

THE OLD GRAY AND THE NEW RIDER

By REV. E. PHILLIP ELLIS

A Great Communication Those attending the grand lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Spartanburg last week said it was the greatest session held in many years. It left a lasting impression upon the citizens and encouraged masonry throughout the state.

Sermon and Address Mrs. C. M. Finley, grand master of the Eastern Star chapter was real fine in her address to the opening on the lodge of sorrow.

Officers for 1936 Hon. J. S. Stankback, grand master. Mr. S. A. Moore, deputy, grand master.

Grand Deputies 1st District—Mr. A. M. Moore Greenville. 2nd District—Mr. A. B. Pelot Columbia.

Trustees—Messrs. G. C. Williams, J. B. Lewis, W. H. Hampton and J. L. Finley. The next Grand Lodge session will be held in Charleston.

The Southern System As the Christmas holidays are approaching people will take advantage of this season to visit their relatives and friends in all parts of the country.

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The Bishop's Council The above meeting will be held in Charleston, February, 1937, with Dr. J. E. Thomas, president of the A. M. E. denomination in the chair, a meeting of ministers and lay members was held at Emanuel church last Tuesday night looking forward to the entertainment of that body.

Christmas Seals Every Negro in America should purchase a Xmas seal stamp this year. While in Columbia last week we contacted Prof. C. A. Johnson, Sec. Treas. of the state for the funds coming from the sale of stamps.

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Grand Master, J. S. Stankback while returning from Columbia last Friday where he attended the funeral services of Mrs. J. S. Dickson, met with an accident near White Oak. A truck heavily laden with iron, struck his car and tore the side away.

The body of Mrs. Bertha Simons died in High Point, N. C. was brought here to the home of her sister, Mrs. Will Paden. Funeral services were at Black Rock Baptist church, Rev. Simeon Walker preached the sermon. Undertaker DeWitt was in charge.

Mrs. Corrie Howe, of N. Y. arrive here Monday morning to spend a while with her sister, Mrs. Pearl Kibler, Cemetery St. Mrs. Howe, who is a nurse from St. Phillips Hospital in Richmond, Va., has been away from Chester for about fifteen years.

Mrs. Ruth Crosby is at home from the Pryor Hospital recovering fast from an appendicitis operation a few days ago. Mr. Leotis Leathers is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Bertha Beckham announced the marriage of her daughter, Mrs. Esther Miller to Mr. Howard Oram of Baltimore, Md. Mrs. Miller has lived in Maryland for the last 5 years. She is remembered here as Miss Esther Beckham.

Mrs. Bertha Beckham spent the week-end in Greenville as guest of her brothers, Messrs. R. R. and D. B. Grant, Stirling St.; the former brother was ill, but is improving.

Everything is in readiness here for Christmas and a happy season is anticipated. Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Miss Charlotte Parham and Mr. Sinclair Swan of West We. Ford, Mass.

The Vocational teachers of this district met Tuesday afternoon at Finlay H. Miss Mattie Peguese, Prof. Wilkins and Prof. Burgess of State college were here and all enjoyed the meeting very much.

In the Basketball game played Friday night at Hardin's Hall between Finley H. girls and Bell St. H. girls, Clinton, the score was 13 to 8 in favor of Finley H. The boys of Finley H. played Lakeview boys, the score was 26 to 12 in favor of Finley H.

The Christmas Seal Campaign is on in full bloom in Chester Co. They plan to go over the top. Each teacher in the County is participating in the campaign. Prof. S. L. Finley is General Chairman, assisted by Miss Majorie Kelly.

Mr. E. G. Weathers and Mr. S. E. Alford are in the city this week in interest of the Mutual Relief and Benevolent Association of Columbia, of which insurance company Mr. Henry Lilly is agent.

Despite the inclemency of the weather, quite a crowd witnessed the game at Harbin's Hall on Tuesday night between the girls of McKnight H. School of Clover and Finley H. girls. The score was 15 to 2 in favor of Finley H. The Clover boys played Finley H. boys with a score of 30 to 8 in favor of Finley H.

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The Sunday school and B. T. U. Clinic met at the Ridge Hill Baptist church Monday, December 14, 1936. Rev. Dynamo Campbell preached a wonderful sermon Monday night. He left plenty of spiritual food to feed upon. Many helpful and useful talks were given on the Sunday school and the B. T. U. We were very glad to have Rev. Campbell come to our church to give such a wonderful clinic.

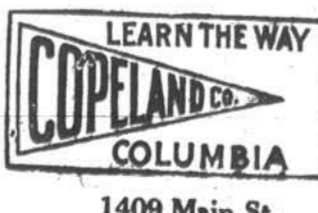
Mrs. Elsie Stevens was funeralized at the Ridge Hill church Monday, December 4, at 2 o'clock. She has been residing in N. Y. for the last few months, but is formerly of this town. She was a very good church member and worker. She leaves to mourn her loss 8 children, a husband, a mother, aunt brother, 1 daughter-in-law, 1 son-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

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