

THE "OLD GRAY" AND THE NEW RIDER

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One Killed Every 17 Minutes

During the year 1929 it was shown that between thirty one and thirty two thousand persons were killed in automobile wrecks. The exact figures appeared in the editorials of "The State" a few days ago and in that same editorial it was calculated that the average death from cars was one for every seventeen minutes of the year past. Isn't that awful. "The State" commented further in saying "that with all of the good roads and warning signs upon the highways, such a death toll should not be." Just here we desire to comment further and say that, this tremendous slaughter would not be if those operating cars would keep whiskey out of them and concentrate their minds on what they are doing. It is true accidents will happen and sometimes cost lives. But I venture to say that nearly all of the deaths from car wrecks are caused by carelessness, drunkenness or foolishness on the part of the ones operating one or both machines. Cars of today are pretty well true so far as mechanicalism is concerned. Now and then you read of a wheel running off or the steering wheel getting hung, causing a death here and there. But the hurrying of thousands into eternity is the fault of reckless drivers and not that of the machines. Such a death rate as the previous year ought serve as a warning to persons operating cars this year. But every now and then you can see a car loaded with human passengers, with a red eyed limber neck, slobberer at the wheel, running his good for nothing mouth, with no concern whatever for the precious lives entrusted to his care. It is time and high time, for any and all persons to stay out of cars whose operators are in liquors.

South Carolina Led The Connecting

The Allen's Day returns of February showed the old Palmetto State to be in lead of more than a thousand dollars over the next highest episcopal district in the connection. The presiding elders, pastors and lay members of this state were amazed to see how little the other episcopal districts responded to this appeal. At our last tabulation the 7th Episcopal district had reported nearly seventeen hundred dollars and the first episcopal district, where the book concern is located, had paid just a little over seven hundred. Florida, the managers own state, had paid then upwards of four hundred dollars. And all of the other districts considered the appeal as a joke seemingly. Many of us here were no more interested in the publishing house than those of the other districts that did practically nothing. But we believe in obeying orders. Then, too, we never want our leader to be embarrassed. So it was due to the respect that we have for Bishop Hurst as much as anything else, why we rallied to the call. Now another movement is on to let us all rally again. It appears to me that the first effort should be to rally the connection up to South Carolina and let us go together. The attitude assumed by the connection in regards to the Allen's Day appeal, exposes this fact that the church, local nor general, need no longer put on these extravagant programs, more as a means to an end than anything else, and expect the people to pay for them. The people are figuring out now how to go to heaven by the cheapest church route. And from their ways and actions it seems that any church will do. There are thousands of people that expect to die in the church of their mothers and fathers. I myself, am one of them. But this thing of churches contracting large debts, and when they find themselves sinking, cry "church pride!" "church pride!" is going to be a mighty poor appeal in the future. For some people's church pride is like a fat pig on an icy lake. It just as soon fall down as stand-up.

The "Leader" Supporters at Spartanburg

It was indeed a pleasure of ours to visit the many readers of the "Palmetto Leader" in the above city last week while there in quarterly meeting. Aside from adding new readers to our list, nearly all of the old ones sent their subscription dues to the office by us. The manager, Mr. Geo. H. Hampton, was delighted with our report. He is encouraged to know that honest people will appreciate such a publication as the "Leader" and will pay for it. Dr. J. J. Walker is one of the leading dentists of the city. He is Sunday school superintendent of his church and heads all of the city business leagues. The church and race are proud of him. Mrs. Nina Littlejohn, president and superintendent of "The John-Nina hospital" is a marvel. She has certainly distinguished herself in the establishment of this wonderful institution for the people of our race. She is also one of the leading characters in her church Mr. A. W. Herndon, owner and manager of the Southern Candy company has almost wrought a miracle. Nothing like it on this side of the Mason and Dixon line. We must support such an enterprise. Mr. and Mrs. Herndon are leading officers in our church. Mr. A. C. Platt, attorney, is doing one of the greatest money lending businesses of the state. Mr. T. W. Williams is superintendent of the Sunday school of Trinity and is one of the best men in that entire city. Mr. G. B. Campbell has one of the best dry cleaning plants that we have ever seen and is patronized by both white and colored. Brother Campbell and wife are loyal members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. J. W. Woodard, is the leading undertaker of the city. His parlor, and show room are perfect dreams. His financial rating is among the best in the state regardless of color. Miss Christierline

Dean, our new subscriber is one of the best church clerks in the connection. Sister Ollie Blakeley, another one of our new subscribers is president of the senior stewardess board of Trinity and is a noble woman. Mrs. A. W. Wertz, kindly remembered us also. We have hundreds of other readers that we shall call on and report later.

Our Whereabouts

In last Sunday we were with the Rev. J. C. McClellan, B. D., D. D., of Spartanburg station and the Rev. W. S. Jones of Atchison mission. Bro. McClellan met us at the train Friday evening with his fine car and conveyed us to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Archie McJimpsey, where a reception awaited us. It was a feast fit for a king. The McJimpseys are among the leaders of Spartanburg in both church and city. They say the business and religious meetings at Trinity last Friday night and Sunday were the best in the history of the church. Over two hundred dollars raised during the Sabbath. A total of nearly fourteen hundred dollars during the quarter. The church averages one hundred and twenty five dollars every Sunday.

There is no pastor in the connection that's more popular in his city and church than Dr. McClellan is in Spartanburg and Trinity. He is indeed a prince in his parish. The city honors and respects him and his praise is sung from one end of the city to the other. Don't say "ought" against McClellan in this proud city for the people of every denomination will take you to task. He and Sister "Maud" spared no pains in making our stay pleasant at their home. Our conference with Brother W. S. Jones was also a record breaker. Sister Jones, wife of the pastor, had just undergone a serious operation in the hospital, but was getting along nicely. Her husband is a good pastor and I am delighted with his services. The following are only a few of Trinity's noble workers: Brothers Monroe Hamilton, F. W. Williams, G. B. Bonds, Isaiah Johnson, Therman Kelly, Ber Hicks, Lewis Chestnut, A. W. Herndon, Prof. W. C. Bunch, Joe Boyd, William Hamilton, W. W. Woodward, T. A. Anderson, Archie McJimpsey, A. W. Williams, Henry Turner, Revs. L. W. Domineck and Stephens; Sisters Ella Whitmire, Angie Foster, Ollie Blakeley, Matilda Johnson, Millie McJimpsey, Hattie Alexander, Jessie Herndon, Maud McClellan, Mary Blackman, Lillie Rogers, Eliza Bond, Connie Chestnut and Inez B. Garrett who is one of the best quarterly conference and Sunday school secretaries in the A. M. E. church. This week end will find us at Union and at Antioch with Rev. Geo. C. Johnson, D. D., and the Rev. Dr. J. H. Baten respectively. We will preach at Bethel church, Union Sunday morning for Brother Johnson, and conduct the business meeting of the quarter Friday evening before. We will preach at one of the churches of Brother J. H. Baten Sunday at 2:00 p. m. and complete the business of the quarter. Let the members of these charges pray for an out pouring of the Holy Spirit. "Let us advance on our knees."

IN MEMORIAM

In loving remembrance of my dear husband Mr. Charley Johnson who departed this life one year ago April 9th 1929.

Dear how I miss you, no one can tell though my heart is heavy I try not to grieve, you being my only life hard to give you up. God's choice was you my darling Charley.

Your hours, your days, your years will never be forgotten. My dear you proved faithful to the last. I wished you to stay but your time passed fast.

I loved you dear but God loved you best. My self and loving friends will always miss you I know treasured thoughts of one so dear often brings a silent tear thoughts return to scenes long pass time roll on but memories last.

Mrs. Eliza Johnson, wife Mrs. Charlotte Davis, sister Mrs. Victoria Smith, sister and other relatives

IN MEMORIAM

Of Dr. J. H. Goodwin In sad but loving memory of my dear uncle who departed this life May 24, 1928.

One year nine months ago you left us, Our hearts being burdened with pain, After overcoming our trials and sorrow,

I believe some day we will meet you in heaven above.

Oh! my dear uncle I must say this is the sad month of March. Knowing your time had come and now in the grave you lie.

Oh! my dear we all must say that you are gone to come no more. We loved you dear we surely did, but our heavenly father loved you best.

It was hard to break the loving cord.

When love had bled the tender heart it was sad so sad to speak the word we must part.

Dr. we often sit and wonder what you would do or say if you only knew the changes.

What happened soon after you were laid in your loving grave. Dear uncle we have layed you in your grave.

But memory will always ring and we all hope to see your heavenly face again. And we wonder what you are doing in heaven to day.

One sister, Mrs. Maryann Goodwin Weston Mrs. Cella Weston Glenn, niece

GREENVILLE NEWS

Rev. and Mrs. Green White' also Mr. W. P. Garlington of Laurens were in the city Tuesday on business.

Miss Nathaleen Littlejohn of Sullivan street school spent Sunday at her home in Gaffney with relatives and friends. She was accompanied by Mr. W. R. Sewell, Jr., and Mrs. Wm. E. Boyd.

The Allen university orchestra and octet presented a very pleasing musical program at Allen Temple A. M. E. church Thursday, April 10th. A large crowd witnessed the program.

The funeral services of Mrs. Fannie Williams was held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at Allen Temple A. M. E. church. The pastor, Rev. A. C. Sumpter, officiated. Mayes and Walker had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Bowling of Columbia were visitors in the city Sunday while here they were the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mills Bowling.

Mrs. Addie Grant is out again after undergoing a very serious operation at the city hospital. Her friends are delighted at her early recuperation.

"The Owls Social Club" celebrated their 1st anniversary with a spring dance, Friday night at the Liberty gardens. It was largely attended by in and out of town guests. Mrs. Crosby D'Oyley is president of this club.

"The Over the Top Club" will meet Tuesday, April 22, at the home of Mrs. Eva P. Trezevant, at 5:00 p. m. Mrs. E. C. Demmons is president.

Mr. W. C. Demmons, insurance agent of the N. C. life insurance company is in the city on business for the home office at Durham.

MCLELLANVILLE NEWS

As the spring comes on the A. C. E. League of Bethel A. M. E. Church is gaining new life. On Sunday afternoon we had an exceptional good service. The president being absent the vice president acted, beginning with a lively song service followed by sentence prayer and Bible quotations, there the 18th chapter of St. Matthew was discussed by the members present.

Rev. W. T. Murry and Prof. L. Howard were elected as question boxes, that is to answer or explain any question or topic that is brought up in the league and is out clearly understood by the audience.

Rev. Wm. T. Murry pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church and his choir motored to George town Sunday afternoon. Rev. Murry preached a very stirring sermon at Dickerson A. M. E. church of which Rev. Holman is pastor. Just before dismissal the congregation was favored with an instrumental duet by Misses Edna R. Murry and Marie Brown and a quartette sung by Mrs. V. F. Murray Misses Edna R. Murry, Lucia Brown of McClellanville.

The visiting friends from McClellanville were Messrs. H. Shokes, J. Commander, B. Williams, G. Washington, W. Washington, E. Bennett; Misses P. Shepard, S. Brown and Mrs. M. Murray.

The drama entitled The Dream of Queen Esther has been a remarkable success. It has been presented by the teachers and students of Lincoln graded school at Bethel A. M. E. church in McClellanville and Howard A. M. E. church in Buckhall and on Sunday, April 13th will be staged at Olive Branch four miles from Charleston.

Mrs. E. Commander is back home resting after completing a very successful term of teaching at Tiblin school.

RIDGEWAY NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nelson of Lugoff entertained a group of their friends at an outing Saturday April 12. Out in the grove near a spring the group assembled where a delicious repast was cooked by the ladies, while the young folk enjoyed many games. The delicious repast consisted of fish, sandwiches and cake.

Everyone expressed themselves as having spent an enjoyable evening. Those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Logan Outen, Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Gladden, Madames R. A. Murphy, C. E. Rutherford, E. M. Simons, Misses Geneva Outen, Kathryn Sharper, Ellen Harris, Corine and Willie Murphy; Little Miss Ruth and Naomi Outen; Messrs. Robert L. Gladden, Becker T. Murphy, Ruben Jones, A. B. Jones, Prof. Levi Murphy with the host and hostess. We wish outings came every day.

JOHNSTON NEWS

The illiteracy schools of Edgefield county opened January 27th and closed April 1st. Quite a successful term was completed. The total number of teachers employed were 69 in the 56 schools. The work in these schools was very effective. 1414 pupils attended, with an average attendance of 1003 and 648 taught to read, 798 to write. Perfect attendance 296.

It is hoped that this wonderful start will continue. These 56 schools and 69 teachers have gone a long way towards stamping out illiteracy in this state and as we look forward to another term we feel sure that there will be more.

Miss T. J. Robinson tells Amusing Story of one of the Adults

My most amusing student in the adults school was a man about five feet nine inches in height, he weighs about one hundred and sixty pounds, has heavy hands, dark brown eyes that gleam a half dozen different ways at once, black hair, a round face and always wears a pleasant smile.

His first night in school he was very anxious to tell me he knew his alphabet and could spell at sight but could not pronounce. ("Nounce, as he said.") I finally succeeded in teaching him the sound of letters and he started pronouncing words. But I could not stop him from saying "nounce" and even now when I chance to meet him on the street and ask him to say

pronounce, he only smiles and says "nounce."

ST. GEORGE NEWS NEWS

Bethel A. M. E. Church

Sunday was an enjoyable day. Being Palm Sunday Rev. E. C. Anderson announced as a text 19th chapter of St. Luke 30th verse: subject—"The Command of Christ."

He preached an inspiring sermon. It was good to have heard him.

At 3:00 o'clock the 11 year old twin boy reached an excellent sermon. A large congregation greeted him.

A duet was played by the two smallest boys, "Rock of Ages, Cleft for me." It was sweet music. Those present enjoyed the message as it was poured out.

Come again, Bethel's doors are open. Sunday night our pastor again delivered an excellent sermon from the 22nd chapter of St. Luke and the 40th verse. Subject: "The Request of Christ."

On Tuesday night our series of meetings will commence with Rev. W. F. Anderson of Florida, and end Easter Sunday. Tuesday night of last week Rev. E. B. Mack of the Eutawville circuit preached a missionary sermon. He announced as a text the 14th chapter of St. Matthew the subject of which was "Let the Women Alone."

He preached a very interesting sermon. We were very glad to have him. He is one of the ex-pastors of this church and we are always delighted to have him. Bethel A. M. E. church entertains the conference this year in November and God being our help we are expecting to put the program over.

LEESVILLE NEWS

Services at Friendship on Sunday were well attended. Rev. Moss, the pastor, was at his post.

Prof. Mims and two of his co-workers, spent a very pleasant time on Sunday at Monetta, as the guests of Miss Susie Belle Corley.

Hampton junior high school witnessed its first field day Saturday. Two outside schools were represented also, Saluda and Johnston.

Quite an interesting program was rendered. Mr. J. B. Felton, state supervisor of Negro schools was the main speaker of the day. His subject: "Do what you do better than the other fellow does it." It was delivered in a very impressive manner. His words of wisdom will linger long in the minds of his hearers.

A moonlight picnic was given at Calvary A. M. E. church on Monday night.

ADGER NEWS

White Oak school closed this week and the exercises were a real treat. The building was packed to the capacity with friends and parents. Everybody seemed to have enjoyed the program. Many good words were falling from the lips of different parents of the splendid progress their children are making.

St. John A. M. E. Sunday school is getting real blooming. The lesson was discussed by the superintendent, after which a splendid sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. A. C. Wade.

AIKEN NEWS.

Athletic Drive at Schofield School Chapel, April 1st. The students of Schofield look annually to the Athletic campaign fostered for the support of the Athletic association. On a competitive basis the campaign is conducted, and the class which raises the highest amount of money is awarded a silver cup. The 8th grade of the grammar school department succeeded in raising the sum of \$100.20 and thereby the trophy was awarded to James Barnes who by virtue of his class winning the trophy was declared the most popular student at Schofield. Total amount of money raised \$343.22.

The Schofield School choir went away on a two days trip to Charleston, Walterboro and Summerville. They had a packed house a tall the places. Professor R. L. Hickson, chorister and Miss Sarah M. Horry, directress with twenty-four boys and girls secured a Camel City Line Bus and the trip was very successful.

Mrs. Evelyn Smith of Charleston, mother of Mr. Jason Smith was the house guest of Mrs. Della Parker on Fairfield St., the past week.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Miles are now occupying their lovely new home on Hampton Ave., next door to 2nd Baptist church of which he is pastor.

Rev. E. J. Daniels preached a ringing sermon last Sunday evening at 2nd Baptist church, using as a theme "Standards of Christianity."

It has been announced that the public is cordially invited to enjoy the Easter service at the different churches in the city Sunday April, 20, 8:00 P. m.

Mrs. Frances Connor left last Sunday for New York, where she will spend the summer.

MANNING BAPTIST CHURCH OF DILLON

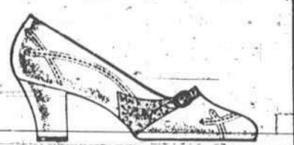
Manning Baptist church's services were well attended Sunday morning. School opened at 10:30 o'clock. Superintendent M. D. Dupree is encouraging full attendance each Sabbath morning. Much interest and enthusiasm were manifested on the part of the senior class which was taught by Mr. J. E. Williams.

At 11:30 o'clock Rev. J. G. Gregg preached to a large and appreciative audience. The facial expression betrayed how well the sermon was enjoyed.

The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary society met at 4:30 o'clock and held a business meeting which was attended by several of the members. The president, C. J. Wright brought very helpful plans to the society.

Sunday night services were held at 8:00 o'clock. The pastor preached another soul stirring sermon which was very well enjoyed.

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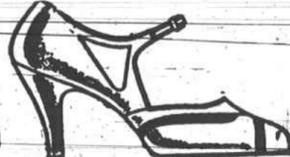
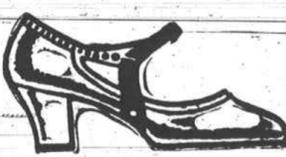
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