

Homecoming Nov. 11

# Church to Hold Two Dedications

A new choir room and a plaque of appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. John L. Frierson will be dedicated at the observance of Homecoming at the Church of the Holy Cross in Sumter County on Sunday, November 11.

The preacher for the services at the historic Episcopal Church at Stateburg is a former rector, the Rev. Alfred P. Chambliss, now of Darien, Ga.

Church services will be held at 11:30 a.m. and will be followed, at 1 p.m., with a picnic on the grounds.

**THE CHOIR** room, which has recently been completed at the southeast corner of the old pise-de-terre church, opens on the choir loft as well as the outside of the church building, giving entrance and exit at that part of the structure which was formerly lacking.

It was the gift of Miss Martha White, who will be present for the dedication. Miss White's maternal ancestors have always been members of Holy Cross from the days soon after the Revolution.

**DR. RICHARD** Anderson was chairman of the committee which built the present structure in 1850, and is ancestor to the White family. The present Admiral Richard Kerfoot Anderson, retired, U.S.N., and his wife are present owners of the Borough House. Miss White's mother, the late Mary Virginia Saunders White, gave many memorials and made important restorations to the church before her death.

The plaque which the friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence Frierson have had mounted on the wall of the church is in appreciation to both the late Mr. Frierson, who was for 50 years a leader, vestryman, senior warden, lay reader, and sometimes treasurer of the parish.

**MRS. FRIERSON**, who now resides in Darlington, was organist for the church

and the Sunday School for a like period, belonged to the various organizations of the parish, and was an influence for good in the lives of the youth of the community. She was teacher of music

at Hillcrest School. The plaque reads as follows

TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND IN AFFECTIONATE  
APPRECIATION FOR  
HALF A CENTURY  
OF DEVOTED  
SERVICE TO THE  
PEOPLE OF  
HOLY CROSS  
THIS TABLET IS  
DEDICATED TO  
JOHN LAWRENCE  
AND  
GEORGIA DARGAN  
FRIERSON  
BY THE MANY  
WHO LOVED THEM  
1963

Many of the Dargan families and many of the Frierson families are expected to be present at the service.

**THE INVITED** preacher for the occasion, the Rev. Mr. Chambliss, was born

in Pee Dee, S.C. He was ordained by the Rt. Rev. Albert S. Thomas, now retired, and was married July 21, 1941, to Miss Emma B. Anderson of Sumter. They have three children.

**IN 1940** the Rev. Mr. Chambliss took charge of the congregations of Holy Cross, Stateburg, Ascension, Hagood and St. Philip's, Bradford Springs. Subsequently he served churches at Ridgeway, Rock Hill, and at Morganton, N.C., from which he went to the Conference Center of Tennessee at Monteagle. His work, just prior to his present rectorship, was in Shreveport, La.

Other invited guests for the Homecoming include Bishop Thomas, long a friend of both the Whites and the Friersons. Bishop Thomas had the unique ex-

perience of performing the wedding rite for Mr. and Mrs. John L. Frierson, and 50 years later presiding over the fiftieth anniversary of this event in their home in Darlington.

**ANOTHER INVITED** guest of the Homecoming service is the Rev. A. G. Branwell Bennett, retired rector of the St. Timothy's Church, Columbia, who supplied Holy Cross with services at irregular intervals when there was no local

minister. He is also a friend of many years of the White family.

The service will be a celebration of the Holy Communion, by the Rev. William S. Stoney, rector, assisted by visiting clergy.

Mrs. W. M. Wilson, general chairman of the Episcopal Churchwomen of Holy Cross, is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. A. W. DeBaun, of Shaw Air Force Base, is in charge of the music.

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