

# The "Old Gray" and The New Rider

By E. Philip Ellis

A. M. E. Delegates From S. C. We are taking this method of introducing to the readers of the Palmetto Leader all of the delegates elected from South Carolina to the A. M. E. General Conference which meets in Chicago, Ill., next May. This is in keeping with our promise made at each annual conference in this State. And this is why every race leader should subscribe and read this paper. A paper that delights in giving space to publish the accomplishments of worthy colored men and women. The number of delegates from this State is 68—ministerial 50, including our president, dean and chaplain; lay delegates 18. All of them will be presented from the conferences that elected them. sentence will follow each delegate's name, which will fully acquaint him to the many readers of "The Leader." It will be well for the delegates themselves to be readers of this paper, so as to know what others think of them. Then too, the general public will make no mistakes to let our paper find its way into their homes so as to know the kind of material that is to represent the A. M. E. Church in this State. Since only one third of our space can be given each week for this introduction, we can only introduce one conference's delegates each week. But we will continue every week until the list has been completed. The following is the order of introduction; South Carolina, Columbia, Northeast, Piedmont, Palmetto and Central. Seniority is the method used. Beginning next issue, the delegates of the South Carolina Conference, both ministerial and lay will be presented. Watch the "Leader."

### Negroes of Columbia Not Slothful in Business.

That there are higher business heights to be attained by the colored people of Columbia we do not deny, but one must also admit the above caption. The Waverly hospital that was advertised in this paper a few days ago, is one of the best institutions for colored people in the State. Dr. N. A. Jenkins, superintendent, is polite to patients and employees. Aside from his great fitness, he is equally accommodative to people of his race. The Good Samaritan hospital is also an argument in support to our subject. There is not a colored undertaking establishment in the State to surpass that of Johnson and Bradley. The dead room looks like a bride's chamber. Nothing depicts sadness about the place. The Pinkney's funeral home will also testify that the Negro is not an unknown factor in business here. The Citizen's Furniture Company in this city is the best if not the only one in the State. It is a credit to the Negro race. Every colored person should inspect this wonderful stock and trade here. Too much cannot be said of these Baptist ministers for this noble enterprise. I. S. LeeVey has the largest colored clothing house in the South. Does not that speak well for Columbia. All colored people should strive to make it greater. The Imperial, Royal and Réserve drug stores are monuments to the credit of Negro enterprises in the capital city. This subject will be continued next issue. Watch the "Leader."

### Crimes Caused by Ignorance of God.

If kidnapping, lynching, robberies, murder and all other crimes must be done away with, we must have the world of mankind to know God. Sad but nevertheless true, you seldom hear of a man that was ever lynched who was a devout Christian. I mean a man that knew the Lord. One may be equally truthful when he says the same applies to those who participate in lynching. It is well established that the Christian white people of this country are bitterly opposed to crimes, even to the lynching of Negroes. They plead for law and order. The white press of this country denounces lynchings and other crimes in the severest terms. And

none of them more pronounced than the "Columbia Record." It is alarming to witness and read of the numerous crimes that are being committed at this age in which we live. Some of them seem unexplainable. Ignorance of God is the cause of them all. Last November, a young Negro in the city of Sumner, lured an old man just outside of the city limits pretending to sell him some cross ties and cut his head off with an axe and then threw his body into a hog pen. The records showed that that young criminal had no association whatever with churches and Sunday schools. He knew not the Lord. The churches and the Christian people are called upon ever before to interest themselves in the salvation of mankind. Have them know the Lord.

It is awful to think of the unsafe conditions of this world because of sin. The innocent children of the rich can scarcely attend school for being kidnapped and held for ransom. One cannot walk the streets with a large sum of money on his person. Dare any man to have several hundred dollars in his home and the same is generally known. Persons are being gagged and robbed of their hard earned funds in their own homes. In every case the persons committing these crimes are ignorant of God. To dispense with crimes, the criminals must be reformed. I don't mean educated but reformed. Edward Hickman who is being tried for his life in the California courts for the kidnapping and murdering of the innocent Parker girl was fairly educated, but woefully in need of reform. True reformation comes only from knowing God. The people of this world must know God if crimes are to be reduced from where they are today. It is a sad sight to see the scores of men and women, beautiful boys and girls of the rural district that have no affiliation whatever with the churches in their community. They don't even go to church. All day Sunday they frolic around from place to place in a manner of mischief. A program must be put forth in some way by someone to have those people know the Lord. Otherwise they are developing into criminals of which no crime will be too cruel for them to commit. The only remedy for crime is to know God. I mean to know him in your heart. A sad mistake many parents are making is to make it possible for their children to attend the every day school and encourage them to neglect the Sunday School. But regardless of their worldly wisdom, they cannot escape the pitfalls of sin and crime by knowing God.

### Our Whereabouts.

On last Sunday we were on the Bishopville charge and at Camden with Keys, Ruff and Fields respectively. It was another cold day, but we had a blessed time at both places. I believe both of these good ministers will do well on these places.

This week-end will find us on the Mill Creek and Congaree circuits. We will preach for Rev. Brown at Mill Creek, Sunday at 11:00 A. M. and for Rev. Pompey on the Congaree circuit at 3:00 P. M. Let the people in these charges pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit.

### NEWBERRY COUNTY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION MEETS

The Newberry County Teachers' Association met in its regular monthly meeting, January 28th in the Drayton St. high school auditorium. The president, Mr. R. F. Gladden officiated during the opening due to a death in the president's family. The first song was "Blessed Assurance." Prayer was offered by Rev. Wm. Thompson; after which "Tolling On" was sung.

The president, Mr. U. S. Gallman, then came in and conducted the remainder and order. He reminded us of our country denounces lynchings and other crimes in the severest terms. And

### literature.

The county superintendent of education, Mr. D. L. Wideman and Mr. J. R. Eighty were present and addressed the body. Their addresses were filled with inspiration, pep and will be of much aid to the teachers if they do those things outlined in their addresses.

This association has some real friends who do not hesitate to come to its meetings and address it. The superintendent wants this association to register and attend the Palmetto State Teachers' Association one hundred percent.

Saluda County is sending representatives to our next meeting to learn our mannerism. Newberry County is the banner county. Its motto is "Make a Record."

### Mrs. EDWARD J. WILLIAMSON

On January 15, 1928, the soul of Mr. Edward J. Williamson passed into the great beyond, after an illness of more than a year. His soul rests in the sunshine of the vast forevermore, and wanders among the enduring throngs who joyously meet those who have thrown off the fetters of worldly cares and sorrows. Mr. Williamson was the only son of Mr. Lawrence Williamson, who preceded him several year ago, and Mrs. Minnie E. Williamson. He was born in Columbia, and lived here practically all of his life until recent years. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Minnie Williamson and sister, Mrs. John W. Goodwin, a host of relatives and friends.

### SOCIAL WHEEL OF CHESTER

On Friday evening, January 20th, the noble grand order of Billie Goats entertained their dames and young men with their initial and most elaborate affair at the residence of Bro. Douglas Ayers. The guests of honor were: Mrs. J. P. Douglass, Mrs. Douglas Ayers, Mrs. Henrietta Williams, Misses Lila Brown, Lois E. Henry, Bessie Lewis, Pearl Massey, Toyota Miller, Sarah Miller, Cora Weaver, Messrs. J. W. Agurs, and Gettie Kibbeck. The great angoras present were: L. S. Brown, Scott Foster, James Stanback, Israel Stanback, Harold Ayers, Thomas Wright, Thomas Johnson, D. T. Kenney and Douglas Ayers.

The welcome address was beautifully delivered by the most exalted master, Prof. L. S. Brown, followed by an enunciated response by Mrs. J. T. Douglass.

The wholesome, nutritious and delicious refreshments and the rhythmic notes and artistic touch of Bro. Scott Foster at the piano, convinced everyone present that the affair was indeed enjoyable.

The occasion marks the spirit which penetrated and penetrated the minds of reflective thinking young men of Chester for sometime.

The organization has for its sole purpose and aim to raise and perpetuate the life of the community socially, intellectually and morally. Just watch the goats!

### MARTIN ELECTED CAPTAIN OF CLAFLIN'S SQUAD

Orangeburg, S. C. Feb. 3—At the annual football banquet the 1927 letter men chose Harold Martin as their captain for the 1928 season. Addressed by Coach Taylor, Dr. E. B. Burroughs, alumni president and several of the retiring football players were added features to the elaborate feast for the evening.

For the football squad, the hearing of the names of those who had been chosen to get the cherished letter or 1927 was most important. This came early in the evening when the following men's names were read: A. Bythwood, Sylvester McCullough, Charles Byrd, Lane Singleton, Herbert Dubra, Hampton Smith, Harold Martin, William Knight, Isaac Murray, Howard Blake, Josephus Gregg, A. Johnson, James Whitfield, George Williams, Jesse Arnette. These men retired and elected Harold Martin as their captain for 1928.

After the election Coach Bruce Taylor addressed the squad, praising them for their loyalty and hard work the past season and told them of the plans for spring practice and the 1928 season. Coach Taylor installed the newly elected captain and presented the Eddie Taylor, football trophy, a large silver football on a pedestal, to that member of the team who had proven himself the most valuable to the squad and who had exhibited true sportsmanship during the season of 1927. Herbert Dubra, retiring senior, was awarded that honor.

The address of Dr. Burroughs was very timely. He emphasized the place of athletics in the school and spoke encouragingly of the effects of athletics in Colleges, and at the same

time cautioned the squad to guard against the desire to represent the school in all of the sports to the detriment of his academic accomplishments and his physical health.

Music for the evening was furnished by Steward's—singers. W. Seward, who is bandmaster and assistant coach was directed. After short talks by the retiring members of the team, the seniors played their last selection and ended the well spent evening.

### A. AND T. NEWS

Greensboro, N. C.—The appearance of the Hampton Glee Club, under the personal direction of Dr. Nathaniel Dett, at A. and T. College, Thursday evening, February 2, is anticipated with unusual pleasure by the citizens of Greensboro.

On the following evening the Freshmen and Sophomores will clash in their annual debate. The subject will be "Coeducation at A. and T." N. C. High School Debating Team.

At a recent meeting of the committee in charge of high school debating in North Carolina, Professor Mortimer Weaver of A. and T. College was appointed to succeed Professor D. K. Cherry as chairman of the committee. The latter, who has served most efficiently in that capacity for several years, is now doing graduate work in the University of Chicago. The com-

mittee, composed of Messrs. M. Weaver, E. E. Outright, High Point, N. C.; L. S. Cozart, of Raleigh; H. L. Trigg, Winocon-Salem; C. K. Rope, Rocky Mount, and W. A. Robinson, State supervisor of Negro education, hope to make 1928 a banner year in the debating history of the State.

A. & T. Honors Football Heroes. A. and T. College will entertain its football team, champions of the C. I. A. A. for 1927, in the form of an informal reception, Saturday evening January 28. In addition to winning the championship, this team has the honor of having five players on all C. I. A. A. American teams for the past year.

### NOTICE

There will be a literary and musical treat given under the auspices of the Citizens' Building Organization, at Second Calvary Baptist Church, February 13, 1928, 8:00 P. M. Judge Kimball will address the body. E. C. CLARK, President, C. T. FOSTER, Secretary.

### AJAX ST. VALENTINE MASQUERADE FRIDAY OF NEXT WEEK

The Odd Fellows hall will be a scene of beauty and a place of lovable attractiveness on next Tuesday, February 10th, when the Ajax and their invited friends meet to celebrate their third St. Valentine Masquerade.

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