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# LAYMEN FIGHT **CHURCH UNITY**

Opponents of Merger Begin Drive Against Proposal. Separate Church For Dixie Methodists Pledged If Plan Passes.

Birmingham, Ala., April 26. - A separate church for Southern Methotive committee of a group opposing ginning at 10:30 o'clock. merger of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, with the denominations other branches.

Meeting two days ahead of the opening of the quadrennial conference, at which unification will be the principal issue, the leaders of the laymen's organization for Preservation of the Southern Methodist Church decided to "preserve the Southern Methodist Church, regardless of what action the conference may take."

The action was announced as Dr. James W. Lipscomb of Columbus, Miss., president of the laymen's group, said he believed "at least 500,-000 members will withdraw if the general conference approves merger with the Methodist Episcopal (North) and Protestant branches, and the judicial council and the courts uphold this step."

Methodism lists nearly 3,000,000 members in the Southern states. Under the "plan of union," to come before the general conference Friday, approximately 8,000,000 members of the denomination would unite in "the Methodist church.'

A spokesman for the laymen's group said definite plans for fighting unification on the conference floor will be worked out later.

Recommittal of the plan of union the annual conference is being sought by the organization. A resolution calling for this step will be presented independently of the laymen's group, and likely will draw their sup-

Collins Denny, Jr., chairman of the legal committee for the laymen's organization, said his group would contend the general conference had no jurisdiction over unification, because the North Mississippi annual conference returned a majority against it.

He prepared an outline of the committee's contention that the union with other branches will change one First Pioneer Conclave of South section of the articles of religion, a step which may be taken only after "each conference" has approved by majority vote.

C. J. Steward, Augusta, Ga., member of the laymen's group, circularized convention delegates today with a folder reviewing arguments of his organization against the merger.

He also raised the question of Negro members, placed in a separate jurisdiction by the "plan of union."

"The interpretation of the Northern church is entirely different from the interpretation of the Southern church. Both cannot be right," said, explaining that Northern mem- cil of the Presbytery of South Caro- gram. This means, Mr. Cannon states, bers had been informed by Bishop Ed- lina, with the president of the league, that farmers who have not already been presented a Hammond electric win H. Hughes of the Northern com- Miss Dorothy Simpson of Whitmire, signed to get their acreage allotment organ by Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Flanamission on church union that 'the Ne- Erskine college student, presiding. for 1938 growing cotton must do so gan, of Clover, as a memorial to their gro jurisdiction provision . . . can be She was assisted by Cresswell Flem- before this expiration date. Those who little son, Lacy. changed simply by a majority vote in ing, Laurens; Bessie Fortner, Clinton; have received acreage allotments or The organ was installed during the

any general conference." would have only 28 per cent of the members of the council. delegates to the general conference uunder the unification plan.

S. C. DELEGATES

conference of the Methodist Episcopal stallation. Church, South, which opens Thursday.

South Carolina conference 12.

Delegates are chosen on the basis a ratio of about one lay and one cler- spring of 1939.

ical per 15,000 members. Keen interest has been evinced in the general conference in Methodist question of unification of the three branches of Methodism-the Southern and Northern Methodist Episcopal and the Methodist Protestant.

The Northern Methodist and the Carolina Protestant divisions already have ap- Clemson .... proved the proposal, and ratification Erskine .... 4 would make it final. Some opposi- Furman .... 2 tion, however, has developed.

The question is expected to be con- Newberry .... 2 sidered on the opening day of the The Citadel .... 1 Birmingham meeting because other husiness will be affected by whatever action is taken.

The South Carolina conference, which embraces the Eastern half of the state, voted 141 to 70 in favor of (Continued on page eight)

#### **Baptists Meet In** Laurens Saturday

Annual Session of Woman's Missionary Union To Be Held At First Baptist Church.

The thirty-sixth annual session of held at the First Baptist church of dists was pledged today by the execu- Laurens on Saturday, April 30th, be-

> The theme announced for the conference is, "Glorifying the Master.' The following program will be pre-

Hymn, "We've a Story to Tell to

the Nations." Prayer.

Devotional: Mrs. C. B. Bobo. Introductions.

Hymn for the year: "Come, Women,

Wide Proclaim." Glorifying Him in the Divisions: First Division: Mrs. J. B. Cook. Second Division: Mrs. Sloan Mahon Third Division: Mrs. J. H. Byrd. Report of mission study superinendent: Mrs. T. L. W. Bailey.

Report of associational superintendent: Miss Alleene Franks.

Business session. "God's Plan for Financing the Kingdom," Mrs. J. D. W. Watts.

Special music. Message: Miss Elise McCaa.

Offering. Announcements Prayer. Adjourn-

Afternoon Session

Devotional: Rev. P. E. Sisco. "Fifty Years of Glorifying the Master,' Mrs. J. H. Byrd.

Youth Glorifying the Master: In Sunbeam Band: Miss Nelle Simp-

In R. A.: Mrs. Uda Yeargin. In Y. W. A. and G. A.: Mrs. John

Pageant, "One Woman's Vision," W M. S. of Cross Hill. In Memorian: Mrs. Walter Ramage Election of officers. Hymn. Prayer. Adjournment.

## Leaders Named For Young Group

Carolina Presbytery Held Here Friday With Large Attendance.

first Pioneer Conclave held Friday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church of this city was featured by excellent addresses, election of officers, organization of a permanent nounced yesterday that he has re-Clinton pioneers.

the afternoon and evening under the farms eligible for payment under the he leadership of the young people's coun- 1938 agricultural conservation pro-

ing here with both foes and propon- vice-president; Buzz Purcell, New- between now and Saturday, the gov- afternoon service Mr. Lytle gave a ents of unification agreeing that a berry, secretary, and Dorothy Ann ernment order states. majority of the 472 elected would Holloway, treasurer. The officers vote "yes" if a final roll call on uni- were installed by Dr. Long, assisted School Session fication were taken today. A two- by the following pastors who were thirds majority is necessary for en- present with their intermediates; Dr. D. J. Woods, Clinton; the Rev. Fred T. McGill, Cross Hill: the Rev. David E. Boozer, Goldville; the Rev. C. A. Clinton high school will be ushered in Columbia, April 26.—More than a Calcote, Newberry, and the Rev. C. on Sunday evening, May 22, at the Speakers Named score of South Carolina Methodists J. Matthews, Smyrna. The installation First Presbyterian church when the have gone to Birmingham, Ala., as services were concluded with a circle baccalaureate sermon before the gradofficial delegates of the two confer- of prayer engaged in by the new of- uating class will be preached by Dr.

The South Carolina conference story of consecration excellently giv- The graduating exercises will be preach the baccalaureate sermon be- Sixty-five seniors are candidates elected 10 delegates at its annual en by Helen Frady of the Greenwood held on Monday evening, May 23, fore the Thornwell orphanage gradu- for bachelors' degrees. meeting last fall, and the Upper pioneers. Mrs. D. J. Brimm was music with the literary address delivered by ating class on Sunday morning, June leader for the meeting.

The next conclave will be held at First Presbyterian church of Greenof membership of the conference at Aveleigh church, Newberry, in the wood. Diplomas will be presented by graduates will be delivered on Tues-

# circles of this state because of the State Baseball Race

Standing Through Saturday

Won Lost P. C. .... 3 .200

> Menu For Remainder of Week: Thursday Wofford at P. C. Friday

> > Furman at P. C.

## LaFollette To Offer Program

Will Sound Out Nation Next Employees of Institution Hold Andrew Brown Charged With Week On Third Party Move. Hits Roosevelt and Hoover.

Washington, April 25.-Gov. Philip the Woman's Missionary union of the F. LaFollette completed processing Laurens Baptist association will be today of a plan for economic recovery with which he will sound the naparty movement.

> He completed the fourth and last of a series of radio speeches last but set April 28 as the date for a ing in September, 1920. "clear, unequivocal program."

help draft a co-operative recovery religious activities at the school, Tribble and E. J. Young. Dock McCoy, ficulty that he made his way to his program of increased production."

produce less."

because of over-production."

for broadening distribution could be of his co-workers. found in the railroad field.

problem and had the courage to act, and loyalty to their superintendent.

ahead of the old bonds.

they had before. But in place of idle Virginia. men and idle money we would have working men and working money."

# Attended by 126 intermediates, the Final Date To

County Agent- C. B. Cannon any happy social hour. conclave, and a program presented by ceived instructions from Washington designating April 30 as closing date The program was presented during for accepting work sheets to make

# Closes In May

Commencement exercises proper of ences in this state to the general ficers and those assisting in the in- D. J. Woods, pastor of the church. The program was concluded with a the churches of the city will unite.

Dr. Roswell C. Long, pastor of the 12th. class is composed of 52 members.

CLUB TO HOLD BANQUET The Ministerial club at Presbyte- of trustees. rian college will hold its annual banquet this evening at 8:30 in the Ma-Pct. sonic Temple building.

The guest speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. W. N. Elliott, D.D., .571 pastor of Druid Hills Presbyterian .500 church, Atlanta. The newly elected .500 president, D. M. Morrison, and other del, Wofford, Newberry, Erskine and .375 officers of the organization will be Presbyterian college track and field .286 installed.

TO ADMIT LADIES FREE be admitted free to both games.

## Unveil Portrait At Training School

Ceremony and Present Portrait of Dr. Whitten Symbolizing His Years of Love and Labor For Institution.

tion next week to determine whether school on Monday evening, unveiled ings station. The jury also recomhe should launch a national third in the administration building of the mended the holding of Tribble's wife institution, a portrait of Dr. B. O. and four other Negroes as accesso-Whitten, who has served as the Thomason issued warrants against the of the Democratic party, received a night without disclosing the program school's superintendent since its open- six, with Brown as the principal. The cordial welcome when he arrived here

which he said he will announce a of the institution, presided over a spired with him to "put Tribble out Large groups swarmed about him Brief ceremony attended by all em- of the way" included Newt Pully and to shake hands as soon as he alight-"I invite the nation," he said, "to ployees. Dr. F. D. Jones, director of his wife, Ophelia Pully, Jessie Lee ed from his car and it was with dif-He continued his attacks against the presentation of the portrait of Dr. only carried Brown to Tribble's house, At the hotel door, Farley stopped the Hoover and Roosevelt adminis- Whitten. He not only recalled some Brown testified, and had had no part to speak with members of the Columtrations and criticized the New Deal of the difficulties Dr. Whitten has en- in the plans for the slaying of Trib- bus (Ga.) Sally league baseball team for "a policy or organized action to countered in the work, but also stress- ble. "The need for increasing production type of work in the South for nearly Tribble in insurance' with the knowl- marked that "if you need a pinchand broadening distribution," he said, a quarter of a century and has been edge of the Pullys and Young. The hitter, call me.' "is the great problem of our time, an outstanding public servant in South policy was for \$146; he said, and was In his room, Farley, the top of his There is no such thing as over-pro- Carolina. R. C. Turner, who has been made payable to Brown himself. Trib- head a bright red from too strong a duction. It does not seem reasonable with the institution for, 17 years and ble, he said, did not know anything dose of sun during his day's appearto speak of our people as 'ill fed, ill is its oldest employee in point of about the policy. He further testified ances in several towns, relaxed and clothed, and ill housed, and then con- years of service, drew the curtain that there had been an agreement answered questions of newsmen beclude that the nation is in trouble unveiled the portrait. Dr. Whitten re- with some of the others to divide up fore preparing for the banquet given He said many examples of the need appreciation of the tribute on the part was to get \$50 and Newt Pully \$15 Regional Conference of Democratic

The portrait, painted by M. Rae, an posed." "Why don't the railroads modernize artist of New York city whose work | Solicitor Hugh Beasley, of Greenthemselves?" he said. "Because they is well known in America, was pre- wood, conducted the hearing. are plastered from cellar to garret sented by the more than one hundred with mortgages, with bonds repre- employees of the institution, to be senting values that have largely dis- hung in the hall of the administraappeared. A government that saw the tion building as an expression of love

Dr. Whitten opened the school in 1920, the act establishing it having "First, require an engineering sur- been passed by the state legislature vey (not a banker's, but an engin- two years earlier, and has served coneer's) to determine what is needed to tinuously as its directing head since give our country the most efficient that time. During his administration transportation system in the world. the school has grown until it now Next, order that it be done. Then, a cares for more than 700 individuals college senior annual publication, will president's recent fireside radio adjudicial proceeding permitting the and extends its service to many out- be dedicated to Dr. Almon Edwin dress. new capital financing it to step in side. Dr. Whitten is recognized as a Spencer, according to an announce- "A number of governors were called leader in this field and has been hon- ment made yesterday by its editor- upon to make such follow up address-"Thus, we would create millions of ored many times by his colleagues. At in-chief, Malcolm Hemphill. new jobs, and when done we would present he is the retiring president Dr. Spencer, for the past forty- nificance attached to the request." have something real to show for our of the American Association on Men- seven years, has been professor of Farley said he believed President-

Beneath the portrait, embedded in Greek under him. roses, were burning 18 red candles at Also, Dr. Spencer has been connect- is popular with the masses . . . '

# Electric Organ Given Orphanage

The Thornwell Memorial church has

Genevieve Watkins, Jo Taggart and who have already filed applications week and was used in the services Steward said Southern Methodists Dr. R. C. Long, of Greenwood, all will not be required to sign under this Sunday for the first time. Phillip regulation since their blanks are now Lytle, of Columbia, a student at Co-Officers elected to serve one year filed in the county agent's office. lumbia Bible college and organist at are: Martha Lou Blakely, Clinton, Farmers who have failed thus far to Arsenal Hill Presbyterian church, Meanwhile, delegates began arriv- president; Billy Greene, Greenwood, apply for their allotment must do so was here to serve as organist. At the recital which was enjoyed by the orphanage family and a large gathering of friends from the city. The gift of Mr. and Mrs. Flanagan will fill a long-felt need at the church and is deeply appreciated by the officers and children of the institution.

This will be a union service in which D. D., pastor of the Second Presby- nue Presbyterian church, Washingterian church of Greenville, will ton, D. C.

The literary address before the W. C. Oxley, chairman of the local day evening, June 14, by Rev. John board of trustees. The graduating W. Melton, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Rome, Ga., and recently elected by the Georgia synod

### State Track Meet Here On May 6-7

Clemson, South Carolina, The Citateams will compete here on Friday and Saturday, May 6-7, in the annual South Carolina intercollegiate meet.

Two college ball games are to be Varsity preliminaries in the field played in Clinton this week, Wofford events and dashes, and the freshman this afternoon, and Furman Friday championship events will be held on afternoon, against P. C. Coach Gallo- Friday. The varsity finals will be way has announced that all ladies will run off Saturday night under the Johnson field floodlights.

#### Six Are Held In County Killing

Actual Deed and Others As Chairman of Democratic Party Accessories.

Laurens, April 25. - A coroner's jury Monday held Andrew Brown, Negro, in the killing Saturday night of Employees of the State Training John H. Tribble at his home near Owries to the murder, Coroner John A. public mass meeting in Madison at Dr. F. L. Webb, medical director testimony as having advised and con-Gastonia. spoke in behalf of the employees in who is also held as an accessory, had hotel room.

ed the fact that he pioneered in this Brown testified that he had "put uniform for a night game. He responded briefly, expressing his deep the proceeds of the policy. Young in his honor by the South Atlantic and Brown the balance, he "sup- Women.

The 1938 PaC-SaC of Presbyte-

the unveiling, symbolizing the years ed with the administration of the col- The postmaster general arrived of love and labor Dr. Whitten has de- lege throughout this time. He is now here in a car accompanied by U. S. voted to the institution. His office vice-president, an office he has held District Attorney Claud N. Sapp, was decorated with a profusion of since 1904. He is secretary and treas- State Senator Edgar A. Brown of Sign Work Sheets was decorated with a profusion of since 1904. He is secretary and treas- State Senator Edgar A. Brown of flowers grown on the campus, and urer of the board of trustees of the Barnwell, and Alva M. Lumpkin of here he received employees during a college, and on two occasions has Columbia. He said he had stopped at served as its president. He has signed Winthrop college and "shook hands every diploma issued by the institu- with 2,000 girls.'

> tion except the first fifteen. Presbyterian synod of South Caro- penitentiary, with two cedar chestssession of the First Presbyterian from wood on the land in Lancaster church of this city, a member of the county where Jackson was born. Kiwanis club, and identified with oth-

> him is an indication of the high es- Representative Richards as "one of teem in which this professor is held the greatest men in the United by the entire student body of the col- States." He said that the presence

# Smith Is Speaker For College Finals

Senator Ellison Durant Smith of byterian college commencement address on the morning of May 30, college authorities have announced.

The baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class will be delivered Thornwell Closing in the First Presbyterian church on The Rev. Flournoy Shepperson, Marshall, pastor of New York Ave-

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LAURENS COUNTY Let's Strive To Make 1938 a Safe Year On the Highways.

This date last year, 0.

# **OUT S.C. RACE**

Upon Visit In State Says Committee "Hands Off" In All State Races. Doesn't Speak For President.

Columbia, April 26. - Genial Jim Farley, postmaster general of the United States and national chairman others, implicated by Brown in his late today after a motor trip from

who were departing from the hotel in

To a question if the national administration would take a hand in the coming South Carolina senatorial race, Farley said the national executive committee did not interfere in local contests.

Spencer Honor "But," he added, "after a candidate is nominated, it is the duty of the committee to help him get elected. Asked if the president himself rian College Dedicated To Dr. would take an interest in the race, A. E. Spencer, Dean of Fac- Farley said "I can't speak for the president.' He said there was no significance in the fact that Governor The 1938 PaC-SaC, Presbyterian Johnston was asked to follow up the

es. No, I would say there was no sig-

money. This would not destroy the tal Deficiency, which held its annual Greek and French at the college. Be-Roosevelt "is as popular now as he old bonds-they would have just what meeting the past week in Richmond, tween 300 and 400 Presbyterian min- was in 1936 and if an election were isters have received their training in held today he would carry the same states as in 1936. President Roosevelt

As a gift for his daughters, Farley Dr. Spencer holds the distinction of was presented by Miss Ruth Wilson being one of the three laymen who of Lancaster, daughter of Col. J. S. have served as moderators of the Wilson, superintendent of the state lina. He is an elder and clerk of the made of "Andrew Jackson" cedar Swinging southward into South

er interests of the church, city and Carolina from North Carolina, the postmaster general stopped briefly at The dedication of the PaC-SaC to York where he was introduced by of the approximately 1,200 persons there to greet him was a tribute to the national administration. In speaking of the heavy South

Carolina Democratic majority he said: "I hope you will continue to advance the interests of the Democratic South Carolina, will deliver the Pres- party for in so doing you advance the interests of the nation." He spoke next at Winthrop college,

Rock Hill, where he told 2,500 students, townspeople and others: "I know of the great work that has

been done by Dr. D. B. Johnson (col-Sunday, May 29, by the Rev. Peter lege founder) and I know that the same work is being carried on in the same manner by Dr. Shelton Phelps (college president).

He stopped in Chester where he was welcomed by a large crowd and where postal employes presented him with a home-made pound cake.

## College To Honor Five With Degrees

Presbyterian college will confer five honorary degrees at commencement exercises May 30. The recipients will

Gerrish H. Milliken, New York cotton broker, doctor of laws

Robert T. B. Stevens, commission merchant and former NRA official. doctor of laws. Samuel Eryle Howie, director of public relations of Southwestern uni-

divinity. The Rev. Peter Marshall, pastor of New York Avenue Presbyte church, Washington, D. C., doctor of

versity, Memphis, Tenn., doctor of

divinity. The Rev. Joe H. Carter, pastor of Central Presbyterian church, Amerson, doctor of divinity.