

## Accounting Firm Founder Robert B. Roper Dies At 76

## LAURENS

Robert B. Roper, 76, died <u>Sunday</u>. Born in Laurens County, he was a son of the late Benjamin Franklin and Emma Hudgens Roper. He spent his early years in Sumter.

Mr. Roper attended Furman Uni-

versity and was a graduate of Eastman Business School of New York. He was founder of Roper and Roper Certified Public Accountants in 1929.

He served on the Laurens County School Board, District 55, for 20 years and was a member of the board of directors of Palmetto Bank, Palmetto Savings and Loan Co., United Agency and the Carolina Coca Cola Bottling Co. of Sumter.

Mr. Roper was a member of the American Institute of CPAs and the South Carolina Association of CPAs. He was a Rotarian and a member of the First Baptist Church of Laurens.

Surviving are a son, R. Bland Roper of Laurens; a daughter, Mrs. Jane Wilkes of Myrtle Beach; a sister, Mrs. Marguerite R. Tuggle of Martinsville, Va.; and grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. today in Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church cemetery fund.

Gray Funeral Home is in charge.



## 95th Anniversary

Concord Baptist Church recently observed its 95th anniversary with an old timer's day, and recognized its older members of the church. Pictured L to R, front, Mrs. Dollie Blackston, Mrs. Mildred Lewis, Mrs. Nalmer Lewis, the Rev. Jim Lewis, Mrs. Carmon Hudson, Mrs. Lyda McCarey, and Mr. Bille McCarey. Back, standing, the Rev.

Martin Holder, the Rev. Ernest Brezeale, Mrs. Lucy Porter, Mrs. Ova Roper, and Mrs. Minnie Southerland. Absent was Mrs. Nora Ellenburg, Mrs. Edith Bryson, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Roper and Lewis Alexander. A dinner on the grounds was held in the afternoon. (Photo by Russ Gantt)