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of American distribution of the second of South courses come present as a sentence of the proto the work of the hattern n actions position a opera. The first with distances are need from star volume a process rather than the day of and

Economic Characteristic-"Today the South is 724 per visit towers. In the events counties white compared with \$1,5000,000,000 ten 's enrolled in these counties.' of the gravest problems which the 'The proportion of the iteral popula America." rural South faces today. It has stead- tom a the church membership ranges tly increased from 39 per cent in 1890 in the leventh countries studied, from "Preaching is the overshadowing than one promising enoperative or population in all these counties is 31.5 Professor of Sociology, ganization in the South and many per cent, and in sixteen mountain the re-tlessness of the tenant farmer. I'tle more than one eight of the One of the outstanding characteristics population." large trade area community. Mere we closed at least one Sunday a. United States Commissioner V. chants of the countres studied report in oith, while of the country churches a far larger percentage of their trade fewer than one-half of one per cent as coming form the country-side than have the full time of a minister and Asheville Citizen. any other part of the country, except one envire on a Sunday."

important is the aftermath of the board that with adequate education. Civil War and the other is illiteracy, a program of evangelization worship ton confessed to the postal robbery and The rate of illiteracy among all makes and service could be worked out under implicated others when he was seen over twenty-one years of age varies resident leader-hip which might be by W. B. Garrison, postal inspector from 23.6 per cent in Louisiana to 6.9 come self-supporting and greatly in, and W. R. Thomas, special agent of per cent in Maryland. Illitera y bears crease evangelization in these com- the Southern Railway. a distinct relation to the economic hife. Tenancy breeds illiteracy and

"The Southern community is not adved by I. 357 ministers, an average COMMANDERY TO HAVE SPEbasically economic. The social com- at an in a ster to every one and threemunity is apt to cluster around the quarters churches. Of the bown

"In North Carolina. . state law now the figures are 15 and 54 per cent represent, permits every county to have a supers. Lectively, one of the country churchintendent of public welfare who, in escape over out of 1,761 have full-LETS HONOR OUR CONFEDERreality, is the social service worker of the evident ministers. Nine nor sent indication, of the rising tale of social 1001 2 me lest of the churches in

before t throughout the entire South." The extension country base the two Dear Editor: "'What do we do for receration " we are a reason a Sunday; and only

Refigious Situation in General

the South. The number of a fine entry of the agent are the parties, and 90 to 1 on many battle field in these two ways of all non-evangelical facths or neg to the board of only done a month. The South has shown to the North The proportion of Protestant courses the Salt's regulated Street In the South, the cloude is the sing. Only, It per contribute had proctocal signed by Gen. R. E. I. e. w victually the only agency, other both, and about one out of every five and Gen, U.S. Grant, than the school, that reaches every 'ne had some college work. The community and most of the adults in "verage country at the south become prosperous since the girld every community.

"Ten and two-tentias per cent of the less." total number of churches covered in. The following table indicates sal-, We have prospered and are prothe survey of the Southern Methodist ares paid: denomination were found to be aban-

dened." "Throughout the poorer sections of by Minister One Point the South and among the less secure y No Salary20 domiciled elements of the population, \$500 or lesss30 various sects stressing the ecentric \$501 to 750 4 and highly emotional have multiplied \$751 to \$1,000 ...16 with great rapidity. The forces of re- \$1,001 to \$1,250 ... 28 highon are face to face with a social \$1 251 to \$1,500 interest, newly born and still thriv- \$1.501 to \$1.750 ing; one which has stirred the imagi. \$1,751 to \$2,000 \$2,001 to \$2,500 . . 37 nation of Southern congregations."

Over \$2,500 Church Membership. this study is based has nearly 250,000 to the cash salary as the estimated in the public square at Waynesville, cent of the total are maie. One-third of the ministers in the seventy coun- States of America are under twenty-one years of age.' ties depend on farming, teaching, or Waynesville, N. C., April 9, 1925.

ments enurgies of ax so business for part of their income. No a legal es, "265 of the 280 other region has so many ministeris a consequence of their with other occupations as the South" or preceding the sur-Equipment and Finance.

wintly less than "The data on equipment and finance The Leve represented relate only to the to Prounties selected for intensive study. - character among the 280 har sand pripatent except an occur and be Sover a shoot to an one and except abscore stereogt.

a and a cartiola possessed by on-THE RESIDENCE OF A SHAPE OF A come Sunday school school school to churches." In a study of Some is a little tree age when they Southern Methodist churches, 86: expected to pure the church," per cent had but one room. Four and very excitent factors of the five tents per cent had two rooms. In a squestion tree of each of these churches is to problem to which had been and whether there are any groups that are furnish auditorium space for an audisould workers should say afterfore a large out of symbolic with a ence. The program is a preaching

. 2 in a represented in the country program only." "In the year preceding the survey rural and includes nearly meathers of many farmores commune 58.5 per cent the 270 churches that kept financial the total area of the Union. It pro- of the total far a operating group, records raised \$186,722.30. The fortyduces 60 per cent of the world's cotton, and only 26th per cent of the total seven town, and, village churches It stands on the verge of a tremendous number of farmers belong to church, among these accounted for a little industrial development. The South's co. If the churches were to reach more than half this sum with their greatest wealth, however, is in agri-the tenant farme, as they now each average of \$2,010.80 per cent congreculture. In 1920 the value of her the farm owner, 1,000 families, or gation. The average expenditures for crops totaled nearly \$5,000,000, as more than 10,000 new members, would all causes in the country churches, were \$413.52 per congregation, which years before. Tenancy presents one. The South - unevenly evangelized, is the lowest average for any region in

Church Program.

to approximately 50 per cent in 1920, 9.7 jet cent to 57.5 per cent. One feature of the Southern Country At least in the seventy esonties are common ty out of every ten has slights church program. One-fourth of the white farmer out of every three - a .. ie - to a: 10 per cent of its popula- total number do not even have Sunday tenant, and in fifteen of these round to sense of in the church; in about schools. In the basic counties studied ties one out of every two. With the county, the embership is over 35 there are only fifty-eight young peoone-year lease which prevails, tenancy is sent of the population. The pro- ple's organizations other than Sunday means a shifting population. More portion of total church membership to schools,"-W. A. Anderson, Associate

gural churches have been find low by counties, the member-hip is only a DWAINE PATTON TO FACE TRIAL FOR ROBBING POSTOFFICE

in the rural life of the South is the "Over one half the village churches 65ven Preliminary Hearing Before 1.. Gudger.

would the county seat merchants in acceptant to per cent have at feat. Dwaine Patton, charged with on bing the postoffice at Clyde in Nothe Pacific Coast. On the other hand, The country church in the South is vember, 1924, who implicated several the Southern city does not get very too small to be an efficient institution, others believed to be responsible for much of its produce from the neighs "In the seventy counties there is an other robberies was yesterday bound boring countryside. In too man, an church for every 460 men, women and over to Federal Court under bond of stances the farmers have not yet children; but a number of the court. \$1,500 for his appearance at the May availed themselves of the magilibor, they there is one church for every 250 term.

ing urban markets for high grafe a fewer. It, however, it should be Patton is also under bond of \$1,000 pays ble in a number of communities to face trial in Superior Court charged "In the background of all social life to consolidate churches, especially of with the burglary of a drug store and in the South lie two things: the more the since demonstration, there is no two filling stations at Black Mountain. It was reported yestering that Pat-

> Patton is alleged to have also tobed the station at Clyde at the time Fig. 2.465 churches studied are of the postal robbery.

CIAL CONCLAVE

church, the school or the little neight churches, 46 per cent have the full. There will be a special concluse of borhood store and ress-roads senate time of a resident numster and an Waynesville Commandery. No. 31 that often is not a en more than a additional 19 per cent have a part Knights Templer, at 2 P. M., April is in the ident. For the village churches 12. All members are urged to be

Shepherds of the Flock

Sixty years ago today, April 9, 1975 asked one Southern woman, repeating the less took base one pervice each Gen. R. E. Les surrendered at Appea the surveyor's question. Why, we go St. It. In 1915 as miling to the mation, Va., to Gen. U. S. Great. What a charge for the T. Pitt, I main in the South," by D. Since that time the South has taken are I Madera trere were \$6,500 an active art in two wars, the Spans and the Southern ash America and the World War, Our "Protestartesm has a strong had, on State , as had to be Super cent were Southern soldiers showed their valor up ble. They total only about 2 per Portion words to any given Sunday and to the world that they are proof the entire charely member out, a visa 27,000 onto chareles in triotae and fighters. The South has members in the total pointlation, 49.4. "Seven in of every ten of the mittage wars that she has been called en personal. The highest in the United (ters have it a college or seminary by the U.S. A. to bear arms in "e

The South and the North both have care to be even it exteen years of ardit conflict between the states. The "What is the church doing with its at a vale, but the period represents South fought for what she thought opportunity? The South has been wave a about eight different pass was right. This great conflict a f Haptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian torais. Barely has he become ac- all its evils are over. We are proud No other body has made a very deep current; with his congregation and of the record our fathers made as mpression upon the Southern people," put a p. ogran, into effect when he is soldiers in the great struggle between There are in the seventy counties sur- ready to move elsewhere. More than the states. We are glad it is over and veyed one church to every 319 persons, three churches out of every four have never to be again. We have nothing "For every seven active churches in retained their ministers only three to apologize for. We fought a good these counties (six counties) there is scale or less, and over half have had fight; and since Lee's surrender have one which is abandoned or inactive." an average pastorate of two years or kept the faith imposed upon us by our fathers.

pering. But something we people of Serving Two Haywood County, N. C. have not done, Salary received Serving or More and it is a burning shame that it has not been done, but it is not too late, is to erect a suitable monument to our Confederate soldiers. As Confederate soldiers and sons of Confederate soldiers we cannot neglect this duty to our Confederate heroes any longer If we do neglect this duty any longer we ought to be branded as slackers and cowards, not worthy of the name of our fathers.

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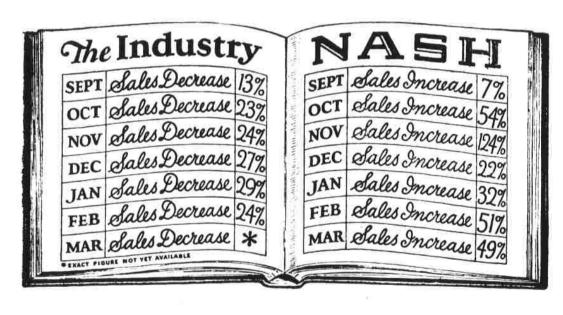
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