate The Victory Savings Bank of Columbia, The Douglas Bank of Chicago, and the Citizens Bank of Charleston are intelligent business laymen but no D. Ds. D. Ds. and B. Ds. are alright in the pulpit. Ph. Ds. are a college requirement. But when it comes to the business side of the church and other things they worth about as much as the old brother said prayers were worth in a bear fight.
"Legal Electrocutation"
While passing through the town of Union last Monday, my attention was called by a stream of "people both white and colored passing in and out

of Jeter's up-to-date undertaking establishment. My curiosity became aroused and I too fell in the line. The sight that was to be seen were the remains of one of the finest young men that ever saw. His body was shipped from Washington, D. C., sometime during that night. Looking upon his death stilled form, one would imagine he was a high school principal or a noted physician, or a gospel minister or a leading christian citizen that had died an honorable death. But when saw the death certificate from Washington, I read as the cause of his death, "legal electrocution." The young man had killed a man and woman in Washington and had been given thirteen court trials in three years. But finally ended up in the electric chair. Thousands of dollars were spent by the government to prosecute this young man and by his family and friends in his defense. He was 25 years old when he was put to death and about 22 when the crimes were committed. But I simply mention this incident to show how our young people like the prodigal son are spending the portion the good father has given them in riotous living. God our Great Father has given our young men their portion in beauty and attractiveness to be used in his church for his glory. But because they are pretty the world bids them in for the stage and for the homes of ill-fame. And when they yield to the world's persuasion, like the prodigal son, they are spending their portion in riotous living. God our Father has given these young men their portion in health and strength, so they can be pillars in his church. But when they allow the devil to make them see that strength to commit crimes they too, are spending their God given portion in riotous living. And unless they will arise and come back to the Father, like that young man of this sketch and other criminals, awful will be the end of their earthly existence.

Our Whereabouts

On last Sunday we were at Jeter's Chapel Church of the Eastern Circuit with the Rev. L. D. Gamble, A. B. Pastor. This charge has been rated among the best in the Columbia Conference. And should be the best still for it has more district officers than any charge in the district. But it seems to be drifting from its former greatness. It demands the best preachers which means the best support on its part. Brother Gamble says he is determined that this charge shall regain its place and with the Jeters, the Johnsons, the Sims, the Curingtons, the Moblles, the Walkers, the Hendersons and many others it should come back. However we are to complete our quarterly conference at Thomas Chapel Monday night March 23 at which time we are to speak to the joint Junior churches from Jeter and Thomas Chapel. After then we will publish the doings of this quarterly conference. This week-end will find us at White Hall where we will also meet the officers of Friendship. We will preach at White Hall Sunday morning of which the Rev. W. R. Bowman, B. S., is pastor and complete the business of the quarter that afternoon. Let the members pray for an out pouring of the Holy Spirit. "Let us advance on our knees."

CONWAY NEWS

Bethel A. M. E. Church
Rev. W. I. Gore, selected as his text, Nehemiah 4:6; subject, "Individual Responsibility."
Sunday School hour was interesting and many points were brought out on the subject, "The Good Samaritan."
At 8:00 o'clock services our pastor spoke from St. Luke 19-5; subject, "Make haste and come down." He preached a powerful sermon.
Tuesday night, 10, there was a program at the A. M. E. Church, under the auspices of the Allen Christian Endeavor League. Mrs. A. B. Wilson, President.
We were pleased to have the many visitors from Cherry Hill Baptist Church with us Wednesday night.
We are sorry to report so many on the sick list. Mrs. L. Jones, Mrs. N. Gaddy, Mr. James Brown, little N. Moore and Mr. O. Graham. We hope for them a speedy recovery. Mr. Vergil Moore, Jr., who has been indisposed is out again to the delight of many friends and class mates.
Mr. Tracy King is quite sick at this writing. We are glad to see Mr. William McKeiver out again.
Mrs. Jamerotte from Columbia is here spending sometime with her daughter, Mrs. Francis Gore; we hope that she will enjoy her stay.
Rev. W. J. Robinson, was in town last week.
Mrs. Janie Mae McLeod left last Tuesday for Manning, S. C. Miss Polly, from Dunn, N. C., is in town spending sometime with relatives.
Mr. F. M. Hemmingway, motored to Marion Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. Ellen Deas, Miss Sophia Gridiron and others.
The Victory Club was organized at the home of Rev. Gore Feb. 5, 1931. Miss Mary Jane Alford, Secretary, Miss Cicie Moore, Treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Alford; Reporter, Charles Deyitt. Our next meeting was held at the president's home; we were glad to have Miss Georgia Percell and the club and also Miss Laura M. Spain and Miss Alberta Dewitt.
Our second meeting was held at Miss Mary Brown we had a nice time there; we also had a fine program that night Mr. Winston Hemmingway and Lemond Jones visited the club and made some encouraging remarks.

M. E. CHURCH NEWS

Special church services in Lent lead up to a more general and generous Easter service. Nothing is more inspirational than the presentation of a class of young men and women to be received into full membership in the Church on Easter. The streets and the country are full of prospective members awaiting the call of the consecrated pastor and the wide-awake church. This age demands a going concern.
L. M. D.
The Dorchester charge, Rev. J. W. Budden, Pastor, reports progress. District Superintendent Clark held his First Quarterly Conference. Total collection \$62.00. The friendly spirit of the three churches were at high water mark. March 1st, collection \$31.00. Miss Queenie Cheery and Mr. Hill were happily joined in marriage Dec. 28, 1930 at the residence of the bride by their Pastor Rev. J. W. Budden. The stage is set for a prosperous year. We shall send our subscription to The Palmetto Leader.
L. M. D.
Dr. Bert Smith, President of the Methodist Brotherhood, bases his leading address upon three words, Organize, Vitalize and Utilize. He says that the difference between a mob and an army is organization. In the army every soldier is working in harmony with every other soldier, with a common objective, while the mob is a group of fanatics, without order or unity. He says that some think the church is over organized, but not so, but if he were pastor he would make every layman a president of something, if by so doing he could get them all to work. Too many he says are more attentive to their secret orders than to the church.
L. M. D.
Trinity M. E. Church, Orangeburg is being built on the pay-as-you-go plan. The frame is of steel and the walls of solid brick. The church is Gothic in style. It will seat about eight hundred people. Provision is made for the Bible training school. The entire structure is expected to cost seven thousand dollars. As the church is located in a College town, the people deem it necessary to build a structure in keeping with the probable growth of the Colleges and the community.
Dr. James F. Page is meeting with a warm reception on the Orangeburg District. Dr. Freeman returns as pastor of Trinity Church for the sixth year, and is preaching to a full house every Sabbath. Dr. McGill is reported ill with the Flu.
The Southwestern Christian Advocate, published in New Orleans, furnishes interesting data on illiteracy in the United States. It reports about 3,000,000 illiterates among the whites and 1,842,161 among Negroes ten years of age and over. Secretary of the Interior Wilbur and the National Advisory Committee on Illiteracy report that in twenty four states instruction has been given to 365,000 illiterates unable to read or write. The proportion of Negroes to whites is somewhat appalling, but while this is to be regretted there are many reasons for this disparity. At an early day the excuse for not providing education for the Negro was that he could not learn, and later that he did not need to learn. Fortunately both of these positions have been proven untenable. Modern opinion North and South has assumed a much more favorable attitude towards Negro education.
It is worthy of wide spread publicity that the State Superintendent of Public Education of Louisiana, Dr. T. H. Harris, addressing the conference on education, at a meeting of the National Council of State Superintendents and Commissioners of Education with the United States Office of Education, at Milwaukee last December, gave a courageous statement of the cause of a large percentage of Negro illiteracy. We quote short extracts from his published address.
"we have adhered to the view that education was intended for certain classes of people, while other classes should be excluded from its benefits. The admission is not at all to our credit. If elementary schools had been provided at the beginning of the public school systems in the various states for all children of all races, there would be no adult illiterates at this time, and this is the course we should have pursued. Our mistake should be rectified, as far as possible, by providing a limited amount of elementary instruction for adult illiterates in the different states, and by the rigid enforcement of compulsory attendance, insure schooling for every child in the United States."
"The perpetuation, safety, and success of our economic, political, and spiritual institutions require that all of the people shall be instructed, and in order to realize this ideal, all children of all races in the United States should be required to attend school. State departments of education should assume the leadership in providing instruction for adult illiterates, and State governments, assisted by the Federal Government, should finance such instruction. Prompt and vigorous efforts in this field will practically wipe out illiteracy in the United States within the next two or three years."
L. M. Dunton, Orangeburg, S. C., March 9, 1931.
To the Women of The Women's Home Missionary M. E. Churches:
The next thing for 1931 is an intensive drive the forty days of Lent for your church.
First: show your church loyalty, by giving three hours during Lent for whatever activity your pastor may desire or direct to help your church.
Second: Give three hours to the publicity of Women and Junior Home

Missions; the official organization of your society.

Third: Give three hours intensive work for new members, not for numbers only, but to interest and obtain our entire membership for this great cause.
Fourth: Strengthen your organization by giving public programs strong auxiliaries visiting the weak ones, and trying up loose ends, etc.
Fifth: Now that we have reached Holy Week, let's give three hours to winning youth to the church and Missions.
Sixth: Work out a follow up program.

Send me a report of your activities for these six weeks, we will judge them. \$20.00 will be given to the best publicity program. \$20.00 for the best follow up program. Each woman in the Society who gives these hours of service (18) will be entitled to have their names printed on the achievement rool in Woman's Home Missions.
Mamie E. Fields, Conference Corresponding Sec., 5 Short St., West, Charleston, S. C.

CHERAW NOTES

Wesley M. E. Church
Sunday of last week was Holy Communion at Wesley Church. The number communed were many.
The regular meeting of the Official Board of the church met Monday night. Business of importance were disposed of very creditably. Plans for raising World-Service Funds are being expertly handled by the pastor.
The "Carpet Committee" of the church has been organized by the pastor to liquidate the balance on the carpet.
Special preparation is under way for the glorious Easter celebration. A full day of worship is scheduled as follows: 5:30 A. M., A sacred drama, "At The Tomb of Christ," by Sunday School teachers. At the regular 11:00 o'clock service the pastor will deliver the sermon of the day assisted by the choir with special music. At the Sunday School home, the primary and intermediates will have their exercises directed by Mrs. Hattie Harrington. At the evening service the adult school will render the play "Our Christ Live" directed by Dr. J. V. Hanna and Mrs. D. Duckett and others.
The regular choir and the supplementary rehearses every Friday night.
Sad was the news of the death of Mrs. Laura K. Bates, an outstanding member and one of the mothers of the church for many years. An ardent christian woman. Her funeral and funeral notice will appear later.
Mrs. M. B. Robinson who has been confined to her room at home for some time is recuperating and has been able to stir about. We trust her a speedy recovery.
The S. S. Board will meet at the residence of Mrs. Estelle Chapman, 2nd St., Thursday evening.

SALUDA NEWS

Misses Beniah Lindsay, Lela M. Johnson, Eliza M. Logan, and Mr. J. S. Rufford, motored to Augusta Saturday.
The Declamation Contest and Quartet Contest were held at Saluda High Thursday night, Feb. 26. Mr. Robt Logan was the winner of the first prize on the Declamation Contest. Miss Lambert Boyd, of Leesville won second prize. Johnston Quartet won first prize and Leesville won second prize.
Saluda Basket ball girls played Brewer Normal at Greenwood on last Tuesday, Feb. 24. The scores were 8-10 in favor of Saluda. The basket ball team and teacher called by Miss Lela M. Johnson's home while in Greenwood.
Prof. Clarke preached at Rider Branch Btpt. Church Sunday. After service he was invited to the home of Miss Susie Carls where he enjoyed a delicious dinner.
Prof. and Mrs. Clarke also Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bush, along the dinner guests of Mrs. Dela Boughton knight.
Misses Elizabeth and Hattie Lou Davis spent the week-end at their native home at Ridge Spring.
Misses Lela M. Johnson and Ella M. Graham, were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Butler Sunday of Chappells.

NEW BUCK JONES THRILLER

Craving For Stirring Speed Satisfied By Famous Adventure Ace.
Audiences want action, action and more action, theatre managers everywhere say. Which is probably why Buck Jones the Western star has flashed into new prominence. Nobody is more experienced than Jones at setting jaded nerves quivering with excitement. The smiling, handsome cowboy actor and his famous horse are known all over the world. He can be depended on, with his natural nerve and daring feats of horsemanship to get hearts pounding and hands clutching the sides of seats from the first flash of the picture to the last.
Film-goers will find that he has exceeded himself to meet a great new demand for thrills in his latest Columbia feature, "Shadow Ranch," which comes to the Capitol Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday. Expert riding, gun-fights, hand-to-hand this outdoor drama, with an unusual combats and spectacular stunts fill love story and a liberal sprinkling of hilarious comedy. Buck is surrounded by a well-known cast of players including Marguerite De La Motte Kate Price and Frank Rice.

ST. GEORGE NEWS

Means 'n' Comments

This writer (amateur) has seen how much criticism a writer gets. Not long ago a very prominent lady told me that I must cease writing about politics. No further will our race get until every writer of our race speaks what he thinks no matter how much popularity he loses. Our people seems contented with only spiritual results and our race leaders down here in St. George says that we must let politics alone. I really believe that we would consider both sides of life spiritually and politically. Don't think I am an anti religious but I believe in God and Negro sharing a little in politics. Its a bad thing to be too poor; being poor, I could not hear Hon. Oscar DePriest at Emanuel Church, Charleston, Friday night.

I really would not know what to do if I could not see or read. Pointed points in the Leader every week. Messrs A. Glover, Willie and Harold Heyward, Wm. McKinley Bowman Mrs. Joe Bowman, 17 years; Stark Windham, Misses P. Boman, Helen and Mayfield Windham motored to Branchville Tuesday to attend the marriage of Mrs. Windham's sister. Engagement announced Mrs. Ada Griffith announces the engagement of her daughter Cherry to Mr. Leroy Stephen of St. George.
The Silverstone Quartet will give a concert at St. Paul A. M. E. Church near Byrd's and cue at Mt. Zion Baptist Church (white) Wednesday March 18. You are cordially invited to attend both recitals. All churches in South Carolina are asked to write Wm. McKinley Bowman, Rt. 1, Box 70 St. George, S. C., for optings.
Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Marshall spent Sunday at Summerville where Rev. Marshall conducted services at the First Baptist Church.
Mrs. Anna Simmons and San "cute" Goran have moved with her sister Mrs. Sallie Corner.
Rev. A. F. Daniels preached at the Good Hope Baptist Church Sunday night, using as a subject, "Why you should praise God." Rev. Daniels is a good young preacher ordained by the Lovely Hill Association.

EDGEFIELD NEWS
On last Thursday evening we had a very popular visitor in our town in person of Grand Chancellor Julius A. Brown, of Charleston, S. C. At 8:00 o'clock Mr. Brown spoke to the members of four lodges that met in joint session with Edgefield Lodge No. 70.
The Grand Chancellor was on the floor two hours and when he took his seat there was no room for further questions for he had thoroughly covered the most difficult phases of the order.
Prof. J. R. Freeman accompanied by Misses Goodwin, Nance and Lamerette, motored to Augusta, Friday afternoon.
Mr. Walter Simpkins formally of Edgefield but now of Orangeburg spent Sunday in the city; he was accompanied by his niece and nephew, Oletta and Wallace Simkins, who are students at State College.

Mr. and Mrs. Handsel Waldo of Aiken spent last week in the city with relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. Jas. O. Thompson and Mrs. Kimball motored to Augusta Monday.
Mr. Edw. Wigfall passed away on Wednesday A. M., March 4, funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. A. Gamble, Thursday afternoon at Trinity A. M. E. Church. The remains of Mr. Henry Borin was brought here from New York Saturday and funeralized Sunday at Macedonia Baptist Church. Rev. F. Weaver, officiated.
Prof. and Mrs. Parker entertained at their home on Friday evening the Royal Six and Associate members. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Simkins, Miss Emima Bryant and Mrs. Zenobia Cook.
After several games of progressive whist a delicious menu was served.

NOTICE!
DISTRICT MEETING OF K. OF P. MANNING, S. C.
There will be a district meeting of the Knights of Pythias and Courts of Calanthe of Clarendon County, Manning, S. C., March 16, 1931, at which time Honor Sr Julius A. Brown, Grand Chancellor, Charleston, S. C., will deliver an address in the interest of the above mentioned.
The meeting will convene at the Colored Graded School 8 P. M., Manning, S. C.
All true hearted K. of P. and Courts of Calanthe of this and adjoining counties are asked to be present on Monday night, 8 P. M., March 16th.
The Grand Chancellor has assured us that he will be present regardless of weather conditions; so let us all come out and help maintain our own in the Spirit of Damon and Pythias.
P. S.—Whether you are finance or unfinance, come!

EASTOVER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patterson gave a party in honor of their teacher Prof. James S. Anderson, who teach at the Cross Road School No. 2, on Feb. 25. Prof. Anderson was highly entertained by the teachers of the schools in the lower Richland County, also a few guests of Columbia. Various games were played. Prof. Anderson and Mrs. Francis Davis of Columbia were winners in the card games and Mr. Young was the winner of the checkers. Good music. Prof. Anderson stated it was among the best he had ever attended. The hostess served cake and punch. Everybody seemed to have enjoyed the party. Among those present at the party were: Prof. and Mrs. Barnwell Misses Darkie Scott Washington, Rebecca Bailey and Mrs. Laura (Bowman, white) of Eastover Graded School; Mr. and Mrs. J. Cheseboro, St. Philip School, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams, Mr. and Mrs. R. Reeds, Misses Francis Davis, Jamie E. Anderson of Columbia, Miss Fannie Simon, Eastover.
Fraternally yours,
B. J. Hodges, D. D. G. C., Clarendon County

Easter Excursions

Tickets will be sold FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd, and SATURDAY, APRIL 4th, 1931, between ALL STATIONS on the SOUTHREN Ry. SYSTEM Limited to return within 15 days. AT ONE WAY FARE PLUS \$1.00 FOR THE ROUND TRIP (Children Half Fare) Stop-Overs Allowed—Baggage Checked

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3rd
EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5th
An Excellent Opportunity to visit Home and Friends at Greatly Reduced Rates

The Southern Serves the South With Many Excellent Through and Local Passenger Trains For Fares, Pullman reservations, tickets and schedules Inquire of any Passenger Representative or Ticket Agent

SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM TRAVEL BY TRAIN Comfortable, Economical, Safe

REESE'S DRUG STORE
MRS. P. R. REESE, Prop.
A FULL LINE OF PATENT MEDICINES, CIGARETTES, CIGARS, AND TOBACCOS.
APEX TOILET PREPARATIONS—COMPLETE STOCK.
NEWSTAND
Race Magazines, And Newspapers Can Always Be Found Here.
ICE CREAM AND SODAS
PHONE 7820
1422 Assembly Street, Columbia, S. C.