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Keeping History Straight

Additional Presbyterian History in Ashe County

For a time we thought that the history of the Presbyterian Church in Ashe County began in the last decade of the last century. Then we discovered that this county was settled in the 1760's by a group of Presbyterian pioneers. History says that the first Gospel sermon ever preached in Ashe was by a Presbyterian minister on Grassy Creek. This colony planned for the organization and erection of a church. But the Revolutionary War came on and many went to fight for our independence and necessarily the plans were delayed. Upon returning to their mountain homes they pioneered to Jonesboro, Tennessee, or some other place.

We thought then that there was a gap in the history extending from the Revolution to 1896. Some statements made in THE ASHE PRESBYTERIAN caused Mrs. M. M. Blevins, of Crumpler, N. C., (a loyal Baptist but a staunch friend and admirer of the Presbyterian Church) to think that we were in error. She has sent some information from an older sister—Mrs. E. L. Tucker, of Tuckerdale, N. C.,—which gives history which we are glad to produce here. It is as follows: "In regard to the information Mr. Stone wanted — Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Neal, Mrs. America Bower Heath Davis and your mother (Mrs. Ellen Murchison Foster, wife of Dr. E. F. Foster) were all members of the Presbyterian Church. Mother was baptized just sixty years ago and became a member of the church. After her death the others all joined the Methodist because the Presbyterian Church, or members rather, seemed to lose interest. The few members would have a minister come from some place and he would preach in the old school house. The * * * * * at first wouldn't let the Presbyterians use their Church but Mr. Bell preached in the Methodist Church all the time. Then after mother's death the others went to the Methodist Church. But the first members of the Presbyterian Church of Ashe were the ones named and others that are forgotten."

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Christian Chautauqua A Great Success

Another season of the Christian Chautauqua has begun; again the tent is raised and each day and night offers to the people of some community a program planned to carry out the purpose of the Chautauqua "to know Christ and to make Him known."

If the first three are an indication of the success which is to attend this season, this truly is to be the best in all Chautauqua history.

Because of the full schedule this summer, the first meeting was held at Low Gap from May 15 to May 29. In spite of cold days and nights, all services in the tent were well attended and the bless-



WEST JEFFERSON CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUA
175 Enrolled—13 Teachers

ing of the Lord seemed to be in each one. The Bible School was taught by Rev. J. W. Luke, Misses Helen Stacy, Ruth Bowlin, Irene Richardson, and Myrtle Williamson; the tent was under the efficient management of Mr. Wayne Weleh. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. O. C. Williamson, of Austin, Texas; after the first night, Synod's Evangelist, Rev. A. T. Lassiter, delivered the sermons and was in charge of the evening services; that the Lord was present to bless these services is clearly shown by the results of this Chautauqua which are given more fully under the organization of Low Gap Presbyterian Church.

From Low Gap the tent was moved to Ebenezer where the Chautauqua was held from June 2nd to 16th. The teachers in

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Low Gap Church Organized

Low Gap School House has been the place of meeting for a group of those interested in Spiritual matters. In several meetings, the last one the Chautauqua, there were twenty in all who took their stand for Jesus Christ and united with the Presbyterian Church. It was thought best by all that we organize a church in that community and on the evening of June 22nd a commission met and officially carried out the work of organization

Presbytery was favorable to the petition consisting of nineteen members and appointed a committee consisting of Revs. R. H. Stoue, Chairman, C. W. Robinson, J. W. Luke and Elders Geo. W. Farrington, D. C. Bare, N. L. Brooks and John Burgess, (the three latter were not present.)

The organization was effected and elders and deacons elected, ordained and installed. The elders are Messrs. F. M. Allen, and Wm. Bare. The Deacons are: Messrs. Lee Bare and Isaac Bare.

At present the members of the church recently organized, meet in the Low Gap School House. We are in great need of a church building and it is our purpose to build as soon as possible. Mr. Fields Sheets has kindly offered an acre of land adjoining the school property for building. We thank him for this splendid offer. The name chosen for the church is "Low Gap Presbyterian Church."

The words of Rev. C. W. Robinson were these "Let us now lift Low Gap until it may be called High Gap." God grant that each member will strive to lift high our church there until it is as a city set upon a hill, a light to point men to God.

Welcome to New Members

Since the last issue of the Ashe Presbyterian thirty members have been received into the Presbyterian Church. Most of these have come into the Kingdom of God on confession of Christ. We want to give you all the right hand of fellowship into the one church and as each reads their name as follows, may you feel the press of a welcoming hand, a Brotherly hand,

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Editorial

CHAUTAUQUA

As we go to press the fourth Chautauqua is in full swing. The Low Gap community had its first Chautauqua this year. The response and co-operation was fine. The Daily Vacation Bible School feature was a great success. The ministry of Rev. A. T. Lassiter, Synod's Evangelist, was greatly blessed by the Holy Spirit. The outcome of this is the organization of a church.

At Ebenezer a fine Bible School was conducted. One of the unique things about this Chautauqua was the great number of chapters of the Bible read. Mr. Luke evoked a friendly rivalry between the men and the women in this contest. Remarkable almost to state—THE MEN WON! Hurrah for the Brethren!

Dr. Gillespie's presence and gracious dignity and powerful preaching of the Word was most acceptable. Young and old made a profession of the faith in Christ. Some to whom Dr. Gillespie preached more than thirty years ago, having wandered as lost sheep for all this time, came back to their "Father and Home."

The men of the Presbyterian churches of Ashe County have conducted helpful testimony meetings at each place.

The Officers and Teachers Union of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches of Lansing celebrated the second anniversary of their organization on June 28. Attorney Ira T. Johnston made the address of the afternoon on the relation of the Church and the Sunday School. Following this, the President, Mr. C. S. Bumgarner, gave a resume of the splendid work done by the Union in the two years of its existence. Plans were made for a course in teacher training and for attending the County Sunday School convention which is to be held at Warrensville on August 10 and 11th. Appreciation for the faithful and efficient service of Mr. Bumgarner was shown by the unanimous re-election and by a rising vote of thanks. After the business meeting delicious refreshments were served with the birthday cake.

Greater Glade Valley

We made a hard fight to have Glade Valley School removed to Jeffersou. Attractive offers were made and repeated and insistent pleas were made to the Board of Trustees for its re-location. But in the wisdom of the Board it is being kept at Glade Valley. We are good losers—and take this to be guidance.

The Glade Valley community is to be congratulated. They, too, have an admirable and enviable fighting spirit. It was clearly manifest that the School has been of an untold benefit to Alleghany and surrounding counties.

Glade Valley is being enlarged. A modern and commodious Administration building is being planned and a campaign for funds will be launched when the architect has drawn the plans and the Board of Trustees gives the word "Go." Glade Valley has a fine history and some good traditions. It has grown up in the woods and now scores of students are making a beaten path to its door. The school has a great future and Glade Valley is to become Greater Glade Valley. A Christian atmosphere dominates and a Christian Education is given.

Rev. C. G. Smith to Come to Obids

Since a part of our paper has gone to press we have learned that Rev. C. G. Smith, of Ashboro, will be the Evangelist at Obids. Mr. Smith has golden qualities of mind and heart which guarantee a great meeting at Obids with the blessing of the Spirit.

He is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary. While there the Professor of Elocution saw him make a gesture depicting the shrivelling of the soul in the environment of sin, which he said was one of the finest things he ever saw.

Mr. Smith will be heard gladly at Obids.

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and may you hear our earnest prayer,
"God bless you and may you ever be true to the trust you have taken."

LOW GAP CHURCH

Mesdames F. M. Allen, Mandy Bare, Ada Bare, Flossie Lyal, Lee A. Bare, and Messrs. W. J. Bare, F. M. Allen, Lee A. Bare and Virgie Bare, Clifton Allen, Ruby Allen and Virginia Bare.

EBENEZER

Mrs. B. V. Lowman, Mrs. Mazie Hunt, Messrs. B. V. Lowman, Geo. Long and Edward Lowman, Robert Long, W. G. Long, Lanier Farrington, Eula Farrinton, Georgia Hunt, Page Wagoner, Bard Dishman, Helen Hart.

WEST JEFFERSON

Leona Wyatt, Lessie Harris, Virgie Medley, James Cox and J. W. Cooper.

JEFFERSON

John Denton.

Dr. W. L. Lingle Heads Davidson College

Dr. W. L. Lingle, former professor of Church History and Missions in Union Theological Seminary and more recently President of the Assembly Training School has accepted the Presidency of Davidson College.

There are few men so admirably equipped for this responsible position as is the new president. The whole Church rejoices in this worthy successor to Dr. W. J. Martin.

We are glad that Dr. Lingle is coming back to his native State to assume this responsible position in the incomparable institution of the South. Davidson College is known around the world. Perhaps there is no College in the South that has done and is doing so much for the Church. Her ideals are great and the traditions that have grown up around the institution are of the best.

Since 1837 Davidson has been sending into public life a steady stream of talented leadership.

We print a few excerpts from the Davidson College Bulletin, July 15, 1929 taken from "A Message from the New President."

"I want to see the College continue to stand for her high ideals of manhood and of Christian character. Among the many kind letters which came to me within the past few weeks there was one from the Dean of a large college for women, a college which has no denominational bias. In the letter there was this gratifying statement: 'Let me say for Davidson that the boys show wonderful training. When the baseball season is on we have open house for the various colleges and universities. The Davidson boys are outstanding in their poise, good conduct and decorum.' When our graduates go out to take their places in life we want them to be outstanding and noted for their Christian manhood.

"In order that the above ideals may be realized to the fullest it will be necessary for all members of the faculty, from the oldest to the youngest, to maintain high standards of scholarship and high standards of Christian living. Unless a man's influence on the campus is positively Christian he has no rightful place in the faculty of a Christian College."

At a meeting of the Congregation on July 14th the Low Gap Church extended a unanimous call to Rev. J. W. Luke to become the pastor. Elder F. M. Allen was elected to prosecute the call before Presbytery.

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Lansing Church to be Dedicated by Presbytery.

On September the 10th the Presbytery of Winston-Salem will convene in the Lansing Presbyterian Church. The retiring moderator is Mr. C. M. Norfleet. The opening sermon will be preached by Dr. B. R. Lacy, President of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. On the 11th in the afternoon the Church building will be formally dedicated to the glory of God. The dedication is to be an act of Presbytery. Drs. Lacy and Gillespie will make the principal addresses in the afternoon. The theme of the Presbytery will be "The Church." Dr. J. S. Foster will be asked to discuss "The Church and Evangelism." Dr. Clay Lilly will have for his subject "The Church and the Sacraments." Dr. Lacy will tell in his opening sermon of the "Origin and the Growth of the Church." His second address will be "The Doctrines and Catholicity of the Presbyterian Church." Dr. Gillespie will tell of "The Church's Responsibility." Those who have been arranging for the program have asked Mr. J. B. Johnston, Supt. of the Presbyterian Orphans Home, to address the Presbytery on "The Church and Her Orphans."

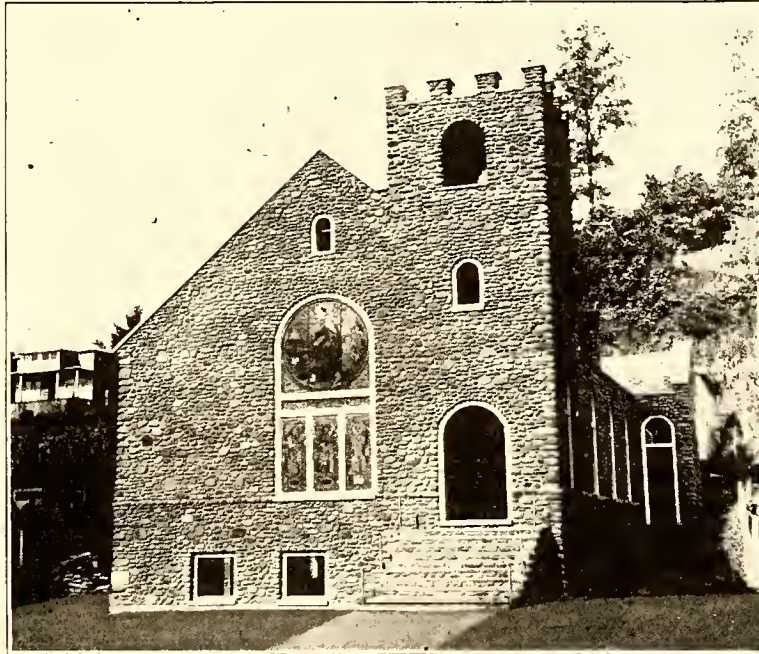
The exercises of Wednesday night will be in charge of Rev. J. R. McGregor as it is the popular program for Presbytery's Home Missions. The public is most cordially invited to attend all of these exercises and nothing is being left undone to make it the most enjoyable and profitable of the meetings of Presbytery.

Gifts to Lansing Church

The gifts to Lansing Church since the last issue have been timely and our gratitude is due Mrs. George T. Brown and Mr. R. D. Hall. Their gifts relieved an embarrassing situation.

Remaining Chautauqua Schedule

As we go to press the Peak Creek Chautauqua is in progress. It was opened on July 7th with two scholarly and helpful addresses by the Hon. J. M. Wells, Jr. Rev. C. J. Hollandsworth, pastor of the First Vanguard Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, N. C., is conducting the evangelistic



If we were seeking another name for The Lansing Presbyterian Church a very appropriate name would be "The Church of Good Friends." Since this picture was taken the doors and windows have been put in and practically all of the interior is finished. On September 11th the dedication service will be held. In addition to the members of our Presbytery having a part the Reverend Doctors E. E. Gillespie and B. R. Lacy will make some of the principal addresses.

We need a few more friends just now. It will take \$1,500.00 to CLEAR this building of debt. Of this amount \$500.00 has been pledged, and will be paid when \$1,000.00 is gotten. This imposing edifice has cost less than \$10,000.00. You see we make your money go a long ways. So PLEASE come to our rescue now as we have some very pressing obligations. Send remittance to Dr. E. E. Gillespie, Treasurer, Greensboro, N. C., or to Rev. R. H. Stone, Jefferson, N. C., designating it for the Lansing Church.

Thank you! Come up and help us dedicate.

services. The fifth of the series is to begin at Obids on July 24th. As yet we are not able to announce the minister.

On August 11th the Lansing Chautauqua will begin and Rev. J. R. McGregor, of the First Presbyterian Church of Lexington, N. C., will conduct the evangelistic part of the program.

In the original schedule there was to be another from August 27th through September 8th. The place where this will be conducted has not yet been determined.

Obids Auxiliary Organized

Mrs. E. P. Gray, President of the Winston-Salem Presbyterial, Mrs. J. P. Price, Presbyterial Secretary, accompanied by Mrs. Redfern, came to the mountains one day from Winston-Salem arriving in time for a splendid country picnic spread on the lawn of Obids Presbyterian Church. But this was not the occasion of the visit.

The purpose was to assist in the organization of an Auxiliary.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Gray the following officers were elected: Mrs. Frank Severt, President; Miss DeEtte Crawford, Secretary; Mrs. Rufus Parsons, Vice President; Mrs. Jesse Baker, Treas.; Mrs. Luther Woody, Sec'y Spiritual Life; Miss Ray Severt, Sec'y Foreign Missions; Mrs. R. S. McNeill, Sec'y Assembly's Home Missions; Mrs. L. F. Miller, Sec'y S. and P. Home Missions; Mrs. Mary Burgess, Sec'y C. E. and M. R.; Miss Mabel Dancy, Sec'y Y. P. and S. S. Ext.; Mrs. J. C. Crawford, Sec'y Christian Social Service; Miss Vivian Parsons, Sec'y Literature. Since the organization two meetings have been held and the Birthday meeting has been planned for July 12 at 3:00 p. m. in the Obids Church.

This is the baby Auxiliary of the Winston-Salem Presbyterial but it has proved to be a lively one since its birth.

The Churches of Obids, Ebenezer and Peak Creek have invited the women of Group No. 6 to meet with them at Pine Crest Hotel during a day to be designated for September.

The Auxiliaries of West Jefferson, Jefferson and Lansing celebrated their Birthday in the West Jefferson Church on the fourth Sunday night in May. Two pagants were presented in costume. A large congregation were impressed with the service. The offering amounted to nearly thirty-five dollars which goes for the erection of school buildings to equip our educational plants in Mexico.

Progress of the Peak Creek Chautauqua

The best Chautauqua ever held at Peak Creek is in session there now. From every standpoint it would be hard to excel. It began with two remarkable addresses from a great champion of the faith and one whom we term "a sanctified son of genius"—Hon. J. M. Wells, Jr.—a lawyer of Winston-Salem. The impression he made there is doing a great good. His power of logic is fine and he popularizes themes that are seldom brought into the pulpit.

On the second night "Go Ye Therefore" a stereoptican lecture, was presented. This gives scenes from the six countries in which we do mission work. The Educational Department of the Foreign Mission Committee made this possible for us.

On Tuesday night Rev. C. J. Hollandsworth, of the First Vanguard Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, N. C., began a series of evangelistic services. Mr. Hollandsworth has won a big place in the hearts of the people of that good section. His scholarship, consecration, personality, and zeal are happily woven together, which qualifies him for the Chautauqua pulpit.

Transportation trucks have not been used here until this year—but one comes in each morning from Laurel Fork. The enrollment of the D. V. B. S. is greatly enlarged because of the boys and girls from this community.

The teachers in the school are: Rev. J. W. Luke, Misses Mary Shaw, Myrtle Williamson, Kathryn Hunt, Laura Frances Steele, and Miss Darrell Bowlin helps with the music for the night services. Mr. Charles Moore has charge of the tent and is Secretary to the Bible School.

Plans are under way for a large truck to convey a number of our young people to the Echo Conference to be held at Reynolds on July 18th.

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Miss Meta Beall, of Greensboro, had given us some light on this. For a number of years her father was Synodical Evangelist and preached in this county. He is the "Mr. Bell" referred to in the letter above. It was Rev. Mr. Beall who baptized Mrs. Foster—the mother of Mrs. Blevins.

We welcome any light that may be thrown upon the history of the beginnings, development and growth of Presbyterianism within the County. There is one who for several years has been gathering information with the hope that someday it might be woven together in a romantic "History of the Presbyterian Church in Ashe County."



The Seal of Our Church

The accompanying picture represents the seal of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Doubtless many of you have seen it elsewhere; for instance, on all books published by the Presbyterian Committee of Publication at Richmond, Va., but perhaps there are some who have not examined it closely and who do not understand the meaning of it.

The dove represents the Holy Spirit, in accordance with the statement of John the Baptist, in the first chapter of the Gospel according to John, the 32nd verse: "I saw the spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon Him," that is, upon Jesus.

The star represents Christ himself, as in Numbers 24:17, "And there shall come a Star out of Jacob," and Revelation 22:16, where Jesus says, "I am the bright and morning star."

The lamp on the right-hand section of the shield represents the Witnessing Church, in accordance with the statement of our Saviour to His disciples, "Ye are the light of the world * * Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 5:14-16.) The lamp is the time-honored symbol of the Waldensian Church, in Italy, and the Latin words written below the shield give us the motto of that Church, Lux lucet in tenebris, meaning, "The light shineth in the darkness."

The burning bush, which has been for centuries the symbol of the Scottish Churches and other branches of the great Presbyterian family, represents the Indestructible Church. The Latin words which generally accompany this symbol, Nec tamen consumebatur, "and yet it was not consumed," being a reference to the burning bush which Moses saw at Mt. Sinai, as described in the third chapter of Exodus. The reason the Church is not consumed and destroyed by opposition and persecution of the world is that God is in the midst of the Church. This was the chief lesson taught Moses by that vision of the burning bush, out of which God spoke to him.

The laurel wreath at the bottom represents Victory and the Church Triumphant.

The features of this seal, therefore, are rich in Scriptural symbolism. The history of the great Church which they represent is full of stirring and inspiring proofs of

the fact that our forefathers have laid to heart the lessons taught by these Scriptural symbols, and, as the heirs of these heroes of faith, we, in this day, young and old, should endeavor constantly to emulate their virtues and do our part in our own day and generation to spread abroad that light from heaven which is the life of men.

(By the late Reverend Walter W. Moore, D. D., and republished through the courtesy of the Presbyterian Committee of Publication.)

Death of Mrs. George Long

April 17th was a time of great sorrow in the vicinity of Ebenezer Church for a splendid mother, and a fine Christian passed into the gates of Heaven.

Mrs. Long died at the age of forty-two, leaving her husband, twelve children, and nine sisters and brothers.

The funeral services took place at Ebenezer Church and the body interred in the Cemetery adjoining the Church. The Uncle of the deceased, Rev. Mr. Long, and her Pastor Rev. John W. Luke held services on the morning of April 19th.

When we think of the loss of Mrs. Long, we feel that God knew that she had finished her work upon this earth for she had lived an abundant and busy life during her short stay in this world. Mrs. Long was a splendid neighbor, a loyal Christian. Heaven's gain was our loss, but the path she has left will be followed by many tiny feet of her children and of those of her family

Teacher Training School

Because of our happy and profitable association with Mr. Claude T. Carr, we most heartily recommend him to any congregation that can secure his services for a Teacher Training Institute. He came to the Jeffersons for one during the latter part of April and the first of May. There were six certificates awarded.

Mr. Carr is a good tonic for a Sunday School. After he went away the new enthusiasm he had created was put to work. A visit to the McNeill Sunday School Room will show only a part. The entire spirit and tone of the school was increased.

If possible Mr. Carr's coming must be an annual event; we would say bi-annual if it would not appear selfish.

His address is Mooresville, N. C., and he would be glad to co-operate with any Church that wants to better equip the teacher for Kingdom progress.

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Clothes Shop

The little shop built by the Reynolda Young People, for the selling of the old clothing is truly proving a blessing to the entire work of Ashe County. Located on the land owned by Mr. Robert Barr near the center of West Jefferson, the shop draws its customers from many distant points in the county. The fact that it serves many people is indicated by the typical Saturday morning crowd; the fact that it is blessing the work materially is clearly shown by the returns in money; since January 1st there has been added to the treasury \$340.67 from this source alone. Too much can not be said in appreciation to the builders of the shop and to those who send the clothing. The returns from the special sales at Low Gap, Lausing and Ebenezer increase the sum to more than \$400.00.

Our pulpits have recently been supplied by ministers outside of our County. Lansing has had the privilege of hearing Capt. John F. Anderson. For a number of years Capt. Anderson has been a railroad conductor and has hundreds of warm friends in Ashe—many of whom heard him gladly.

The West Jefferson congregation greatly enjoyed a sermon by Mr. Watt Cooper, a student of Yale Divinity School.

Lansing and Jefferson have been addressed at their mid-week services by Mr. L. K. Pritchett, of Lees-McRae College. His theme was "The Value of Education and the Soul."

The following Methodist ministers at Lansing have preached there for our people: Revs. W. A. Patton, and Greene, and Prof. Patton, of Georgia.

Our gratitude is to these gentlemen.

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this Bible School were Mr. Luke, Miss Louise Vyne and Miss Williamson; Mr. DeArmond Moore acted as secretary and tent captain. The Evangelistic services for the first week were under Rev. W. C. Cansdale's direction; his consecration and personal interest did much for the advancement of the Kingdom; for the second week, Dr. E. E. Gillespie returned to the scene of his initial labors and built upon the foundation he had laid more than thirty years before; as a result of the faithful preaching of these two men of God, thirteen new members were added.

The West Jefferson Chautauqua has been voted by those who have worked in all which have been held as the best ever known in Ashe County. It is true that the average attendance was not as large as last year, but the splendid spirit of both the students and faculty, the efficient work done and whole results of the school made this seem the banner Chautauqua of the year. The faculty for the Bible School was as follows: Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Stone, Rev. J. W. Luke, Mesdames E. C. Turner, James Cooper, Jas. Colvard and James McNeill, and Misses Mary Shaw, Irene Richardson, Mae Faw, Mabel Weaver and Myrtle Williamson and Mr. DeArmond Moore.

Rev. Walter King Keys' splendid sermons made the evening services a rich blessing to all the host of people who filled the tent to overflowing. A great number of professions were made and several additions were made to each of the three churches in the town; four united with the Presbyterian Church.

The Men of the Presbyterian Church in Ashe County's organization richly blessed each of the three Chautauquas by their testimony service, which was a very important part of each Chautauqua; the witness of our own people concerning the Lord's goodness made a profound impression on all who heard them. At West Jefferson, the service on Sunday was given over to Mr. Walter Nading's Evangelistic Club from Winston-Salem. They always bring a blessing and this service was no exception to the rule.

WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Ashe County's delegation to the Davidson Young People's Conference was the largest in its history and the enthusiastic reports made by the delegates indicate that the results of the Conference will be the most far-reaching in its history, also. The seven churches were represented by Misses Alverda Miller, DeEtte Crawford, Stella Faw, Mabel Copenhaver, and Irene Richardson and Messrs. Blaine Miller, Wayne Weleh and Robert Barr. The expenses of the representatives of Jefferson and West Jefferson were paid by the two Auxiliaries.

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Fine Christian Chautauqua Season

The Christian Chautauqua season for 1929 was in many respects the best in Chautauqua history. During the sixty-nine teaching days four thousand, eight hundred and thirty children were taught under the tent, an average of seventy children a day in Sunday School for one year and seventeen weeks. Fifty-two people made a profession of their faith in Christ and united with the Presbyterian Church; others made their profession and united with various other churches. Besides these visible results it is impossible to estimate the influence of the Bible School and the Evangelistic Services upon the lives of hundreds and hundreds of people.

The July issue of the Ashe Presbyterian carried an account of the Chautauquas through the one held at Peak Creek; after this there were two others one at Obids and the closing on at Lansing.

From the first year of Chautauqua at Obids, the attendance has increased each year and this year the enrollment was practically double that of last year. The teaching force was: Rev. John Luke, Principal and teacher for Young People; Miss Mary Shaw, teacher for Junior girls; Miss Laura Frances Steele, for Junior boys; Miss Kathryn Hunt, for Primary class; Miss Myrtle Williamson, for Beginners; and Mr. Charles Moore as secretary and manager for the tent; Miss DeEtte Crawford was an invaluable assistant in the Primary and Beginner Departments; Rev. Cothran G. Smith preached each night and assisted Mr. Luke in directing the splendid personal work of the session and the other Christians of the congregation. The splendid attendance and spirit of the Bible School, the earnest preaching of Mr. Smith, the intense interest of the people and the zeal and prayer which made each service Spirit-

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Keep the Fire of Christ Burning at the Peak.

In the picture you have a view of the mountain which is known as **The Peak**, and the site where we hope to build the Low Gap Church. It can be seen on the sky line rising above its sister mountains. At the foot of this mountain there is a little settlement called Low Gap. At one time Indians used to live here at the foot of **The Peak**, for Indian graves, and a great many Indian relics are found there. One old gentleman has told of an Indian village that used to be there which he saw when he was much younger. Low Gap in



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time past was known as a good place for stalking deer, and it was here that deer use to pass through the country when chased.

There is no doubt that **The Peak** was used by the Indians who lived in its shadow as a place for watching and for signal fires. The Indian's fire was seen burning at the top of **The Peak**, today there is another fire burning in the vicinity. It is the fire of Christ struggling to burn in the hearts of white men, who have organ-

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Two Churches Are Dedicated

September brought to us some great occasions. Two of the crowning ones were the dedicatory services of the Lansing and Peak Creek Presbyterian Churches. In each case these buildings were given to the Lord in the presence of the Presbytery.

On the 11th a great congregation gathered in the Lansing Church. The purpose was to dedicate. The pastor, Rev. R. H. Stone, presented Rev. C. W. Robinson who presided. In his remarks of presentation it was shown that the history of Presbyterianism in Ashe may be written in three chapters: In the 1760's; after the Civil

War; and today, and the modern history begins in 1896—and Rev. C. W. Robinson the first Presbyterian minister to preach in this generation who served notice in the 90's that there was room for the Presbyterian Church in Ashe. His association with the history made it fitting that he should lead in this monumental service. This he did with his accustomed grace and charm and spirituality.

The congregation read scripture passage in mission and sang "I Love Thy Kingdom," which was followed by the reciting in mission the Apostle's Creed Mr. Robinson led in prayer.

Rev. D. J. Blackwell, the first to preach in the new building, read the scripture lesson. The history of the church was given in a most interesting way by the clerk of the Session, Elder J. R. Weaver. Then the audience stood as Mr. Robinson read the words of dedication to which the congregation responded—"To Thee we dedicate this House."

Rev. J. R. McGregor, Chairman of Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, led in the prayer of dedication.

One of the finest sermons ever heard in Ashe County was then preached by Dr. B. R. Lacy, President of Union Theological

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THE SUMMER'S PROGRAM

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Editorial

A great summer's history is written. It has witnessed much activity in our churches in Ashe. One church has been rushed through to completion and is doubtless without a rival for completeness, beauty and adaptability.

The finest season of Chautauqua's history was held. More students enrolled, an extra Chautauqua conducted, more volunteer workers, a greater earnestness and a deeper spirit of prayer pervaded the work. Fifty-one were added to the churches.

Another church organized and building program begun.

It is the story of intense activity, increased earnestness, answered prayer, and of the marvelous goodness of the Lord.

But many are not saved—and there is much to do.

We shall ever be grateful to Dr. B. R. Lacy for his presence and his ministry of help and blessing. It is a great honor to our county to have this distinguished man with us. And we are looking forward to have him with us for longer time next year.

Rev. J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, N. C., is building an attractive Church at Low Gap—an unchurched community. His estimate is that \$1,700.00 is all that will be needed. Many letters have gone out asking for one dollar. Whether you have received a letter or not you have read this appeal. So send him your contribution. It will help all around. God will bless this stock in a Kingdom enterprise.

Mid Week Service at Jefferson and Lansing.

Having completed Dr. Turnbull's book "Studying the Book of Exodus" the congregations of Jefferson and Lansing are studying under the leadership of their pastor the latest book of Dr. W. L. Lingle—PRESBYTERIANS — THEIR HISTORY AND BELIEFS.

When this is completed it is expected that they will take up the Home Mission Study Book—"The Crowded Ways" by Sears. The interest and attendance at these meetings are fine and encouraging.

Winston First Bible Classes Make Contributions

During the summer representatives from the J. M. Rogers Bible Class and the Alan O'Neal Bible Class came up one Sunday morning for a union service in the West Jefferson Church. Mr. J. M. Wells, Jr., delivered one of his famous addresses—"The Trial of Jesus." This was enjoyed by a large congregation.

Following this the ladies from several churches served a most delicious lunch in the basement of the Church.

Before the gentlemen had gone some fine things happened. The J. M. Rogers Class had promised us twenty-four chairs, which have been received and are quite an addition to the auditorium. The Alan O'Neal Class were to give the material and cost of plastering the auditorium. The material is here and as we go to press the work is being done.

Both of these gifts are greatly needed and will enhance the beauty and the comfort of the building to a great degree. To say that we appreciate these gifts does not begin to express our gratitude. These gentlemen have greatly befriended us before this.

Our pulpits have been supplied this summer by the following: Revs. E. N. Caldwell, D. J. Blackwell, C. J. Hollingworth, W. A. Creason, J. F. Anderson and Mr. J. M. Wells, Jr.

Attractive signs bearing the names of the Church have been placed on the lawns of the West Jefferson and Lansing Churches.

At a congregational meeting the Low Gap Church issued a call for the pastoral services of J. W. Luke. This was presented to Presbytery and was found in order and placed in Mr. Luke's hands. He accepted the call and a Commission was appointed to install him. It is understood that the service will be held in the Church soon-to-be-erected.

The Right Hand of Fellowship.

We are glad to welcome into our steadily increasing membership the following received since our last issue:

Peak Creek—Edna Woody, Vergie Liddle, Louisiana Miller, Evelyn Miller, Mrs. Gladys Thompson, Ernest Bare, Edna Taylor.

Obids—Glenn McNeill, Bruce Harless, Robert Woody, Josephine McNeill, Mrs. Luther Woody, Floy Spears.

Lansing—Mrs. Robert Welch, Fay Welch, Dare Welch, John Knox Welch, Charlie Weaver, Walter Weaver and Raymond Campbell.

Judge T. C. Bowie is lecturing each Sunday morning at the West Jefferson Presbyterian Sunday School on "The Law of the Old Testament." A greatly enlarged class meets him each Sunday. Their appreciation is great. Mr. Bowie's fine legal background combined with his study of the Bible make him eminently fitted to discuss this interesting subject.

Dedication Gifts to Lansing

Since going to press for the former issue our hearts have been made glad by a great number of people through their letters and gifts. Those who have contributed to the fund to meet all the obligations of the Lansing Church are:

Winston-Salem—Messrs. S. Clay Williams, J. B. Glenn, M. W. Norfleet and Mesdames M. W. Norfleet, S. Wilson Gray, Chas. M. Norfleet, who in addition gave a lovely upright piano.

Greensboro—Messrs. D. H. Burtner, L. H. Martin, and Mesdames Roxie A. King, L. Richardson, W. H. Osborne and B. A. Cunningham.

Charlotte—Mr. W. H. Belk.
Stoneville—R. W. Smith, R. L. Stone, C. B. Stone and W. S. Stone gave the blue velour curtain for the choir railing.

North Wilkesboro—Mrs. R. W. Gwyn, Miss Clara Finley and Messrs. J. R. Finley, Pat M. Williams, A. A. Finley and the Wilkesboro Manufacturing Co.

Salisbury—Mr. Thomas P. Johnston.
Lenoir—Mrs. Charlotte Critz Harper.

Lexington—Rev. J. R. McGregor.
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Raleigh—Mr. B. R. Stuzel.
To these and to those whose names have been published before we owe our appreciation for the most modern and one of the prettiest and best churches in all of our great mountain country.

Activities at Ebenezer

Those in the vicinity of Ebenezer Church who have kept their eyes upon the church, have noticed a new, neat little belfry where the old rotten one was. Those who have kept their ears open have heard the silvery notes of the old Ebenezer bell that has been silent so long, on account of the feeling that it was unsafe to ring it. The new belfrey is like a crown upon her for the achievements of the past, and the notes of the bell is as a new call from the spirits of vigorous days of the past, to a new and greater awakening for the future. Members, will you take up the challenge?

For the last two Friday nights, old Ebenezer church and Sunday School rooms has been lighted up. Something is doing there. A prayer meeting has been held these two nights, and after the prayer meeting everyone participates in lively games led by Miss Williamson. At the last meeting, we decided to organize a Young Peoples' Society. The following were elected as officers: W. G. Long, President; Pearl Long, Vice-President; Ruth Hunt, Secretary and Treasurer.

We are planning to have a real live organization, and at every meeting a real live program. After the program a little social hour is planned for each Friday night during which time numerous games will be played. The Lord said one time when you see the sprouting of the fig tree you know that summer is nigh. New life is seen showing this evidence at Ebenezer, and a new spirit and greater activities shall be hers—for her God.

On the fourth Sunday night in October the West Jefferson Auxiliary will hold its Rally Day Exercise.

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Enthusiastic Group Conference at Pine Crest.

Group Number 6 of the Winston-Salem Presbyterial held its annual meeting on September 26 at the Glendale Springs Hotel as the guests of the Obids, Peak Creek and Ebenezer congregations. In spite of a great down-pour of rain nearly sixty people gathered in the lobby for the splendid program which had been prepared by the Executive Council of the Presbyterial.

The meeting was called to order by the Group Chairman, Mrs. T. C. Bowie, who presided during the devotional period. The address of welcome was made by Mrs. Frank Severt, President of Obids Auxilliary, and the response by Mrs. Jas. Colvard, Secretary of the Auxilliary at Jefferson. Mrs. E. P. Gray, Presbyterial President then told of the work of the Presbyterial and gave some needed council for improvements in a most forceful manner. The address of the morning was made by Rev. E. G. Lilly, of Alabama, on the subject of Personal Evangelism; all who heard him were impressed and inspired by his splendid message.

After a bountiful luncheon served picnic style in the hotel dining room the members of the Executive Committee presented a pageant which set forth the work of the various departments of the local and Presbyterial Auxiliaries.

Following this Miss Alma Headeu gave a most inspiring talk on the work of the Missionaries in the Belgian Congo of Africa which was a challenge to all who heard her.

It was unanimously voted that this is the best group conference ever held in Ashe County.

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ized to establish a church. The organization is complete now, and preaching is held once a month in a small school house. Sunday School is held too, every Saturday evening as the pastor and teacher who helps have full appointments on Sundays.

A church is not made up of its building, it is in the hearts of the people, and when there is an organized body of the children of God, they find a need for expansion in building a place for worship. The charter members numbering nineteen, have felt this need, and now enthusiasm is high to build a place of worship. There is a need for a church, as in the community there are at least one hundred and fifty children. The community is thick with future citizens. "What manner of Children shall they be?" There is a need because it is a community. It has been found needful to have a school house, why should we not have a church there? It is needful because without a church, there are a great many grown people who will not hear preaching more than once or twice a year unless they have the opportunity of this church. It is needful because there is an organization of God's Children who have no place of worship they may call their home.

It is with a great deal of hesitancy that some of us go out and "beg" for help, but several things have encouraged us. First—The fact that we are all God's children, and like the Christians of old those of us who have more of this world's goods have a great opportunity in helping those who have little. None of us in this community dare call ourselves one twelfth wealthy. Second—Many people consider a call for help financially, a call from God in a way they can help.

We are only planning a small church. It is only 40x26 feet, with two small wings on each side. A frame building placed upon a cement foundation, the latter to be used for Sunday School rooms. The building we figure to cost about \$1700. We are going to do most of the work ourselves to cut expenses. We are going to contribute to the limit to help ourselves. **WILL YOU HELP US HELP OURSELVES? WILL YOU HELP US KEEP THE FIRE OF CHRIST BURNING AT THE PEAK?**

We wish to thank the following for their contributions, some at request of a letter for one dollar links in our chain of contributions, others have given by other request. The total amount received is \$153.60. Will you pray for us? Will you help us as God shows you in your heart? Mesdames D. H. Burtner, J. L. Cooley, J. S. LeFevre, H. C. Page, S. D. Moore, E. G. Wilson, M. A. Wood, J. Rupert McGregor, P. O. Leak, Alma F. Stonesifer, J. C. Martin, J. H. Sostenbader, S. R. Pritchard, J. D. Spinks, Fielding Sheets.

Misses Amelia Ritcher, Lucy L. Finley, Agnes Peacock, Myrtle Williamson, Mary Shaw, Rebecca Reames, Edna G. Maslin, Jean Moore, Mary Moore, Mary Hopkins, Messrs. Reed Farrington, D. H. Burtner, M. W. Norfleet, Sr., Richard T. Luke, Saul P. Yosiph, Frank Nichols, Thos. C. Johnson, DuBoie S. Morriss, E. C. Luke, J. M. Wells, Jr., J. H. Thompson, C. H. Thompson, K. G. Hudson, Walter A. Creason, J. L. Luke, S. W. Wysong, Lee Shirley, A. C. Ray, Jr., Ward Wood, C. C. Taylor, J. Rupert McGregor, James Sydnor, Fielding Sheets, R. H. Stone.

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The land has been purchased for another Presbyterian Church in Ashe County. As appeals are made for a building for the congregation a bit of history is in order concerning the beginning of this work which led to the organization of the Low Gap Presbyterian Church on June 22, 1929, with a membership of nineteen and a Sunday School enrolment of nearly sixty.

History repeats itself and here as in the case of Lansing, we find that the church beginning in personal work and personal zeal for souls. At a funeral in the Ebenezer section, Rev. J. W. Luke spoke to a young lady about becoming a Christian; she was interested and came at his invitation to the preaching service at Ebenezer Church where she surrendered her life to Christ. At her invitation and by her arrangement, Mr. Luke conducted a series of evangelistic services in the Low Gap School House; because of the great interest of the people and the great numbers of children who had no privileges of Sunday Schools, a "Sunday School" was started on Saturday—the only day that Mr. Luke and Miss Williamson could be present to teach in the school. Such was the interest in the meetings on Saturday that a Christian Chautauqua was asked for and held in May before the opening of the regular season with the splendid results of the petitioning of Presbytery for the organization of a church. As told in the last issue of this paper, the commission appointed by Presbytery met on June 22, and the church was duly organized. At the last meeting of Presbytery, the church's call to Rev. J. W. Luke was approved and accepted.

The Low Gap Church now has a splendid group of people bonded together as a church a loyal session and board of deacons, and a faithful, consecrated pastor; all of these are working and praying for a building in which to worship. Under the efficient direction of Mr. Luke, plans are going forward for this to be begun at an early date.

The work of the Young People's League at Lansing is going forward in a splendid way under the efficient leadership of its new officers who were elected to take the place of those who went away to school. Those who were installed at a recent meeting are: President, James Cox; Vice President, Meral Graybeal; Secretary, Charles Weaver; Treasurer, Jean Dixon. The installation service was in charge of the pastor, Rev. R. H. Stone, and his charge to the new officers was most impressive. The high-water mark of interesting programs was reached when Miss Alma Head—practically all of the seventy-five people on told of her work and life in Africa; who listened to the inspiring lecture declared that it was a program of the finest type both for its information and inspiration. The curios from Africa and a solo by Rev. J. W. Luke in the language of the Congo were added attractions. Miss Headen won the hearts of all by her personality and consecration, and the young people are singing her praises and wishing for her to return to us.

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Presbytery Holds Delightful Session in Ashe

For a number of months the people of Lansing had been expecting Presbytery. On September 11th the hopes and dreams were realized. The church was completed and ready for Presbytery and the homes were opened to the Presbyters.

This time a theme—"The Church" had been chosen for the meeting and all of the special features were planned with this end in view. Dr. B. R. Lacy, President of Union Theological Seminary, had accepted an invitation to be present at this meeting of Presbytery and for the retiring moderator—Elder C. M. Norfleet—preached the opening sermon. His subject was "The Origin and Growth of the Presbyterian Church." The large congregation sat in wonder and amazement as he recited in a picturesque way the sacrifice for, and the romance and sterling ideals of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. R. L. Berry was elected Moderator and Rev. W. T. Baker was elected temporary clerk to assist the Stated Clerk—Rev. E. P. Bradley.

On Wednesday morning the devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. J. S. Foster, whose subject was "The Church and Evangelism." This he showed to be the chief end of the church and obligatory to the individual Christian.

Rev. J. J. Douglass was received from Holston Presbytery. Dr. S. W. Huffer, of Orlando, Fla., addressed the Presbytery on "The Minister's Annuity Fund." He is a representative of the Executive Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

The Communion sermon was preached by Dr. J. S. Foster. Revs. C. W. Robinson and J. D. Smith presided at the Lord's Table. It was a season of heart searching. The occasion was a deeply spiritual one.

The ladies from far and near had brought in boxes of delicious foods of various sorts. And the new basement witnessed a happy people partake of the satisfying things.

In the afternoon Presbytery gladly heard Mr. J. B. Johnston on the subject—"The Church and Her Orphans." He never fails to vitally interest a congregation when he can talk "Orphans." The service of dedication followed this and is to be found in another column.

The evening session was given to the cause of Home Missions and was conducted by Rev. J. R. McGregor. Dr. Lacy told of the work of our Seminary. Mr. E. B. Eldridge gave a report of the Glade Valley School. Misses Myrtle Williamson and Virginia Hart made addresses.

The concluding session was in the Peak Creek Church. The thing of chief interest there was the dedication of the church, an account of which is given elsewhere. Presbytery accepted the invitation of the First Church Mt. Airy to meet with them in April.

The meeting of Presbytery was a great spiritual blessing to all who attended. For this, many has been praying, and prayer was answered in a most gracious manner. A fine spirit was manifest throughout. One of the Presbyters said that it was the finest Presbytery he had attended in fifty years.

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Seminary of Virginia. His message went to the heart and to the will as he urged that the congregation present themselves for service.

One of the features of the afternoon was a solo by Miss Ellen Robinson. After the congregation sang "He Leadeth Me" the benediction was pronounced and a church in a beautiful service had been formally dedicated to the Glory of God.

On the next morning Presbytery went to Peak Creek Church—the loveliest of Ashe County's rural churches, for the purpose of holding its concluding session and dedicating that church.

Again Rev. C. W. Robinson presided. Dr. B. R. Lacy preached again and in a wonderful way drew the congregation nearer the Throne of Grace. Rev. J. W. Luke, the beloved pastor, recited briefly the history of the organization and building. After the words of dedication were spoken by Mr. Robinson the response of the congregation was sung. The prayer of dedication was offered by a former pastor—Rev. R. H. Stone.

After the benediction Presbytery was dismissed and it had witnessed the second church during its sessions given to the Lord—The Great Head of the Church.

Ashe County is missing a number of her fine young people from the various Presbyterian churches even though she is proud of the records they are making in the schools to which they have gone. The following is a list of those who are out of the county:

At Glade Valley: Mabel and Maxie Weaver and Gilbert and Wayne Bare.

At Lees-McRae Institute: Robert and Russell Barr.

At Lees-McRae College: Irene Richardson and Paul Price.

At Mitchell College: Verd Miler.

At Appalachian State Teachers College: Darel and Ruth Bowlin, Dempse Bowlin and Blain Miler.

At Boone Grammar School: Gay and Banner Miller.

At University of North Carolina: Edward McNeill.

At St. Mary's: Miss Elizabeth Bowie.

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filled marked this as one of the outstanding Chautauquas of the years. There were thirteen professions of faith.

It was fitting that the Lansing Chautauqua should close the season, for the Bible school attendance broke all previous records when on the closing day of the school, sixty-three pupils were awarded for perfect attendance; on only one day did the attendance fall below a hundred and on all other days it ranged from one hundred and ten to one hundred and forty. The teaching force was the same as at Obids with the exception of the loss of Miss Steele and Mr. Moore, and the addition of Miss Agnes Peacock as Junior Teacher for the boys and Violin solist for the evening service and of the following helpers and tent crew; Misses Maxie Weaver, Jean Dixon, Ina and Stella Faw, and Messrs. Jim Cox, Wayne Welch, Charlie Weaver and Raymond Campbell. Rev. J. R. McGregor won the hearts of all the people by his faithful preaching during the last week of the Chautauqua; during the first week the preaching was effectively done by Mr. Stone and Mr. Luke. Seven were added to the Presbyterian church there.

The Lord's blessing was with all the departments of the Chautauqua during the summer, and our gratitude goes out to Him and to all who had a part in making the summer so successful.

Death of William Bare

It is with deep sorrow and sympathy we tell of the death of William Bare. William was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bare, of Laurel Springs, the brother of three sisters, and four brothers. His age was several months over nineteen years. His Christian age was about three years, having become a Christian and member of Peak Creek Presbyterian Church in July 1927. We shall miss William here. His friendly spirit and genial smile was known every where. William spent many days of ill health on this earth but now we know that suffering and sorrow is over for him in the land where tears never fall. Our sympathy goes to each of his family who miss him.

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President Tufts to Speak.

When the Men of the Church adjourned on Thanksgiving Day it was to meet again on New Year's Eve in the McNeill Sunday School Room for a Banquet and inspirational address.

Mr. Edgar H. Tufts, President of Lees-McRae College, has just accepted the invitation to make the address. The University of Chicago to the contrary, doubtless Mr. Tufts is the youngest College President in America. A cordial welcome is extended to him.

This will be his first address in Ashe. Mr. Tufts is held in great esteem for his fine personality and for the great things he has accomplished in carrying on the work founded by his sainted and beloved father. Mr Tufts is President of the College and is vitally connected with Grandfather Orphanage and Grace Hospital.

The dominant note in the last meeting was evangelism. President Crawford is expecting every man at this New Year Eve's meeting to make a report on those to whom he has spoken about their salvation.

This will be a great meeting. Plans for the year will be launched.

LANSING LIBRARY

Recently an inveterate reader said that this fall and winter he had been doing his best reading of all his life. He was referring to the great collection of books in the Lansing Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wells, Jr., of Winston-Salem, took it upon themselves to collect a vast number of books of travel, biography, literature, autobiography, history, missions and religion. Others have greatly helped too in assembling this collection. We say without fear of contradiction that this is the best collection of books in any Sunday School Library in the County. The people of Lansing and community are urged to make use of this Library. They were brought to read and in no finer way can your leisure time be spent than in furnishing your mind with the great thoughts of the past.

SCHOOLS OF MISSIONS.

Two Church Schools of Missions were held this year. The pastor taught "The Crowded Ways" to a goodly number in the Jefferson Church. The offering of \$13.56 went through Synodical channels and was designated for the construction of the Low Gap Church.

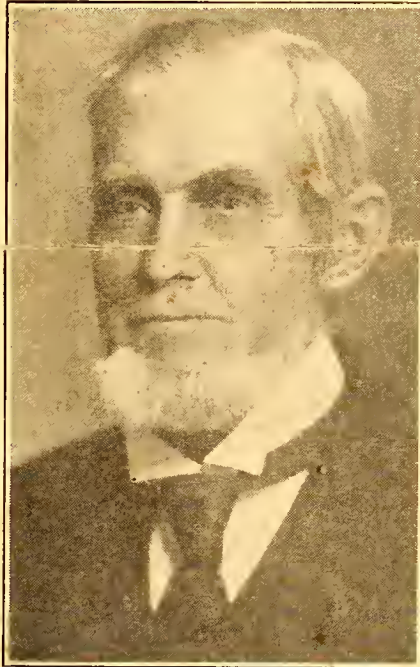
At Lansing two classes were given:—Miss Williamson taught the Juniors the standard text book—"Jumping Beans." The young people and adults with Mr. Stone studied "The Crowded Ways." The offering was a "Bring Up the Budget" one.

A large congregation attended at Lansing despite the cold inclement weather.

EARLY MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIANISM

It is a fascinating story—full of color, human interest, sacrifice and privation. It teems with faith and an almost unparalleled devotion to the Master Kingdom Builder. It is an illustration of the command not to despise the day of small things.

This romance is the story of the Presbyterian Church in Ashe County during the years of the Civil War and the years immediately following. During this period there were no organizations of the faith—just scattered members here and there. For several years the facts have been coming together. First—some of the gleams were gotten from Mrs. M. M. Blevins, whose mother was an early Presbyterian. Then Miss Meta E. Beall, of Greensboro, a daughter of the late Rev. B. L. Beall, told us of her father's work in the mountains



REV. B. L. BEALL, 1827-1913
"A Pioneer Presbyterian Saddle Bag Prophet."

and has loaned us a veritable treasure of notes, transcripts and other interesting data.

Mr. John E. Jones, now seventy four years of age and living in the Tea Berry section of the County, goes back in memory further than the others. He recalls the ministers and incidents connected with their periods of service here with a distinctness that is remarkable for its clarity.

And as this article was in process of being constructed Mrs. Alice Reeves Hund-

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Joyful Thanksgiving Celebration.

The Eighth Annual Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the Men of the Presbyterian Churches in Ashe County was held in the Jefferson Church on Thanksgiving Day. Representatives from six of the seven churches and from several other denominations gathered in the auditorium of the church for the services which were divided into three parts: a morning service, the noon hour and the afternoon. Mr. J. C. Crawford, president of the men-of-the-church organization presided at the morning session. After a brief worship period and several special features by the local Sunday School, there came the season for the expressions of gratitude for the blessings of the year. Men, women and children arose in their pews and spoke of God's goodness to them and of their thankfulness for definite things. This period of the day is the heart of the service and this year it seemed that a finer spirit than ever before pervaded the hour. This recalling of God's benefits paved the way for the excellent sermon which was given by Rev. J. W. Luke from the text: "Bless the Lord, O My Soul, and forget not all His Benefits."

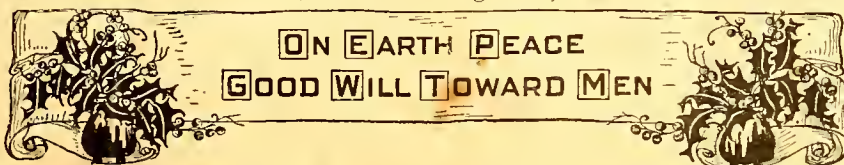
The noon hour was truly "a feast of good things." From the baskets and boxes which had been placed in the McNeill Sunday School rooms came forth such an abundance that everyone was bountifully served and still there was more! There was everything that goes with picnic and with Thanksgiving dinner, even the dressing for the Turkey was not wanting and of pie and cake there seemed no end.

The afternoon session was divided: as the men-of-the-church held their annual session in the McNeill Sunday School room the women of the Auxiliaries met in the church auditorium where a program had been prepared for the women and children.

It was unanimously agreed that this session was the best that had ever been held in the history of the Presbyterian get-together on Thanksgiving. The rich blessings of the Lord upon His people and His Work seemed to reach a climax in this day of gratitude.

TENTATIVE DATES FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

- Saturday 21st Jefferson, 7:00 p. m.
- Sunday 22nd, Lansing 2:30 p. m.—Sunday School program.
- Sunday 22nd, West Jefferson 7:00 p. m.—"They That Sit in Darkness."
- Monday 23rd, Peak Creek 2:00 p. m.
- Tuesday 24th, Ebenezer 10:00 a. m.
- Tuesday 24th, Low Gap 2:00 p. m.
- Tuesday 24th, Lansing 7:00 p. m.—"They That Sit in Darkness", and Christmas Tree.
- Wednesday 25th, Obids 3:00 p. m.



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Christmas Greetings!

The season has come when we have the joy of saying to our readers "Merry Christmas." This comes from our heart—and heart messages need not be lengthy to be understood.

May we just add this: we hope that Christ will be kept in Christmas. Recently we read a timely sermon entitled "What Is Wrong With Christmas." We wish that every one might have read it.

We recall how we celebrate the birthday of a friend. There are acts of kindness, deeds of love, and expressions of graciousness, all of which tend to make our friend happy. Would not Christ appreciate some extra service, some expression of our love? Indeed He would and let us make Him glad.

Once again—"A Happy Christmas" and along with it a New Year's wish—that the coming year may bring us into a vital touch and consecrated union with our Lord.

Low Gap Church.

A fine constructive work is being done at Low Gap under the leadership of Rev. John W. Luke. He has organized a church and is now erecting an adequate building. Mr. Luke is building on the foundations of no other. And a loyal group of people are supporting him in this forward movement.

The greatest asset of that community is its great number of fine children. They are being reached for righteousness through the Sunday School and Church.

The men of the community have given their labor and some have donated material. Mr. Luke has gotten a gift of \$300.00 from Synod's Committee. Other gifts have been received. The larger part has come in by response to letters asking for one dollar. More money is needed now. Mr. Luke works as a carpenter by day and often stays up until two o'clock in the morning writing letters for funds. Your gift without a request by letter would encourage him, aid the church, and enable him to have more time for needed rest.

We commend the cause of the Low Gap Church to your Christmas Christian liability.

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ley, yet a youth in spirit and memory, adds additional lustre to the information.

The first Presbyterian minister that Mr. Jones recalls having had any connection with Ashe County is a Rev. Mr. McEwen. He heard him preach in 1862 or '63. He lived in Tennessee and was only here for about a year. He would preach at Oak Grove (where Millard Hartzog's house now stands) in the morning and at the place now known as Bina in the afternoon. As Mr. Jones recalls he was a large man, quite old and dressed very plainly. He adds "He was powerful to talk around the fireside."

Doubtless Mr. McEwen was here to minister to the few Presbyterians and to enlarge the Kingdom of Christ. In the section where Mr. Jones lived there were two brothers—Mr. Benjamin H. Neal (living up on the Laurel) and Mr. Quincy F. Neal (once of Jefferson, then of Warrensville, and later of Jefferson) who clung to their Presbyterian heritage.

These men were the first Mr. Jones ever saw stand during prayer. To him it was a rather strange thing. He recalls an interesting incident in the lives of these brothers depicting their politeness and brotherly esteem. They were traveling together and both became very thirsty. Finally they came to a spring and dismounted. Mr. Q. F. Neal said "Benny, you take a drink." "No, you drink first." This continued for some time and they went away without quenching their thirst.

Here Mrs. Hundley adds to the story saying that Mr. McEwen lived with a son near Creston after the war. She recalls very distinctly being at a service which was attended by returned soldiers. He was a highly educated man being able to read the Scriptures in the Hebrew and Greek languages. On Sunday afternoons he conducted a Bible Class for the young men and women. There was a revival in the Creston Methodist Church and Mr. McEwen took an active and helpful part in it.

Doubtless there was an interval before services were held again at Oak Grove and Jefferson. Then Rev. B. L. Beall came to the county. His first visit was 1867. He is remembered as being a younger man than Mr. McEwen. He filled the same appointments. Said Mr. Jones "Beall dressed mighty fine. Remarks were made about Beall's dressing too fine."

From the treasure of information left by Mr. Beall and compiled by his daughter we know a great deal more of his life and ministry. Rev. Benjamin Leander Beall was born in Lincolnton, Ga., Sept. 18, 1827 and died in Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 14, 1913. The intervening years were spent in preparation for a life work and then in diligently prosecuting that work in glorifying God and enjoying Him to the end. At 12 years of age he confessed that Christ was his Saviour. His theological training was received in Columbia Theological Seminary 1846-47; for a year he studied theology under Rev. J. A. Gretta, pastor of the Greensboro Presbyterian Church; and the preparation was completed at Princeton in 1848. In 1849 he was licensed to preach by Orange Presbytery and in October 1851 Concord Presbytery ordained him.

Prior to his connection with Ashe County he was zealous in preaching and organizing churches. In 1864 Presbytery ap-

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Glendale Springs, N. C.,
December 14, 1929

Readers of the Ashe Presbyterian,
Everywhere, The World.

Dear Readers:-

In looking over your last copy of the Ashe Presbyterian, you remember the picture on the front page, of the plot of land which was to be the site of a little mountain country church—Low Gap Church. In the above picture on this page you will see a picture taken from the very same position—a church has grown on the site. We have planted our prayers, plans, energy, work, money, and the church is the flower of our seed.

Thanks to all who have given anything to the building of the church, no matter how small the gift.

We hope to have our Christmas entertainment in this building, and we are rushing the work as fast as weather, our money and credit will allow us. You can gather from this that we still need money—you are a good guesser.

Dear Readers, if some of you will be just so good as to help us buy our roof—it will cost \$150.00, and if some of you will just help us buy the floor, and the windows, and the sheet rock, and ceiling. If each of the 3,000 subscribers would help just a little bit, think what your united effort would do for this little church.

Please help quickly, as weather, and bad roads may stop us immediately if we do not rush the work.

Hoping that Santa Claus will be good to us, and wishing you each one a very Happy celebration of Christ's Birthday,

I am your humble servant in our Master's work,

JOHN W. LUKE

The following have helped to make our Christmas exercises more attractive at some of the churches: individual ladies of Winston First Church; Woman's Auxiliary Winston First; Reynolda Auxiliary; Greensboro First Sunday School; Charles-town, (W. Va.) Auxiliary; the Wagram Church and the Washington, (N. C.) Sunday School.

These have made Christmas merrier for many. May theirs be the more happy for their gifts of love.

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pointed him as Missionary Chaplain in the Confederate Army, where he was with General Lee in the Army of Northern Virginia.

In 1868 he was elected evangelist of Concord Presbytery and his field extended from Ashe County on the Virginia line to Macon County on the Georgia line. This territory embraced the mountain counties of Ashe, Watauga, Mitchell, Yancey, Haywood, Jackson and Macon. In all of this territory at the beginning of his ministry there were three Presbyterian Churches and a very few Presbyterians. As far as he knew he was the first minister of his Church to enter Clay County. There was only one Presbyterian Sunday School in his field and Sunday Schools of all denominations were three.

Our roads were bad then and all of his traveling was on horseback. It is related that once during an itinerancy of the mountains that a snow storm came up which blinded him and he was lost. It was so cold that he could not sit on his horse. So he dismounted, turned the reins loose and held on the horse's tail. The "horse sense" of the faithful steed carried him safely to a home.

His ministry of preaching was an almost daily affair. He preached "in season and out of season, in log school houses, in store buildings and in private homes. He was an intrepid traveler in all regions of Western North Carolina; ever weary, ever going forward, fording rivers, journeying through the wilderness, visiting the little hamlets from which great towns and cities have sprung. Everywhere he carried the Scriptures in his saddle bags; the Bible was ever with him." It is stated that he had more than seventy five preaching points in the mountains and some were so remote from the others that he could only reach them once during the year.

From his Day Book we find that he preached in Jefferson August 30, 1868. His subject was "Regeneration—It's Evidences" and the text was John 3:7. From the following entries in 1869 we know that he was in Ashe again:—"4th Sab. at Jefferson. Monday night after 4th Sab. at Mr. Hartzog's. Oak Grove (near mouth of Buffalo) on the 4th Sab. June 4 o'clock P. M."

One October (year not given) we find that he traveled from C. Osborne's to B. H. Neal's—a distance of 16½ miles. Thence to Jefferson. From Jefferson to Oak Grove and returned. Then to Henry Blair's and on to Lenoir.

From notations on sermons he preached in Jefferson May 29th, 1870 from I Cor. 11:23, John 1:11. "Went from Benj. H. Neal's to Q. Neal's. Spent the night at Q. Neal's. Preached at Jefferson from the text _____ Administered sacrament to four church members."

In other entries Dr. and Mrs. Foster are mentioned. Mrs. Foster, nee Ellen Murch of Mesdames M. M. Blevins and Elijah Tucker, who have previously furnished some information for a sketch. Miss Beall has the sermon preached at the funeral of Mrs. Foster.

May 7, 1871 he preached at "North Chapel, Ashe, Phil. 3:13, 14." The date is lost but another sermon from Phil. 1:27 has the following notations of local interest: — "Sutherland's, Jefferson, Oak Grove, Leander Green's....."

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Reminiscing in 1911 he said "I was to preach on or near the top of _____ mountain. It was cold. Snow and ice on the ground—but I went on, my horse climbing up the rough mountain trail. As I proceeded I saw a man ahead of me. We went on together and I told him where I was to preach. When we reached the point we hitched our horses and went in. It was bitterly cold—no fire. We waited and waited and nobody came. I told my lonely companion about the plan of salvation and prayed with him."

On "December 16th, went to Pisgah Church on Blue Ridge. Only 2 persons present. Short religious service."

Truly Mr. Beall was spoken of as "A Pioneer Presbyterian Saddlebag Prophet." After an itinerant ministry in the mountains for four years Mr. Beall accepted other work.

At this point of the story Mrs. Alice Reeves Hundley says that a Rev. Mr. Wilson followed Mr. Beall. She recalls him quite distinctly. He would stop at her home—that of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Reeves east of Jefferson. At one time she and her sisters prepared a meal for him. The slave cooks had gone, the mother was visiting and the minister came. These inexperienced youths prepared the meal with great trepidation. Mrs. Hundley remembers the family prayers conducted by Mr. Wilson.

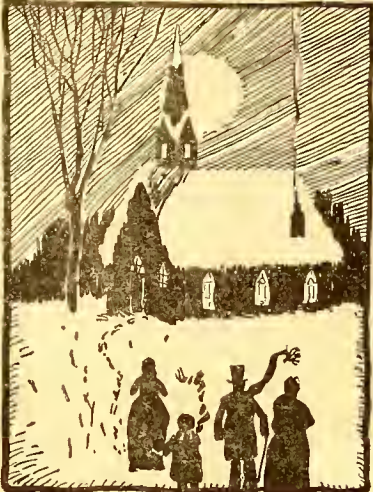
This is all the information that we can get at present regarding the second chapter of Ashe County Presbyterianism. The first chapter is still obscured to us as it has to do with the founding and settling of the county by the Scotch-Irish. The later chapters are being written year by year. They begin with the ministry of Rev. E. E. Gillespie in 1897. He built on foundations of no other. The Presbyterians of the day of Revs. McEwen, Beall and Wilson's day had died, moved away, become indifferent or united with other Churches. An atmosphere had to be prepared anew. There was nothing of Civil war days on which to build.

The zealous and popular young prophet went diligently and fervently to his task of winning men to Christ. The influence of that ministry is year by year becoming more potent. And it is with gratitude and great assurance of yet greater things to come as one looks into the future of the Presbyterian Church in Ashe County

The offering for Barium Springs on Thanksgiving Day exceeded \$42.00.

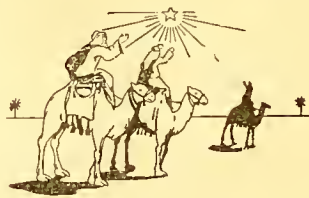
On the third Sunday in November the Session of the Jefferson Church received Mrs. Marjorie Williams Brown into the membership of the Church. Mrs. Brown was gladly welcomed by the congregation.

The women from the four auxiliaries in Ashe County met in joint session on the afternoon of Thanksgiving Day in the Auditorium of the Jefferson Church. Mrs. James McNeill, president of the local auxiliary, presided. Two pageants were presented: "A Morning Call" was given by women and girls from Jefferson and West Jefferson, and "The First Thanksgiving" by the girls from Lansing and Obids, assisted by Mrs. H. M. White who wrote the pageant especially for the Thanksgiving service. A large number of women and children enjoyed the services.

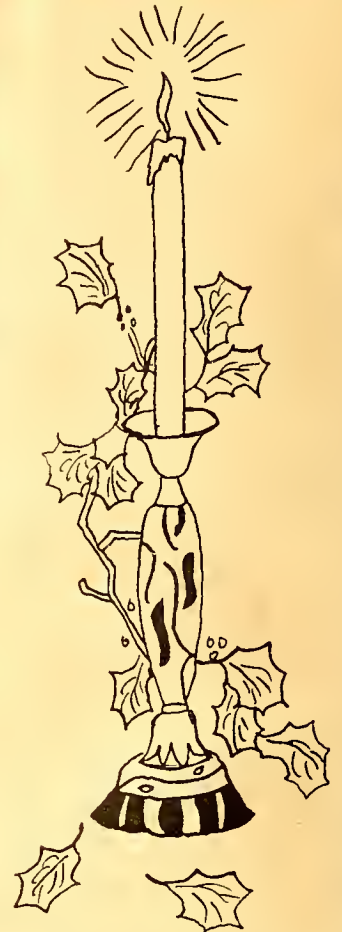


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Christian Chautauqua Has Elegant Program

The 1930 Christian Chautauqua season will be begun on May 11th under the tent in the Obids community; never has the outlook for a summer of service been brighter; it is expected that the kingdom of God in Ashe County will be advanced as never before in Chautauqua history. The promise for this may be found in the schedule for meetings, in the ministers who will serve, and in the faculty for the various Bible Schools.

There is a change in the schedule this year due to the fact that for several years there has been a conflict at the close with the county schools which begin in August; this year the season is beginning earlier, on May 11th and will close on 17th. The service at Obids will close on 17th. The and the Peak Creek Chautauqua will follow from May 29th until June the 10th. From June 10th to the 26th, the tent will be pitched at Lansing, and from June 29th to July 13th at Low Gap. The Chautauqua for the two Jeffersons will be between the dates of July 16th and 30th, and the closing session will be at Ebenezer from August 3rd to 17th.

It has ever been the policy of those who have the securing of the ministers in charge to bring to the county the best the church has to offer; this year is no exception to that rule. Among those who are to serve in the evening evangelistic services are the following: Dr. Ben R. Lacy, of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.; Walter King Keys, Bristol, Tenn.; Dr. E. E. Gillespie, Greensboro; Rev. A. T. Lassiter, Synod's Evangelist for N. C.; Rev. O. C. Williamson, of Austin Theological Seminary, Austin, Texas; and Rev. John D. Smith of Pilot Mountain. With these men of God to lead the thinking, it is safe to say that the Spirit shall be able to do great things.

The faculty for the Bible Schools, in addition to those from each church who make the schools possible, will include the following volunteer workers: Miss Ruby McDunmon, of Texas; Miss Annie Bell Corey, of Glade Valley and Georgia; Miss Delphine Brown, of Winston Salem, Miss Ruth Lassiter, Clayton, N.C.; Miss Laura Frances Steele, LaFayette, Ga.; Miss Mary Shaw, Wagram; Miss Elizabeth Dowling, Augusta, Ga.; Miss Clara Perkins, of Helton, and Mr. Charles E. Moore, Jr., of Davidson College. Rev. J. W. Luke will be the Chautauqua manager as well as teacher; Miss Williamson will also be in each school.

The prayers of the church are requested that God's will may be fully and completely

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The Future of Glade Valley School.

Glade Valley School has twenty years of fine history. It is no longer an experiment. It is the one great school in the mountains of the north west that give a Christian education.

The last Commencement was a fine one and there were eighteen in the Senior Class. Two hundred students have been graduated and hundreds of others have done the work in part and have the impress of Glade Valley upon them.

The school has been indispensable. More have graduated within the last five years than in all its former history. Glade Valley needs a new administration building. This need has been felt for years. The Board of Trustees, consisting of some of the best business men of the Presbyteries of Orange and Winston-Salem, is asking the friends of the institution to erect this building to



Proposed Administration Building for Greater Glade Valley

the glory of God and for the cause of Christian Education.

Rev. R. H. Stone has been chosen by the Board to solicit funds for this cause. He expects to be relieved of some of his pastoral duties that his time may be given for Glade Valley and her fine future.

Rev. Herman J. Womeldorf, graduating this month at Union Theological Seminary, has been asked to become a member of the faculty and Principal of the school. He is a young man who is interested in young people. He has had several years teaching experience and his educational qualifications fit him for this place of responsibility. Before receiving his Seminary diploma he was graduated by Washington and Lee University.

1930 CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUA SCHEDULE and EVANGELISTS

Obids—May 11-25—Rev. W. K. Keys
Peak Creek—May 27-June 10—

Rev. A. T. Lassiter

Lansing—June 12-26—

Rev. O. C. Williamson

Low Gap—June 29-July 13—

Dr. E. E. Gillespie

West Jefferson—July 16-30—

Dr. B. R. Lacy, Jr.

Ebenezer—Aug. 3-17—

Rev. John D. Smith

List of Contributors to the Building of the Low Gap Church

It is with great pleasure that we can announce that the construction of Low Gap Church has been completed for several months and the yard around the building is in fine shape for sowing grass. We have worked on the yard until we have a beautiful slope on all sides of the church, which adds to the natural beauty of the site.

We are beginning to paint the church too. It is due to a splendid gift of the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church, of Winston-Salem that we are able to do this. When our friends come to see us we hope to have everything in tip top shape.

In the September number of the Ashe Presbyterian the names of friends who contributed up to that time were published.

We are now thanking the following for their gifts, and if you do not find your name here, it must have been in the September number. Many of our friends have contributed twice, and we say right here Many, Many, thanks to every one.

We are still in debt about \$400, which we are trying to raise by box suppers and in any way possible. Some of our friends are still sending help, and we are very grateful, for we need to pay our debt, and to buy seats for the church.

More of our friends' names who have helped are as follows: Messrs. Coyle, E. B. Eldridge, R. C. Norfleet, R. E. Cooley, Chas. M. Norfleet, Theo. A. Brown, R. W. Nading, Bailey Liipfert, R. T. Stone, R. W. Dunn, Van Wilson, P. O. Dunaway, S. A. Macdonald, T. V. Edmunds, Raleigh Moore, Charlie S. Stone, S. H. Boyd, M. W. Norfleet, E. W. McCorkle, Jno. B. Ross, T. C. Bowie, A. A. Finnie D. H. Haneock, Jas. O. Spea, Swen, R. G. Hunt, Thos. P. Johnston, J. D. Burgess, W. J. Craig, Jas. E. Rogers, I. P. Ingle, W. M. McCulley, O. F. Cooper, Chas. W. Perry, P. W. Williams, E. P. Robinson, D. F. Taylor, J. E. Foster, T. F. Timberlake, Frank B. Crawford, J. C. Crowell, R. S. Hutchinson, Jas. F. Hardie, T. M. Barnhardt, R. G. Finley, A. V. Russell, S. W. Gentry, E. J. Davis, C. S. Neal, William Hughes, Jesse B. Glenn, Clarence Crawford, L. Eugene Henderson, R. S. Reynolds, Henry S. Baker, D. W. Timberlake, P. G. Finley, W. H. Foy.

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Figures often speak and tell some interesting things. A condensed report of our seven churches submitted to the recent meeting of Presbytery held at Mt. Airy First, shows that we have in Ashe County:

- 19 Elders.
- 12 Deacons.
- 49 Added on profession.
- 13 Added by certificate.
- 303 Communicants.
- 461 in Sunday School.
- \$185 given for Foreign Missions.
- \$515 Total given to Benevolences.
- \$2,378 Total for gifts.

Compared with twenty years ago there is cause for rejoicing. Some of our churches, despite the hard times, gave more than in the preceding year and had the best Every Member Canvass in their history.

Dr. B. R. Lacy's Coming

We feel that we are particularly fortunate in securing the evangelists we have for our Chautauqua Evangelistic meetings. Five of them have held meetings for us before this. Their ministry was appreciated and they are called again and again.

But this is Dr. Lacy's first visit to our County for an evangelistic service. He made the principle address at the dedication of the Lansing Church. He is a fine evangelist and is one of the most honored and beloved ministers in the church. He is a veteran of the World War and came thru the fire unscathed to continue his fight upon sin in the world. His great qualities of mind and heart endear him to all to who he is known. His visit to West Jefferson during the last two weeks in in July is expected to draw people from afar. We urge all who can to arrange for this season of Spiritual refreshment.

We yet believe that prayer changes things. The other night an elder said, "I prayed for rain yesterday and it rained within an hour." There are souls that are lost, dead in trespasses and sins. Only God can reclaim them and give them etern-

al life. Many of these lost souls are in Ashe. Unite with us that God's Spirit may draw them to Him and that there may follow repentance and saving faith.

Back your prayer up with good works by speaking to them about their condition and urge upon them the acceptance of the Saviour.

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Other donations—Rev. R. H. Stone gave us three windows which he had gotten from old Presbyterian Church of High Point. Greensboro First Church gave us four stained windows from their old church Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Burtner of Greensboro, N. C., donated us a new Allen's Parlor furnace with all furnishings for it. Others have given us time and credit on our bills as well as a percentage off of regular prices. The carpenters employed gave us free time as did many of the people in the neighborhood of Low Gap gave time, labor and loaned teams. We should make mention here of gravel given by Mr. Floyd Bare, and Rowan Craven for concrete work.

If we have left out names or organizations of those who have helped, it is not because we do not appreciate the gifts but only oversight. Many thanks to each one. We trust that as many as of those who have helped may be at the dedication when our last debt is paid.

The memorizing of the catechisms is still an interesting feature as an outside activity of the Sunday Schools; so far the interest at Lansing and Low Gap lead the other churches. Burnt Hill, one of Mr. Luke's preaching points, has the honor of having one recited where there is no school to sponsor it.

West Jefferson Church Progress

Since our last issue came out a new Pipeless furnace has been installed in the West Jefferson church. This gift of the local Auxiliary makes worship possible and comfortable during the coldest weather.

Recent gifts from Misses Jean and Hallie Holeman, of West Durham, are going to make possible a great deal of finishing in the auditorium. The trimming is being done in oak.

Old Clothes Needed

Those discarded clothes that fill your wardrobes, closets and drawers are greatly needed for the store that sells them and with the proceeds promote progress of the Kingdom. What they have done is a thrilling story.

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Gifts for Christian Chautauqua

The Christian Chautauqua season is here on the 11th of May. One of our big problems has always been to finance the meetings and Bible Schools. Two of our friends have come to our rescue and have given help for the summer. Miss Delphine Brown of Winston-Salem, N. C., has promised to furnish the materials for one Bible School. Mrs. W. Y. Preyer, of Greensboro, N. C., has given us a splendid gift with which to buy Bibles, some new Stereopticon slides, and for other expenses of the Chautauqua. We thank these friends heartily and want them to know that the Kingdom's work will go on in a much bigger way because they have contributed to it.

Rev. J. W. Luke Installed at Low Gap

On the fifth Sunday in March beginning at 2:30 P. M., a most impressive service was conducted in the Low Gap Presbyterian church. The occasion was the installation of Rev. J. W. Luke by the Commission consisting of Revs. R. H. Stone, J. J. Douglass and C. W. Robinson and Elder E. A. McNeill.

The sermon was preached by Rev. J. J. Douglass and Rev. C. W. Robinson charged both the congregation and the pastor.

This service was conducted in the presence of a large congregation, not all of whom could find seats. Representatives from various churches of near and far were present.

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Mr. John A. Ricks Expected for Summer

Through the efforts of Dr. B. R. Lacy, Jr., Mr. John A. Ricks, of the rising Junior Class of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., is expected to work in Ashe during the summer. Mr. Ricks is a graduate of Davidson College, where he is held in high esteem by College officials. At the Seminary he exerts a fine influence and has made a fine impression.

Mr. Ricks is expected to supply the pulpits of Jefferson, West Jefferson and Lansing while the pastor is on a detached service of securing funds for the erection of the new Administration building for Glade Valley School.

To Mr. Ricks a most cordial welcome is extended.

The Lansing P. Y. P. L. has taken on a new service project, the payment of the light bills for the entire church; individual members have attended to the fires and the cleaning of the church throughout the winter but this is the first financial responsibility which has been assumed. Another development of even greater importance is the organization of a prayer band which meets weekly; the special object of prayer just now is the Christian Chautauqua.

The celebration of the Birthday of the Woman's Auxilliary is a time when all the Auxillaries in Ashe meet together for the pageant and for a time of fellowship. This year the Obids Auxilliary is to be the hostess for the party and representatives from Jefferson, West Jefferson and Lansing Auxillaries will take part on the program; the guests will include members from all the Presbyterian churches in the county and other denominations of the community. For the first time the birthday pageants in Ashe will be given under the tent of the Chautauqua for all the women of the county.

Ashe County's delegates to the Presbyterial in Mocksville were Mesdames R. H. Stone, Frank Severt, Luther Woody, Frances Allen and Misses Blanche Neal and Myrtle Williamson. They represented the churches of Jefferson, Obids, Lansing, West Jefferson and Low Gap. The Obids Auxilliary was honored at Presbyterial by the Secretary of Synodical and Presbyterial Home Missions for its work during the year; Group No. 6, of which all the Ashe County Churches are members and of which Mrs. T. C. Bowie is chairman, was also honored by the Secretary of Extension work.

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ly done through His servants and that His Kingdom may come in the hearts of all who come under the tent and throughout all of Ashe in churches of all denominations.


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The Leading Chautauqua Season.

"We want Thy very best, We want Thy very best,
O help us, Lord, refuse the rest to get
Thy very best."

To those who have made this their daily prayer and who before the close of the 1929 season began working and praying that 1930 might mark the richest blessings yet experienced in the work of the Christian Chautauqua, the fact that the year of 1930 must be placed at the head of the list of the records of God's blessings upon the Chautauquas is not surprising.

Welcome to Our New Members.

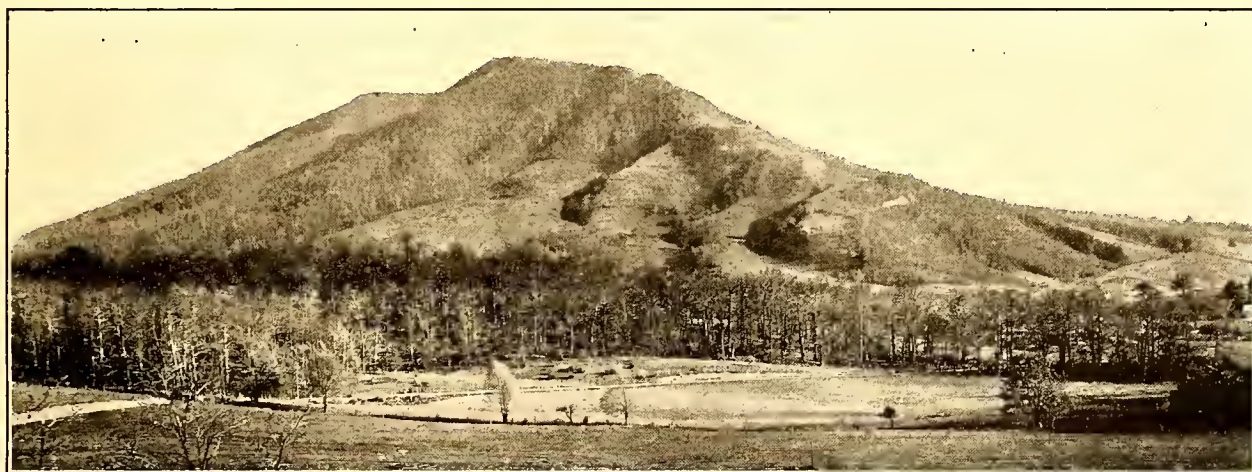
During the summer there has been a great ingathering into the churches and the new members are most heartily welcomed. The Ashe Presbyterian gladly gives the cordial hand of fellowship to the following:

LANSING—Russell L. Campbell, Walter J. Osborne, Wave V. Sturgill, Grace L. Stuart, Elsworth E. Barr, Mrs. Dora Lee Rose, Edna Walton Gentry, Mary Ruth Davis and Frances Pauline Blevins—all of whom came by profession of their faith in Christ and baptism.

Mrs. Ettie J. Baldwin, Mrs. Quincy Mul-

Our Need of a New Tent.

The tent that has witnessed so many conversions and under which the glorious Gospel of the Son of God has been preached so many times has been pitched for the last time. It is the victim of old age, of heavy dews, of torrential rains (but not this year), of the scorching heat of the summer sun and of the energy of the storms of the mountains. It has served us faithfully and well. The main section of the canvas with the sidewalls and ropes have been used each season since it was first stretched in Lansing in 1926. During this season we



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NIGGER MOUNTAIN

*"Oh, no life is like the mountaineer's
His home is near the sky,*

*Where throned above the world he hears
Its strife at distance die." MOORE.*

THE CHAUTAUQUA SUMMER AROUND THIS MOUNTAIN

Total Enrolled 632. Total Attending 750. Perfect Attendance 183. Average Attendance 84 or 79% Professions of faith 56.

Days of teaching 69, multiplying by average attending make 5,796 persons receiving teaching under the tent during this past summer.

43 ADDITIONS TO ASHE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

By each person who knows the history of the Chautauqua and who has felt the results of God's answering prayers, this season is unanimously voted the best that Ashe has ever experienced both in the numbers attending the Bible Schools and in the great spiritual blessings of the evening services.

The Chautauqua season began on May 11, and closed August 17th; this made possible sixty-nine teaching days in the six Bible Schools. The average attendance for each day was 84. There were 632 pupils enrolled in the six schools and 118 who attended less than the days necessary to constitute enrollment; the per centage of at-

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lis, Mrs. Mary Osborne and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Blevins came by letter or statement.

WEST JEFFERSON — Mr. Robert C. Barr and Clyde Barr by profession of faith and baptism. Mr. Fred Blevins and Mrs. Grover Dickson by a restatement of their faith. Mrs. Helen Watson Blevins came pending a Church letter.

JEFFERSON—Evelyn Brown by profession and baptism and her father Mr. J. Clarke Brown by statement. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campbell were also received upon statement.

OBIDS—Virginia Burgess, Howard South, Beulah South, Daisy Dean Johnson, Her-

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have been forced to the unscriptural thing of putting "a piece of new cloth unto an old garment." Several times it has been rent from top to bottom. Now the old garment is rotten, full of holes, and speckled with patches of various hues and dimensions. There is also a contrast in the artistry of sewing.

We were unusually fortunate in getting thru this season. This was made possible by almost daily patching during the closing Chautauquas. A new season could not be begun in it. Another tent is indispensable. There is a freedom in a tent that one does not feel in a sanctuary. Many

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Editorial

Encouragement.

This season has been an unusual one. It has brought distress to farmers and cattle owners and called upon the great reserve of sympathy. From several angles it has been distressingly discouraging because of the drought and because of the general depression. This has sent people to their knees and has caused many to "be still and know that I am God."

But as pertains to our work it has been one of great encouragement. We have been encouraged because of the type of evangelists that came to us. In addition to those who had come before we were blessed with a Seminary Professor and a Seminary President. It was encouraging to know that such a fine unselfish, consecrated and talented leadership would volunteer to assist in the Chautauquas.

The thing of greatest joy was to see God's Spirit at work with Spiritual natures. Tears of penitence were in evidence. Appearances are that people really took hold of God, who saved their souls. There are real trophies of Grace. Heads of families, whole families, young men and women, boys and girls have accepted Christ and united with the church and forsaken sin.

It is encouraging to see the Kingdom grow and the churches enlarged. People have come into the churches and have gone to work with an enthusiasm that is gratifying. And the future grows brighter and brighter. God is using the Presbyterian church in an increasing manner to preach His word and give His invitation to return to Him, confessing sin, believing in Christ, and living a life of beautiful faith and devoted, consistent service.

Opportunity

The Chautauquas have been such a blessing to the communities where they have been conducted that other communities have been asking that one be held in their sections. Five requests have been made by sections where there would be no over-

lapping. There are yet other places where moral and spiritual deadness warrant our going.

Heretofore we have been hindered. The season when one can be comfortable in a tent in the mountains is limited to the time that our season exists. Some of the public schools begin in July and this interferes.

These calls are upon our hearts and come with the force of a Macedonian Cry of "come over and help us." If we may have two tents next year the untold blessing and usefulness of the Christian Chautauqua may be doubled. It is an opportunity and we should by all means take advantage of every means to further the Kingdom.

But now we are making an appeal for only one tent—but we hope that you give us two. Shares in the new Gospel tent are one dollar each and we urge that you take as many shares as you can. God will use and bless your investment.

Mr. Ricks' Ministry

For three months Mr. John A. Ricks, of Durham and of Union Theological Seminary, was associated with us in our work. His ministry was a very fine and helpful one. He made many contacts and a great host of friends. This was his first experience as a preacher and we predict that in him is the making of a good pastor and an effective minister of the Word. He will always have loyal friends and supporters because of his zeal, his manifest earnestness, his kindly manner, and his exposition of the truth.

It was a blessing to have had him in the County and we hope that again his paths in the ministry may be led to Ashe County.

A great host of friends will be glad to know that Rev. J. W. Luke has fully recovered from an operation for appendicitis. Peritonitis had set up, but God saw him through this as quickly as if it had been a case not so aggravated. He was in the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte.

Old Clothes Needed.

We will gladly be the repository for your old clothes. In fact we rather insist that you send them to us for our old clothes store. Mrs. R. H. Stone keeps this open each Saturday and during the year a handsome amount is secured which goes into various phases of the Lord's work. Without this our work would be greatly crippled.

Some may have the opportunity to speak to some merchant or department store mar-

ager and ask for articles that are shopworn or out of season or out of style. How much this could help! And our appreciation will be great and abiding.

Send either to Rev. or Mrs. R. H. Stone, Jefferson, N. C., if sent by mail; if sent by express to West Jefferson, N. C.

Men Attend Montreat Conference.

Next to Bristol the men of the Presbyterian Churches of Ashe County had the largest delegation of the Men's Conference at Montreat. Those representing our churches were—L. L. Scott, E. A. McNeill, Jas. D. McNeill, D. C. Bare, Edward Lowman, Fred Blevins, J. C. Crawford, I. S. Miller, J. W. Luke and R. H. Stone.

It was their privilege to hear such outstanding speakers as Dr. Jas. I. Vance, Dr. J. Stuart Holden, of London, Dr. Wm. F. Weir, of Chicago, and Dr. A. T. Robertsou of Louisville. On two different occasions the delegation was asked to stand and was given a hearty ovation. The history and some of the accomplishments of the organization were related to the Conference groups. Our men received a great deal of inspiration and plan to attend for a longer period next year. We hope to have twenty five men at the next Conference.

We are glad to announce that for our speaker for the Thanksgiving service we have secured Rev. Harper Brady, of our Missionary force in Japan, and of Statesville, N. C. The Bradys are very dear to us because they print the Ashe Presbyterian and take a great delight in it. Our speaker is a son and brother of the our benefactors.

Rev. John W. Luke is doing a most effective piece of work at Fleetwood with a number of boys whom he organized into a Boy Scout Troop. Recently he took them on an extended trip through the Valley of Virginia, into one of the famous caverns, and on to Washington. On the return trip they came by way of Richmond and spent a night in our historic Seminary.

Glade Vally High School opened with a large enrollment. Rev. Herman J. Womeldorf is the new principal and has taken hold of the work in a fine way. During the summer months a new scientific laboratory was constructed.

There are seventeen students from Ashe enrolled there this year.

A list of our young people away in school will appear in the November issue.

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tendance was 79 and the number who were awarded certificates for perfect attendance was 183. This numerical report indicated the improvement in one respect over the preceding years; it is impossible to show by words or figures the splendid spirit which was evident in each school and the results in character development of great numbers of pupils.

What is true of the Bible school is even more true of the evening services. The statements that there were 56 who professed their faith in Christ and that there were 43 additions to the Presbyterian churches in Ashe County and a number to other denominations indicate God's blessing in one respect; but only God knows the rich rewards which came to individuals and to the churches from those ninety evenings when God's Spirit was present under the tent and God's ministers gave His message to great crowds of people.

Too much cannot be said in appreciation of the services of the faithful ministers and volunteer workers who so yielded themselves as to make it possible for God to give His best; it was God's working through them which made possible the splendid results which mark the 1930 season the best in history.

At Obids, the Bible School faculty was as follows: Rev. J. W. Luke, principal; Miss Annie Bell Corry, of Covington, Ga., Miss Ruby McDurmitt of Itasca, Tex., and Misses DeEtte Crawford and Myrtle Williamson of Ashe. Rev. Walter King Keys, of Bristol, Tenn., began the meeting but was forced by illness to leave the completing of it to Rev. Rev. R. H. Stone.

At Peak Creek, Rev. A. T. Lassiter, Synod's evangelist, was the minister and the faculty, under Mr. Luke's direction, was Miss Mary Shaw, of Wagram, N. C., (who gave her entire summer to the work), Miss Ruth Lassiter, Clayton, N. C. and Misses Ruth Bowlin, Verd Miller and Myrtle Williamson, of Ashe.

The Lansing Chautauqua was the largest both in the enrollment in Bible School and in additions to the church. This Chautauqua began with the great handicap of having both Mr. Stone and Mr. Luke absent because of Mr. Luke's illness. Rev. O. C. Williamson, of Austin Theological Seminary, Tex., was the minister and the teacher of one of the classes in the Bible School. In addition to Mr. and Miss Williamson and Miss Shaw, the faculty was composed of Miss Frances Steele, La Fayette, Ga., Miss Elizabeth Dowling, Augusta, Ga., and Mr. Johu Ricks, of Durham.

The handicap of Mr. Luke's illness was doubly felt at Low Gap where he is pastor as well as principal of the Bible School. Rev. H. J. Womeldorf, of Glade Valley, preached and assisted in the Bible School for the first week before the arrival of Dr. E. E. Gillespie, head of Synod's work and

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one whom Ashe is proud to claim as her own. Mr. Charles Moore, of Charlotte, and Mabel Weaver, of Ashe, were added to the faculty with Misses Shaw, Steele and Williamson.

The splendid presentation of the Word by Dr. Ben R. Lacy, President of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, marks the the outstanding time in West Jefferson. Mr. Luke returned to join the faculty here composed of Misses Shaw, Steele, Williamson, Messrs. Ricks, Moore and Luke, and Miss Louise Colvard and Mrs. R. H. Stone.

One of the impressive things of thisChautauqua was the presentation of a Boy Scout program by a troop of Scouts from Statesville under the direction of their efficient leader, Mr. Clyde Alexander. Rev. Lewis Thornburg made an address on the Scout work and its value.

The opening of the state school at Ebenezer was not the handicap which it was feared it might be. The fine co-operation between the school and the Bible school made possible a working out of a schedule adjusted to the best interests of both. Rev. John D. Smith, of Pilot Mountain, held one of the most successful meetings of the summer. The Bible School was equally blessed under the teaching of Mr. Luke, Misses Shaw and Williamson, and Misses Delphine Brown and Sarah Frances Martin, of Winston Salem and Mr. DeArmond Moore, of Charlotte.

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bert Parsons, John Gentry, came by profession and baptism. Mrs. Mary (Heg) Burgess, came by restatement of her faith. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bare came into Obids Presbyterian Church by letter from the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church.

LOW GAP—Ruth Sheets, Josephine Coldiron, Rebecca Darnell, Page Coldiron, Grover Coldiron, Freda Pennington and Onna Darnell all came into the church by profession of faith and baptism.

EBENEZER—Mrs. Rosy Center, Ruby Dare Bare, Guy Hunt, Eugenia Calloway, Blanche Calloway, and Mrs. Alice Louise Warren were received into the church by profession of faith and baptism.

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are attracted to a tent who could not be induced to enter the doors of a church.

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North Carolina's Debt for Education to the Presbyterian Church.

Today the Presbyterian Church in North Carolina is not the largest denominational body. Why? There was a time when her ministers outnumbered the others. In olden times there was a large Presbyterian constituency. All who are familiar with the great Presbyterian Church know that it is thoroughly Scriptural. It has a "thus saith the Lord" for her great doctrines. Her form of Church Government is likewise Biblical. Why has not the Presbyterian Church attained the highest place in point of numbers?

A study of Foote's "Sketches of North Carolina" and Caruther's "Sketch of the Life and Character of Rev. David Caldwell, D. D.," answers the question and brings North Carolina forever under an obligation to the pioneer Presbyterian ministers for their magnificent educational labors.

North Carolina's first schools of note were Presbyterian-taught. In Colonial days the "powers that be" were against popular education if Governor Berkeley's attitude is to be taken as typical—. . . yet I thank God there are no free schools nor printing presses, and I hope we shall not have any these hundred years. For learning has brought disobedience and heresy and sects into the world, and printing has divulged them, and libels against the best government. God keep us from both." 1671.

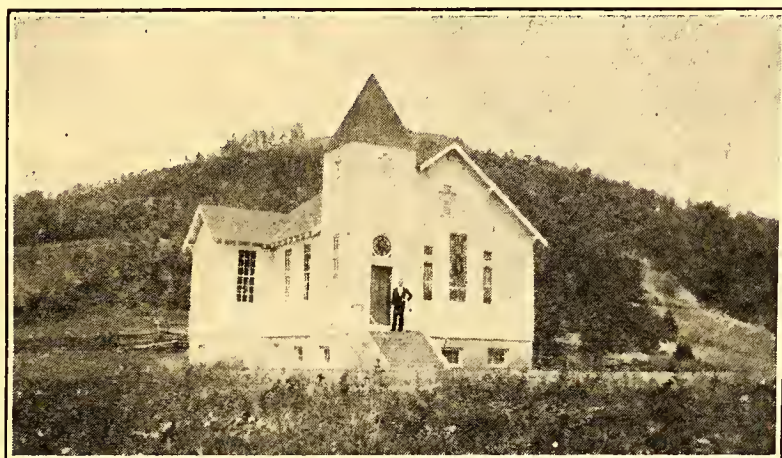
As far as North Carolina was concerned his prayers were almost answered but for the Presbyterian Church. In 1776 there were only two government-chartered or government-supported schools in the State. One was at Newbern and the other at Edenton. But there were schools and some of them were practically college grade. They were called classical schools. According to Dr. Foote the oldest was in the bounds of Sugar Creek congregation (near Charlotte). Mecklenburg Presbyterians were apparently more eager for educational advancement. Efforts were made to give this school college grade. In 1770 a charter was drawn up under the name of Queen's Museum. This was denied by the king. After the Revolution began they secured a charter for Liberty Hall Academy.

In 1765 Rev. David Caldwell came from Pennsylvania under the direction of the Synod of Pennsylvania and the Presbytery of Hanover located in Guilford County and became minister and later pastor to the Buffalo and Alamance congregations. These churches "promised him only two hundred dollars; and that was to be paid in grain, if the people chose, at a stipulated price. . . . He therefore purchased a tract of land. . . . As soon, too, as he was prepared for it, he commenced a classical school at his own house, which he continu-

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Hard Times, Yet Thanks Be To God

Many people are complaining of hard times, yet let us "count our blessings one by one and see what God has done." The first Thanksgiving started during hard times. The Pilgrim Fathers had just made themselves at home in the edge of the forests of Massachusetts. These people were used to the ease and comfort of civilization. They had lived in homes made beautiful and cold proof by the aids of the civilization around them in the old country. Now they lived in log huts, made from the forests about them. Rough hewed logs, and boards put together in as close a fashion as possible made their homes. Then the dangers of the wild beasts, the Indians, and the hard time that the men had in raising new crops in a soil



THE LOW GAP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND ITS ORGANIZER—Rev. John W. Luke. Host Church to Union Thanksgiving Service. Rev. J. H. Brady, Missionary to Japan, will preach.

that they had never cultivated, made these times hard indeed. Yet they did not complain, but among these people was born the Thanksgiving service. Governor Bradford, the first governor of the Massachusetts Colony appointed a day, and the people joined in with the Indians to give Thanksgiving for God's blessings. Ever since that day, the people of the United States set aside some day in the fall for a Thanksgiving Day. The last Thursday in November has been proclaimed by several Presidents to celebrate Thanksgiving and is still the custom of every President of this country. This year has been a hard one, yet we have many blessings to be thankful for. It has been the custom of the Presbyterians of Ashe County to gather at one of the Presbyterian Churches and celebrate Thanksgiving Day. This year Low Gap Church has invited the members of the the churches, their families and friends, to meet at Low Gap. We have a

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Chautauqua Tent Fund Is Growing—Far From Goal.

In September the last issue of THE ASHE PRESBYTERIAN was put in the mail. We had hardly gotten rested from the rush until we began to receive letters and checks for the greatly needed new Chautauqua tent. We got a good start in the first letter:—"We read the Ashe Presbyterian with pleasure and we want a part in the new tent. I am enclosing a check for us, so each might have five shares." It was a check for twenty-five dollars and came from Winston.

Next, High Point was heard from when a man and his wife sent a check for ten shares—\$10.00. Then came a letter from a Missionary to Africa with a check for five dollars. "You can apply this to the tent. . . . I really prefer to help you on the tent on account of the feeling that your Chautauquas are doing the most constructive. . . . work I know of."

Other checks came. Some without letters, some saying we couldn't use their name, some sending the new greenbacks. Our hearts have been repeatedly gladdened. A dearly beloved minister writes, "The story of the need of a new tent touches a warm spot in my heart. I want a share in the purchase of a new Gospel tent, and if I may designate a portion of it, may my contribution be that part that will cover the minister and the Bible from

which he reads? This is the dearest part to my heart. It recalls to me the many times I have stood beneath that point to preach the Eternal Gospel. . . . I am enclosing enough for several shares, but want it to be enough to see that the largest preacher does not get moistened with mountain rain."

Here's from Richmond:—"Last night I was in the A. T. S Reading Room and found a copy of the Ashe Presbyterian which you may know I read at once and with great pleasure. I am enclosing my bit to help on that new tent." Her "bit" was five shares.

An engineer and his wife handed in some new greenbacks. Others sent in their shares. Once to our great delight, we heard from a lady who had gotten some money (five dollars) that her conscience wouldn't allow her to keep. We have no scruples against using good "conscience money."

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Editorial

November always turns our thought towards three great causes: Home Missions, Our Orphans, and Thanksgiving. The Assembly urged that Nov. 9-16 be observed as Home Mission Week. Mr. Johnston and "The Barium Messenger" remind us of our privilege of supporting the heretofore homeless ones. Celebrities of no less magnitude—The President and the Governor—set aside a day for doing our spiritual privilege of attending service and rendering thanks to Almighty God for His manifold blessings.

May football, visits to relatives, hunting expeditions, etc., not turn us away from a publicly acknowledged spirit of gratitude.

Mr. Johnston, of Barium fame, says that the church treats her orphans like they were dead. He reminds us that those 360 children are very much alive—eating three square meals a day, being educated, and clothed. May our Thanksgiving offering be our best and largest one.

Despite what we have heard, this has been a year of manifold blessings. On to Low Gap church for acknowledgment.

CHURCHES OBSERVE HOME MISSION WEEK.

At Lansing the Woman's Auxiliary sponsored the Church School of Missions for Home Missions conducted Oct. 28-Nov. 2nd. The approved text books were used.

At Jefferson a Church School of Missions is being conducted during the week of Self-denial and Prayer for Home Missions. "Near Neighbors" is being studied by the young people and adults. The Juniors are using "Better Americans Number One."

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ed, with two or three short interruptions, until he was disqualified by the infirmities of old age But it was clearly necessary . . . for there were no institutions of the kind in the State, or none of much value and permanence."—Caruthers p 29.

"Caldwell's school . . . seems to have been the most efficient and the most noted He was certainly instrumental in bringing in more men into the learned professions than any other man of his day, at least in the Southern States. Many of these became eminent as statesmen, lawyers, physicians and ministers of the Gospel Five of his scholars became Governors of different states; many more members of Congress, some of them occupied a high standing Probably no man in the Southern States has had a more enviable record as a teacher." Caruthers p 29, 30, 31.

"Thus in every way his school was a nursery for the Church, or for the Gospel ministry; and while the whole country is deeply indebted to it for the advancement of literature and science, and for the general diffusion of useful knowledge." Caruthers p 39, 40.

Very soon the Rev. Henry Patillo taught a private school either in Orange or Granville County.

Dr. W. L. Lingle, President of Davidson College, in writing of his home church and its pastor in the days of which we are writing says, "Thyatira, which is in Rowan County, is about twenty miles from Davidson. That is the oldest Presbyterian Church west of the Yadkin, and one of the very oldest in North Carolina. The minister of that Church was Rev. Samuel Eusebius McCorkle. He was one of the great educators of North Carolina. He founded a school within the bounds of the congregation and named it Zion-Parnassus Of the seven men who constituted the first graduating class at the University of North Carolina six were prepared for college at Zion-Parnassus."

Dr. McCorkle was the only minister who was a member of the original Board of Trustees of the University. He was asked to become the first professor—but declined. It was he who made the eloquent address at the laying of the corner stone of the first University building.

We must tarry a moment and keep before us this point—that as a general thing while ministers of other denominations were evangelizing and organizing churches, Presbyterian ministers were doing the work of educating the people.

"Wherever people have an enlightened and evangelical ministry, they will be instructed in the prominent doctrines of the gospel, and in their relative duties; and so far as Presbyterians were concerned they had such a ministry, not adequate to their wants, but to a greater extent perhaps than any other denomination at that time in the country. When Orange Presbytery was organized the summer before the Regulation battle, it consisted of seven ministers; and all these lived in North Carolina. They were men of classical education: and most of them graduates of Princeton College." Caruthers p 140

The obligation becomes greater, "For soon after the conclusion of the war the Presbytery of Orange numbered twenty ordained ministers, with six licentiates and one or two in course of preparation They were working men . . . For the attain-

ment of the great objects before them, almost every one of them taught a classical school these schools became sources of general information to the people. In fact nearly all the literature and science in the State for many years was obtained or originated there; and the country owes a debt of gratitude to those men which ought not to be forgotten." Caruthers p 249ff.

In the following paragraph one who lived in those days gave due credit: "The ministers of other denominations were zealous and useful in preaching the gospel; but it is a fact, not disputed, that those of the Presbyterian body were the more numerous and better educated than any others. They were the laborious and untiring advocates and promoters of learning; and upon them rested almost the whole burden of education, so far as it was advanced beyond the mere rudiments of English." Caruthers p 252.

The first professor at the University of North Carolina was a Presbyterian minister. This was in 1795. In the following year Rev. Joseph Caldwell, a young Presbyterian divine, graduated at Princeton, became a professor. Later he became its first President. He made it what it was. He was the leading spirit and the moulding influence for forty years. He has been called the "Father of the University." When he came to its head a rank infidelity from hell by way of France was sweeping our country. Only Heaven knows the influence of Dr. Joseph Caldwell in keeping students and professors and trustees true believers in the Word of God. In Foote's "Sketches" we find this statement, "It is affirmed that the building of the University exemplified the genius of Presbyterianism." Her great presidents in recent years have been members of the Presbyterian Church.

Presbyterians in North Carolina have always been educators. After the rise of State schools and colleges their zeal was not abated. In 1836 Caldwell Institute sprang up in Orange Presbytery. Later it was removed to Hillsborough. In the same year Donaldson Academy came into being in Fayetteville Presbytery. Concord and Bethel (S. C.) Presbyteries established Davidson College in 1837. This venerable institution has set forward streams of influence and powers which have surely gladdened the heart of God. Among the colleges of the nation Davidson is one of the foremost for a Christian education, for high educational standards, for wholesome environment and for the type of men she has sent from her classic walls to do the world's work.

In addition to Davidson there are other Presbyterian institutions doing a great educational work in North Carolina: Queens-Chicora College, Flora MacDonald College, Mitchell College and Peace Institute for women; The Presbyterian Junior College for Men; and Elise and Glade Valley High School. Also in North Carolina, but within the Synod of Appalachia, are Lees-McRae College and The Montreat Normal.

What is true in North Carolina is to a great extent true in other States. Dr. B. Warren Brown in his "Report of the Survey of the Educational Work and Responsibility of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (Southern)" says: "However, it has undertaken a much greater educational load, measured in terms of church membership per institution, than

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has been successfully carried by other denominations.

Does not this answer satisfactorily, to a large degree, the questions with which we began? And are not educational interests in North Carolina under an abiding gratitude to those of pioneers of wilderness days whose hewn log homes were home and school and college in one? An unbiased and unprejudiced people will long honor their memory.

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Our friends and benefactors have contributed the handsome sum of \$75.00, of which we are proud and for which we are grateful. This has been deposited on Savings Account. The subscribers are: Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Norfleet, M. W. Norfleet, Jr., Miss Lila Ross Norfleet, Leon Norfleet, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Perry, Rev. C. L. Crane, Mr. W. S. Hickey, Friend, Rev. E. N. Caldwell, Miss Amelia Richter, Miss Frances Browning, Miss Helen Stacy, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thompson, Mrs. Kate McCoy, Friend, and another Friend Rev. Payne Brown, Miss Alma Headen, Rev. Z. T. Piephoff and Miss Laura Frances Steele.

Six states and two continents are represented in these gifts. We are so grateful for this assistance and our Thanksgiving enumeration of blessings will include this. To each has been issued a stock certificate for the shares donated.

For those who will receive this appeal for the first time may we say that it is an appeal for a new Christian Chautauqua tent. Daily Vacation Bible Schools and evangelistic meetings are to be conducted under it. Our old tent will never be stretched again. A new tent and necessary equipment will cost about \$500.00. Seventy five shares have been donated. Since November is a football month we may speak in terms of goals. We are four hundred and twenty five shares from the goal. Five shares equal a touchdown. Send your share of \$1.00 each or your touchdowns of \$5.00 to R. H. Stone, Treas., Jefferson, N. C., and mark it "For New Tent."

NOTE FOR LANSING LOT BEING REDUCED.

Successful efforts have been made to greatly reduce the note which was made to pay for the church lot at Lansing. Despite hard times and reduced incomes some of our members and friends have made cash gifts and pledges payable monthly.

The outstanding gift was made by Mr. Wilbur LaRoe, Jr., of Washington, D. C., who is man with religion and a friend of religion and the Kingdom causes.

Mrs. P. H. Baldwin gave a coverlid which she wove. It is a handsome design and is on sale at Belk-Stevens, Winston-Salem. The proceeds of this sale will reduce the note yet further. Our Winston friends are asked to visit that store and ask to see the Ashe County coverlid—see a bargain and buy it.

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little new Church there for which we are thankful, and it is at your disposal to give thanks to God. Rev. J. H. Brady one of our Presbyterian Missionaries to Japan has promised to deliver our Thanksgiving Sermon in the morning. We want every one to come thinking of something you are thankful for. We shall also take up an offering for the Barium Orphanage. Envelopes will be given to each church member. Please write the name of the church you are from upon the envelopes, as we want to know the amount of offering from each church. At noon we eat our Thanksgiving dinner, made up of lunches of everyone brought together. After dinner, there will be a meeting of the ladies in one group, and the men of the church in a separate group. The men will be addressed by Rev. J. H. Brady, and the women by a prominent lady of the church. "THANKS BE TO GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW." May this be the spirit of every one as we meet at Low Gap Church on November 27, to lift our hearts in thanks to God.

The hour for the beginning of this service is 10:30 A. M. May those attending be there for the Doxology in order that none of this fine unique service be missed.

Home Missions

Home Mission agencies are those that have extended the Church. A study of early Presbyterianism in North Carolina reveals this. When Orange Presbytery was set off from the Presbytery of Hanover, Va., in 1770 there were a number of churches in northern North Carolina. They were organized and served by missionaries sent from New York and from Pennsylvania. With one exception not a single one of the seven original members organized a church within the bounds of what was Orange Presbytery in 1908.

As a missionary the labors of Hugh MeAden are as interesting as Paul's. As a pastor there is no record of any church he organized in the Presbytery. There was David Caldwell, a prodigious worker, who served Buffalo and Alamance. But no congregations were organized. With his influence and his gifts many infant congregations should have been expected. Henry Patillo in 1762 organized Alamance church. Either he or Jacob Lake organized New Hope on some unknown date. After he came into Orange Presbytery there is no record of his organizing a church.

Home Mission agencies have been and are the greatest factors for extending the influence of the church. If America is to become Christian there must be an enlarged Home Mission effort. Those Committees who would extend the church need our prayers and our gifts. May they have them?



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Christmas in the Churches

Our Christmas programs will begin at West Jefferson on Monday, December 22nd, at 7:00 P. M. There will be appropriate exercises and a treat for the children. Two trees will be on the platform—around one will be the things to be given, around the other there will be the things wrapped in white which were brought by the Sunday School to be turned over to the Community Chest.

This is followed by the exercises at Ebenezer at 10:00 a. m. on Tuesday and at Peak Creek at 2:00 P. M. On Tuesday night beginning at 7:00 P. M. there will be trees and exercises in the Jefferson church. Gifts will be brought for others and will be distributed to those into whose home Santa Claus could not come.

Wednesday another full day. The tree and exercises at Low Gap will be at 10:00 A. M., followed by the one at Obids at 2:00 P. M. The Lansing exercises will be held that night. In addition to the tree a lovely pageant "The Lost Star" will be presented. This is a thing of beauty in its marvelous oriental setting and its deep spiritual meaning is patent. It will also be presented at West Jefferson on the fourth Sunday night at 7:00 P. M.

The public is cordially invited to all of these services as it is to all other services of our churches.

The New Tent Fund.

As the last issue of the ASHE PRESBYTERIAN was going to press here came a letter from a girl who graduated from college last spring and is now teaching in Coalwood, W. Va. In this letter was one of those new, good looking five dollar bills. She was giving some of her "first money" to the Lord's work. Our benefactor is Miss Kathryn Hunt, of Richmond, Va. She has given us much of her time in Christian Chautauqua work.

The only response to the last appeal was from Mrs. A. T. Hearin, of Quincy Florida, who donates a share. We thank these ladies so very much for these gifts.

In the Chautauqua Tent Fund on Savings Account we have \$81.00 that has been contributed. You are going to give us the remainder up to five hundred dollars because the Lord wants us to have that tent. In fact we feel that He wants us to have two tents and thereby double the Christian Service of the Chautauqua idea.

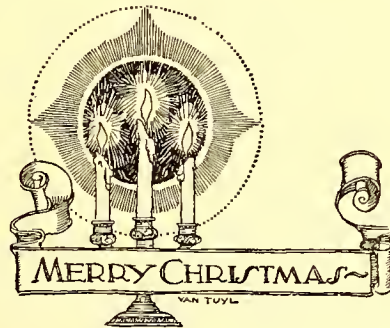
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History Being Revised

We are forced to change text books when it comes to the Jefferson Church. There has come to light some news that Lowell Thomas, famous war correspondent, lecturer and traveller, has not yet secured for the Literary Digest.

Heretofore we thought that the Jefferson Church was organized in 1900 and we had gotten the impression that Rev. E. E. Gillespie's work in 1897 and following was the first Presbyterian work since before and during the Revolutionary War. It was reported several years ago by a county historian writing in the Northwestern Herald that the first sermon ever preached in Ashe County was by a Presbyterian minister—the Rev. John Black—in June 1773. Mr. Black was located at Abingdon.

Then we heard of Rev. B. L. Beall and others coming at the close of the Civil War and preaching for a time. Last January an old page of Synod's Minutes, now yellow with years, deposited in Spence Library, revealed the fact that the Jefferson Church



was organized during the Civil War. Concord Presbytery made a statistical report to the Synod meeting in Salisbury Oct. 28, 1864. The report is dated "Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 26th, 1863" and says: "that on the 29th day of August 1863 they organized the Church of Jefferson, in Ashe County." R. H. Lafferty was Stated Clerk.

This gave light, but created a lot of questions: Who was the organizer? Why was Ashe in Concord Presbytery? Who were the members of whose faith it was established?

Dr. S. M. Tenney of the Historical Foundation in Montreat began to search the records of Concord Presbytery, whose Minutes reveal something of what was wanted:

"The Presbytery's evangelist Rev. J. Rankin made a verbal report of his labors . . . and that on the ninth day of Aug.

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Thanksgiving Services—An Enjoyable Occasion

In spite of snow, of muddy and slippery roads, and of weather so cold that the pumpkin pies froze on the way to the dinner table, the annual "Presbyterian Family" gathering on Thanksgiving Day was one of the most successful ever held in Ashe County. The all-day Thanksgiving service is one which is looked forward to throughout the year, a union service for all who care to come and especially for the members of the seven Presbyterian churches of the county.

This year the gathering was in the new church at Low Gap; this in itself was a cause for much thanksgiving. The new church at Low Gap was an answer to prayer, and the service in the church was the second anniversary of the first preaching services held two years ago in the little school house just in front of where the new church building now stands. The testimonies of thankfulness by the individual members of the congregation echoed and re-echoed that sentiment of gratitude for the new church and for the minister, Rev. J. W. Luke, who made it possible. This service of public testimony of gratitude is always a blessing; this year a fine note was struck by Mr. J. C. Crawford the president of the Men-of-the-Church, under whose auspices the annual meeting is held; Mr. Crawford thanked God that he was able to be present at this meeting—he had walked ten miles through the snow to be there to preside over the meeting! There was much gratitude in the hearts of many for such faithfulness.

The morning sermon was preached by Rev. Harper Brady, a missionary on furlough from Japan; his presence, his splendid sermon, his curios from the land of his adoption, his stories about life in the "Sunrise Kingdom" were all high lights in a day full of good things and there were many who felt that the list of thankfulness concerning the day itself should be headed with gratitude for the speakers. This feeling was intensified after the afternoon session in which Mr. Brady addressed the Men's meeting and Mrs. E. P. Gray, president of the Winstou-Salem Presbyterian made a most earnest and helpful talk to the group of women in the main auditorium. Mrs. Gray's presence brought much joy, her talk was one whose inspiration will long continue to bless those who heard it, and her willingness to make the long drive through the cold for the hour

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After a good year we look back over it with gratitude. There has been a good healthy growth. The Holy Spirit, we feel, has guided and opened up new paths and has certainly added His blessing. Nothing is so satisfying and nothing affords so much genuine satisfaction as does serving the Lord. He rewards with compensations that others know nothing of.

And as we approach the Christmas season our hearts are filled with gratitude to Him who was born in a manger in Bethlehem. Our hearts in renewed faith and love turn to that Life, which is the "Unspeakable Gift" to the human family.

Merry Christmas!

For our readers and those who are not, we are wishing a genuine Christmas. May it be filled to overflowing with good cheer. May this spiritual season bring loved ones together in a happy and loving fellowship. May it deepen and strengthen old friendships and may new ones be made. May God's Spirit help us to keep in mind that it is CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY and may our lives glorify the Son in thought, word and deed.

We are wishing for all a New Year full of prosperity and fellowship with the Unseen but very real Presence of Him who is our best Friend.

A Christmas suggestion: — visit Belk-Stevens' Store in Winston-Salem and ask to see that handsome, Ashe County Coverlid. It is woven by the hand of an artist at the trade. Mrs. Baldwin has been making them for years and people in various parts of the United States possess her handsome designs. Mr. Stevens has kindly offered to sell it for the benefit of the Lansing Church.

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1863 the organization of a church was accomplished at Jefferson, the County village of Ashe County, consisting of five members, two males and three females. One of the males, Mr. Benjamin H. Neal was elected and ordained Ruling Elder. This report was accepted as satisfactory and the church of Jefferson was taken under our care and its name enrolled among our churches and it was assessed \$3.00 for commissioner's fund." Vol. VII p. 57.

Rev. J. Rankin was the Rev. Jéssé Rankin who lived at Lenoir. It is understood that he was the father-in-law of Rev. B. L. Beall who has been termed a "Pioneer Presbyterian Saddle-Bag Prophet."

In 1864 the membership was yet five and Rev. J. D. Wilson was Stated Supply. For a number of years the church was continued on the roll but there was no regular preacher nor any representative to Presbytery. In 1869 in Synod's Minutes Jefferson and Wilkesboro were two of the twelve Concord churches that were vacant. In 1873 the membership was ten but soon dropped to three members. It appears that the organization was dissolved before 1880.

Mrs. Hettie Neal Scott, of Mebane, formerly a daughter of Jefferson, gives some first hand information as to the early families in this infant organization. She is the daughter of Major Quincy Neal who was the brother of Ruling Elder Benjamin H. Neal.

These Neals are the forebears of the Neals of today. They came from Caswell County. Upon his graduation about 1847 from the University as a lawyer Major Quincy Neal came to Ashe. He was born Oct. 20, 1824. The Neals in Caswell belonged to the historic old Bethesda Presbyterian Church. But our subject had departed from the faith of his fathers and united with the Baptist Church. His bride was a Miss Rousseau, of Wilkes County, who was a Methodist. Neither would come to the Church of the other so they were denominationally united in the Presbyterian Church.

Ashe's first Ruling Elder—Mr. Benjamin H. Neal—was brought here on a stretcher as he was in poor health and probably was not expected to live. The salubrious climate of the County was just what was necessary for a return to health. The Lord blessed him with years of usefulness.

We are delighted with this new bit of Church history. So often have we been obliged to add new appreciations and form new estimates that this is not offered as the final touch. Some old letter, diary, notation on a sermon outline, the Minutes of some Presbytery, may yet reveal a history glowing with color and interest. But as we now have it—the second era of Ashe

Presbyterianism began with the Neal family.

The third era began on the faith of that same Neal family from Caswell in the person of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Neal Foster. Three of her children, Mrs. Louise Tyson, Messrs. Edwin H. and John E. Foster and two descendants of the first Presbyterian Neals, Mrs. Blanche Neal Pless and Mr. Winston H. Neal are today members of the Jefferson Church.

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with the women was an example of service which makes her worthy to be the leader of her church as she is.

The feast of good things brought to the hearts and minds of the people by Mrs. Gray and Mr. Brady the blessing of publicly giving thanks, the delicious picnic dinner served in the basement of the church, had filled a day which was brought to a close by the program by the Sunday School children; Mr. Luke had written a play on "Counting Blessings" which sent the congregation on their way with the old hymn "Count your many Blessings" ringing in their ears. All those who attended the service for the day felt that there were more blessings than could be counted.

Thanksgiving Offering for Barium

One of the features of our Thanksgiving service is the thought of our Presbyterian Orphans' Home and the 366 fine children there. The cash offering was \$37.39. Obids Auxiliary gave a number of cans of fruit and vegetables and a quilt. The West Jefferson Church sent two bags of potatoes. Lansing sent three bushels of apples and five cans of blackberries. The Jefferson Auxiliary had a shower for Barium, which consisted of a number of towels, pillow cases, dresser scarf and a quilt.

The cash offering was divided among the churches as follows: Jefferson \$13.18; Obids \$10.05; Low Gap \$6.57; Lansing \$3.84; Ebenezer \$1.75; Peak Creek \$1.00; and West Jefferson \$1.00.

On Thanksgiving night Rev. J. W. Luke who is Scoutmaster Luke was the host to his troop of Boy Scouts of Bowie. A turkey dinner was served and was greatly enjoyed by the Scouts and their girl friends.

While in Ashe the Rev. Harper Brady of Japan and Statesville made a number of most interesting addresses. In addition to the Low Gap services he spoke at Jefferson, Lausing and Orion School. His visit will long be remembered.

Thanks to Our Advertisers

We want to take this opportunity to thank our advertisers in this issue and in the past issues who have helped to take THE ASHE PRESBYTERIAN into the uttermost part of the earth. But for you the paper could not have existed. The paper is a great help to our work and we know that it has been a help to you. It is an excellent medium to keep your business before the public. Ashe County has reason to thank you too—for there is no paper that carries the glory of Ashe to such distant places in such great numbers. There are 3000 issued each time—going into every state in the union and several foreign countries. Hundreds make visits into homes in Ashe and surrounding counties.

A very SPECIAL MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR ADVERTISERS.

YOUNG PEOPLE AT WEST JEFFERSON TO HAVE SEPARATE CLASS ROOM

Sometime ago Mrs. P. T. Hay, of Winston-Salem, gave us ten dollars to put to work. This was the beginning of a fund for a class room for the young people at West Jefferson. They had been meeting in the commodious basement which could not be comfortably heated. A nice room has already been partitioned off and a stove installed. Later a blackboard and maps will be added. The girls are going to get curtains. Members of the class have been selling Christmas cards — the profit of which has added to the fund.

A new heater of the heatrola type has been ordered for the Lansing Sunday School Rooms. The Young People's Society meets there and during the winter months the weekly Bible Study will be held in the basement.

All of our churches are now comfortably heated with furnace or stove and no longer do we dread the cold for we can worship in comfort.

PLEASE SUBSCRIBE TO THE ASHE PRESBYTERIAN

Great changes have been happening in the field of publication. Printing prices have soared. In our case advertising rates and the price of subscription have remained static. Some of our friends in the field have died—THE APPALACHIAN APPEAL, for which we grieve. THE PINNACLES is not the size nor quality it once was—and this we regret. Changes have been made in others. Some great papers have had to suspend or combine.

WHAT IS TO BE THE FUTURE OF THE ASHE PRESBYTERIAN??? It depends entirely upon our readers. We are supposed to carry \$50.00 worth of advertising in an issue the size of this. This does not pay the printing. But if we might have an avalanche of subscriptions—ten for a dollar—we can survive. We invite you to sit down now and write out ten names and addresses. Scores have done this. With this issue many subscriptions are expiring. HELP! HELP! HELP!

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Send your checks and offerings to R. H. Stone, Treas., Jefferson, N. C. He is waiting to receive your gifts.

ASHE CHURCHES ADOPT MINISTER'S ANNUITY FUND

The Campaign for \$3,000,000.00 to establish the Minister's Annuity Fund has been introduced to our Churches. The Churches at Jefferson and West Jefferson have voted to participate in it when put into operation. Pledges are being received toward the fund to establish the long needed pension system. Our churches will probably raise all that is asked of them and some are expected to exceed their quotas. The askings are as follows: Jefferson—\$108.00; West Jefferson—\$60.00; Lausing—\$20.00; Obids—\$39.00; Ebenezer—\$13.00; Peak Creek—\$15.00; Low Gap—\$3.00; Lausing and Jefferson have reported their quotas.

Messrs. E. A. McNeill and J. C. Crawford are on the Zone Committee of which Mr. Robert Finley, of North Wilkesboro, is chairman. Both of the pastors have presented the cause of the Annuity Fund from their pulpits.

RALLY DAY OBSERVED IN ASHE

Rally Day was observed in six of the Presbyterian Churches in Ashe. The program suggested by the Committee of Publication was presented. A successful effort in some places was made to increase the attendance.

An offering for Sunday School Extension was received. Jefferson led in this with an offering of \$7.71. Low Gap—the youngest of the Sunday Schools, gave \$5.50. Lausing—\$3.37; West Jefferson—\$3.00; Peak Creek—\$4.08; and Obids—\$3.50.

OLD CLOTHING!

What do you do with it? Some have sent us valuable boxes and bags in recent weeks. Why not some of the rest of you do this highly commedable thing? We have a store where this is handled and old clothes aid the Kingdom progress.

Rev. J. W. Luke has been buying and selling turkeys. The profit of which will go toward the indebtedness on the Low Gap Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas W. Perry, of High Point, have given Mr. Luke a handsome pulpit Bible for one of his churches.

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OTHERS NEEDED TO ASSURE TENTS

Since the December issue the following have subscribed to the fund for the purchase of two new Gospel tents and stock certificates have been issued: Bruce Bowlin, one share; Miss Laura Williamson and Mrs. Martin five shares each; Miss Mary Shaw, two shares; Mrs. T. E. McCrary, one share; Misses Wiley, five shares; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Moore, three and one half shares; Dr. Geo. C. and Rev. Charles Worth (of China), four shares; Davidson friend, one share; Mocksville Auxiliary, thirty five shares; Charles Campbell, Mrs. Laura E. Miller, R. H. Stone, Mrs. R. H. Stone, one share each; E. A. McNeill and Jas. D. McNeill, two shares each.

ADDITIONAL HELP NEEDED

We now have \$153.25 towards two tents and equipment for them. The total cost will be near \$1000.00 and the order must soon be placed. Our faith has not yet quivered. This is a work we believe the Lord wants done. Through you who have not had a share in this He will yet give us what we need.

This year we are planning to go into places where a Chautauqua has never been held. It means that for two weeks a fine group of young people will have the advantage of a Daily Vacation Bible School and that the entire community will have the privilege of attending a fine series of evangelistic services where the Lord Jesus Christ is magnified and the unsaved are urged to take Him as their personal Lord and Savior. Think of the value coming to twelve communities through these services. And these tents will last for five or six seasons.

Shares are one dollar each and there is no limit to the stock one may have. Please send your money or check to F. H. Stone, Treasurer, Jefferson, N. C. Your certificate will be forwarded at once.

Tentative Schedules For 1931 Chautauqua Season

(This is planned with the view that the Lord wanted us to extend the usefulness of the Christian Chautauqua and have two tents).

May 24 June 7.....Nella-Ehenezzer
June 10-24Open-Low Gap
June 28 July 12...Jefferson-Peak Creek
July 15-29.....West Jefferson-Ohids
August 2-16Lansing-Open
August 16-26,Open

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

Three new members have been added to the Lansing Church by profession of faith and baptism: Elva Greer, Rena Wright and Grace Rose. Edna May by profession of her faith and baptism, was received into the Jefferson Church.

An Interesting Life of the Yesterday

As much as we glory in this present age and boast of its many advantages we must keep a hold upon the heritage of the past. We are what we are today by the grace of God and help of former generations who were what they were by that same grace. Memories of old heroes must be revived and cherished—and in them are blessings untold.

Since the last issue of THE ASHE PRESBYTERIAN we have added the Rev. Jesse Rankin to our list of heroes. Mrs. Geo. F. Harper, of Lenoir, very kindly loaned us a photograph of Mr. Rankin and a copy of the Lenoir-News Topic, which carried "The Harper and Allied Families," in which most interesting history is the "Early Record of



REV. JESSE RANKIN 1802-1876
Organizer of the Jefferson Church in 1863. Formed first N. C. Temperance Society.

the Rankin Family, prepared by Rev. John Chambers Rankin, a younger brother of Rev. Jesse Rankin." From this golden treasury we glean some lights on the life of the organizer of our Jefferson Church.

We find that he is connected with many of the most prominent families of the State: Bealls, Cannons, Chambers, Clayds, Halls, Harpers, Martins, Rankins, Rumples, Salmons, Vardells and Whartons. Our hero was born in 1802 on a North Carolina plantation near Greensboro. He was of Scotch-Irish parentage not far removed from Ireland. He was one of the most popular men of his generation for many of his relatives wanted to name their sons "Jesse." In the course of time another was to be given his name and his father discovered that there were already six Jesse Rankins so this baby was named Jesse Septimus Rankin. (For the youthful victims of N. C.'s abominable educational ruling as to Latin his name was Jesse the Seventh Rankin.)

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Appreciated Appreciation From China

Now and then some little courtesy or expression of appreciation adds a great deal of joy to life. The letter printed below is from a good friend and many would greatly enjoy seeing the stationery on which it is written. Dr. Worth is the surgeon in charge of the Kiangyin Christian Hospital, of the Southern Presbyterian Mission, in Kiangyin, Ku.

"Dear Mr.....:-

This is a line of appreciation, to tell you how much I enjoy the little paper, "The Ashe Presbyterian." Your Christmas issue came a short time ago, and I have read every word in it. Your plans for Christmas and the news of the Thanksgiving services gave me a great deal of pleasure. I am sure that no readers enjoy good news of progress in the Home Mission field any more, if as much, as, the Foreign Missionary! In your little article entitled "Thanks to Our Advertisers," you spoke of their help being so valuable in "Taking the ASHE PRESBYTERIAN into the uttermost part of the earth," and I wish to add my personal thanks to them too, for they have done me a service of encouragement, and warmed the heart of one who is perhaps the "most uttermost" of your readers. My son, Charlie, your fellow Davidson alumnus, also is interested in your fine work. You will find enclosed a check for \$5.00, which is from Charlie and from me. \$1.00 is for a subscription to the Ashe Presbyterian for us, and for several others whom I will name. The other \$4.00 are for your New Tent Fund, which we would like to have a small share in, only wishing that it might be a larger share. The work in Ashe is very dear to me, because of my much-loved relatives in Jefferson, and because of happy memories of a wonderful summer spent at Creston in the home of my cousin Mr. David Worth, fifty two years ago when I was a boy of eleven.

As I write this, Charlie is sitting across the table from me and sends you his warm regards. We live together in the old home where all his boyhood was spent and where he is now bringing up his own three children.

At the recent examinations for church membership in the churches of Charlie's pastorate he and the Chinese Sessions examined 240 applicants baptizing 39 adults and 18 children. Our work goes steadily forward with little or no opposition. The Christian church in China has weathered in fine style the storm of persecution that began in 1926-1927, and is now entering upon a greater and stronger phase of its history than ever before.

I am enclosing a list of names and addresses for The Ashe Presbyterian. I think you had better send only one paper to our house, and charge about three subscriptions for it because of the extra postage.

With pleasant memories of your courtesy to me last year when I was in Jefferson, and best wishes for a fine year of work.

Sincerely yours,
GEO. C. WORTH

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Editorial

As we go to press we are between the Church years—there is retrospect and prospect. As we look back we are very grateful to God and to our friends for what has been done. There has been progress and an enlargement of the sphere of influence of the Church. There have been failures and shortcomings which are humbling. The prospect is as bright as the promise of God. There is much work to be done and in view of that we are attempting, if our friends come to our rescue sufficiently, to conduct two Christian Chautauquas. This means that twelve places will have the privilege of these. And at each place a large circle is influenced beyond the immediate community.

We are happy that outstanding ministers are coming to preach. A fine group of workers are being secured. People are praying for a season of revival and why should we not expect to have the most fruitful year's work. Our readers are asked to pray with us that God will continue to bless His work.

RESULTS

Not all of our Sessional reports for Presbytery have been completed but a few tabulated facts will be interesting of the year's work:

- 35 added by profession
- 12 added by letter or statement.
- New Sunday School organized.
- Churches entered M. A. F.
- 6 Chautauquas—632 enrolled.
- Substantial gifts to Benevolences and local church work.

With this issue THE ASHE PRESBYTERIAN is being printed at home—on the presses of The Skyland Post. We have enjoyed the friendly rivalry and recommendations of our weekly papers. Perhaps, being a quarterly, we cannot enter into the contest. But THE ASHE PRESBYTERIAN goes into every State in the Union and into several foreign countries. Without a doubt this publication carries the name and glory of Ashe further than does any other local paper. Dr. Worth's letter in another column is a testimony to this. Three thousand are printed.

If the people of Ashe appreciate this service more of them can show it by subscribing to it for themselves and for their friends. It is only ten cents per year,—and is worth every cent of it.

We wish to acknowledge a great number of subscriptions to the paper in response to appeals. We need one thousand and new and renewals.

Outstanding Ministers Secured to Conduct Meetings

Among those who are expected to conduct the evangelistic part of the Chautauquas are Dr. E. E. Gillespie, of Greensboro, who is expected for Obids and Nella; Drs. Edward Mack and Donald W. Richardson, professors in Union Theological Seminary, will preach at West Jefferson. This is the first visit of Dr. Mack to Ashe and a great welcome awaits him. Dr. Richardson, as a college student, worked in Ashe a number of years ago. Residents of the Hopkins community and of a section once known as Venus will remember him most kindly. To him also a most kindly welcome will be given. Dr. Gillespie is a loyal friend who comes to us whenever the arduous duties of his office permits. The June issue will tell more about their coming.

Others ministers of great power as evangelists are being invited. The 1931 season, in prospect, looks bright indeed. The people of the Churches are asked to pray that this may be an outstanding season in many particulars. A group in Ashe has formed a prayer covenant to pray for a revival. You are asked to join—and that it be world-wide in its scope.

AUXILIARIES ELECTS OFFICERS

Another Church year is beginning and again new officers are sought to head up the various organizations of the local churches. In the Woman's Auxiliaries the future is indeed bright if one may judge by the competent staff which will lead their activities during the coming year.

At Jefferson, Mrs. J. P. Colvard is President with Mrs. J. C. Brown as Secretary, Mrs. Charles Campbell is Treasurer, and Miss Louise Colvard is chairman of the girls' circle.

Mrs. J. R. Weaver will hear the Lansing organization, with Mrs. Victor Clark as Vice-President; Mrs. Quincy Mullis, Secretary; Mrs. J. O. Blevins Treasurer; Mrs. J. M. Warren will be chairman of the Woman's Circle and Miss Elva Greer will lead the girls.

The Obids Auxiliary chose as its president, Mrs. Luther Woody. Miss Ray Severt was made vice-President, Mrs. Fidel Miller, Secretary, and Mrs. J. C. Crawford, Treasurer.

The officers of West Jefferson are as follows: President, Mrs. T. C. Bowie, Vice-President, Miss Myrtle Williamson; Secretary, Mrs. R. C. Barr; Treasurer, Mrs. W. J. Price. Chairman of Girls' Circle: Miss Madge Garvey.

The year which has just closed has been good in several respects. Lansing considers its outstanding feature of the year, the prayer groups held for the Bible School and Evangelistic Services which resulted in a great blessing to the church. At Jefferson, this year saw the organization of a Girls and Out-Of Town Circle. A Girls Circle was also organized at West Jefferson. The Obids Auxiliary is especially to be commended for its excellent work for the Children in Barium Springs; this small group of Women drilled a quilt, and canned almost two hundred quarts of fruit and vegetables for the orphans of the church who live at Barium.

Visiting Ministers

Ashe congregations have had the pleasure of listening to two visiting ministers since the last publication. On the third Sunday in January, Rev. H. J. Womeldorf, of Glade Valley, held the morning and evening worship hour at the Jefferson Church, and preached at Ebenezer in the afternoon. On March 8, Rev. W. R. Smith of Banner Elk exchanged pulpits with Mr. Stone and preached at West Jefferson in the morning, talked at the Lansing Presbyterian Sunday School in the afternoon, and preached in the Lansing Methodist Church at the evening hour. Both of these ministers brought blessings to the congregations who heard them.

STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCES

Stewardship conferences had been planned at Obids, Ebenezer, Peak Creek, and Low Gap. Three nights at each place was to be the time. Bad weather set in and although there were few out and it was not wise to hold two or three of these night services, each church was touched on the subject of Stewardship, either in three services or in one or two services. The subjects taken up were: "God's Ownership," and "Man's Stewardship." Under the last subject, from the study of God's Word, many of us were convinced that God still wanted us to take a tenth of our income, and all given to God's work above this was a gift. You are not giving until you pay your tenth, then you give. The pastor hopes that each member will consider this command of God prayerfully, and that he or she will pay a tenth of their income.

LOGGINS SABBATH SCHOOL

There is a school named Loggins about two miles from the Ashe line in Wilkes County. Miss Alverda Miller taught a splendid school there and every one was pleased with her work, according to all reports. The people of the community requested Miss Miller to ask her Pastor J. W. Luke, to hold a meeting at the school. As result of a short meeting, and the request of the people of the community, a Sabbath School was organized. Mr. Spencer Winger was elected Superintendent, and local teachers appointed. The School is a real Sabbath one, for we meet every Saturday. Through bad and good weather we have run so far, our largest attendance being 58 and our smallest 19 on a real bad Saturday. If the Community will back up the Sabbath School, they can have one that will be worth while.

DR. B. R. LACY EXPECTED FOR LANSING

Since a part of our paper was put in type a letter from Dr. B. R. Lacy has been received which gives us the hope that he is going to accept our urgent invitation to conduct the evangelistic service at Lansing during the first two weeks in August. He expects to bring his family this year. All who heard Dr. Lacy last year will rejoice that he is anticipating a visit to Ashe.

PROFESSOR STAFFORD RENDERS FINE SERVICE

The help which a Christian teacher can be in the community and church in which his school is located has been demonstrated this year in Mr. J. H. Stafford of Sumpter, S. C., member of the faculty of West Jefferson High School. Mr. Stafford has not only served faithfully and well the Sunday School at the West Jefferson Presbyterian Church as Superintendent and teacher, but during the absence of the regular workers, he has gone into the Lansing, Low Gap and Ebenezer schools to take their places. Too much cannot be said in appreciation of Mr. Stafford's help and loyalty to the church of his fathers.

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- Therefore advertise with the Ashe Presbyterian, you do not make a mistake by doing so. May we recommend to our readers our advertisers. They have helped make our paper a success. We say "Thanks" to those who have given us their advertisements and by their cooperation helped us.

A most interesting Stewardship Conference was held in Jefferson on March 12th. Each of the churches was represented. The speakers were Drs. J. R. McGregor, and D. Clay Lilly and Mr. Chas. M. Norfleet. Mrs. Norfleet sang a solo. The other out-of-the-county visitor was Miss Delphine Brown. It was productive of fine results in the Every Member Canvass in the Churches.

Dr. H. W. McLaughlin, of Richmond, Director of County Churches, is expected to visit the county and some of our churches in May. He is an author of books on the Country Church and was for a number of years pastor of a large rural congregation.

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North Wilkesboro, North Carolina

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He grew up on his father's plantation and the story is told that one day he was working in the field with an old colored man when "the talk between them turned toward the misery and woe brought on by strong drink. The two of them, the old negro and the young white boy entered into a solemn agreement that as long as they two should live they would neither taste, touch nor handle." So far as is known this is the State's first Temperance Society.

He was ordained to the ministry in Halifax County, Virginia, where he served the Harmony Church for two years. Being called to Salisbury he served the church there and at Concord at the same time. In addition to being pastor he kept a boys' school in Salisbury. His educational views were far ahead of his time. Next he is in Orange County with plans for a Manual Training School. Then he labored in Rockingham County as a missionary. "His heart was always in the school room" and he soon went to Oxford to have charge of a school for girls. Later he was pastor at Statesville, then at Lexington.

The record says: "There was much of the spirit of missions in Mr. Rankin. When a charge grew strong enough to support him with some degree of comfort he felt called to broader, more destitute fields." In 1856, while healing up a girls' school in Salisbury and having been at the same time a great success as a soul winner, he was elected Evangelist for Concord Presbytery.

Then begins his connection with Ashe. In 1857 he moved his family to Lenoir, which was the base of his operations. For seven years he rode, in all kinds of weather, over mountains and through the valleys. These rides brought him in Jefferson. We wonder just how this happened. A conjecture is that while preaching at Wilkesboro and in doing some pastoral visiting someone told him of the Neals living over the mountains. And from this began the second chapter of Presbyterianism in Ashe.

After his health forbid the work of an evangelist he accepted the pastorate at Lenoir—but kept up regular appointments at Newton and Wilkesboro. These trips were made on horseback.

"With him idleness was a sin, work a joy, and economy a cardinal virtue. As he rode over the hills of Western North Carolina it was always with a book in his pocket. He taught himself French when he was about fifty. He had taught and thought so much in Latin that he sometime unconsciously spoke in that tongue."

"He was full of the spirit of his earlier ancestors who, with their long-barrelled guns in one hand and their Bibles under their arms, forged through the passes of the Alleghenies... Their march can be traced by the churches they built. And almost before they had conquered the savage wilderness they paralleled their line of church forts with a line of schools. Reverence for God and trust in Him was the basic principle of their lives."

The life and accomplishments of the Rev. Jesse Rankin are a rebuke to those today who live under more favorable situations and accomplish much less. In the midst of the dark days of 1863 this old veteran of the cross was organizing churches and preaching the everlasting Gospel of salvation here in our mountains.

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NEW CHURCH TO BE OUT-COME OF CHAUTAUQUA AT NELLA

Never before had the people of Nella and surrounding communities come in contact with the work of the Christian Chautauqua. But from the very first service held in the Graham School on May 24th the movement met with a most hearty reception.

We were fortunate in having Dr. E. E. Gillespie, of Greensboro, for our preacher. Those who have heard him often believe that he has never preached with greater power. Great congregations greeted him at each service as he pleaded with people to forsake sin and turn unto God.

The Bible School was a great success under the direction of Miss Laura Frances Steele, assisted by Misses Lois Calhoun, Irene Richardson and Kathryn Hunt. There was a fine spirit, which is unexcelled, among the young people who attended that school.

A community has never more completely opened its homes and hearts to our religious workers. The statements of Dr. Gillespie are all carefully weighed and he declared that "I don't know of any place where we have met with greater cordiality than at Nella during the two weeks of our meeting."

The revival had not been in progress many days when the citizens began to talk about their desire for a Presbyterian Church. It culminated in the offer of four sites for a building and seventeen names to a petition for membership in the church. All of those signing the petition are leaders in thought and action in the community. Some of them are heads

of families and the majority are coming in upon a profession of their faith and baptism. Those asking for a Church and signing the petition are: Ruby Dolinger, Effie Dolinger, Mary Hartzog, Elzina Barker, N. W. Graham, Ruth Perry, Ruth Ham, Fred D. Blevins, Mrs. Hattie Hartzog, A. L. Carter, Mrs. A. L. Carter, Mrs. Rosa Sullivan, W. M. Little, Mrs. H. G. Wiles, Mrs. Alice Dolinger, L. B. Ham and Mrs. L. E. Ham.

Before the meeting was closed it was announced that on the first Sunday in July a Sunday School would be organized. A modern and adequate church building is being planned and Christmas exercises will probably be held in it. There is a healthy and growing sentiment of welcome on the part of many from other denominations for the coming of the progressive program of our church with its emphasis upon evangelism, righteousness and the work of the Kingdom of Christ throughout the world.

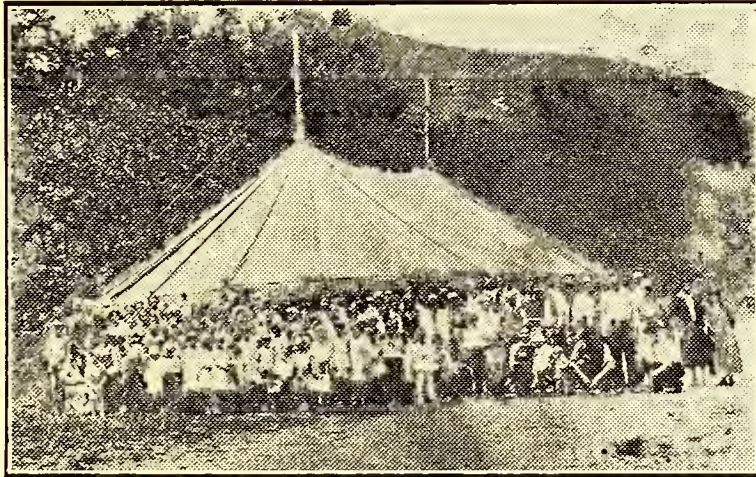
There were a great many professions of faith—some heads of families who had spent practically a life away from saving grace took their stand for Christ.

GOD IS STILL SUPPLYING NEED

From a real experience we join in the chorus with those who say: "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:19). The particular thing we have in mind is new Chautauqua equipment.

The local freight on May 25th brought into Ashe two tents from Norfolk, Va., and they were the gifts of many friends. On May 26 the tent pitched at Nella was dedicated to the glory of God and the dedication prayer was offered by Dr. E. E. Gillespie.

There are many who are to be thanked for making this possible. In addition to those friends whose gifts were acknowledged in former issues the following have subscribed for stock in our tent fund: Dr. O. R. Hodgkin, Miss Agnes Peacock, Winston-Salem Presbyterian, and D. H. Burtner have each



NELLA CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUA—May 24-June 7.

Attendance 128; Enrollment (attending three days or more) 88;

Average Attendance 68; Perfect Attendance 28.

1322 Chapters of John's Gospel read.

subscribed for five shares; Friendly Class of Wagram, Mrs. A. A. Cashion, Mrs. Laura Black, Jeanie Ogilvie, Gordon Ogilvie, Miss Myrtle Williamson, a Friend, Miss Flora Lott, Miss Mary Shaw and D. C. Bare each subscribed for one share; Orange Presbyterian and Mrs. Annie M. Harris, Treas. of Class 3, ten shares each; Misses Virginia Hart, L. Lena Lott and Belle Worth Bagley, two shares each; Circle 2 North Wilkesboro and Young Ladies Bible Class of the Rogers' Mem. Church, six shares each. Rogers' Bible Class of the Winston First Church, fifty shares; Reynolda Auxiliary thirty shares; Mrs. Nancy C. O'Hanlon, twenty shares; a second gift of the Reynolda Auxiliary of five and one half shares; and the Belk Foundation, two hundred and fifty shares.

In addition to what was given for the tents Mrs. Charlotte Critz Harper donated the fine hymn books used in one tent. Mrs. S. Clay Williams and Mr. C. W. Harris gave the chairs. Their gifts were handsome ones. Our every need has been met for equipment and Mrs.

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REV. J. W. LUKE'S TENT IS HAVING A SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Up to this time there have been three meetings held in the new tent. We have been keeping two tents busy in our work in Ashe County now.

The first meeting was held at Ebenezer. Rev. J. W. Foster of Cooleemee, N. C. was our preacher and held us a fine meeting. Misses Clarice Thompson and Annie Belle Corry, Revs. Herman Womeldorf and J. W. Luke were our teachers in Bible School.

Our second meeting was held at Low Gap with Rev. Wm. Foley of St. Pauls, N. C. as preacher. Misses Mary Shaw and Annie Belle Corry, Bob White and J. W. Luke taught and helped with the meeting.

The third meeting is now almost at a close at Loggins School House in the edge of Wilkes County. Rev. T. F. Rodgers a Baptist minister from Greencove, Va. is holding a splendid meeting. Misses Annie Belle Corry, Mary Shaw and Rev. J. W. Luke are our teachers. This is the first visit we have made in our tent to Loggins but it is one of warm hospitality toward us from every one.

The result of the meeting is as follows. Each place we have had splendid Bible Schools and there are visible results of each meeting:

At Ebenezer two professions were made and one united with the church.

At Low Gap two made profession and three united.

At Loggins where we have no church seventeen have made profession so far, none have united with any church as at present there is no church in the community.

Our next meetings, if God be willing, are to be at Obids, Peak Creek and Laurel Forks. We welcome Dr. E. E. Gillespie next at Obids, Mrs. Roans of Winston-Salem will also teach a Bible Class for adults. We thank her.

That we may have your prayers that the Holy Spirit may lead us and fill our meetings with power is our request. We are thankful to God for his presence with us so far.

AP— PRESBYTERY TO MEET IN ASHE

Presbytery is to be the guest of Obids, Ebenezer, Low Gap and Peak Creek September 15th for the first time. We are looking forward to this time, and hope we shall have a large attendance at Glendale Springs where we have planned to entertain.

AP— APPRECIATION AND THANKS

Rev. J. W. Luke thanks all those gracious people of Winston-Salem who have donated toward the expenses of the second tent. Thanks and God bless you for it.

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EDITORIAL

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MISS WILLIAMSON GOES TO TEXAS

The month of May terminated a most successful and happy connection between the work of our churches and Miss Myrtle Williamson. With a zest she entered upon her duties here on June 1st, 1926. They were indeed five fruitful years of incessant activity. She made friends among all classes and ages—all of whom regret that she has gone. But this was not the goal of making friends—she made a host of friends for our Lord and Master. Her life, her words and her work beautifully blended in leading many to accept Christ.

To her there came the urge to accept work in a Presbytery in Texas. This she could not put off. With headquarters in Mount Pleasant, Texas, (where she may be addressed by her friends) she is doing promotional work in a wide scope of territory.

She has left a group here who are grateful to God for her coming to Ashe and who are praying for a similar success wherever the call of God may lead her.

—AP—

THE 1931 CHAUTAUQUA SEASON

As we go to press we are near the middle of our schedule of Christian Chautauquas. It is indeed a great year. The venture of doubling the service rendered the county has been a noteworthy success. Everything has been operating as smoothly as can be. The corps of workers are efficient and consecrated. The youth are eager and responsive. Never have we been more successful in bringing to our meetings a finer group of evangelists having within them an outstanding consecrated scholarship.

The Word of God is being preached by able exponents. Sin is being denounced and people are urged to repent and turn to Christ for a life of service. Forces of righteousness are being put in motion which are surely making glad the heart of God. We predict that this Chautauqua season will make a contribution to Kingdom progress that will eclipse that of former years.

Please pray to that end.

—AP—

With the temporary suspension of publication of the Presbyterian Standard our publication, The Ashe Presbyterian, is the largest Presbyterian paper within the Synod of North Carolina. This paper goes into every state in the union and into several foreign countries.



RUTH PERRY

Who walked seventy two miles for her certificate of perfect attendance awarded her at the Nella Chautauqua. In addition to the six miles walked each day for Bible School she attended many of the night meetings—thereby walking twelve miles each day.

DR. HENRY McLAUGHLIN VISITS ASHE

It was our great pleasure to have Dr. Henry W. McLaughlin to visit most of our churches in Ashe County this spring. Dr. McLaughlin spoke many times and from the testimony of all his presence was a blessing to us all.

—AP—

LANSING CHAUTAUQUA

On Sunday, August 2nd at 11:00 A. M. the Lansing Chautauqua will be opened with a sermon by Dr. B. R. Lacy, Jr., who will preach for two weeks. For a number of months Lansing and community have been congratulating themselves because of the fact of Dr. Lacy's coming. It was he who dedicated their church and last year preached at West Jefferson. Overflow congregations from the very beginning are expected to hear him. On Monday morning the Bible School will open with a strong faculty. One of the features of that day's program will be the appearance that night of a troop of Boy Scouts from Statesville who will put on one of their programs. This is to be followed by a sermon by Dr. Pressly, pastor of the A. R. P. Church of Statesville.

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STATISTICS

The Minutes of the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church show that there are in Ashe County 16 elders and 9 deacons. Last year 37 were added on confession of faith and 12 by certificate. The Communicants number 333. Each Church has a Sunday School and the total enrollment is 432. Last year Ashe Presbyterians gave to Foreign Missions \$141; \$168 to Home Missions. The total gift to Penevolences was \$473. The total of all gifts was \$1,618.

A LETTER FROM MISS WILLIAMSON

Dear friends in and of the work in Ashe:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your manifold goodness to me during the five years I spent in "The Garden Spot of the World." I have often said that nothing but the will of God could take me away from that dear place; and I want you to know that it was the assurance that He wanted me in Texas which brought me here. I am now field worker for Paris Presbytery, and the opportunities for Christ are as rich as the oil fields which are all within the limits of this Presbytery. Your prayers belong to Ashe county and I hope you will not take one bit of time away from these, but if you do have some extra prayer time I shall be grateful for your help in this field so rich in opportunities for service. Rest assured that you and the work in Ashe keep your own place in my heart and that "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." May He bless you each one.

Gratefully yours in His glad service,
Myrtle Williamson

—AP—

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

One of the happy features of our Christian Chautauqua work is the teachers with whom we come in contact.

The services of Miss Steele, the capable Director of the Bible Schools, is made possible to us by our Assembly's Committee of Religious Education.

We have associated with us a group of young people whose hearts God has touched. They are so willing and unselfish. Weeks and weeks of their time are given in efficient service. This year there were more volunteers than we could use. Things like this do not happen outside of Christianity.

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RESULTS OF JEFFERSON BIBLE SCHOOL

A last minute dispatch gives the result of the Jefferson Chautauqua in the department of the Bible School. There were 151 in attendance; an enrollment of 126; 91 was the average attendance and 25 were given certificates for perfect attendance.

About thirty were brought in by the bus. The Chautauqua was such a success that by the grace of God another will be held next year. Heretofore Jefferson has sent her young people to West Jefferson. The enlarged attendance shows the wisdom of an additional Chautauqua.

—AP—

NEW MEMBERS.

On May 17th, Mr. Tom Haynes, having made his profession of faith in Christ and received baptism, was received into the membership of the Jefferson Church. On May 24th, Mrs. I. H. Stuart, in like manner was received into the Lansing Church.

At the conclusion of the Jefferson Chautauqua, Giona Badger was received into the Jefferson Church by a profession of her faith and baptism and Virginia Eller was received upon statement.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT NELLA

An enthusiastic group of sixty met in the Graham School on Sunday afternoon July 5th and organized a new Sunday School, which will meet each Sunday at 10:00 A. M.

After a brief exposition of the lesson the congregation elected the following officers and teachers:

Mrs. N. W. Graham, Supt.; Ruby Dolinger, Sec'y.; L. B. Ham, Treas.; N. W. Graham, teacher of the Bible Class; Mrs. W. M. Little, Primary Class and Mrs. Cephas Hartzog will have the Beginners.

This is a fine beginning and we predict a useful and efficient Bible School.

—AP—

THREE UNFORGETTABLE SERVICES

Since our last paper came from the press of the Skyland Post there have been three special services of note. The first was the visit to our county of the Rev. G. Raymond Womeldorf, a missionary to China. He makes one of the most effective and appealing addresses that we have heard. In addition, he carries with him the dress of a Chinese gentleman and a number of curios.

The second of the unforgettables were two services by Dr. C. M. Richards, Professor of Bible at Davidson College. The first was given in the West Jefferson Baptist Church as the Commencement sermon to the West Jefferson High School graduating class. The subject was "The Lifted Look."

In the evening he preached in our West Jefferson pulpit from the text "And as thy servant was busy here and there he was gone." An indelible impression was surely made upon his hearers.

Perhaps the most distinguished colored American, Dr. George Washington Carver, was the third. He lectured one evening in the Jefferson Church. In the pulpit with him were a number of articles he had made from the peanut. It was the greatest revelation in the scientific world that the majority of his audience had ever seen. With all of his attainments and accomplishments he is a plain, reverent and believing child of God. The Lord was given credit for his marvelous work in the scientific world.

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JEFFERSON CHAUTAUQUA

As we go to press the Jefferson Chautauqua is in session. About 140 have been enrolled in the Bible School. The attendance and work done are both exceptional. The faculty consists of Miss Steele, Director and Misses Irene Richardson, Maxie Weaver, Marjorie Whitaker and Margaret Rohins. A bus is being operated over two of the highways and a number is being brought in each morning.

Dr. Geo. L. Gilmer, of Draper, Va., is doing some excellent preaching. He is an able expounder of the Word of God and is one of the most Scriptural preachers that has appeared in the Chautauqua pulpit. The congregations are very appreciative of his elegant, plain, practical expositions of the truth of the Bible.

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W. Y. Preyer has given one hundred dollars towards operating expenses.

Since the above was put in type three other gifts have been received: C. H. Burkett has taken one share and the Mary E. Rogers Bible Class of the First Presbyterian Church of Winston-Salem has subscribed for twenty five shares. The Reynolda Auxiliary again takes stock—this time it is an additional share.

We thank them again and thank God.

—AP—

ASHLAND CHAUTAUQUA

The tent was moved from Nella to Ashland and the Christian Chautauqua began on June 10th and continued through the 24th. The attendance at the Bible School was 114; 87 were enrolled; there was an average attendance of 62. Nineteen certificates were awarded for perfect attendance. During the evening services 924 chapters of the Gospel of John were reported as having been read.

The faculty was composed of Misses Laura Frances Steele, Director; Lois Calhoun, of Wedowee, Ala., Margaret Robins and Marjorie Whitaker, both of Asheboro, N. C. Excellent work was done in this department.

Rev. R. H. Stone did the preaching and after the first few nights there were large congregations. One of the features was the service conducted by Evangelistic Team No. 8, Mr. R. W. Nading, Captain, of Winston-Salem. During this service there were twenty three professions of faith, some of whom were heads of families and there were a number above sixteen.

This is the first time this community has been visited by the Christian Chautauqua.

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THE WEST JEFFERSON CHAUTAUQUA

On Wednesday July 15th at 9:00 a. m. the Christian Chautauqua will begin in West Jefferson. All boys and girls are invited and if arrangements can be made a bus will be operated from Smethport.

That night the Rev. D. W. Richardson, D. D., of Richmond, Va., will begin a series of evangelistic services. He will preach for one week. Dr. Richardson is a former missionary to China, where he served with great faithfulness and during the uprising of 1927 barely escaped with his life. In addition to being an eminent Church statesman, he is a preacher of eloquence and great power and is the author of "The Church In China." Dr. Richardson is a master of spoken English and there is beauty in his power.

On July 23rd Rev. Edward Mack, D. D., Ph. D., LL.D., also of the Seminary Faculty, will conclude the Chautauqua with a week's preaching. Dr. Mack is Professor of Hebrew and old Testament Interpretation. He, too, is an author of books and was the lecturer at Princeton on the L. P. Stone Foundation. He has a rare insight in God's Holy Word and the congregation that listens to him for a week considers itself highly honored.

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The Foster Memorial Presbyterian Church Is Being Constructed

The fine group of Presbyterians at Nella in a congregational meeting decided to name their church the Foster Memorial Presbyterian Church and to accept the offer of a lot from Mr. and Mrs. Cephas Hartzog, who very graciously have given a deed to one of the finest building sites on upper Big Horse Creek, which was widened by a narrow strip of land secured from the County Board of Education.

After the first Monday in October men and teams went to work grading and excavating for the new building. In a way that is characteristic of an aggressive denomination. The church is rapidly going up. As we go to press the roof is being put on and a few more days will complete the rock work. The building is 30x50 with a hasement having adequate Sunday School facilities. On Sunday night, November 22nd, at 7 o'clock, Dr. E. E. Gillespie will begin a series of evangelistic services. On the 29th, the church will be formally organized by a commission appointed by the Presbytery of Winston-Salem. Rev. J. R. McGregor is chairman and the other members are Revs. E. E. Gillespie, E. Wayne Thompson, John W. Luke, R. H. Stone and Ruling Elders M. W. Norfleet, E. A. McNeill and J. C. Crawford.

Realizing that God wanted this church erected and that cold weather was just ahead we went to work on faith, realizing that God had friends who would supply our needs financially. It may be poor business—but it is good faith in a great God.

On October 6th, Mr. A. A. Cashion of North Wilkeshoro gave us a check for one hundred dollars for the new church, which was the first money we had. Within an hour and a half it was deposited. Then came the contributions of Messrs. C. L. Dehord, R. B. Jackson, T. P. Johnson, and Mrs. M. W. Norfleet. The checking fund grew low when it was boosted by a check from the Belk Foundation. Then came gifts from Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Norfleet, Mr.

Mrs. J. E. Foster



The late Mrs. Elizabeth Neal Foster for whom the Foster Memorial Presbyterian Church is named. She came here in the 90's as a bride from Winston and was perhaps the only loyal Presbyterian in Ashe county. Largely upon her faith and zeal, eight churches have been erected to the glory of God and it is fitting that one should honor her memory.

Robert C. Norfleet, Prof. and Mrs. O. Thies, and Miss Kathryn Hunt. Men and young men galore have furnished teams and others have given material. Never have local people been so eager and enthusiastic for a church building. Real sacrifices have been made. Now that it is a reality they are a most appreciative people.

We are building most economically—but beautifully and adequately. It is (Continued on Page Three)

Chautauqua At W. J. Lansing And Elkland

The last issue told the story of successful chautauquas closing with the one in Jefferson. Beginning with West Jefferson there came to us a trio of seminary professors—including an honored president. Dr. D. W. Richardson preached the first week and was followed by Dr. Edward Mack, who also delighted good congregations for a week.

At Lansing large congregations heard Dr. E. R. Lacy at each service for two weeks.

There were some changes in the faculty beginning with West Jefferson. Miss Celia Latimer, of Due West, S. C., came and taught during the remainder of the summer. Miss Kathryn Hunt, of Richmond, Virginia, returned for the remaining ones. At Lansing Misses Delphine Brown and Sara Frances Martin, of Winston-Salem, came for that chautauqua and the one at Elkland.

At Elkland the evangelistic services were conducted by Revs. John Anderson, W. E. Moretz and R. H. Stone. It was a new experience for Elkland, whose people received the chautauqua workers most kindly.

At every place there were good crowds and a fine response.

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Story Of Second Tent Concluded

In the last issue of The Ashe Presbyterian the work with the second tent used in our work here was given through part of the Loggins Meeting in Wilkes county. Let me say right here this meeting ended up splendidly. God, blessed us by bringing forth fruit of 36 souls for our hire. Twenty these united with the Presbyterian Church.

Brother Frank Rogers of the Baptist Church preached for us here and we proved to the world that Baptists and Presbyterians could form a team. Miss Annie Bell Corry and Miss Mary Shaw helped in the Bible School; also in the following meeting at Obids.

Our next meeting was held at Obids, Dr. E. E. Gillespie doing the preaching for us. Besides Misses Shaw and Corry, Mrs. Henry Roan taught an adult Bible Class every evening and the Junior Class in the morning. Mrs. Roan added greatly to our meeting in giving us a real Bible study. By the grace of God (Continued on Page Four)

Thanks
Unto
God

Results of two Tents and 1931 Summer Season

13 Christian Chautauquas	1486 Enrollment in Bible Schools
123 New Members	906 Average Attendance
2 Churches to be Organized	393 Perfect Attendance Pupils
3 Sunday Schools Organized	8500 Bible Chapters Read
One Church Under Construction	



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Editorial

Thanksgiving originated in hard times among the Puritans on a bleak coast of a strange land. Some of you reading now may live in homes of wealth, some of you may be living in homes of poverty, and yet you both may be suffering alike. What are you suffering, home sickness, loneliness, bankruptcy, sickness, fear of hard-times, poverty, or the gloom of a loved one taken away? The original thanksgivers suffered these things even more than we today. Home-sickness, fear of starvation, lonesomeness, sickness without medical aid, loss of possessions and family by Indians, and death caused by exposure and suffering was the lot of the Pilgrims. And we ask how did they stand it all? Those people had religion. So vital was it that not only did they endure, but they had the additional courage to give a day of Thanksgiving. If Thanksgiving originated in hearts surrounded by suffering, can not we lift up our hearts in this time of depression, when we have so many blessings. Religion was the great source of the Pilgrims power, and I am of the opinion that more people are suffering from a lack of religious impression than from a material depression.

Glade Valley Students From Ashe And Wilkes

Glade Valley has been a Godsend to many boys and girls who live very far from high schools. The young people of Obids, Ebenezer, Peak Creek, and Low Gap with a wide territory extending into Wilkes have shown their appreciation for an education. There are seventeen from this field who are now at Glade Valley. They are not ashamed to work, for each has contracted to work half their way. The other half of their board and tuition has been given by friends who believe in helping those who are willing to help themselves. The following are the names of those from this above field: Lucy Wyatt, Tamar Wingler, Georgia Wingler, Ruby Wyatt, Johnnie Roten, Rebecca Darnell, Edna Woody, Kathlene Woody, Chessie Vannoy, Ted Wyatt, Carl Wingler, Press Miller, Tip Miller, Iredel Sheets, Hobert Sheets, Puce Harless, Richard Osborn. If you could get a view of the Blue Ridge mountains in the vicinity from whence these above students come, you will see the Blue Ridge makes a big curve. So great is the curve that it is shaped like

a great horse shoe. The above young people carry with them the air of being lucky too. It must have been because they came from the great horse shoe bend in the mountains. They are plucky too, and we believe they all are going to make good.

Glade Valley, N. C.
Nov. 18, 1931

Dear Friends:

We whose name are written above send you many thanks for aiding us in making our way at Glade Valley High School this year. We shall strive to do the best we can and hope you will never regret what you have done for us.

With love and best wishes, we are,
Gratefully yours,
Students of Glade Valley.

Low Gap Church Walk Being Made

We have been wanting a walk at Low Gap that we may keep out of the mud and that we may keep the mud out of the church. We are well on the way toward a very nice walk. Our concrete curbs have just been put in at a very little expense by the members, and as soon as we can get it we will haul sand to fill in between the curbs.

Two New Sunday Schools Organized

A very successful meeting and Bible School was held at Shepherd's School House in Wilkes County on the head of the Reddies River. Not only were there a good number who united with Peak Creek Church which is about four miles away over the top of the Blue Ridge, but as the result two Sunday Schools have been organized. One is at Miller's School House, and the other is at Shepherd's School House. Both were organized Saturday, October 10th. At present in this field we have one Sunday School at Loggins at 10 a. m., one at Miller's School at 1 p. m., and another at Shepherd's School at 3 p. m. We are holding these Sunday Schools in school houses. If we only had a church! We need one, as there have united with the Presbyterian Church this summer from these communities 50 and more people.

Our New Worker Miss Laura Grier

Miss Laura Grier has recently stepped into Miss Myrtle Williamson's shoes in the work in Ashe County. Miss Grier is a member of Steel Creek Church near Charlotte, N. C., and is a graduate of the Woman's College Department of Erskine College at Due West, S. C., also of the Assembly's Training School of Richmond, Va. Miss Grier is an experienced worker and we are expecting great things of her. Already she has inherited Miss Williamson's Ford, and has made many friends among us. We trust that everyone will back her in their prayers as she enters the work in Ashe county.

Presbytery In The Chatauqua Tent

It was the pleasure of Obids, Ebenezer, Low Gap and Peak Creek Churches to be the hostesses of Winston-Salem Presbytery.

The central location for the entertainment of Presbytery was not at any of the above named churches, so it was agreed that we should entertain at Glendale Springs, which has been the headquarters of the pastor for several years. The Chatauqua tent was pitched and everything made ready.

For dinner on the 15th of September, which was the first day, the churches served an inviting picnic dinner. Likewise on the second day, September 16th, it was duplicated. The people of the Jeffersons and Lansing served a delicious supper at the Boyd place where all could enjoy the scenery as well as the fine supper. For night entertainment, most of the Presbyterians went home with the members of the various churches, while a few were entertained at the Pine Crest Hotel at Glendale Springs.

At the opening of Presbytery, Rev. J. W. Foster, retiring moderator gave a splendid sermon, and Rev. J. K. Fleming was elected present moderator.

Probably one of the most interesting sessions was that of the night of 15th, which was Home Mission night. Picture Hymns thrown on the screen for the song service, and then a splendid address was given by Dr. E. E. Gillespie, illustrated by slides taken of the home mission work in Ashe County. Special singing and demonstration was then given by Glade Valley Students. One of the most interesting features of the evening was the singing by the Loggins Sunday School. Everyone declared it was wonderful. We are thankful to the Pine Crest Hotel for the use of the grounds and hotel, also to the Shatley Springs Corporation for giving us the fine healing spring water. If the guests enjoyed Presbytery as much as the hostesses, everyone must have left with a spirit of happiness in their souls.

Thanksgiving Day Service At Lansing

The pleasure is ours to meet at the Lansing Church for our annual County-wide Presbyterian Thanksgiving Service. Dr. E. E. Gillespie preaches in the morning, and after a picnic dinner the men and women are to have special meetings. Pack up the family and a lunch and come along. Do not forget the offering for the BARIUM SPRINGS ORPHANAGE. Every one is invited.

Several of our Sunday Schools observed Rally Day and the largest offering taken for Sunday School Extension was by the Sunday School of the Foster Memorial Church at Nella.

Miss May McAlister recently sent a check for two shares in the new Tent Fund, for which we are grateful.

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stone veneer and the rock is gotten from a cliff overhanging Horse Creek. This is given by Mr. and Mrs. Felix Ham. Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Graham are giving all the sand that is needed. Your contributions are needed—large ones and small ones. The other churches were needed—but this more so. It will prove an investment of which you will be proud. Within a few days the scaffolds will be removed and a picture made which will be printed in the December Ashe Presbyterian. You can see the material investment—but the service to Christ rendered during the coming generations can never be foretold.

We are up against it now. Please do not delay sending your gifts for the Foster Memorial Church. Send them to R. H. Stone, Treasurer, Jefferson, N. C. The money given us is wisely used and considered as a sacred trust. The cost of the building will probably be under three thousand dollars.

Promises To Ministers' Annuity Fund Due

Time is here to pay our promises to the Ministers' Annuity Fund. Two hundred people can lift a house if they lift at the same time and each one life a few pounds. Let's give one great life together and set the Fund on its feet. Mr. J. C. Crawford will receive all contributions for Obids, Ebenezer, Low Gap and Peak Cheek Churches.

Gave Chickens To Have Fence Built

Early in the spring the Peak Creek Church decided to grade their yard and plant grass on it. We did the grading and are ready to plant grass seed. Before grass is planted we should build a fence. We asked everyone who would give a chicken for the fence to do so, money being scarce. Several chickens were sold, and now we have our order in for lumber for the fence. We hope to have an attractive fence soon and the gift of a few chickens did it. You can always do something if you try.

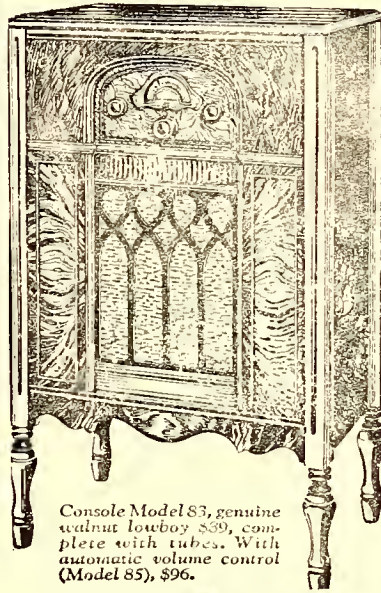
Lansing Church Installs Officers

Lansing now the largest Presbyterian Church in the county, recently at a meeting of the congregation elected Mr. Victor Clark to the eldership and Mr. J. O. Bevins and Mr. Lunda Barr were elected to the diaconate. All of these consented to serve and were ordained and installed by the session.

REMEMBER OUR ORPHANAGE DURING THANKSGIVING WEEK

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five members were added to Obids Church. A Bible School with average attendance of 66, was held too.

The next meeting was Peak Creek. Rev. J. D. Smith served us well and by the blessing of God there were nineteen who made professions and thirteen united with the church. Mrs. Evelyn Brown helped us in the Bible School. The average attendance was one-hundred and three.

Our next meeting was an eighth-day Chautauqua at Laurel Forks. We had very rainy weather but it was a very successful meeting in many ways. One made profession and there were about eighteen signed a petition to start a Presbyterian Church but it was put aside until future development should clear the way. The average attendance at the Bible School was forty-one.

After Presbytery was held in the tent another chautauqua was held at Shepherd's School in Wilkes County. Bro. Rogers preached in spite of a very sore foot. Our teachers here were Misses Vyne, Hart, Sebastian and Mrs. Stone. At this meeting thirty united with the church, seven of these coming by re-statement of their faith. Our Bible School had an average attendance 35. As the result of this meeting two new Sunday Schools were organized, one at Shepherd's School and the other at Miller's School. These Sunday Schools meet on Saturday, so this makes three Saturday schools running now in Wilkes County.

We are praying for a church in these communities and hope in the near future to organize and build with God leading us in it.

One of the features of our work this summer was the use of the "gospel truck", for handling the tent and also Bible students from a distance.

Our work ended with the meeting at Shepherd's School leaving us with a total of new members in Obids, Ebenezer, Peak Creek and Low Gap Churches of seventyfive with many other professions and reconsecrations, three new Sunday Schools started and pleas for new churches to be organized as well as invitations from the communities to hold meetings in our tent. God has blessed us this season above any yet in our field and by His help we mean to stretch forward His Kingdoms work wherever he leads.

It gives us great joy to welcome the following into the Presbyterian Church and to give them the right hand of fellowship:

Ebenezer Church—Frances Center.

Low Gap—Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Bare, Bazle Eare, C. W. Hoofman, Marie Hoofman, Mary Hoofman.

Obids—Hazel Woodie, Pauline Woodie, Elijah Bowlin, Glen Parsons, Mary Hartzog.

Peak Creek—Mrs. Sarah Perry, Guy Perry, Isaac Perry, Donald Royal Bowlin, Mrs. Mary Bowlin, Maurine Miller, Alta Miller, Emeline Hart, Nellie Hart, Eula Miller, Bert Miller, Mrs. Bert Miller, Bulah Jenkins. United With Peak Creek during Loggins meeting: Jesse Wingler, Preston Wingler, Britt Wingler, Tamor Wingler, Richard Osborn, Bill Osborn, Carl Wingler, Cleo Nealy, Lucy Wyatt, Noah Royal, Nannie Walker, Mrs. Ben Osborn, Mr. Elijah Wingler, Mrs. Jesse Wingler, Ed

Wingler, and Mrs. Elijah Wingler, Clem Royal, Boyd Darnell, Mrs. Sarah Wingler, Mr. Ben Osborn. United with Peak Creek during Shepherd's School meeting: Mr. J. A. Royal, Mrs. Bess Nealy, Mrs. Laurie Perry, Mrs. Elsie Bowlin, Mrs. Blanch Brooks, Mrs. Reid Royal, Raymond Wyatt, Ted Wyatt, Hattie Wingler, Clara Vannoy, Arbutus Wyatt, Connie Royal, Josie Royal, Dola Wyatt, Martha Royal, Britt Wyatt, Mrs. Pearl Hanes, Dot Wyatt, Ruby Wyatt, Johnnie Perry, Pat Vannoy, Virginia Nealy, Claude Royal, Bill Wyatt, Woodrow Nealy, George Wyatt, Alice Royal, J. R. Vannoy, Beauford Wyatt, Mrs. Raymond Wyatt.

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Since the last issue the following have been received into membership of these churches:

Lansing—Mr. H. C. Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Clark, Miss Mae Ham, Mrs. Thomas J. Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Avery Blevins (since Mr. Blevins has died and was the first member of the Lansing Church to be transferred to the Church Triumphant) Mrs. Lee Ham, Mrs. Minnie Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. Lunda Barr, and Mrs. Oliver Ham, who came by statement. Mrs. Alice Wallace was received by letter. Miss Hattie Ham, Mrs. Rosa Ellis, Misses Blanche Carter, Zola Francis, Carrie Francis, Jessie Neavys, Mary Clyde Shepherd, Ruth Shepherd, Bessie Ham, Hattie Francis and Gene Powers were received upon

their profession of faith and baptism.

West Jefferson—Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Bare and Miss Eva Lillian Maloney, each being received by profession of their faith and baptism.

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Foster Memorial Church Organized

Dr. Gillespie Held Successful Meeting With a Large Crowd of People Attending

On November 29th after Dr. E. E. Gillespie had preached for eight days the eighth Presbyterian congregation was organized with seventeen charter members.

In the morning of that day the members were received into the church and the Lord's Supper was administered.

The organization was in the afternoon and the following members of the commission, appointed by the Presbytery of Winston-Salem, were present: Revs. E. E. Gillespie, D.D., who presided, E. W. Thompson, J. W. Luke and R. H. Stone; and Ruling Elders J. C. Crawford and E. A. McNeill.

The pre-organization sermon was preached by Rev. E. W. Thompson, a former minister of the county. Fitting tributes were paid to the memory of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Neal Fester, for whom the church is named. Mr. Thompson's text was "Receiving a Kingdom Which Cannot be Moved or Shaken". This was very appropriate and was greatly appreciated by the large congregation.

Dr. Gillespie asked the constitutional questions and declared the church constituted "according to the Word of God and the faith and order of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of Holy Ghost. Amen"

The congregation then proceeded to elect elders and deacons. L. B. Ham and N. W. Graham were elected elders and Felix Ham and A. L. Carter were elected deacons.

Each one accepted the office and they were ordained and installed by the commission.

The charter members are: Mesdames L. B. Ham, C. E. Hartzog, A. D. Dolinger, N. W. Craham, H. G. Wiles, Rosa Sullivan, and A. L. Carter, Misses Ruth Pam, Mary and Maggie Hartzog, Elzina Earker and Effie and Ruby Dolinger (the latter three were received pending their baptism at a later date), and Messrs. Felix Ham, N. W. Graham, L. B. Ham, and A. L. Carter.

Miss Ruth Perry and Mr. Wm. Little, who signed the petition for organization, are expected to be received later.

These new members are the leaders of thought and action in this community. They have since July been conducting a fine Sunday School which meets in the afternoon.

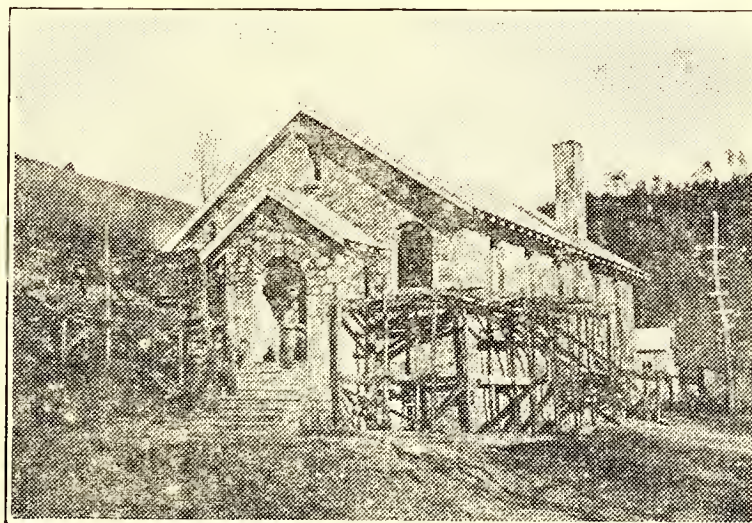
Those who are familiar with the situation
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A Venture in Faith Deserves Your Gift

Need to Clear Indebtedness of \$1000.00; Donations Are Solicited and Appreciated

It was October, and along in the month at that, that the land for the new church was secured. Ordinarily the beauty of the gold and red of the mountain side is seriously interfered with by cold weather and beautiful snows. So with cold weather "just around the corner" we began to build the church. The Belk Foundation and Miss Delphine Brown had promised us an amount sufficient to begin.

It may be poor business—but it was good faith that allowed us to exceed the amount in hand. Through several ways we knew God wanted this building and here it stands—now being used



The appeal of the unfinished Foster Memorial Presbyterian Church, in the Nella community, eighteen miles from Jefferson on Big Horse Creek. We need \$1000.00 to pay our debts. Make a Christmas gift to this church. It was built in faith to the glory of God because He wanted it.

in His service and standing for generations to His glory. We owe about one thousand dollars—and God doesn't like debts in a probability God is depending on the readers of this article to remove this harassing thing. Gifts of any amount will be appreciated.

Never have people made such sacrifices as some of the local people have made. They really enjoyed the work. One man with a sick wife and two little girls with whooping cough would do the house work before day and after dark and (neglecting his farm work) worked on the church and said, "I'm enjoying this more than any work I ever got pay for." Another hard working man would gather and shuck corn before breakfast and after supper that he might give his days to the progress of the church. Young men and middle aged men gave unstintedly of their

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Members Uniting In Thanksgiving

Dr. E. E. Gillespie Preaches a Great Sermon at All-Day Occasion in Lansing, N. C.

The last Thursday in November members from each of the Presbyterian Churches of Ashe County met at Lansing for an all day occasion. The morning service of thanks was held with a good crowd present from the various churches. Mr. J. C. Crawford, President of the Presbyterian Men's organization of the county, presided. The special features of the morning were, voluntary words of thanks which came from the hearts of many people throughout the congregation. Following this a prayer of thanksgiving was voiced by Rev. R. H. Stone. A beautiful solo was rendered by Mrs. R. H. Caudle and then Dr.

Gillespie, who was holding a meeting at Nella during this week, preached a comforting and strengthening sermon on the subject, "Thankful for Those Things Which are Against Me". The sermon was an unusual one and although we had expressed ourselves as being thankful for many things, we had failed to see deep enough into God's wisdom in allowing trials to come into our lives.

After the sermon, an offering was taken for the Barium Orphanage. The offerings after being added to by other funds received later amounted to the following:

Lansing, \$15.00; Jefferson, \$5.05; Obids, \$4.50; West Jefferson, \$4; Foster Memorial (Nella) \$3.91; Shepherds Sunday School, \$2.81; Ebenezzer, \$1.50; Peak Creek; \$1.05; Low Gap, \$50. The total was \$37.69.

After the morning service a picnic dinner was served by the ladies. It was delicious and abundant.

The women and men divided into separate groups for the evening hours. The women were led by Miss Grier and the men by Mr. J. C. Crawford. Dr. Gillespie, from his wide vision of things, encouraged us by showing what great things will come from our present small beginnings.

Our Thanksgiving was truly one to be remembered. We were only sorry that more of our friends were not there to enjoy the strength, new courage and fellowship in the worship of God that day.

Shortly after Thanksgiving we loaded an orphanage truck with various products from our churches. Later we received the letter below from Mr. Johnston.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

In the name of Him born of a Virgin and laid in a manger in Bethlehem in the year the angels sang we extend Christmas greetings. May the spirit of Christ be in your hearts. May His Spirit of Peace pervade and possess the nations of the world. May the knowledge of His friendship warm and gladden the hearts of those multitudes who are undergoing distress of body, mind, or spirit.

Christmas—Christ's Birthday! Let us so observe the happy holiday occasion "that in all things He might have the preeminence".

As we come to the Christmas season we are prone to look backward and to look forward. We are between the years—the past and the future. Looking backward, there are sins to confess—but a forgiving Saviour. The work in His name has been greatly blessed. Never in the history of our church in this county has there been such a promotion of the Kingdom in the vineyards entrusted to us. Souls have been saved, the Gospel preached to multitudes, young people trained in Sunday School and Christian Chautauqua, three new Sunday Schools organized; one church organized and church building erected; the gift of two tents and equipment for evangelistic purposes; the volunteer of consecrated service during the summer months; and many other heartening and encouraging things.

This thing we must mention as significant—that several communities not now being served by our church are looking to the Presbyterian Church for a spiritual leadership. The scripturalness, the aggressive progressiveness of our methods of work and service commend themselves to our fine, forward-looking people. Apparently the church is serving God and man.

Nineteen hundred and thirty-two faces us and holds out its arms of opportunity. It is the purpose of our allied forces to enter new fields of service God is opening the way and in His name and for His sake we anticipate a great year. To this end we beseech your prayers and your interest. We realize that spiritual progress comes "Not by night nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

So pray for us as we plan and work for the Saviour of sinners in 1932.

BY FAITH

If your read the 11th chapter of Hebrews, you will find the expression "By Faith" a great many times and what great results came "By Faith". The writer then says in the 32nd verse "And what shall I more say?" Let men say more, Mr. Writer. I want to put in a 32½ verse. Here it is—By faith 16 boys and girls are at Glade Valley High School. They are working for half of their tuition, the other half is made up of the substance of things hoped for. We have received enough to answer the faith of ten. Would you be willing to invest in the destiny of a young life? If so drop us your investment to Educational Fund, John W. Luke, Glendale Springs, N. C.

END THE OLD YEAR RIGHT

Make a resolution to subscribe to the Ashe Presbyterian and when the New Year comes send us 10c.

The people of the Nella community wanted a Presbyterian Church and they have it. Its sponsors need one thousand dollars to rid it of debt. You are invited to become a contributor to this spiritual enterprise.

GLADDEN HEARTS AND UNDERWRITE FAITH

Since the last issue of The Ashe Presbyterian a number of needed gifts have come to the Treasurer of Foster Memorial Presbyterian Church. The following believe that "it is more blessed to give than to receive", Mr. Geo. W. Price, Spartanburg, S. C., Miss Myrtle Williamson, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, Mesdames B. S. Nissen and S. Wilson Gray, of Winston-Salem; and N. Wilkesboro came to our rescue through the benefactions of Messrs. E. G. Finley, Charles Brown, J. M. Crawford, E. E. Eller, Vaughan Bowlin, of Peak Creek and Helton, also made his gift.

So far there is Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian money in this church. Five states are represented.

At a later date we have received appreciated and timely gifts from Messrs. J. B. Johnstone and E. L. Gaither, of Mocksville, Mr. Chas. M. Norfleet, Winston-Salem, and Mr. C. O. Perry, of Pocohontas, W. Va.

Our appreciation goes out to those who have made possible this new church. Rarely do you see the appreciation that one sees in the people at Nella.

CHRISTMAS IN CHURCHES

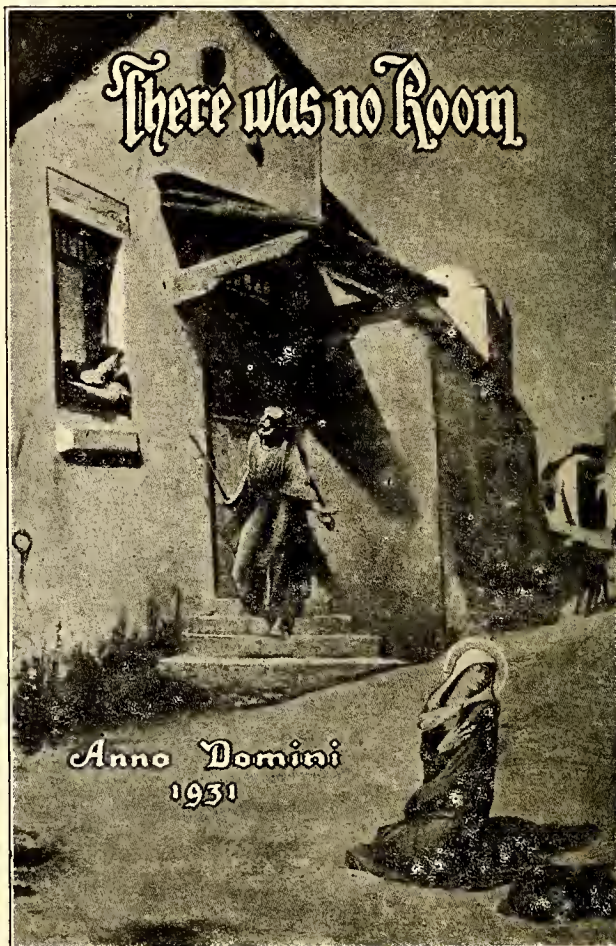
In keeping with the custom maintained for several years there will be a Christmas tree and treat for each of the Sunday Schools. Appropriate exercises are being planned and practiced.

For a number of years some of our churches have presented a religious Christmas drama. This year the Jefferson and Lansing Churches will present "There Was No Room", which is gotten out by our Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief. This is a beautiful pageant with a number of characters and Christmas hymns.

Jefferson will present this at its regular evening worship on Wednesday Dec. 23rd. And Lansing's young people will present it at the usual hour for the P. Y. P. L. meeting, Thursday, Dec. 24th at 7 p. m.

Jefferson, West Jefferson and Lansing Sunday Schools will observe the White Christmas. Gifts for the poor will be brought wrapped in white and will be turned over to Miss Ruth Reeves, the county's new and efficient welfare worker. Last year some of our Sunday Schools were a great help to the Community Chest as their gifts were used to take Christmas joy into homes where it was not.

The Southern Presbyterian Church at Christmas remembers its disabled and aged ministers and their wives and children. In many cases there are widows and orphans who need help. Some of our churches will receive an offering for this most worthy cause.



OBIDS WOMEN HOLD INTERESTING MEETING

Low Gap Church was the meeting place of the Obids and Ebenezer-Low Gap Auxiliaries on December the 11th. The Obid's women conducted the meeting for their younger sister organization, the Ebenezer-Low Gap Auxiliary. Mrs. Luther Woody, the President of the Obids auxiliary led, and gave a very inspiring talk. An explanation of the Standard of Excellence Chart was given by Mrs. Frank Severt. The Pastor, Rev. J. W. Luke made a short talk on the subject "The Ministry". Mrs. Frank Severt, the Devotional Secretary requested Miss Laura Grier to lead the Bible Study, which she did with much profit to all. There was a splendid spirit present and we hope other meetings of the same sort can be held from time to time.

EXTRA SERVICE OF TENT

After one of the tents had been carefully sacked for the winter there came a call for it from Rev. J. W. Foster, of Cooleemee. The tent was first pitched at Bixby, where Mr. Foster preached and a real revival was enjoyed. Many were converted and saved. And another result of this tent's service is the demand for another church organization and building. So at Bixby a congregation is planning to begin the erection of a Presbyterian Church. It is understood that it is to be of stone construction and planned similar to the church at Nella.

The tent was next pitched at Cooleemee where Dr. E. E. Gillespie preached. Again there was a revival and a great ingathering of souls into the church.

We hope that this will gladden the hearts of those who have made it possible for us to have these tents. May the Lord richly bless you in your giving.

CHRISTMAS ON TOP OF THE BLUE RIDGE

Christmas Celebrations are planned among the Blue Ridge Horse Shoe Churches and Sunday Schools. Santa Claus may be present it is reported. The various Sunday Schools are practicing Christmas recitations and plays for the occasion. Each school is planning to have a decorated tree and the scholars are drawing names to see who are to exchange gifts. We are looking forward to having Richard and Bill Osborn play for us too. The dates of the celebrations are as follows:

Ebenezer, 10 a. m., Dec. 22nd; Low Gap, 2 p. m. Dec. 22nd; Obids, 2 p. m., Dec. 23rd; Peak Creek, 10 a. m., Dec. 24th; Loggin's School, 7 p. m. Dec. 24th; Shepherd's School, 10 a. m. 25th; Miller's School, 7 p. m. Dec. 25th.

Miss Laura Grier is being kept quite busy in planning Christmas programs for a number of Sunday Schools.

During these occasions when gifts are exchanged and joy is exhibited, let us not forget to put Christ, the gift of God in his central place as the foundation of all true Christmas happiness.

Messrs. Charles H. and Clint Williams of Fleetwood, loaded one truck with apples for Barium Springs. Then Lansing loaded a truck with apples. Later a mixed truck load of fruits and vegetables was loaded by the churches of Rev. J. W. Luke and the Jeffersons.

Since the last issue Miss Helen Stacy, Decatur, Ga., has renewed her subscription for fifty years. Miss Myrtle Williamson has had hers extended for ten years. We do need subscriptions. Send yours and see that your friends are on our lists too. A whole year for ten cents.

An offering for the aged ministers will be received at Peak Creek, Ebenezer and Obids Churches. Low Gap is planning to make a good offering to pay off the debt on this new church.

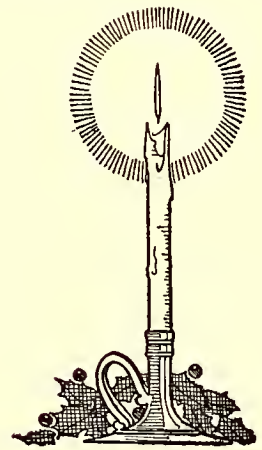
On December 23rd at 3:00 p. m. the West Jefferson Sunday School will hold its Christmas exercises. On the following (Thursday) afternoon at 2:00 p. m. The Foster Memorial Sunday School will hold its first Christmas exercises.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

On Dec. 13 Messrs. Grover Pennington and Jesse Woodie were, upon their profession of faith and baptism, received into the membership of the West Jefferson Church.

The letter of transfer of Mr. E. G. Franklin, of the Fuller Memorial Church, Durham, has been received. He will come into the Jefferson Church.

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ation predict that this will be a growing and influential church serving a great need in that part of the county. There are members of other denominations not having organizations at Nella who have expressed a deep spirit of gratification that a Presbyterian Church has been organized here.

Present plans call for a meeting each Thursday night and for an afternoon service on the first Sunday of each month. This is one of the best places in the county to get a congregation. During the Chautauqua in May and June and during the meeting just held almost capacity audiences heard Dr. Gillespie gladly at each service. The prayers of the Christian people are asked for the strengthening and growth of this new church.

MEMBERS UNITING IN THANKSGIVING

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Barium Springs, N. C.
December 7, 1931.

Rev. John W. Luke,
Glendale Springs, N. C.
Dear Mr. Luke:

Your letter with checks enclosed received, and herewith is a receipt for the entire amount, but credits have been made as per list of checks.

We certainly do appreciate this further evidence of the generosity and good will of your churches. We are still enjoying the produce that was gathered up and brought in last week. Donaldson got in safely, but late.

Please give the individual congregations our most sincere thanks for their gifts.

With kindest regards,
JOS. B. JOHNSTON.

A VENTURE IN FAITH DESERVES YOUR GIFT

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time and talent. Others furnished teams and wagons and hauled material. Some sent their trucks, some gave material and some gave money.

Only one half day was the work interrupted because of rain. Never perhaps in Ashe County did a building of this importance and dimensions go up so quickly. It was almost within less than two months from the time the excavating was begun, services were being held in it. The masons (Messrs. W. C., Lester M. Clarence and Earl Lyon, of Boone, N. C., whom we most gladly commend) were only five weeks laying the stone. The vestibule is lined with white flint and the joints are being raised with black mortar. It is a beautiful and yet inexpensive structure—built for the ages. Many of the stones have a pink cast. The shingles are of asbestos. Some windows have been given by the First Church of Greensboro and we are expecting to get the Gothic windows for the sides from the Caldwell Memorial Sunday School Building when removed from the First Church of Winston-Salem.

Those who know the community are glad that this building is here as a place where God shall be honored, loved and served. This serves a great territory of the county and large congregations gather there for every service.

An investment in this building will be stock that will bear golden dividends in Christian life and conduct. Make a Christmas gift to the Foster Memorial Presbyterian Church. Send it to R. H. Stone, Treasurer, Jefferson, N. C. Any amount is needed and will be greatly appreciated.

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Tentative Schedule For Christian Chautauquas

The following dates have been arranged as a probable schedule for the Chautauqua under the second tent, managed by J. W. Luke. It is very difficult to get the dates to suit every community, due to crops and schools in the early summer at some localities. These dates then may be changed in view of these facts.

Miller's School.....May 8th..22nd
Ebenezer.....May 25th..June 8th
Low Gap.....June 10..24th
Logans.....June 28..July 10th
Obids.....July 13th..27th
Peak Creek.....Aug. 1st..14th
Laurel Forks.....Aug. 17th..31st
Shepherd's School..Sept. 3rd..18th

At present the two groups of pastorates in the county are divided by New River.

The tent that will be in the western section of the county will probably serve as follows:

May 22—June 5..Foster Memorial
June 8-23.....Little Horse Creek
June 26—July 10.....Jefferson
July 13-28.....West Jefferson
July 31—Aug. 14.....Lansing
August 16-30.....Helton

These dates and places are subject to change to suit local conditions.

Great plans are under way for two great Chautauqua seasons. Already some who are eminent in the field of Daily Vacation Bible School work are planning to aid in this work. Ministers of great renown have been asked to conduct the meetings.

Each local church will have a Christian Chautauqua and this year with tents we are able to answer the appeals of new territory.

This work does not just happen. We are dependent upon the Holy Spirit. Throughout His presence and help are sought. We beseech you to pray for our season of evangelism.

Contests Raging In Six Sunday Schools

There have been some hot contests raging in the Wilkes Sabbath Schools and in the churches of Peak Creek, Ebenezer, and Low Gap. The Sunday schools are divided into reds and blues and then we keep score each meeting of Sunday School to see who is going to have the highest score at Easter. We are planning a grand picnic about Easter for each Sunday School holding the contests. The losing side is to furnish the lunch. We may include an egg hunt in the programs too.

The Sabbath Schools in Wilkes County have had the largest attendance, at least one has. This is Miller's School house. We have had any where from one hundred to one hundred and fifty present. Low Gap Sunday School has had the next largest attendance.

Over a thousand red and blue buttons have been given out as the result of the contest, and still there are more in demand.

Mr. DeWitt Helm Has Accepted Pastorate

Last summer Dr. B. R. Lacy, President of the Union Theological Seminary, of Richmond, Va., expressed an opinion that if another minister of the Presbyterian church should come to Ashe County he should be DeWitt Helm.



MR. DEWITT HELM

Pastor-Elect of West Jefferson, Obids and Low Gap Presbyterian Churches. He is expected to assume his duties about June 1st.

In February Mr. Helm came to the county for a week-end and preached four times. The congregations were delighted with him. At recent congregational meetings the Low Gap and West Jefferson Churches have formally extended a call to him for his pastoral services. The Obids Church was to have held a congregational meeting for a similar purpose.

The pastor-elect has signified his intention of accepting the triple pastorate and will begin his work here about June 1st. He will make his home in West Jefferson.

There is in him a blending of great theological doctrines which will make him a great and useful servant of the Master. On one side he is a Primitive Baptist, believing firmly in the sovereignty of God, and that body of believers has rendered a great service in magnifying God and showing the impotence of man. On the other side he is Methodist with evangelistic fervor and zeal. And our Methodist friends have also rendered a great service in emphasizing the part that man has to do. A cross between the two ideas has in Mr. Helm made a fine Presbyterian who prays as though

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Partners In Building Of Foster Memorial

Those who have been our allies in the building of the Foster Memorial Church since the last issue are Drs. Edward Mack and W. T. Thompson of Richmond; Mr. Claude Brown and Dr. E. D. Jones of West Jefferson; Mr. E. D. Tedder, of White Top, Va.; Messrs. W. N. Reynolds, P. L. Withers, S. Clay Williams, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Wright, Miss Edna G. Maslin, Miss Naomi Broughton and Circle No. 5 of the First Church, of Winston-Salem; A Friend, letter postmarked "Columbia, S. C."; Mr. J. L. Rackler, Warrenton, N. C.; Miss Elizabeth Erwin, and Mr. J. O. Blevins, Lansing, N. C.; Mrs. T. B. Bailey, Mocksville, N. C.; Mr. D. H. Burtner, (contribution should have been published in the November issue but thru a regrettable oversight was omitted) and Mr. W. L. Sharpe, Greensboro, N. C.; Mr. Wilbur LaRoe, Jr., Washington, D. C.; Messrs. J. R. Finley, Pat M. Williams, and Thos. D. Forester, of North Wilkesboro, N. C.; Hon. C. W. Higgins, Sparta, N. C.; Mrs. D. J. Lybrook, of Advance, N. C.; Mr. E. A. McNeill, Jefferson, N. C.; Mr. W. S. Murphy, Johnson City, Tenn.; Dr. W. L. Lingle, Davidson, N. C.; Miss Katherine Livingston, Wagram, N. C.; and Mr. George H. Beall, Durham, N. C.

Only the Lord knows how we have blessed their hearts. There were and are yet urgent requests for money due on accounts. Some smaller ones we could get rid of and others had been reduced. Yet we need about seven hundred dollars to get out of debt. A gift of any amount will be greatly appreciated.

The Winston-Salem First Church has given us windows from the Caldwell Memorial Building and they have been placed in the auditorium. This was a help. They are going to give us other material. Shrubbery has been planted and the concrete steps going into the Sunday School rooms have been poured.

Long ago the scaffolds were removed and the oak flooring has been laid in the auditorium. Those having access to the April Presbyterian Survey can on page 220 get a better view of the church.

Others are cordially urged to become partners in the building of this church. At a recent regular mid-week meeting there was a profession of faith in Christ. It is going to be a growing and a serving church. The Sunday School is growing in interest and attendance. Soon we hope to have a Woman's Auxiliary, and a Young People's society organized. You can make no better investment than to send a contribution to this church.

The Men of the Presbyterian Churches of Ashe County will meet in the Jefferson Church on April 8th, at 2 p. m. This is the regular spring meeting before Presbytery and President Crawford is planning an interesting program and he hopes that the attendance will be large.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MINISTER

In the news columns of the paper there is an announcement of the coming of Mr. DeWitt Helm. This is to give to him a most cordial welcome. The Men of the Church asked for another minister at the Fall Meeting of Presbytery. God has been petitioned for one. He is the answer.

For this work he was nominated by Dr. B. R. Lacy. Dr. W. T. Thompson, head of the Department of Religious Education in Union Seminary, seconds the nomination, in saying "It is good to know that DeWitt Helm is going to be with you at the close of the Seminary session. He is a fine man, able and earnest and I believe, therefore, will render a splendid service there."

Mr. Helm will find hearts and homes and churches to welcome him. We predict for him a happy, constructive and soul winning pastorate, a place of leadership and an influential position in Presbytery. He could come to a no more delightful place. Again we welcome you to the share in this ministry with us.

THE 1932 SEASON

This year is the tenth anniversary of the Ashe Presbyterian. It has grown in a great way. It first appeared in June 1923 and again in December of that year. 1924 had two issues. There were three issues in 1925. Beginning with 1926 there has been four issues each year.

In picture and story the progress of the Kingdom in Ashe County has gone into every State in the Union and into a number of foreign countries. It has made friends for our work inside the county and without. Our progress could not have been so great without the printed page. Printer's ink has surely been blessed of God through the columns of this paper.

If your subscription has expired—please renew. Why not send a dollar and ten names to receive the anniversary numbers. It will be a year of progress and expansion. The paper just now needs an avalanche of subscriptions. Do your part today. You will never regret it. You will make your friends a nice present and we will be happy.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Into the West Jefferson Church, Mrs. Annie Lemly, Virginia Lemly and Ruth Maloney, have been received and cordially welcomed.

SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathy has recently gone out to Miss Laura Grier and her family on account of the passing of her aged and godly mother. Also, to the family of Mr. Gorge Bowlin in the transfer of membership of Mrs. Bowlin from the Peak Creek to the Church Triumphant. Mrs. Bowlin was a charter member of the Peak Creek Church and her home was always open to the ministers or workers of the Church.

Old Clothing for Sale
At Mrs. Crawford's

Old clothing was given by the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Church at Greensboro and by other friends from Charles Town, W. Va. and Reidsville, N. C. Mrs. Crawford of the Obids Presbyterian Church has had a good sale of clothing, and could sell many more if we just had them. We hope all our friends will send us more second hand clothing. Many times we can find just what we need in the country among the clothing bags that are sent. Send clothing to Rev. J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, N. C. to be sold around his churches. Mrs. R. H. Stone also runs a second hand clothing shop at West Jefferson, N. C. If you have things for her send to her address.

Mr. DeWitt Helm Has
Accepted Pastorate

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all depended on God and preaches and works as if all depended on man.

He was born in Wayne County, North Carolina, October 28, 1902. In 1925 he was graduated from Elise High School, and in June 1929 Davidson College gave him his diploma for work faithfully done. In May he will receive his degree of Bachelor of Divinity. What a heritage—Christian parents, a Church high school, a Christian College of international fame and a Seminary known for its piety and fine Biblical scholarship!

Mr. Helm comes to us not as a beginner, but as an experienced minister. During the Sophomore year at Davidson College his shepherd heart found a flock in the mill village of Davidson that was shepherdless. He interested the local Presbyterian Church and the College Y. M. C. A. and under the joint auspices he conducted the work until graduation. At Davidson he was honored with a place on the Y. M. C. A. cabinet.

Before entering the Seminary he supplied the Second Presbyterian church at Mooresville. During one of his Seminary vacations he preached in Bluestone Presbytery, W. Va., and last summer he was getting nearer to Ashe—being in and around Saltville, Va., in Abingdon Presbytery. He has had a good deal of experience in conducting Bible Schools which will fit him for an immediate usefulness in the Christian Chautauqua.

At present he is a member of the Kenly Presbyterian Church and is a candidate for the Gospel Ministry under the care of Granville Presbytery.

Mr. Helm will, in all probability, come before the Presbytery of Winston-Salem meeting in North Wilkesboro on April 12-13 and stand his examination for licensure and ordination.

Telephone Poles to
Pay Church Debt

The little church at Low Gap is still in debt for lumber used in its building. Money is scarce or plentiful—and just not in the hands and pockets of us farming people. At least it is hard to pay off this debt. We can furnish labor, so we are trying to cut telephone poles and turn them into cash. The old tent truck has been fitted up with a borrowed trailer and we have already taken a few loads to North Wilkesboro and as soon as the weather opens up so we can get out with the trailer we shall haul more. "Where there is a will there is a way" is our motto.

Past Christmas Pro-
grams In Churches

There were seven Christmas entertainments held this year in Sunday Schools of Rev. J. W. Luke's charges. Four of these were in Ashe County at the Churches of Obids, Ebenezer, Low Gap and Peak Creek, the other three were held in the Saturday-Sunday Schools just over the line in Wilkes County. The splendid cooperation of teachers of the day school in several of these localities was a great help in these entertainments. The school and the Sunday School entertainments were combined, and the teachers spent some of their time training the children for the entertainment. A new plan was worked in the distribution of gifts. We drew names and you gave to the one whose name you drew out of a hat into which everyone put their names on a piece of paper. Every entertainment had a Christmas tree and Santa Claus found time to visit three of the schools. Much cheer was spread from each entertainment, and we were glad that God sent His Son, that we might have the cheer and gladness of the Christmas time.

New Fence Built At
Peak Creek Church

Last summer people gave some chickens to build a fence around the Presbyterian Church at Peak Creek. The fence is now in place except gates to be hung. This will be done in the near future, as gates and hinges are awaiting the worker's hands. We have grass seed too to sow on the lawn, which we hope to do this spring. The labor of the people in the community is to be commended, and especially that of members coming from the Wilkes side, who stuck faithfully to the job until it was finished.

Low Gap Church
Improving Lawn

Our Wilkes brothers in the faith are good about sharing their shrubbery with us, for they have sent some nice cedar, holly, and laurel trees, (rhododendra), which have been set out in an attractive arrangement on the church yard at Low Gap. A line of small cedars is to be completed along the front walk. Other arrangement of trees and shrubbery, we feel sure, will make Low Gap one of the most beautiful churches in the county of Ashe.

New Testaments Given By Committee

The Superintendent of the three Wilkes Sunday Schools, J. W. Luke, is proud of those who have recited the Catechisms and received New Testaments with their names printed in gold on them. The following are the names of those who have recited these catechisms, and there are others who are getting ready to do the same.

LOGGIN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL—Zada Wayne, Guy Wingler, Mrs. Green Wingler, Beulah F. Wayne, Willie Darnell, Ruby M. Wingler, Ruth V. Wayne, Harry L. Wingler.

MILLER'S SUNDAY SCHOOL—Toy Wingler, Callie I. Wyatt, Ruth M. Miller, Marie R. Huffman, Daisy L. Wyatt, Mollie L. Royal, Worth Miller.

SHEPHERD'S SUNDAY SCHOOL—Virginia Neely, Cleo Osborne, Woodrow W. Neely, Arbutus Wyatt.

Meeting Held At Obids Feb. 21 To March 7th

At the request of the people at the Obids Presbyterian Church a two weeks meeting was held. Rev. R. H. Stone was our preacher. Mr. Stone gave us many inspiring and stirring messages twice daily. We were helped by the presence of the West Jefferson Evangelistic Club at two meetings. These men gave their testimony of what Christ had meant to them. Sunday morning, Feb. 28th we all joined in at the Baptist Church and worshipped with them at their regular appointment. On the night of Feb. 28th we united again in service with the Baptist Church. The meeting was held by the Fleetwood Evangelistic Club, with the assistance of the Old Field Church and the West Jefferson Evangelistic Club. This was one of the most inspiring services we had, for when men put aside creeds and small differences, and unite around the "Lamb that was slain", our Savior, God blesses us with the presence of his Spirit. As a result of the meeting most all of the members of both churches who lived in the community gave themselves in a new consecration to God.

Rev. DeWitt Helm's Visit To The County

On February 14th we enjoyed a visit by Mr. DeWitt Helm who was here as a prospective new preacher in our County. Mr. Helm came from the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. where he is attending school in preparation for the ministry. Every one that met Mr. Helm on this trip expressed themselves as liking him even at a short acquaintance. He found we were busy people too, for by request he preached at Low Gap Sunday morning, made a talk at Sunday School at Ebenezer, and preached at Obids Sunday afternoon. Then he was conveyed to West Jefferson where everyone enjoyed a sermon by him there at the Sunday night service. We were all impressed by Mr. Helm and look forward to his arrival in the near future, to take up His Master's work in our County.

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This year some of our Auxiliaries have done fine work. Lansing and Jefferson added five per cent to their Benevolent contributions. Lansing has for its officers for the coming year, Mrs. Victor Clark, President; Mrs. J. R. Weaver, Vice President; Mrs. J. M. Warren, Secretary; and Mrs. J. O. Blevins, Treasurer. In the Jefferson Auxiliary there were only two changes in the major officers. Mrs. J. D. McNeill is Vice President and Mrs. J. C. Brown is secretary. The West Jefferson officers remain as the current year.

A good delegation is expected to attend the Presbyterial Meeting in Thomsville on April 14-15.

Extend Invitation To The Presbytery

If the Woman's Auxiliary of the Jefferson Church can have its way the Presbytery of Winston-Salem will meet in the Jefferson church for its fall sessions. At a meeting on March the 22nd, it was decided to extend an invitation.

Should Presbytery come a special N. and W. coach will be engaged to carry the Presbytery up for a morning session in the Foster Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Presbytery, we hope you accept this invitation.

Jefferson and Lansing Sunday School Contest

The Jefferson and Lansing Sunday Schools have conducted membership campaigns. The Jefferson campaign closed on March 20th with 107 in attendance. The Lansing campaign closed on March 27th. Each school will have an Easter Egg Hunt on the 28th of March. A through-the-year enthusiasm is needed on the part of Christians. More is involved than a red and blue competition scheme. The forces of unrighteousness are in battle array against the forces of righteousness. It is the devil and his gang against Christ and those who have been saved. Hereafter, forever, let us be enthusiastic for Christ. There is no reason why our Sunday Schools shouldn't have every Sunday the attendance we had during the contests. Let us make it so for Christ.

Lees-McRae College To Conduct Services

On Sunday April 3, at 2 p. m. a deputation of five college students with Prof. L. K. Pritchett of Lees-McRae College will conduct a service in the Lansing Church. That evening at 7:30 p. m. they will conduct the service in the West Jefferson Church. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

"There Was No Room" was presented in the Jefferson, Lansing, and Foster Memorial Churches. An appropriate Christmas exercise was also conducted in the West Jefferson Church.

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Christian Chautauquas Having Glorious Season

The work of evangelism and Vacation Bible Schools is made one and called the "Christian Chautauqua". In Ashe County there are two tents and two corps of workers.

Rev. John W. Luke is in charge of one of the tents and he makes the following glowing report of his work:

Eight meetings were in the schedule for the summer of 1932. The first was begun May 9th and the last one ends Sept. 18th. At the present time five of these meetings have been held and we are now in the sixth at Peak Creek.

Miller's School, in Wilkes County, was the opening meeting for the summer—May 9-22. Rev. T. W. Clapp, of Plum Tree, N. C., was the visiting evangelist. This was the first Chautauqua held here—but a very successful one. The teachers were Miss Zadie Smith, Greensboro, Mrs. Evelyn Brown, Boone, and Rev. J. W. Luke. A new feature was an Adult Bible Class taught by Mr. Clapp.

The next Chautauqua was at Ebenezer and Rev. J. L. McBride, Statesville, was the preacher. Mr. Luke was assisted by Misses DeEtte Crawford, Obids, and Miss Margaret Smith of Lexington. The "Old Gospel Truck", driven by Iredell Sheets, hauled children from Glendale Springs.

The tent was next pitched at Low Gap and Rev. D. F. Helm was the evangelist. The teachers were Misses Mary Shaw, Wagram, Margaret Smith and Rev. J. W. Luke. At this meeting the pastor resigned his pastorate in favor of Rev. D. F. Helm. Again the truck was used in transporting children from a distant community.

Now for another trip to Wilkes and the tent was pitched at Loggins School House. Rev. R. S. Carson, Mooreville did the preaching. Miss Louise Faucette, Bristol, joined Miss Shaw and Mr. Luke in the Bible School faculty. There was an increase in attendance over last year.

Obids was the next scheduled meeting. Mr. Helm began the preaching. Rev. J. E. B. Houser, Jefferson, preached once and on the sixth day Rev. Chas. E. Clarke, Winston-Salem, came and continued the services. The Bible School was conducted by Rev. and Mrs. Helm, Miss Shaw and Rev. J. W. Luke. There was splendid cooperation and the best Bible School ever conducted there.

The tent was moved after the delightful meeting at Obids to Peak Creek and now the meeting is in progress with Rev. H. R. McFayden, Pinetops, N. C., the minister. Miss Laura Price, Winston-Salem, and Miss Shaw are helping Mr. Luke with the teaching.

It is delightful for us who are serving the Saviour in these meetings. We look into the bright eyes of hundreds of little children, we shake the hands of hundreds of people, there are many kind words passed and many meals eaten with friends, two or three thousand children are hauled on the "Gospel Truck" to and from the tent, hundreds of songs sung, many invitations given to accept Christ, many personal interviews in the interest of men's souls, taking down,

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Rev. and Mrs. Helm Begin Their Work

On a lovely Friday in June a bride and groom terminated a happy honeymoon in West Jefferson. Next day they came to face the joy of the reality of making a home. A house was found and Rev. and Mrs. D. F. Helm were located.

The next day a great one—it was the new minister's ordination day. In the West Jefferson Church in presence of his own people and many visitors the Commission of Presbytery, consisting of Revs. C. W. Robinson, Chairman, Chas. E. Clarke, C. W. Ervin and Elders E. G. Finley and E. A. McNeill, ordained and



Our bride—Mrs. Blanche DeBuck Helm, of West Jefferson. Mrs. Helm formerly lived in Saltville, Va., is a graduate of Emory and Henry College and had taught in the Richlands (Virginia) High School.

installed the pastor-elect. In the afternoon he was installed pastor of the Obids Church.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Helm have already made a host of friends and have greatly endeared themselves to many. In addition to these churches Mr. Helm is having pastoral oversight of the Low Gap Church. Being a forger-ahead he has sponsored the organization of a Sunday School at Faw School House on Beaver Creek.

The summer has found the new centers occupied with a succession of Christian Chautauquas. In all of these affairs of the Kingdom Mrs. Helm is a leading spirit.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ORGANIZED

On August 7th Rev. D. F. Helm sponsored the organization of a Sunday School in the Faw School House on Beaver Creek. There were fifty-seven in attendance. After the organization Mr. Helm preached there. He plans to give them a regular service.

Local teachers were elected to teach and superintend the Sunday School. In accord with its honored and helpful custom the Presbyterian Committee of Publication made a donation of the literature for the first quarter.

Since the last issue many friends have sent in their subscriptions and others have sent their used clothing for the store. Both have helped greatly and we hope others will follow their example.

Demand for Church on Little Horse Creek

The second Chautauqua in one of the tents was held on Little Horse Creek on the property of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ham. Large congregations were present from the beginning. The teachers were, Misses Kathryn Hunt, Director Lois Calhoun, Maxie Weaver and Mrs. Raymond Francis.

The meeting began on Wednesday night and on Sunday morning Dr. E. E. Gillespie, of Greensboro, began preaching and continued through Tuesday of the following week. He preached the Word of God most acceptably. Being persuaded that there is a need for a Presbyterian Church in that section the following petition was signed and will be presented to the Presbytery of Winston-Salem, which will meet in the Jefferson Church on September 6th.

"We, the undersigned, do hereby request that a Presbyterian Church be organized in the community where the Christian Chautauqua is now being held on Little Horse Creek. If organized we pledge ourselves to become charter members:

"Mary Anna Stansberry, Clara M. Elliott, Floss Miler, Vance Miller, Mary Sapp, Lizzie Stansberry, Grace Stansberry, Eula Kilby, Floyd Carpenter, Rosa Carpenter, Conly Thompson, Nara Thompson, Edith Calhoun, Aulsie Carpenter, Irene Carpenter, W. R. Calhoun Callie Blevins, Mae Ham, Ethel Ham, Paris Calhoun, Walter Calhoun, Lizzie Lyall, Pearl Calhoun, Jesse E. Osborne, Mrs. McK. Ham, McKinley Ham and Opal Lyall."

Rev. R. H. Stone will serve this congregation for a time and his plan is to erect a house of worship and organize the congregation during the year.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Again and again the joy of Heaven must have been great as people have turned from their sins to the Saviour. Ashe congregations have shared in this and it was their joy to receive those into their membership and a cordial welcome was also accorded those who came by a transfer of membership.

The following have been received into:

The Foster Memorial Church—by profession of faith and baptism—Mrs. Maggie Little, Theodore Bonham, Alldean Clark, Delta Hartzog, Nara Graham, Ruby Graham, Frances Caudill and by statement Mrs. Laura Ham and Mrs. Laura Dolinger.

The Jefferson Church by profession of faith and baptism—Charles Herbert Walters, Newton G. Elliott, Margaret May Eller, Robert Davis McNeill (by profession), John Foster Blevins, Howard Eldreth, Earl Eldreth, Jefferson Elliott; by statement—John Mullis, Mrs. Maggie C. Eller, Lessie Eller and Glenn Mullis.

The Lansing Church by profession: Dale S. Gentry, Myrtle Weaver and Mrs. Gaither Stansberry; by profession and baptism Mrs. Dale Gentry, Ada Viola Styke, Rose Francis, Clark Welch, Joe Allen Warren, Oscar Ray Blevins, James

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EDITORIAL

THE CHAUTAUQUA PULPIT

It is a compliment to the ministry of the Southern Presbyterian Church that so many good and great preachers are willing to leave their own pastorates and conduct evangelistic services in our tents. This indicates a real passion for soul winning and also shows that they are true to the great purpose and end of their call to service in the ministry of the glorious Gospel of the Son of God.

We guard zealously the Chautauqua pulpit. Only men of an approved scholarship, piety and zeal are asked to preach. The standard of excellence is kept at such a high pitch that it is getting to be a compliment to the one asked to preach.

Ashe County is to be congratulated that such a succession of ministers come to the mountains and plead for righteousness and an acceptance of Christ. Doubtless no county within a wide radius can boast of so many men of distinction and renown coming to her borders for the same great, high purpose within the same or a longer period of time.

THE CHAUTAUQUA TEACHER

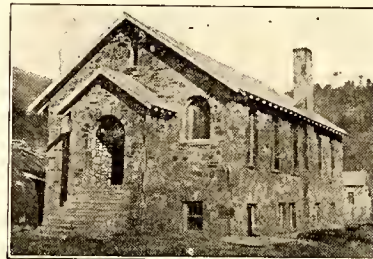
Each year the Chautauquas are getting better from the standpoint of teaching. Never was a group more successful in securing a teaching staff. Some of this year's force have had quite a bit of experience in this work. In addition to a personal experience much new knowledge and many new methods are being brought to the classes in the Chautauquas.

Those who teach are thoroughly Christian and render a beautiful and sacrificial service. Fortunate is the family that can trust the young life of their home to our Chautauqua teachers. Blessed is the county that each summer has within it such consecrated, attractive personalities guiding the youth in the paths of righteousness.

Recognition must be made of the faithful service as a minister of Capt. John F. Anderson. The Chautauqua program takes very often the pastors away from their pulpits. Sunday after Sunday Capt. Anderson has preached to our congregations.

LABOURERS TOGETHER WITH GOD

We knew and we know that God wanted a church at Nella. It isn't God's way to fashion one in heaven and place it on a building site. Human agents are used—and a great host of them from many different states. Some toiled with their hands and teams—some gave materials—some gave money, some checks and some sent Post Office Money Orders—and many prayed.



The cup of joy has overflowed many a time and in addition to those heretofore published as having made contributions to the Foster Memorial Presbyterian Church we are happy to acknowledge to the world that the following have in this venture become "labourers together with God" through their fine gifts: Rev. J. H. Grey, of Bedford, Va., a former minister in this county; Dr. Thos. Cary Johnson, a beloved Theological professor of Ashe's three Presbyterian ministers, of Richmond, Va.; Mr. C. P. Robertson, of Stoneville, N. C.; Miss Jessie McLean, of N. C. C. W., Greensboro; the following from Winston-Salem—Mrs. Bert L. Bennett, Mr. C. M. Norfleet, Jr., Mrs. P. T. Hay, Mr. R. W. Nading, the J. M. Rogers Bible Class of the First Presbyterian Church, Mrs. V. M. Long, Young People of the Reynolda Church, Miss Margaret Mickle and Mr. E. S. Reynolds; Mrs. John L. King, of Greensboro; Mrs. R. W. Gwynn, of North Wilkeshoro; Mr. E. P. Kinzel, of Abingdon, Va., and Mr. T. P. Johnston, Salisbury, N. C.

What a blessing they have been and how we have thanked God for their timely help. Each gift it seemed came in an emergency "just when we needed it most". Our obligations are now

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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Eller Rhodes, Hattie T. Ham, Horace Styke, Ford Powers, Wayne Blevins and Esther Hart; by statement—Lee Ham. The Obids Church—Banner Miller, Connard McNeill, Mrs. Connard McNeill and Mrs. Glenn Parsons.

The Low Gap Church—Dewey Jenkins, Mrs. Lena Elizabeth Jenkins and Pauline Lyall.

The Peak Creek Church from Miller's Chautauqua—Bud Dancy, John Royal, Mrs. Cone Miller, Hattie Darnell, Daisy Lee Wyatt, Toy Wingler, Cone Miller, Collie Wyatt, Eula Wyatt, Florence Kilby, Maggie Royal and Lockie Miller.

The Peak Creek Church from the Loggin's Chautauqua—Fay Wyatt, Warren H. Bumgarner, Mrs. Mamie Atwood, Fred Wyatt, Monroe Royal, Richard Royal, Amos Osborne, Mrs. Amos Osborne and Mary Brown.

The West Jefferson Church—Tom Brady, Hattie Younce, James Dale Taylor, Kyle Richardson, Mrs. D. F. Helm, Joc Sheets and Effie Tracy. The revival at West Jefferson is yet in progress and we hope this is incomplete.

GROWTH

Often we are asked how many Presbyterians there are in Ashe County. The Assembly's Minutes show that in 1922-23 there were reported 78 members in four churches. In this year the Assembly's Minutes show that those four churches have become eight and the membership is 457. Add to that 95 that have been received this year and we have 552.

For the year ending March 1921 two Sunday Schools were reported with a membership of 92. For the year ending March 1932 there were eight Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 555. This, of course, does not include the Faw School House School and one is yet to be organized on Little Horse Creek.

about \$600.00 and we cordially invite and gently urge others to unite with those who have had a part in erecting this lovely little temple of worship and service.

PARTIAL RESULTS OF 1932 CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUAS	Enrollment	Attendance*	Average Daily Attendance	Perfect Attendance	Chapters Read In Bible	New Members	EVANGELIST
MILLER'S SCHOOL	109	87	64	15		12	Rev. T. W. Clapp
EBENEZER	122	97	66	25			Rev. J. L. McBride
LOW GAP	90	66	60	29		2	Rev. D. F. Helm
LOGGINS	57	30	25	10		9	Rev. R. S. Carson
OBIDS	172	138	105	50		4	Rev. Chas. E. Clarke
PEAK CREEK							Rev. H. R. McFayden
LAUREL FORKS							Rev. J. W. McFall
SHEPHERD'S SCHOOL							Rev. D. F. Helm
FOSTER MEMORIAL	97	83	71	36	1955	9	Rev. D. G. Greenhoe
LITTLE HORSE CREEK	135	88	75	25	1373	23	Dr. E. E. Gillespie
JEFFERSON	166	133	115	49	449	12	Rev. J. G. Patton, Jr.
LANSING	137	107	87	45	1096	16	Dr. J. R. McGregor
WEST JEFFERSON	184	156	126	70		8	Dr. J. E. Hemphill
HELTON							Rev. D. S. McCarty
TOTALS	1267	985	794	357	4873	95	

*Attendance means those who attended three days and more. You will note that three Chautauquas have not been held.

HAVING GLORIOUS SEASON

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packing up, hauling and putting up the tent. It is a hustling, bustling life in the beautiful mountains, yet we enjoy it most of all for Christ is leading us.

The other tent is in the portion of the county in which Rev. R. H. Stone works and in West Jefferson, the home of Mr. Helm. Miss Kathryn Hunt, Richmond, is the Director of the Bible Schools. Beginning at Foster Memorial on May 22nd a fine Chautauqua was held. Rev. D. G. Greenhoe, Lodi, Va., was the visiting evangelist. Miss Hunt was assisted by Misses Maxie Weaver and Ruby Dolinger and Mesdames Guy Spencer and Raymond Francis.

On June 8th the Chautauqua went pioneering into new territory on Little Horse Creek. Dr. E. E. Gillespie was the evangelist. The teachers were Misses Hunt, Weaver, Lois Calhoun, Wedowee, Ala, and Mrs. Francis.

Thence to Jefferson for two weeks beginning June 26th. Rev. Jas. G. Patton, Jr., Abingdon, Va., was the visiting minister. The teachers were Misses Hunt, Weaver, Calhoun and Marjorie, Witaker, of Asheboro and Mesdames Raymond Francis and D. F. Helm. Mrs. R. H. Stone played the piano for this and the remaining Chautauquas.

Lansing came next. On July 13th Rev. W. A. Patton preached the opening sermon. On the following Monday Dr. J. R. McGregor, Lexington, N. C., came as the evangelist. Teachers: Misses Hunt, Calhoun, Weaver, Blanche Goss, Lansing, Sarah Francis Martin, Winston-Salem, Mildred Perkins, Roanoke, Va., and Mrs. Raymond Francis.

Evangelistic Team No. 8, Mr. Walter Nading, Captain, were with us in three Chautauquas and conducted five services at Foster Memorial, Jefferson and Lansing. One service was held in the other tent at Obids. Also they conducted a service in the prison camp at Warrensville.

July 31st opened the Chautauqua at West Jefferson with the opening sermon by the pastor—Rev. D. F. Helm. August 1st brought Dr. J. Edwin Hemphill, of Petersburg, Va., to the Chautauqua pulpit. The teachers in the Bible School are Misses Hunt, Calhoun, Goss, Irene Richardson, Jefferson, Eva Lillain Maloney, West Jefferson, Frances Chatham and Elizabeth Motsinger, both of Winston-Salem, and Mrs. D. F. Helm.

As we go to press the meeting is in progress with one to follow at Helton.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BIRTHDAY

Singing "We're Marching to Zion" the Sunday School at Foster Memorial came marching into the church on the day it was a year old. Fitting exercises had been planned for the occasion and were held after the regular Sunday School hour on July 3rd. After some special songs each teacher made a report of her class. One reported that four of her class had united with the church and that five had read their New Testaments through. In the report of Mr. N. W. Graham he said "The Sunday School is the place where I can do my little part for the Lord... The purpose of the Sunday School is to spread the Gospel."

The faithful officers and teachers are working splendidly in their Sunday School. The secretary reported that for the year there had been an average attendance of 52.

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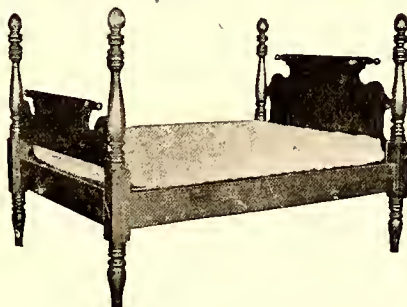
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Clifford Little, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Little of the Jefferson Church. Clifford has recently recited the Child's Catechism and has received his Testament from the Presbyterian Committee of Publication. Rena Wright, a young member of The Lausling Church, has also recited the Child's Catechism and is entitled to her Testament.

ELDER JOHN BURGESS

April the 30th was a great day for a good man. On that afternoon Mr. John Burgess, after a lingering illness, met his Saviour face to face. What a meeting it must have been! A fearless and consecrated elder for thirty-five years—the first Ashe County man of these generations to unite with the Presbyterian Church—a man of prayer and of faith, a soul of service, who could at any time say, "Come Lord Jesus, come quickly."

An appreciation of his life and work was attempted at the funeral service conducted in Ebenezer Church, where he had served so long. His body was carried to the grave by a group of his fellow elders.

A number of his brethren who admired and greatly loved him were riding together from the cemetery. They were thinking and talking of him who had gone to see his name in the Lamb's Book of Life. One very appropriately began to say:

"And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,
That bringeth forth his fruit in his season,
His leaf also shall not wither;
And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

TO MEET IN JEFFERSON

The Nineteenth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Winston-Salem will be held in the Jefferson Church on September 6th beginning at 11:00 a. m. The opening sermon will be preached by the retiring Moderator—the Rev. Chas. E. Clarke, pastor of the Geo. W. Lee Memorial Church.

Presbytery will be invited to visit the Foster Memorial Church and to hold there its morning session of the 7th.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ORGANIZED IN WILKES

The tent was erected about a mile from the Shepherd's Schoolhouse on a little hill side in one end of Mr. Thom Wyatt's hean patch. Rev. J. D. Smith, of Pilot Mountain was the evangelist for this meeting which was one of the best we had held in the summer. The Bible School was run by Rev. J. W. Luke with the assistance of Mrs. Barker who was teaching school at Shepherds, and Miss Alma Cassady of Davidson, N. C. Miss Virginia Hart also helped for three days, until Miss Cassady arrived.

The secretaries report of the meeting was as follows. There were 42 who came three days and over. The average attendance was 35, and the perfect attendance was 22.

The result of the meeting was good. Prother Smith preached with his usual conviction and clearness. There were about twenty in all who made profession, and many who reconsecrated their lives to the Master. Thirteen united with the Presbyterian church, four of whom came by letter or restatement of their faith. A petition was written for those who would become charter members of a Presbyterian church in the community. There were 56 who signed it. Those who signed were the group of Christians who united last summer and this summer, from both the Loggins and the Shepherd School House communities. About two others signed to become members when the church was organized.

Presbytery answered our petition in the affirmative and appointed a commission to organize the church at Shepherd's School. Before this organization there were only three other Presbyterian churches in Wilkes, Wilkesboro, North Wilkesboro and a colored church at Fairplanes. The commission consisted of Revs. J. D. Smith, Moderator, C. W. Robertson, R. H. Stone, and E. E. Gillespie who came on invitation. The Elders serving on the commission were Geo. W. Bowlin, D. C. Bare, A. A. Finley, and E. A. McNeill. A large crowd heard Dr. E. E. Gillespie preach in the morning, and then a delicious dinner was served by the ladies of the church and the community. The evening service consisted of a sermon by Rev. J. D. Smith, and the organization of the church. The following elders and deacons were elected and installed. Elders, Ben Osborn, and Raymond Wyatt. Deacons, J. A. Royal, Elijah Winger, and Glenn Wyatt.

Some of you who read this article perhaps would like to know just where Shepherd's Schoolhouse is. As you come out from North Wilkesboro, N. C. and head toward the Blue Ridge Mountains, you will come to a road which turns off of highway 16, and follows one of the head branches of the Reddies River. After you have forded the stream about three times and followed the beautiful little river about six miles, you will come to a little schoolhouse, nestled against the towering Blue Ridge. In this schoolhouse the Church was organized, and we hope it will be a great

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MISS O'NEALL BECOMES YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKER

In L'Envoi, Kipling wrote something like this:

"And no one shall work for money,
And no one shall work for fame,
But each for the joy of the doing,
And each in his separate star
Shall draw the thing as he sees it
For the God of things as they are."

It has come true in at least two personalities. One is the late Charles Proteus Steinmetz—a great electrical wizard—and the other is Miss Katherine O'Neill, of Lansing, N. C. Miss O'Neill resigned an apparently ideal position as



MISS KATHERINE O'NEALL

Dean of Girls at King College, Bristol, and accepted a non-remunerative (in monetary values) position as a number of the Presbyterian Worker's Staff.

She is from Greenville, S. C., and is a graduate of Winthrop College, and has additional degrees from Biblical Seminary and New York University. Her heart has been and is in constructive work for Christ. Doing this she is satisfied. Unless she is—she is miserable. Her work is largely with the Young People at Lansing and Foster Memorial, the Sunday Schools at Lansing and Little Horse Creek, and the Auxiliaries at Lansing and Foster Memorial. The Lansing P. Y. P. L. has taken on new life and vigor and a Presbyterian Young People's League organization is in process at Foster Memorial. When the church on Little Horse Creek is organized and in its own building she will have additional work there.

The people have most cordially welcomed her and since the beautiful October day of her arrival she has already added a host to her prized store of acquaintances. She is doing a superb work.

The people of Lansing entertain her and she makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Victor Clark. The Men of the Church and the Jefferson congregation sponsor expense of the Presbytery's car.

CURRENT HAPPENINGS ON LITTLE HORSE CREEK

To a great extent a church is going up on Little Horse Creek in the old fashioned way. A number of Christians petitioned the Presbytery of Winston-Salem for an organization, which was granted in September. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ham, of Lansing gave a handsome building site (100x115 feet) from choice meadow land. This is seven miles from Lansing.

People pledged labor, teams and material. Mr. and Mrs. Smith Blevins gave us some hemlock logs—some of which were one hundred and forty years old. Mr. and Mrs. John Hampton gave a number of chestnut trees—sufficient to frame the roof. We have gone into the woods and got them and carried them to the mill. Free labor and teams have done the excavating and much of the hauling. In the next issue a complete list of all the men who have worked will be published. Such a list now would be large, but incomplete.

Mr. Chas. M. Norfleet gave us our first check which gave an excellent start. Then the Belk Foundation came to our rescue and is enabling us to carry on as we go to press.

The building will be two stories and is being built on the plan of the Foster Memorial Church. It will be rock and brick veneer construction. The size is approximately 30 x 50.

This is centrally located to a large territory inhabited by a fine group of people, who saw their need of a modern church with a modern program. This church will strive to answer that need. At present a Sunday School is being taught in the Sugar Grove School. On the first Sunday in December (if the weather permits almost continuous construction) the Sunday School will be organized in the Church.

Beginning on Nov. 20th in the White Oak School Dr. E. E. Gillespie will begin an eight day series of evangelistic services. The opening meeting is at 7:00 P. M. The public is cordially invited to worship at this place graciously tendered by the local school committeemen and by the County Board of Education.

In the afternoon of Nov. 27th the church will be organized by the Commission consisting of Revs. W. T. Baker, C. W. Robinson, E. E. Gillespie, D. F. Helm and J. W. Luke and Elders Victor Clark and E. A. McNeill.

The prayers of the people are requested for the construction of the building, for the church that it may serve in a way which is pleasing to God and for the salvation of souls during the meeting.

At Barium Springs our Church has 310 children. Of course times are hard and Barium has felt the depression for several years. What we give through the budget does not pay the expenses of that great institution. They depend on the Thanksgiving offering. Let us make a large cash offering at our various Thanksgiving services. Why not sacrifice something?

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"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."—Ps. 103: 1-2.

What is better than an inventory of the things for which we are grateful? In addition to the manifold blessings that we have gotten personally and nationally there are some special joys that our readers who love the Lord will share with us. Three additional workers have come to our staff of workers—Rev. and Mrs. D. F. Helm and Miss Katherine O'Neill. What a boon these are to the progress of our work.

We are grateful that God can use our church as a channel of blessing and as a means of extending His Kingdom. At Presbytery this year two Commissions reported two churches organized—one of which is in Ashe. Presbytery appointed three commissions to organize churches—two of which are in Ashe and the other is a point developed by Rev. J. W. Luke.

We are grateful for the renewed spirit of evangelism that is abroad and is gripping our churches. Under the blessing of God 1933—the Evangelistic year—is to be a great one for this. **PRAY—PLAN—WITNESS.**

We are grateful for one of the best Christian Chautauqua seasons we have ever had. The complete results are only recorded in heaven. In the Bible School Department 1665 were enrolled with an attendance of 1257. The average attendance was 1024. 463 attended perfectly. Nearly 12,000 chapters of the Bible were read. The additions to our churches number about 150 since May 15th.

The faithfulness of those upon whom you depend and with and for whom you work is always a cause of abiding gratitude. And in every congregation there will be found those who are loyal to the Lord Jesus and His interests.

May our inventories this glad season bring us closer to God. May a rich experience in grace be ours as we count our blessings one by one and see what God has done.

**PRESIDENT OF THE CROSSNORE
SCHOOL TO SPEAK AT PEAK CREEK**

It had been the custom in the past, for all the Presbyterian Churches of Ashe County to unite in one central church for Thanksgiving service and dinner. This year because of the growth of our churches, we thought it wise to divide the churches into three groups, each group uniting at some central church in their midst for their service. The following churches are asked to unite in service at Peak Creek on Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Day: Ebenezer, Low Gap, Peak Creek, Laurel Forks, and Shepherd's School. Our Speaker for the service is Rev. C. McCoy Franklin, president of Crossnore School. Mr. Franklin was raised a mountain boy, worked his way to pay expenses at Berea College, and has come back to his own people to preach and to give them the advantages of education through Crossnore School. Mr. Franklin is not only a splendid preacher of the gospel, but a well known entertaining speaker. The writer will never forget the beautiful descriptions, the mimicry of birds, the scenery about his mountain home of his boyhood days, as was given in an address by our speaker some years ago. Do not miss this speaker, you can afford coming twenty-five miles to hear him speak. Mr. Franklin is well known over the radio.

Our services will begin at 10:30 Thursday morning. All who attend are asked to be prepared to give a short testimony of the blessings they are thankful for, also prepare to make an offering for our orphans at Barium Springs. The scripture tells us to give as we are able, and it says "Inasmuch as you do it unto the least of these you do it unto me". All those who wish to give produce can bring anything you may care to give, chickens, cabbage, potatoes, corn, there will be a truck waiting for anything you may bring.

Everyone is to bring a lunch for Thanksgiving dinner, and after dinner, the men and women are to gather in separate groups. We are then to hear another address by Rev. C. McCoy Franklin.

Due to the fact it is very hard for those from Shepherd's School and around Millers to get to Peak Creek, Mr. Franklin has promised to speak at Shepherd's Schoolhouse on the night of Thanksgiving at 7 o'clock, where an offering for the orphans will be received.

As the Pilgrim Fathers of old, let us come together on this day and "GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR ALL HIS BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS".

SCHOOLS OF MISSIONS

The Woman's Auxiliary of the W. J. Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a week of study and prayer which is led by the pastor. The program each evening consists of a 15 minute devotional period on some phase of Home Mission work and an hour of study. Dr. W. B. Morrison's book "The Red Man's Trail" is being used as a text.

In the week following December 4th a Church School of Missions will be conducted in the Lansing Church. The approved study books will be used. This is inspired by the local Auxiliary.

**CHARLIE WEAVER A
CANDIDATE FOR MINISTRY**

During the morning session of the Presbytery of Winston-Salem meeting in the Jefferson Church on September 6th Charlie Weaver came under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel ministry. Charles is a member of the Lansing Church and is now in his second year at Lees-McRae College. He plans to enter the Junior Class of Davidson College next Fall and later to enter Union Seminary. We predict a great ministry for this excellent young man.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

The men of Ohids, Jefferson and West Jefferson Churches are planning services Thanksgiving for their group in the West Jefferson Church on Nov. 24th. There will be a popular Thanksgiving program at 10:30 which will be followed by a sermon and an offering for Barium Springs Orphanage. Immediately afterward a dinner of box lunches will be spread in the Church basement.

In the afternoon the men and women will separate for inspirational services on the subject of Evangelism. Each group will have forum discussion on plans and possibilities for making 1933 a year of unparalleled Evangelistic endeavor.

The people of Lansing and congregations of the Foster Memorial and the Little Horse Creek Churches will have a union meeting in the Lansing Church beginning at 10:30 A. M. Dr. Gillespie and Mr. Cook, the new Methodist minister, will have leading parts in the service. A picnic dinner will be served after which inspirational meetings are planned for men and women. The men will use the November program of the Men of the Church.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOMED

West Jefferson: Mrs. Ballard Faw, Messrs. Walter Nye and Challie Royall.

Ohids: Mrs. Fay M. Williams and Minnie Johnston.

Low Gap: Misses Mahel Oliver, Opal Burgess, Juanita Darnell, Reba Bare, Francis and Stella Lambert; Mrs. Effie Darnell, Tempa Oliver, Mary Lambert and Fettle Liddle; Messrs Thomas Jenkins, Bruce Huffman, Vance Jenkins, Mont Darnell, Abram Oliver, Winston Atwood, and Misses Lanier and Eula Farrington, who were transferred from the Ebenezer Church.

Lansing: Prof. Raymond Ashley.
Foster Memorial: Miss Gladys Dolinger.

Laurel Forks: Mr. Hiram Woodie, Mr. F. J. Pendry, Mrs. F. J. Penry, Mr. Lonnie Wyatt, Mrs. Lonnie Wyatt, Boyd Watt, Hubert Cox, Mr. Ola Long, Mrs. Ola Long, Mr. Odell Key, Mrs. Odell Keys, Mrs. D. J. Demmett, Mrs. Zola Cox, Zempha Wyatt.

Shepherd's Schoolhouse: Ruth Wyatt, Gwyn Royal, Glen Wyatt, Coy Royal, Mrs. Coy Royal, Maynard Royal, Ruby Wyatt, Ethel Watt, Nellie Royal, Mrs. Roe Wyatt, Mrs. Thom Wyatt, Lula Wyatt, Monroe Wyatt, Reid Royal.

Peak Creek: Miss Mary Broun.

WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

What a host of them are in school and college this year! Elizabeth Bowie, of West Jefferson, is in Brenau College. Russel Parr is at N. C. State College. Irene Richardson, of Jefferson, is in the Assembly's Training School. Maxie Weaver is attending King College. Grace Stuart is at Maryville and an assistant in chemistry. At Appalachian State Teacher's College we find Tracy Ballou, Blaine Miller, Merle Graybeal and Blanche Carter—all of the Lansing congregation. Going to Lees-McRae College we find Vivian Parsons, of Obids, and Charlie Weaver, of Lansing. The register at Glade Valley shows the following from Obids: Bruce Harless, Iredell Sheets and Katherine Woody; from Ebenezer: Gladys Bare, Johnsie Roten and Josie Roten; from Peak Creek: Edna Woody and Roger Woody; from Foster Memorial: Ruth Ham; from Low Gap: Rebecca Darnell; from Shepherd's School Church: Lucy Wyatt, Bill Osborn, Richard Osborn, Ted Wyatt, Britt Wyatt, Clara Vannoy, Ola Wyatt, Ruby Wyatt, Ruby Wingler, Georgia Wingler, Tamar Wingler, Cleo Neely.

Hobert Sheets is in Daleville High School.

Our churches are furnishing their quota of girls for nurses: Emma Jackson, Obids, is in training at Watt's Hospital; Ruby Bare and Blanche Calloway, Ebenezer, are in hospitals in training at Washington, D. C.

MEETING AT FAW'S SCHOOLHOUSE

The Long-hoped-for breaking of the summer drought was only one of the blessings enjoyed by our people during the week Sept. 18.25. Each evening, when not hindered by a downpour of rain, Rev. D. F. Helm preached to large, attentive audiences and the Spirit honored us with His blessing. Visible results of the meeting were three adult professions and the reconsecration of two other adults who had formerly been members of the Church.

GIFTS TO FOSTER MEMORIAL

Bless their hearts! They helped the Lord answer our prayers, to reduce our indebtedness on the Foster Memorial Church. We gladly publish their names on our roll of honor: Miss Edna G. Maslin, Mr. C. M. Norfleet, Mrs. Alex T. Sloan, Mr. W. R. Martin and Mrs. S Clay Williams, of Winston-Salem; the Brady Printing Co., Statesville; two friends, Dr. Jas. F. Hardie, Charlotte; and Mr. T. B. Stone, Los Angeles, Calif.

We need yet others to join this tribe of helpers.

LOW GAP MEETING

A most encouraging series of Evangelistic services were held in the Low Gap Church Oct. 29th, Nov. 11 with a visible result of fourteen additions to the Church by profession, four by letter or statement and a decided quickening of the Spiritual life of the Church.

Rev. W. E. Hill Jr. of Hopewell, Va., did the preaching after the third day. His direct, earnest, soul-searching presentation of Scriptural truths won the hearts of our people and left us praying that God will direct him our way again.

CHURCH ORGANIZED IN WILKES

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event in history of that community. This church has never been named yet, for we wish to give it a name which will be beautiful and spiritual. If any who read this article have a name to suggest, we will consider any name you wish to send in. While you are sending a name in to J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, N. C., there is something else you may like to do. Before the writer there is a home drawn plan for a small church which will give adequate space for the crowds of the community. The Lord has given us piles of rock lying about in the streams and their banks—and what sand there is handy! It would be a sin not to use it. Timber grows upon the shoulders of the mountains which we can log with oxen teams. When you send in the suggested name for our church, would you like to help us build it too? Would you like to help us cut the giants of the forest and shape them into timber? Would you like to help us take the idle rocks of the stream and put them into a building for the Glory of God? Any communication or aid you may wish to send, may be sent to J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, N. C. We will tell more of the progress of this building in the next issue, also the name by which it shall be christened.

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LAUREL FORKS CHURCH ORGANIZED AND READY TO BUILD

On the thirty-first of August Rev. J. W. McFall closed a meeting in our tent at Laurel Forks, N. C. His preaching was clear and forcible and was blessed. A splendid Bible School was held at the same time in the morning hours. The Bible School was run by Rev. J. W. Luke accompanied by the teachers of the Laurel Forks public school and Miss Mary Shaw. The Public School had started here, yet with the splendid cooperation of the community and the teachers, the Bible School ran two hours each morning. The steady attendance from the very first to the close of the school was remarkable. There were 53 who came three days and over. Forty-eight was the average attendance. The results of the meeting were about twenty-five making profession, a petition to Presbytery for organization of a church signed by thirty Christians, and nine who were received into the Presbyterian Church during the meeting. The petition was granted and a commission consisting of Revs. J. W. McFall, G. W. Robertson, D. F. Helm, and Elders Geo. W. Bowlin, J. C. Crawford and Jesse Baker, met Sept. 25th and organized the church. The organization took place in the schoolhouse where the church is meeting for its services.

Brother Hiram Woodie was elected and installed as elder, and Brother Ola Long was elected and installed as Deacon.

These newly organized folks were not satisfied until a little later they organized a Sunday School and appointed Brother C. Pendry as Superintendent.

Neither is the community satisfied without a church building. Some years ago there was a Baptist Church in the community. This burned, leaving a community without a church, without a Sunday School, and without an active organization. We are now making plans for the building of a church. Visible plans seem slow, yet we are glad to report that things are working toward the accomplishment of a church building in the near future. If any who read this article wish to know more of the particulars of the building of this church, and would be interested in having a share in its erection we would be glad if you will write to J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, N. C.

As this article goes to press, we have some late good news. The community has been canvassed and a subscription of about \$80.00 has been promised, also lumber and a plot of land has been offered us by the Auten heirs who own land in the community. Enthusiasm is now high for progress. If you want to give us a push, now is the time. Drawn plans which we shall use are now before us. Every bit that is sent to us at this important time, will give us new momentum in the completion of this work of the Master's.

MEN HOLD FINE MEETING

One of the best and best attended meetings the Men of the Presbyterian Churches of Ashe County have ever had was held in the Jefferson Church recently. The topic was evangelism—the program of the Men of the Church. The meeting was held at night and a number who could not otherwise attend had a part in the program.

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GILLESPIE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS ORGANIZED

After an eight day series of services held in the White Oak School building by Dr. E. E. Gillespie the following members of the Commission to organize a church on Little Horse Creek met on Nov. 27th: Revs. C. W. Robinson, Chairman, E. E. Gillespie, D. F. Helm and

THANKSGIVING DAY OBSERVED BY ASHE PRESBYTERIANS

Departing from the custom that was getting to be time-honored instead of one central meeting four churches held services on Thanksgiving Day. The larger number that were enabled to attend proved that the experiment was a good one.

CHRISTMAS PLANS FOR OUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

As Christmas comes again, plans are being made for the celebration of the happiest event of the year. The Foster Memorial Presbyterian Church will present the pageant, "The Prince of Peace" on Thursday night, December 22. For a number of years, it has been cus-



Liders E. A. McNeill and Victor Clark. Commission was organized and proceeded to organize the Church.

After the petitioners had been constituted a church the congregation elected After the sermon by Dr. Gillespie the the following officers: Conley Thompson, Elder, Vance Miller and Walter Calhoun, Deacons. They were ordained and installed.

A motion was made that the new congregation be named the Gillespie Presbyterian Church in honor of Dr. E. E. Gillespie. A vigorous protest was made by Dr. Gillespie, who suggested several other suitable names. But the desire to show an abiding appreciation for a great work by a great man was spontaneous and the motion prevailed.

To the twenty-seven names on the petition for organization the following are added becoming charter members: Misses Vivian Blevins, Esther Carpenter and Farley Ham (reception by profession of their faith and baptism), Miss Esther Hart and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Calhoun (by letter and statement) and Edward Hart by a reaffirmation of his vows.

The date for the closing of the privileges of charter membership will be Christmas Day. An opening service will be held that afternoon and a baptismal service is being planned for the candidates for baptism.

Sunday School Organized

On December 11th the Sunday School was organized in the Sugar Grove School building. The following officers and teachers were elected: Miss Katherine O'Neill, Supt., Edward Hart, Sec'y.-Treas., Conley Thompson and R. H. Stone, teachers for the Bible Class, Mrs. Lee Stansherry, teacher for the Young People, Mrs. Vance Miller, teacher for

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Of his services Rev. John W. Luke reports:

Like the Pilgrim Fathers of old we thanked God even though times were hard. And how our souls were strengthened!

Low Gap, Ebenezer, Laurel Fork, and Peak Creek Churches met at Peak Creek Presbyterian Church for a wonderful time of thanksgiving and fellowship on Thanksgiving Day. Lunches were brought for the picnic dinner, and stored in one corner of the church until the morning service was over. The Lord gave us a good day in spite of the weather prophet, and Jo-Jo. After hymns and a testimony meeting, in which we expressed publicly for what we were thankful, Rev. McCoy Franklin, the President of Crossnore School, gave us a wonderful address. It was wonderful in many ways. His wide vision for his people of the Blue Ridge section, his magnificent descriptions of mountain scenery, his mimicry of the birds of the forest, his appeal to follow in the footsteps of the Master, all were woven into a remarkable and inspiring address, we shall not forget soon.

For the convenience of the people on the Wilkes side of the Blue Ridge, another service was held at Shepherd Schoolhouse, at night. Many from Miller's School and Loggins joined in a service, consisting of thanks and another interesting address by our speaker of the day, Rev. McCoy Franklin.

Of the service in West Jefferson Rev. D. F. Helm writes:

A large group from Obids, Jefferson and West Jefferson met at 10:30 in the West Jefferson Presbyterian Church for a popular and spontaneous Thanksgiving service led by Ruling Elder J. C. Crawford and varied expressions of

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tomary for the Lansing Presbyterian Church to give a Christmas pageant on Christmas eve. This year, on Christmas eve at seven o'clock, the pageant, "The Prince of Peace", will be presented by the Sunday School. The members of the Gillespie Presbyterian Church hope to be able to hold the Christmas service on Christmas afternoon in the new church building. The Christmas program will be given by members of the Sunday School, and will include songs, scripture and stories appropriate to the season. Mr. Stone, the pastor, will give Christmas' message at each of these meetings.

The Jefferson Church will present the lovely pageant "The Prince of Peace" on the evening of December 23rd—at seven o'clock.

Christmas Programs

The public school and Sunday School at Faw's Schoolhouse are joining in a program of recitations and declamations and a Christmas tree on Friday, Dec. 23rd at 12:30 P. M. A similar program and Christmas tree will be given at Low Gap Wednesday at 1:00 p. m. and at Obids the following day at 2:00.

The S. S., Y. P. and Church will join in a Christmas program Friday evening, Dec. 23, in the West Jefferson Church and there will also be a Christmas tree. At this time a pageant will be given by the Young People.

Rev. J. W. Luke sends the following:

"What are you going to do for Christmas?" everyone is asking. Let us tell you what we will do. We are planning Christmas trees at Peak Creek, Ebenezer, Laurel Fork, Shepherds School, Loggins, and Millers School.

Peak Creek and Ebenezer are planning to give the pageant, "The Prince of Peace", and they are getting along

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EDITORIAL

A hearty Christmas wish for everyone. May your holidays be filled with the Spirit of Christ.

This year will soon be gone and in the going you will be making plans for 1933—the Evangelistic Year. Presbytery's motto is "Pray—Plan—Witness". Can God count on you for a spiritual service in leading someone to Him?

The Southern Presbyterian Church program for next year calls for an evangelistic service in each church. It can only work through its members. Under God your church is counting on you Presbyterians for a definite service in soul winning.

Miss Katherine O'Neill is doing a superb piece of work. Her delight is in teaching the Bible, superintending a Sunday School and in assisting young people with their programs, many of which she prepares. Real leadership is being found and developed. She is a real soldier, too, for she braves the rain and the mud and goes ahead—often having to walk distances to meet her appointments.

MEN OF THE CHURCH, ATTENTION!

At a recent meeting of the Men of the Church it was voted that one thing they would sponsor would be the expenses of operation of Presbytery's car which is used by Miss O'Neill. A few have sent in their contributions—the majority have not. Please do so at once! Mr. L. W. Blevins, Lansing, N. C., is the treasurer of this fund. The car needs a new radiator—besides the current expense of gas and oil. Fifty cents or twenty-five cents per month from each one would not bankrupt anyone—but would go far in paying our obligations.

Do it today—for as many months as you like. The Jefferson congregation takes an offering each third Sunday night for this worthy cause.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Really, dear Readers—we need your subscriptions. It is only ten cents per year. Take the initiative and send us one dollar and ten names. Many do this each year. May we receive yours? The next year's numbers will tell you of progress and accomplishments.

MEMBERS OF OBIDS CHURCH PLAN FOR EVANGELISTIC YEAR

Our first need is a Spiritual awakening in our Church. For this we are praying, preparing and looking forward. We believe it is already coming to our Christians and that it will spread to the unsaved of the community.

Our officers met in September and approved our Assembly's "Letter to the Churches" and copies were distributed in the congregation and all were asked to join in heart-searching, intercessory prayer. Later, a small group joined together in a covenant of prayer that our hearts may be prepared to receive His blessing and that He will show us our part in His program. Others are coming into our group and we are hoping it will include our entire active membership before the year closes.

We have set aside December as a special month of prayer, preparation and dedication and are looking forward to a rededication service on Christmas Day in which we shall commemorate the Lord's Supper.

Our plans are incomplete for we would not dictate to the Spirit. However, we are planning an evangelistic service for each first Sunday night next year and are asking our prayer group to make personal prayer lists of inactive Christians and unsaved in whom they are especially interested; to pray unceasingly for those on their lists; to give them a special invitation to our services and sincerely ask God what He would have us do in winning them. Each one is to work independently and without the knowledge of others of his group and all are to depend on the Spirit for the power while all pray together for a Spiritual awakening in the community.

LAUREL FORKS AND SHEPHERD'S SCHOOL

Both of these organizations are getting along well. Laurel Forks Sunday School under the leadership of F. J. Pendry has increased to about fifty in number. We have prayer meeting every week in the schoolhouse at Laurel Forks now. In regard to building, we did not get a piece of property we were in hopes of getting, so we are now trying to locate a site on the highway at Laurel Forks. We have been given an old barn from which we hope to get some good lumber. This barn is given to us by Mr. Auten and will be of great value as framing lumber.

The Shepherd's School Church, which we promised to name before this number has not yet been named. No one sent in suggested names except the members of the church. We had a good variety to pick from. We would like to wait a little longer for the name as we are also not settled on our site for our church here. Our plans are drawn, and as soon as we can settle the site for the church we will begin on the work. Our Sunday School is on Saturday, and has continued going from the first.

Our Young People in West Jefferson have recently elected Miss Eva Lillian Maloney president; Miss Maude Hurley secretary and Miss Bertha Woody treasurer. They meet Tuesday evening at seven o'clock for devotional programs and these are followed by recreational games in the Church basement.

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line. We practice every week after prayer meeting. The teachers in the public schools at the other places named are handling the programs there, for we are planning to unite the school programs with the Sunday School programs for Christmas.

The dates we are planning to have the Christmas programs are as follows:

Dec. 22nd (Thursday) Ebenezer 11 a. m. Peak Creek 7 p. m.

Dec. 23rd (Friday) Laurel Forks 11 a. m. Shepherds 7 p. m.

Dec. 24th (Saturday) Loggins 11 a. m. Millers 7 p. m.

Let me say right here at the close of this article, we wish all of our readers could be with us in every program, and we send every one our BEST CHRISTMAS WISHES, for it is the birthday of ONE who wished well toward all men.

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Thanksgiving were given by the people. Mr. A. R. Vail read the 116th Psalm and an exposition was given by Rev. D. F. Helm.

At 12:30 a bounteous dinner was enjoyed by all and there followed a period of delightful fellowship.

In the afternoon the men and women met separately for forum discussions on plans for making 1933 a year of unparalleled evangelistic endeavor. The women were led by Mrs. E. G. and T. A. Finley and Mrs. Ogilvie of North Wilkesboro and the men by Messrs. Jesse Baker, E. A. McNeill, J. C. Crawford and Rev. Mr. Rogers.

A fourth service was held in the Lansing Church and was presided over by the new Methodist minister—Rev. L. F. Cook. A number of individuals gave public expression to their gratitude to God for His blessings. Following this Dr. E. E. Gillespie preached the sermon.

The ladies served a sumptuous dinner in the auditorium of the Sunday School department. The viands were emblematic of a year of plenty and unexcelled culinary art.

In the afternoon the men met and presented the program for the month prepared by the Assembly's Committee. This meeting took a very practical turn in that two committees were appointed to investigate the opportunity for opening new Sunday Schools in unchurched portions of the county.

The women were holding a simultaneous meeting at which Mrs. N. W. Graham from the Foster Memorial Church gave a most inspiring devotional on personal evangelism, after which Mrs. L. B. Ham and Mrs. Little sang a duet. Mrs. Cook of the Lansing Methodist Church gave a helpful talk on what women can do. The meeting was then thrown open for general discussion on the work being done by the Auxiliaries Mrs. Stone, representing the Jefferson Auxiliary, Mrs. L. B. Ham, President of the Foster Memorial Auxiliary, and Mrs. Victor Clark, President of the Lansing Auxiliary, each spoke on the things already accomplished and the future plans for the work among the women.

At the various points offerings were received for the Presbyterian Orphans' Home.

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CHURCH IS ORGANIZED**

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the Juniors and Miss Esther Hart teacher of the Beginners and Primaries.

The time of meeting is 2:30 P. M. each Sunday. A schedule of preaching services will soon be determined.

Those who are familiar with conditions in this section predict that the growth of the new church will be almost phenomenal. A fine group of parents and young people have entered enthusiastically into the organizations.

Our readers are asked to covenant in prayer for God's continued blessing upon this newest work within the Presbytery of Winston-Salem.

Progress on Building

The handsome and commodious building is going up. The plan is to enclose the building and use the basement this winter with the hope that someone will give the brick to veneer the frame of the church proper. During the week we go to press one crew of workmen is rushing to cover the roof with asbestos shingle—the gift of Mr. C. W. Harris, of Winston-Salem; another crew is preparing to pour the concrete floor in the basement. If the weather permits the first service will be held on the afternoon of the 25th.

Gifts Needed

It is the policy of the Building Committee not to handicap the church with a harassing debt. Stockholders in this Kingdom enterprise are most earnestly solicited and your gift may be mailed to R. H. Stone, Jefferson, N. C. Our money is exhausted.

Those Who Have Given

In addition to the gifts published in last issue the Belk Foundation has given another gift which completes their pledge until \$150.00 will finish the building. Dr. Gillespie made a donation to his namesake. The Service Store, Lansing, has given 2500 feet of lumber. Worth Blevins and mother have given a number of trees. Mr. Smith Blevins gave another section of a giant hemlock which was on the floor of the forest in the morning and during the day was carried to the sawmill and in the afternoon was in 2x12's—on the foundation and sub-flooring over them.

A great deal has been done and the money we have had is less than \$425.00. The secret is the enormous number of days of labor, materials and hauling that has been donated. The following men have worked on this Kingdom enterprise: Vane Miller, Conley Thompson, W. R. Calhoun, Fred Wallace, Leonard Greer, Roy Greer, Victor Greer, Everett Pennington, Orin Miller (and team), C. C. Calhoun, K. W. Farmer, Dewey Pennington, Fred Miller, Glenn Perry, Charlie Sheets (and team), Lee Cox, Edgar Stansberry (and team) Walter Calhoun, Edward Hart, Joe Styke, Walter Stansberry (and team) Everett Stansberry (and team) McKinley Ham, Lee Stansberry, Earl Pail, James Eldredh, Reuben Ham (and horse) Johnnie Kilby, Roscoe Kilby's horse, Clarence Ball, Johnnie Calhoun, Fieldon Osborne, Coy Ham, Foster Ham, Leo Ham, Ira Carpenter, Floyd Carpenter (and horse) Farley Ham, Claud Calhoun, Buel Calhoun, Ulysses Ham (and team), J. F. Walters (team and planing lumber), Grady Shepherd (and team) Byard Blevins, Smith Blevins, Wayne Tucker, Doyle Tucker, Carl Ball, Lillard Wiles,



The above thrifty and happy group of Glade Valley Students bring you best wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. They also say they have found the school of real opportunity, for it is distinctly Christian, and affords splendid training for young people from our Blue Ridge Highlands. These young people are working half their way at the High School. For information write E. B. Eldridge, Sup'., Glade Valley, N. C.

Arthur Osborne, Worth Blevins, Gaither Stansberry, Gaither Baldwin, Brack Mabe, Gwynn Faw, Roger Pugh and Lester Giley. At different times the Lansing Grocery Co. has furnished their truck. C. E. Miller had his truck do one entire day's hauling. The larger part of the sand has been donated by Messrs. Harvey and Will Clark. The following have sent carpenters to work a day: C. L. DeBoard, J. O. Blevins and J. M. Warren.

In a great list like this it is possible that a small number has been omitted. If so, due acknowledgement of appre-

ciation will be made in a later issue. Others have pledged labor which will be given as the work progresses. A great service these noble men have rendered their community in laboring on this enduring place of worship.

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I, J. W. Luke, want to thank publicly the following generous people: Mr. John L. King and Mrs. C. I. Carlson for their aid to Glade Valley Students from my field. Mrs. Wm. Y. Preyer has also promised aid for this same purpose. Mr. D. H. Burtner has given financial aid to be divided among worthy causes in my field. This shall be used in church building, and a part has already been used for paying for Bible used in my field. Among these good and generous gifts and promises, we do not wish to leave out the Belk Foundation promise for \$600 to be used in building two new Churches in my field. Another promise for which we are thankful is that of the Davidson College Y. M. C. A. An annual offering is taken up every year at Davidson, the offering to be received has been promised to help students from my field at Glade Valley High School. If you will read the advertisement for Glade Valley School, you will see a picture of those students who are working half their way, and for whom the above gifts are being used.

LANSING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAS MODERN PEWS

The Lansing Church is happy in that it has twenty handsome pews of the latest design. These take the place of slat seats and chairs. The seating accommodation had been miserable. Those who worship there are indebted to the following who have been given an entire pew: Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ham, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Clark, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Blevins, Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Stone, Mr. R. B. Jackson, Miss Hattie Ham, Woman's Auxiliary, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Stuart, Sheriff and Mrs. H. M. Miller, Mrs. Mae Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Mullis; the following have gone together in pew gifts or have made substantial contributions:—Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ham, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Carter Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Young, Mr. Raymond Ashley, Prof. J. B. Hash, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Warren, Messrs. B. M. Carter, French Young, E. Jones Barker, J. E. Bauguess, Dr. R. F. Barr, and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Vest.

This provides for 172 feet of pews, which does not seat the church entirely. However, a great beginning has been made and the congregation hopes within the not distant future to complete the seating.

A short time ago the Auxillary secured a number of new hymn books. The Southern Desk Co. of Hickory, N. C. (makers of the pews) donated a handsome pulpit chair.

The Lansing church is growing: in grace, in membership, in service at home, and through her increasing gifts to benevolences is serving God abroad.

SUNDAY NIGHT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AT FOSTER MEMORIAL

Sunday night is termed young people's night at the Foster Memorial Presbyterian Church. Each Sunday night a group of five or six young people conduct the service. The organization of these young people into a Presbyterian Young People's League will take place after Christmas. About forty young people enjoyed the first social held on Wednesday night, November 30.

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PROGRESS AT LAUREL FORKS AND SHEPHERD SCHOOL

Our progress is slow yet we have done much work toward the building of both of these churches. At Laurel Forks the community has responded well to the grading job before them. A culvert for drainage of surface water also for our spring has been installed which will enable us to complete the work of laying off the foundation at once. A beautiful little spring is within twelve feet of where we hope to build this church. We are planning to make a nice spring house over it, so that our church here will be a spot where the thirsty both spiritually and physically can be satisfied.

At Shepherd School we have made good progress in the last month. The community, many who are not members of the church, have worked faithfully in accomplishing the task. We had some disagreement as to the location which we could not help. In spite of this disagreement we are now ready to begin the building. A saw mill borrowed from Mr. A. R. Miller has been buzzing away for two weeks in suitable weather, and the job of sawing is over. We are especially indebted to those who cut timber, and used their oxen in many ways in accomplishing our task of sawing. We were thankful too for the timber given to us by one of the members, Mrs. Neely.

Not far from the saw mill we're getting granite rock out of the side of the hill. We are fortunate in having such rock in the community—God put it there for a good purpose, and we are planning to use it in erecting a church for His own worship. We are preparing to build a stone veneer church, and due to the steady work of Mr. Burk and the free labor given we have gotten out about one third enough rock to complete the building. We are thankful too to one of our members who has been very useful in doing our blacksmithing for us. He has sharpened wedges, and bits, also fixed broken tools and pieces for the saw mill. We are now ready to build God's temple, and we are looking forward to the erection of the material now ready for use. There are many others we could mention here who have given us much free labor in many useful ways, we thank each one. We are having a hard time in these days to keep soul and body together, and it takes just about all our time to make our corn bread and milk. In spite of this struggle for a living, Shepherd's School Community and others in the surrounding districts have cheerfully given their strength and labor for the building of God's House. I feel there is a great blessing awaiting this community.

—JOHN W. LUKE.

THE GILLESPIE CHURCH IS GROWING RAPIDLY

Wind, water, cold, snow and mud— singly or all together—could not prevent the Gillespie congregation from meeting each Sunday for Sunday School during the winter. There has been a good attendance throughout. On Christmas Day the first service was held in the Church. Since that time a concrete floor has been poured in the basement, which has been used on account of its being



The Gillespie Church in process of construction. View its needs—costing several hundred dollars. Send contributions to R. H. Stone, Jefferson, N. C.

warmer. The building is rock up to the first floor and we hope to secure funds for brick veneering it. Our plans call for a vestibule in the front. All of the inside work is yet to be done. It will take several hundred dollars to complete it.

Unpublished contributors to this fund are: Mrs. Walter Stansberry, the Church and Manse Erecton Fund, Messrs. T. P. Johnston, P. M. Williams, John C. Sanford, J. B. Johnstone, J. R. Finley, A. A. Cashion, Prof. and Mrs. O. J. Thies. Some chairs from the Winston First Church have been given. The name of Mr. Wiley Ham was omitted from the last issue. He gave a number of days of work. Other men have worked and their names will be published in the next issue.

There have recently come into the membership of this congregation the following: Mrs. Jim Hart, Mrs. Mary Sapp and pending their baptism Miss Opal Ham and Mrs. Smith Blevins.

God is blessing this church. It is strategically located for a great service to Him. The Canvass for Benevolences has been made. They will help others. But now we need a little help to complete our building. A gift of any amount will be appreciated. It will be a good investment in a Kingdom enterprise.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sheets have been welcomed into the membership of the Lansing Church, which is growing.

CHAUTAUQUAS PLANNING FOR GREAT SUMMER'S WORK

Tennyson has told us that "in the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love". The wag has said that it turns to baseball. Experience has taught us that in certain circles the Spring turns minds to thoughts of the Christian Chautauqua. In fact as the season was in its height last year the plans were being cast for this year.

Fortunate indeed are we in having such groups of workers. There will again be two tents—operating on both sides of New River. Miss Katherine O'Neill will have direction of the Bible Schools on the West. Assisting her will be Miss Lois Calhoun and Miss Agnes Halford, who has never been with us before. Miss Halford comes from Augusta, Ga., and the Assembly's Training School. Another from the Training School will complete the faculty. It is possible that Misses Kathryn Hunt and Irene Richardson will assist in some of the Chautauquas.

Equally fortunate are we in securing evangelists who have a passion for souls. We are looking forward eagerly to a great season of evangelism in both of the tents. The schedule of meetings and ministers for the tent in the Western part of the county follows:

- Gillespie Church—May 28-June 11.
- Foster Memorial—June 14-28.
- Rev. Dan Graham.
- Jefferson—July 2-16.
- Mr. S. D. Gordon—loved and famous for his "Quiet Talks".
- Lansing—July 18-Aug. 1.
- Dr J. G. Patton, Jr.
- West Jefferson—Aug. 3-17.
- Faw's School House—date pending.
- This tent will probably go to Independence, Virginia, where its season will close.
- Rev. J. W. Luke sends the following schedule and information about his work:
 - May 2-15 (Pending).
 - Low Gap—May 16-29.
 - Rev. B. T. Harrop, Gloucester, Va.
 - Laurel Forks—June 1-14.
 - Ebenezer—June 16-27.
 - Peak Creek, July 1-14.
 - Obids—July 17-30.
 - Rev. W. E. Hill, Jr., Hopewell, Va.
 - Millers—Aug. 1-14.
 - Shepherd School—Aug. 16-29.
 - Sept. 1-14 (Pending).

The above dates are those arranged for the second tent. Rev. DeWitt Helm will have charge of the tent at Low Gap May 16-29 and at Obids July 17-30. The other dates and places it will be in charge of Rev. J. W. Luke. The details of each Chautauqua are

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EDITORIAL
A YEAR OF EVANGELISM

We are well into the year of Evangelism—the year to which the Church has been looking and for which it has been praying. The Assembly's program calls for an evangelistic service in each Church. Our Ashe County churches have made great plans for this through the Christian Chautauquas. Each year we have been holding these. But more praying in advance is being done this year. More people are interceding than in former years. This year greater efforts will be made to get more laymen, women and young people to become soul winners. In this way they can help to answer their own prayers.

The period in which we are living is destined to bring people to a greater spirit of dependence upon God. People are learning that the material things of life are not of the greatest consequence. The spiritual values are those that are satisfying and eternal. Christian people can bring about a better day by exercising that attitude of loving trust, by an honest confession of sin, and day by day living the Gospel they profess.

We need to realize that without Christ a person is eternally lost. And the word "lost" should have for us more horrible associations than a child lost in the woods. It should suggest endless torture and agony in that hell prepared for the devil and his angels. Because of this individuals should be concerned about their lost friends.

This is a lesser motive. A greater one is that because of Christ's love unto death for us we should return His love. We should urge others to accept Christ because He wants them to do so. His great heart is yearning for their salvation. Union to Christ means life everlasting and a peace which passeth all understanding in this life and in its continuation.

Let us each one hold up the Cross before our own eyes and before the eyes of a lost world.

As we go to press our Sessions are preparing reports for Presbytery. It would be interesting to have the total number of additions during the year but they are not now available. A digest of these reports will be interesting reading in the next issue.

MEETINGS AT WILKES JAIL

Services at the Wilkes County Jail were held by Rev. J. W. Luke on three successive Saturdays. The men seemed deeply interested and it was a great joy to hear the old Gospel Hymns sung by the men. It reminded us of the days when Paul and Silas sung praises at midnight in the Roman prison.

Miss Cornelia Engle, representing the Executive Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, has made a visit to our county speaking to the Jefferson Auxillary and to a larger group in the Lansing Church.

An Appeal

If I could write as many do,
I'd write a poem and send to you,
And to your generous heart appeal
If you would only with me feel.

We have a lovely church all planned,
We've got the rock, we've got the land,
The sand's not far, we've sawed the wood,
And we've leveled a place where the school house stood.

If we only had a bit more money,
We'd buy some stuff that sticks like honey.
Now, can you guess what 'tis we meant,
It is not honey but it is cement.

When our walls are up complete
And the rafters nailed and slanting steep,
There will be holes within the walls
And the rain will drench us when it falls.

No roof nor windows will us defend,
From the howling storm and the biting wind,
With no door, nor window light,
Truly! 'twill be a ghastly sight.

So what I'm asking you my friend,
Is give a helping hand to men,
And help us in God's enterprise
To point a steeple to the skies.

When sinners in its walls repent,
And prayers and hymns are upward sent,
We'll thank you! And you'll say you're wise
To have made the sacrifice.

AN APOLOGY

The above poem is not written because the writer is a poet but because he is trying to build two small churches and needed something to catch your eye which would appeal to you for a little help in building these churches. Times are awfully hard when I begin to write poetry. But please forget the poem and remember the help you might be able to send J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, N. C.

MR. S. D. GORDON

Another high water mark is being attained in the Chautauqua history in the coming of Mr. S. D. Gordon to the Chautauqua pulpit. He is known and loved on both sides of the Atlantic and Pacific for his many devotional books and for his "Quiet Talks". He is in great demand as a conference speaker. Massenetta, Montreat and Junaluska all wanted him this season. Mr. Gordon is a layman and does not tell to which denomination he belongs. He rightly puts Christ first and would have his audiences do likewise.

Extremely fortunate are we in having him for a Chautauqua. Recently a lady heard him for the first time and her reaction was "I could listen to him for twenty-four hours and never get sleepy".

WE ARE GRATEFUL!

This is not our National Thanksgiving period but, while so many pessimistic prophets are proclaiming their Jeremiaads, the Low Gap congregation is taking inventory and expressing gratitude to God for the blessings of His Spirit during the past year and encouraging prospects for His service in the future.

A congregational meeting was held on Saturday March 19th in which we enjoyed delightful fellowship, reviewed our Spiritual blessings and made plans for the coming year. It was revealed that our resident membership has increased from 25 to 46 during the current Church

year and that every phase of our work has made phenomenal progress. The Chautauqua chairs (which we have borrowed in addition to the pews borrowed from Ebenezer) enable us to seat our crowds for S. S. and Friday night preaching services and we are hoping some interested reader who has more pews than people for services will help us solve our problem of seating before the tent starts on her annual pilgrimages early in May.

In order to complete our organization Messrs. H. M. Darnell and Winston Atwood have been elected Ruling Elders and will be installed at an early date; Misses Opal Burgess, Francis Lambert and Lanier Farrington have been elected to the offices of President, Vice-President, and Sec'y and treasurer (in the order named) of our Y. P. League and our Woman's Auxillary and Men of the Church will have been organized before this reaches the public.

None of our people are wealthy and crop shortages have crippled our financial contribution every year since our organization but we are adopting the "Lord's Acre Plan" as outlined elsewhere in the Ashe Presbyterian. In this way we hope to pay off the debt on our Church and do our part in the benevolent work of the Kingdom.

Young People's Societies have been organized at Jefferson and Foster Memorial. They each conduct a service each Sunday night, which are largely attended. They are studying the work of the Church and follow The Kingdom Highway plans. Eighteen Young People from the Ashe and Western Wilkes Churches attended the Conference held in the First Church of Winston-Salem March 24-26.

MEN OF THE CHURCH

The last quarterly meeting of the Men of the Presbyterian Churches of Ashe County was held in the Jefferson Presbyterian Church on Friday night, March 17th. In absence of the president, Mr. J. C. Crawford, the meeting was presided over by Rev. R. H. Stone and the election of officers was postponed until the next meeting.

Stewardship was the general topic and the discussion centered around the strength and weakness of the Every Member Canvass and how to make it a success. Various phases of the subject were introduced by laymen and forum discussions followed which revealed hearty and enthusiastic approval of "doing business for the Lord in a business-like manner" and unanimous endorsement of the E. M. C. plan of our Church.

YOUNG PEOPLES CONFERENCE

Friday evening March 24th, nine young people "Forded" down the old Blue Ridge Mountain and on to Winston-Salem, N. C. to the Young People's Conference held in the new Educational Building of the First Presbyterian Church. The young people represented the following churches or Sunday Schools as follows. From Ebenezer Wayne Bare and Delmer Rose, from Peak Creek, Ruth Bowlin and Lora Bare, from Laurel Forks, Bernice Pendry, from Shepherd School, Glen Wyatt and John Wyatt, from Millers School, Daisy Wyatt and Florence Kilby. We were very sorry that Hubert Cox was left by mistake and did not get to go.

FOLDING CHAIRS

As the summer Chautauqua season comes on, the second tent faces a need. We need hymn books and folding chairs. Our chairs of several summers are getting small in number and broken in back. We have only about 60 chairs now and they are needed in Low Gap Church. We generally have crowds of about two hundred and over, so we really need chairs that we can fold and haul from place to place. If there are some Auxiliaries or some Sunday School classes who might want to give one, six or a dozen, I am sure we can soon make up enough for the summer evangelistic work. The chairs cost \$1.50 each. Write to J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, N. C.

GIFTS TO FOSTER MEMORIAL

The acknowledgment of two gifts was crowded out of the last issue. Miss Mary Adams, of Clinton, S. C. and the Young Woman's Bible Class of the Rogers Memorial Church School were a great help. In recent weeks the two elders of the Church—Messrs. N. W. Graham and L. B. Ham purchased oak flooring for the unfloored part of the auditorium and this was laid by Messrs. A. L. Carter and C. E. Hartzog. Chairs from the Caldwell Memorial Building of the First Church Winston-Salem have been added.

The Sunday School continues to do good work. Mrs. Ray Little has been elected assistant superintendent. Fine congregations gather each Thursday evening for service.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. and Miss Louise Vest have become affiliated members of the Lansing-Church.

Directory

West Jefferson—Rev. D. F. Helm, Pastor.
 Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
 Young People's Society—each Monday 7:30 P. M.

Preaching—1st Sunday 11:00 A. M.
 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday evenings at 7:30 P. M.

Low Gap—Rev. D. F. Helm, Minister.
 Sunday School 2:00 P. M.

Preaching every Friday evening at 7:30 P. M. and each third Sunday afternoon.

Obids—Rev. D. F. Helm, Pastor.
 Sunday School 10:00 A. M.

Preaching 1st Sunday night at 7:30 P. M. and 2nd and 4th Sunday morning at 11:00 A. M.

Faw's School House—Rev. D. F. Helm, Minister.

Sunday School 2:30 P. M.
 Vesper Services Saturdays at 7:30 P. M.

Preaching 1st and 2nd Saturdays at 7:30 P. M.

Jefferson—Rev. R. H. Stone, Pastor.
 Sunday School 10:00 A. M.

Prayer Service Wednesdays at 7:30 P. M.

Young People's Service Sunday at 7:15 P. M.

Preaching 3rd Sunday at 11:0 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

Lansing—Rev. R. H. Stone, Pastor.
 Sunday School 10:00 A. M.

Prayer Service Tuesdays 7:30 P. M.
 Young People's Meetings Fridays 7:30 P. M.

Preaching 2nd Sundays at 7:30 P. M. and 4th Sundays at 11:00 A. M.

Foster Memorial, Rev. R. H. Stone, Minister.

Sunday School 2:00 P. M.
 Prayer service Thursdays 7:30 P. M.

Preaching 1st Sundays 3:00 P. M.
 Young People's meeting Sundays 7:30 P. M.

Gillespie—Rev. R. H. Stone, Minister.
 Sunday School 2:00 P. M.

Preaching 1st Sundays at 11:00 A. M. and 2nd and 4th Fridays at 7:30 P. M.

The Public is cordially invited to attend all of these services. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

Miss Katherine O'Neill is Superintendent of the Gillespie Sunday School and is Director of Young People's Activities in the Lansing and Foster Memorial Churches. In the two latter churches she is teacher of the Bible in the Auxiliaries.

We regret exceedingly that the many appointments of Rev. J. W. Luke are not available for this issue. They will appear in the next issue.

As the days are longer the hours of services will advance from 7:30 P. M. to 8:00 P. M.

Miss Katherine O'Neill taught "The Red Man's Trail" for five days to the students of the Glade Valley School. On the closing night a fine pageant was presented.

A deputation of students from Lees-McRae College conducted three services at Lansing, Foster Memorial and Jefferson on the third Sunday in March.

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CHAUTAQUAS PLANNING FOR GREAT SUMMER'S WORK

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not all worked out yet, and to some extent may be changed. Some of the ministers asked to preach in the tent this summer are the following. We do not know that all will come as we have not heard from them yet. Dr. E. E. Gillespie, Revs. J. D. Smith, R. C. Clontz, F. M. Dick, C. E. Clark. We are glad to announce a fine group of Bible School workers have volunteered their services for the summer. Another feature of the summer's meetings which we have promise of is the help of the Evangelistic Club of North Wilkesboro, N. C. Remember that all we plan is of no avail if we are not sincerely praying for God's Holy Spirit to work with us. We ask each Christian who reads this little paper to remember us in the sincerest prayers they can send up to our Father in Heaven.

A NOVEL E. M. C. PLAN

As this is written Every Member Canvasses are in progress in the Obids and Low Gap Churches. Both of these are rural communities and to say "money is scarce" is understating actual facts. However, we believe the Spirit has led us to so adapt the "Lord's Acre Plan" of our Southern Presbyterian Church that it meet our difficulties by giving every member, from youngest to oldest, an opportunity to do his part in the work of God's Kingdom.

Every member is being asked to set aside for the Lord either a plot of ground or some domestic animal to be consecrated, with its increase, to the Lord. The Church treasurer is making a record of these pledges and will cooperate with the members in marketing the Lord's produce most advantageously for Him.

GIFTS OF MONEY FOR THE WORK

In the preceding issues we have acknowledged gifts of liberal people who are interested in our work. Since the last issue I have received two checks from the Hudson-Belk Fund, in care of Mr. Karl G. Hudson, of Raleigh, N. C. These checks were \$300 apiece making a total of \$600 which is to be divided between the building of Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church and Shepherd School Presbyterian Church. Messrs. Dick Cashion gave us \$5.00 and Pat Williams \$5.00. In interest of the students at Glade Valley who are working their way—those from this field—Mr. J. R. Finley gave us \$50.00 and the Student Body of Davidson College gave us \$50.00. We thank each individual who had a share in giving these sums of money. The gifts for either the church buildings or for Glade Valley Students will be published in each issue, unless you request us to keep silent about your name.—JOHN W. LUKE.

Mr. Monte Weaver, Ashe County's famous baseball pitcher, gave a pew to the Lansing Church. His fame has not turned his benevolent gifts from his home town.

The Presbytery of Winston-Salem will hold its Twentieth Stated Meeting in the First Presbyterian Church of Winston-Salem beginning on Tuesday April 11th at 11:00 A. M.

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VISIBLE RESULTS FOR 1933 GREATEST IN CHAUTAUQUA HISTORY

Great Revivals Held. Petition For A New Church

There were eight meetings held under the second tent this summer. Two of these were held under Rev. DeWitt Helm's directions and the other six were held under Rev. J. W. Luke's directions. Those which I shall give some news of are under the direction of J. W. Luke, the others will be written up by Mr. Helm.

Deep Cut Meeting (May 4-15)

The Deep Cut Meeting was held May 4th through May 15th, and was the first meeting held in the tent this summer. The tent was located on the highway number 16 at the foot of the mountain in Wilkes County.

The teachers for the Bible School were Mrs. Grady Brown, and Miss Clarice Thompson under the direction of Rev. J. W. Luke, who also taught a class. The Bible School was attended by children up the highway and from several roads leading into the highway near where the tent was located. Those who attended three days and over were seventy-six in number. A great many more attended though not as regular as these. There were twenty-three who were perfect in attendance.

The services were held every night by Rev. J. W. Luke. We had splendid crowds and besides many reconsecrations there were five who united by letter and five who united by profession with the Bethel Presbyterian church which is about seven miles up the Reddies River. One feature which marked this meeting was the cooperation of the people in the community. Besides the splendid hospitality rendered to these holding the meeting, cars were used to bring the children in from several directions.

Laurel Forks Meeting (June 2-14)

After the Deep Cut Meeting the tent was taken to Low Gap where a two weeks meeting was held under the direction of Rev. DeWitt Helm. The tent then was taken to Laurel Forks from June 2nd through June 14th. At this meeting we had an enrollment of forty-nine and attendance of 39. Out of this number there were eighteen who were perfect in attendance. The teachers at this Bible School were Miss

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BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Third white Presbyterian Church in Wilkes County.

Only Country Presbyterian Church in Wilkes County.

Only Stone Church in Wilkes County.

HELP US complete it and it's twin at Laurel Forks.

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT VANNOY, WILKES COUNTY

By J. W. LUKE
Glendale Springs, N. C.

As I sit here under the chautauqua tent this morning, I am within twenty yards of the new Bethel Presbyterian Church which the outside we have just finished all except a small bit of stone work and some of the finishing work in the front. All the windows are in and the roof on. To have this building complete we must hang the front doors and

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Splendid Record Of Results Held In Other Tent

The other tent during the summer has served the Churches of which Rev. R. H. Stone, is pastor, one of the Churches and an outpost of Rev. D. F. Helm. This series of Chautauqus began on May 28th at

Gillespie Church

This was the second Chautauqua held here and the first since the organization of the Church. Miss Katherine O'Neill was in charge of the Daily Vacation Bible School and was ably assisted by Misses Ruby Hudler, of Lansing, Miss Frances Cashion, of North Wilkesboro, and Miss Evelyn Drage, of Winston-Salem. There was a splendid spirit of cooperation and helpfulness on the part of the people of the community.

Rev. J. W. Foster, of Coleegee, came to preach for two weeks and the people were delighted with the man and his message. We were happy in the results of this meeting.

Foster Memorial

On June 14th the Chautauqua began in this new Church. Miss O'Neill was assisted by Misses Elizabeth Latimer, of Due West, S. C., and Sarah Frances Martin, of Winston-Salem and Mrs. Evelyn S. Brown, of Boone. The accustomed hospitality and cooperation was much in evidence. Results of this Bible School will be found in the statistical table. There was an increase in enrollment from last year.

Rev. Dan Graham, scheduled to conduct the meeting, found it impossible to come and a most able substitute was found in Rev. D. F. Helm, who preached with great conviction and power. The Foster Memorial congregation led in the

reading of the Book of the Acts. Doubtless they led in walking too—one Saturday night the time was taken to determine the the number of miles the people would have walked to and from that service. The total was 741 miles.

Jefferson

On July 2nd began the Jefferson Chautauqua. Miss O'Neill was again assisted by the teachers of the Foster Memorial Chautauqua and by Misses Edna May, Eva Lillian Maloney and Louise Colvard. There was an increase in enrollment over last year. A bus

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PARTIAL RESULTS OF 1933 CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUA	Enrollment	Attendance*	Average Daily† Attendance	Perfect Attendance†	Chapters Read In Bible	New Members	EVANGELIST
DEEP CUT, May 4-15	90	76		23		10	Rev. J. W. Luke
LOW GAP, May 16-29	80	70	55	40		3	Rev. W. I. Howell, Jr.
LAUREL FORKS, June 2-14	49	39		18		10	Rev. R. K. Davenport
EBENEZER, June 16-30	77	59		21			Rev. C. E. Clarke
PEAK CREEK, July 3-14	73	51		28		13	Dr. E. E. Gillespie
OEIDS, July 17-30	100	80	70	50		7	Rev. W. E. Hill, Jr.
MILLER'S, Aug. 7-21	85	67		29		24	Rev. R. C. Clontz
BETHEL, Aug. 22-Sept. 3	64	45		26			Rev. F. M. Diek
GILLESPIE, May 23-June 11	78	65	49	28	1178	5	Rev. J. W. Foster
FOSTER MEM'L, June 14-28	111	89	74	43	1714	8	Rev. D. F. Helm
JEFFERSON, July 2-16	167	125	108	60	718	9	Mr. S. D. Gordon
LANSING, July 18	130	193	89	50	1572	22	Dr. J. G. Patton, Jr.
W. JEFFERSON, Aug. 6-20	160	120	114	55		3	Dr. J. E. Thacker
BIG RIDGE, Aug. 22-Sept. 3	90	81					Revs. Helm and Boyle
TOTALS	1355	1070		471	5182	114	

*Attendance mens those who attended three days or more.

†You will note results from two Chautauqus are incomplete. Incomplete.

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EDITORIAL

THE CHAUTAUQUA SEASON

Never has there been a better and more glorious year for our Christian Chautauquas than the season of 1933. Some of the schools are larger and more communities are being reached. This year Chautauquas for the first time have been held at Deep Cut, in Wilkes County, and at Big Ridge.

The harvest of souls has also been unprecedented. A glance at the summary table of the first page will show only a part of the results. The Holy Spirit, upon whom we constantly depend, has been present and people have allowed Him to enter their hearts and to do His work of conviction and conversion. Never has a year's work been more encouraging.

Our churches had entered into the spirit of this year of Evangelism. Many had been praying and some of those who prayed worked with and for souls. But the year of Evangelism is nothing new to our work—for we have an evangelistic meeting in each Church each year.

It was a great year as far as visiting evangelists were concerned. Men of great consecration, and scholarship filled the pulpits. Dr. J. E. Thacker is an Assembly figure and Mr. S. D. Gordon is known and loved around the world.

This has been a year in which consecrated talent was again secured for the Bible School. Never have we been more fortunate.

Already great plans are under way for the next year's work. Schedules are being made and ministers secured for the meetings.

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was secured and children from three communities were brought in.

One of the features of this was a motion picture presentation of the life and work of the Presbyterian Orphans' Home at Barium Springs. Our appreciation for this is due Mr. Ernest Milton.

On Tuesday night Rev. D. F. Helm began preaching and continued through Friday night. He did this in the accustomed delightful style. Then Mr. S. D. Gordon—a world citizen—came on Saturday the 8th and continued through

THE LUKES ARE DOING A GREAT WORK

New Name Needed For "Herculean Labors". "Lukcan" is Better

The name of Hercules is associated in Greek mythology with super-human endeavor. In reality those who know the Rev. John W. Luke believe that he has outclassed the mighty Hercules for the Greek hero would ever have attempted to do the things that Mr. Luke has done simultaneously.



REV. JOHN W. LUKE

During May Mr. Luke was constructing two new Churches, teaching in a Bible School, preaching in a Christian Chautauqua tent each night together with all the detail and responsibility involved. And in addition to this he was making plans and preparations to get married on May 23rd to Miss Mary Shaw of Wagram, N. C.

"All's well that ends well" is true in this case. The handsome stone Churches are practically ready for use, the Chautauquas under his direction have done a magnificent work and on the 23rd of May he was happily married and spent a part of the honeymoon at Montreat as a Commissioner to the General Assembly.

He is greatly beloved and is a great power for good. He is a man to match our mountains.

the 16th. Congregations gathered from far and near to hear this great author, unordained minister and friend of Jesus. A wonderful impression was made and some unaccustomed to free expression of their appreciation were loud in their praise of Mr. Gordon's ministry.

Lansing

We always expect a great meeting at Lansing and this year was no exception. The attendance fell only seven short of last year when a bus was operated from Warrensville. The teachers were Misses O'Neill, Martin, Latimer and Blanche Goss, of Lansing, and Mrs. Brown.

Dr. J. G. Patton, Jr. of Abingdon, Va., was the minister and was present for the first service and the meeting had a fine beginning and rose to higher levels

Mrs. Luke Is Great Addition To Our Christian Work

It was a great day in May for the Kingdom of God when Miss Mary Shaw of Wagram, N. C. became the wife of Rev. John W. Luke and thereby linked her life more closely with Kingdom progress in the mountains.

For a number of years Mrs. Luke had helped in the chautauquas. The romance grew out of Christian service together.

The jeweler had gotten for the engraving in the wedding ring "John to Mary 5-23-33". "Is there anything else



MRS. JOHN W. LUKE

you want?" inquired Mr. Bernau. "What else can you put," asked the prospective groom. The jeweler told of engraving a wedding ring for Dr. C. Alphonso Smith in which an oak tree and a stone bench were cut. Quicker than a flash Mr. Luke said he would like to have a tent engraved in his.

Mrs. Luke is his match in endurance. She was teaching school in Wagram, giving examinations and grading papers, going to showers, teas, etc., and also planning to get married. Commencement being over one night she was married the next afternoon.

She is a graduate of Flora MacDonald College and has a host of friends throughout this and other states.

During the summer she has been getting things in order in their Glendale Springs apartment, teaching and playing in the Chautauquas and cooking for a hungry Chautauqua crew.

Our hearty welcome to the bride to our County is seconded by a loud acclaim, "Long live Mrs. Luke."

The session of the Lansing Church has called a meeting of the congregation for Sept. 24th for the purpose of electing trustees of the Church. This is in accord with the desire of the Trustees of the Presbytery of Winston-Salem that local Churches should have their own trustees to hold the title to their property.

of enthusiasm and attendance as the days passed. The number received into the Church was twenty-two—one of the largest number of additions of any year since the organization of the Church.

WE GIVE THE RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP TO NEW MEMBERS

If all the members of the Presbyterian Church every where could put their hands into one big hand that hand would give all of the following the hearty welcome into the fellowship of the Church.

Deep Cut Meeting (Unifed At Bethel Church)

Curtis Miller, Corinne Miller, James Johnson, Arlie Vannoy, Ed Vannoy, N. C. Miller, Eula Miller, Bland Miller, Arnold Roberts, Mrs. Arnold Roberts.

Laurel Forks Meeting

Junior Baker, Austin Key, Rosa Bare, Emily Baker, Robert Long, Archie Woodie, Mrs. Archie Woodie, Mrs. Martha M. Scott.

Peak Creek Meeting

Flo Hart, Clara Miller, Mary Kate Fart, Cordie Woodie, Zora Perry Maxie Miller, Elmer Miller, Keebler Miller, George Woodie, Mrs. George Woodie, Mrs. Oscar Vires, Mrs. J. L. Harper, Mrs. Theo Woodie.

Miller Schoolhouse Meeting

Anna Dancy, Bryant Wyatt, James E. Church, Mrs. Coy Kilby, Mrs. E. M. Dancy, Mollie L. Royal, Mrs. Bryant Wyatt, Mamie Adams, Willie O. Dancy, Annie F. Roberts, Effie P. Adams, Mrs. Charlie Wyatt, Maggie Belle Wyatt, Charlie Wyatt, Press Miller, Worth Miller, Russell Miller, Ada V. Royal, James M. Barlow, Mrs. James M. Barlow, Eirdie Wyatt, William Port Barlow, Sarah Miller, B. F. Tugman.

As we go to press the list for the Bethel Meeting is not complete.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

A most cordial welcome into the fellowship of the various Churches has been given to the following:

Giffespie Church

Mrs. Melissa Brooks, Misses Fay Finley, Stella Ham, Opal Lyall and Mrs. Tom Calhoun.

Foster Memorial

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Clark, Mr. and Mrs. William Hurley, Mr. Hiram Wiles, Misses Mabel Clark and Madeline Dolinger and Mr. Ralph Dolinger.

Jefferson

Mr. Hansford Eller and Misses Fay and Edith Eller, Edith Blevins, Mary Brown, Virginia Colvard, Hattie and Bessie Combs and John Foster Weaver.

Lansing

Mr. and Mrs. French Young, Mrs. Arthur Brooks, Mrs. Ira Greer, Mrs. Celia Eldreth, Misses Ruby Hudler, Marie Clark, Iris Deane Young, Madeline Baldwin, Kathleen Welch, Kathleen Jones, Mary Gambill, Mary and Elizabeth Sheets, Lois Barker, Edith Sturgill, Nona Eldreth, Bernice Barker, Estella Blevins, Mary Wallace, Mabel Greer and Joe Weaver.

Elizabeth Ann Young, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Worth Young and Gwendolyn Mae Dickson, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Carter Dickson, were baptized—becoming Children of the Covenant.

Low Gap

Mr. and Mrs. John Bare and Miss Azale Bare.

Obids

Misses Pearl Parsons, Ruth Charlotte and Pansy Hartsog; Mrs. Mary Hartsog; Messrs. Bernard and Robert Hartsog.

West Jefferson: Mr. and Mrs. John L. Sheets and Miss Albertine Faw.

BIG RIDGE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHAUTAUQUA

An invitation to conduct a funeral at the Big Ridge School on May 21st has been interpreted by the people of the community as the work of the Lord to reveal to Rev. D. F. Helm the need for, and interest of the people, in a Sunday School. Our Sunday schedule was full and we already had one at 2:30 on Saturday afternoon but we offered to meet with the people at 4:30 P. M. on Saturdays and they responded with enthusiasm which has grown from week to week and attendance ranging from 42 to 69 with an average of about 60.

Just as our tent was about to hibernate and our corps of workers were packing for home the S. S. arose with one voice for a Christian Chautauqua and the appeal was too eloquent for us to ignore. We prayed over the matter; appealed to Misses Kathryn Hunt, Lois Calhoun, Irene Richardson and Mr. W. P. Boyle and, although each of them were just relaxing from a busy summer, all responded with an enthusiastic "yes" and we are now in the midst of one of the most enjoyable Chautauquas of the season. Partial statistics will be found on page one and we will tell you more in the next issue of the Ashe Presbyterian.

LOW GAP

Our Bible school was taught by Misses Clarice Thompson, DeEtte Crawford, Eva Maloney and Rev. D. F. Helm and the preaching was done by Rev. W. I. Howell. Large audiences attended with enthusiasm and interest (see statistics page one) and we had a splendid Chautauqua in spite of rain, mud and cold.

A special feature of the meeting was the ordination of Ruling Elders F. W. Atwood and H. M. Darnell and the installation of Rev. D. F. Helm as pastor. Rev. J. K. Fleming was moderator of the commission of Winston-Salem Presbytery which came for this service Sunday, May 21st.

OBIDS

Again we had rain! and more! but showers of spiritual blessings came, nevertheless. Rev. W. E. Hill, Jr., preached the Gospel with force, earnestness and the blessing of the Holy Spirit while the teaching was done by Misses Janet McNeill and Eva Maloney and Mr. Boyle. Our Church was revived spiritually through the reconsecration of her membership and the addition of new members—statistics of which will be found on page one.

WEST JEFFERSON

Bible School was begun here three days in advance of the evangelistic preaching with a staff of teachers including Misses Katherine O'Neill, Sara F. Martin, Ethel W. Sharpe, Eva L. Maloney, Rose Colvard, Eunice Thompson, Francis Cashion and Mrs. Evelyn Brown and Mrs. R. H. Stone.

WEST JEFFERSON NO. 2

Dr. J. E. Thacker, founder and director of the Department of Evangelism in the Southern Presbyterian Church, came to us Aug. 7th and stirred the hearts of large audiences daily with his messages of Gospel purity through Aug. 20th. All Churches of the community were invited to cooperate and large audiences enjoyed every message. Visible

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT LAUREL FORKS INCOMPLETE

Those who travel number 18 highway from North Wilkesboro to Sparta will pass a small stone Church on their left after you strike the Ashe County line. This is Laurel Forks Presbyterian Church. It is built of creek and flint rock. This rock church is completed except for the inside work and the finishing of a fill on one side of the church. Right near the church there is a beautiful little spring which we want to wall up and fix for the use of the public. This Church was organized last summer by Presbytery and we are at last getting into our building. The gifts of friends as above noted made it possible to build this building. We are not belittling the splendid help the community rendered, nor the gifts of lumber, both of which we could not have done without. If there is any one who reads this article who would like to help us complete this building you may send a gift to J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, N. C. At present we are holding our services and Sunday School in the schoolhouse, but we hope the time is near when we can move into our own church.

MR. W. P. BOYLE DOES FINE WORK

Perhaps no greater blessing has ever been brought to our work than that enjoyed by Obids and surrounding communities through the ministry of Mr. W. P. Boyle, a senior from Union Theological Seminary, who has given his entire vacation to that section of the county without any financial remuneration whatever. Like the Chaldean patriarch, he started by hundreds. His work has included living, preaching and teaching the Gospel with all its winsome power in the Obids, Boggs, Othello and Fleetwood communities; organizing a "Saturday afternoon" Sunday School at Boggs; helping with the Obids and Big Ridge Chautauquas; either filling preaching appointments or speaking to young people in practically every Presbyterian Church in the county and cheerfully responding to every call for service.

In connection with the Boggs Sunday School Mr. Boyle preached a series of Evangelistic sermons during the week Aug. 7-14 which brought a great spiritual blessing to the community. There were several who expressed their desire to live for the Lord but, since there is no Church of any denomination in the community, the meeting has resulted in no additions to any Church so far as we have learned.

The return of Mr. Boyle to Seminary leaves a vacancy in our corps which shall be difficult to fill; a need for a permanent worker of his talent, consecration and force of character and our constant prayer is for God to open a way for his return. Will you join with us?

results for all Churches include 188 reconsecration, 8 to unite with Churches in the town by letter and 41 by profession.

A special feature of this Chautauqua was the visit of Mrs. May Dixon Thacker, wife of our evangelist, who brought a special message of consecration to the ladies on the closing day and won for herself a host of friends and admirers in all the communities which were represented at the service.

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Helen Deans and Mr. and Mrs. Luke, Rev. R. K. Davenport, of Raleigh, N. C., was the evangelist for this meeting. We had a splendid meeting in spite of cold weather. There were many reconsecrations and there were 12 professions and 10 who united with the church at Laurel Forks.

Ebenezer Meeting (June 16-30)

After the close of the Laurel Forks Meeting the tent was taken to Ebenezer Church where we ran the Chautauqua from June 16th through June 30th. The teachers for the Bible School were Frances Cashion, Helen Deans, Raiford Baxley, and Rev. J. W. Luke. We kept house in the Sunday School rooms and Mrs. Luke did the cooking. The enrollment was 77 and the attendance was 59. There were 21 who were perfect in attendance.

Our evangelist was Rev. C. E. Clark of Winston-Salem, N. C. There were two conversions at this meeting and many reconsecrations.

Peak Creek Meeting (July 3-14)

After the Ebenezer meeting the tent was hauled to Peak Creek where the Bible School was taught by Misses Eunice Thompson and Alice Neal Wilson, of Steele Creek Community, and Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Luke. Those who enrolled were 73 and the attendance was 51. There were 28 who made a perfect attendance.

Dr. E. E. Gillespie was the evangelist. The number who made professions was 12 and there were 13 who united with the church. There were many who reconsecrated themselves to Christ.

Miller's School Meeting (Aug. 7-21)

After the meeting at Peak Creek the tent was at Obids Church under the direction of Rev. DeWitt Helm, and then we moved it to Miller's School by Aug. 7. The Bible School teachers here were Miss Mary Janet McNeill and Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Luke. The attendance was 67 and 85 were enrolled. Out of this number there were 29 who were perfect in attendance.

We had three preachers at this meeting, however not all at the same time. Rev. T. W. Clap of Plumtree, N. C., Rev. E. E. Gillespie, of Greensboro, N. C. and Rev. R. C. Clontz of Wilmington, N. C. There were 18 professions and 24 who united with the Presbyterian Church. At the close of this meeting those who united with the church put their names on a petition with those who had united the year before. The petition had 44 names to go to Presbytery to organize a Presbyterian Church at this point. All of these are already members of the Presbyterian Church.

Bethel Presbyterian Church (Aug. 22-Sept. 3)

The tent having been moved the next day after the Miller's School meeting closed we started the meeting the next night at Bethel Presbyterian Church at Vannoy, N. C. Our meeting is now in progress at this place so we cannot give a complete record of this meeting. Miss Mary Janet McNeill, and Rev. and Mrs. Luke are the teachers in the Bible School, while the evangelist, Rev. F. M. Dick, of Ahoskie, N. C., is teaching a class in History and Doctrines of the Presbyterian Church. The enrollment at the Bible School will amount to about

65 and those attending three days or more which will give us an attendance of about 45. Out of these there will be about 25 perfect in attendance. Up to this time there have been 17 who have made their profession but as yet we have not opened the doors of the church for members. On Sunday Aug. 27 the Billy Sunday Club from Winston-Salem gave us a fine service. The pictures of Christ's life and the land of Palestine being thrown on the screen and the personal testimony of the team led by Mr. R. W. Nading was given. We have been having splendid preaching by Rev. F. M. Dick, and are praying that God will pour out a greater blessing than we have already received.

GIFTS FOR THE CHURCHES IN JOHN W. LUKE'S FIELD

At the beginning of this summer we were in great doubt as to whether or not to start building two Churches: one at Laurel Forks, and the other at Shepherd's School in Wilkes County. We had no money, only the promise of work and some lumber were in sight. As it was necessary to buy cement and other building supplies some of our Christian friends came to our rescue. The following have given the gifts, and thanks to them.

Mrs. L. Richardson.....	\$ 100.00
Mrs. W. N. Reynolds.....	187.00
Mrs. S. C. Williams.....	100.00
Belk Fund, includes 2 gifts	1000.00
Mr. D. H. Burtner.....	50.00
Mr. Bill Thomas.....	40.00
Mr. E. W. O'Hanlon.....	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Norfleet	25.00
Mrs. Walter Lindsay.....	10.00
Mrs. A. Finley.....	1.00
Dr. D. C. Lilly.....	5.00
Mr. Robert R. King, Jr....	2.50
Mr. and Mrs. Demmitt....	8.00

We are very thankful for the help we have received from these good friends. We thank God that he has made it possible for our friends to give to us and we thank our friends they have been liberal toward us by these gifts.

GIFT FOR LAST YEAR GLADE VALLEY STUDENTS

Since last issue of the Ashe Presbyterian we have received \$77.00 from offering given by the Davidson Students. This goes for last year's tuition for students. Glade Valley opens September 5th this year, and those who are interested in helping worthy young people to make their way at Glade Valley, please send a gift to J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, N. C. There is a large number who would go this year if some of our friends will help us.

THE EVANGELISTIC CLUB OF NORTH WILKESBORO

The Evangelistic Club of North Wilkesboro has been helping in our meetings under the tent. They came to Deep Cut, Laurel Forks, Ebenezer, and Peak Creek Meetings, and under the leadership of Dr. Cassel gave us a splendid testimony meeting at each place. We want to thank them for their interest in our meetings, and let them feel they have a part in the blessings God has given us.

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put ceiling in. We lack funds to do this and we have not paid off our cement bills yet as well as for some lumber, although the greater part of the lumber was given to us and labor was given free to log and saw it. We had our first service in this building August 27th. Mr. R. W. Nading and the other men of the Billy Sunday Evangelistic Club from Winston-Salem held it. There was a large crowd out which tested the seating capacity of the building. It will easily hold 250 people. It had not been for our friends who donated toward this building we never could have been holding a service in it as we did yesterday. The building is made of a granite rock which we found near the site of the church.

A few striking facts about this church are the following:

It is the only Country Presbyterian Church in Wilkes County.

It is the only stone Church of any denomination in the County.

It is the third white Presbyterian Church in the County.

Although this past year has been considered a year of depression yet God has allowed us to build this beautiful little church, snuggled among the foothills of the old Blue Ridge Mountains. We want to pay off some of our bills for cement, and complete the inside, but we do not yet have the funds to do this. We are hoping there are some friends who might help us finance the completion of this temple among the hills. As you look at the picture remember it is not complete and a small gift will help a great deal. Any gift for this church may be mailed to J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, N. C..

CONTRIBUTORS TO NEW SIDEWALL FOR TENT

After seven years of service in hot, cool, foggy, rainy, windy and delightful weather the sidewall gotten with the original tent gave out and a new one was necessary. A new one was priced at \$85.00. It was found that a sidewall that had been used only once and in perfect condition could be purchased for \$40.00 F. O. B. Norfolk, Va.. The following made contributions, which are greatly appreciated:

Messrs. Oliver Ham, L. B. Ham, E. L. Gaither, Victor Clark, E. S. Reynolds, Ernest Milton, W. G. Little, Conley Thompson, Vance Miller, R. B. Sanford, R. B. Jackson, M. G. Marsh, C. E. Miller, W. E. Vannoy, Ed Jenkins, Misses Wiley, The Mary E. Rogers Bible Class, Rev. R. Murphy Williams, Mrs. Nany C. O'Hanlon, Mrs. A. A. Cashion, Mrs. P. T. Hay, Mrs. T. E. McCrary, Dr. Chas. F. Myers, Dr. D. Clay Lilly and the Mocksville Men's Bible Class.

The above may be assured that good care will be taken of our new sidewall which has served so well this year. We trust that the new one will last as long as did its predecessor and at the end of its tent life have as glorious a story to tell.

The Presbytery of Winston-Salem will hold its fall meeting in the Glade Valley Presbyterian Church—beginning at 11 a. m. on Tuesday Sept. 12th.

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Many thanks to each of you who have made donations since the last issue. Our work is not finished, we have no door to one church, and we have no ceiling or subflooring. We are sitting on two by sixes for seats, and have two oil barrels for stoves, yet we thank you and the Lord for giving us a place to worship.

Those who helped by sending us a dollar are: Messrs. W. McCulley, R. W. Nading, J. A. Kellenberger, Jim Earnhardt, S. A. MacDonald, Emmett W. MacCorkle, Sr., C. M. Thompson, J. A. Reid, W. H. Foy, C. S. Stone, Revs. B. K. Lacy, G. H. Gilmer, J. G. McAllister, L. W. Irwin, C. W. Robinson, John W. Paxton, Mesdames H. C. Roan, J. L. Luke, C. E. Neisler, Ada W. P. Coffey, Frank Leak, W. G. Shaw, J. H. Costenbader, Geo. T. Brown, E. H. Isenhour and Sudie B. Stafford, and Misses Alice Neil Wilson, Cora Isenhour, and Louise Stone.

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Giving three dollars: Mr. Van B. Wilson.

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Those who gave over ten dollars: Mr. J. R. Finley, \$12; Mrs. C. Hodgson, \$20.

Gifts of Circles and S. S. Classes: Circle No. 1, Wagram, N. C., \$1.05; Circle No. 2, Wagram, N. C., \$3.50; Loyal Workers Class, Wagram, N. C., \$2.20; P. Y. P. L., Wagram, N. C., \$2.40.

Thanksgiving Plans In Luke's Churches

The plans for Thanksgiving are changed some from the usual plan for Thanksgiving. We want to have a service in each church this year. Further announcements will be made denoting changes. We are asking a prominent preacher to come and preach at the Thanksgiving services, and we have not heard from him. Our plans will be made to suit his convenience. The churches will be given notice in due time. One thing is certain—we will take up an offering for Barium Springs Orphanage. Let us do as God's Word bids us—"to feed the orphan". Let us come prepared to tell for what you are thankful.

Miss Kathryn Hunt Is Doing Splendid Work

During the Chautauqua season of 1927 a college girl just out of Westhampton College, came to help us with our work. She was Miss Kathryn Hunt, of Richmond, Va. For our work this was a great event. Whenever it has been possible she has come to us each summer for our Chautauquas.



MISS KATHRYN HUNT—New Worker at Big Ridge, Low Gap and Obids.

Since she first knew Ashe she has graduated at Flora MacDonald College and The Assembly's Training School. Since 1927 there have been dreams: We were dreaming of the day when that splendid young life of beautiful and unselfish service, and with a wonderful loyalty and consecration to the Saviour should be invested in Ashe County. She too looked forward to the time when she could work with the noble and responsive youth of our mountains.

Last year she was the Director of a series of Christian Chautauquas. This year she came back for the Big Ridge Chautauqua and Mr. Helm persuaded her to stay. Without remuneration she has untiringly gone about her work. She has ten services each week: three Sunday Schools (one on Saturday), three Young People's Societies, three services teaching the Bible to the Big Ridge School children after their school, and one class in Church History at Big Ridge. The other points where she is working are Low Gap and Obids.

Her principal means of conveyance is walking. It is a great joy that she gets out of her work. And there is a fine appreciation on the part of the people for her devoted service.

It was a great day for our work when Miss Kathryn Hunt became identified with it. She has hundreds of friends in various parts of our county and her visits to the home always bring blessings. Her address is, R. F. D., Wagoner, N. C.

Rev. D. F. Helm was elected Moderator of the Presbytery which met at Glade Valley.

Organization of Church at Miller's School

At the close of a very successful Chautauqua meeting at Miller's School, a petition was written requesting the Fall Presbytery meeting at Glade Valley, N. C. to organize a church at the Miller's Schoolhouse. The petition was dated August 21st, 1933, and was made up of forty-four names. These names represented the people who had united with the Presbyterian Church in the last two years. For a little over two years a very successful Sunday School has been running here, and the petition is the climax of about two years of Sunday School work and two meetings. The following people were charter members—Anna Dancy, E. M. Dancy, B. F. Tugman, Monroe Royal, Mamie Adams, Mary Brown, Com Miller, Bryant Wyatt, Florence Kilby, James Church, Hattie Darnell, Callie Wyatt, Arvilla Wyatt, Locky Miller, Effie Adams, Eula Wyatt, Nannie Dancy, Fred Wyatt, Port Barlow, Maggie Royal, Birdie Wyatt, Nancy Minnie L. Royal, Isadore Miller, Maggie E. Barlow, James Monroe Barlow, Ada Victoria Royal, Russel Miller, Press Miller, Sarah Miller, Worth Miller, Charlie Wyatt, Adaline Wyatt, Mirtie Eell Kilby, John Royal, Vira Royal, Wyatt, Mollie Royal, Daisy Wyatt, Odell Dancy, Toy Watson, Mamie Atwood, Ally Roberts, Bill Wyatt.

Presbytery appointed the following commission to organize the church at Miller's School. Ministers—Revs. C. W. Robinson, D. F. Helm, and J. W. Luke. Elders—J. R. Finley, and Geo. W. Bowlin. On October 1st at 2:30 p. m. a large crowd gathered in the schoolhouse. Rev. C. W. Robinson opened the commission's work with a prayer, after the hymn, "Take the Name of Jesus with You," was sung. Luke 22:31-32, were the verses used by Rev. D. F. Helm for his text. Useful warnings and lessons as well as inspiration were received from the splendid sermon that was preached. Rev. C. W. Robinson approving the testimony, that all the signers of the petition had been received as Christians, proceeded to pledge the members to their duties.

The election of officers of the new church was as follows: Elders—Bud Dancy, Bryant Wyatt, and Com Miller; the Deacons chosen were—Monroe Barlow, Fred Wyatt, Press Miller, and Monroe Royal. After the election of these officers, the commission ordained and installed them by the beautiful symbolic service—the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery.

This church is the youngest child of the Winston-Salem Presbytery. It is a baby yet and so young it has not been named, for we are now looking for a name which will express her sentiment and her aspirations. The cradle of this baby church is the schoolhouse at Miller's, but some day we hope to have a home of our own, a new church where the baby can grow, and become a more useful child of the Winston-Salem Presbytery.

Our Sunday Schools observed Rally Day. The offering went to Sunday School extension.

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EDITORIAL

THANKSGIVING 1933

Aside from the manifold personal and national blessings that we enjoy all Presbyterians should be very thankful for the two hundred and fifty years of American Presbyterianism. The growth and influence have been great. And what is finer the influence has greatly exceeded the growth.

We were so eager that you have the accompanying address about Rev. Francis Makemie and his work that many things are being crowded out of this issue. What many of our readers thought should appear in this issue will appear next month.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS NEEDED

The *Ashe Presbyterian* is not an experiment. For eleven years it has been telling a story of progress and achievement—of souls being won, of the youth being trained, of Churches being organized and elegant houses of worship being erected, and of friends who have made these buildings possible. The paper is ten cents a year. After you have finished reading this issue sit down and send us a dollar and ten names. You and your friends will enjoy the paper and our printers need that we pay our obligations, which we enjoy doing.

A hearty response to this appeal will enable us to get out a larger and more attractive paper next month. We have the news for a larger one now.

Death of Miss Sadie Brooks

Miss Sadie Brooks, the daughter of Mr. N. L. Brooks, has passed from a bed of suffering to a land where there are no tears nor pains. Miss Brooks has been one of the most loyal members of Ebenezer church. She taught Sunday School faithfully until she was stricken with rheumatism and cancer. After about six years of bedfastness, she has now passed on into a land of no sorrow. We shall miss this loyal, brave, and patient Christian here on earth, but we rejoice with her as she enters into the joys of her Saviour.

250TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORGANIZED PRESBYTERIANISM IN AMERICA

A Presbyterian pilgrimage was made Wednesday, Oct. 4, by church leaders and members from Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and elsewhere, from Princess Anne through Manokin, Rehoboth, Makemie Park, Pocomoke City, Pitts Creek and Snow Hill, to Salisbury, and other historic points of the Eastern peninsula, in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the beginnings of organized Presbyterianism in America by the establishment of Eastern Shore churches under the ministry of Francis Makemie, who began his labors here in 1683 under commission from the Presbytery of Laggan, Ireland, at the request of Calvinists then in America.

The address of Rev. Ernest Thompson, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of Charleston, W. V., and moderator of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Church in the United States, at the monument of Francis Makemie at Makemie Park, Virginia, follows in part:

A Monument And Its Message

The erection of monuments to commemorate some great event or in honor of some distinguished man has long been the manner of men. Jacob set up his Bethel at the place where God first appeared to him. When, under the leadership of Joshua, God's Chosen People had passed over Jordan toward their conquest of Canaan, at the direction of Jehovah Himself, they took stones from the bed of the river and set them up as a memorial, that all the people of the earth might know the hand of the Lord that it is mighty, and might fear the Lord God forever.

We here are gathered about a plain but beautiful monument, a monument commemorating, not a victory of the sword but of the spirit, not of war but of peace, not of getting but of giving. Peace hath its heroes and its victories no less renowned than those of war. May we not fittingly consider together at this time, in the shadow of this monument, something of its message to us.

It Is A Monument First Of All To A Man

I make no attempt to pronounce an eulogy on this man; his churches are his eulogy. Thomas Carlyle in his "Heroes and Hero Worship" says: "Universal history, the history of what man has accomplished in this world, is at the bottom the history of the great men who have worked here. They were the leaders of men, these great ones, and in a wide sense creators of whatever the general mass of men continued to do or attain; all things that we see accomplished in the world are properly the outer material results, the practical realization and embodiment, of thoughts that dwell in the great men sent into the world: the soul of the whole world's history, it may justly be considered, were the history of these."

This monument is to a man, a great man. Its opening inscription reads: "Erected in gratitude to God and in grateful remembrance of His servant and minister, Francis Makemie."

Francis Makemie—the name has lived, but the man himself has been to many of us not much more than a myth in the dim twilight of the past. And while with sure instinct the Church has



REV. FRANCIS MAKEMIE—Father
of American Presbyterianism.

always felt that a debt of gratitude was owed by her to the "Apostle of the Chesapeake," yet how little has she known of him.

He was a Scotch-Irishman, born, just the date is not known, at Rathmelton, County Donegal, Ireland. Educated at the University of Glasgow at a time when Presbyterian ministers were being driven from their pulpits, arrested, imprisoned; when garrisons were being placed all over the land in the houses of Presbyterians for the suppression of God's worship in the fields and churches and on moor and mountain (it being forbidden for any to take supplies or give shelter to those who had been proscribed on the penalty of being treated themselves as traitors and felons), he yet offered himself, well knowing the dangers that were before him, as a candidate for the ministry to his Presbytery, was accepted, licensed, and ordained as one who promised even then to make his mark upon the world; soon thereafter was sent to the American Colonies to bear the Word of God to a scattered band of Presbyterians who had left the old country for conscience's sake.

We have this record of his personal appearance: "An intellectual forehead crowned with brown locks, the fair complexion, the expressive blue eyes, and, over all, the mien of a true Irish gentleman." Extracts from his sermons and writings give conclusive proof that he fed the people, not on milk, but on strong meat. He believed in the early indoctrination of the children. His preaching was largely expository, both doctrinal and practical.

He preached no sermonettes, for his was an earnest, not a jazz age. Listening to but few sermons since they

felt the old country, his congregation did not complain of the length of his sermons. Makemie himself, however, thought there were some signs of degeneracy even in his own age, because there was a disposition "to cut down into but an hour or two the three or four hour sermons of the days of the martyrs." (I wonder if that is one of the reasons why they were spoken of as "martyrs.")

He was also a man of affairs, taking a practical and helpful interest in the daily life and necessities of the people to whom he ministered in the things of God.

The inscription on the monument puts it well: "A devoted and able preacher of our Lord's Gospel—a Christian gentleman, an enterprising man of affairs, a public-spirited citizen, a distinguished advocate of religious liberty, for which he suffered." Lord Cornbury (before whom he appeared on trial as a "strolling preacher") thus characterizes him: "He is Jack of All Trades; he is a preacher, a doctor of physics, a merchant, an attorney, a counselor at law, and, which is worst of all, a disturber of government."

Such was the man.

But this is more than a monument to a man.

It Is The Monument To A Movement

"The chief founder of organized Presbyterianism in America"—and this is a monument to that movement. On the facade of St. Paul's cathedral is a tablet to Sir Christopher Wren, which says: "If you would see his monument, look around you." So we may well say: "If you would see Makemie's monument, look at Presbyterianism in America." As one has said of him: "To be the right man in the right place" (and we might add, in the right time) "was the happy lot of Francis Makemie."

To understand the condition of the religious life in the Colonies at this time we need to glance back at the religious situation in the mother countries. We find that over there it was "a crime to worship the good Lord as the pious soul believed to be right." Kings and courtiers who had no conscience of their own were seeking to dominate the conscience of others and force them to worship God after the manner of wicked and corrupt men whose religion was a hatred of those who truly loved the Saviour. The Conventicle Act of 1664 had forbidden any one over sixteen years of age to attend any other than the established worship in any place where five or more persons were present.

There was a growing persecution of Presbyterians in Ulster and Scotland. "One word uttered, or the least sympathy expressed, in behalf of civil or religious liberty, was considered a crime. The hishops were Charles Stuarts in gowns."

It was the critical age of Presbyterianism. Its spirit of liberty was offensive to tyrants. Under the late Stuarts and Louis XIV were Covenanters and Huguenots who scarcely found a door of escape. Shiploads of them were landed in America, where they were sold into servitude for a few years to pay their passage. A few noblemen sent over freer bands. They built their cabins in the forests. There were small communities, but no strong colony, of Presbyterians in this country. They were widely scattered through the provinces from Bos-

ton Bay to the Savannah river. They had their well-read Bibles and their oft-sung Psalms, their elders holding fast to the Westminster Confession of Faith; their healthful children whose souls were girded with the Catechism, and their morning and evening worship at home. But they were long without a ministry and a church. A few wandering ministers came and went, or died in lonely settlement. An efficient organizer had not yet come.

That organizer was found in Francis Makemie. He found a "poor, desolate people" and comforted them. A soil for spiritual harvests where he unselfishly sowed and reaped. Poor though they were in worldly goods and desolate, yet this people was made up of sturdy English non-Conformists, the Scot with his undying loyalty to the crown rights of Jesus, the generous fervor of Irish piety, the enthusiastic devotion of the French, the commingling of which types gave the promise of a new, mightier evangelization.

Lord Baltimore was governor of Maryland, which was remarkably tolerant under his regime. Maryland was called the "Land of the Sanctuary." It had a charter "jealously worded for the purpose of guarding the religion of an Episcopal Kingdom and the religion of a Catholic proprietary from infringing on one another." It provided that:

"No person or persons whatsoever within the province professing to believe in Jesus Christ should from henceforth be anyways troubled, molested or discountenanced for or in respect to his religion nor in any way compelled to the belief or exercise of any other religion against his or her conscience." Which is said to be the first explicit statement of toleration by any government in the history of the world.

Under this act Makemie was free to go wherever he might find the dispersed Presbyterians and organize churches. At first he seems to have had no fixed home. He resided chiefly on horseback, in the cabins where he lodged, and in rude pulpits or out of doors beneath the stars. He sacrificed his life in giving the Gospel to as many communities as he could reach.

Amid perils of savages, perils of storms, swollen rivers, perils of the wilderness, perils of persecution, like an earlier servant of the Master, he travels with the care of all the churches on his shoulders; but with it all he laid the foundation of the Presbyterian Church in America and may justly be regarded as the father of the American Presbyterian Church.

For a time the Presbyterian settlers were not strong enough to awaken the jealousy of others. But under the zeal, diligence, wisdom, piety and spirit of this man conditions were changed; and the time came when measures were taken in the new colonies to suppress this growing movement.

The dislike and jealousy of the Established Church in Virginia was aroused against this dissenter whose influence was becoming dangerous. He was arrested, according to tradition, but placed beyond his dispute his legal right to preach in his adopted province. But hampering restrictions were thrown around. An act was passed by the Assembly taxing all dissenters for the support of the State Church of Maryland; and, to strengthen the Church which had driven them out of England, and poor as they were, they were compelled

to contribute of their hard earnings for the maintenance of a Church which had despised and persecuted their faith. The tax was forty pounds of tobacco per poll. On paying this tax the dissenters were allowed to worship undisturbed, provided they had their meetings in "houses registered in the county courts and kept them unlocked, unbarred, and unhalted." (They soon learned, we are told, to pool their worst tobacco.)

In New York under Lord Cornbury, Makemie was arrested as a strolling preacher who was spreading pernicious doctrines; to which he replied with admirable dignity: "As to our doctrines, we have our Confession of Faith, which is known to the Christian world; and I challenge all the clergy of York to show us any false or pernicious doctrine therein. We are able to prove that its doctrinal articles agree with those of the Church of England." But all arguments were in vain. He was sent to jail, after a long trial was acquitted by a jury, but was not released until he paid the costs. This injustice was soon denounced by the legislature, though he was never reimbursed for the money he had been so unjustly compelled to pay out.

But all these obstructions did not prevent the pushing on of the work or of the plan for a thorough organization of the Presbyterian system in America. And by 1706 there was enough ministers and churches organized to justify gathering them together in a central bond of union. The first Presbytery, formed after a thorough Scotch type, was formed at Philadelphia, a central place, and one where perfect religious freedom could be enjoyed. The records show this Presbytery sitting in October, 1706, with Makemie as moderator. In it were seven or eight ministers and the elders of a sufficient number of churches. And so the inscription on our monument correctly reads: "The Chief Founder of Organized Presbyterianism in America, A. D. 1706, and the First Moderator of the General Assembly."

I have not recalled these historic incidents to stir up in any way feeling of one branch of the great Church of Christ against another, which I am sure none of us at this date can or do feel, but only to show something of the stuff from which Presbyterianism comes to strengthen our own souls for any duty or task, however difficult, that may confront us today.

The last part of the inscription on our monument tells that "he died"... "and was buried." Yes, his body lies here, but his spirit goes marching on. In memory of the Spartans who died at Platea there is the inscription: "These men, having set a crown of imperishable glory on their own land, are folded in the dark clouds of death. Yet being dead they have not died, since from on high their excellence raises them gloriously out of the House of Hades." So he, "being dead yet speaketh."

I have been asking myself if this monument has not.

A Message To The Men And Women of Today—

and for the future; for the consideration of the yesterdays are meaningless unless they bring us something for today and tomorrow. Makemie and his associates were not building for themselves alone but for those who were to come after them. When we consider what our heritage cost in blood and tears and self-sacrifice, surely we should prize it more.

Let us not bow our heads in the presence of the claim of any Church to be more apostolic than we Presbyterians bow to none but God.

Loving our heritage, let us strive to pass it on to our descendants, not only unsullied, but enlarged and made stronger. When I think of the opportunities which Presbyterians had in these valleys, how the land lay before us for possessing every place upon which our feet should tread, and yet how we have let other denominations outstrip us, surely we have been derelict somewhere; we seem to have lost the pioneering spirit; we have forgotten how to endure hardness; we prefer to live lives of ease in settled and sheltered communities rather than push out into the regions beyond. We have too often allowed the Methodist circuit rider, the Baptist in his day-coach, to precede us, as we have waited for the Pullman car with all its comforts.

Presbyterians have always been a liberty-loving folk; they have thought for themselves; they have stood for the right of conscience along with the crown rights of King Jesus, and have for the sake of these dared to oppose themselves to the dictates of tyrants and kings.

There is no other system of doctrine or church government that so breeds strong men and women who stand first in civil government, in civic business and church life—usually the backbone of the communities in which they live—not filled with froth and foam, often silent but always strong.

As we stand within the shadow of this monument, erected in the memory of the man who under God was the founder of Presbyterianism in America, let us pledge ourselves anew to those things for which he stood—to intellectual and spiritual freedom, to sacrificial devotion to the crown rights of Jesus, to fidelity to His Gospel, to untiring efforts for the advance of our Church—let us as real spiritual and ecclesiastical statesmen, plan largely and well, with keenness of vision, with thought not for the present only, but more for the future, that we may hand on to our children the torch we have received, burning even more brightly.

News from Gillespie Church Dr. Gillespie to Make Address

Since our last issue you should see our Gillespie Church. It is almost wrapped up in brick now. The outside work will be completed when we can have a few more days for finishing the rock vestibule and the remaining brick in the front gable.

You must know our friends who have made this possible. We made an appeal for individuals or classes to put a thousand brick in the wall and the following have given the equivalent in money: Mr. G. W. Price, Mrs. B. S. Nissen, Men's Bible Class Church of the Covenant, Greensboro. Mr. A. F. Stevens, Mrs. Wilson Gray, Mrs. Jas. C. Harper. The Belk Foundation has given another substantial gift towards completion. Other fine gifts have been received from Mrs. John F. Kincaid and one in memory of Miss Sadie Brooks. Acknowledgement of three fine gifts were crowded out of last issue—Mr. J. M. Wells, Jr., Mrs. John L. King and Miss Kathryn Hunt.

The truck of the Lansing Grocery Company has done a great deal of hauling. Our friends in the community have done a lot of work and hauling. We are greatly indebted to all who have helped.

On Thanksgiving Day a great program is being planned for Gillespie. There will be a service of Thanksgiving beginning at 11 A. M. Dr. E. E. Gillespie, for whom the Church is named, will be present and preach a sermon. The people are asked to bring their dinners, which will be enjoyed at 12:15 P. M. Then there will come the service in which the granite tablet, the gift of Reins Brothers, makers of monuments, North Wilkesboro, N. C., will be laid in the wall. During this service an address will be delivered by Dr. Gillespie. All of our friends are cordially invited to attend these services.

Thanksgiving Plans for Jefferson Group

Owing to the big service planned for Gillespie at eleven o'clock there will be a half hour of praise and thanksgiving in the Jefferson Church from 9:00 to 9:30. Beginning at 9:45 and continuing through 10:15 a similar service will be held at Lansing. The regular service will be held at Foster Memorial at 7:00 P. M. Members of these Churches are expected to attend the service at Gillespie.

Mr. Helm hopes to have Dr. Gillespie for an hour at Big Ridge beginning at 7:00 P. M. that night.

An offering for our own Barium Springs Orphanage will be received at each service.

Glade Valley High School Students

At Glade Valley there are twenty students from my field who are working half their way. The other half I am trying to raise from those who want to help worth-while young people. I believe in helping those who will help themselves. DO YOU? Will you help a student then? If you have the money power, will you send a check to Rev. J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, N. C. or to Mr. E. B. Eldridge, Glade Valley, N. C. and mark it for Glade Valley Student from J. W. Luke's field. Its costs \$75 outside of the work a student can do to keep him there a term. Any part of this amount or the whole will be appreciated.

So far I have received \$5.00 from Mrs. Thomas Moore, Charles Town, W. Va.

Thanksgiving Plans for Helm's Churches

Low Gap will have special preaching service on Wednesday night, Nov. 29th.

West Jefferson will have a special service of Thanksgiving at 10:00 A. M. Nov. 30th and Big Ridge will have one, under the direction of Miss Hunt, at 7:30 in the evening.

At 11:00 Rev. D. F. Helm's Churches will come together for worship in the Obids Church. Plans are on foot for a Thanksgiving dinner to be spread at the Church and, should they materialize, the public is invited to come and bring baskets prepared for the occasion.

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Chautauqua at Big Ridge

Our last issue told you our Chautauqua had begun and promised more information. This we cannot adequately give. Only the Spirit, Himself, could tell you of His work during the two weeks He honored Himself by working with us in our Chautauqua. Bible School and preaching services were blessed by His presence and the workers seemed to enjoy their stay as much as we enjoyed having them.

Our "Question Box" was a major feature. More than a thousand chapters were read from the Gospel of John and most of the questions which daily filled the box related to interpretation of Scripture. These questions were a wonderful blessing to the pastor in discovering the spiritual needs of the people with which to deal in his preaching. "What is the Holy Spirit?" and "How may I know I have Faith?" are typical of those questions asked.

At the close of our Chautauqua the following petitioned Prsbytery to be organized in a Church: Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bare, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Bare, Mr. and Mrs. Hobson Creeps, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Miller, Mesdames Fred Bare, Louis Miller and Robert Sheets; Misses Aileen Bare, Ada Combs, Ruth Sheets, Nell Dancy, Clyde Lyall; Messrs Woodrow Barc, Wayne Bare and Allensby Miller.

Prsbytery appointed a Commission to confer with the congregation and take necessary action. The pastor called a congregational meeting and we decided to postpone organization until a suitable location for our Church can be secured.

Rev. Wade C. Smith In West Jefferson

As we go to press Rev. Wade C. Smith, internationally famous artist, author and preacher and his "Little Jetts" are bringing soul-stirring presentation of simple Gospel truths to members and friends of the W. J. Church. Our audiences are held fascinated by his gripping, pictorial messages. We are indeed fortunate in having Mr. Smith with us and will tell you more about the meeting in our next issue.

Re-Organization of Sunday School

Our West Jefferson S. S. has recently elected Mr. William Coble Supt. and Prof. J. C. Kelly teacher of Adult class. Mr. Coble is an enthusiastic leader of vision and consecration and elicits fine cooperation and our S. S. is steadily growing in attendance and efficiency under his supervision. The Junior Choir under the direction of Mesdames Kelly and Helm is rendering invaluable service in both S. S. and Church services.

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Bethel Chautauqua a Grand Climax Meeting

We regret not getting all the news of the Bethel Chautauqua in the last issue of the Ashe Presbyterian for it now seems belated news to those of us in this section. Our meeting was only half done when the last news was written about Bethel Chautauqua. This meeting was a great climax of a splendid summer for second tent. Miss Mary Janet McNeill, and Mrs. J. W. Luke were the teachers for the Junior and Primary classes. Rev. J. W. Luke taught the Young People, and Rev. Marion Dick who preached for us, also gave a class in Presbyterian doctrines and history.

Those who attended the Bible School were 63. Those who attended three days and over were 48. Those who were perfect in attendance were 28.

This meeting was a grand ending for the tent this last season. Rev. Marion Dick from Ahsokie, N. C. gave us wonderfully clear Gospel messages. The meeting was also marked by the praying of the people. Every night before the meeting men and women gathered in separate groups for prayer. We had a wonderful meeting of reconsecration, and as the meeting progressed converts came—sometimes one, sometimes three as the call was given to sinners to repent. The last night was the greatest night of all, it seemed as if God poured out his Spirit upon us. Many came at the first call, and then the Spirit gave Christians liberty to go and speak to some dear one about their salvation. Others then came one after another as the call for converts was extended. It was a fine meeting, and one we shall not soon forget. There were about 28 people making profession. Uniting with the church 21. There were 5 children dedicated to God by their parents, who made a covenant with God for their children and had them publicly baptized.

At this meeting we were favored by the Winston-Salem Evangelistic Club, which came to us one Sunday evening and gave us a splendid service, accompanied by stereopticon pictures.

This was one of our best meetings. The people of upper Reddies River Valley will not forget it. May God continue to bless us as He did then.

MEN OF THE CHURCH HAVE GREAT MEETING

On Friday evening Nov. 17th the Men of the Presbyterian Churches of Ashe County met in the Sunday School Rooms of the West Jefferson Church at 5:30. The occasion of the early hour was a most delicious and bounteous supper which had been prepared by the ladies of the local church. About sixty men were present.

Mr. J. C. Crawford, the President, presided. After the supper the regular business was dispensed with and the time was given to Rev. Wade C. Smith who spoke on The Greatness of a Man Finding Himself. Out of his experience as a pastor Mr. Smith told of men who had found the work that Jesus had for them to do and of the great joy that came as a result.

After the meeting the men went up stairs and attended the regular service of the meeting.

This was perhaps the best attended meeting of the Men of the Church in its

history. The men of Ashe were greatly encouraged by the large delegations that came over from the Wilkes Churches of Rev. J. W. Luke.

President Crawford intimated that another meeting would be held soon. Everyone was appreciative of the work of the ladies in making this meeting such a pleasant one.

Evangelistic Club Holds Meeting

The people at Laurel Forks, Peak Creek, Bethel, and Miller's School Churches enjoyed having the Evangelistic club from North Wilkesboro hold a meeting for them in absence of their pastor from the county.

Lukes Out of County for Several Weeks

Rev. J. W. Luke has been away from his field for a month. For twelve days he was with Rev. T. W. Clapp at Plumtree, N. C. conducting a revival meeting. After this Mr. and Mrs. Luke visited his mother at Charles Town, W. Va. At their return to the county a message was received of the illness of Dr. W. G. Shaw, Mrs. Luke's father. A quick trip was made to Wagram, N. C. and Mrs. Luke remains with her Father.

MISS O'NEALL SPEAKS TO CONFERENCES

Miss Katherine O'Neill, after her summer's activity in the Bible Schools, was asked to be one of the principal speakers in the Group Conferences in Orange Presbyterial. She very gladly accepted the invitation and gave inspiring addresses to her audiences.

Her regular work is getting along splendidly. She is going to have part in two Church Schools of Missions in which "The Ambassador Supreme" will be taught. The Young People, the Sunday Schools, and Auxiliaries in which she has a part, are all doing fine work. Our people are very appreciative of the services of Miss O'Neill.

OCTAGON SOAP WRAPPERS WANTED BY FOSTER MEMORIAL

Foster Memorial Church is uncompleted and the gift to us of thousands of Octagon Soap Wrappers will be a great help. Already several hundred have been secured and will not individuals and Circles shower us with them? They should be sent to Mrs. L. B. Ham, Husk, N. C. With these wrappers we hope to secure material to complete the ceiling of the auditorium.

Mr. J. O. Blevins is the new Sunday School superintendent at Lansing. Mr. Edward Hart has the similar position in the Gillespie Sunday School. Both of these are enthusiastic about new duties.

In the absence of Rev. J. W. Luke, Ebenczer, Peak Creek, Bethel, and Miller's School Churches enjoyed having Rev. C. E. Ervin from Glade Valley, N. C. preach for them.

At a meeting of the congregation the Lansing Church elected the following trustees: Victor Clark, Chairman, J. O. Blevins, French Young, James Campbell and Lundy Barr.

Welcome To New Members

West Jefferson: Prof. and Mrs. J. Clyde Kelly, Miss Jean Kelly and James C. Kelly, Jr.

Low Gap: Mrs. Louis Miller, Mrs. Fred Bare.

Lansing: Mrs. Mae Miller and Misses Thelma and Lorean Miller.

Foster Memorial: Mrs. C. H. Blevins.

Bethel (In Wilkes): Mrs. Gaither Huffman, Beatrice Shepherd, Cad Sheets, Lucile Vannoy, Mrs. Bob Vannoy, Bob L. Vannoy, Pauline Shepherd, Mrs. Mont Shepherd, Roe Wyatt, Bill Wyatt, George Terry Johnson, W. Thomas Wyatt, John Calvin Wyatt, Chester Shepherd, James H. Shepherd, Jesse L. Shepherd, Cleo Osborne, Esther P. Shepherd, Jim Shepherd, Joe Patrick, Mrs. Ches Shepherd.

The following were baptized as children of the promise or covenant: Myrtle Jean Roberts, Navonia Lee Roberts, Frances Vannoy, Maggy Vannoy, Betty Lou Vannoy.

Jefferson, Lansing and Foster Memorial loaded two trucks with apples for Barium.

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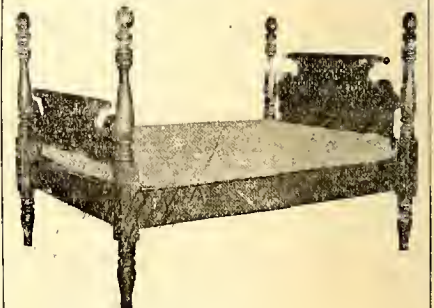
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MISS KATHRYN HUNT SEES WONDERFUL RESULTS IN HER WORK

**"Bowls of sunrise for breakfast
Brimful of the East"—**

And a winsome, blue-eyed girl is on her way to milk. From the top of the next ridge you can hear her clear, young voice singing,

"Let the beauty of Jesus be
seen in me,
All His wonderful passion
and purity.
O Thou Spirit divine, all
my nature refine
'Till the beauty of Jesus be
seen in me"—

Somehow, she has glimpsed the meaning of real beauty as she has seen it in the Master of Men and longs to see it live in her own life.

Only a jump over the hill and up the next hollow, you can distinguish the deep tones of a young masculine voice in "If Jesus Goes With Me, I'll go Anywhere"—to the ringing rhythm of the axe on stovewood. It is a frosty morning to be joyously making such a promise but the light of a new vision is shining in his eyes—a vision of unselfish service which he is getting each Sunday night in Young Peoples' League at Big Ridge.

A jolly group of youngsters make a mad dash up the hill to the Schoolhouse. It may be a rainy day; it may be a cold day, but if it is Friday, Tuesday, or Thursday, they just can't miss school for they are the days when they have Bible School from 4 to 5 after school. Bible stories, verses, and songs make this a delightful hour.

"A thoughtful, intelligent young man asks why it is we send "ambassadors supreme" to other lands and to what lands they are sent. He has been thinking along such lines since the Young People of the Church have been so interested in studying "The Ambassador Supreme".

It is Sunday afternoon and three grown boys in a family are spending the twilight hours of the day reading the Bible. Chapter after chapter is read and verses are marked for future study and discussion. Everywhere Bibles are open and the Scriptures are being searched. "And the Word of God grew and multiplied". Acts 12:24. Big Ridge is fast becoming a Bible-reading community. Resting at the noon hour becomes an opportunity to read a chapter or two in the Bible, and the hours spent in burning midnight oil are spent beside the open Book.

The Old Testament is becoming a new book since the young people are studying the History of the Church and its beliefs. They are finding that it reveals the message of the New Testament to a marvelous degree and that the foundations of the church are laid and the church of the Living God is being built in the Old Testament pages.

A young man steadfastly refuses to take a drink from his insistent friends, turns down an inviting dance. Why? Because he has promised his Master that he will travel the King's Highway with Him.

GILLESPIE CHURCH HAS GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Gillespie Church was the climax of a great season of daylight services held on Thanksgiving Day with Dr. E. E. Gillespie. There was a union service in the Jefferson Church at nine o'clock with Rev. J. E. B. Houser making the address. At ten o'clock there was a service at Lansing with Dr. Gillespie in the pulpit.



Gillespie Presbyterian Church, twelve months old. Blessed of God in His service. Friends who have made this building possible have our abiding gratitude.

Following these services friends from Jefferson and Lansing drove up to Gillespie for a longer service. In both the Lansing and Gillespie services the people were given an opportunity to express their thanks. At Gillespie Dr. Gillespie preached an appropriate sermon.

One of the memories that will linger long is the bounteous dinner served in the basement. It was characterized by quality and quantity. Soon a large number of good appetites began to feast on the good things.

After dinner Misses Kathryn Hunt and Katherine O'Neill deposited in a glass receptacle a number of copies of the Ashe Presbyterian, giving local and denominational church history, some pictures, a responsive reading "The Light Shineth in Darkness," a few grains of corn that grew in the Manse garden in Jefferson and some wheat that was grown near the church. This container was imbedded in the rock and concrete back of where the granite church tablet was to be placed. Dr. E. E. Gillespie, for whom in loving and honored appreciation of what he has done, the Church is named, presided at this ceremony. After a fitting address he said "It is with great pleasure that I place this stone," which bears this inscription "Gillespie Presbyterian Church—1932."

The congregation went inside and enjoyed another great sermon from this champion evangelist. Truly that congregation went away that day "feeling that it is good to have been in the house of the Lord."

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"The face of heaven is beautiful
and breathless,

Like prophets shine the first
stars in the West"—

And the eyes of a young girl grow fixed and dreamy as she kneels at an open window. Softly, wonderingly—"Lord, I thank Thee for the Miracle of Thy love".

MISS KATHERINE O'NEALL WRITES ABOUT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

What is finer that for one to know what he believes and to have definite and daily habits which will help to keep alive that faith? The young people of the Lansing League and the Foster Memorial League now have a Covenant which enables them to grow spiritually. The Covenant reads as follows:

"Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would have me do. I will make it the rule of my life to pray and read the Bible every day. I will support the work and worship of the Young People's League by attending the meetings regularly and cheerfully taking part whenever asked to do so.

The purpose of my life shall be to know Christ and to make Him known."

There are so far, twenty pledged members at Lansing and twelve at Foster Memorial. A large chart form of this is placed on the walls in each of the churches and is read in unison by those who have signed the covenant and are trying to keep it.

The Lansing Young People's League has been purchasing! Yes, they have bought a \$5.00 share in the Japanese Mission which will help in the winning of Young Japan which is the Young Peoples Project of this year.

Catechisms

Some think that the Catechisms have served their purpose in days past and gone, but not so with us. A great deal of interest is being shown in the recitation of both the Shorter Catechism and the Child's Catechism. This is verified by the list which follows of those who have recited the Catechisms during the Fall:

Shorter Catechism—Delta Hartzog and Pearl Dolinger at The Foster Memorial Church; Ocie Miller, Howard Eldrith and Howard Miller at Gillespie; and Delray Campbell at Lansing.

The Child's Catechism—Mabel Greer, Mary Shepherd, Ruth Shepherd, Mary Gambil, Ruth Davis, Carrie Frances, Bessie Ham, and Opal Stansberry—all of Lansing.

REV. WADE C. SMITH IN WEST JEFFERSON

A great blessing came to the W. J. Church during the week Nov. 12-19 through the ministry of Rev. Wade C. Smith internationally famous artist, author and preacher. His messages were deeply spiritual and always made special appeal through "Little Jett" illustrations of the Gospel Truth. Representatives of all denominations in the community and many visitors from neighboring towns heard Mr. Smith with interest and profit and all agree we were fortunate in securing him for these services.

VESPER SERVICES

Four-thirty to five-fifteen vespers are taking the place of evening preaching services in the West Jefferson Church.

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EDITORIAL
CHRISTMAS 1933

Around this world people of every group are wishing one another the finest of Christmas greetings. To all our readers—in every state in the union and in several foreign countries—we send a good wish in the name of Jesus. May the celebration of His birth bring new joy, a strengthened faith and a growing love to your hearts and lives.

Christmas came about because God loved and God gave. It has been contended by us that the best text for a Christmas sermon is John 3:16—"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life". In outline we have I. THE GIVER—1. God. 2. Motive—love. 3. Object of the Giver—the world. II. THE GIFT—1. "Only begotten Son." 2. To whom?—"whosoever believeth". III. THE VALUE—1. "Should not perish". 2. But "have everlasting life".

To our unsaved readers we ask—Will you accept this gift of God? He in an increasing manner means more to us who love and serve Him. His possessing you and your possessing Him is worth more than this world.

A merry Christmas to you all.

GROWTH

God not only gave at Christmas—but He has been constantly giving His Holy Spirit. That God has given His Spirit to bless our work is evident from the statistics of the General Assembly for the past ten years. We have been asked to compile this and the following tabulation will be of interest:

Year	Churches	Members
1923.....	4.....	83
1924.....	4.....	152
1925.....	4.....	129*
1926.....	5.....	145
1927.....	6.....	186
1928.....	6.....	224
1929.....	6.....	272
1930.....	7.....	373
1931.....	7.....	333
1932.....	8.....	457
1933.....	11.....	528

*(Rolls of membership were revised).

This latter figure is of March 31st. If it were brought up to date the number of churches would be 12 and 190 new members added making a total of 718. Sixteen Sunday Schools are being conducted with an enrollment of about one thousand. The Young People in a number of churches are organized—and so are the women organized into Auxiliaries.

As we gaze at these figures we see that God is still giving His Son to those who will receive Him by faith. It is encouraging and we thank Him. A united and splendid group of people will soon begin another year of witnessing for Christ. Let us make it the best year in our history.

**YOUNG PEOPLE AT
OBIDS ORGANIZED**

For years the Kingdom of God in Ashe County has been needing the organized service of the splendid group of young people at Obids. Just recently, they have set up the needed organization and dedicated their talents to Kingdom Highways service. The first few meetings were given over to a thorough study of the plan and program of the Young People of the Church and now, under the capable management of the president Miss Vivian Parsons, they are preparing the Christmas pageant, "They Presented Unto Him Gifts", for presentation in the church Monday night, Dec. 18. Other officers are Mrs. Colvard and Miss Pearl McNeill. Because of these fine young people, Obids has every right to dream dreams and see glorious visions for the future.

**FOREIGN MISSION WEEK
OBSERVED AT BIG RIDGE**

I tell you these young people at Big Ridge have a World-Wide vision. Evidence?—They entered into the Foreign Mission season of our church with a fine spirit and for two months they studied carefully and intelligently the Foreign Mission book, "The Ambassador Supreme", and built up excellent Sunday night programs based on the book. They very wisely used a good deal of variety in the programs with the result that a great interest was aroused in the work of our Ambassadors Supreme. During the last week of the season, they cut down on their own pleasures and sacrificed to the extent of \$2.66 in order that the supreme service of these ambassadors might continue.

God will surely use such unselfish service for His glory.

We know that our paper is widely read—because soon after the last issue left the press Mrs. L. B. Ham, of Husk, N. C., received Octagon Soap coupons from Lenoir, N. C. and from New Jersey. Miss Frances Blevins, of Lansing, and Mrs. A. A. Cashion, of North Wilkesboro seem to be competing as to which one will send the larger number.

Our Foster Memorial congregation is trying to get enough to cash in for money to finish ceiling the auditorium. They appreciate those who have sent and request others to follow their good example.

Mr. A. A. Cashion, of North Wilkesboro, who gave us the first money we had for this church has recently given us nearly four squares of handsome metal ceiling.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Joyous Christmas season is here again! Preparations for the Christmas services are under way in all of the Churches or Sunday Schools. Space forbids more than mention of the time and place they will be held—and a cordial welcome to all to attend.

The schedule for the "Horse Shoe Circuit" as Mr. Luke calls his field is as follows:

Thursday—Dec. 21st, Laurel Forks—7:00.

Friday—Dec. 22nd, Ebenezer—2:30, Millers School—7:00 P. M.

Saturday—Dec. 23rd, Peak Creek—11:00 A. M., Loggins—2:30 P. M., Bethel—7:00 P. M.

The regular Thursday night service of December 21st at Foster Memorial will be devoted to the giving of a pageant—"Gifts for the King". On Saturday night the Intermediates and Young People of Lansing will present a Christmas play—"A Story of Old Bethlehem". The Lansing Juniors will have charge of the program at the Sunday School hour on the 24th. The Gillespie Sunday School is preparing a program for Sunday afternoon Dec. 24th at the usual Sunday School hour. The Jefferson congregation will present the play—"Gifts for the King"—on Sunday afternoon December 24th at 4:00 P. M.

The Obids Young People will present the pageant "They Presented Unto Him Gifts" on Monday night of the 18th. The Big Ridge Young People will give the same pageant at Low Gap on Wednesday night the 20th and at Big Ridge the night of the 21st.

The Othello Sunday School will join with the school in a Christmas program Friday the 22nd. The West Jefferson Juniors will present a pageant at the vesper hour—Sunday Dec. 24th.

All of these programs should help us to have the true spirit of Christmas within our hearts and homes. "The Joy Gift" for our aged and incapacitated ministers, their widows and orphans will be received and forwarded to Dr. H. H. Sweets, the beloved Secretary of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief. A great problem is daily confronting him and he is looking to us.

**BEAUTIFUL AND INTERESTING
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To familiarize churches, and people who are interested in Home Mission work, a set of beautiful slides are being prepared to show something of the work which is going on in this field of Ashe and Wilkes Counties. We hope to show them to Sunday School classes, Men's Christian Clubs, or Church—any and all who will be interested.

The Young People at Lansing recently gave Miss O'Neill a surprise birthday party. On the cake was a huge white candle—representing her one year of service in Lansing. Forty-seven other candles were nestled around the big one. Tension must have been relieved when it was explained that forty-seven was the number of years they hoped to have her in Lansing.

Acknowledgement is gratefully made of a number of gifts of clothing for the clothes store in West Jefferson. Greensboro, North Wilkesboro, and Vernon, N. Y., ladies have been a tremendous help in this way.

HAPPY RESULTS OF THE CAR TRADE

After a faithful service record of 64,417 miles the car driven by Miss O'Neall has been traded for another—a used car driven fifteen thousand miles with good care. It is a Model A Tudor Sedan Ford. The trade was with the Sanford Motor Co. of Mocksville. This company holds a note for thirty days dated Dec. 5 to the amount of \$212.50.

A letter has been written and a host of most happy responses have been received. Not only the contributions but the letters also are most heartening. To date we have received \$54.00 and the contributors are our good friends: Mrs. Geo. D. Finch, Mrs. Raymond Francis, Lansing Y. P. League, Mrs. J. J. Larew, Misses Jean and Hallie Holeman, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hunt, Thomasville Auxiliary, Mrs. Chas. W. Angle, Miss May McAlister, Mrs. S. M. McNeel, Mrs. R. S. Boyd, Mrs. R. H. Stone, Mrs. C. W. Causey, Mrs. R. C. Carson, Mrs. M. W. Norfleet, Friend in Wilkesboro, Miss Alison B. Sterling, Miss Fannie K. Taylor, Mrs. P. T. Johnson, Mrs. Victor Clark, Miss Louisa Faucette, Miss Sarah Turlington, Mrs. Oliver Ham, Mrs. A. V. Maslin, Mrs. Henry Roan, Miss Naomi C. Broughton, Miss Kate W. Fairley, Mrs. W. H. Calhoun, Jr., Mrs. Irving S. Bull, Miss Edna Maslin, Misses Sue and Jean Hall, Ruby Hudler, Katherine Livingston, Belle Buchan, and L. Eugenia Henderson, Mrs. C. M. Norfleet, Mr. J. O. Blevins, Mrs. Ogilvie, Mrs. Gladys S. Pepper and a Friend in Winston-Salem Twin City Club.

Other needed gifts will be greatly appreciated and may be sent to R. H. Stone, Jefferson, N. C.

THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS FOR BARIUM

In each church a special offering was received during Thanksgiving season for the Presbyterian Orphans Home at Barium Springs. The amount is set opposite the name of the Church.

Lansing	\$11.00
Jefferson	11.32
Gillespie	5.00
Foster Memorial	1.00
West Jefferson	3.00
Obids	7.31
Low Gap	1.00
Ebenezer	2.33
Peak Creek	3.00
Laurel Fork	6.55
Bethel	5.00
Millers	2.00
Loggins Sunday School.....	2.00
Total	\$60.51

A quilt made by Miss Mary Brown was given by the Millers School Church.

Once there was a time when people came into our Churches only upon the occasion of a series of evangelistic services. This was an unhealthy condition, which has been changed. Practically every issue has a "welcome" in it.

This time it is to Mrs. Retha Stansberry Edmondson, who united with the Foster Memorial Church. To Miss Sybil Bare and to Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Bare (the latter were omitted last issue) to the Low Gap Church. Those on the petition for a Church at Big Ridge whose names appeared in the last issue are also members of the Low Gap Church.

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GILLESPIE CHURCH HAS GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Acknowledgment is gladly made of the recent help given in construction of the church by Miss Blance Goss and a consideration in the purchase of brick by the Marion (Va) Brick Co. The local people have also helped in a fine way.

This church is a lovely combination of rock and brick veneer with a solid rock vestibule. It is a great pride of the dwellers on Little Horse Creek and of others who have an interest in the spirituality of that fine section.

The accompanying picture shows the need of steps. A visit to the inside reveals the needs of ceiling, plastering and flooring and painting. We have nine well attended services there each month.

Our Christmas is happier for this building and for our friends who have so generously aided us.

REV. McK. LONG HOLDS SPLENDID MEETING AT EBENEZER

During the Thanksgiving season, Ebenezer Church was favored by having Rev. McKendree Long to hold a revival for her. Mr. Long preached every night, and Sunday morning during the week from November 26th, Sunday night, through Dec. 3rd. A great deal of interest was shown by the community, and many people came from Glendale to attend the meeting.

Most all the Christians who attended dedicated themselves to a new service to the Lord. Many people came up for prayer, and there were about twenty-five converted. The following united with the Ebenezer Church—Helen Lyle, Cleo Rose, Curby Bare, James Long, Sarah Jane Perry.

Though only a week's meeting yet we feel it was one of the best meetings we have had there for some time. Mr. Long preached very stirring sermons, and the people of the community are anxious to have him back with them again which Mr. Long promised when it is possible. After each service Mr. Long, who is also an accomplished artist, painted chalk portraits of many of the people. As a result of the meeting, we are planning to organize a soul saving band of men, also a visiting group of women for personal work.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR LAUREL FORKS AND BETHEL CHURCH BUILDINGS

Those who have sent in money to help us complete the new church buildings at Bethel and Laurel Fork since the last issue of the Ashe Presbyterian are as follows:

Mr. C. E. Moore \$5.00, Business Circle of the Laurinburg Auxiliary \$2.85, Dr. D. Clay Lilly \$2.00, Miss I. H. Hudson \$1.00, Miss Jessie Morris (Circle No. 3, Berryville, Va.) 1.00, Miss Mammie LaRue \$1.00, Mr. Evans Colvard \$1.00. Mr. Jno. E. B. Munn \$2.00. A Friend, North Wilkesboro, N. C., \$1.00, Mrs. Kate B. Reynolds \$25.00.

Miss Mary Hopkins Sunday School Class at the Presbyterian Church gave \$3.00 for support of Glade Valley Students. We trust those interested in helping a young person get their High School education will send us help—Address J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, N. C.

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Big Ridge Library Nearing a Reality

"Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions". The old prophecy of Joel is being fulfilled; God is "pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh" at Big Ridge and their conception of the Kingdom of God is growing and widening to include a library made of logs, nestling away in a forest of piney woods, its influence reaching out to three communities, touching all these splendid young people, and bringing them and all their interests into the Kingdom of God.

'Tis glorious to dream, but in the meantime, these dreamers are making dreams come true, for they are snaking out their own logs, hauling rock, splitting boards, and digging the foundation for the Big Ridge Presbyterian Library! Come and read with us!

The haulers of rock have been Noah Lyall, Rixie Woodie, Mr. Abe Oliver, and Mr. Walter Farrington's noble steers.

The foundation diggers are: Mr. Walter Farrington, chief engineer, Mr. Alonzo Bare, Mr. Dolphus Oliver, and Mr. Tom Dancy.

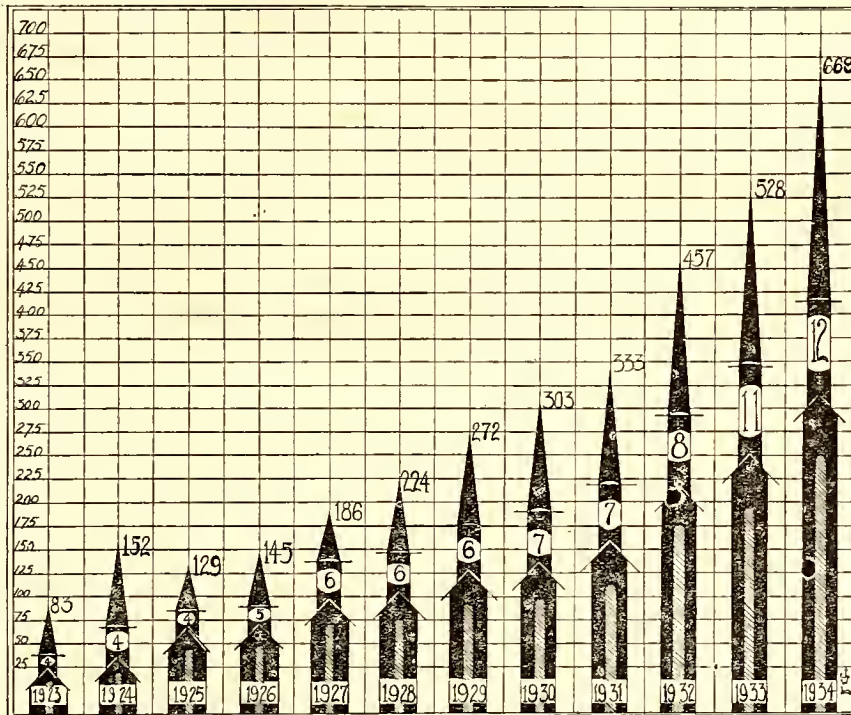
The board splitters are Mr. Bet Richardson and Mr. Alonzo Bare, the board tree having been donated by Mr. Nathan Bare and Mrs. W. M. Poe.

Logs have been donated by Mr. Dewey Miller, Mr. Walter Farrington, Mr. Fred Bare, Mr. Albert Bare, Mr. George Sheets, Mr. Marion Bowers and Mr. Rudy Wyatt, and have been cut and hauled by Mr. Walter Farrington, Mr. Dewey Miller, Mr. Jim Dancy, Mr. Hobson Crepps, S'd Lyall, Larry Lyall, and Pell Dancy.

About 300 volumes have been donated for the opening of the new library. To the following we owe our thanks for books: Miss Cornelia Reed, Miss Ruth Mason, Miss Helen Hunt, Dr. J. A. McLean, Mrs. Young, Mr. Ben Le Compt, Mrs. H. J. Williams, Mr. Fairfax Hunt, the Ginter Park Pres. S. S. Library, and Mrs. W. A. Clarke, Sr., all of Richmond, Virginia; Miss Clara Ogilvie, Oakwoods, N. C.; Mr. Pat Williams' Sunday School class of North Wilkesboro, N. C.; Mrs. P. L. Miller, Glendale Springs, N. Carolina.

Growth of Church Shown by a Chart

The ASHE PRESBYTERIAN'S staff artist, Rev. John W. Luke, has drawn for us the growth of the Presbyterian Church in Ashe County and as it is developing and growing in the mountains of Wilkes County. The figures are taken from the Minutes of the General Assembly. The figure in the belfry represents the number of Churches, which have multiplied three times in less than ten years. The number at the point of the steeple represents the number of members. In 1925 the rolls were pruned—a number being carried on an inactive list. From year to year this has been done. If both rolls were given the number would be in excess of 750. The membership as reported has been multiplied by eight.



The combined reports to Presbytery show that in 12 churches there are 29 Elders and 19 Deacons. Last year 131 were added on Confession and 40 added by letter or certificate. There is a Sunday School enrollment of 812. Their Benevolent gifts were \$440.00 and other gifts and expenses total \$1270.00.

Announcing Chautauqua Schedule for 1934

Place	Date	Minister
DEEP CUT (Wilkes),	May 1-15	Rev. R. L. Berry
LOW GAP,	May 13-27	Mr. O. W. Marshall
BETHEL (Wilkes),	May 16-30	Rev. Carl W. Miller
GILLESPIE,	May 23-June 6	Rev. John Martin
WEST JEFFERSON,	June 3-15	Dr. Jas. F. Hardie
FCSTER MEMORIAL,	June 10-24	Rev. R. W. Childress
PEAK CREEK,	June 16-29	Rev. McK. R. Long
OTHELLO,	June 27-July 11	
EBENEZER,	July 1-15	
LANSING,	July 15-29	Dr. P. D. Miller
BOGGS,	July 17-29	Rev. D. F. Helm
OBIDS,	July 30-August 12	Rev. D. M. McGeachy
JEFFERSON,	August 1-15	Mr. J. B. Johnson & Dr. W. L. Lingle
LAUREL FORK,	August 2-16	Dr. E. E. Gillespie
MILLER'S (Wilkes),	August 18-31	Rev. F. M. Dick
BIG RIDGE,	August 19-September 2	Dr. E. E. Gillespie

Organization of Auxiliaries in Wilkes

It was a day which we had long waited for, when Mrs. J. M. Wells the President of the Winston-Salem Presbyterial came to Bethel and Millers to organize two auxiliaries. Mrs. Wells was accompanied by other ladies from Winston-Salem and joined by others from North Wilkesboro on their way to the organizations.

The first auxiliary organized was at Bethel at 1:30 p. m. After a devotional and an explanation of the work, the organization was completed. Mrs. Newton Miller was elected as president and Mrs. Bessie Neely as secretary.

The second auxiliary established on this same trip was at Miller's. After devotional and explanational talks, officers were elected as follows: Miss Anna

Dancy, president and Mrs. Bud Dancy were elected secretary.

The auxiliary of N. Wilkesboro has agreed to act as a sister to these two new auxiliaries.

The day of meeting has been selected, which is the second Friday in each month. The ladies of Bethel are to meet at 1:30 p. m. and those of Millers at 2 p. m.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY NOTES

A Birthday

We all like birthdays! The Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church in U. S. will celebrate its twenty-first birthday during the month of May. The Lansing Auxiliary will present the Birthday play at the Lansing Presbyterian Church Friday night, May 25, at 8 o'clock. The ladies of the Jefferson Auxiliary have been invited to celebrate this event with the Lansing group. The Foster Memorial Auxiliary will present the same program on Sunday night, May 27. The public is cordially invited to attend these programs. The birthday offering, which will be taken at this time and which we hope will be large, will be used this year to help our needy home missionaries.

On May 13th the session of the Foster Memorial Church ordained and installed Mr. William Hurley

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Editorial

We are most happy to send to you this issue of the paper. In it you will see our forward looking Christian Chautauqua schedule. A host of new readers will get this issue and to them it must be explained that a Christian Chautauqua is an evangelistic meeting and a Daily Vacation Bible School for two weeks—usually held in a tent. This year two Chautauquas will be held in a church or school building. This year the movement reaches new communities.

There will be excellent faculties in each school. Able and beloved ministers are holding the meetings. The American Bible Society has loaned us for the summer a stereopticon lecture on the work of translating, printing and distributing the Word of God.

CALL FOR PRAYER

We hereby now invite our friends to pray with us for the Chautauquas, which have been signally blessed of God. And if this season of evangelism is to accomplish what we intend for it to there must be earnest, prevailing prayer. It does us good to know that others are praying for our meetings.

CAMPAIGN FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS

Recently the three ministers sent out to Ashe Presbyterian readers an appeal for subscriptions. In all about one hundred letters were sent out—about equally divided. So far \$26.60 has been received. The appeal of Rev. John W. Luke is slightly in the lead. How we wish all of our one hundred might bring in a dollar for ten subscriptions. We need them so badly. If you have received an appeal and didn't answer—please do so at once.

NEWS FROM GILLESPIE CHURCH

Since our last issue the congregation has become indebted to Misses Delphine and Etta Carter, Mrs. R. B. Fritsche and to Mr. W. N. Reyno's for gifts. This was a substantial reduction of our indebtedness. Also our appreciation is for Messrs. Henry and Dale Gentry for hauling brick.

Recently the lawn was graded in part and some shrubs and trees have been set. The Presbytery of Winston-Salem will meet there on the second day of its September meeting. A challenge has been given to the congregation that if they will floor the building that from other sources funds will be secured for finishing the remainder of the auditorium. Mr. Conley Thompson has accepted the challenge for the congregation.

WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

"God give me hills to climb,
And strength for climbing."

School is out! What about the summer? To many young people, summer time means a time for fishing, hiking and picnicing, and to others it means Conference time. How fine it is to combine the two as the Council members of three Young People's Leagues did on a bright Monday a few weeks ago. Instead of the regular May Council meeting, the Lansing, Foster Memorial and Gillespie Council members decided to have a one day Conference together on a beautiful mountain top.

With pots and pans, food and Bibles, song books and cheery smiles, the group was off at eight o'clock for the day. The mountain top selected was one covered with lovely pine trees, the fallen needles making a comfortable place to sit. Soon the Conference was under way. What true worship there was in the great out-of-doors! The Shepherd Psalm, "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us", and other songs took on a truer meaning as they were said and sung beneath the trees. All entered into the Bible study which centered around some of the practical teachings of the Sermon on the Mount. The Highways, or departments, of the Young People's League were next discussed. As each Highway was talked about, a placard bearing the name was placed on a tree. "The Highway Beyond the Seas" was presented by four girls, Ruby Hudler, Mary Sapp, Kathleen Welch and Frances Blevins, in the form of a playlet, "Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother". The last hour of the Conference was used for a questionnaire and discussion on the home. This proved to be helpful as well as thought provoking. After the reading of a story of one girl's right choice and its consequences, the group joined hands and had the dismissal.

The call to dinner was a welcomed sound to the whole crowd who had been sent away to roam in the woods while three duly appointed cooks prepared the dinner. After dinner—hiking and games were enjoyed. Returning from the mountain top, the silent prayer of each one in the group seemed to have been:

"These are the gifts I ask
Of thee, Spirit serene:
Strength for the daily task,
Good cheer to help to bear
the traveller's load,
And, for the hours of rest
that come between,
An inward joy in all things
heard and seen.
To thee I turn, to thee I make
my prayer,
God of the open air."

The Conference for the young people of the Synod of North Carolina will hold at Davidson College June 12-18. For information, inspiration, a genuinely good time, and for developing leadership, there is nothing much finer than this Conference. Misses Lorean Miller and Frances Blevins are going from Lansing.

The young people of Winston-Salem Presbytery had a one day Conference at the Reyrola Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem May 12. With the aid of Priscilla, the Ford, Miss O'Neill was able to take six young people, representing the Gillespie, Foster Memorial and Lansing Leagues. The day was proclaimed by all as happy, helpful and inspiring.

YOUNG PEOPLES' WORK

The "Young People of the Church" at Big Ridge and Obids are doing a splendid piece of work. In each group, they started the new church year with a candle light consecration service planned and carried out by the Council. These were given in connection with their Easter programs.

In each of these groups, the Council is making plans for a two-day camp retreat for the purpose of concentrating on a thorough study of the Kingdom Highways plan. The camping trips are planned for sometime during the first two weeks of May.

In Big Ridge, the "Pioneer" group contributed to the Easter program with a lovely pageant, "The Victorious Life" by Margaret Slattery. They have recently completed a six-months' course on "The History and Faith of Our Church".

During the summer the Young Peoples' work will continue at the usual time, at Obids, Saturday night at 8 o'clock, and at Big Ridge, Sunday night at 8:00.

THE BIBLE

Have you ever read your Bible all the way through? Try it this year! A number of the ladies in the Jefferson, Lansing and Foster Memorial Auxiliaries are reading their Bibles regularly every day and hope to complete the reading during the year.

The ladies are happy to have as the Bible study this year, the Gospel according to Mark. With the study of this concise, interesting account of our Lord's life, surely there will come to each one a fresh touch with the Master Himself.

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart,
that I might not sin against thee."

STEREOPTICON SLIDES OF WORK

About fifteen stereopticon lectures have been given by Rev. J. W. Luke showing many interesting colored pictures of the work as it is going on in Revs. R. H. Stone, D. F. Helm and J. W. Luke's fields. New slides are now being completed which will make the lecture more attractive.

TO HELP AT AHOSKIE

This summer Rev. J. W. Luke is expected to help Rev. Marion Dick in a Bible School for two weeks at Ahoskie, North Carolina.

Mr. R. L. Forbis, a member of the rising Middle Class of Union Theological Seminary, and a native of Guilford County, N. C., has arrived to assist Rev. D. F. Helm during the summer months of intense activity.

Mr. Hubert Morris, of Winston-Salem, and of the rising Senior Class of Davidson College, will arrive in June to assist in the work of the Jefferson, Lansing, Foster Memorial and Gillespie Churches. Mr. Morris is a member of the Davidson College Band and will have a cornet for use in the work this summer.

These Young men have a most hearty welcome and we prophecy a summer rich in experience in Christian work.

Rev. D. R. Freeman, of Draper, Virginia, is conducting a singing school at Lansing. Great interest is being shown and congregational singing will be greatly enhanced. This singing school is one of the goals of the year. And for a number of years we have tried to get Mr. Freeman, who has a host of friends in the county, to come for such a ministry. We are happy to have him.

**REJOICE WITH US, FRIENDS
HAVE PAID FOR THE CAR**

In this column in the last issue we had a list of those who had made contributions to the car that is used by Miss O'Neill. On April 5th the note was paid in its entirety and the following are those who finished it up: Misses Delphine and Etta Carter, Mrs. T. B. Bailey, Mrs. D. E. Morrow, Mrs. Mae Miller, (2), Mrs. Bill Price, Mrs. E. S. Reynolds, Mrs. Walter Lindsay, Miss M. Johnnie Coit (in memory of the late Dr. R. T. Coit), Mrs. T. E. McCrary, Mrs. H. M. Jones, Mrs. James Adderton, Mrs. Pat Williams, Mrs. M. A. Vickery, Mr. Frank Blevins (Marion, Va.) Miss Annie Millner, Mrs. H. R. Bush, Mrs. J. S. Worth, Miss Mary S. Bryan, Sanford Motor Co., Messrs. Victor Clark, Oliver Ham and J. D. Faucette, Mrs. Hettie A. Scott, Mrs. A. D. Mickle, Mrs. E. E. Eller, Mrs. Wilson Gray, Revs. R. M. Williams and W. T. Baker, Mrs. Stella B. Johnson, Prof. J. Watson Moore, Dr. J. K. Pepper, Miss Ruth Mason, Mrs. Gordon Finley, Miss Margaret Vandevanter, Mr. H. S. Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Sloan, Mr. E. M. Shepherd, Mrs. C. G. Woodruff, Woman's Auxiliary, Greensboro First, Mrs. D. J. Blackwell, Mr. M. W. Norfleet, Miss Gladys McNabb's Sunday School Class, Mr. H. K. Herndon's S. S. Class, Somebody in North Wilkesboro, Miss Lucy Pell, Mrs. C. H. Sebring, Miss Mary Walker, Mrs. Kate S. O'Neill, Mrs. J. O. Blevins, Mrs. Lenore V. Schofield, Miss Katherine O'Neill, Messrs. W. R. Martin and Ernest Milton, Mrs. T. C. Bowie, Mrs. P. A. Gorrell, Mrs. Rufus L. Gwyn, Jefferson Y. P. League, Jefferson Auxiliary, Lansing Y. P. League (2nd gift), Miss L. Lena Lott, Mr. W. L. Lindsay, Miss Cassie Daney, Mr. F. H. Dancy, Reyno'da Sunday School Class, Mrs. M. C. Cambell, Teacher, Winston First Auxiliary, Miss Edna G. Maslin (2nd gift) Circle Number 5, 9, 16 and Bethany of the Greensboro First Auxiliary, Circle Numbers 3, 4, 6, 7 and the C. H. Wiley of Winston First Auxiliary, a friend in the Reynolda Church, Miss Myrtle Williamson and Mrs. Evelyn S. Brown.

The new car has been named Priscilla. It is always a glorious feeling when an obligation is paid. And to these friends and to those heretofore published our gratitude abides for making it possible for this car to serve so many in the various churches.

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY PLANS

Inspired by our recent Religious Education Conference the Sessions of Obids and Low Gap are securing "Standards for Rural Churches" from our Country Church Dept. and are making plans for observing Rural Life Sunday in May. The program at Obids was combined with observance of Mother's Day, on May 13th. Mr. J. C. Crawford, president of the Men of the Church of Ashe County, spoke on "The Value of a Church in a Rural Community" and other talks were made by the officers, the Auxiliary president and a representative of the Young People of the Church. The pastor spoke on "Objectives in the Church's Program" and his morning sermon was on the subject "An Ideal Mother in the Church."

Low Gap plans an all day program, May 20th, in connection with her Christian Chautauqua. The morning service will commemorate the Lord's Supper and a special effort will be made to have every member of the Church present. In the afternoon there will be special addresses by Hon. and Mrs. J. M. Wells in interest of Men's and Women's work.

CONFERENCE AT JEFFERSON

Our Spring Religious Education Conference for Ashe County was held in the Jefferson Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, April 17th, and, shut in cozily by a rainy day, we enjoyed a most worthwhile program. Rev. W. T. Baker, chairman of Religious Education in Winston-Salem Presbytery had charge of the program, and Dr. R. E. Mc Alpine, of Japan, gave us glimpses of the far-distant horizon, Dr. Henry Mc Laughlin, Director of Country Church work and Sunday School Extension, and Mrs. Henry Roan, who thrilled and inspired us with an intimate, heart to heart talk on "Evangelism, the Chief End of the Church".

Dr. Mc Alpine directed our attention to the miracles taking place daily on the frontier line, the news of which can be seen monthly in the Presbyterian Survey.

Dr. Mc Laughlin, thrilling us as usual with the joyous, bubbling personality, managed at the same time to inform and inspire us with new plans, methods, and materials for putting across a really effective program of Religious Education in the Rural Church, its aim always "complete Christian living".

We left the Conference tingling with the challenge of the tremendous possibilities our local churches have for a thorough, deep-cutting Religious Education program, and resolved that our small place in the whole "Kingdom Plan" shall be more efficiently filled.

Miss Evelyn S. Brown has made a contribution to the Foster Memorial Church and has in addition secured a large number of Octagon soap coupons. Mrs. A. A. Cashion and Miss Frances Blevins also sent coupons. All of these gifts are appreciated.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Lansing congregation has had the joy of welcoming into its fold Mrs. Alice Miller and Misses Doris Clark and Mary Sapp.

Quite a number of our young people were graduated this year from high schools. Miss Irene Richardson was graduated from the Assembly's Training School on May 7th. Miss Maxie Weaver will graduate at Kings College at their next commencement.

The Lansing men have planted more than an acre of potatoes. The Jefferson church also has a potato patch. Other congregations are doing various things for the support of their churches and its benevolent work. In later issues we will tell you more of the details. The E. M. C. was good this year. Since we have started to press it has been reported that the Gillespie Church is also working the Lord's Acre plan.

Mr. Victor Clark, an Elder of the Lansing Church, is a Commissioner to the General Assembly meeting in Montreat on May 24th.

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Since the last issue of the Ashe Presbyterian the following people have given for the completion of Laurel Forks and Bethel Churches, and we are thankful to all who have made any contribution.

Miss Eula Miller, \$3.50; Mr. C. R. Lefever, Yoke Fellow's Class, Charles Town, W. V., \$5.00; A Friend from North Wilkesboro, \$1.00; Mrs. Geo. A. Mebane, \$3.00; Mr. Newt Miller, \$1.00; Mrs. Newt Miller, \$1.00; Corinne Miller, \$.05; Mrs. R. W. Gwyn, \$5.00; Mrs. T. B. Bailey, \$2.00; Mrs. Bessie Neely \$1.00; Mr. A. R. Timberlake, \$1.00; Mr. G. L. Wurzburg, \$2.00; Mr. J. C. Crowell, \$3.00; Mr. Pat Williams, \$10.00; Mr. W. M. Bogart, \$2.50; Mr. J. R. Finley, \$5.00; Mr. S. R. Ireland, \$2.00; Mr. Van B. Wilson, \$5.00; Mr. W. J. Craig, \$2.00; Mrs. J. L. Luke, \$1.00; Mrs. H. C. Page, \$1.00; Mrs. John L. King, \$50.00; Mr. W. H. Foy \$5.00; Mr. Emmett McCorkle, \$1.00; Mrs. Tate Blair Gwyn, \$10.00; Mr. Blair Gwyn, \$5.00; Mr. R. W. Nading, \$1.00; Miss Louise Vyne, \$1.00; Mr. L. J. Harrison, \$5.00; Miss Anna Riddle \$1.00; Mr. Irving S. Bull, Jr., \$1.00; Miss Edna G. Maslin, \$10.00; Mr. A. T. McLean, \$2.00; Mrs. Nellie M. Cockey, \$3.00; Mrs. Arthur Finley, \$3.00; Mrs. H. C. Roan, \$1.00; Miss Eunice Thompson, \$1.00; Miss Peggy Rowland, \$3.50; Mrs. H. M. Bell, \$1.00; Miss Grace Tyson \$1.00; Mr. J. R. Finley, Trustee for Home Mission Fund for work in Wilkes County \$100.00.

**MISS ATHA BOWMAN
TO HELP AT MILLERS**

We are glad to bring the special notice to our friends at Miller's that Miss Atha Bowman of the Presbyterian Committee of Publication at Richmond, Va., will teach during the Chautauqua. Miss Bowman will also instruct any Sunday School teachers in the art of teaching classes.

PRAYER MEETING

During part of the winter a regular prayer meeting has been held at Glendale Springs by Rev. J. W. Luke. The hotel lobby, the Baptist Church and the homes of citizens were the places of meeting.

At the request of Rev. J. W. Luke, Mr. Henry Mailer, Jr., has been secured for summer work in Ashe and Wilkes Counties.

LIBRARY NEARING A REALITY

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Mr. and Mrs. Horton Sheets of Big Ridge have given the piece of land for the site.

Windows were donated by Messrs. A. A. and A. G. Finley, of North Wilkesboro.

Money for the flooring, roofing, doors, and cement has been contributed by: Miss Sue Bost, Morganton, N. C., \$10.00; Miss Ruth Harris, Brunswick, Ga., \$5.00; Miss Katherine Alford, Four Oaks, N. C., \$2.00; Miss Betty Hicks, Clarendon, Va., \$1.00; Miss Curtis Coppedge, Sodus, N. Y., \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Mason, Coalwood, West Va., \$2.00; Miss Ruth Mason, Richmond, Va., \$5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Bradley, Richmond, Va., \$2.00; Mrs. Bessie Lou Barlow, Dr. and Mrs. Edward Williams, Mr. Fred Hunt, and Mr. Randolph Hunt, of Richmond, each, \$1.00.

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The following have been most cordially welcomed into the membership and fellowship of the Churches as indicated:

West Jefferson: Mr. P. E. Watts, Mrs. P. E. Watts.

Low Gap: Mrs. George Farrington, Miss Della Mae Teague.

Obids: Misses Minnie Cox, Letha Parsons, Ruth Miller, Ada Cox, Fay Smith, Lessie Mae South, Effie Parsons, Julia Roark; Messers Warren Johnston, Larry Parsons, Alonzo Parsons, Jesse Roark, Edward Roark, Bryan Smith, Egger Roark.

Big Ridge: Mesdames Nell Sheets, Lessie Dancy; Misses Thelma Burgess, Bessie Patrick, Cleo Bare, Beryl Bare, Myrtle Bare; Messrs. J. W. Farrington, Bower Farrington, Gilbert Dancy, T. E. Dancv, Lynn Bare, Connie Bare, Rixie Woodie.

Gillespie: Ailene Blevins, Violet Blevins, Denver Blevins, Howard Eldreth.

Foster Memorial: Ruth Hurley, Retha Hurley, Geneva Hartzog.

Lansing: Mrs. Wiley Baldwin, Mr. Lemon Francis, Mr. Ira Greer.

Jefferson: Marvin Sells, Ralph Campbell, J. B. Lawson.

Deep Cut: Uniting by profession, Odell Whittington, Jr., Glenn Ross, Gilbert Johnson, Marvin Shepherd, John Allen Whittington, Arthur Johnson, Irene Johnson, Edith Dancy, Cassie Johnson, Estie Dancy, Aleen Dancy; Uniting by letter or restatement, Mrs. Charlie Shepherd, Mr. James Wyatt, Mrs. Newt Miller, Mrs. Carolyn South.

Bethel (May 17-30): Uniting by profession, Rosie Wyatt, Howard Neely, Helen Neely, Pansy Pruitt, Artie Wingler, Worth Royal, Hansel Wingler, Maudie Church, Molly Mae Church, Leora Osborne, Mrs. Carrie Dixon, June Dixon; Uniting by letter or restatement, Mr. Sanford Osborne, Mrs. Sanford Osborne, and Tamer Wingler.

Ebenezer (July 1-15): Uniting by profession, Mrs. Col. Miller, Mr. Talc Miller, Katherine Farrington, Rufus Long, Claude Farrington.

Laurel Forks (July 30-August 11) Uniting by profession, Norma Long Raymond Mills, Hazel Mabe, Iwade Pendry, Martha M. Seagraves, Juaneta Taylor, Hazel Blevins, Mildred Long Ruth Long, Ella M. Key; Uniting by letter or restatement, Mr. Jim Long Millers School (Aug. 18-29): Uniting by profession, Stella Mae Huffman, Fred Royal, Sallie Walker.

Loggins (September 20-30): Uniting by profession, Grace Roten, Georgia Rot (Cont. on page two)

SIXTEEN CHAUTAUQUAS HAVE SUCCESSFUL SEASON

All those who attended any of the sixteen Christian Chautauquas this summer have "among their souvenirs"—a treasure-store of happy memories hoarded up against a rainy day this winter. Any of these memories is guaranteed to produce a smile of delighted remembrance and a warm, glad feeling around the heart. It may be a picture of happy boys and girls filing in to Bible School for the Worship Program to hear "The Call of the Christ"; or it may be a glimpse of a tent full of young people enthralled in the study of the Gospel of Mark and catching a new vision of the lovable, conquering, young Christ; or it may be a group of tiny youngsters, babies, some of them, standing chin-deep in flowers and huckleberries, and discovering with a feeling of wonder, that "God made these too";—whatever the scene, it makes you tingle exultantly that God can reveal Himself in so many marvelous ways and cause His name to be known and loved among all nations.

A great nation will we have and mighty leaders when this generation of boys and girls who "know God" grow up and make Him known!

Two outstanding events of the season would we point to, the two new Chautauques, places where the Chautauqua tent has not been pitched until this summer—at Othello Schoolhouse and at Boggs Schoolhouse. In both schools, enthusiasm ran high, and the Boggs Chautauqua has led to the organization of an active Young People's League, which meets every Wednesday night.

The officers of this League are: Ada Cox, President; Smith Miller, Vice-President; Ruth Miller, Secretary; Della Mae Teague, Treasurer.

Miss Kathryn Hunt is to speak in Concord on November 4th.

BIG RIDGE CHURCH ORGANIZED AND IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

There is a certain intense fascination about the "going up" of any building—perhaps, it is the sense of having a part in something enduring. But there is the supreme thrill in the building of a Church! The people of Big Ridge are surely getting their share of thrills these lovely fall days. There is the thrill of seeing the rock pile and sand rife grow higher each day as "Buck and Berry", the Faithful Steers, prove their worth. And who can deny the thrill of seeing a hole in the ground grow and take shape and dimensions until one can stand in the pulpit, even tho' it is of red clay as yet, or in the library and shut one's eyes and see shelves lined with books and a huge stone fireplace-to-be?

Yes, the long-wished-for Church of Big Ridge is really on its way into the air, honest injun, and the more we see of it and the more we work on it, the more we love it. It became a Presbyterian Church on a lovely Sunday afternoon in September, when a commission from Presbytery met in the Big Ridge Schoolhouse, overflowing with people from Big Ridge and surrounding communities, and amid great rejoicing and with 37 charter members, organized a Presbyterian Church. Rev. R. H. Stone, chairman of the commission, presided at the organization and made the service so lovely and sacred that we all were conscious of the high privilege of being a "royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession that we may show forth the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light".

It is a "busy time" on the farm but we can't resist the temptation of taking a day off and treating ourselves to "a day's work on the Church". It is a feeling hard to describe—like creating something and possessing it and loving it with all your heart. You really have missed something if you have not had a hand in building a Church. But the best thing about this Church is that we are growing with it. How can we build a 'temple of God' and not realize anew that our bodies are the real temples of God not try to purify our thoughts and cleanse our hands—for "who shall stand in His holy temple? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart".

EVANGELIST

15...Revs. Helm & Berry
12...Rev. Carl S. Miller
2...Mr. O. W. Marshall
4...Rev. John Martin
2...Dr. Jas. F. Hardie
3...Rev. R. W. Childress
...Rev. W. T. Smith
...Rev. R. H. Stone
5...Mr. Mahler, & Luke
3...Dr. P. D. Miller
...Rev. D. F. Helm
15...Rev. D. M. McGeachy
3...Johnston and Lingle
11...Dr. E. E. Gillespie
6...Rev. F. Marion Dick
8...Helm and Gillespie

Besides, when it is complete and finished, it will be an accumulation of our thinking and planning and working woven in day after day. Surely, it must represent the best (Cont. on page two)

PARTIAL RESULTS OF 1934 CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUA

	Enrollment	Attendance*	Average Daily Attendance	Perfect Attendance	Chanters Read in Bible	New Members	EVANGELIST
Deep Cut, May 3-15.....	88	69	55	28	600	15	Revs. Helm & Berry
Bethel, May 17-30.....	47	39	32	20	800	12	Rev. Carl S. Miller
Low Gap, May 12-27.....	89	58	38	8		2	Mr. O. W. Marshall
Gillespie, May 23-June 6....	61	51	40	22	1350	4	Rev. John Martin
West Jefferson, June 3-15..	131	94	92	27		2	Dr. Jas. F. Hardie
Foster Mem'l., June 10-24..	103	95	76	47	2715	3	Rev. R. W. Childress
Peak Creek, June 17-29....	102	76	57	22	800		Rev. W. T. Smith
Othello, June 27-July 11....	46	37	37	11			Rev. R. H. Stone
Ebenezer, July 1-15.....	106	68	53	24	700	5	Mr. Mahler, & Luke
Lansing, July 15-29.....	210	183	155	104	2280	3	Dr. P. D. Miller
Boggs, July 17-29.....	44	30	28	11			Rev. D. F. Helm
Obids, July 30-Aug. 12.....	55	32				15	Rev. D. M. McGeachy
Jefferson, Aug. 1-15.....	192	172	121	73	770	3	Johnston and Lingle
Laurel Fork, J. 30-Aug. 11	62	54	43	19	400	11	Dr. E. E. Gillespie
Miller School, Aug. 18-29	71	61	53	40	800	6	Rev. F. Marion Dick
Big Ridge, Aug. 19-Sept. 2	61	45	46	18		8	Helm and Gillespie
TOTALS	1468	1164	926	474	11215	103	

Loggins, Sept. 20-30—Talks to day school students.....Rev. J. W. Luke

*Attendance means those who attended three days or more.

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**JEFFERSON AND LANSING
IN RALLY DAY PROGRAM**

Rally Day comes once a year, but this Rally Day was a very special day for Lansing, Jefferson and others who joined this group. This was Rally Day plus National Recognition Day for Sunday School Teachers and Officers. On Sunday, October 7th in the Lansing Presbyterian Church, the Jefferson Sunday School united with the Lansing Sunday School in putting on the Rally Day program. In addition to the splendid program given by the two schools, promotion certificates were awarded; a New Testament given to Elizabeth Sheets, who has been present every Sunday during the past year; and a Bible awarded to Horace Stilke, who has attended Sunday School for almost two years without missing. Following the Rally Day program, National Recognition Day for Sunday School Teachers and Officers was observed. Dr. Price Gwynn of the Davidson College faculty and Mr. Hubert Morris, who assisted Mr. Stone during the past summer, were the guests. Dr. Gwynn delivered a stirring address on "Jesus the Master Teacher". At the conclusion of the address, all Sunday School teachers and officers present were asked to come to the platform. As they stood facing the Sunday Schools, the children sang to them "Tell me the Stories of Jesus". Led by Mr. A. R. Vail, superintendent of the Jefferson Sunday School, this group pledged themselves to faithfulness in the work of the Sunday School. Rev. W. A. Patton dismissed the congregation.

MR. LUKE HAS NEW TENT TOP

The years of heavy service get the best of tents. That happened to Mr. Luke's tent right in the middle of his season. Wind, wear and rain had rendered it unfit for service and there were several more Chautauquas to be held. Before Mr. Luke goes to man he first goes to God in prayer. Then going to Mr. W. H. Belk and Mr. K. G. Hudson he was given aid which caused him to purchase it. Then the Men's Bible Class of the North Wilkesboro Church came to his rescue. He and his people are happy for these gifts.

During the Summer and Fall months Mr. Stone has assisted in three evangelistic meetings: El Bethel, near Leaksville, Othello Chautauqua and Dan River Church in Stokes County.

**LANSING PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS**

In order to know just what has been done to the Lansing Presbyterian Church, one must step inside. The walls have been re-decorated, the floors scraped, varnished and waxed. This work, which has made the church more beautiful and more worshipful, was sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary.

**BIG RIDGE CHURCH ORGANIZED
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that we have—for Him. And, living with Him—being a partner of His in the great work of creation—that brings out the best that is in you—all our sincerity and faithfulness, all that we have of Divinity.

Truly, building for Him makes us aware of our kinship with God and long to strengthen that divine relationship.

Many people all over our land are interested in "the little church in the mountains". Some of them have told us so and shared with us a part of their wealth that this unique little Church may grow faster. You are indeed our friends and—God bless you!—and we wish to acknowledge with our most sincere thanks the following gifts:

- Dr. and Mrs. J. A. McLean, Richmond, Virginia—\$2.50.
- Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Paisley, Richmond, Virginia—\$2.00.
- Mrs. John B. Harvie, Richmond, Va.—\$1.00.
- Mrs. Richard Hardesty, Richmond, Va.—\$1.00.
- Mr. E. A. McNeill, Jefferson, N. C.—\$1.00.
- Mr. A. A. Cashion, North Wilkesboro, N. C.—\$5.00.
- Mr. Bryan Teague—\$5.00.
- The J. M. Belk Memorial Foundation—\$200.00.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

(Continued from page one)

en, Nina Darnell, Velmer Wingler, Hobert Long, Lester E. Wingler, Altie V. Wingler; Uniting by letter, Susie Royal.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AT COLLEGE

A number of our young people are away for the winter attending college. Mr. Charles Weaver is a senior at Duke University. Miss Pearl Long, Mr. Wayne Blevins and Mr. Earl Farrington are attending Lees-McRae College at Banner Elk. Mr. Clyde Barr is attending the Chatham Training School at Chatham, Virginia.

Miss Irene Richardson of the Jefferson Presbyterian Church, who graduated from the Assembly's Training School in Richmond, Va. in May, is now at Indian Valley, Va. teaching Bible in the High School and assisting Rev. R. W. Childress in his work.

Miss Mary Sapp of the Lansing Presbyterian Church has completed a correspondence course in "Worship" and has received credit for this course from the Department of Religious Education of the Presbyterian Church in U. S. in Richmond, Va. This makes two units of work Miss Sapp has completed.

**GROUP CONFERENCE HELD
AT GLENDALE SPRINGS**

About seventy-five women of Group No. 4 of the Winston-Salem Presbyterial enjoyed a most delightful and inspirational conference at Glendale Springs on Friday, October 5th. Even the pouring rain did not dampen the spirits of the women from ten churches in this section as they listened to addresses by Mrs. Ellen Guerrant from the Glade Valley High School, Mrs. J. M. Wells, Jr., President of the Winston-Salem Presbyterial, Mrs. Lucy Hall Morton from Brazil, Miss Alice Scott of the Second Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, Dr. McAlpine from Japan and others. The meeting was marked by a spirit of reverence and keen interest.

A delicious picnic dinner was served in the hotel dining room. At the close of the afternoon session a vote of appreciation was extended to Mrs. Rose and her helpers for her hospitality and graciousness in allowing the group to meet in the hotel.

During the Lansing Chautauqua the J. M. Rogers Bible Class, of the First Presbyterian Church of Winston-Salem, visited the Lansing, Gillespie and Foster Memorial congregations. We hope that the visit is an annual affair.

In the interim between issues of The Ashe Presbyterian two little baby girls were born into two of our ministers' families. On August 6th Rev. and Mrs. John W. Like were the proud parents of little Miss Mary Frances Luke.

Baby Martha Blackwell Stone, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Stone, arrived October 17th.

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**GIFTS TO WORK IN LUKE'S
FIELD SINCE LAST ISSUE**

For the new top for tent, \$182.50 was given by Mr. W. H. Belk of Charlotte, N. C., \$25.00 was given by Mr. Karl Hudson of Raleigh, N. C., and \$100.00 was given by the Men's Class of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Sunday School.

For Glade Valley Students \$225.00 was given by Mrs. John L. King of Greensboro, N. C.

For building Laurel Forks and Bethel Churches \$20.00 was given by Henry Mahler, student at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

For the work \$23.66 was given by the North Wilkesboro Daily Vacation Bible School.

For work in Wilkes \$120 was given by Miss Lucy Finley as treasurer of a fund for Sunday School work in Wilkes County. The North Wilkesboro Woman's Auxiliary gave \$11.33.

VOLUNTEER WORKERS

"A call for loyal soliders comes to one and all; Soliders for the conflict, Will you heed the call! Will you answer quickly, with a ready cheer, Will you be enlisted as a Volunteer?"

Many sing the above song and think what great soldiers they are, but others find a place in the line of God's soldiers and answer the call of that song. In this paragraph we want to publicly thank and acknowledge our indebtedness to the splendid volunteer workers who come to our fields this summer for service. The church members, the children, and the pastor on the field, all have been left with blessings of your personalities, as well as the actual truth you have imbedded in the lives of the children.

We want to make our acknowledgements to the following hearty volunteers, who helped us at some time during the summer as teachers in our Bible Schools or Sunday Schools. Miss Margaret Dowdle, Miss Annie Belle Corry, Miss Alma Cassady, Miss Eula Miller, Miss Alice Neal Wilson, Miss Eunice Thompson, Miss Louise McCallum, Miss Zenna Warden, Miss Margaret McGoo-gan, Miss Mary Janet McNeill, Miss Atha Bowman, Mrs. J. W. Luke, Miss Mary Murray, Miss Jane Bradley, Miss Maxie Weaver, Miss Ruth Harris, Miss Margaret Ritchie, Miss Lois Calhoun, Miss Ada Cox, Miss Elizabeth Donaldson, Miss Ruby Hudler, Miss Blanche Goss, Miss Doris Clark, Miss Irene Richardson, Miss Evelyn Brown, Mrs. D. F. Helm and Mrs. R. H. Stone. Miss O'Neill and Miss Hunt were indispensable.

LUKE'S EXTRA SERVICE

Between the Chautauqua at Bethel and the one at Peak Creek, Rev. J. W. Luke held a Bible School at Aboskie, N. C. for Rev. F. M. Dick, from June 4th through June the 15th.

Colored Stereopticon slides of the work in Ashe and Wilkes County are being shown by appointment by J. W. Luke.

Miss O'Neill was the guest speaker at the Concord Presbyterial Group Conferences. She has been in demand as a speaker at a number of other popular meetings. After the Chautauqua season Miss O'Neill made a trip to the Century of Progress Exposition.

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PROGRESS AT GILLESPIE AND FOSTER MEMORIAL CHURCHES

Since our last issue a great deal has been accomplished towards the completion of the Gillespie and Foster Memorial Churches. This has been made possible by gifts from Mrs. C. B. Fritsche, Mrs. Frank T. Nelson, Miss Caroline Caldwell, Mr. Eugene Caldwell, The Belk Memorial Fund, Mr. J. B. Johnson (2 gifts), Mr. C. M. Norfleet, Mrs. Kate B. Reynolds, Dr. W. L. Lingle, Mrs. Senah Kent and Mrs. F. W. Atwood in memory of Mr. N. L. Brooks. Our people bless their hearts for their help.

At Gillespie the overhead has been fixed with Celotex and the walls have been plastered in part and some of the wainscoting has been put up. The basement walls are partly finished and steps leading into the basement and steps leading up to the auditorium have been poured of concrete. Gillespie has made progress.

Foster Memorial Church has been lathed and is ready for the plaster, which has been ordered. The handsome metal ceiling given by Mr. A. A. Cashion has been put up and adds much to the interior. The North Carolina Granite Corporation is making a wall tablet which will be laid on Thanksgiving. The men of the Church have been installing an electric lighting system.

MISS MAXIE WEAVER

Miss Maxie Weaver is a home product in the line of a Sunday School worker. Some one asks the question: What do your boys and girls do when they finish Glade Valley High School or College?

Because of five churches and six Sunday Schools and two other preaching appointments it was found necessary for J. W. Luke to have a helper, and that with no salary. Miss Maxie Weaver became one of the charter members of Lansing Presbyterian Church when she was just a girl. Since then she has finished Glade Valley High School, Lees-McRae College and received her degree at King's College. She has come to the aid of Mr. Luke and is doing splendid voluntary work in his field. As time goes on and she can make her way she intends to finish at the Assembly's Training School, becoming a trained worker for her church. It should also answer the question—What do our boys and girls do with their education when they receive it? Let Maxie's example answer that question for you.

PRESBYTERY OF WINSTON-SALEM IN ASHE COUNTY

The Twenty-Third Stated Meeting of Winston-Salem Presbytery was held in the Lansing and Gillespie Presbyterian Churches on September 11-12. A fine inspirational program had been planned. Our people delight in entertaining Presbytery. Much of the famed genuine mountain hospitality remains in Ashe County.

October witnessed the passing of two of our honored and aged Elders. Mr. Daniel T. Jones, a charter member and Elder of the Lansing Church, died Oct. 19th. Mr. N. L. Brooks, one of the pillars of the Ebenezer Church died on Oct. 26th.

Their funeral services were largely attended—showing the high esteem in which they were held.

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BELMONT COVENANT PLAN TO BE PRESENTED

The General Assembly has asked Rev. G. L. Whiteley, Pastor of the Belmont Presbyterian Church of Roanoke, Va., and originator of the famed Belmont Covenant Plan, to devote some of his time to speaking in various Synods. On Thanksgiving Day he begins his ministry to the Presbytery of Winston-Salem. This begins in the Jefferson Church at 2:00 p.m. With Mr. Whiteley there will be Dr. E. E. Gillespie. By arrangement of the Stewardship Committee this service is to reach the Presbyterian Churches in Wilkes Alleghany, Ashe Counties. Within this area there are nineteen Presbyterian Churches. Efforts are being made to have large delegations from the various churches present.

THE HERALD ANNOUNCES THANKSGIVING SERVICES

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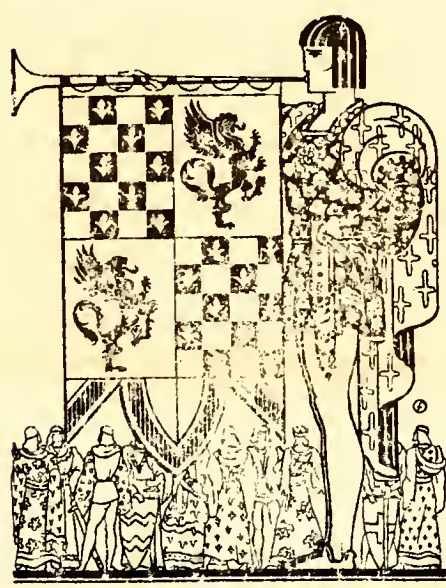
PROGRESS ON NEW CHURCHES IN ASHE AND WILKES

Work on the Bethel, Laurel Fork, and Big Ridge Churches has gone forward in a fine way in recent weeks.

A cement porch, rock steps, and some finishing touches of wood work have been completed at Bethel. Two old mill stones were placed in the floor of the porch there.

At Laurel Fork stone half columns have been built and a large amount of earth has been moved to make a fill in the yard of the church.

The basement walls have been laid of stone for the Big Ridge Church. Many of the logs have been cut for the framing. The original



1. Sacred Concert on the Chimes in the Jefferson Church at 10:00 a.m. by Rev. George Hurlbut.
2. In the Lansing Church 9:30 a.m. sermon by Dr. E. E. Gillespie.
3. Gillespie Church at 9:30 a. m.
4. Corner stone and Thanksgiving service in the Foster Memorial Church at 11:00 a.m.
5. Group District Rally for Ashe, Alleghany and Wilkes Churches - Jefferson - 2:00 p.m. Addresses by Dr. E. E. Gillespie, and Rev. G. L. Whitely. Music on Chimes and Obids Choir.
6. Every Presbyterian expected to make a contribution to Barren Orphanage. Each church wants its members to contribute 100%
7. Boggs - 7:00 p. m.
8. Thanksgiving services to be held:-
 Tuesday - Bethel 11a.m., Laurel Forks 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday - Millers school 11 a.m. Ebenezer - 6:30 p.m. Thursday 10:30 a.m.

idea was to build a log-church, but now it will be of stone veneer construction. The forward work on this church has been made possible by gifts from Messrs. C. W. Harris, E.W.O'Hanlon, Mrs. Kate B. Reynolds, E. A. McNeill, R. B. Jackson, and Mrs.W.E. McNeill. Mrs. Fannie Po. has given generously of timber.

THANKS BE UNTO GOD FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT!

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EDITORIAL

As Thanksgiving comes again we take inventory of our blessings that have come from Almighty God. Try as we may we cannot, because of their multitude, "Name them one by one!" Our farmers and gardeners have had a wonderful season for their crops. There has been a good deal of National Recovery which is reflected to a degree in our Country. There has been an absence of epidemics and conditions prevailing for good health.

God's Spirit has been and is in the land applying to a host the benefits of the redemption purchased for us by Christ. Yes, we are grateful to God for souls that have been saved during theyear

We are grateful to God for the growth in grace of our people - for their new vision and zeal for service. Our Chautauqua pulpit has been kept up to its high standard and thousands heard the Word with joy and gladness. We have had sufficient volunteers, talents, and consecration on the part of a number of young women to efficiently conduct our Bible School department of the Sixteen Christian Chautauquas.

We have had a good year-for which we now acknowledge that it was because of the blessing of God, to whom be glory, majesty and dominion. To Him we profess our love and gratitude.

DEPUTATION OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE Y.M.C.A.

Ashe County was settled in the 1760's. Davidson College was organized in 1827. So far as is known never before this Fall has an official delegation of the Davidson College Y. M. C. A. visited Ashe County. On the first Sunday in November, Lansing, Gillespie and Foster Memorial Churches rejoiced in the presence of Messrs. Don Brandon, Hubert Morris, Don Easley, Tommy Phifer, and Langford. They conducted helpful services in each church and we are looking forward to their return.

STUDYING HOME MISSIONS IN HOME MISSION FIELD

The Home Mission

study book - "Presbyterian Missions in the Southern United States" by Dr. F. T. Thompson, was taught in the Jefferson, Foster Memorial and Lansing Churches. In the latter church a church school of missions was conducted and the intermediates were taught by Miss O'Neil, using "The Red Man's Trail"

REV. PAT BOYLE TO PREACH THANKSGIVING

The churches of Bethel, Millers, Laurel Fork, Epenazer, and Peak Creek will be glad to hear that Brother Pat Boyle our new minister at Ekin, N. C. will preach for our Thanksgiving services as scheduled on the front page.

CATECHISMS RECITED

Bill S. Wyatt and June Wyatt of Bethel Sunday School have recited the Child's Catechism and will receive New Testaments from the Presbyterian Committee of Publication.

MORE THANKSGIVING SERVICES

"Harvest Praise", a most beautiful pageant of Thanksgiving will be presented by the young people of Boggs at the Boggs' School house on Wednesday night, Nov. 28, at 7:30 p.m.

The beautiful growth of world gratitude and the true spirit of all thankful hearts is revealed by the three groups in the pageant - Hebrew, with their "feast of the ingathering. Pilgrim, with their first Thanksgiving Day in the new land, and the Modern group, with an even fuller sense of love (See page three)

and gratefulness for the miracle of our modern life and we are left with bowed heads and hearts full of love and devotion to the "Ancient of Days" for His infinite love and goodness and mercy to usward.

These young people have been most diligent in practicing the pageant and the hymns of thanksgiving, "Ancient of Days," (the theme song "Gloria Pator," and "I Will Praise Thee, O God!")

GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS

We are very thankful at this season of the year for many blessings, and we want to publicly thank and acknowledge the following: Mrs. C. I. Carlson for her splendid gift for Glade Valley Students (\$200), Mrs. T.B. Bailey (\$3.00), Mrs. H.C. Page (\$1.00), The Roseneath Junior C.E. of Richmond (\$4.00), Mrs. Shirley (\$1.00).

GLADE VALLEY STUDENTS

The following are the names of the students from Wilkes and Ashe Counties at Glade Valley High.

Rufus Long, Claude Farrington, Virginia Neely, Cleo Osborne, Onna Darnell, Rebecca Darnell, Port Barlow, Britt Wyatt, Ted Wyatt, Ruby Wyatt, Lucy Wyatt, Cleo Neely, Richard Osborne, Bill Osborne, Josie Roten,
(See column three)

THANKSGIVING PLANS FOR FOSTER MEMORIAL

For sometime a great many energies have been directed toward a great service at Foster Memorial Church on Thanksgiving Day. Beginning at eleven o'clock a number of things are scheduled to happen there.

The day calls for the laying of a corner stone of Mount Airy granite designed by the J.D. Sargent Granite Corporation. Dr. E. E. Gillespie, who conducted our first Christian Chautauqua there and was one of the leading spirits in the organization of the church, will preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion.

Prof. John E. Foster, son of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Neel Foster, of State College, has made possible the unveiling of a memorial plate in the lovely memorial window. The plate will bear this inscription, "In loving memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Neel Foster, the mother of Presbyterianism in Ashe County, for whom this church is named. 1860 - 1924."

A pulpit will also be used for the first time and consecrated to the service of God. It is unique in that it is the base and trunk of a hemlock tree, which grew upon a rock, and it rests upon seven roots. The number seven symbolizing completeness. Mr. F. M. Ham, a deacon of the church, found this tree and with great care grubbed it up and presented it to the church. The top is de-
(Next column)

signed similar to that of the Jefferson pulpit, from which Mrs. Foster heard the Gospel so faithfully preached. The top is being made of oak and white walnut, and is constructed by the Hartzog Brothers, famous cabinet workers of the Idlewild section.

The Masons who laid the corner stone at Lansing Church have been invited to assist in laying this one.

Friends expected from a distance are Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Cashion and family of North Wilkesboro, Mr. and Mrs. C. Binder of Mt. Airy.

The entire community and friends of the church are cordially invited to attend these services, which mark a very important milestone in the progress of the construction of the church.

Within the near future it is hoped that the auditorium will be completed. Much has been done in recent weeks to give it a finished appearance.

OMITTED RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

Omitted in the last issue was the recognition of the valuable service of Mrs. Chas. B. Weaver, to the Lansing Christian Chautauqua.

(continued)

Bruce Harless, Georgia Wingler, Robert Long, Jean Harless, Ruth Ham, Vivian Blevins. We are especially thankful for the gift from Mrs. C.I. Carlson for students.

"A PRAYER FOR THE NEW CHURCH" by Bertha Woods

Board upon board the little church is building,
 Far down the road we hear the hammers ring.
 Lord, let the work go forward sweetly, kindly,
 Harred by no envies, no discordant thing.

Lift Thou Thy hands upon each room in Blessing:
 Hallow these floors to weary, wayward feet.
 As sunshine thru' the panes let truth illumine
 All those who gather, make their coming sweet.

Bless him who comes, the bread and wine dividing;
 In hungry souls let fears and doubtings cease
 Faith, hope and love, take here their gracious dwelling,
 Till this shall be in truth a House of Peace.

Humble and small, yet fair and pure and comely,
 Fit for thy presence, part of Thy great plan
 So all who gather here shall know it surely
 Is the Lord's pitching, not the work of man.

bear inspection and use from any car, from a model "T" to the most extreme modern car.

The way is open and gloriously inviting. Come and travel with us a-foot if you will, along the King's Highway to His house of worship in the piney woods. You too will be constrained to be still and know that He is God!

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A NEW HIGHWAY TO THE NEW CHURCH

"Heralds of Christ who bear the King's commands, immortals tidings in their mortal hands, Pass on and carry swift the news ye bring, make straight, make straight the highway of the King!"

The voice of him who cried saying, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight" came to us with insistence and we are trying to do that in our hearts and in our lives and days, but we are also building this road with steam drill and dynamite to remove these mighty mountain rocks in our way. Thanks to Captain Doggett and his crew, the old Bare Creek road up to the new church at Big Ridge will

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THANKSGIVING AND GIFTS TO BARIUM

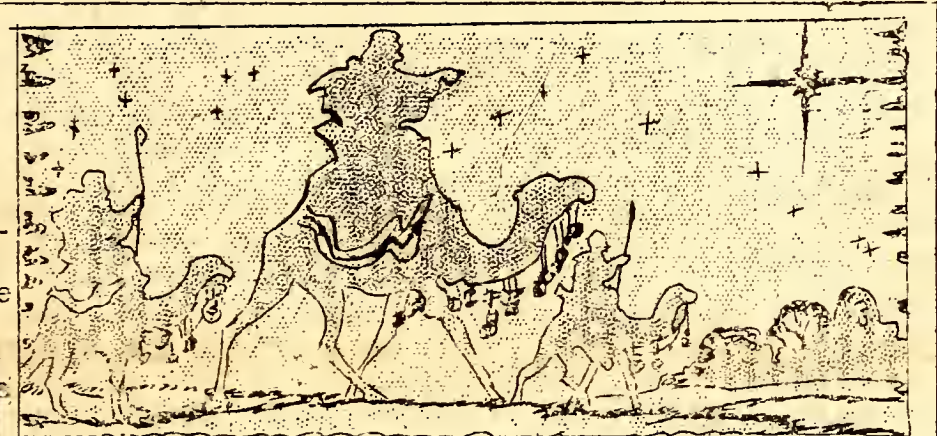
Thanksgiving services were held in all our churches, and many testimonies of thanks were expressed.

Outside speakers who participated in some of the services were, Dr. E. Gillespie, Rev. Pat Boyle, Rev. G. L. Whiteley spoke to a union meeting of our churches on Thanksgiving Day. Our offerings for Barium were as follows: --

- Big Ridge - \$1.75,
- Low Gap - \$2.06, Obid
- \$3.02, West Jefferson
- \$1.62, Foster Memorial - \$9.52,
- Gillespie - \$1.59, Lansing - \$25.11
- Jefferson - \$25.00, Ebenezer - \$1.00
- Peak Creek - \$3.50, Laurel Forks - \$1.62, Millers - \$1.88
- Bethel \$2.30. Quilts made by the women of Millers and Bethel churches were given. (see next column)

"PEACE ON EARTH GOODWILL TO MEN"

We are celebrating the birthday of the Kingly Baby who brought this



WISHING YOU A WORSHIPFUL CHRISTMAS

Good News to this sinful earth. The schedule below, will give you the time and dates of Christmas Celebrations in our churches.

- THURSDAY-DEC. 20th - Low Gap 6:30 p.m., Foster Memorial 7:00 p. m., Laurel Forks 7:00 p. m.
- FRIDAY-DEC. 21st - Peak Creek 11 a. m., Millers 6.
- SATURDAY-DEC. 22nd - Obids 6:30 p. m., Lansing 7:00 p. m., Ebenezer 11 a.m., Loggins 1:30 p.m., Whittington School 7:00 p.m. (Box supper for Bethel Church).
- SUNDAY-DEC. 23rd - Gillespie 2:00 p.m. BigRidge 6:30 p.m.
- MUNDAY-DEC. 24th - Jefferson 7:00 p.m. Bethel 11 a. m. Chime Service by Rev. G.W. Hurlburt 11:45 p.m. (Midnight Christmas service) Jefferson Presbyterian Church.

Although we had plenty of rain and high water, this season was one of many thanks and much giving.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE GIVES CHRISTMAS GIFT

Each year the Davidson College Y.M.C.A. raises a Christmas fund to be given to some work

of the church. Mr. Hubert Morris who worked in or tent meetings presented our cause to the cabinet. The campaign was made Dec. 10-12 and the gift will go a long way toward completing our beautiful, but unfinished new churches. We thank the students of Davidson for their fine Christmas Gift.

GIFTS TO AND PROGRESS OF BIG RIDGE CHURCH

The Big Ridge church building is progressing in spite of weather. We are thankful to the following for gifts to Big Ridge. Miss Clara Oglivie, Arlie Berry, Ruth Mason, Mary Landis, Jane Bradley, and Mr. Bob Forbis, Mrs. H. J. Williams, Mrs. Ingles, Mrs. Richard Hardesty.

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EDITORIAL

A MERRY CHRISTMAS !!!
 To each of many readers
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 dial CHRISTMAS GREETING.
 And not only to you but
 to all who are near and
 dear to you and to the
 children of God scatter-
 ed throughout the world.

Oh that we might fully
 appreciate all that His
 coming has meant to us!
 God's Unspeakable Gift
 of His Son is an ever
 increasing benefit to us,
 both directly and indi-
 rectly.

GROWTH!

As business men ap-
 proach the end of the
 year they begin to think
 and talk and work at the
 important matter of in-
 ventory. So as Christian
 one might take stock of
 his blessings. Such a
 period of meditation
 would demonstrate what
 vast resources are ours.

When our Churches
 take account of their
 condition it is found

that there has been a
 fine and healthy GROWTH.
 Our congregations have
 each been growing in num-
 bers. But better than
 that there has been a
 growth in grace. More of
 our people have become
 interested in the work
 and progress of the King-
 dom of God. During the
 year a number have begun
 to lift their voices in
 audible prayer to God as
 they lead the congrega-
 tion in confession, peti-
 tion and thanksgiving. Of
 young people and adults
 this is true.

Another healthy sign
 is their growth in the
 privilege of Stewardship.
 An increasing number of
 our people believe, actu-
 ally, "that it is more
 blessed to give than to
 receive!" An unfounded
 criticism has been made
 that our ministers do
 not teach stewardship.
 Such is not the case. In
 each case they do. So do
 the other workers, lead-
 ers and teachers. Liv-
 ing some distance away
 from the post office a
 school teacher gave a
 little Sunday School boy
 a dime to mail a letter,
 telling him to keep the
 change. This little boy
 has few pennies of his
 own for spending, but
 the seven cents were put
 into the Sunday School
 collection.

On the first Sunday af-
 ternoon in November a
 little nine year older
 handed the minister a
 tightly folded dollar
 bill, saying, "Here is
 a dollar for the Church.
 I made it raising chick-
 ens!" Within a few min-
 utes her twelve year old
 sister also brought a
 bill, "Here is my dollar
 for the Church. I made

it with my hen. Paris
 (her older sister) has
 \$2.50 that she is going
 to put in next meeting!"

How is that from one
 family when three young
 stewards put \$4.50 into
 benevolences?

Almost without an ex-
 ception our Churches in
 addition to their budgets
 make special offerings to
 the great causes of the
 Church. Just now the JOY
 GIFT is being stressed.
 Three of our congregations
 made crops of Irish pota-
 toes. One Church has a
 flock of sheep.

Yes - there has been
 GROWTH in stewardship, in
 numbers and in grace. For
 which we thank God.

YOUNG MEN AID IN SUMMER.

This past summer was
 the finer for our work
 because of the presence
 of a trio of consecrated,
 popular and useful young
 men. Messrs Henry Mahler
 of Union Seminary, and
 Hubert Morris, of David-
 son College, did splen-
 did work. Our ministers
 wondered how they had
 gotten on in former years
 without theirs or a sim-
 ilar assistance. They
 each made a host of friend
 who are hoping that next
 summer will find them in
 Christian work in Ashe.
 * (Omitted-Bob Forbis)

IT IS TRUE TODAY ALSO.

"Cast thy bread upon the
 waters: for thou shalt
 find it after many days";
 has been proven to the
 Jefferson congregation.
 They gave away to a col-
 ored congregation their
 oil lamp chandelier. The
 Gaffney, S.C, Presbyter-
 ians gave them three el-
 ectric fixtures - one a
 twenty bulb chandelier.

THANKSGIVING
AT LANSING

It is always a privilege to have Dr. E. E. Gillespie in Lansing, but especially do we appreciate his coming on Thanksgiving Day to conduct the Thanksgiving service. Following the splendid message on the Psalmist's blessings both past and present, a number of the members gave expression to the cause of their thankfulness. One mother expressed her gratitude for God's grace in reaching most of her family and asked the prayers of her friends that her other boys might be saved. The cause of rejoicing with one, was that while he was in sin God spared his life so that he could live to confess His Son and live for Him. Still another was most grateful for Jesus Christ as her personal friend and Savior, and expressed her thankfulness in these lines:

"Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all;
He is my strength from day to day, without Him I would fall;
When I am sad, to Him I go, no other one can cheer me so;
When I am sad, He makes me glad, He's my Friend!"

Those attending the service brought fruit and candy for the County Home. In the afternoon the Young People's Council went to the County Home, gave a Thanksgiving program and distributed the candy and fruit. It was hard to tell who enjoyed it the most, the old folks who received, or the young folks who gave.

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We advertised our need for flooring for Gillespie and Hon. Sam Sells, of Johnson City, is helping us with it.

The need of a furnace was advertised by a friend in Charlotte, N.C. Mr. W. B. Hodge has offered to give us good parts for our furnace. Mr. Hodge is also good enough to contact a sheet metal worker to get it cased. We are very thankful to these friends who

answer our advertised needs. "It pays to advertise!"

MORE CATECHISMS

RECITED

Bonnie Long, Ella Mae Key, and Grace Bare all of Laurel Fork Church received N. Testaments for reciting the Child's Catechism. Little Miss Rhoten of Loggins who is just five years old has also received her N. Testament.



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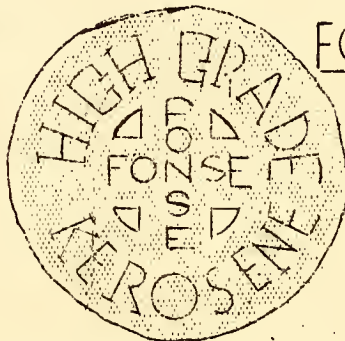
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FIFTEEN CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUAS PLANNED FOR COMING SEASON

During a recent round table gathering the Chautauqua schedule, subject to unavoidable changes, was made for the coming summer. An unusually fine faculty is being secured. As we go to press we are communicating with a number of our finest evangelists to conduct the evangelistic services. Misses O'Neill, Hunt and Weaver and Mr. Luke will direct the Bible Schools, whose dates are as follows:

GILLESPIE	May 5 - 19
LOW GAP	May 8 - 21
FOSTER MEMORIAL	May 22 - June 5
EBENEZER	May 23 - June 5
OBIDS	June 6 - 30
LAUREL FORK	June 7 - 20
PEAK CREEK	June 22 - July 5
BOGGS	June 23 - July 7
WEST JEFFERSON	July 8 - 21
LANSING	July 10 - 24
JEFFERSON	July 28 - Aug. 11
DEEP CUT	July 23 - Aug. 2
MILLER'S	Aug. 4 - 16
BIG RIDGE	Aug. 14 - 28
BETHEL	Aug. 18 - 31

Dr. R. G. McLees has consented to preach in the Jefferson Chautauqua and Dr. E. E. Gillespie will preach at Boggs.

THE SCENIC ROADWAY WILL HELP US

Much has been said about the Scenic Highway which is to be built along the top of the Blue Ridge Mountains. This highway will lead travellers through the most beautiful scenery as yet never seen by the tourist.

The most beautiful of these views are the daily vistas of beauty of the highlander. Of late we who dwell here are familiar with the sight of surveyors marking the way of this great road. The compass, transit, red and white pole, stakes, chains, men in khaki and high tops are climbing the cliffs and tramping the fields. All these are evidences that a great road is soon to come this way.

What does this mean to the work in Ashe? This road bisects the territory served by Rev. J. W. Luke. One trial way ran within a few feet of LAUREL FORK, PEAK CREEK and EBENEZER CHURCHES; another probable way is within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from them. The decision as to which of the two ways has not been determined.

WHAT ABOUT OUR WORK? While being constructed a great many workmen as well as civil engineers will be there. It is a privilege to help evangelize those who work on this great project. (Continued on page 4)

PROGRESS AND BUILDING MAKES LONG STRIDES DURING QUARTER

The first three months of this year have been very busy ones in the completion of our several unfinished Churches. To get a Church in a usable condition is our first aim, then we work to complete it. Bethel and Laurel Fork Churches are incompletes. Some of our members have the order to cut the ceiling for the Bethel Church. We have the rough flooring cut for Bethel and Laurel Fork, but have not been able to have it dressed, tongued and grooved. We are now ready to put down a concrete porch at Laurel Fork. At this place we have been working hard to get a large hole below the Church filled. Mr. Harpers and a gang of convicts did much toward filling this with dirt gotten from landslides. When this is completed we will have a splendid yard and circular road. Plans are now under way to paint the outside woodwork at Bethel and Laurel Fork.

At West Jefferson we are putting in partitions and fixing up the basement of the Church for more adequate Sunday School purposes and for use as an auditorium for worship in cold weather.

A fund is being raised at Miller's to build a Church there. We are worshipping and holding Sunday School in the school building. Our pledges for next year will be for that cause.

For the last eight years Rev. J. W. Luke has been batching and boarding at Glendale Springs and surrounding field. Plans are being made for a manse in this field. To stabilize this work for the future it is imperative that we build a manse.

At Lansing the vestibule and a Sunday School room have been plastered. The School is growing so rapidly that another room is needed.

At Foster Memorial the auditorium has been plastered; the remainder of the lovely paneled metal ceiling has been put up and painted an ivory color. A furnace has been installed and the menace of cold weather is banned.

Gillespie has a good maple floor - the gift of the Sells Lumber and Manufacturing Co. A pipeless furnace is a great joy and no one has to stay away because of dread of the cold. Just a few score dollars and these latter two may have completed auditoriums.

The environs of Big Ridge have been echoing with the merry ring of saw and hammer.

Our gratitude is to God and a host of people who have helped us so wonderfully.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO HAVE A PART IN THE E. M. C. OF YOUR CHURCH. HELP OUT!

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EDITORIAL

The Helms Go To Thomasville.

Early in January Rev. and Mrs. D.F. Helm and D.F. Jr. left West Jefferson to become the manse dwellers at Thomasville, where Mr. Helm ministers to the fine congregation in that industrial city. Even though their going makes a great deal of extra work for those who are left they can rejoice in that it is a larger Church to which he has gone and that there will not be the physical wear and strain due to the fact that his work is confined to the city.

While in Ashe for more than two and one-half years Mr. Helm was recognized as a tireless worker and one of the best expository preachers in the county. He was a pioneering spirit — having developed the work at Big Ridge, organized a Church and left its building well under way; he began the work at Boggs and for a time sponsored a Sunday School at Othello. Another of his contributions was his securing a number of outstanding ministers and consecrated young women to conduct the Chautauquas. An outside activity was a Boy Scout troop.

Mrs. Helm, coming here as a bride, entered actively into the work with him and was loved wherever she was known. Mr. Helm could never have done the work he did without her splendid cooperation.

We pray for God's richest blessings to abide upon them in their new work.

PRAY FOR US

We believe that more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. Please pray for an outpouring of God's Spirit upon our Chautauquas, the visiting ministers and teachers, upon the great congregations that will attend and upon us who work regularly.

Of the BELMONT COVENANT PLAN so successfully working in scores of Churches large and small Mrs. I. P. Graham, Cooleemee, writes "WE ARE HAVING A DELIGHTFUL EXPERIENCE WITH THE BELMONT COVENANT PLAN AND IT HELPED ALREADY, FINANCIALLY AND OTHERWISE, JUST LOTS"

It would be a great blessing to Churches, individuals and to THE KINGDOM OF GOD if more Churches adopted this plan, which is the Scriptural plan of giving.

POSTS POTATOES AND PEWS.

ZEAL OF LANSING MEN BEARS FRUIT

The crowd that gets ahead of the LANSING Congregation must get out before day! Supt. of Sunday School J. Oscar Blevins was tired of looking at the section of the Church that did not have pews. He conceived the idea of getting individuals to give locust trees, which a number did gladly. A number of men rallied to his leadership and cut the trees and made them into posts. With a little help from the potato crop they will have money enough to pay for the pews, which will soon be installed. The auditorium is now complete except the electric fixtures, which will probably be installed during the year.

NEW MEMBERS — The following have been cordially welcomed into the fellowship of the Presbyterian Church: Mr. and Mrs. Guy Denney at West Jefferson; Mrs. Mary Eldreth and Misses Nora, Beulah and Edna Eldreth at Gillespie.

The Gillespie Young People's Council visited the County Home Feb. 15, and gave an interesting and helpful program on the topic, "What Does It Mean To Be A Christian?"

Miss Kathleen Welch of the Lansing Church entered training at The Presbyterian Hospital on Feb. 11. We shall follow her progress with our interest and prayers.

BELLS

We have enjoyed and have been greatly benefited by a bell shower. Mr. C. M. Norfleet gave us a large bell for the Lansing tower. Mr. R. T. Stone, the father of our minister, gave two bells, which will be placed at Foster Memorial and Gillespie. Each of them have sweet tones. An abiding appreciation goes to these gentlemen.

THE ASHE PRESBYTERIAN RECEIVES GIFT.

Mr. John H. Reed, of Richmond, Va., gave this publication a power driven MULTIGRAPH. This is by far the nicest gift that has been given the paper. We are very grateful to Mr. Reed, who does many benevolent deeds, for this great gift on which the paper is printed. It can be gotten out more economically in our own office. Three thousand are being printed and they go into every State and several foreign countries. A font of print type and type of various sizes were purchased along with other equipment. We want to add to this until we have a complete printing plant.

The PRESBYTERY of WINSTON-SALEM will meet in Thomasville on April 9-10 and the PRESBYTERIAL at Reynolda on April 16-17.

++ REV. PLUMER SMITH VISITS CHURCHES ++

From our Mutoto foreign mission station in the Belgian Congo there has come to us Rev. Plumer Smith, who has visited all of our Churches making addresses or giving illustrated lectures of his work. In addition to his Church engagements he spoke to larger groups in a number of public schools. For twenty two years he has been in contact with raw heathenism. Our Churches were honored with his presence. There was a fine interest as the people heard of and saw in pictures the Gospel of CHRIST triumphing in pagan lands. A number of curios attracted a good deal of interest.

Mr. Smith is an interesting speaker and we predict an enlarged foreign mission interest because of his presentation of his work.

+++ GIFTS FOR BIG RIDGE CHURCH +++

Since the last issue the following have made gifts to the Big Ridge building fund: Flora Macdonald College Christian Association, Misses Ruth Harris, Gertrude Crandall and Mary Murray and Mrs. Donald Richardson.

We are so grateful to these ladies for these gifts! They are invited to come and watch our building being constructed amid pine, chestnut and oak surroundings.

+++ OTHER APPRECIATED GIFTS +++

Foster Memorial and Gillespie are being constructed under what is called The Presbyterian Building Fund. The progress on these buildings as described on the first page was made possible through very generous gifts of the Davidson College Y. M. C. A., Prof W. N. Mebane, Dr. Edward Mack, and Mr. Wm. R. Thomas. McClung and Co. and Faucette and Co. each gave a large hanging lamp. Dick's Service Station gave paint and varnish. A fine gentleman who will not allow his name mentioned gave a furnace. The Obids congregation also gave us their furnace. The Vannoy's truck brought the furnace from Charlotte and Brother Sam Caudle and others put it up.

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+ + CATECHISMS RECITED + +

We are always glad when some of the young people memorize and recite the Catechisms. Since the last issue of the paper six from Mr. Luke's Churches have recited the Catechism for Young Children. From Loggins two sisters, Georgia and Grace Roten; from Laurel Fork, Kathryn Key, Iva Dale Pendry, Martha May Seagraves and Jean Joins. We are proud of these girls.

Yes, and from Gillespie there is a report: Helen and James Miller have recited that same little book. Denver and Violet Blevins have recited both Catechisms.

+ + YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCES + +

Summer time is Conference time! Already we have begun to make preparations for the Young People's Conference at Davidson June 11-18, and the Intermediate Conference at Mitchell College, Statesville. The Spring Rally of Winston-Salem Presbytery is a part of that necessary preparation. The Rally was held at the First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, 1, 2 and 3rd of March. The young people report a most wonderful time. The representatives from Ashe were: Miss Katherine O'Neill, Mary Sapp, Frances Blevins, Aldean Clark, Howard Eldreth, Louise Colvard, Evelyn Brown, Beulah Jenkins, Jack Lawson, Marvin Sells and Woodrow Bare.

Miss Katherine O'Neill is to be one of the teachers at the Davidson Conference this year. We feel that the Conference has honored itself in having her as a member of the faculty.

+ + YOU WILL BE GLAD TO KNOW + +

Some members of the Jefferson Church have been assisting in the Low Gap Sunday School. . . West Jefferson and Low Gap Churches are being supplied by Mr. Luke. Mr. Stone has Big Ridge, Obids and Boggs.

. . Rev. J. W. Luke preaches the opening sermon of the Presbytery.

. . Mr. Henry Mahler will assist Mr. Luke again this summer. For six weeks Mr. John Morgan of Davidson College will assist in the other Chautauqua. Then Mr. Hubert Morris will continue until the end of the season.

. . Miss Kathryn Hunt is teaching the Book of Genesis at Big Ridge and is giving a course on the Prophets at Boggs. Another during-the-week activity is her work with the school children. She walks about fifty miles a week. We are very anxious to get a car for her. Any contribution will be appreciated. Send it to her or to R. H. Stone at Jefferson, N. C.

. . Our ministers attended the Special Lectures at Union Theological Seminary in Feb.

. . Miss Maxie Weaver is a great help as she serves with Rev. J. W. Luke.

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BIG RIDGE CHURCH ELECTS OFFICERS

At a congregational meeting held on March 24th the Big Ridge Church adopted the rotary plan of electing officers as a temporary system.

The following were elected for one year: Elders - Messrs. Walter Farrington and Connie Bare; Deacons - Messrs. Alonzo Bare and Dewey Miller. The service of ordination and installation will be held on the night of the 7th of April. The congregation adopted a budget of \$25.00 for benevolences and \$5.00 for current expenses.

Miss Weaver has recently reorganized the Young People at Peak Creek. Peak Creek, Laurel Fork and Loggins Sunday Schools are being greatly aided by her help. The Woman's Auxiliary of Bethel and Miller's have had splendid meetings lately due to the help of this young volunteer worker.

GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS

We are thankful for a gift from Mr. T. P. Johnson of Salisbury which is being used on Bethel and Laurel Fork Churches. Also, to Miss Vivian Parsons, a recent Glade Valley graduate now teaching at Obids, for a gift of \$5.00 for helping another student through Glade Valley.

Mr. G. D. Sample sent \$5.00 for the car.
: : : GIFTS TO FOREIGN MISSIONS : : :

The Churches and preaching points served by Rev. J. W. Luke have given \$9.55 to Foreign Missions after the splendid services given us by Rev. Plumer Smith. We are asking the Foreign Mission Committee to use this to help support a native evangelist in Africa. This amount is one fourth of an evangelist's salary for one year.

The Churches in the other part of the county are raising \$35.00 for a native evangelist's support for a year. The preacher, says Mr. Smith, will be sent to a village where no one else is preaching the Crucified Christ. What an opportunity for us to tell the old, old story!

THE SCENIC ROAD (Continued from page I)

Our Churches will be the points of worship for such men. When the road is completed, what then? Tourist camps will probably spring up on the main cross roads. Who can tell, small towns may grow. A wide awake Church should be ready to meet this great need. Let us make this road which will be made beautiful by magnificent skill and God's handiwork and beauty, not the road of giddy, irreverent tourists or the trail of the bootlegger, but let us make it as it winds its way above the world and the clouds, and close to the heavens-THE KING'S HIGHWAY.

A big event of the Spring was the Young People's banquet at Lansing for the Jefferson, Foster Memorial, Gillespie and Lansing groups.

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CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUA OPENED AT GILLESPIE

The first Christian Chautauqua of the 1935 season began on May 5th and continued through May 19th in the Gillespie Church. For various reasons the meetings were held in the Church. We didn't have the new tent top and had we had it the weather was too cold for tent meetings.

The preacher was Rev. J. D. Henderson, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg, S. C. Great congregations heard him each night. Before the evening service he held a Bible study half-hour. One of the features of this meeting was the dependence upon prayer and the Holy Spirit. It was a great meeting.

Ten were received into the membership of the Church upon their profession of faith and baptism. The new members are: Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Ham, Mr. Buell Calhoun, Mrs. Lura Eldreth Osborn, Misses Willa May Miller, Pauline Stansberry, Henriella Calhoun, Grace Calhoun, Reba Ham and Ennis Blevins.

The Bible School under the direction of Miss Katherine O'Neill enrolled 90 students. The average attendance was 69 with a perfect attendance of 35. Miss O'Neill taught the Young People. Miss Mary Hartzog taught the Beginners. Miss Doris Clark taught the Primaries and Miss Ruby Hudler taught the Juniors.

THE FOSTER MEMORIAL CHURCH HAS FINE MEETING

May 22nd came and the tent top hadn't come so the Christian Chautauqua at the Foster Memorial Church was held in the Church and the Graham School May 22-June 5.

For several days in the beginning of the meeting Rev. R. T. Baker, of Ellenboro, could not come. There were sermons by the pastor, an illustrated lecture on the Holy Land and Mission Work in Korea. One sermon was preached by Rev. Walter Whittington and another service was conducted by Mr. J. O. Blevins.

Mr. Baker immediately made friends through his thoroughly Scriptural sermons and his fine personality. The congregations were large each night and on several occasions the auditorium would not seat all who came. This meeting was characterized by the breaking down of prejudices, an enlargement of the influence of the Church and fine expository sermons.

The Bible School, Miss O'Neill's second of the year, enrolled 87 with 79 coming three days or more, an average attendance of 68 and 44 attending every day. Miss Mary Sapp taught the Beginner's Class, Mrs. Claude Gambill and Miss Kathryn Hunt each taught the Primaries for a week, Miss Ruby Hudler taught the Juniors and Miss O'Neill had the Young People's Department.

During this Chautauqua the handsome Lester piano was received and began its Chautauqua career of service.

STUDENTS FROM MR. LUKE'S CHURCHES HONOR GRADUATES

For several years Rev. John W. Luke has been soliciting aid to help some of the young people through Glade Valley School. The Commencement this year was a great joy to Mr. Luke as seven of his students were graduated. The seven had helped themselves in that they had as many self-help places as they could get.



Glade Valley Graduates of the 1935 Class sponsored by Rev. John W. Luke. Top row—left to right: Cleo Neely, Ruby Wyatt, Richard Osborne, Ted Wyatt. Front row—Lucy Wyatt, Ruby Wingler and Rebecca Darnell.

Superintendent E. B. Eldridge, says of this group, "They have a good record. Ted Wyatt, Richard Osborne, Ruby Wyatt, Georgia Wingler and Rebecca Darnell were on honorable mention most of the time they were here and averaged 90 or above. Ted Wyatt and Rebecca Darnell made honor roll part of the time with an average above 95. Georgia Wingler was Valedictorian of the Class, Rebecca Darnell was the honor student of the Class. Richard Osborne and Georgia Wingler won the room prizes. Georgia also won the second prize in sewing. Tedd Wyatt was president of the Young People's League for two years, was president of the Senior Class and hopes to enter the ministry."

MAHLER AND MORGAN ASSISTING IN WORK

Messrs. Henry Mahler and John Morgan are assisting in the work this summer. Mr. Mahler, a rising senior in Union Seminary, is assisting Rev. J. W. Luke. Mr. Morgan, entering Union Seminary in September, is living in Jefferson and assisting in that part of the work.

THE LOW GAP CHAUTAUQUA IS REV. JOHN W. LUKE'S FIRST

The Low Gap Chautauqua was the first one of the season for Mr. Luke. The meeting began on Wednesday night, May 8, and the Bible School started the next morning. In spite of rainy weather and whooping cough we had an enrollment of 48 and an average attendance of 26. There was a fine interest on the part of the children in the Bible School, and the meeting at night was attended by large and interested crowds. The following people professed their faith in Christ: Herbert Lyall, Beldon Bare, Lura Bare, Hazel Lambert, Nellie Bledsoe. All of these united with the Low Gap Presbyterian Church except Nellie Bledsoe.

Rev. R. L. Berry, pastor of the Glade Valley and Sparta Churches, was the preacher for this meeting, and he gave us some stirring messages from God.

Rev. J. W. Luke conducted the Bible School each morning, and taught the Young People. The Juniors were taught by Miss Gladys Crumley from Bristol, Tenn. Miss Crumley also played the piano for the Bible School and night services. The Primaries and Beginners were taught by Miss Maxie Weaver. We feel that this was a very successful meeting, and that all who attended were benefitted by it.

DEEP CUT CHAUTAUQUA

The Bible School at Deep Cut began Thursday morning, May 23, with 24 present for the opening. The attendance increased steadily from the beginning.

Mr. Henry Mahler preached the first four nights. On Monday Rev. N. E. Oplinger, from Woodleaf, N. C., came for the remainder of the meeting. He preached very interesting and helpful sermons, to large crowds.

Rev. J. W. Luke directed the Bible School, and led the singing.

WOMEN OF PRESBYTERIAL PROVIDE CAR FOR MISS HUNT

For months we have been hoping for a car for Miss Kathryn Hunt who was having entirely too much walking to do. Those troubles were ended when the women of the Presbyterial gave the money for a car. Miss Hunt's joy overflowed on a June day when her Ford was parked at Glendale Springs.

It is a model A Ford of which good care has been taken. As soon as she learns to drive it will be equipped with a factory reconditioned motor. This type of car is best suited to our work for it can go into deeper ruts and hurdle higher rocks.

Miss Hunt has three Sunday Schools and a Young People's meeting each Sunday and is directing three Bible Schools this summer. It was almost unchristian to allow her to walk as much as she did.

Ladies, we bless your hearts and thank you and God for making this possible.

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EDITORIAL

We are now in the midst of the Chautauqua season. What faithful preachers of the Word have come to us! The Gospel in its purity and power is being fearlessly proclaimed. In some cases there are the hoped for professions of faith in Christ. In other cases there have been the healing of old grudges. People who did not speak to others have become friendly. In other cases prejudices and denominational strife is dying down. The Churches are enjoying a wider and larger sphere of influence. God has promised that His word shall not return unto Him void. In some places it is bringing a rich fruitage of souls, in other places as it returns it brings healing and a growth in grace.

The Bible is being effectively taught by the choice young women of the Bible Schools. The Word is surely being stored in the hearts of the youth—that they may not sin against God. One of the happy things about the Christian Chautauqua is the fact that so many talented and consecrated young women volunteer their services for this service. And their ministry cannot be valued nor estimated.

THE BIBLE IN THE
BIBLE SCHOOL

In all of the curriculum the Bible is the main thing. A sample Chautauqua has memory work as follows: the Young People memorize seventy-five verses in Acts, Psalms 24 and 64, Isaiah 53 and I. Cor. 13, The Juniors memorized Luke 10:30-35, Psalm 24, Mark 2:1-11, Mark 3:1-6, Luke 2:40-52, Mark 8:1-9, John 1:1-12, John 3:1-16, John 14:1-4, I Cor. 12:1-13, Psalm 9:1-11, Genesis 1:1-25. The Primaries memorize Psalm 67 and nine additional verses. The Beginners have for their memory work a number of short selections.

In addition the whole school memorizes eleven laws of the Christian life leaving sixteen verses.

During the Gillespie Chautauqua 1264 chapters of the Gospel of John were reported as read. At Foster Memorial 2011 chapters were reported read. At Obids 854 chapters were read.

We have learned that because of the requested reading each day that several have become daily readers of the Bible. There may be many of whom we do not know.

PRAY

We request the prayers of the Christian people for the remainder of the Chautauqua season. In another column you will find the dates and places and preachers conducting the services. More and more we are convinced of the power of prayer and of the necessity of intercession for a revival of religion in a cold heart, a cold church and a cold community.

Please join us in daily prayer to God.

WHAT ABOUT DANCING?

For decades the changes of oratory and debate have been rung on the subject. This year the Presbyteries which control Davidson College have been asked whether dancing shall be authorized on the Davidson campus or in Charlotte under faculty chaperonage or authorized in the town of Davidson with what oversight the faculty can give. A number of Presbyteries—in fact all as far as we know—have answered the questionnaire in the negative.

Because of this a friend for whom we have great admiration writes Dr. W. L. Lingle, President of Davidson College, in part: "I am writing you because I do not feel that the recent negative action of the Winston Presbytery regarding dancing on the campus under faculty supervision at Davidson, represents as much as 20% of the members of the Churches making up this Presbytery. I think it is just such actions as these on the part of prejudiced, unsympathetic, dour Presbyterian elders and preachers that is largely the trouble with the Southern Presbyterian Church."

The editors by their vote have brought themselves under the condemnation of their friend. Why? Certainly not because they are not in sympathy with the problems of the youth. Certainly not because they would rob them of innocent pleasure. It is because the Bible would condemn this as worldliness. And the Church standing upon the Bible has repeatedly denounced dancing as worldly. Another reason, apart from the Bible and the Church, is the effect that youth says dancing as upon them.

Neal D. Newlin, a Domestic Relations Counselor, in an article "How Religion Affects Sex Relationships" in the February 1935 "Church Management" gives the results of some questions to youth. One question was: "Does dancing offer sexual temptations?" This was propounded to three groups—(1) Denominational College group—ages 17-29; (2) to a State supported college group—ages 17-29; and (3) to a Community Seminar group. Of the young women 31% said that dancing aroused their emotions or sexual desires, 68% said "no" and one did not answer. Of the young men 48% said that dancing aroused their emotions or sexual desires; 41% said "no" and 11 made no answer.

He says, "In further conversation with many, many young men, they have been quite frank in admitting that the main thing about dancing which they enjoy, is the close proximity of the girls to them."

Another question to the young men was "What is the effect on you of seeing girls dressed without brassieres, with rolled stocking etc? The answers were a positive challenge to the 'modern dress' of our young ladies. They said—'Creates a sexual desire . . . 67%; has no particular effect 23%; not sure of what the effect is 4%'."

Are these statements from these representative college groups alone sufficient to cause one to vote in the negative? To us it seems so. If not, we have passed a long way from the sentiment of Paul, who, on a smaller matter, said "Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." I Cor. 8:13. Again in II Thess. 5:11 he exhorts us to "Abstain from all appearance of evil."

A concomitant of many of the dances today is the evil of liquor. And we are against that 100%. Nothing good can be said for that visiting evil.

The time has come when we should not compromise with evil. God wants us to stand for something—to have branded in our characters the marks of the Lord Jesus. We prefer to go down in defeat championing what we believe to be right than to be victorious in things that are sinful.

To authorize dancing at Davidson would be to break faith with many who have died in the Lord and who gave sacrificially to make and keep Davidson a Christian College. To authorize dancing at Davidson would be to sanction what young people themselves in great numbers acknowledge to be sensual—which is sinful.

Some students are going to dance regardless. Some students are going to drink poisonous liquor. By the same logic that dancing would be permitted under faculty chaperonage The Martin Chemical Laboratory would be a distillery for the making of liquor—trying to take to the devil out of it—for the drinking students to drink under faculty chaperonage.

LAUREL FORK MEETING

The Bible School held in connection with the meeting at Laurel Fork has been the best one yet held at Laurel Fork. The attendance has been the best one yet held at Laurel Fork. The attendance has been steadier than in previous Bible Schools, and the interest on the part of the children has been fine. The enrollment has reached 60 and the average attendance has been about 40.

The teachers in this Bible School were Henry Mahler, Misses Edna Crumley and Maxie Weaver. Mr. Luke directed the school.

Rev. O. C. Brown of Bland, Va., was the preacher for this meeting. He did some of the most earnest scriptural preaching we have had this summer. The Lord has blessed the meeting by the reconsecration of many, and conversion of several people. Those who united with the Church were: Mrs. Sid Miller, Mrs. Hart Miller, Miss Lorine Miller, Miss Jaunita Long and Miss Rema Bare.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Since the last issue of the Ashe Presbyterian the Young People in Mr. Luke's field have been doing some fine work. The Young People at Bethel Church were organized into a League the first of May. They are very enthusiastic about the work, and have given some very fine programs.

The officers of the League are: President, Ted Wyatt, Vice President, Glen Wyatt, Secretary, Eula Miller, Treasurer, Cleo Neely.

MR. ROBERT C. NORFLEET GIVES
THE CHAUTAUQUA A PIANO

Our music troubles in the Christian Chautauqua have been ended by the gift of a fine and lovely Lester piano through the generosity of Mr. Robert C. Norfleet, of Winston-Salem. For several years Mr. and Mrs. Norfleet have been friends and benefactors of our work. This is a long-needed addition to our equipment. When not in use it will be kept in the Foster Memorial Church.

PROGRESS ON CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF CHURCHES

The months since the last issue of The Ashe Presbyterian have been very busy ones in the material work of the Churches. At Gillespie the auditorium is practically completed with the exception of the hanging of four doors, which we do not have.

Mr. Oliver Ham has given enough trees for a car load of pulp wood. Our men have cut the wood and as soon as it dries it will be sold and the proceeds will be used for the finishing of the basement. The money for a seventeen cord car will make a great show in the looks and utility of the Sunday School rooms.

At Foster Memorial there has been a great improvement. The doors and windows have been cased and the remainder of the wainscoting put up. When our floor is scraped and stained and our woodwork painted this auditorium will be completed except for the hanging of four doors, which we do not have.

Perhaps the greatest improvement has been on the Big Ridge Church. The roof has been framed and partially sheathed. The rock veneering is going on the library and an order has been placed for the roof. Before very long the library will be available for service.

Those who have made this advance work possible are Mrs. S. E. Barnhardt, of Concord, a friend, Miss Hattie Ham, of Washington, D. C., Mr. E. P. Kinzel, of Abingdon, the Davidson College Y. M. C. A., Rev. W. M. Currie, of Belmont, N. C., the Church and Manse Erection, Fund League, Mr. Coleman Payne, of West Jefferson, Mr. L. B. Ham, of Husk, N. C., Mrs. Fred Hunt, Richmond, Va., and Admiral Thos. P. Johnston, of the Confederate Navy, of Salisbury, N. C. One of the great joys of Mr. Johnston's life is the share he has in helping build small churches. To this group must be added the faithful men of each community who have given of their labors and talent.

We are greatly indebted to all these donors. Not only have you made forward steps for us but you have helped us retire some of our obligations. We are more grateful to you than we can express.

CHAUTAQUA SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF SUMMER

Rev. John W. Luke announces the following services:

Peak Creek, June 22-July 5, Rev. E. A. Dillard.

W. Jefferson, July 8-21, Rev. Marion Dick.

Ebenezer, July 23-Aug. 3, Rev. John R. Williams.

Millers, Aug. 4-16, Rev. Ted Smith.

Bethel, Aug. 18-31, Dr. E. E. Gillespie.

The services in the other tent are as follows:

Boggs, June 23-July 7, Dr. E. E. Gillespie.

Lenning, July 10-24, Rev. C. E. Piephoff.

Jefferson, July 28-Aug. 11, Dr. R. G. McLees.

Big Ridge, Aug. 14-28, Rev. John Martin.

Mrs. W. Y. Preyer, of Greensboro, has for a number of years been making an annual gift to help defray the expense of the Christian Chautauquas. This she has done again this year—and we are very grateful to her for it.

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OBIDS CHAUTAUQUA HELD IN THE TENT

On June 6th the new tent top was taken from the Express office and pitched on a lot near the Obids Church and the opening service began that night and continued through June 20th. Mr. Henry Mahler preached the first sermon. The supply minister preached some sermons and Rev. Walter Whittington, the new Baptist minister at West Jefferson preached a gripping sermon. The Cook-Harless quartet sang that night.

On Monday, June 10th, Rev. W. P. Boyle, of Elkin, came and began his ministry. After an initial sermon on prayer he preached a series of seven practical and helpful sermons on the Letters to the Seven Churches, and from then on he preached more to the unsaved. Two years ago Mr. Boyle preached and visited in the community and won the love and esteem of all. It was a great privilege to have this young minister who has remarkable gifts as an expository preacher.

Mr. George Hartzog was welcomed in the membership of the Church by profession of his faith in Christ and baptism.

At this place Miss Kathryn Hunt came into command as the director of the Bible School. Her department was the Young People. She was finely assisted in the work by Miss Celia Krider, of Statesville, pianist and teacher of the Juniors, and by Miss Elizabeth Huffstetler, of Gastonia, teacher of the Beginners and Primaries.

There was an enrolment of 49 with 35 coming three days or more. There was an average attendance of 26 with 12 attending perfectly.

In this meeting there were frequent special numbers by an Obids quartet and the Obids and Blue Ridge choirs sang. A fine result of the meeting is that friends who had been unfriendly and on non-speaking terms for months became friendly again. The Gospel is yet the power of God unto salvation.

TO THE LADIES OF WINSTON- SALEM PRESBYTERY

From my heart of hearts, may I thank you each one for the "Princess", my new car? She is indeed a princess and I surely feel like one riding in her. I can hardly believe that she is not still a dream. Surely it cannot be I who is riding around instead of tramping over my beloved hills.

In my heart, I have dedicated her to His service, and I am planning to take over two other Auxiliaries and two more Young Peoples' Leagues because of the time the "Princess" saves me.

Bless your hearts, each one of you, for all that you are doing to promote the Kingdom of God in Ashe county, and may you know great joy in such Christ-like service.—KATHRYN HUNT.

In April 115 letters were sent to as many readers asking for one dollar for stock in our multigraph equipment and for ten subscriptions. Quite a number have responded and we thank them. Doubtless some have the letters on file and intend to send their dollar later. We NEED for the remaining ones to respond. May this paragraph remind you of your good intention.

Only the rush of the editors kept this issue from being multigraphed.

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MEETINGS OF THE SUMMER CONTINUED

In the last issue the details of Low Gap, Deep Cut and Laurel Fork meetings were narrated, so now a few words about the remaining five of the eight meetings in Mr. Luke's field.

Peak Cr ek, June 22-July 4.—The Bible School was taught by Mr. Henry Mahler, Misses Maxie Weaver, Alice Neal Wilson, and Eunice Thompson. Rev. E. A. Dillard of Charlotte was the evangelist. The average attendance at the Bible School was fifty-seven. The meetings in the tent every night were inspiring. Mr. Dillard has left a lasting impression in that community, and the results of the meeting are still being felt. It is very hard many times for a strange evangelist to get in touch with the people without the aid of the local pastor. The pastor, J. W. Luke was called away during this meeting on account of the illness and death of his mother. In the absence of the pastor Mr. Dillard held the meeting together nicely as the teachers did in connection with the Bible School.

West Jefferson, July 7-21.—The Chautauqua here was a splendid one. Rev. A. V. Gibson of Sanford, N. C. came in at a pinch hit request. He did well, and many people are still talking of the spiritual feast that was held at the tent. The Bible School was a splendid one. Those who taught were Misses Maxie Weaver, Alice Neal Wilson, Eunice Thompson, and Mr. Henry Mahler, Gene Davis, and George Pickard. Some of the outstanding features of the meeting were Gene Davis' singing, a contest between the wrens, and warblers, the children being divided into these two sides, and the clearly thought out sermons of Rev. A. V. Gibson. Another great difficulty during this meeting was the threat of infantile paralysis. A large number of Bible Chapters were read, many re-consecrated themselves to the Lord, and there were several professions among the young people.

Ebenezer, July 23-Aug. 2.—We were very fortunate in securing Rev. John R. Williams for this meeting. Mr. Williams came to us all the way from Florida. Our teachers were Mr. Henry Mahler, Misses Katherine Hunt and Maxie Weaver. George Pickard was the pianist.

We had a splendid Bible School at Ebenezer although some were afraid of infantile paralysis. The people showed a good spirit of cooperation during this meeting, by cleaning up the graveyard and repairing the roof of the church. Our chief difficulty seemed to be the rain which held us back for the first few days of the meeting. The meeting was marked by the splendid preaching of Mr. Williams, and we trust he shall visit our fields again. There were many reconsecrations and five who united with the church on profession of their faith.

Millers, Aug. 4-16.—After finishing the meetings in Ashe County we then proceeded to the county of Wilkes. After splendid help in erection of the tent we started the preaching services on Sunday morning. Dr. E. E. Gillespie held our meeting for one week, preaching with

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CONSTRUCTION ON CHURCHES GOES FORWARD

Since the last issue of the paper the greatest forward step in material progress has been on the Big Ridge Church. After the great rush of Chautauquas and farm work the rock has been laid up around the walls of the section of the Church that is to house the library. This is lovely work and blends so fittingly with the rustic and romantic surroundings. Within the library is a huge rock fireplace with the rock of the chimney exposed to view all the way to the ceiling.

Much of the roof has been sheathed and the asphalt shingles have been ordered. Very soon the entire Church will be covered and closed in. The library will be made so that it can be of service during the winter. The Wilkesboro Manufacturing Company is giving us six pairs of window sash.

You will like this Church, which is Miss Hunt's dream.

Rev. C. E. Piephoff has made a cash contribution to this work. The men and boys of the Big Ridge community have been of great assistance.

Very soon the pulp wood given by Mr. Oliver Ham will be turned into cash and work on the completion of the Gillespie Sunday School rooms will be commenced.

—AP—

Some progress has been made in the completion of the inside of Bethel and Laurel Fork Churches. The floor for both of these churches was donated. Most of the floor in the Bethel church as well as a good part of the ceiling has been nailed in place. We hope to complete these churches this fall as well as paint them.

—AP—

This year our Churches and Sunday Schools are going to remember our Barium Springs friends with a special Thanksgiving offering. Mr. Milton, the Orphanage's treasurer, has already sent us some mite boxes to be distributed to the Sunday Schools. This will be done in October or early November.

SOME OF THE FRUITS OF THE 1935 CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUA

	Enrollment	Daily Average Attendance	Perfect Attendance	Chapters Read in Bible	New Members
Low Gap	48	26	4	280	3
Deep Cut	56	34	12	390	
Laurel Fork	63	43	20	260	5
Peak Creek	96	57	26		
W. Jefferson	151	79	20	700	
Ebenezer	91	60	24	341	5
Millers	79	48	27	385	1
Bethel	59	35	28	480	12
Gillespie	90	69	35	1264	10
Foster Memorial	87	68	44	2011	
Obids	49	26	12	854	1
Boggs	28	15	10	330	1
Lansing (5 days)	179	158	115	2000	6
Jefferson	138	88	38	549	11
Big Ridge	74	43	27	952	13
Bristol (C) D.V.B.S.	44	35	21		
TOTALS	1332	884	463	10796	68

THE STORY OF FISHING FOR FOLKS CONTINUES

Those who handle the rod and reel have been disappointed this summer because of a bad season on account of continual muddy waters. It has been a different story with those who have fished for folks to lead them to the Master. In the June issue we began the story of the work under the tents. This issue concludes, in part, the story of the catch and of the work in the Bible Schools. We begin here with the story of the work at

BOGGS SCHOOL

During a great wind the tent was pitched on Thurslay. The young men of the community cared for it until Sunday night, when Dr. E. E. Gillespie began preaching and continued for eight days. There were a number of professions and one addition to the Church, Mr. Monroe Fare, who came into the Big Ridge Church. If the meeting could have continued there were evidences of larger visible results.

Miss Kathryn Hunt was assisted by Misses Celia Krider and Elizabeth Huffstetter in the Bible School. The results are to be found in the statistical report on this page. It was a good school and the commencement program was splendid.

LANSING

was the next Chautauqua and the enrollment of the Bible School in five days reached the peak enrolment of the year. Then there was an infantile paralysis scare and following the advice of the physician the school was closed though the meeting continued with many of our young people and children out of the service. Miss Katherine O'Ncall was in command here and was assisted by Misses Ruby Hudler, Grace Stuart, Celia Krider, Elizabeth Donaldson, Mrs. Claude Gambill, Mrs. Lewis Vest and Mr. John Morgan. A school bus was operated from two directions.

Rev. C. E. Piephoff, pastor of the Monaghan Presbyterian Church, Greenville, S. C., was the visiting evangelist. From the very beginning he endeared himself to the hearts of the people. They loved him and were moved by his messages from the Word of God. Despite heavy rains during a part of the meeting there were large crowds. After the first few nights the congregation was entirely different because of the absence of the children and many young people. A meeting for men was held each day at 11:30 in a vacant store. It was a great meeting with happy evangelistic results. The spiritual tone of the Church has been heightened by this meeting.

And the story is continued from

JEFFERSON

Rev. John Martin, native Scotsman living in Johnson City, Tenn., came to us for the evangelistic feature of the services. And that is Mr. Martin's vocation. (Dr. R. G. McLees who was to have come was taken seriously sick just before the meeting was to have begun.) For two weeks Mr. Martin earnestly preached the Word of God to appreciative congregations and in the homes plead with sinners to give themselves to Christ in a surrendered life through re-

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EDITORIAL

THE PRESBYTERIAN NEWS

There has just come into the world of religious journalism a twelve page, finely edited and attractively arranged paper published quarterly under the editorship of Dr. E. E. Gillespie. It has been happily named **THE PRESBYTERIAN NEWS**. It is chiefly an organ of the Synod of North Carolina but covers every phase of the work of the Church. It is the hope of Dr. Gillespie to have this in every Presbyterian home in the synod. It rightly deserves to be and the modest cost of twenty-five cents per year makes it entirely possible. It is a paper that every North Carolina Presbyterian cannot afford to be without.

Each quarter there is an article by Mrs. Chas. M. Norfleet on some phase of Woman's work. Another feature is a section on Current Thought and the contributors are Dr. W. L. Lingle and Dr. P. D. Miller. On page six of the first issue is a picture of the Manse in Jefferson.

We urge you to subscribe to **THE PRESBYTERIAN NEWS**.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Into the fold have come a host of new members since the last publication. We welcome them. **LANSING** rejoices in that by profession she received Mrs. Ethel Graham May, Misses Ruth and Ruby Barker, Inez Hurley and Messrs. Sam Rose and George Styke.

JEFFERSON had the joy of seeing the following come by profession: Maxine Eldreth, Glenn Sells, Carrie Roland, Earl McCoy and Mrs. Edward McNeill; by letter Miss Lottie Roten, Mrs. Geo. W. Hurlburt, Rose, David, Harvey and Daniel Hurlburt.

BIG RIDGE'S membership was increased by Miss Kathryn Hunt and Milton Miller, by letter; and there came by profession of faith in Christ Mrs. Hettie Rogenia Patrick, Clifford Patrick, Fred Miller, Mrs. Myrtle Lee Black, Kennie Burgess, Don Dishman, Kathleen and Josephine Bare, Edna Dishman, Hattie Lambert, Messrs. Ted and Monroe Bare

Low Gap: Herbert Lyall, Belden Bare, Lura Bare, Hazel Lambert.

Laurel Forks: Mrs. Hort Miller, Mrs. Sid Miller, Lorine Miller, Rema Bare, Jaunita Long.

Ebenezer: Laurinda Severt, Carolyn Severt, Katherine Severt, Selma Hunt, Dovie Wyatt.

Millers Church: Richard Royal.

Bethel: John Calvin Wyatt, Martha Caroline Wyatt, Mary Katherine Shepherd, Roscoe Church, Pansy Kilby, Minnie Wiegler Buckley, Nathan Shepherd, Mary Shepherd, Hattie Wyatt, Mrs. Charlie Vannoy, Mrs. Mattie Shepherd, Ruth Wyatt.

—AP—

Prayer meeting is to be held at West Jefferson Presbyterian Church by the West Jefferson Evangelistic Club. This club consists of a number of men of all

denominations, and they will alternate between the Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches each Wednesday night in holding the weekly prayer meeting.

—AP— GIFTS TO WORK

Those who have made gifts to the purchase of the tent top and to help wipe out the deficit of the summer's work are: The Belk Foundation, Mrs. Jas. H. Harper, Mrs. Louise Pepper McClung, Dr. E. E. Gillespie, Mrs. Luey B. Critz and the Sunday Schools of the Jefferson and Lansing Churches.

The Lansing Grocery Co. and the Service Store have secured gifts for the Gillespie Church from The Roanoke City Mills, C. M. McClung and Co., the United States Tobacco Co., and the Bennett-Hubbard Candy Co.

—AP— MISS MAXIE WEAVER TEACHING THIS YEAR

Miss Maxie Weaver who has been the voluntary assistant in Rev. J. W. Luke's field is teaching in the Elkland High School at Todd, N. C. Maxie has done a very faithful and constructive work in the Sunday Schools and churches of Mr. Luke's field. It is with deep regret we see her go. Still we realize to reach her final goal, which is the Training School at Richmond, Va., she must seek to work for remuneration that she might pay her way as she goes. We trust she will soon be able to complete her training in Richmond, and return to Ashe County as a full fledged church worker.

—AP— MEETINGS OF THE SUMMER CONTINUED

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power and conviction. Rev. N. E. Opflinger concluded the services. Teachers for the Bible School were Misses Maxie Weaver, Margaret McGoogan, Mary Janet McNeill, and Mr. Henry Mahler. There were many reconsecrations during the meeting, and several professions among the young people. One united with the church at Millers.

Bethel, August 18-30.—Taking one day to move the tent and erecting it again, we started the meeting on Sunday night. The first part of the week was gloomy for it rained most every day, and it was very discouraging, but the sun soon broke through the clouds in a few days. Rev. Ted Smith held this meeting for us, and the meeting was marked by his splendid evangelistic preaching. Teachers in the Bible School were Henry Mahler, George Pickard, Misses Mary Janet McNeill, and Margaret McGoogan.

A very fine feature of the meeting was the singing of the colored brothers and sisters from Beulah Presbyterian Church of North Wilkesboro. Rev. J. E. Baxter, the Pastor, was instrumental in securing this splendid group of singers for us. Every one enjoyed the spirituals and other music which they sang.

There were many reconsecrations during the meeting, and several professions. Twelve people united with the church at Bethel. This was one of the best meetings of the summer, and a fine climax for the eight Chatauquas in various communities held under this tent. After the last service was over, the tent was taken down at night and was hauled to Glendale Springs, where after a day of sun drying it was stored away for the winter.

THE STORY OF FISHING FOR FOLKS CONTINUES

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pentance and faith. There were a number of reconsecrations and a number of professions of faith—some coming into the Jefferson Church, another preferring the Baptist Church.

The Jefferson Chatauqua's Bible School was under the splendid direction of Miss Katherine O'Neill. Assisting her were: Misses Evelyn Brown, Elizabeth Donaldson, Celia Krider, Ruby Hudler and Mr. Hubert Morris. Mrs. R. H. Stone assisted at the piano with the opening programs. Conveyance was provided over three highways for young people who desired to attend. There was a large number from Smethport.

The story is concluded at

BIG RIDGE

with Miss Kathryn Hunt, assisted by Misses Ruby Hudler and Celia Krider, conducting the Bible School. It was a fine one with a good interest and fine cooperation. The Commencement exercises were held at night and the program was a unique one. The faithful work of the teachers is reflected in the results of the evangelistic meeting, conducted by Rev. F. M. Diek, who has gone into full time evangelistic work. And those who heard him in his gripping messages from the Scriptures and came under the influence of his appeal were convinced that the pulpit was his throne and that evangelism is his fort. The concluding meeting had a large number of professions and additions to the Church. The work of the new Church, not then one year old, was speeded up in a fine way.

Then the tent was taken down, carefully folded and packed away in a storage room where it awaits another glorious season of Bible Schools and evangelism next year.

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For some time it has been in the heart of Miss Katherine O'Neall to conduct a Bible School for the colored children. After five days at Lansing the School came a sudden stop on Monday. This was her chance to get in that hoped-for school. The Eristol community, near Jefferson, was the place. Tuesday morning was spent in getting permission to use the colored school and notifying the colored children and their parents that next day the school would begin.

Wednesday was a lovely day and twenty-one students greeted Misses O'Neall, Hudler and Krider. An interesting thing is that those twenty-one came every day. And every day the enrollment increased until it came to forty-four. Miss Donaldson and Mrs. Vest were necessary to help teach the enlarging classes. There was a fine spirit of cooperation on the part of parents and students. Of the forty-four enrolled only two missed but a day each—and this was necessary.

Rev. Jas. E. Baxter, colored minister of North Wilkesboro, came over for the Commencement exercises and preached a sermon that was very practical and helpful.

—AP—

STUDENTS AT GLADE VALLEY

We are glad to say we have a goodly number of students from this field at Glade Valley, and when their turn comes to graduate, we trust they shall leave behind them a record equal to that of the graduates from this field of last year.

Students from the various churches are as follows: Ebenezer: Claud Farrington, Josie Roten, Herbert Bare, Cayton Shoemaker, Gadys Bare, Dare Miller; Low Gap: Ona Darnell, Jaunita Darnell. Millers Church: Port Barlow; Bethel: Brit Wyatt, Cleo Osborne. Woodrow Neely, Virginia Neely, Patricia Vannoy; Obids: Hazel Woodie, Bruce Harless; Loggins Sunday School: Bill Osborne, Gillespie: Vivian and Violet Blevins.

—AP—

Mr. Luke was one of the speakers on the program for the popular meeting of the second night at Synod. His stereoptican lecture is available for a radius of one hundred and fifty miles. He is glad to present pictures of the mountains, churches and other views of interest. His address is Rev. J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, N. C.

CATECHISMS

Surely, Catechisms are being recited! Here's the report since last issue: Henriella Calhoun, of Gillespie, Meral Wallace and Beryl May, of Lansing, have recited the Child's Catechism. Maudeline Baldwin, of Lansing, has recited the Shorter Catechism.

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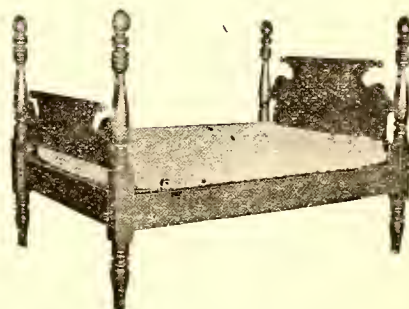
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MR. GEORGE PICKARD FILLS MISS WEAVER'S SHOES

The Lord has raised up a young man to fill Miss Maxie Weaver's place in Mr. Luke's field. We were wondering what to do about filling Miss Weaver's place, when by contacts made through Rev. Archer Dillard, and Jean Davis, "George" as we now call him arrived on the battle field for the Lord. George is versatile. He is handy at most anything and best of all a fully consecrated young man. Mr. Pickard comes from the Tenth Avenue Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N. C., Rev. Archer Dillard being the pastor. He is very well equipped to take up this work as he had had much experience in church work, as well as training for one year at Moody's Bible Institute in Chicago. We have found out some other things about George. His mother is a widow and has been sick for several years. George feels responsible for at least part of his mother's support. We are trusting the Lord of all to put it in some consecrated Christian heart to help him with a small salary.

—AP—

MR. HENRY MAHLER BACK AT SEMINARY

Mr. Henry Mahler known to us as Henry is now back at Richmond in the Union Theological Seminary where he is completing his senior year of study. Henry has proved to be a man of great value to us in our field, both in Bible School work and in the pulpit. We wish that Henry could be with us permanently, but we know he must be about his Father's business elsewhere. Our prayers follow him as he leaves us and into whatever field he may be led.

—AP—

CHURCH LETTERS GRANTED

We are always glad to publish the names of those who come into our Churches. It is good to know that when our members leave the County that they identify themselves with the Church near them. Miss Irene Richardson has been granted her letter to the Christiansburg (Va.) Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Carter Dickson has united with the Leaksville Pres' yterian Church. Mrs. Worth Young has united with the Spray Methodist Church.

—AP—

Miss Kathryn Hunt was speaker at the August inspirational meeting of the North Wilkesboro Auxiliary. Miss Katherine O'Neill was a speaker at one of the Montreat Vesper programs, at the inspirational meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro in September. She has a part in the five Winston-Salem Presbyterial Group Conferences and later goes to Clemson College Church in South Carolina and in Concord Presbyterial, where she makes an address near Marion.

—AP—

Mrs. J. F. Richardson has given us an organ for use in our Bible Schools and Churches. It was invaluable this summer—being used in several places. At Jefferson it was used in a building where the Beginners and Primaries had separate opening worship.

—AP—

The following students are planning to go to college this term: Richard Osborne, Ted Wyatt, Cleo Neely, Johnsie Roten, Lucy Wyatt, Ruby Wyatt, Rebecca Darnell, Milton Miller, Ernestine Carty and Wayne Bevins.

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THE STEWARDSHIP LEGION OF HONOR SOMETHING NEW IN ASHE COUNTY

There are some real stewards in our county. Some of our members have been tithing over a period of years. During the year two young Jefferson business men have become tithers.

Our younger people have responded to the suggestion that they grow something for the Lord. In the Jefferson Church Mary Lambert received \$1.55 for her Lord's chickens. John Weaver did better in that his flock brought \$3.00. At Gillespie the Calhoun quintet consisting of Bernard, Cecil, Ophie, Henriella and Paris each made a dollar with their chickens and they have an unsold crop of potatoes. Mrs. Conley Thompson has put into the collection plate \$2.10 realized from chickens. Willa Mae Miller and Mildred Elliott each have unsold chickens. At Foster Memorial Beatrice and Mabel Clark each shared the proceeds of the sale of their pet lambs.

In each case the money has gone into the benevolent budget. These Stewards belong to our honor organization, which we are calling the "Stewardship Legion of Honor." In every church where these young stewards are at work we expect to have their names inscribed and framed and hung on the walls of the church.

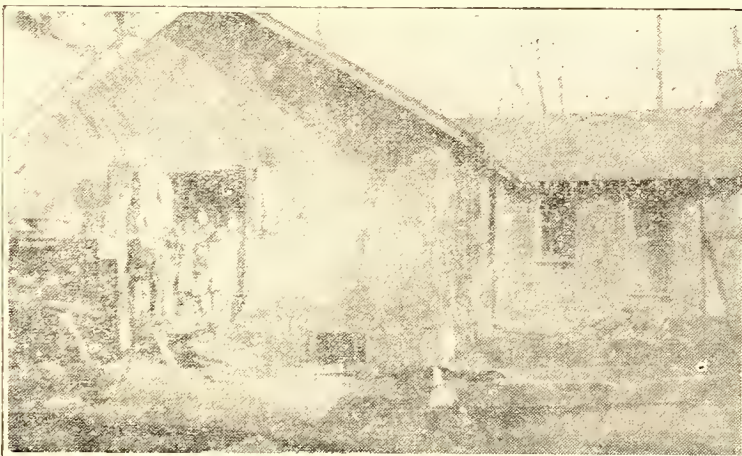
A group of men at Gillespie have made a crop of potatoes which will be used for church improvement.

Next year we believe the list will grow. If enough people would do this our present benevolent budget could be more than doubled.

FIRST SERVICE IN BIG RIDGE CHURCH HELD THANKSGIVING

Big Ridge Church Being Constructed for the Good of the Community and the Glory of God

After about a year of intermittent effort on the Big Ridge Church the first service was held there on Thanksgiving night. Much of the forward work has been made possible by the



gift of the students and faculty of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. Friends of Miss Kathryn Hunt gave the money for the roofing, which is a lovely blue-black cork back asphalt shingle. The Wilkesboro Manufacturing Co. gave the library door and windows. Mr. A. A. Cashion gave the front door lock. The Central Hardware Co. gave the nails for the flooring and for the laths. Mr. S. V. Tomlinson gave 200 brick to help build the flue.

We hope to make a part of the auditorium secure against the wind and the cold so that services can be held
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THE APPROACHING CHRISTMAS FINDS GREAT ACTIVITY IN THE CHURCHES

The celebration of the birthday of Christ is one of the happiest seasons among the churches in Ashe and Wilkes Counties. The celebrations at various points and churches in J. W. Luke's charges will consist of recitations and short Christmas playlets. At Low Gap a play will be given entitled "The First Christmas". At Ebenezer and W. Jefferson a play entitled, "It Came upon a Midnight Clear" will be given. The young people at the various points are practicing faithfully every week. There are eight Christmas programs to be given, and this will mean about 300 children to recite and take part in pageants or plays.

The schedule in these churches for entertainments will be as follows:

- Dec. 19th. Thursday, 7 P. M. Btehel.
- Dec. 20th. Friday, 10 A. M. Loggins.
- Dec. 20th. Friday, 6 P. M. Millers.

Dec. 21st. Saturday, 10 A. M. Low Gap.

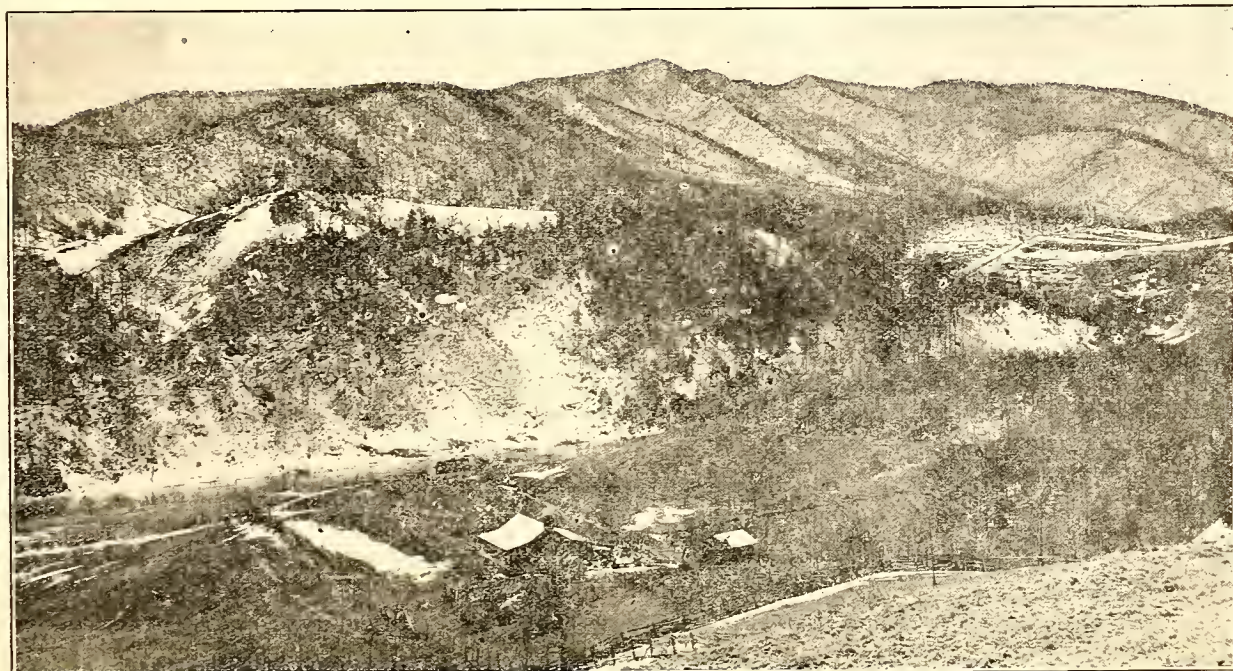
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Dec. 22nd. Sunday, 7 P. M. West Jefferson.

Dec. 23rd. Monday, 10 P. M. Peak Creek.

Dec. 23rd. Monday, 6 P. M. Ebenezer.

At these celebrations there will be Christmas Trees and Christ is the central figure of each program. We invite all of our friends to come and worship the Christ with us and to catch the real Christmas Spirit which Christ brought when he came as a little child in the manger.



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Phoenix—one of the outstanding mountains of Ashe County. It elevation is 4696 feet. We have much work within the lengthened shadows of this great mass of earth. This is a typical winter scene in this section.

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EDITORIAL

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To our readers here and everywhere we extend our most cordial greetings in the name of our Christ. May the Christmas spirit be yours to bring to your heart and home earth's finest joys. The joy and peace that comes to us through Him are the greatest possessions one can have.

He came to bring peace—universal peace—and at the time in commemoration of His birth nations are at war. If Christ were given full sway there would be "Peace on earth, good will toward men." What a difference that would make!

GOD'S BLESSING UPON THE WORK

A great host of you have a vital interest in our work. To you we want to say that God during 1935 has greatly blessed the work. There have been distinctive gains—in new and old paths.

We know that many saints have been praying for God's blessing—hence the progress. For the next year we ask that you continue this ministry of intercession. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of," is no idle saying. So pray for us.

NEW YEAR WISHES

Two writers of the Bible have very aptly said in other connections what we wish for you in the year 1936. One wish is that you may "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." Our other wish is a prayer that "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

DR. CHAS. A. LOGAN HOLDS SERVICES AT WEST JEFFERSON

Dr. Chas A. Logan who is one of the outstanding missionaries of the Southern Presbyterian Church spent a week with us in one of the most spiritual evangelistic meetings we have had in the county. Dr. Logan preached every night at the West Jefferson Presbyterian Church. During the day he gave interesting talks on Japan at the various schools and churches in the county. Dr. Logan's sermons were full of fresh illustrations and incidents from Japan. We feel that the presence of this man of God from Japan has been one of the greatest treats our churches have enjoyed for many years. Dr. Logan spent the week of November 18th through November 24th.

MISS O'NEALL IS DRIVING A FORD V-8

On October 12th Miss O'Neall came to Jefferson with a terrible tale of woe. It was with regard to the needs of the car—a generator, a radiator, a new motor, and a new this and a new that.

Before the day was done she was driving a car—new to her though it had been used some. The old fellow after an enviable service record was traded to the Sanford Motor Co. for a Ford V-8. It has been doing a valiant service. For example on the second Sunday in December it was driven 84 miles and forty-four people were carried to and from the eight services in which Miss O'Neall had a leading part. Isn't it a blessing to her and to others?

The following have surely been friends in need and indeed in sending their contributions to help pay the difference in the trade:

Winston-Salem—Dr. R. E. McAlpine, Mr. M. W. Norfleet, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Wright, Mrs. Gladys S. Pepper, Miss Flora V. Lott, a gift in memory of Miss Lena Lott, Prof. J. Watson Moore, Mr. Chas. M. Norfleet, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lindsay, Misses Etta and Delphine Carter, Mrs. Irvin S. Bull, Mrs. M. W. Norfleet, Mr. W. R. Martin, Mrs. A. T. Sloan, Mrs. S. Wilson Gray, Miss Naomi C. Broughton, Mrs. Stella B. Johnson, Mrs. E. S. Reynolds, Miss Cosa Reynolds.

Reynolda—Dr. D. Clay Lilly and Miss Cassie Dancy.

Greensboro—Miss Johnnie Coit, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sellars, Mrs. Chas. W. Angle, Mrs. T. D. Sherwood, Mrs. Mary Norris Preyer, Circle No. 7 of Church of the Covenant.

Greenville, S. C.—(Miss O'Neall's home city)—Miss Lilly L. McKay, Miss Agnes R. Deal, Miss Sue C. McCoy, Mr. B. R. O'Neall, First Presbyterian Church, Miss Susie Lee Patton, Mothers and Daughters Class, Mrs. Kirk Allen, Mrs. M. G. Stover.

Lansing—Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Blevins, Mrs. Mae Miller, Mr. Claude Calhoun, Mr. Oliver Ham, Friend, Miss Maxie Weaver, Lansing Y. P. League, Mr. Victor Clark, Mr. Edgar Farmer.

Jefferson—Mrs. R. H. Stone, Mrs. J. F. Richardson. (The Jefferson Church receives an offering each month for the expense of the operation of the car).

Foster Memorial—Mrs. L. B. Ham.

Sparta—Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Berry.

Banner Elk—Misses Alison B. Sterling, Fannie K. Taylor.

Mocksville—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Larrew, Mrs. C. G. Woodruff.

North Wilkesboro—Mrs. P. M. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Vickery, Friend.

Glade Valley—Miss Annie Bell Corry, Miss Margaret Dowdle, Mrs. E. B. Eldridge, Mrs. John Guerrant.

Gastonia—Woman's Auxiliary First Church, Business Woman's S. S. Class, Misses Elizabeth and Ferry Huffstetler, Miss Laura Riddle.

Raleigh—Dr. P. D. Miller and Students Christian Association of Peace Institute.

Savannah—Dr. S. M. Glasgow.

Bluefield—Mrs. L. S. Watkins.

Mt. Airy—Rev. J. W. McFall, Woman's Auxiliary First Church.

Francisco—Mrs. F. A. Christian.

Huntersville—Miss Elizabeth Donaldson, Mrs. Abner Alexander.

Ridgefield, N. J.—Dr. M. E. Henry.
Hickory—Mrs. O. H. Furr, Mrs Sam Colerider.

Statesville—Miss Mamie McElwee.
Rowland—Miss Margaret McQueen.

Marion, N. C.—Mrs. B. F. Pollard.

Erica, Va.—Mr. W. H. Calhoun, Jr.

West Durham—Misses Hallie and Jean Holeman.

Greenwich, Conn.—Mrs. L. Richardson, Jr.

Charlotte—Mr. and Mrs. Hunter M. Jones.

Burlington—Mrs. R. W. Barnwell.

Tarboro—Mrs. Evelyn S. Brown.

Asheboro—Miss May McAlister.

Thomasville—Mrs. O. R. Hodgin.

So far there have been 92 contributions from seven states. A host of these were contributors to the car that was traded. There are a good many new ones who share in Miss O'Neall's fine ministry.

Two payments of one hundred dollars each have been paid on the note. We have some on the remaining \$71.50. We hope that by the time others have sent in their checks that new tires and a 1936 license plate can be purchased.

We are so grateful to those who have made this car possible. You are serving the Lord in the running of this chariot of the Lord.

REV. TED SMITH LECTURES ON PALESTINE

Thanksgiving was celebrated in various churches in Rev. J. W. Luke's field. In three of these services Rev. Ted Smith lectured and showed stereopticon pictures of Palestine. These lectures were given at Ebenezer on Nov. 25th, West Jefferson Nov. 26th, and at Bethel Nov. 27th. All who saw and heard the lecture feel that their education about the land of the Christ has been widened and vitalized. We are greatly indebted to Mr. Smith for his valuable services to us in this splendid lecture.

The other Thanksgiving services were held during the remaining days of the week as follows, and a sermon for the occasion was given by the pastor. Peak Creek Nov. 28 at 11 a. m., Laurel Forks. Nov. 28 at 7:30 P. M. Low Gap. Nov. 29th at 7:30 P. M. At each of these services an offering was taken up for Barium Springs Orphanage as follows:

Bethel, \$6.10; Laurel Forks, \$2.63; Ebenezer, \$1.85; Low Gap, \$1.80; West Jefferson, \$1.38; Peak Creek, 50 cents; Millers (To be taken up at S. S.); total, \$14.26.

RALLY DAY SERVICES

As there are many Sunday Schools to have Rally Day we did not get all the Sunday Schools in our field to have the program, but the following ones had splendid programs, and gave the following amounts for Sunday School Extension work through the Presbyterian Committee of Publication:

Bethel \$1.00; L. Fork, \$1.50; Ebenezer, \$1.07; Millers, 70 cents; total, \$4.27.

The Loggins Sunday School had the program but used \$1.00 which was the offering for payment on Sunday School literature which we have a hard time keeping up.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES IN OTHER CHURCHES

In the group of churches in the other part of the County services were held in each church on Thanksgiving. Rev. Geo. H. Atkinson preached at Lansing, Jefferson, Gillespie and Foster Memorial and in addition conducted a service in the prison camp. Messrs. J. O. Blevins and Victor Clark led in the service at Obids. On Thanksgiving night an initial service was held in the Big Ridge Church. It was featuring a pageant—"Harvest Praise" directed by Miss Hunt. At the Boggs Sunday School this same pageant was presented on the following Sunday afternoon. The offerings for Barium Springs were as follows: Jefferson \$20.15, Obids, \$7.55, Foster Memorial \$2.56, Gillespie \$1.72, Lansing and Big Ridge have not reported complete returns. The day was inauspicious for crowds and hence for offerings. There was rain, rain, rain and mud a plenty in some sections. Some have sent in their offerings since the service because of their great devotion to the institution at Barium.

Services in keeping with the spirit of Christmas will be held in the following churches:

- Obids—Thursday, Dec. 19, 6:00 P. M.
 - Boggs School—Friday 20th.
 - Gillespie—Sunday 22nd at 2:30 P. M.
 - Foster Memorial—Sunday 22nd at 7:00 P. M.
 - Big Ridge—Sunday 22nd at 7:00 P. M.
 - Lansing—Monday 23rd at 7:00 P. M.
 - Jefferson—Monday 23rd at 7:00 P. M.
- On Thursday before Christmas at Boggs the Young People are having a party and carol service. On Saturday there will be a Christmas tree in the afternoon at Big Ridge and at night the Young People will have their party and carol service. In a number of the churches the pageant "And There Were Shepherds" will be presented and a "Joy Gift" will be made to the cause of Ministerial Relief.

COMPLETING CHURCHES

We do not wait until a church is entirely completed before we use it. We have been using Bethel and Laurel Forks Churches for some time with subflooring and no wall or ceiling. This incompleteness does not keep us from worship or having Sunday School. It is very cold in the winter when it is incomplete, but we are trying to finish these buildings. The outside of Laurel Fork has been completed—that is the wood work around the stone. We are now making every effort to finish ceiling and flooring. The Bethel Church is now floored and is half ceiled. Both Laurel Fork and Bethel Churches have beautiful semicircle platforms for the pulpit. We hope to put all the finishing touches on these churches this winter. We would like to go faster in completing our work but finances come slowly and we do not want to go further into debt.

A cordial welcome is extended to the following new members of Mr. Luke's churches: Mrs. W. W. Miller, Miss Pauline Badger.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown and Misses Evelyn and Mary Brown, of the Jefferson Church, have recently united with the Blowing Rock Presbyterian Church.

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**ASHE PEOPLE TO SUPPORT
NATIVE AFRICAN EVANGELIST**

Since last Spring we have been raising \$35.00 for the support of a native evangelist to assist the Rev. Plumer Smith. During this month all of the money has been sent to the Executive Committee in Nashville with instructions to send this extra amount to the African Mission for Mr. Smith.

The difference in the standards and costs of living make it possible for Mr. Smith to secure a helper for his full time for one year at the cost of \$35.00. He has promised to put our preacher in some village where Christ has never been preached. A great thrill should come to those sponsoring this preacher as they realize that through his mouth they are telling the story of Christ and of salvation. Those who gave \$35.00 may be the means of saving scores from hell and to heaven. This gift should be followed by many prayers.

In a succeeding issue we hope to publish his name, his history and a description of the village in which he ministers.

GIFTS TO THE WORK

Since the last issue the following have helped with the work and to these our gratitude has been expressed: Mrs. Frank Stevens, Mrs. John L. King, Mr. J. D. Faucette, Quinn-Marschall Co., Mr. F. H. Neal gave a tithe of his corn and a part of the tithe was given to the Big Ridge Church in memory of his son—the late Winston Holmes Neal, Dr. Thos. Cary Johnson, Miss Edna G. Maslin, the Reynolda Auxiliary and Mr. C. W. Harris.

CATECHISMS

Opal Stansberry of the Lansing Church has perfectly recited the Shorter Catechism. On the day little Martha Stone was thirteen months old she learned the answer to the first question in the Child's Catechism. In due time she and Mary Frances Luke will recite the entire Catechism.

Each Tuesday night Miss Katherine O'Neal conducts a service for the colored people of Jefferson and Lansing in the Bristol School. It is a great opportunity for them to have this hour with God's word.

At Lansing we thought we were building a Sunday School plant for twenty-five years ahead. We have about caught up in eight years. Mr. J. O. Blevins is Superintendent of one of the best Sunday Schools in the County. There are more than a hundred in attendance almost every Sunday.

**FIRST SERVICE AT BIG RIDGE
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in the library during the winter months. Miss Kathryn Hunt is devoting a great deal of her time to teaching and visiting in this section. Mr. Alonzo Bare is superintendent of a good Sunday School which meets each Sunday afternoon. Mr. J. Walter Farrington is the Elder of the Church. There is a Young People's League which meets every Sunday night. Miss Hunt has several Bible Classes each week and meets with the children of the day school for one afternoon each week. There are two preaching services each month.

Have you seen SMITHEY'S CHRISTMAS STORE? If not get into the crowd today and do your Christmas shopping. We have special articles at especially low prices. On all purchases of \$1.00 or more a 5% discount is given in the dry goods department.

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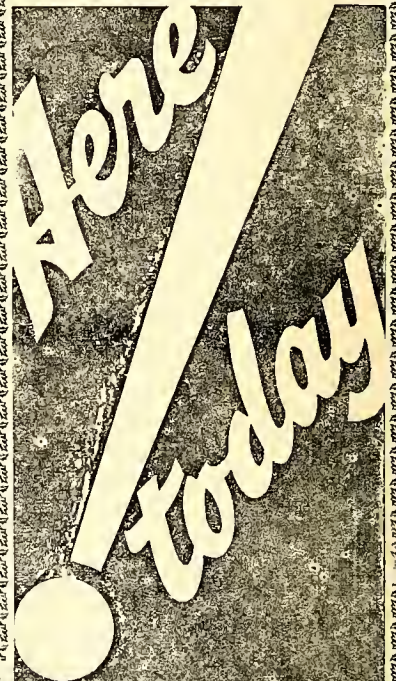
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Unexpected Influence of Our Gift

Here's cheering news! When individuals made a gift for a missionary fund to provide a native assistant to Rev. Plumer Smith in Africa—to preach Christ for us in some village where He wasn't known—we knew we would get a blessing, that there would be a difference in that African village and that there would be a difference in Heaven. But we never dreamed that anyone in any other section of Africa or Philadelphia would be affected.

Mrs. John Blake Campbell, of Philadelphia, read the account in *The Ashe Presbyterian*. Will you let her speak? In a letter she says, "I must tell you where some seeds . . . have fallen on good ground and are already peeping up. Our missionaries from Africa are here now on their furlough and have spoken at Church service and missionary meeting. I asked Mrs. McNeil if it were possible in her field—Spanish Guinea—to support a native missionary on thirty-five dollars a year as it was in other parts, and she said 'yes'. One of our members overheard some of the talk about it and then and there gave Mrs. McNeil thirty-five dollars for a catechist. I was doubly thrilled when I heard it, for I had felt that this particular woman's interest in missions was on the wane."

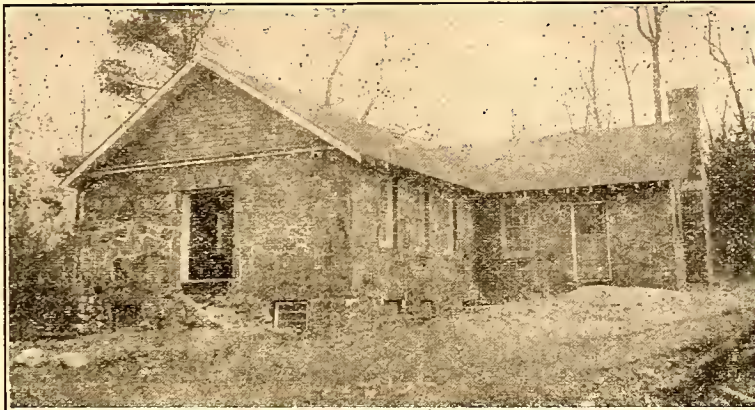
"Blake, Jr., and I are also organizing an Omes Club for the children for the purpose of raising thirty-five dollars a year."

You never know the value of a good influence—nor the far reaching effects of it.

Lansing Church is greatly indebted to First Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg and to Second Presbyterian Church of Charlotte for library books.

Progress on Material Structures

During the lovely days between the roughest weather in a generation some forward steps have been made on our buildings. At Big Ridge the rock work on the front has been completed and the gable shingled. The roof has been completed. Some concrete window sills



1934— BIG RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —1936

Organized by Rev. D. F. Helm, who built upon no other's foundation. A fine work is being sponsored by Miss Kathryn Hunt. This Church is her dream.

Services: Sunday School at 11:30 A. M. except on fourth Sundays when it is at 2:00 P. M. Y. P. League at 7:30 P. M. on Sunday. Preaching first Sunday night and fourth Sunday afternoons. Tuesday 7:30—Bible Study Class. Friday 3:30—Children's Bible Class and games. Second and last Saturdays Woman's Auxiliary.

have been put in and some of the windows have been fitted. The base for the flue, which takes care of the smoke pipe from the auditorium heating plant, has been made of concrete to the level of the first floor. It will be of brick the rest of the way.

At Foster Memorial the wainscoting and the casing around the doors and windows have been stained. In the basement all the framing has been done for the Sunday School Class rooms. These improvements help the appearance a great deal.

The roads until recently have prevented the hauling of the pulp wood given for Gillespie Church. This has been

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A Manse to Be Built in Eastern Ashe

For over ten years the minister in the eastern part of the Ashe County field has batched, boarded, and rented places to stay, and it is time to provide a manse for this particular part of the field surrounded by seven or eight churches. There has never been any arrangement made by either Synod's or Presbyterian's Home Mission Committees to provide either rent or home for a minister in this field. To strengthen the field for the future and to provide a home for the minister who should preach in this section a manse should be erected. Whether this is to be done depends largely upon the friends of the field and those interested in Home Missions.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS FIELD AND THINK WE SHOULD HAVE A MANSE, WILL YOU WRITE ANY SUGGESTIONS TO J. W. LUKE, GLENDALE SPRINGS, N. C. WE ARE OPEN TO ANY SUGGESTION OR PLANS YOU MAY FEEL LED TO WRITE US. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE FOR THIS CAUSE JUST DROP YOUR GIFT

IN THE LETTER WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS.

PRESBYTERY—PRESBYTERIAL

The Presbytery of Winston-Salem will meet in the Asbury Presbyterian Church in Stokes County on April 14th at 11:00 A. M. Rev. J. K. Fleming is the host pastor. A fine program has been planned.

The Presbyterial will meet in the George W. Lee Memorial Presbyterian Church on April 16-17th. Of course an interesting program, as always, has been arranged.

Chautauqua Schedule for 1936

PLACE	DATE	MINISTER	PLACE	DATE	MINISTER
Deep Cut	May 3-10		Gillespie	May 3-17	Rev. J. W. McFall
Glendale Springs	May 12-22	Rev. Ted Smith	Foster Memorial	May 18-31	
Low Gap	May 24-June 6	Rev. Ted Smith	Obids	June 1-14	Rev. C. E. Piephoff
Laurel Forks	June 3-21	Rev. Howard Wilson	Boggs	June 17-July 1	Rev. F. M. Dick
Ebenezer	June 23-July 5	Rev. C. H. Pritchard	Jefferson	July 5-19	Rev. Dan Graham
Peak Creek	July 7-19	Rev. F. M. Dick	Lansing	July 22-Aug. 5	Dr. Robert King
West Jefferson	July 21-Aug. 2	Rev. F. M. Dick	Big Ridge	Aug. 9-23	Rev. John Martin
Miller's	Aug. 4-16				
Bethel	Aug. 18-30	Dr. E. E. Gillespie			

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CHURCH ALBUM ISSUE

In 1928 when our Lansing Church was a baby we issued a Church Album number of The Ashe Presbyterian. It contained the pictures of six churches. This issue comes to you carrying the pictures of twelve churches and telling the need of a building of another organization. It carries a picture of the Jefferson manse and makes an appeal for another manse desperately needed in another section of the county.

Your attention is directed to the map of the county showing the location of our churches and outpost Sunday Schools. You will note that there are large sections of our county not being directly influenced by the work of our church. Some of those areas need a Sunday School and opportunities are ours.

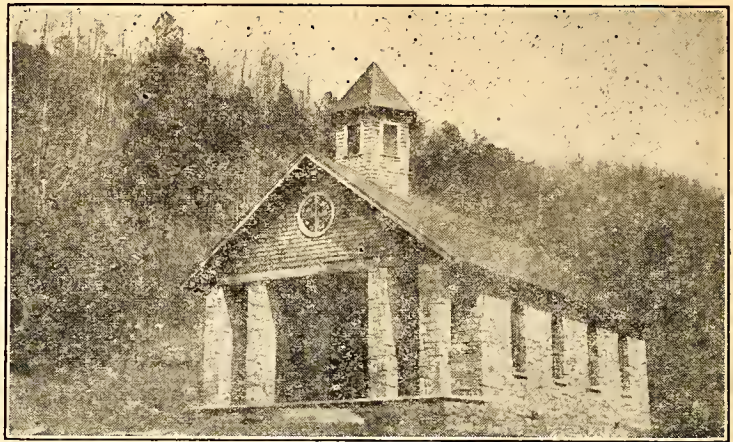
Ours is a happy, growing family of Churches. Many of our people are enthusiastic about Kingdom progress. When we recount the growth of these Churches in number and in membership we thank God for His presence and blessing.

In each of these Churches a Christian Chautauqua will be held this year. We covet your prayers that this may be a most fruitful season of evangelism. We are old fashioned enough to know that desired spiritual results come only through prayer to God. He is the giver of every good and perfect gift. Pray for these Churches ranging in years from two to nearly forty.

In making appeals for some of the newer Churches we promised the people that their gifts would yield rich spiritual dividends. The statements have come true. Look through the glasses of imagination and see, if you can, the blessing and influence of these Churches during the next forty years. You cannot do this for it would be too vast a field—as already these Churches are serving in the Southern States and in the foreign fields.

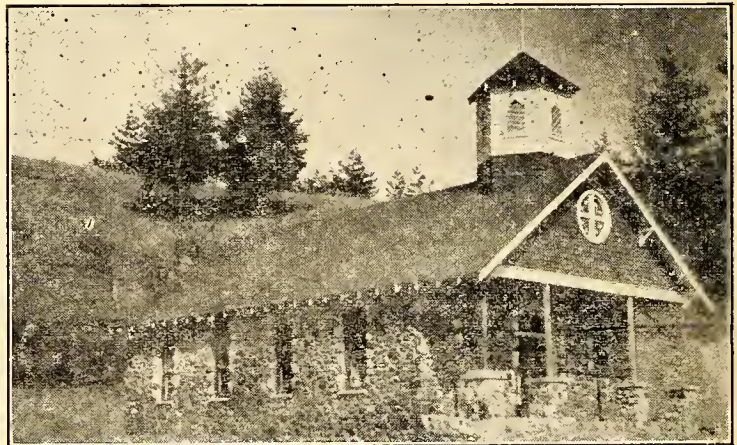
Those of us who work in and through these organizations get untold joys. Our hope is that those who have made many of these possible will likewise derive a similar joy.

“Christ and His Church first” is the motto of our Church during Jubilee year.



1932— BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —1936

This is Mr. Luke's first organized Church in Wilke's County. It is a thing of great beauty. Sunday School every Sunday at 4:00 P. M. Rev. J. W. Luke, Supt. Preaching on first and third Friday nights.



1932— LAUREL FORK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —1936

Organized by Rev. J. W. Luke. Sunday School at 10:30 A. M. Mr. Pendry, Supt. Mr. Luke preaches on second Sunday mornings and third Sunday nights.

DIAMOND JUBILEE

This year is a great one in the history of our denomination. On December 4th we will be seventy-five years old. The birthday celebration is not for a day nor does it consist of eating cake and ice cream. The duration of the celebration is for a year and it is a period of evaluation and advance. Some fine goals have been set before us for accomplishment. One is to deepen and quicken our spiritual lives. This is to be done through prayer and Bible reading and family altars. Quite a number of our people have signed the Bible reading covenant card and are finding a consecutive reading a most interesting and profitable thing.

Another goal is to secure 100,000 additional tithers during Jubilee year. From this there is the hoped for 25 per cent increase in benevolent gifts.

Yet another goal is the adding to our Churches 25,000 new members on confession of faith, and 10,000 in our foreign fields.

This is not just a work for the minister. If these goals are to be attained, and they should be, it is to have the work and prayers of a host of the men, women and young people of the Church.

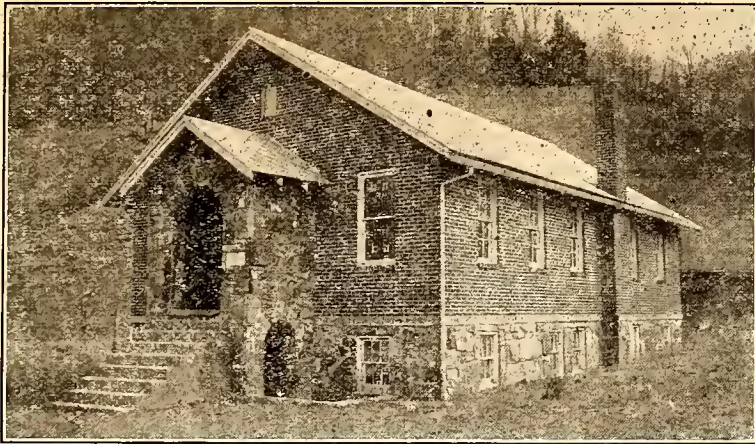
We call upon our people to most heartily enter into the Diamond Jubilee celebration and to lend every effort for the fruition of the plans for Kingdom strengthening and extension.

TWO BELLS RECENTLY BOUGHT

Many of our churches have been in the need of bells, and two second hand bells have just been purchased. One of these will be used at Peak Creek and the other at Low Gap.

1933— MILLER'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —1936

Organized by Rev. J. W. Luke and functions in a school building. NEEDS: An adequate house of worship. Sunday School at 1:30 P. M. with Rev. J. W. Luke, Supt.; Preaching second and fourth Friday nights.



1932— GILLESPIE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —1936

Named for Dr. E. E. Gillespie, pioneer Presbyterian minister to Ashe County School which meets every Sunday afternoon at 1:30 P. M. P. Y. P. L. with Miss O'Neal meets on Wednesday nights. Mr. Stone, serving as minister, preaches on first Sunday afternoons and second and fourth Friday nights.

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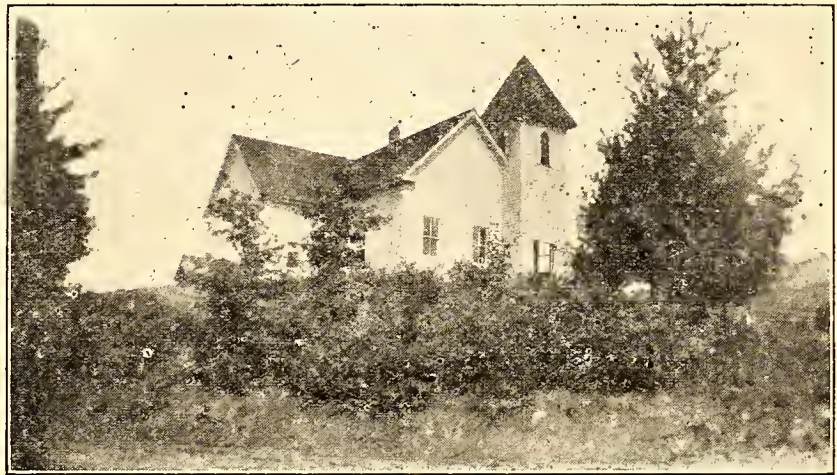
We are calling for volunteers to send us one dollar and ten names for a year's subscription to **The Ashe Presbyterian**. A number of you will receive letters of request to send a dollar. You can save the publication a good deal of postage by heading us off with your remittance.

Your friends will enjoy having this. It tells of a growing work. Before you forget send us ten names and addresses —and a dollar.

A number of people belong to our Stewardship Legion. They set a hen or a turkey, raise a calf or a pig or a lamb, or grow a patch of beans or cabbage or potatoes. The money goes to benevolences.

PLANS ON FOOT TO BUILD A CHURCH AT MILLERS

For about three years the members of the Miller's Church have been meeting in a little school building. The building is not nearly as large as the crowd. It is almost impossible to hold the Sunday School classes in this small building. We need a building at Miller's badly. We have an organized Church but no building. There are about fifty members of the Church. Some time ago a box supper was held and about \$20 was raised to start the building. Many people have pledged their help, money, and gifts to build this church. It is time we should be doing something. Plans have been stretched roughly, but not fully decided upon. Do you want a part in erecting this building? IF SO, SEND A CHECK TO REV. J. W. LUKE, GLENDALE SPRINGS, N. C.



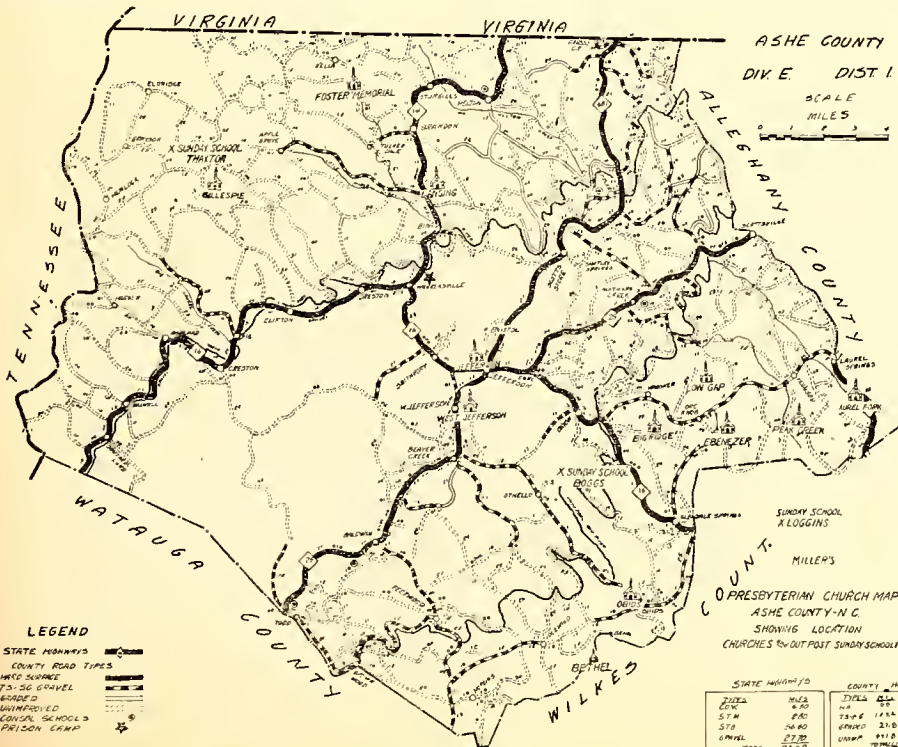
1921— PEAK CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —1936

Organized by Rev. E. Wayne Thompson. Mr. Geo. W. Bowlin is Supt. of the Sunday School meeting at 10:30 A. M. Rev. J. W. Luke is the pastor and preaches on second Sunday nights and fourth Sunday mornings.

ADDITIONAL HELPERS WITH MISS O'NEAL'S CAR

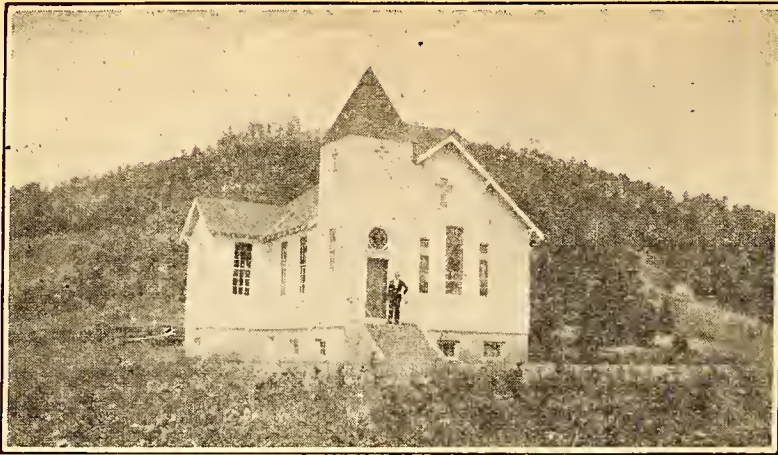
Since our last issue the number of contributors to Miss O'Neal's car has gone from 92 to 109. The notes have been paid, a 1936 license plate purchased and something has been paid on a reconditioned motor, which was necessary.

The new helpers are from: Lenoir—a gift in memory of a sister; Montreat, Mr. R. E. Magill; Sarasota, Fla., Mrs. D. S. Walker; Spartanburg, Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church; Concord, Mrs. Jones Pharr, Circle No. 6 of the First Church, and Mrs. J. A. Barnhardt; Dallas, N. C., Miss Corinne Puett; Lansing, J. O. Blevins and Wayne Blevins; Gastonia, Mrs. D. E. Morrow and Mrs. Poole; Richmond, Miss Ruth Mason; North Wilkesboro—the Auxiliary; Greensboro, Intermediate Department of the First Presbyterian Church School; Los Angeles, Mr. Ronald Keeton; Grassy Creek, Mrs. W. R. Francis. Mrs. W. S. Stone, of Stoneville, has sent a gift for Miss Hunt's car. Bless your hearts and thank you too!



This map was prepared for our use by Mr. James Allen, civil engineer, of West Jefferson, N. C. We are greatly indebted to him for this.

In map Bethel Church should be right of location of Loggins, in Wilkes County.



1929—

LOW GAP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

—1936

Organized and house of worship built by Rev. J. W. Luke. Mr. George Pickard is Supt. of the Sunday School which meets every Sunday afternoon at 2:30 P. M. Rev. J. W. Luke, acting Pastor, preaches after Sunday School on the second and fourth Sunday afternoons.

STRENGTHENING CHURCHES
ELSEWHERE

Since our last issue Church letters have been given to Mr. Charles B. Weaver of the Lansing Church to unite with the Blacknall Memorial Church of Durham, and to Miss Evelyn Denton, of the Jefferson Church, to unite with the Sinking Spring Church, at Abingdon.

During the Church year just closing we have issued many more letters than formerly, Christiansburg, Leaksville, Spray, and Blowing Rock have been benefitted by our work here. Many of our people are moving away and if their home is permanent we are happy for them to serve in the place where they live. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Colvard and family have moved to Northern Virginia and they attend the Floris Church.

UNION SEMINARY GIVES
WINDOWS

A few years ago a change was made in the windows in one of the buildings of Union Theological Seminary. The perfectly good windows which were removed have been given to us and free transportation by motor freight to North Wilkesboro was given by the Horton Freight Lines and by the Blizzard Motor Express.

We now have these lovely windows in storage here in Jefferson and they will be used in the Obids Church. There are more than will be needed for both basement and auditorium. Those for the auditorium will be Gothic.

An abiding gratitude goes to those who gave this gift and to those who hauled it. To those who love Union Seminary there will be a greater sentiment because of the windows from the school of the prophets.

GIFTS TO OUR WORK

Those who, by their gifts, have made it possible for a choice spirit to remain in college are: Mr. C. W. Harris, Mrs. J. P. Fearrington, Mrs. Lucy B. Critz and Mrs. Senah Kent, of Winston-Salem, and Mr. W. F. Stone, of Atlanta.

Mr. W. M. Thomas made a gift last Fall which should have been acknowledged in the December issue.

The Presbytery of Winston-Salem, Miss Edna G. Maslin, Circles 2 and 4 of the Winston First Auxiliary, the Ginter Park Auxiliary (Richmond) and ten of the circles of the Greensboro First Auxiliary have greatly aided in another fund that we are raising.

STEWARDSHIP RALLY
AT LANSING

A Stewardship rally was held in the Lansing Church on March 27th. A number of our own people made excellent addresses and inspirational addresses were also made by Revs. J. W. McFall, of Mt. Airy, and John Martin, of Johnson City, Tenn.

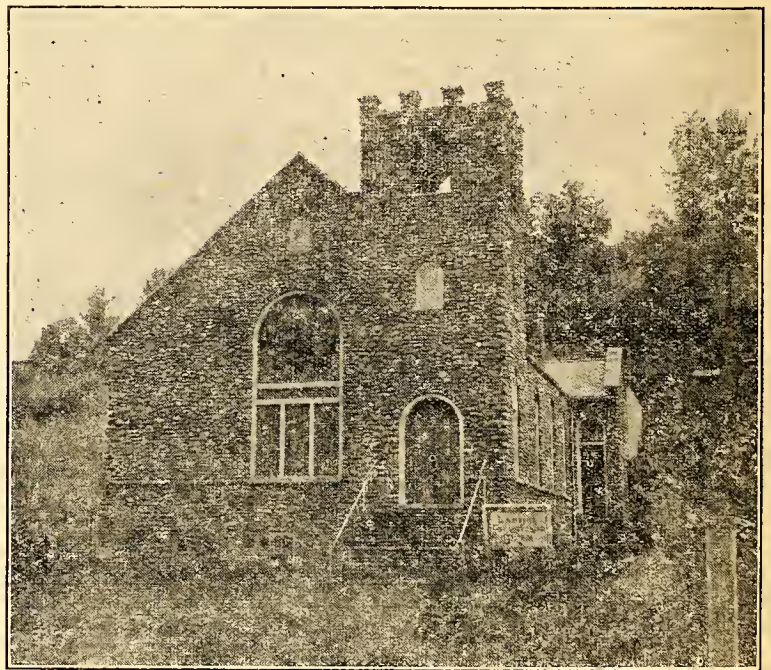
Our Churches have made intensive efforts to get the budgets subscribed for next year. Deacon J. O. Blevins, of Lansing, has proposed ways and means for Lansing to become a self supporting Church. This is a forward step and other leaders are backing him up in his plans.

CATECHISMS

"Have any Catechisms been recited since the last issue?" inquired the assignment editor. "Yes, indeed!" is the answer. At Gillespie, Pauline Stansberry and at Lansing, Junior Powers have each received their Testaments for reciting perfectly the Childs' Catechism. Faye Smith, of Boggs, has recited the Shorter Catechism.

Quenten Day, nine years old and in the third grade at the Fleetwood school writes a letter saying "I would like for you to send me a Shorter Catechism. . . . I believe I could memorize the Shorter Catechism."

Quoting more from that letter "The river has been frozen over and I could not go to school all the time. I have been reading the Bible. I have read through the New Testament and Psalms and Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Solomon's Songs, and now I am reading in Daniel. Grandma has read more than I have."



1926—

LANSING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

—1936

Mr. J. O. Blevins is Superintendent of the Sunday School meeting at 10:00 A. M. and is one of the largest in the County. The pastor is Rev. R. H. Stone, who preaches on second Sundays at 7:30-8:00 P. M. and fourth Sundays at 11:15 A. M. and every Tuesday night, P. Y. P. L.—with Miss O'Neill—meets Sunday evenings. This Church has a working Auxiliary. Ten years old and has more than one hundred members. Desires to become self supporting.

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1925— WEST JEFFERSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —1936

Services: Sunday School at 10:00 A. M. George Pickard, Supt. Rev. J. W. Luke, acting pastor, preaches on the first Sunday nights and fourth Sunday mornings. Prayer meeting every third Wednesday conducted by the Evangelistic Club. Boy Scout Troop meets on Monday nights.

**GIFTS TO THE WORK IN
J. W. LUKE'S FIELD**

With grateful hearts we thank the following for their gifts—Mrs. John L. King and Mrs. Wm. Y. Preyer of Greensboro, N. C. for gifts to help students at Glade Valley High School from Rev. J. W. Luke's field.

We are also very grateful for gifts for completion of our two churches of Bethel and Laurel Forks in J. W. Luke's field—from Mr. Karl Hudson, Raleigh, N. C. and the Society of Missionary Inquiry of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

With thanks we also turn to the Men's Class of the Myers' Park Presbyterian Church for their gifts each month to our worker George Pickard.

EASTER PAGEANTS

Lovely Easter pageants will be given by the young people of Lansing and Big Ridge in their respective churches: Lansing on April 5th and Big Ridge on Easter Sunday night. The Big Ridge group will present their pageant—"In Joseph's Garden" in the Jefferson Church on April 19th at 7:30 P. M.

**DISMISSAL AND RECEPTION
OF MEMBERS**

Rufus Long who is now at Barium Springs has been dismissed to Little Joe's Church at that place. Mr. Winston Atwood changed his membership from Low Gap Presbyterian Church to Ebenezer Church.

Mrs. Robert Barr was received by letter from the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. to the West Jefferson Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Theo. Woodie was received by confession and baptism into the Peak Creek Presbyterian Church.

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

Every Member Canvasses are going on in the eastern field of Ashe County. Cards have been sent out to each member asking them to start a God's acre project or pledge money for the coming church year. The officers of the Churches are asked to collect these cards. If everything works out successfully, these churches are planning a big ingathering in the fall and a big sale of produce or whatever has been raised for the Lord's work.

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NEW SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Mr. Conley Thompson, of the Gillespie Church, has organized a new Sunday School in the Thaxton School. There is a good interest and a large attendance considering the inclemency of the weather. Mr. Thompson is superintendent and a number of the good people of the community are the teachers.

Mr. Thompson's interest and vision and success are to be commended. If every Church could have at least one outpost Sunday School there would be a great impetus given to the Kingdom of God in earth.

The service that Miss O'Neill did conduct during the week for the colored people in Bristol has been changed to a Sunday School—meeting on Sunday afternoon. This is a great blessing. A recent week-night social was a great success.

SERVICES AT OUTPOSTS

Loggins—Sunday School at 12:30 P. M. and Preaching on the first Saturday nights. Mr. Luke.

Whittington's School House — On Highway No. 16. On first Sunday nights Mr. Luke preaches to good congregations.

Boggs—Sunday School at 2:00 P. M. Miss Hunt in charge. Preaching on third Sunday afternoons by Mr. Stone.

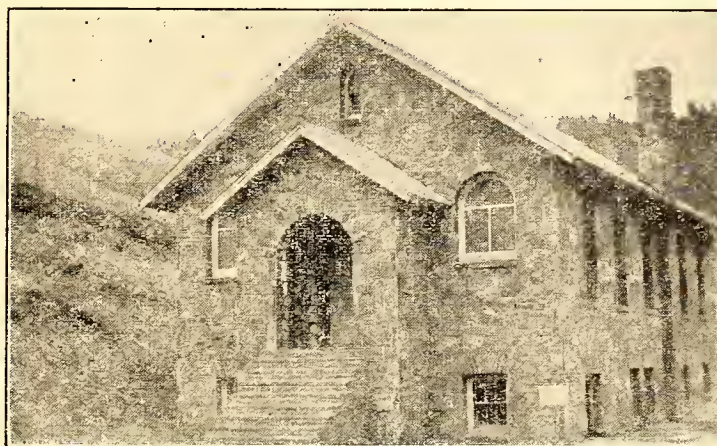
Wednesday—7:30 P. M. Young People's League. Miss Hunt.

Friday—7:30 P. M. Young People's Bible Study. Miss Hunt.

Thaxton—Mr. Conley Thompson is superintendent of a Sunday School meeting each Sunday morning.

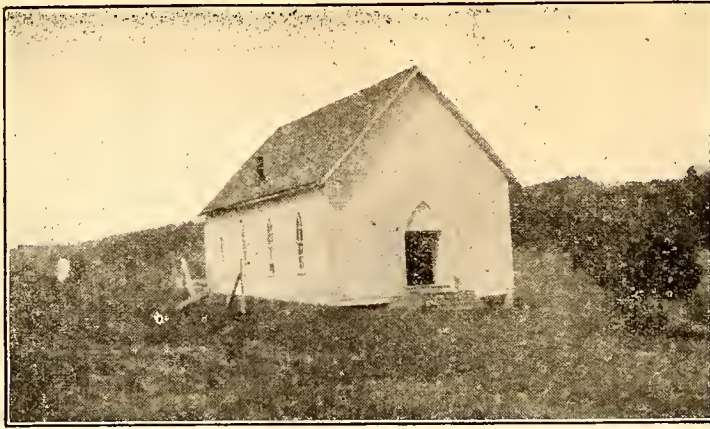
**BOY SCOUTS AT WEST
JEFFERSON**

Boy Scouts have become active at West Jefferson and meet in the basement of the Presbyterian Church every Monday night. A prize is to be given to the first four who pass their tests. The Scout Troop is conducted by Rev. J. W. Luke and George Pickard.



1931— FOSTER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —1936

Auditorium practically completed and partitions for three Sunday School rooms in basement have been framed. Mr. A. L. Carter is Supt. of the Sunday School meeting at 2:00 P. M. P. Y. P. L. with Miss O'Neal meets on Tuesday nights. Rev. R. H. Stone, acting Pastor, preaches on second Sunday afternoons and Thursday nights. A faithful Auxiliary studies and contributes to the various causes. This is named for Mrs. Elizabeth Neal Foster—the mother of Ashe County Presbyterianism. A handsome window is a memorial to her memory, faith and work.



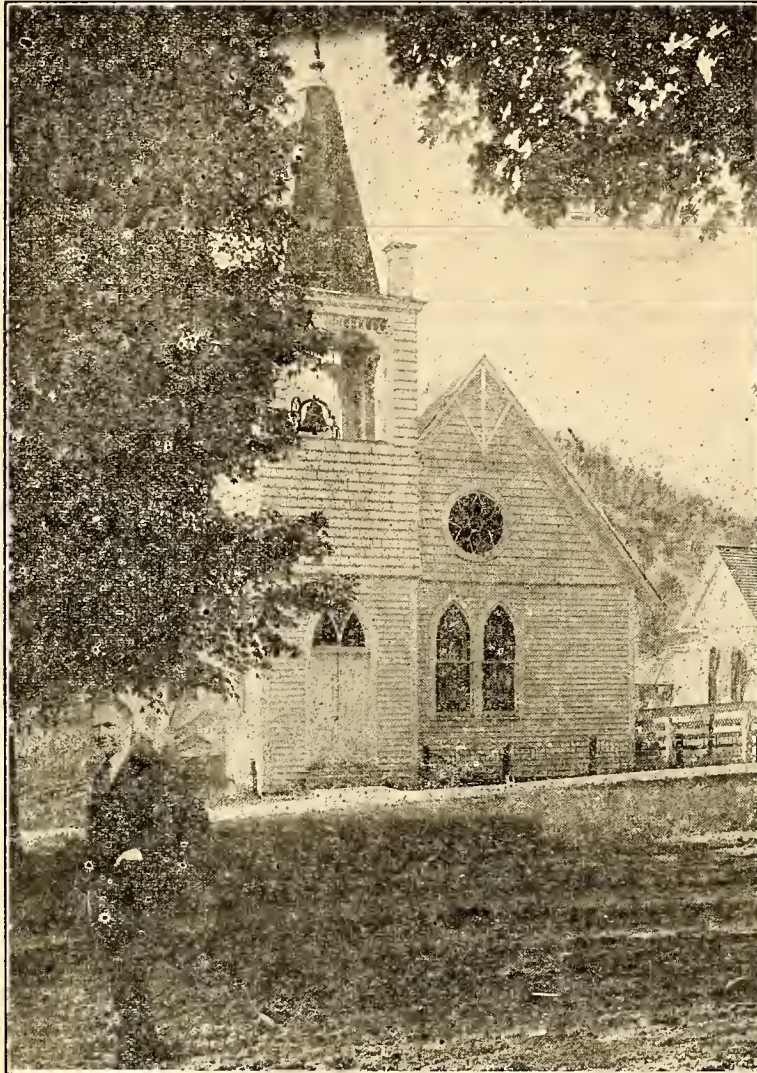
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OBIDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

—1936

Thirty-two years of service. Sunday School at 10:00 A. M. second and third Sundays. Other Sundays at Baptist Church. Preaching services second Sundays at 11:15 A. M. and fourth Sundays at 7:30 P. M. Mr. Jesse Baker is Superintendent of the Sunday School. Rev. R. H. Stone is the supply pastor. During this year this building will be torn down and rebuilt—with a basement and brick veneer type construction.

Organized by Rev. Allen Jones, Jr., who in part was building upon the foundations of Dr. E. E. Gillespie.



1900—

JEFFERSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

—1936

Organized by Revs. E. E. Gillespie and Allen Jones, Jr. Rev. R. H. Stone, Pastor. Services: Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.—Mr. A. R. Vail, Supt.; Preaching third Sundays at 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 or 8:00 P. M. Bible Study on Wednesday evenings. P. Y. P. L. every Sunday at 7:00 P. M. This Church has an active Auxiliary.

Since the original Church was built Mr. E. A. McNeill in 1925 gave some adequate Sunday School rooms—constructed under the Church.

FRIENDS HELP WITH BIG RIDGE

Since the December issue—showing a poor picture of Big Ridge Church—appeared our friends have changed that picture. Much of the continued work was made possible by the gift of the faculty and students of Union Theological Seminary. Mr. George W. Price, of Spartanburg, S. C., came to our rescue, and he was followed by Mr. A. F. Stevens, of the Belk-Stevens Co., Winston-Salem. Then came a gift from Pittsburg, Pa. from Miss Gertrude Crandall, another gift from the Belk Foundation sent us away ahead.

The Huttig Sash and Door Company of Roanoke, Virginia, gave us all necessary sash with Florentine glass for the auditorium and for the basement. One of the interested citizens declared this to be the prettiest glass he ever saw.

Some gentlemen in Bluefield, W. Va., have given doors, hardware, paints etc. which will be acknowledged in the next issue. As yet we have not gotten them on account of the roads.

To the citizens who have worked and to those who have given—we are thankful.

HENRY MAHLER HONORED BY SCHOLARSHIP

Henry Mahler who has worked with us for two summers in our field was honored by a scholarship at the Seminary in Richmond, Va. We, his friends in the mountains, whom he has worked with and among, feel very proud of his attainment, and pray Christ's richest blessings may be his in study and in life.

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OUR ONLY MANSE



The manse in Jefferson built in 1923-24 by Ashe County Presbyterians and their local friends with the assistance of the Presbytery of Orange and the Synod of North Carolina.

The Jefferson manse is of brick veneer construction and is on a lovely lot—the gift of Mrs. J. E. Foster and family—across the street from the Jefferson Church.

The Stones have spent their married life in it. It has been an open house to visiting ministers and others.

When the next Church Album number is issued we hope we can show two more manses—one for the Lukes and another at Lansing for the minister serving that and nearby Churches.



1897— EBENEZER CHURCH —1936

The first Presbyterian Church organized in the County in this generation. After nearly forty years of service the building, erected by Dr. E. E. Gillespie and his faithful friends in the community, is yet serving. To this building three Sunday School Rooms—known as the Gillespie Sunday School Rooms—have been added.

Sunday School with Miss Kathryn Hunt, superintendent, each Sunday at 10:00 A. M. Rev. J. W. Luke, Pastor, preaches each third Sunday at 11:00 A. M.

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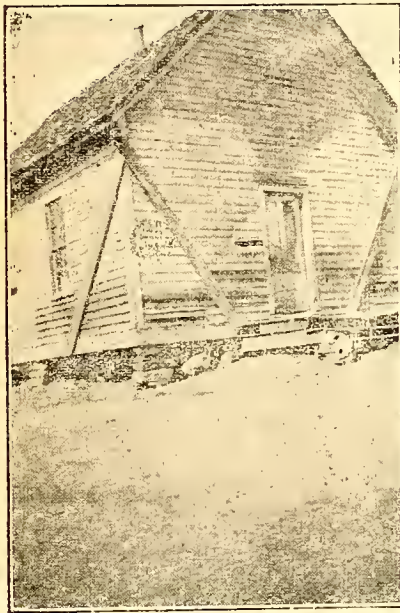
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Where It All Began

Below we show the picture of the Wagoner School House where Dr. E. E. Gillespie began his ministry. We are not to despise the day of small beginnings. From here Dr. E. E. Gillespie went to Ebenezer. Turn if you will and go backward through the pages and see the handsome Churches of wood, brick and stone that look back to this as their place of beginnings.

The depression has been good for the old bulding as it has been straightened up and painted.



THE WAGONER SCHOOL HOUSE

PROGRESS ON MATERIAL STRUCTURES

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hauled and we have about \$30.00 to spend for celotex for the basment ceiling. This will be done very soon.

Mr. Luke writes as follows about his sector:

Progress has been slow this winter in completing churches that have already been constructed. The weather has been against us in making much headway in building. The walls and ceiling have been completed at Laurel Forks, and two thirds of the flooring has been laid.

Bethel Church has the floor completed and half the ceiling. Most of the lumber to finish the inside has been given by Mr. J. C. Wyatt but we cannot get it out to be dried and planed. Paint has been bought to paint the outside of Bethel Church.

GIFTS TO ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS

The following gifts were donated by churches in Mr. Luke's field to Assembly's Home Missions—Bethel \$2.85; West Jefferson \$2.00; Peak Creek \$1.91; Miller \$1.00; Laurel Forks \$1.60; Low Gap \$1.00—TOTAL AMOUNT FOR SIX OF THE CHURCHES—\$10.65.

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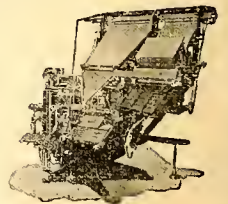
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REMAINDER OF CHAUTAUQUA SEASON

As we go to press the Ebenezer Chautauqua has begun with Rev. C. H. Pritchard, of Atlanta, preaching. After this Mr. Luke takes his tent to Peak Creek, where Rev. J. D. Henderson, of Spartanburg, S. C., will preach beginning on July 7th and continuing through the 19th. At West Jefferson, Rev. F. M. Dick will preach for two weeks beginning July 21st. The Millers Chautauqua will begin Aug. 4th, Mr. Luke's closing Chautauqua will be at Bethel August 18-30 and Dr. E. E. Gillespie will preach.

Following the Chautauqua at New River three others follow. Jefferson's Chautauqua will be in a tent, the Church and the Courthouse. Rev. Dan Graham, outstanding evangelist, will preach in the courthouse in a meeting which is being planned for a county-wide revival. The date is July 5-19. Dr. Robert King, of Johnson City, Tenn., often asked to preach in Ashe, will conduct the Lansing Chautauqua July 22-Aug. 5th. The concluding meeting in this series will be at Big Ridge with Rev. John Martin, the preacher.

Pray for God's blessing to attend all of these meetings.

OTHER GIFTS FROM WEST VIRGINIA

Since our last issue we have received a number of splendid doors from the Georgia Lumber Company, of Bluefield, W. Va. These will be used in Big Ridge, Foster Memorial and Gillespie Churches. Mr. W. L. Thornton, of the same city, has given 44 window pulleys, locks, hinges etc. Mr. E. J. McQuail has given several gallons of varnish. Mr. A. Z. Peters, also of Bluefield, has given some paint, as has Mr. R. M. Patterson, together with a number of paint brushes. Mr. McCue has given some mahogany stain, Mr. I. J. Blank has donated some green paint. Mr. W. B. Fuller sends also some mahogany stain.

Leaving Bluefield we came down to Bristol, Virginia and thanked Mr. Jay H. McCrary for one thousand laths.

The Persinger Supply Co., of Williamson, W. Va., has given a fine box of tools for building.

To all of these benefactors we are grateful.

UNION SEMINARY ORGANIZATION AIDS BIG RIDGE

The Big Ridge structure is again speeded on its way by a second gift from the Society of Missionary Inquiry of Union Theological Seminary. Their fine check of \$50.00 paid for the shingles for the gable, purchased a good deal of cement which completed the massive rock chimney and built the brick flue. This enabled us to complete the roof and tear the scaffolds away, put the windows in and lock the door. We are delighted with the gift and the progress it made.

A DEACON'S IMPRESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Mr. J. O. Blevins, a Deacon of the Lansing Church, was one of the hundreds of visitors at the meeting of the Seventy-Sixth General Assembly. At our request he has given us the following opinion of that splendid body of men who composed the highest court of our Church.



The Historic Shrine of Thousands of Southern Presbyterians—the birthplace of the Southern Presbyterian Church in December 1861.

"Having for several years had a desire to attend a meeting of the General Assembly of our Presbyterian Church, this desire became a reality May 22, 1936. In Augusta, Ga. gathered in a grand old church erected one hundred and twenty-four years ago, and being the same church where our first General Assembly met in 1861, were gathered some three to four hundred Commissioners representing the various Presbyteries in the Southern states.

"As I looked over this great gathering and listened to the wonderful addresses being delivered by great men of the church I was deeply impressed with the type of men that God had chosen to carry on the work of His Kingdom here on earth. Here, no doubt, were men, had they chosen could have filled governor's chairs, or held the highest offices that our own United States has to offer. No doubt many of them could have been millionaires, heading the largest corporations or financial institutions in our country.

"One was certainly made to wonder at the sacrifice it must have been to these noble men, and at their unselfishness in that they are giving their all for others. What an inspiration, and how you feel urged on when you realize the helpfulness of this great organization, literally hundreds of these men and also of our finest young ladies have sacrificed fortunes, fine homes, loved ones and friends to go out into the world to tell the story of Jesus and to minister to suffering humanity in His name.

"May we as Christians remember this great army of laborers in our prayers and offerings always remembering the words of our Master,

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me."

REPORT EXCELLENT CHAUTAUQUAS

On May 3rd—earlier than usual—the Christian Chautauqua began with a sermon in the Gillespie Church. Next morning boys and girls and young people from up and down Little Horse Creek came for the Bible School. On the final day it was learned that 88 had been enrolled with an average attendance of 61—38 receiving certificates for perfect attendance. The teachers were Misses Katherine O'Neill, Director, Maxie Weaver, Ruth Lewis and Eleanor Baker.

Rev. J. W. McFall, the Chautauqua preacher, endeared himself to a host of people as great congregations gladly heard him each night. During the closing service Ophie Calhoun and Helen Miller were baptized and received into the membership of the Church. The Lord's Supper was administered. During this meeting the Gospel of Matthew was used and 1639 chapters were reported as read or heard read.

Foster Memorial

May 18-31 was a great time on Big Horse Creek. On the opening day the youth from up and down the creek, from over the Windfall and down Bearwater came to the Foster Memorial Church's Christian Chautauqua. During the two weeks there 93 were enrolled, 59 was the average attendance and 37 came every day. The Bible School teachers were Misses Ruth Lewis, Maxie Weaver, Aldeane Clark, Mr. F. Hubert Morris, with Miss O'Neill teaching and directing.

Rev. John R. Potts, of Greenville, N. C., came as the visiting evangelist and each night large congregations heard him preach the Gospel of redemption through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. The new members are Aaron and Dawes Hartzog, Dent Dolinger, Beatrice Clark, Misses Pearl Dolinger and Gladys Bonham.

The congregation was provided with the Gospel of Mark and 1747 chapters were reported read.

Obids

On June 1st the tent was pitched for the first time this year on a lot across the road from the Obids Church. Miss Kathryn Hunt directed the Bible School here in which 51 were enrolled, 14 came every day and there was an average attendance of 30. Miss Hunt was assisted by Miss Beulah Welch, of Derita, and Miss Julia Finley, of North Wilkesboro.

Rev. C. E. Piephoff, of Greenville, S. C., the pastor of the Monaghan Presbyterian Church, preached effectively to good congregations. In the Gospel of Luke 585 chapters were read. A rain and wind storm blew the tent down and the concluding services were held in the Church where the Lord's Supper was administered and Misses Beatrice Baker and Violet Parsons were received into the Church.

New River School

As we go to press the Chautauqua is in progress at Fig in the gymnasium of the Riverview High School. Rev. F. M. Dick, evangelist of the Presbyterian Church, of Greensboro, N. C., is

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E D I T O R I A L

We are right in the midst of the Chautauqua season and everything is going on smoothly. Interested youth are coming to the Bible School in great numbers. They are being splendidly taught by efficient and consecrated teachers. Good congregations attend the night services and spirit-filled ministers of power are preaching the Gospel of redemption through the atoning blood of Christ. God is blessing the Christian Chautauquas.

The young people are being taught a great deal of Scripture. The number of verses committed to memory by each student in each school is amazing.

We beseech the people who pray to daily remember our campaigns of evangelism at the Throne of Grace. Without prayer we could not go very far.

MANSE NEEDED AT GLENDALE SPRINGS

A manse was sorely needed for the field which lies in the eastern part of Ashe County. Rev. J. W. Luke, the minister in this field, backed by Winston-Salem Presbytery and the Synod, purchased a small house and a plot of land to be used for a much needed manse.

As a contributor toward the purchase of this property has so aptly said—"A man needs a home on earth as well as a home in Heaven." For this purpose we are inviting all who are interested in our work to help us raise a "BUYING AND BUILDING FUND" to buy the small house and plot of land mentioned above and to enlarge the house so it will accommodate our Bible School teachers and preachers during the meetings. The house also is not finished, so to make it comfortable we must do a great deal of work to complete it before winter sets in. If you will help us please send any contributions to J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, North Carolina.

FUNDS GIVEN TOWARD MANSE

Five hundred dollars was needed to start the purchase of the house for a manse in one month. Before the month was up friends of our cause contributed the full amount. We are thankful to God who put it into their hearts to give. I feel sure the buying of a manse is God's will. Many thanks to our liberal friends and may God bless you.

Following the Foster Memorial Chautauqua Misses Katherine O'Neill, Ruby Hudler, Marie Clark and Myrtle Weaver conducted a Daily Vacation Bible School for one week in the Bristol community for the colored people. The enrollment was 49; the average attendance was 34; and 20 received certifi-

cates for perfect attendance. Colored people in and around Jefferson and near Lansing were greatly benefited by the school. Mr. F. Hubert Morris preached a sermon during the commencement exercises.

WE HAVE PAID OUR DEBTS

In "Faith of Our Fathers," Dr. D. Clay Lilly said "It is good psychology, it is good business, and it is good religion to pay what we owe. . . . Let us all 'Get out of debt and stay out of debt'."

The Foster Memorial and Gillespie Churches know that in addition to psychology, business and religion, it is a mighty good feeling to be out of debt. We are—and we want to narrate the story. On May 29th we owed on these two Churches \$100.07. We sent out an appeal to one hundred of our friends on a letterhead with the pictures of the two buildings with the appeal "Help Us Dedicate The Foster Memorial and The Gillespie Presbyterian Churches." Our friends were told that we needed about four hundred dollars to pay the obligations and to finish the buildings so as to dedicate them in September.

Out went the appeal—and back came the money—from twenty-five of our friends—amounting to \$113.00. Our respondents are Messrs. J. B. Johnstone, and John C. Sanford, of Mocksville; Messrs. Bailey Liipfert, S. R. Ireland, A. C. Port, Geo. W. Coan, W. R. Martin, W. W. Smoak, Mesdames E. S. Reynolds, Bert L. Bennet, E. W. O'Hanlon, Misses Margaret Mickle, Amalia Shober and Circle Number One of the First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Clarence Hodson, of East Orange, N. J., Mr. P. M. Williams, of North Wilkesboro; Mrs. W. B. Puett, of Belmont; Dr. L. N. Turner, Savannah, Ga.; Mr. John Sabotta and Dr. C. A. Baird, of Mt. Airy; Mr. J. J. Barnhardt, of Kannapolis; Mr. F. L. Jackson and Prof. and Mrs. O. J. Thies, of Davidson; and Mr. C. O. Perry, of White-top, Va.

There is another group whose names are on a petition saying "Sure, I'll help dedicate these Churches! Here's my dollar": Messrs. J. M. Wells, Jr., of Winston-Salem; L. P. Colvard, J. D. Stansberry, Joseph M. Prevette, W. B. Austin, D. F. Baird, J. W. Howell, Miss Beulah Cockerham and Mrs. Laura Black, of Jefferson; Messrs. C. S. McNeill, D. A. Sells, G. B. Gambill, H. D. Williams, R. E. Phillips, Misses Eva Maloney, Lenna Gambill and Mrs. Connie Garvey Jones, of West Jefferson; Mr. J. C. McNeill, of Laurel Springs; Messrs. John Goss, W. M. Rotten, Cal Seagraves, J. O. Blevins, A. O. Autley, Joseph Martin, W. W. Dickson, Bernard Jones and Mesdames Blanche Gambill and Victor Clark.

Our debts have all been paid and we are so grateful to our friends who have made it possible. In addition to this same forward work has been done in each of the Churches.

We are planning a series of happy services in September when the Lansing Church will be ten years old, the Foster Memorial will be five and the Gillespie four. Lansing plans for a home coming and the others hope to dedicate.

Will the other seventy-five who have received our letter please answer and speed the work of completion? Thank you. We need \$200.00 yet.

CHAUTAUQUA IN MR. LUKE'S FIELD

Nine Chautauquas have been planned in the tent managed by Rev. J. W. Luke and we are right now in the middle of the middle Chautauqua. The news of these already completed is as follows:

Deep Cut, May 3-10 (Wilkes County)—preacher, Rev. R. L. Berry; teachers, (Young People) Rev. J. W. Luke, (Juniors) Miss Kathryn Hunt, (Primaries) Miss Evon Eldridge; enrollment, 61; attendance, 42; average attendance, 44; perfect attendance, 23; Professions, 10.

During this meeting a contest was held in Bible reading between the ladies and men. About 40,000 verses were read in all, the ladies winning by the largest score.

Those who professed faith in Christ were among the children of the Bible School. Some of these expressed their desire to unite with the Church but have not so far. Many rededicated their lives to Christ.

Glendale Springs, May 12-22—preacher, Rev. Ted Smith; teachers, (Primaries) Miss Kathryn Hunt, (Juniors) Mr. George Pickard, (Young People) Rev. J. W. Luke; enrollment, 91; attendance, 73; average attendance, 53; perfect attendance, 16; professions, 20.

This meeting was a new adventure for us. It was the first Chautauqua we had held at Glendale Springs, N. C. However quite a great deal of interest was shown and one of the finest Bible Schools of the first part of the summer was held. Many children were hauled from Ebenezer community every morning. In this Bible School as well as the Deep Cut Bible School we had splendid cooperation from the school teachers as school was not out at this time. There were many expressions of rededication and about 200 chapters read by attendants. 372 scripture verses were recited by the children.

Low Gap, May 24-June 6—preacher, Rev. J. W. Luke; teachers, (Young People) Miss Alice McConnell, (Juniors) Mr. George Pickard, (Primaries) Miss Eula Miller; enrollment, 55; attendance, 35; average attendance, 37; perfect attendance, 12; professions, 12.

During this Chautauqua many rededications were made and about 300 chapters were read. About 417 verses were memorized by the children in the Bible School. The professions were among the older children of the Bible School.

Laurel Fork, June 8-20—preacher, Rev. Howard Wilson; teachers, (Young People) Rev. J. W. Luke, (Juniors) Miss Alice Neel Wilson, (Primaries) Miss Jean Moore; enrollment, 54; attendance, 46; average attendance, 45; perfect attendance, 20; professions, 15.

The meeting at Laurel Fork was marked with a great deal of interest as well as a wonderful spirit of cooperation by the members and citizens of the community. While the meeting was in swing a great deal of work was done on the unfinished building as well as the Church grounds. About 500 chapters were read and there were rededications by most all of the Christians in the community.

The children memorized 341 verses of scripture.

Ebenezer, June 23-July 5—This meeting has been underway for four days and a great interest is being shown. We are fortunate in having as our preacher Rev. Claude H. Pritchard, the Educa-

tional Secretary of the Assembly's Home Missions. The Bible School is being attended by about 75 fine spirited boys and girls.

Teachers, (Young People) J.W.Luke, (Juniors) Mr. George Pickard, (Primaries) Miss Maxie Weaver, (Beginners) Miss Jean Moore. We are asking all who read the results of these meetings to take our work to God for us in your prayers.

CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUA HELPERS

Mrs. James Harper has given to one of the Chautauquas one hundred and fifty "Triumphant Service Songs," a Rodeheaver Company compilation. It is one of the best books for evangelistic purposes we know. Our people enjoy singing from these lovely new books.

Mrs. W. Y. Preyer has made her annual gift to the operating expenses of the two Chautauquas. But for this, financing these two great sources or means of blessing would be a great problem.

To both of these ladies our thanks are due.

OTHER CONTRIBUTORS

Mrs. Beverly Caldwell Fritzsche, The Lee Memorial Auxiliary, The North Wilkesboro Auxiliary, Miss Edna Maslin, Class No. 3 of the Winston First Church, and the C. H. Wiley Circle of the Winston First Auxiliary (3 gifts) have made gifts to other promotional features of our work. To them we are indebted.

COMPLETING CHURCHES

It is with great delight we see Laurel Forks Church having its finishing touches. During the meeting more scooping was continued and we are at last getting the desired grade to our churchyard. The spring on the lawn has been walled up by a semi-circular wall and at a near date a beautiful plate given by Reins Brothers of North Wilkesboro will be placed in the center front of the wall. Most of the wood work within the Church has also been completed as well as columns for the porch finished.

Bells have been placed in the towers of Peak Creek and Low Gap Churches.

The painting and decorating of one of the Sunday School rooms at Ebenezer will be taken up as a project for the young people in the Bible School there during the meeting now going on.

CHURCH BUILDING NEEDED

For three years now the Church organization at Millers has been using the small school building in the community. These people need a Church building and we hope to build a Church in the near future. Will you help us in this enterprise? Send any contributions toward this cause to J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, N. C. and they shall be added to the contributions which the community has given for this cause.

Our Churches were represented at the Davison Young People's Conference by Claude Farrington, Laurinda Severt, Jaunita Darnell, Ruby Barker, Jack Lawson, Pearl Dolinger, Howard Eldreth, Lorean Miller, Ray Blevins, Walter Osborne, Maxie Weaver, Waver Farrington and Miss Katherine O'Neill.

Mr. F. Hubert Morris, who has finished his Junior Year's work in Union Theological Seminary, is with us again

this summer — preaching, teaching, singing, playing his silvery trumpet and serving in many other ways.

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CLASS '36 G. V. H. SCHOOL

Just across the column is the picture of the graduating class of the Glade Valley School of 1936. Superintendent Eldridge gives below their names and other interesting information.

First row reading from left to right—Helen Ledwell, Davidson, N. C.; Evon Eldridge, Glade Valley; Thomas Gambill, Stratford; Una Norman, Elkin; middle row—Josie Roten, Wagoner; Vivian Blevins, Lansing; Gladys Bare, Wagoner; Pansy Phillips; Idlewild; back row—Bruce Harless, Glendale Springs; George Blevins, Laurel Springs, and Britt Wyatt, Vannoy.

Three are from Alleghany county, five from Ashe, one from Wilkes, Surry and Mecklenburg.

Nine are members of Home Mission Churches and two members of other Churches.

Six were members of the Y.P. League Council and one President of the League.

Five were four-year students of the school, one made honor roll for four years with an average above 95 and five made an average above 90.

**REPORT EXCELLENT
CHAUTAQUAS**

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preaching to an enlarging congregation each night. People from Rich Hill, Big and Little Laurel, Creston, Jefferson, West Jefferson and Fig communities are delighted with the messages from the Word of God. The Gospel of John is being read.

The Bible School is being conducted by Misses Kathryn Hunt, Celia Krider, Julia Finley and Frances McNeill. More than sixty have been enrolled and a characteristic of this school is the large percentage of those whose attendance is perfect.

Of the hundred readers who received letters asking that they subscribe for their friends TWENTY-TWO responded. Bless their hearts. May the other seventy-eight do as the minority has done. Send your dollar and ten names.

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Plan Special Services for Dedication and Home Coming

J. W. Luke Writes of Fine Chautauquas

THE last issue of The Ashe Presbyterian carried news of the Christian Chautauqua through June 20th which completed the Laurel Forks Chautauqua. This article will cover the news from the remaining five Chautauquas in this field.

Ebenezer—June 23-July 5

Rev. Claude Pritchard of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee preached for us here and everyone was lifted by his splendid sermons. During the time Mr. Pritchard was with us he took moving pictures of the Bible School and has promised to come back and let us see how we look to others.

The teachers who helped in the Bible School Department were—Miss Maxie Weaver, George Pritchard and J. W. Luke.

Ninety-seven children were enrolled in the Bible School. Every morning two cars hauled children from Glendale Springs to the school.

The school and meeting were a great success. The results of this meeting will be shown in the result table on this page.

Peak Creek—July 7-20

At conclusion of the Ebenezer Chautauqua the old tent was pitched at Peak Creek and the Chautauqua started with a bang! Rev. J. D. Henderson was the dynamite. He got everyone told in a big way and we are still feeling the effects of his preaching.

The teachers at this Bible School were Misses Maxie Weaver, Mary Louise McGoogan and J. W. Luke. We also enjoyed Mrs. Henderson's presence as well as her little daughter. Mrs. Henderson gave us some demonstrations of Japanese talking and singing.

The enrollment for the Bible School was 86. Many children came by car or truck from Transou community.

During the meeting the tent was filled many times. Special features of the meeting were the pounding given the pastor, and singing of the Obids choir at two services. It was the best meeting we had had at Peak Creek for two or three years.

West Jefferson July 21-Aug 2

We pitched the tent beside the West Jefferson

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TUESDAY, September 29th at 11:00 A. M. services are scheduled to begin in the Foster Memorial Church with a dedication sermon by Dr. E. E. Gillespie and greetings from other Churches. Rev. J. W. McCall will have a part in this service. A picnic dinner will be served to the guests. In the afternoon Mr. N. Graham will give a history of the Church. The inspirational address will be given by Dr. J. R. Cunningham, of Winston-Salem. Rev. J. W. Luke will assist in this service. A Church band, under the direction of Dr. Q. N. Honeycutt, from Indian Trail, N. C. is expected to play for this and other services of Tuesday and Wednesday.

Beginning at 6:30 P. M. on the lawn (if the weather permits) of the Lansing Church a sacred band concert will begin the celebration of the Church's tenth birthday in the nature of a home coming. The address of welcome will be given by Mr. J. R. Weaver; the pastor will give a brief historical sketch. Dr. J. R. Cunningham will make an address on "The Heritage of Presbyterianism" and Dr. E. E. Gillespie has chosen for his subject—"The Challenge of the Future". Rev. J. W. McFall will have a part with the session in ordaining and installing the following officers: Messrs. J. O. Blevins and Walter Osborne as elders; Lee Sheets and Ira Greer, as deacons. At ten o'clock on Wednesday the dedication services will begin in the Gillespie Church. The historical sketch will be given by Mr. Conley Thompson. Dr. J. R. Cunningham will preach the dedicatory sermon and the formal dedication will be conducted by Dr. E. E. Gillespie, for whom

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Obids Congregation to Have New Church

THE work of tearing down the thirty-four year old Obids Church began September the first. The weather and storms and decay had wrought havoc with the frame structure. Much of the timber, however, is available for use in the new Church now being erected as its successor. There is to be a basement with three Sunday School rooms and an assembly room. Above this concrete structure there will be a brick veneer auditorium. The dimensions of the building are 26-44 feet. Gothic windows once in the chapel of Union Theological Seminary will be used. The plan was drawn by Mr. W. C. Northup.

The Belk Memorial Foundation gave a nice initial gift. Our local men and women are doing all they can to help. Some are giving money and others are giving labor and furnishing teams, trucks and lumber. One morning three elders and a deacon were excavating. This, however, is almost a daily scene. With these others are working. People of other denominations are also lending a helping hand. Mr. J. W. Farrington is in charge of the construction. As this goes to press plans are under way for pouring the concrete for the basement walls. The work is being pushed so that we may again hold services. The Baptists have kindly given an invitation to use their Church until the new one is comfortable.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF 1936 CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUA

	ENROLLMENT	AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	PERFECT ATTENDANCE	CHAPTERS READ IN BIBLE	NEW MEMBERS	PROFESSIONS	EVANGELIST
Deep Cut	61	42	23	*	10	15	Rev. R. L. Berry
Glendale Sprs.	91	53	16	*	15	15	Rev. Ted Smith
Low Gap	55	37	12	*	10	10	Rev. J. W. Luke
Laurel Forks	54	45	20	*	8	8	Rev. Howard Wilson
Ebenezer	97	63	32	*	4	10	Rev. Claude Pritchard
Peak Creek	86	56	28	*	4	14	Rev. J. D. Henderson
West Jefferson	121	76	34	*	27	40	Rev. F. M. Dick
Miller's	61	43	24	*	2	8	Rev. Ted Smith
Bethel	57	45	30	*	3	10	Rev. J. R. Potts
Gillespie	88	61	38	1639	2	2	Rev. J. W. McFall
Foster Memor'l	93	59	37	1747	6	6	Rev. J. R. Potts
Obids	51	30	14	585	2	2	Rev. C. E. Piephoff
New River	62	51	21	678			Rev. Dan Graham
Jefferson	148	95	41	918	5	5	Rev. F. M. Dick
Lansing	202	153	97	1740	28	28	Dr. Robert King
Big Ridge	102	81	47	598			Rev. John Martin
Bristol **	40	37	30				
TOTALS	1469	1027	543		83		

* Verses were recited.

** Colored D. V. B. S.

BIG RIDGE, LANSING AND JEFFERSON CHAUTAUQUAS

The day (July 5th) the Jefferson Chautauqua began the tent was burned. Reverend W. T. Whittington began the preaching that night in the courthouse. Next morning the Bible School opened in the mill house near where the tent was pitched. The Bible School faculty was composed of Misses Katherine O'Neill, Director, Elizabeth Huffstetler, Celia Krider, Evelyn Brown, Marjorie Fain and Mr. Hubert Morris.

On the 7th Rev. Dan Graham and Mr. Ted Fix came. Some people thought a cyclone had hit the county when Mr. Graham began his preaching against all kinds of sin. People

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

This issue is glad to record the reception of and extend a cordial welcome into our fellowship to: Mrs. Eva DeBusk Graybeal and Misses Louise Graybeal, Louise Combs, Mary Lambert and Viola Kelly, who united with the Jefferson Church—the latter four by profession of faith and baptism.

At Lansing the following twenty-five were received by profession and baptism: Misses Doris Baldwin, Minnie Osborne, Cleo Huddler, Burl May, Mary May (sisters) Anna Mullis, Delray Campbell, Tressie May Campbell, Esther Powers, Burl Wallace, Ethel Hurley, Myrtle Greer, Opal Stansberry, Fay Dula, Ruth Jones and Charles Carty, Douglas Carty, Byron Sturgill Carty (three brothers) Joe Wright, Walter Campbell, John Cameron Barr, Paul Jones Barr (brothers again) Bill Joe Poe, Elmer Sheets and Mr. Thomas J. Powers. Mrs. Roger Barr, Miss Ina Baldwin and Mr. Alfred Worley were received by letter or statement.

At Big Ridge there came by profession of faith and baptism—Mrs. Mary Walters Burgess, Miss Ruth Pauline Bare, Frances Lee Bare, Messrs. Ordan Bare, Burl Woodrow Wilson Smith, Leonard Bare, Thomas Lyal; Mesdames Lucy Dancy, Beatrice Crepps and Mr. Jessie Roark were received by statement or by certificate.

MILLER'S PRESBYTERIANS PLAN FOR A CHURCH BUILDING

On October 1st, 1933 a commission from Winston-Salem Presbytery organized a Presbyterian Church at Millers School with about forty-five charter members.

For three years this coming October we have been worshiping and holding Sunday School in the little school building in the community. We need a Church building and three people have contributed about \$70 to start the work. During the meeting at Millers the following men contributed toward the new Church building—Tom Ashley, \$5.00; Mon Wyatt, \$10.00; Guy Sheets, \$5.00; Com. Miller, \$5.00, A. R. Miller, \$10.00; Mon. Barlow, \$3.00; Coy Kilby, \$2.00; Mrs. Mon. Barlow, \$1.00; James Church, 50 cents. We hope that others will contribute to this amount so we can soon begin the construction of a Church building.

SPECIAL SERVICES PLANNED FOR HOME COMING

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the Church is named. Mrs. Gillespie is expected to be present for this occasion.

There is a dream in the hearts of some that these three Churches may have a Manse in Lansing and a minister giving his entire time to these. The challenge of self-support is before them.

CHURCHES NEAR COMPETION

Bethel Church will be finished this fall is our hope. We have just hauled a load of ceiling and wall boards to this Church. Most of this lumber was a gift from Elder John Wyatt of that Church. We have also started painting the building and hope to have it finished this fall also.

Laurel Forks Church must have more flooring which we are having sawed now. A beautiful tablet will be placed in the wall of the spring by the side of the Church. We are still grading our yard and when the task is completed we want to make a beautiful spot out of it.

Miss Kathryn Hunt was one of the Vesper speakers during the Montreat Summer Conferences.

THE MANSE PURCHASED AT GLENDALE SPRINGS

Glendale Springs is a very central location for the minister serving the Churches of Eastern Ashe and Western Wilkes Counties.

A small house and land surrounding was bought by Synod and Presbytery with the aid of Mr. Luke's personal appeal.

Rough extra rooms were added to accommodate Bible School workers who help us in the Chirstian Chautauquas in the summer. Now winter is near—this means zero weather as well as deep snows—we must get the house in shape for the rough weather and make it permanent. This house will serve as the Manse for seven Churches and two other appointments in Rev. J. W. Luke's field. We need the following to complete the Manse and get it ready for winter. If you will help finish it—put a check mark by the item you will supply or help supply and cut out the list and send to J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, N. C., with your contribution.

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- * **TOTAL**\$940
- * **Will You Help Us Have a Manse?**

REV. J. W. LUKE WRITES OF FINE CHAUTAUQUAS

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son Church and had a good crowd for the Bible School the first day. Rev. F. Marion Dick was the evangelist and held a fine meeting. Through the use of a loud speaker people on the street who could not come in for lack of room had a good chance to hear the messages.

The Bible School teachers were—Misses Mary L. McGoogan, Kathryn Hunt, Mrs. Robert Barr, Evelyn Denton, George Pickard and J. W. Luke.

The meeting was marked by many professions and great crowds at the tent. There were probably about forty who made confession and 27 of these united with the Presbyterian Church—others united with other denominations. In spite of windy weather and the tent blowing down three times we had a good meeting and Bible School. The Sunday School has increased to twice its former size and we hope the influence of the Chautauqua will go right on.

Millers—Aug. 5-19

At the conclusion of the West Jefferson Chautauqua the tent was moved about twenty-five miles over to the Wilkes Churches.

The meeting at Millers was started by J. W. Luke preaching and concluded by Rev. Ted Smith, this being the second meeting in which Brother Smith had helped us.

Our Bible School was the largest we had ever held at Millers. The enrollment was sixty-one.

The teachers in this school were Misses Mary Janet McNeill, Eula Miller, Mr. George Pickard and Rev. J. W. Luke.

The meeting was marked by good preaching by Rev. Ted Smith. There were many people who reconsecrated their lives to the Lord and some made professions who united with the Church during the next meeting at Bethel.

Bethel—Aug. 19-30

The Bethel Chautauqua began after a quick move from Millers. Rev. J. R. Potts came in the place of Dr. E. E. Gillespie as the evangelist. Mr. Potts was another preacher whom everyone declared to be a good preacher. To young and old he was a friend. Mr. Potts preached some wonderful sermons, wonderful in the freshness of thought brought to us.

Miss Margaret McGoogan, Mr. Geo. Pickard and J. W. Luke were the teachers.

Every morning at the opening of Bible School the serving women under W. P. A. led by Mrs. Neely joined with us. The cooperation of these ladies was a good feature of this Bible School. Many people reconsecrated their lives anew and five people came into the Church. Two of these united with the Millers Church.

This meeting closed the Chautauqua season for the summer. The results of the Bible Schools and meetings will be found in the result table on the front page.

Mr. F. Hubert Morris, after a profitable summer's work in the county, is taking the second year's work in Union Theological Seminary.

**FRIENDS HAVE MADE POSSIBLE
A NEW TENT**

On July 4th the tent was pitched on Mr. Joe Neal's centrally located lot in Jefferson and made ready (except for the piano) for the opening of the Bible School on Monday. On Sunday the 5th some almost breathless boys bounded upon the Manse porch and after a knock said "The tent is burned down."

Some Sabbath breaking, law breaking boys were carelessly shooting fire-crackers and the canvas ignited. Within a few minutes the three top pieces were burned beyond repair.

An appeal was made to our friends and the following have given us money with which we have purchased a new 40x60 round-end, water proof canvass tent: Dr. E. E. Gillespie, Miss Katherine Livingstone, Mesdames R. F. Wellons, Elmer Elliott, Laura Black, Oliver Ham, Blain Edmondson, E. F. Scott, W. H. Osborne, John L. King, D. F. Helm, John L. King, S. Clay Williams, F. S. Royster, Sr., Messrs. E. F. Scott, E. A. McNeill, Victor Clark, W. N. Reynolds, L. B. Ham, Blair Gwyn, A. A. Finley, E. G. Finley and family, P. M. Williams, M. A. Vickery, J. D. McNeill, French Young, J. O. Blevins, Friend, Irving S. Bull, Drs. D. Clay Lilly and Robert King, Lansing Auxiliary, Reynolda Church, Jefferson Chautauqua Classes, Men's Bible Class of the Presbyterian Church of North Wilkesboro, Lansing Sunday School, North Wilkesboro Auxiliary and Lansing Chautauqua Classes.

Thank you again and bless your hearts. We have learned a lesson—the tent is insured against fire.

**GEORGE PICKARD LEAVES FOR
COLUMBIA SEMINARY**

Mr George Pickard who has been a faithful worker in our field for a year left for Columbia Seminary to train for the ministry. We are glad that George is going on in his training as a minister although we miss him greatly in our field. Many people have spoken of how they miss Mr. Pickard and regret his not being with us for Sunday Schools and appointments. The last letter we had from George gave us the information he was taken under the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery and is at Columbia Seminary. He sends his love to all the people of the Churches.

**MISS CALHOUN TAKES PLACE OF
GEORGE PICKARD**

Miss Lois Calhoun of Wedowee, Ala., has come to the aid of Rev. J. W. Luke in Mr. George Pickard's place. Miss Calhoun is a worker of wide experience in Church work and we rejoice to have her with us as a volunteer in the Lord's work. She will drive the old chariot with leaking radiator and broken fenders. She shall be a queen among us but her chariot will not be of the latest style.

Lillie Shepherd and Jennie Shepherd of the Thaxton Sunday School, have recited the Child's Catechism. John Staley Powers, of Lansing, has received his Testament for the same work of memory. Denver Blevins of Gillespie and Delta Hartzog, of Foster Memorial, have each recited the Shorter Catechism.

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JEFFERSON, LANSING AND BIG RIDGE CHAUTAUQUAS

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came for miles. Soon the courthouse would not seat the people and an amplifier was installed and the messages were heard by those who sat in cars or on the lawn. Never have such large crowds attended services of worship in Jefferson. Extension services were held in a great many Churches in adjoining towns and communities. A safe and conservative estimate is that one hundred and fifty made a profession of their faith in Christ. This was county wide in its blessing. Mr. Fix endeared himself to the throngs by his genial manner, his kindness in seating the congregation, his voice and his intense earnestness in doing personal work.

Lansing got off to a good start in a borrowed tent. Dr. Robert King, of Johnson City, Tenn., was the preacher and the Lansing congregation considers itself fortunate in getting such an outstanding preacher of righteousness. Great crowds heard the Gospel in its power and purity. In addition to preaching Dr. King spoke frequently to the Bible School and taught the Book of Romans preceding the evening service. The results of such preaching and teaching are seen in the table of summaries.

The Lansing Bible School was directed by Miss Katherine O'Neill who was assisted by Misses Elizabeth Huffstetler and Hattie Stowe, of Gastonia, Ruby Hudler, Mildred Jones, Maxie Weaver, Merle Graybeal, Majorie Fain, of Tallahassee, Florida. Mesdames Thos. J. Powers, Edward Sturgill and Mr. Hubert Morris.

The Chautauqua at Big Ridge was the closing one for one of the two groups. Rev. John Martin, recently moved to Bristol, Tenn., was the preacher. People said "We are having some old fashioned preaching." This meeting was held in the new Church and the people were delighted with it. A stairway had been cut and one of the Bible School classes met in the basement, another in the library and yet another in the school building across the road. It was a splendid meeting.

A fine faculty was composed of Misses Kathryn Hunt, Director, Marjorie Fain and Mr. Hubert Morris. This was the largest Bible School ever held at Big Ridge.

GIFTS TO OUR WORK

Since the last issue of The Ashe Presbyterian the following have given gifts to the Dedication Fund: C. M. McClung and Co, Elk Manufacturing Co., J. D. Faucette, S. T. Shipley, Lee Campbell, C. L. DeBord, L. B. Ham, E. A. McNeill, J. D. McNeill, Mrs. J. G. Neal, Miss Katherine Livingstone, Mr. H. D. Decker, The Stone Lumber Co., Treadaway Brothers and The Parker Tie and Lumber Co.

Several have subscribed to The Ashe Presbyterian for others and Prof. J. Watson Moore made a gift that was used in Bible School work.

"The Victorious Sunday School" a play written by Rev. J. W. Luke will be given at the following Sunday Schools during October: Ebenezer, Low Gap, Peak Creek, Laurel Forks, West Jefferson, Bethel, Millers.

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When Dreams Come True

We are approaching the season of the year when so many dreams come true. Boys and girls have been thinking about Christmas. Many have been writing letters to Santa Claus for the things they want. Doubtless some have been dreaming of toys, a lovely tree and extra good things to eat. On the night of December 25th many of the day dreams and dreams in the accustomed meaning will come true.

But we are thinking of other dreams that have already come true. For years the Foster Memorial and the Gillespie Congregations have been dreaming of the eventful day when their churches would be dedicated. It came about in September, according to deams, when Dr. Q. N. Huneycutt's Indian Trail Sunday School Band came to lead in the rejoicing. And what joy and a delight the band was. Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Gillespie came from Greensboro. Dr. J. R. Cunningham came from Winston-Salem and Rev. J. W. McFall from Mt. Airy. Rev. J. W. Luke and Miss Lois Calhoun began their journey at Glendale Springs. Miss Kathryn Hunt began at Jefferson and Miss Katherine O'Neal joined at Lansing. All of them had parts in the services. Mr. J. R. Weaver expressed the greetings of the Lansing Church. In addition to these a goodly number of Jeffersonians and Lansingites joined the procession. When a number of miles above Lansing the visitors saw people carrying baskets large and small and boxes of variegated color and sizes. When some of the pedestrians were taken into the cars the boxes and baskets were carefully handled—for they contained the ham and chicken, grapes, vegetables, pies of a multitudinous variety and cakes galore and all accessories to match. Friends of the congregation from all directions came and helped provide the things for the feast.

The services of dedication were more than could have been dreamed for. A feast of spiritual things was brought by the speakers and shared in and enjoyed by a multitude.

Despite the continually downpouring rain the next day the procession went to Gillespie for the dedication there. A similar feast in bounty and deliciousness was served by the ladies. Equally good was the splendid service of dedication.

At Foster Memorial Mr. N.W. Graham rehearsed the history of the five-year-old Church and gave a picture of the religious condition prior to the organization. Mr. Conley Thompson had a similar part in the Gillespie celebrations of the four-year-old organization.

Others had been dreaming. You can't get ahead of those Lansing folks. They had had all kinds of dreams about a ten-year home-coming and that dream came true on the evening of September 29th. The children Churches that were being dedicated loaned their youthful Mother Church their band and all their speakers. And what a time they had! Mr. J. R. Weaver told of the history of the Church. Messrs. J. O. Blevins and

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REV. JOHN W. LUKE'S DREAM COMES TRUE

For a number of year Rev. John W. Luke and his good wife have felt the need of a Manse. Mr. Luke didn't mind expressing that need in words and in print. Another issue had told you of the purchase of a home and a little farm at Glendale Spings. The rooms were too small and there weren't enough of them. So Mr. Luke made an appeal and friends here and there came to his aid and he has built several more rooms of an adequate size. The roof has been raised and two goodly sized rooms are made available up stairs.

The locust post foundations have been removed and now the house rests on a solid concrete foundation. This makes the building much warmer. A large basement into which he drives his car has been constructed. The manse has a new roof and is awaiting veneering with brick.

The Manse needed a brick flue—and needed it then on account of the biting cold weather. No brick mason could be secured so Mr. Luke did it himself. It looks as good as most of the majority of the masons would build it. This is just another reminder of Marie Corelli's statement in *God's Good Man*—"And after all, there's not much use in being a minister unless one can practically succeed in the art of 'ministering' to every sort of demand made upon one's capabilities. Even to Miss Vancouver's needs, should she require anything, from the preservation of trees to the sending of telegrams."

Mr. Luke is God's good man in many ways and is one of the most versatile ministers of our acquaintance.

WANTS TO FINISH DREAM

In an article in this issue the Editor has spread it on heavy about our Manse etc. Part of this article is true about the dream and yet the full dream is not complete. I feel like singing that once popular song entitled "Oh! Mr. Dream Man Please Let Me Dream Some More."

Did you ever awake and wish to finish your dream? Well, that is exactly how it is with me. I want to finish the dream of my Manse. Will you help us finish the dream?—Rev. J. W. Luke.

NEW CHURCHES IN THE PRESBYTERY

Despite the years of depression congregations other than those of Ashe and Wilkes have been building. The Collinstown, Carson Memorial (Sparta) and Lexington Second Congregations are happy in lovely new edifices. They are modern in design and are adequate for the social and teaching ministries of the Church.

College Deputation Visits Ashe

On the fifth Sunday in November a deputation of Lees-McRae College students accompanied by Dean Pitchett and Miss Margaret Engle conducted services in the West Jefferson, Foster Memorial and Lansing Churches. Our people enjoyed the services and look forward to their return.

Plans for Services Christmas

In each Church preparations are being made for the Christmas services. In one group the Christmas exercises will begin on Sunday afternoon December 20th at 3:00 P. M. in the Gillespie Church. That night the Jefferson Church at 7:00 P. M. will hold its service commemorating the birth of the Saviour. This will be a pageant which has been recast by Miss Hunt, who is directing it. On Monday night Foster Memorial will have its program, which will be followed on Tuesday night by the Lansing service, on which Miss O'Neal has been working for some time.

The Obids Church will hold its service at Sunday School on Sunday morning December 20th. Wednesday afternoon Dec. 23rd the Boggs School will look like a little cathedral as it will be all dressed up for the Christmas program. Wednesday night the first Christmas service will be held in the Big Ridge Church.

Our Christmas services are always Scriptural, devotional and worshipful. The real meaning of Christmas is to the fore and Christ is made preeminent. It is always an occasion to make glad the hearts of so many children, young people and in many cases those who are older.

WORK AT OBIDS

A unique thing has been observed in the work on the Obids Church in that not a nail or a piece of lumber has been purchased for the forms for the concrete basement. Such good care was taken to preserve the lumber in the old Church and to draw the nails that we have had this great saving.

Half of the basement walls have been poured and the forms are being set for the remainder. Circumstances over which we had no control have greatly retarded the progress. But now that the corn is cut and mostly shucked and the buckwheat threshed, the hogs killed and the winter's wood in we hope to have more free labor in the work, upon which we are largely depending.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS IN EASTERN ASHE

We are celebrating the birthday of our Saviour in all Churches and preaching points in our field. The seven Churches and one of the preaching points in this field are planning to have a pageant entitled "Seeking a Gift." Children and some grown folks are practicing faithfully in the Churches.

The following schedule will be followed for the Christmas programs:

Loggins—Fri. Dec. 18, 2:30 P. M.
Miller's—Fri. Dec. 18, 7 P. M.
Laurel Forks—Sun. Dec. 20, 7 P. M.
Peak Creek—Mon. Dec. 21, 11 A. M.
Bethel—Mon. Dec. 21, 7 P. M.
Laurel Forks—Tues. Dec. 22, 7 P. M.
Ebenezer—Wed. Dec. 23, 10:30 A. M.
Low Gap—Wed. Dec. 23, 3 P. M.
West Jefferson—Wed. Dec. 23, 7 P. M.

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OUR CHURCH'S BIRTHDAY

During this month there are two great events for Southern Presbyterians. The latter event—Christmas—is shared by the entire Christian world. The former—Dec. 4th when we were seventy-five years old—is a day enjoyed and commemorated largely by Presbyterians of the South.

In a period of strife and tenseness less than one hundred commissioners met in Augusta, Georgia, seventy-five years ago and organized the Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States of America. After the war the name was changed to the Presbyterian Church in the United States. We are popularly known as the Southern Presbyterian Church.

From Dr. E. T. Thompson's "Highlights of Presbyterian History" we copy this paragraph: "When the General Assembly was organized in 1861 it had ten synods, forty-seven Presbyteries, approximately seven hundred ministers, one thousand Churches, and seventy thousand communicants. Today it has 17 Synods, 88 Presbyteries, 2,450 ministers, 3,515 Churches, and a little over 480,000 communicants."

In all of our history we have been a working Church. Missions—both home and foreign—have been given a great emphasis. Education has been attended to in the host of elementary, high schools, colleges and seminaries that we have built. Evangelism has been a great part of the Church's life and work. There are large Presbyterian Churches of our planting in six nations of the world. More than four hundred missionaries represent us.

There have been seventy-five years of glorious history. We have a great heritage in the lives and labours of those who have wrought in the past. What the next seventy-five years will mean depends on how we of today and tomorrow are willing to be used of God in extending His Kingdom in the earth. We will not break faith with our religious fathers and mothers nor will we be a disappointment to the great Head of the Church—Jesus Christ.

To the many who will enjoy "On the Road to Bethlehem" in Lansing, Foster Memorial and Gillespie we want to announce that Miss O'Neill is the author.

A DEVOTIONAL CHRISTMAS TO YOU

The birthday of greatest significance to the Christian world including nearly 700 million people is just before us. In no greater way could God have shown His great concern and love for the human family than in the making of His "Unspeakable Gift"—His only begotten Son. Each Christmas season should bring to us a fuller and a larger cup of joy as we learn more and more of God's boundless love. It should be a season of joy and thanksgiving and of devotion as we recall anew the story of the earthly beginning of redeeming love. It should be a season when we make the Saviour happy as we minister to those of His children who need our love and sympathy and gifts. So may you each have a happy, a merry and a devotional holiday season.

THE UNFINISHED TASK

The cause of great importance before our Church during 1937 is to help raise a fund that will do away with Ministerial Relief. The putting in operation of the Minister's Annuity Fund will be a great blessing to both the minister of retiring age and to the Church at large. Under the Minister's Annuity Fund the minister pays each year a percent of his salary. The Church he serves also adds an amount to that. At the age of 65 he can retire on a living income. The money that he and his Church have been putting aside has been drawing compound interest and an estate is built up for him when old age or handicaps prevent his working any further. There are many of retirement age now and a large group will attain the age of 65 each year. They will not have participated in the fund and hence there is no fund built up for them. So the Church must raise \$3,000,000.00 to provide for those who will become 65 before a living income has been accrued. This was begun as the depression visited us. Despite collapses of fortunes almost \$900,000 was secured in cash Dr. Sweets reported that "We have now in unconditioned and conditioned gifts a total of \$592,538 safely invested after all expenses have been paid. We also have pledges that we believe will be paid to the amount of \$370,000.

Let us do our part as individuals in 1937 to make real and operative this great movement of our Church.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES IN LUKE'S CHURCHES

The season of Thanksgiving was celebrated by special Thanksgiving services in each of the seven Churches in J. W. Luke's field. Appropriate hymns for Thanksgiving were sung and a sermon on "Unthankfulness and Thankfulness" was preached at each point by the pastor. Each Church gave an offering for the Orphanage at Barium Springs as follows:

Bethel, \$5.38; Laurel Forks, \$2.95; West Jefferson, \$2.25; Loggins, \$2.11; Low Gap, \$1.50; Miller's, \$1.80; Ebenezer, 60c; Peak Creek, \$1; total, \$17.59.

Our special Christmas offering is to go to our aged ministers, their widows, and pledges. On April 1st of this year or dependents. We know this has Divine approval.

WHEN DREAMS COME TRUE Continued From Page One

Walter Osborne were ordained as elders. Thomas Jefferson Powers, Jr. was baptized and received into the Church along with his grandmother, Mrs. Rose Tyne, who was received by letter. Miss Ruby Hudler had a delicious and lovely cake and Misses O'Neill, Barr and Powers conducted a birthday candle lighting service. Mr. J. O. Blevins challenged the congregation to look forward to become self supporting.

This was a noble dream wonderful in its fulfillment.

Big Ridge

In August 1933 Miss Kathryn Hunt came from Richmond to assist Rev. D. F. Helm in the Big Ridge Chautauqua. After the Chautauqua was over she tarried—being enthralled with the idea of continuing religious work in that and other sections. There were so many young people. It was not long before she began to dream of a little log library set back in the laurel and rhododendron and pine and oaks. Because of her enthusiasm, Mr. Helm and people of the community began to dream too. Logs were cut for the library. Oxen were brought to assist in the excavating. When it was beginning to become real the work stopped—the dream had changed. Now it was to be a log Church with a log winged library. Then the dream changed from log to rock. Just this month Miss Hunt's library dream has come true. For several months services have been held in the Church. In the library there is a lovely oak floor with plastered walls and a celotex ceiling. There is a large rock fireplace with the lovely stone chimney being exposed all the way through the room. There is a large bookshelf containing hundreds of books. Books of devotion, books of history, poetry, choice fiction, books for young and old and books to suit almost every worthwhile taste for reading. The volumes from Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland and Florida have been newly covered with attractive oil cloth covers.

There is a world of mental furnishing of the finest kind for the people of Big Ridge. Miss Hunt has worked tirelessly and patiently to build foundations under her dream. She is delighted now that so many books are so beautifully housed. The people of the community have cooperated in the building and friends have given money and material for this young woman's lovely dream.

The Colored Sunday School

Miss Katherine O'Neill is also a dreamer and a worker. Living at Lansing she became restless because there were no services for colored people at Lansing or in Bristol near Jefferson. So she began to dream of a Sunday School each Sunday afternoon. For some months that has been a reality. She brings in her car the Lansing colored people and they meet in the school building for colored people in Bristol. There is a good attendance and a great deal of interest. A new feature is that Miss Mary Shepherd of Lansing teaches a group of little white children in a nearby building at the same hour. Each second Sunday afternoon Rev. J. R. Mallard, of North Wilkesboro, has been coming over to preach for them. Oh that other people would have such dreams of service!

GIFTS FOR THE NEW MANSE

God's work has always been supported by gifts from unselfish people who love their Father's work. A home for the pastor of the Churches in Eastern Ashe and Western Wilkes has been needed for some time. By necessity we were forced to get a home this year. We were dependent upon our Christian friends to help us get this home. The Presbytery and Synod will also help when we have raised a certain amount. Those who have helped us by donations are helping us receive some funds from this source mentioned above. We are living in the Manse now although it is not complete and the last payments are not made.

We want to express our thanks to the many friends who have responded to our need and the work of our Lord and Saviour.

The following friends have made it possible for this field of Churches to have a Manse for their Pastor, J. W. Luke:

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**LANSING YOUNG PEOPLE
ALSO DREAM**

Our Lansing Church, complete in many ways, lacked electric fixtures. For some time we have been talking about them. The first group to make a move was the Young People. One day Miss O' Neall handed in six dollars that they had made to purchase the first fixture, which will hang nearest the pulpit. When it was announced the men said "We will give one". And the ladies had the proverbial last word "Well, we will give the other two." We hope to have these dreams suspended from our high ceiling by the arrival of the holidays.

**JEFFERSON LADIES WORKING
TOWARDS A DREAM**

For several years the ladies of the Jefferson Church have thought they have looked at their white pine Church plan long enough. They want a hardwood one. So they began to build up a fund for that purpose. They have made more than half enough to purchase it and they have ideas for the remainder.

ERROR IN STATISTICAL TABLE

In our last issue we made a very serious error in the form of an omission. It was in connection with the statistical table on the front page with regard to the Big Ridge report. No new members were listed. There were nine, whose names were carried in another column. This changes the total from 83 to 92 new members received during the Chautauqua season. To these may be added the two new members at Lansing—making 94.

We hoped to blame this error on the printer—but it was our mistake. So we take the blame—with apologies to that congregation.

**VICTOR CLARK BECOMES CLERK
OF LANSING SESSION**

The Session of the Lansing Church reluctantly accepted the resignation of Mr. J. R. Weaver as Clerk of the Session. A stiffening of the joints on the hand has incapacitated Mr. Weaver and it was only at his insistence that he be allowed to give up the place he has held for ten years.

Mr. Victor Clark was elected as the successor of Mr. Weaver.

GIFTS TO BARIUM

Each of our Church or Sunday Schools made a special Thanksgiving offering to Barium as follows:

Jefferson, \$17.38; Jefferson S.S., \$2.08; Boggs S. S., 86c; Big Ridge, \$2.05; Lansing, \$12.50; Gillespie Ch. & S. S., \$2.28; Obids, \$6.50; Foster Memorial, \$2.58.

GIFTS TO BIG RIDGE

In addition to those of the community and a few other friends who gave money for cement for the basement floor the following out-of-the-county friends have made possible some forward work by their gifts in cash: Professor J. E. Bear, Miss Margaret Jenkins, Miss Sallie B. Hunter and Mrs. W. A. Oates.

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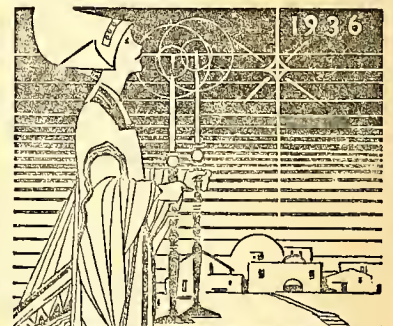
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Christian Chautauqua Schedule for 1937

Rev. J. H. Carter, now of Anderson, S. C., and not Adam, has the distinction of creating the phrase that, since 1925, has been applied to a great forward movement in evangelism and Christian Education. Evangelistic efforts were made at some time during the year. Quite distinct from that many Churches conducted a Daily Vacation Bible School. It occurred to Mr. Carter that these great seasons in the Church's life should be conducted simultaneously. Acting upon his belief he purchased a tent which he dubbed "The Christian Chautauqua Tent." A Christian Chautauqua is a Daily Vacation Bible School and an evangelistic meeting. The plan is to have something of religious interest for every man, woman, youth and child of the community.

Great plans are made each year to keep these up to the great standard that we have been enabled to set. For months ideas and plans have been revolving in several minds for the 1937 Chautauquas. Our readers are asked to pray that this season's endeavors will have the accustomed blessing of God.

DO YOU THIRST?

If you are thirsty for water when you travel highway number 18 which we call the Mulberry Gap Highway, we hope you will stop at our beautiful little spring by the side of the Church.

If you thirst for spiritual things, we hope you will stop in and worship in the little stone Church right by the side of the road.

Reins Brothers at North Wilkesboro have given us a beautiful marble plate to put in the center of the wall of the spring with these beautiful words of Jesus on it: "Jesus said, 'Whoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again, but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst'—John 4:13-14."

Stop sometime, take a good drink of our clear mountain water and read and think of these beautiful words of Jesus.

The unfinished ceiling of the Foster Memorial Church's Sunday School rooms was a thorn in the esthetic sense of Mrs. L. B. Ham. She did something about it and Mrs. Harvey Clark, Miss Aldene Clark, Miss Katherine O'Neill, Messrs. A. L. Carter, F. M. Ham, L. B. Ham and the local Woman's Auxiliary gave the money. The celotex has been ordered.

Mr. Bob Spangle, a Senior of the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, will preach in the West Jefferson Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 4th at 11:00 A. M. At 3:00 P. M. he will preach at Obids and at Big Ridge that night. The public is cordially invited.

Children of the Manse

Much has been said pro and con about ministers' children. Something has been said about the wives of the clergy. Ministers have not been exempt either from blame or praise.

The purport of this article is to introduce to Ashe Presbyterian readers the three little girls who live in the two Manses in Ashe County.

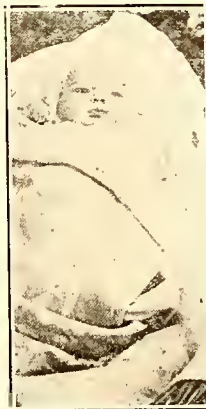
Until recent years it had been a long time since there was a baby in an Ashe County Manse. Rev. Al-



Mary Frances Luke



Martha Blackwell Stone



Mary Hamlin Stone

len Jones III of Kerns-town, Va., son of Rev. and Mrs. Allen Jones, formerly of Jefferson, was born in Jefferson. The Jones family lived in the house now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. and Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Scott in Jefferson.

Years and years—more than a quarter of a century—rolled by and then Baby D. F. Helm, Jr., was born in 1933 to gladden the hearts of an Ashe County minister and his wife. In August 1934 little Mary Frances Luke arrived. In October of that same year Martha Blackwell Stone was on the scene. The last arrival is Baby Mary Hamlin Stone to whom "Hello" was first said in December 1936.

SCHEDULE FOR 1937 CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUAS

Gillespie	May 9-23
Foster Memorial	May 26-June 9
Obids	May 30-June 13
New River	June 13-27
Lansing	June 30-July 14
Jefferson	July 18-August 1
Big Ridge	August 4-18
Deep Cut	May 3-10
Glendale Springs	May 12-22
Low Gap	May 24-June 6
Laurel Forks	June 8-21
Bethel	June 23-July 4
Peak Creek	July 5-18
West Jefferson	July 21-August 3
Millers	August 5-14
Ebenezer	August 19-30

The Young People of the Winston-Salem Presbytery met in Lexington for their Spring Rally, Saturday, March 13 at 10:30. The young people brought their lunch and spent the day.

Big Ridge Library Is a Great Success

More lamp oil is being used in the Big Ridge section now than ever before. The reason is—BOOKS. Wonderful new books with new lands, new people, new things, new thoughts, new truth—tales of far away and long ago—books circulated from the Big Ridge Presbyterian library, are widening the horizons of our minds.

The 500 books are comfortably and artistically established in their home in the lovely little wing library of the Church. The sunlight slants in thru stained glass windows to caress them and the firelight plays softly over their bright oil-cloth coverings, rejoicing with them in their new home. And happy boys and girls come and find new worlds in them.

More books—and what thrilling and exciting ones—"The White Queen of Okoyong", "Uganda", "Hudson Taylor", "Christ of the Round Table", and others. For a whole month, our own library was enriched by these traveling ones, which visited with us. They visited many homes, about 30 in all, and divided their time between two communities—Big Ridge and Boggs, and at the end of their visit, several young people had almost completed their twelve books for the "African Reading Course". We are indebted to the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions.

Cement Floor at Big Ridge

With the return of the frogs and robins, the members of the Big Ridge Church have shown renewed interest in the completion of their church by finishing the cement floor of the basement and pouring the steps to the library. The material for this work was made possible by the emptying of the Woman's Auxiliary treasury and by the contribution of a dollar by a few members of the church.

This is just one more little step on to the finished and perfect "Dream", yet it adds its touch of beauty to the lovely "whole" and is another cause for rejoicing and a challenge to a finer service—for Him.

Guest speakers at our services on April 4th will be Rev. John Martin and a group of his men from Bristol. They will be at Jefferson at 10:00 A. M., at Lansing for the 11:15 A. M. service and at Gillespie for the service at 2:00 P. M.

The Jefferson congregation is making a drive within its membership for \$65 to apply on their indebtedness to the Synod's Home Mission Committee for a loan for the construction of their Manse.

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EDITORIAL**Mud and Religion**

What muddy months January, February and a part of March were! Temptations came to ministers and workers and other members not to attend the services. Too many said "You can't make it. The mud is too deep. The roads are impassable." But in most cases the Fords saw us through and we found a faithful and loyal group of people whose religious zeal would not be interfered with by mud.

En route to Peak Creek for a morning service the car in which Mr. Luke and Miss Calhoun were riding mired down too deep for mere human skill unaided by mechanical power. During the wait for a caterpillar to get the car out the radio was turned on and the installation service of Rev. John A. Redhead, Jr., in the Second Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, was received. Mr. Luke expressed the wish that his radio might have been a transmitter for the Charlotte congregation would have enjoyed a description of their plight.

**JEFFERSON WELCOMES FOUR
NEW MEMBERS**

On the Sabbath preceding Easter the session of the Church received into the membership of the Church Mrs. Glenn Neal by statement and following came by profession of their faith and baptism: Mrs. Gwyn P. Little, Mrs. Marvin May and Miss Mildred May (the two latter are mother and daughter). A communion service was held during the service.

**FINISHING TOUCHES ON BETHEL
CHURCH CONTINUE**

Every Friday of each week finds some of us working at the carpenter trade inside of Bethel Church. Bethel Church is the only rock Church of any denomination in Wilkes County and it is a pretty one too. We are trying to make the inside as beautiful as the outside. After the work on the Church, the pastor, J. W. Luke, holds a service of worship.

DATES YOU WANT TO KNOW

Presbytery at Reynolda, April 13, 14.
Presbyterial at North Wilkesboro,
April 20, 21.

Davidson Conference, June 15-21.
Y. P. Conference at Glade Valley,
July 19-23.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION
AT LOW GAP CHURCH**

A splendid Young People's organization was effected in the Low Gap Church Friday evening March 12th.

This group of young people is a most enthusiastic and promising one. We feel that this will be an active, growing organization. A very encouraging feature about this activity is the interest that is being shown on the part of the adults as well.

We are expecting great things of the Low Gap young people. We believe they are going to make their lovely little Church a power that will move that entire community. Help them develop by your prayers.

WORK RESUMED AT OBIDS

With the coming of the March weather which dried up much of the mud the work on the Obids Church was resumed with a vengeance. Men began lining up forms for concrete and trucks were conveying rock, sand, cement and water. Just one-half day's work and the concrete up to the first floor will have been poured. The building will be pushed to a stage of completion which will permit the holding of the Christian Chautauqua within its walls.

Those who have made gifts in money since the last issue are: Messrs. C. R. and Clayton Jackson, and Miss Beulah Welch and Mr. Rufus Parsons. Quite a number have furnished labor and materials.

WE ARE THANKFUL

Those who have sent us help for the Manse since the last issue of the "Ashe Presbyterian" are these and we are truly thankful for them.

Mrs. Clarence Stone, Miss Grace K. Ramsey, Dr. Henry G. Bedinger, Miss Anna Riddle, Miss Kate Riddle, Miss Goodell, Mrs. N. H. Wright, Mrs. J. T. Hay, Mrs. Carl Harris and Sunday School Class Number 3 of the First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., Miss Edna G. Maslin, Mrs. W. H. Bogart, treasurer of Woman's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, N. C., and circles Nos. 1, 8, 10 and 5, Mr. A. C. Port. We are very grateful to the Church members of our field who have so generously contributed to the Manse of their pastor.

BOY SCOUTS OF WEST JEFFERSON

Monday nights have been the scout nights for the boys of West Jefferson. The meeting place is in the basement of the Presbyterian Church with J. W. Luke as scoutmaster.

Some of the activities may be of interest to our readers. Recently a ping pong table was made and lively games are played most every Monday night. Coat hangers were collected for the Red Cross—a deed of service. Monday 23rd a picnic was held on the top of Nigger Mountain. One of the most interesting programs was that held before the American Legion. In this exhibition the boys gave a short demonstration of the Scout work.

**Y. P. ORGANIZE IN THE WEST
JEFFERSON CHURCH**

On Wednesday evening March 24th a fine group of young people met in the Presbyterian Church at West Jefferson and under the direction of Miss Calhoun, a fine organization of that group was formed. This is an energetic working group and we believe this organization will mean growth and strength to their Church as well as to themselves. We shall be interested in observing their development.

MANSE AT GLENDALE SPRINGS

All winter the Manse at Glendale Springs which serves the field of Rev. J. W. Luke has been unfinished. The house which was bought has been remodeled with new roof and a concrete underpinning which forms a good cellar. Much of the inside of the house is uncanceled or walled yet we have kept dry and fairly warm this winter.

This spring Presbytery and Synod have promised to help us complete paying for the property if we will raise \$200. We hope to do this in the near future if the members and friends of the work will continue to help as they have.

Building paper and old weather boarding cover part of the house. Some of the outside is not covered at all. We did not have funds to veneer the building and the weather was too bad to go farther this past winter. We are now hoping and praying for funds to brick veneer the Manse as spring weather sets in.

If any of our friends would like to put a few brick between us and the northwind remember only four cents will lay one brick. We are anxious to complete this work before the busy Christian Chautauquas begin.

DEDICATION OF GIFTS

We are trying to make our Every Member Canvass this year a distinct spiritual one. At special services for this purpose we are asking each member to dedicate his or her pledge to our Lord.

As our Churches are in the country the God's Acre Plan is in full swing. Two of the Churches are working on a project of planting potatoes. Others at some Churches are setting eggs for their Church as well as raising patches which they hope will bring profit to their Church.

One of the men is dedicating an article in his store to the Lord's work. The profit from this article will be given to the Saviour's work. We hope others will take up the example of these and individually dedicate something to our Lord's work for the coming year of 1937-38.

The Presbyterian Hospital, in Charlotte, has its plans drawn and the campaign is on to raise \$400,000.00 to add to their already large and splendid hospital. Charlotte is one of the finest medical centers in the State and this new unit will greatly add to the facilities of Charlotte for hospitalization. Many people from Ashe have found health and healing in the present building "dedicated to the glory of God for the scientific healing of the sick."

Easter Programs

Our Ashe County Young People do not prepare for Easter by replenishing their wardrobes but by renewing their minds and hearts. For this purpose, the young people at Boggs and Big Ridge are presenting a lovely Easter pageant, "The Things That Are Caesar's" by Dorothy Clarke Wilson. The spirit of the Christ and His powerful influence on personality are the predominant impressions of the play.

The cast is made up of young people from both Leagues, Boggs and Big Ridge: Earl Farrington, Paul Bowers, Beryl Smith, Bryan Smith, Sid Lyall, Sibyl Bare, and Wava Farrington. On Wednesday night, March 24 the Easter service will be held at Boggs and on Easter Sunday night at Big Ridge. The two communities are cordially invited to share the Resurrection truth with us in these services.

Preaching in Africa

A few months ago one of the Lansing Church officers made the remark that he was glad that he was a Presbyterian because he is allowed to preach. He then told how he is preaching. He said that he is preaching right now through a native evangelist he helps to support.

During the last church year Ashe County Presbyterians contributed enough to support a native evangelist in Africa in a station where the Gospel had never been preached. The Lansing Church wishes to continue this good work by raising the required \$35 which will keep this man in the field for next year. This special offering will be received in Lansing on Easter Sunday and it is hoped that it will amount to \$35. In this way, all the Lansing Church members may "preach" the Gospel in far-away Africa.

Stewardship Plays

In preparation for the Every Member Canvass to be conducted in the churches, Lansing, Gillespie and possibly Foster Memorial will present the stewardship play, "The Lord's Acre" by Elliot Field. The theme of this play is the courage of consecrated giving by those who struggle to live by the soil. It carries a splendid message which will be appreciated by both old and young alike.

The play will be presented at Lansing Friday night, April 2, at 7:30 by the following cast: Misses Ruby Huder, Maggie Sapp and Estella Blevins, and Messrs. J. O. Blevins and Walter Osborne. Wednesday night, March 31, at 7:30 the following will present the play at Gillespie: Misses Pearl Ham, Mary Gambill and Henriella Calhoun, and Messrs. Vance Miller and Howard Eldreth.

Plans are being made by the Young Peoples' Leagues of Big Ridge and Boggs to drive to Winston-Salem to the Sunrise Easter service of the Moravian Church, and "very early in the morning"—"at the rising of the sun", to drive back, inspired and strengthened, to our beloved mountains and our own dear Sunday Schools.

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Miss Lois Calhoun is a splendid assistant to Rev. J. W. Luke. Since the first of the year she has organized two Young People's Societies. (The Manse at Glendale Springs is in the background.)

Books!

A good book, well read, is like a good friend: it leaves its mark for good upon our characters. During the last year a great interest in reading has been shown. The Lansing Presbyterian Library is being used constantly. The new budget includes a book fund of \$3.00. A traveling library from the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions was greatly enjoyed during the Lansing School of Missions.

The enthusiasm for reading at Lansing has spread to the Gillespie Church. The Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. Howard Eldreth, seeing the need of a library there, has collected more than 150 excellent books from the following places: Library of Lees-McRae College, Executive Committee of Home Missions, Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, Dr. Henry W. McLaughlin, Director of Country Church Work and S. S. Extension, and Dr. D. Clay Lilly, Reynolda Presbyterian Church. We are greatly indebted to these who have made this Library possible. The books are being read and enjoyed by a large number of boys and girls and older people.

WE ARE THANKFUL

Some of the students from the field of J. W. Luke are very grateful to Mrs. W. Y. Preyer, Mrs. John L. King and Mrs. Carl I. Carlson for help in sending them to Glade Valley High School. All of these students are working part of their way and they appreciate the splendid backing these ladies have given them. I am sure each student will do their best work to show appreciation for the interest these ladies have shown in them.

The Home Mission Committee of Holston Presbytery has recently purchased a lot on Howard Street in Boone. It is located across from the entrance to the cemetery. A Church will be erected upon this lovely site.

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Piephoffs Conduct Chautauquas

The Christian Chautauquas began and have continued progressing on schedule. The opening Chautauqua in the western part of the County began on Sunday afternoon in the Gillespie Church. After a service or two Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, of Williamston, N. C., came and began a series of services which were gripping and stirring. Fine congregations heard him each night. One of the features was a story with a moral or spiritual application each time for the children. At the conclusion of the meeting James Miller was received into the membership of the Church by baptism.

On May 10th the Bible School department began under the direction of Miss Kathryn Hunt, who taught the Young People. She was assisted by Miss Ruby Hudler, song leader and teacher of the Juniors, Miss Mary Shepherd, teacher of the Primaries, Mrs. L. F. Cowan, teacher of the Beginners and Miss Marie Clark was the pianist.

This year we began an experiment with a view to helping the women and girls with some instruction in practical nursing. This course was taught in the afternoons by Mrs. Cowan, a graduate nurse. Twenty-nine were enrolled in the nursing class. The day a hypodermic was given to a lemon was one of the most interesting.

In the Bible School there was an enrollment of 96, an average attendance of 62, and 29 attending every day. In the Bible reading contest the women won. A total of 695 chapters were reported read.

Foster Memorial Chautauqua

The morning of May 26 brought boys and girls and young people from their play and from their work to the Christian Chautauqua of the Foster Memorial Church. The Bible School was conducted by the dean of the summer's work—Miss Kathryn Hunt, assisted by Misses Ruby Hudler, Mary Shepherd, Virginia Yates, and Mrs. L. F. Cowan. This was Miss Yates' first trip to the Garden of Eden. She is a senior in Flora MacDonald College and is the daughter of missionaries to China. New and interesting touches were given to the Chautauqua programs as she appeared in the Chinese dress, with chop sticks and a bowl of food, and as she sang old Chinese melodies.

There was an innovation in the commencement exercises. Instead of having the program in a morning hour it was given in the last three nights of the meeting—just preceding the sermon. We liked this so because the people generally come to a larger appreciation of the Chautauqua and we will have other commencement programs to conform to this plan.

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Lansing, Jefferson Have Fine Plans

On June 30th the Christian Chautauqua will begin at 9:00 A. M. in Lansing under a new canvas tent that has never been stretched. A fine faculty has been secured. A bus will operate between Warrensville and Mr. I. S. Stuart's.

Thursday night Dr. R. S. McLees, the famous blind evangelist, of Chatham, Va., will begin his ministry and will continue throughout the meeting. Our Chautauqua is indeed fortunate in securing one so eminent and of such great power.

July 18th is the opening day of the Chautauqua in Jefferson. Dr. Robert King, noted evangelist and Bible teacher, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City, has consented to conduct the services for us. Dr. King was the preacher at Lansing last year.

A bus will bring students to the Bible School from Smethport and cars will be operated in other directions. An excellent faculty is assured for this school also. The tent will be used.

The Big Ridge Chautauqua is to be held on Aug. 4-18. Miss Kathryn Hunt will direct the Bible School and will have a fine corps of teachers assisting her.

Guerard Here for Summer

Mr. Allen D. Guerard, of Greenwood, S. C., and of the Middle Class of Union Theological, is here for the summer. He is making his home in the Manse at Jefferson and is preaching in the Churches that are served from Jefferson as a base of operations. He is making many friends and the congregations like his sermons.

Quarter's Activities in Pictures

Since the last issue of The Ashe Presbyterian there has been much activity. The pictures below reveal some of them. My! How things did hum when we began again on the Obids Church shown in the first panel below. In a later issue we will show you a picture of the front of the completed Church. At the other end of the picture panel is the newly brick veneered Manse at Glendale Springs occupied by Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Luke. We rejoice that their home has become more commodious, more beautiful and more comfortable.

Between these two are pictures of Bible Schools. Mr. Luke began using his tent at the beginning. The weather conditions prevented the use of the other tent in the first Chautauquas.

In the Midst of Chautauqua

When you went swimming this summer you probably plunged into the water before you had time to think how cold it would feel. In some such way we dived into a big schedule of nine Chautauquas for the summer. We are now swimming strong in the midst of the program. Here we give you some news of the Chautauquas in the tent used by Rev. J. W. Luke in eastern Ashe and part of Wilkes Counties.

Deep Cut—May 3-10

Teachers—Misses Ona Darnell, Eula Miller, Dare Bonard.

Preacher—Rev. W. C. Cooper, Mocksville, N. C.

Attendance, 44; enrollment, 33; average attendance, 23; perfect attendance, 10.

There is no Church at Deep Cut but the Chautauqua is held under the auspices of Bethel Church. The meeting was shorter than some of the others yet it was marked by splendid preaching.

The teachers did fine work in spite of the short school. During the meeting the Boy Scouts from West Jefferson camped all night in the tent and a troop from North Wilkesboro gave a demonstration of scout work. The meeting was one of the best we have ever had at Deep Cut.

Glendale Springs—May 12-22

Teachers—Misses Ona Darnell, Eula Miller, Lois Calhoun. Helpers—Julia Davis, Hazel Woodie, Mrs. J. W. Luke.

Preacher—Rev. R. L. Berry, Sparta, N. C.

Attendance, 82; enrollment, 63, average attendance, 47; perfect attendance, 18.

We have no Church at Glendale Springs but the Chautauqua is held under auspices of Ebenezer Church just four miles away.

This was the largest Bible School we have had at this point. There were many who reconsecrated their lives and two who made confessions at the meeting.

Low Gap—May 24-June 6

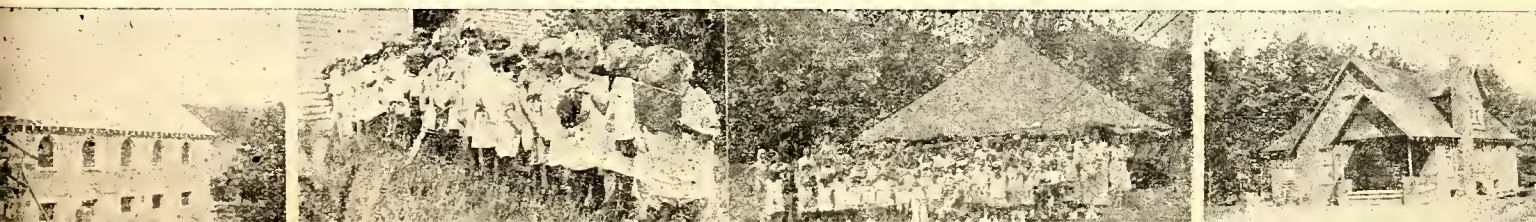
Teachers—Misses Lois Calhoun, Ona Darnell, Mr. H. B. Foran. Helpers—Juanita Darnell.

Preacher—Rev. Cecil Lawrence, Varina, N. C.

Attendance, 96; enrollment, 67; average attendance, 44; perfect attendance, 14.

We had a fine meeting and besides reconsecrations there were seven professions. Five of these united with the Church and one by reinstatement. Mr. Lawrence could not stay until the meeting was closed so Messrs. Foran and Luke completed the meeting.

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Editorial

In the midst of our Chautauqua schedule we pause to ask our readers to pray for God's continued blessing upon the work and for the gift of a rich harvest of souls.

The same characteristic of former years is evident again this year. We refer to the fine young characters who volunteer to do such a splendid work in the Bible Schools and to the ministers who come and preach for us. This is a splendid tonic for one whose thinking leads him to believe that this is a wholly materialistic age. Far from it. Some people are as unselfish, as cooperative, as sacrificial today as in any age.

COOPERATION

The giver of the first money to the Foster Memorial Church recently made an enjoyable trip to that Church which has for a sub-title—The Cashion Chapel.—Soon afterwards in a reflective mood he said of the Church—"It represents a whole lot of cooperation, a good deal of money and a lot of religion." That is so of all of the work that is carried on through our Churches.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE

We congratulate Davidson College upon its hundred years of continuous service in preparing men for life. Her sons have achieved eminence in most of the leading phases of activity—medicine, law, education, agriculture, big business, and the Gospel Ministry. Thousands have gone through its historic walls and have impressed upon them the Davidson stamp of honor, integrity and religion. Davidson is in a class almost to itself. It has grown from a small student body to a great plant with a student body of more than 600 students from many states and foreign countries. Its academic standing is higher than any college for men in North Carolina.

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Long live Davidson! May its usefulness continue to bless the world.

Beatrice Clark, of the Foster Memorial Church, has recited the Child's Catechism and received a lovely reward Testament.

Growth

Fourteen years ago there were within Ashe County three Presbyterian Churches and one other that had been recently organized. There were 82 members. The report to the General Assembly this year reveals some interesting figures: there are 13 organizations (including the two that Rev. J. W. Luke has organized in Wilkes county) and 12 buildings. There is a membership of 850—an increase of 936%. Last year 102 were added to the Churches—of these 88 were received by profession of faith in Christ and baptism. Enrolled in our Sunday Schools are 733. Our Churches are growing in the grace of stewardship. The last Every Member Canvass was the best we ever had. On His hillsides the Lord has a number of turkeys and chickens and sheep that are growing to extend His Kingdom in the earth. Last year we gave \$120.00 to the Presbyterian Orphans' Home. Every benevolent cause received a contribution from our work.

The statistical table shows that there are within the Presbytery of Winston-Salem 27 ministers, 150 Elders, 166 Deacons, 4756 members with a Sabbath School enrollment of 4428.

DR. D. CLAY LILLY MODERATOR OF ASSEMBLY

The Seventy-Sixth Meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States in its meeting at Montreat in May bestowed the greatest honor within its power to a great North Carolinian—Dr. D. Clay Lilly, pastor of the Reynolda Presbyterian Church. Dr. Lilly has served his denomination in a number of ways—and always effectively and well. He is the author of the study book that was used during the year of Jubilee Celebration.

We rejoice that this great pastor, author, preacher, thinker and servant of God should have this coveted honor. Dr. Lilly is eminently worthy of the Moderatorship and will execute his duties with wisdom and fairness.

COMING OUT OF THE DEPRESSION

Our great Executive Committees are coming up out of the depression. The past year was a good one. The Assembly's Home Mission Committee announced that its debt, an ugly thing, had been paid. The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief came out last year. The Foreign Mission Committee made a great reduction in their obligations.

There is cause for rejoicing as the people of God are again willing and able to support the great enterprises of the Kingdom. There was an increase over the preceding year of about 14% in gifts to benevolences. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

MR. HOWARD FORAN

This year has been the first year we have had a Louisville Seminary man in the county. Mr. Howard Foran who is a first year man at Louisville is helping Rev. J. W. Luke with appointments and Chautauquas. Mr. Foran is a splendid musician as well as preacher and is doing good work.

AN OBLIGATION, PRAYER AND PROVIDENCE

For a number of years the Lansing Church did not have a sufficient number of circle top transoms to go above the lovely, leaded glass windows in its auditorium. Some ceiling, tacked together, and hardoiled, served as a weather breaker for almost ten years. The one to whom this gave the greatest concern was Mr. J. O. Bevins, then a Deacon.

Consequently in 1936 one of the real ones was taken out for a pattern and sent away. Within a few weeks it came back along with the new ones. Lovely! But the breath-taking thing was an invoice for twice what we thought it should be—in excess of \$90.00. Where was the money coming from? That was of concern to Mr. Bevins.

He confesses that it troubled him. He couldn't sleep for a time. The whole matter was taken to God in prayer. Next morning it was clear what he would do. The obligation would be met by selling a car load of locust posts. But where were they to come from? The Lord led him to a man who took pride in his locust timber and of the fact that he had never allowed a man to put an axe in it.

Mr. Bevins made an offer to the man and said you can let me know. He drove up and turned around. While he was making the turn the man was talking to his wife about the offer. Mr. Bevins was stopped and the offer accepted. A car load of posts was secured. When all costs of cutting and hauling were paid there was a profit of the transom bill and about a dollar more.

There was a demand for more posts. But not another boundary could be purchased. Mr. Bevins believes that God knew the need of the Church, that God heard his prayer, that God led him to a man who was in need of some extra money, and that an act of Providence got the debt paid.

God does hear prayer and it is manifestly true as we sing:

"What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear;
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in pray'r!

DAVIDSON Y. P. CONFERENCE

Two young people from the Low Gap Young People's League attended the conference at Davidson this year: Miss Ona Darnell and Azalea Bare. They have reported a wonderful time and have a splendid report to make to the Young People at Low Gap. Miss Calhoun has been very efficient in keeping this league active as well as the Young People in the West Jefferson Church.

In the Bible School of the Foster Memorial Chautauqua 68 were enrolled with an average attendance of 45 and 21 came every day. In the Gospel of Matthew 1738 chapters were read.

Rev. J. W. Luke will continue his Chautauquas according to the schedule as published in the March issue: Peak Creek July 5-18; West Jefferson July 21-Aug. 3rd; Millers August 5-14; Ebenezer August 19-30.

Charged With Murder

"Prisoner at the bar, have you anything to say why sentence of death should not be passed upon you?"

A solemn hush fell over the crowded courtroom, and every person waited in almost breathless expectation for the answer to the judge's question.

The judge waited with a dignified silence.

Not a whisper was heard anywhere, and the situation had become painfully oppressive, when the prisoner was seen to move, his head raised, his hand clenched, and the blood rushed into his dull, careworn face.

"I have! Your honor, you have asked me a question, and now I ask, as the last favor on earth, that you will not interrupt my answer until I am through.

"I stand here, before this bar, convicted of the wilful murder of my wife. Truthful witnesses have testified to the fact that I was a loafer, a drunkard, a wretch, that I returned from one of my prolonged debauches and fired the fatal shot that killed the wife that I had sworn to love, cherish and protect.

"While I have no remembrance of committing the fatal deed, I have no right to condemn the verdict of the twelve good men who have acted as jury in this case, for the verdict is in accordance with the evidence.

"But may it please the court, I wish to show that I am not alone responsible for the murder of my wife."

The startling statement created a tremendous sensation. The judge leaned over the desk, the lawyers wheeled around and faced the prisoner, while the spectators could hardly suppress their intense excitement.

The prisoner paused a few seconds and then continued in the same firm, distinct voice:

"I repeat, your honor, that I am not the only one guilty of the murder of my wife.

"The judge on this bench, the jury in the box, the lawyers within the bar, and most of the witnesses, including the pastor of the old church, are also guilty before Almighty God, and will have to stand with me before His Judgment Throne, where we shall be righteously judged.

"If it had not been for the saloons of my town, I never would have become a drunkard, my wife would not have been murdered, I would not be here now, ready to be hurled into eternity! Had it not been for the inhuman traps, I would have been a sober man and an industrious workman, a tender father and a loving husband. But today my home is destroyed, my wife murdered, my little children—God bless and care for them—cast out upon the mercy of the world!—whilst I am to be hung by the strong arm of the State!

"God knows I tried to reform, but as long as the open saloon was in my pathway, my weak, diseased, willpower was no match against the fearful, consuming, agonizing appetite for liquor. For one year our town was without a

saloon. For one year my wife and children were happy and our little home was a paradise.

"I was one of those who signed remonstrances against the re-opening of the saloons of our town. One-half of this jury, the prosecuting attorney on this case, and the judge who sits on this bench, all voted for the saloons! By their votes and influence the saloons were re-opened, and they made me what I am!"

The impassioned words of the prisoner fell like coals of fire upon the hearts of those present, and many of the spectators and some of the lawyers were moved to tears.

The Judge made a motion as if to stop further speech, when the prisoner hastily said:

"No! No! your honor, do not close my lips. I am nearly through.

"I began my downward career at a saloon bar—legalized and protected by the voters of this town. After the saloons you allowed have made me a drunkard and a murderer, I am taken before another Bar—the Bar of Justice, and now the Law Power will conduct me to the place of execution, and hasten my soul to Eternity. I shall appear before another Bar—the Judgment Bar of God—and there you, who have legalized the traffic will have to appear with me! Think you that the Great Judge will hold me, the poor, weak, helpless victim of your traffic, alone responsible for the murder of my wife?"

"Nay!

"In my drunken frenzied irresponsible condition I have murdered one, but you have deliberately voted for the saloons which have murdered thousands, and they are in full operation today with your consent.

"All of you know in your hearts that these words of mine are not the ravings of an unsound mind, but God Almighty's truth.

"You legalized the saloons and made me a drunkard and a murderer, and you are guilty with me before God for the murder of my wife.

"Your honor, I am done. I am now ready to receive my sentence and be led forth to the place of execution. You will close by asking the Lord to have mercy on my soul. I will close by solemnly asking God to open your blind eyes to your own individual responsibility, so that you will cease to give your support to this dreadful traffic."

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Miss O'Neill Is Recuperating

Miss Katherine O'Neill is now in Greenville, S. C., where she is recuperating from a series of major operations which she underwent when a patient in the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte. This illness came upon her before the opening of the Chautauqua season. Miss Kathryn Hunt has been directing the Bible Schools in her stead.

As soon as her strength is regained and her physician gives his permission Miss O'Neill will return to her duties.

Prohibition

We are glad to furnish this page to the cause of prohibition. Christians should be opposed to the sale of beer, win, liquor and other alcoholic beverages. Our Ashe County Commissioners are not going to call an election for ABC stores. They are honorable men who see the evils of the strong drink and would not prostitute the life of the county's people for a bit of paltry revenue, which would pauperize the county through a weekend citizenship, tempted by the saloons to squander their money, morals and life.

Ashe County voted about 3 to 1 against the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. Should the wets get a vote here now there would even be a harder fight for prohibition.

Doctors Speak About Liquor

Dr. B. E. Reeves, a leading practitioner of Ashe County, does not prescribe liquor as a medicine, or a tonic or for anything. He finds no place for it in medicine. One of the best prohibition lectures we have heard was given in an undertaker's home at three o'clock one Monday morning while Dr. Reeves was swabbing the bruises and wounds of some drunks upon whom their car had been overturned.

Dr. J. B. Wright a leading physician of Raleigh, says "Alcohol is a habit-forming poison and when the habit is once formed only the grace of God can break it."

A Lawyer Speaks

One of the lawyers of our county who has had some part in prosecuting or defending practically all of the brutal and horrible murder cases of the county within the last eight years says that with one exception a bottle of liquor has been at the root of the trouble.

What Can Be Done About It?

We can all leave it alone. We can despise the stuff and refuse to patronize the places that sell beer and wine. We can speak against it and picture its horrors to the young. We can keep our eyes open to the increased crime in counties that have been the farcically called county control. We can see that our votes are cast for officers and representatives who are for the cause of prohibition. The minds of the majority of the State Senate's Judiciary Committee, before whom a hearing was allowed for a state wide referendum, were sealed as tight as the contents of a tin can. We can vote for men who want to allow the majority to have their way. Before this committee our professedly dry governor did not appear, nor did he open his mouth when he could have helped to lead some blind men who were leading North Carolina.

Alcohol is public enemy number one. We will fight him to the very last. Every Christian and every right thinking person should enlist under the banner that is being carried against John Barleycorn and his fiends of hell.

Our good friend Mr. A. A. Cashion has given us a case of palm leaf fans—the best we ever saw—for our Churches. Worshipers in our congregations will be very grateful to this gentleman.

The New Manse at Glendale Springs

The picture of the new manse in this issue will give you some idea how the little home bought by Presbytery and Synod for this field was remodeled.

Let us tell you how the house was transformed. We changed the house in every way except turning it over.

Three new rooms were built to the house to accomodate Bible School workers as well as our family. The house was jacked up a foot and a half higher from the ground. A cellar was dug under the house and the whole house was underpinned with concrete, making a good space under it. The rafters were taken off and new rafters, set at a 45 degree slope, were put on with a new roof. The last work we did was to brick veneer and build a chimney.

Although the manse is in pretty good living condition, still it is not complete. Its incompleteness consists in a debt which we had to make in pressing the work forward when we had no funds. Four rooms are not completed. Two rooms upstairs lack ceiling, walls, and flooring. Two downstairs rooms lack walls. We hope we can finish these details this summer and fall with some help from our generous friends. Thanks to all who have helped in any way, and come to the mountains to see us sometime at Glendale Springs, N. C.

HOW FAR DID THEY WALK?

In the Christian Chautauqua at Low Gap—May 24-June 6th, the Misses Darnells walked a considerably long distance during the meeting. Some one figured just the distance they walked to the tent from their home during the Chautauqua. Would you like a little problem in arithmetic?

The distance to the tent from their home is three miles. They made a trip in the morning to take an active part in the Vacation Bible School, and then returned home. They also made another trip to the night service and back home again—every evening. The meeting continued from May 24 through June 6th inclusive and they made the trips every day of the meeting. How far did one walk? How far did two of them walk during the meeting? This is a true problem. Work it out and see how far some of us walk to meetings. If you care to check up on it, send the answer to Rev. J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, N. C.

BETHEL CHURCH COMPLETED

It is with great pleasure we announce the Bethel Church in Wilkes County is completed on the inside. It is the only stone Church of any denomination in Wilkes County. It has recently been finished with a good knotty pine finish on the inside and is beautiful.

PAGEANT AT LOW GAP

The young people of the Church, of Low Gap, will present on Sunday evening, June 27th a pageant entitled "The Hidden Cross," showing how young people of today allow worldly attractions to hide their cross. The cast of characters have been well chosen, and

with the candle light effect this will be a lovely pageant.

This young people's organization is doing a splendid piece of work. We are indeed proud of them. The two representatives to the Davidson Young People's conference were greatly helped and inspired by the conference.



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Davenport Conducts Two Meetings

The Obids Chautauqua, a bit late in schedule, began on Sunday morning, June 13th with a sermon by Rev. R. K. Davenport, the new evangelist of the Synod of North Carolina. He was assisted by Mr. Russell Buffaloe, of Raleigh, and a Middler in Union Theological Seminary. Mr. Buffaloe led the congregation in song and sang solos.

Due to a conflict the meeting lasted only eight days. The congregations were delighted with the practical, inspiring and spiritual messages in sermon and song. Miss Wilma Parsons was baptized and received into the Church on the last night, preceding the observance of the Lord's Supper.

The Bible School is being conducted by Miss Julia Finley, of North Wilkesboro, and the Assembly's Training School and she is assisted by Miss Beulah Welch, of Derita, and by Mr. Russell Buffaloe. There was a fine interest in the Bible School.

Sixty-five were enrolled in the School with an average attendance of 40 and 17 certificates were awarded for perfect attendance. In the Gospel of Luke 309 chapters were read.

Opening simultaneously with the Obids Bible School was the one at New River School, Fig, N. C., under the direction of Miss Kathryn Hunt, assisted by Misses Virginia Yates and Mary Shepherd. The statistics are incomplete as we go to press, but 42 have been enrolled in the Bible School.

While Rev. R. K. Davenport was concluding the Chautauqua at Obids Mr. Buffaloe began preaching in the gymnasium of the New River School. On Monday night Mr. Davenport continued the services and as we go to press the congregations are becoming larger each night. The people there are appreciative of the work of the Bible School teachers and of the ministry of Rev. R. K. Davenport and of Mr. Buffaloe.

IN THE MIDST OF CHAUTAUQUAS (Continued From Page 1)

Bethel—June 8-20

Teachers—Misses Lois Calhoun, Margaret Hansel, Mr. J. H. Ostwalt, Mr. H. B. Foran.

Preacher—Dr. E. E. Gillespie, Greensboro, N. C.

Attendance, 38; enrollment, 36; average attendance, 30; perfect attendance, 21.

The meeting was opened by Rev. J. W. Luke and Howard Foran and Dr. E. E. Gillespie continued the majority of the meeting. Storms flooded the creeks so that foot logs were washed away and people could not get to the tent. The storms cut down our crowd for some services but the meeting was a real success. There were many who reconsecrated their lives to the Lord and one made a profession of faith in Christ and united with the Church.

Laurel Forks—June 22-July 4

Teachers—Misses Lois Calhoun, Margaret Hansel, Mr. J. H. Ostwalt, H. B. Foran.

Preacher—Rev. Watt M. Cooper will preach after the first few days.

This Chautauqua is now in progress. It has started well and we are praying for a great meeting. The next paper will give you the rest of the news from this tent.

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Obids Folk Worship in New Edifice

The people of the Obids Church and community are happy to be in their new, but incomplete, sanctuary. On the first day of September 1936 three Presbyterian elders, a deacon and a minister began the work of tearing down. Circumstances over which we had no control prevented the Thanksgiving service from being held there. The first service was held on May 30th by Rev. W. G. Thomas, of Ellerbe, N. C. The next service was the opening of the Christian Chautauqua.

The brick work has been completed, an asbestos shingle roof has been put on, the windows and doors are in and a good meeting was held there. Much remains to be done and we hope to soon begin again—as we hope that funds will be given.

The people of the community have given labor, lumber, other materials and money. Those who have given money are Miss Vivian Parsons, Messrs. Jesse Baker, J. R. Finley, Nello L. Teer, T. P. Johnston, The Belk Memorial Fund, Mesdames M. W. Norfleet, T. J. Bare, Lonnie Liddle, S. Wilson Gray, J. H. Harper, Senah Kent and the Meadows Mill Co. The Pine Hall Brick Company gave half of the brick, The Wilkesboro Manufacturing Co. gave the front doors and the Reins Brothers Monument Co. did the lettering on a large rock which came from the cliff at the "Jumping Off Road." The stone, placed in the front wall, has this for its message—Obids Presbyterian Church—Organized 1904—Rebuilt 1937. Mr. J. C. Crawford has given much of the lumber and Mr. R. S. McNeill's truck has been dependable for much hauling. The windows were once in Watts' Chapel of Union Seminary. If they could talk they could tell of some great preaching by Dr. W. W. Moore, Dr. Theron Rice, Dr. E. C. Caldwell, Dr. Thomas Cary Johnson and a host of others.

We are so very grateful to all of those who have made this progress possible. These gifts have been made to go a long way and will remain as an enduring monument and a worthwhile investment in Christian character.

Our hope is that others will come to our rescue and enable us to floor the basement with concrete, put down a hardwood floor upstairs and thoroughly finish the Church.

CONDUCT CHAUTAUQUAS (Continued From Page 1)

Just from the General Assembly came Rev. C. E. Piephoff, of Greenville, S. C., equally popular with his brother—the preceding pulpiteer, to minister to appreciative audiences each night. The concluding service was crowned with the blessing of sitting together at the Lord's Table.

A Separate Person

One of our young elders took a position and the proprietor would not let him off on Sunday for Church. Our elder quit his job. We glory in this. Here is a young man who honors God and His Commandments. Christians are a separate people. They are different. Not all Church members, however, are Christians.

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A Great Trio Of Chautauquas

The Bible Schools, under the direction of Miss Kathryn Hunt, reached their greatest climax of the season in the last three that were conducted. The last issue told the story of the New River meeting.

Chautauqua At Lansing

Following this the new tent was pitched for the first time and on June 30th the Christian Chautauqua opened at Lansing, and the enrollment grew to 171. 59 were awarded certificates for perfect attendance. Miss Hunt, the director and teacher of the young people, was assisted by Miss Virginia Yates, Mr. Allen Guerard, Miss Eirene Hudson, Mrs. Thos. J. Powers, Miss Maxie Weaver, Mrs. Francis Sturgill, Miss Beulah Welch and Miss Ruth Shepherd.

The first evening service was a delight in that daughters of two Missionaries to China gave a program of gripping interest on China, including Chinese customs, proverbs and songs old and new. On the next evening Dr. R. G. Mc Lees, of Chatham, Va., came for the first time to the Christian Chautauqua pulpit. The congregations were delighted with his wonderful flow of language, with his simplicity of style and were impressed with his deep spirituality and great Gospel preaching. There was a fine ingathering as Mrs. Wade Poe, Thelma Sheets, Junior Sheets, Staley Powers, Bonnie and Ray Baldwin, were received into the church upon their profession of faith and baptism. Jones Weaver, baptized as a child of the covenant by Dr. D. Clay Lilly on the day the church was organized more than ten years ago, was received upon his profession of faith. Mr. and Mrs. Worth Young were received by letter. Since the Chautauqua Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morphis have been received by letters from the Reidsville Presbyterian Church.

Those who heard the great Evangelist in Lansing will be glad to know that if the Lord wills, Dr. and Mrs. McLees will be in Jefferson for the 1938 Chautauqua.

Jefferson's Chautauqua

The Chautauqua at Jefferson began on July 18th and was held under the tent pitched on the tennis court next to the Church. This was done because of the availability of the church auditorium and the McNeill Sunday School rooms for use in the Bible School.

Miss Hunt, again the director and teacher of the Young People, was

ON TO CHAUTAUQUA

One of our dreams that did not materialize for this issue was to present a photographic account of how so many boys and girls come to Chautauqua.



Our dream did come true in part as we are here showing a group of Boggs young people being poled across the swollen New River. High water on several mornings prevented the Ford from fording the river and the boat was used as an auxiliary to Bible School attendance.

A complete picture would include hundreds walking up and down the road, jumping branches and crossing a rickety foot log over the creeks, and here and there a group stopping to get their breath as they climb the steep ascent of the mountain. Another picture would include the cars of the ministers and of the lay workers loaded to capacity. Into a five passen-

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More Good News From Our Tent

In the June issue of the Ashe Presbyterian our story of the program of tent work in eastern Ashe County closed with Laurel Forks meeting in full swing. This Chautauqua was a good one. You will see the results in the table of information in this issue. During this meeting a beautiful stone with the scripture verse "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst", was placed in the spring wall on the church property.

Peak Creek — July 6-17

The preacher at this meeting was Rev. E. L. Barber, of Aberdeen, N. C. who gave us splendid revival messages. The teachers were Misses Lois Calhoun, Ruth Bowlin, Beulah Jenkins, and Mr. Howard Foran

One project of the Bible School boys was to white wash the fence around the church. They did an excellent job and we have a beautiful white fence as the reward. We had good results from this Chautauqua as you can see by the table of information.

West Jefferson — July 16-30

Rev. L. T. Gill from Pageland, S. C., was the evangelist who was accompanied by his talented wife. Mrs. Gill played, sang and played for the Bible School. The other teachers were Misses Lois Calhoun, Irene Cornett, Rebecca Darnell, Ruby Waytt, and Mr. Howard Foran. Mr. Gill gave us some of the best preaching of the summer. The meeting was marked by the cooperation of the business men of the town of West Jefferson who closed their stores to enable people to get to the meeting at night. See the results in the table of result.

Ebenezer — August 18-30

Rev. Ted Smith, of Davidson, N. C., held their meeting and did some excellent preaching. Rain, Rain, Rain, Mud, Mud, Mud was the type of weather we had.

Misses Lois Calhoun, Rebecca Darnell, and Mr. Howard Foran were the teachers see the results of this meeting in the table of information.

CATECHISMS

There was a happy pause one morning in the services of worship at Lansing to present a reward Testament to Deane C. Jones, Jr. and a reward Bible to Burl May for having recited the Child's and Shorter Catechism respectively.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF 1937

CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUA

	ENROLLMENT	AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	PERFECT ATTENDANCE	CHAPTERS READ IN BIBLE	NEW MEMBERS	EVANGELIST
Gillespie	96	62	29	695	1	Rev. Z. T. Piephoff
Foster Mem.	68	45	21	1738		Rev. C. E. Piephoff
Obids	65	40	17	309	1	Rev. R. K. Davenport
New River	44	37	21	262		Rev. R. K. Davenport
Lansing	171	128	59	1258	11	Dr. R. G. McLees
Jefferson	106	76	27			No meeting
Big Ridge	108	81	46	614	8	Rev. J. D. Henderson
Deep Cut	44	23	10	144		Rev. W. C. Cooper
Glendale S.	82	47	18	200		Rev. R. L. Berry
Low Gap	96	44	14	410	6	Rev. Cecil Lawrence
Bethel	38	30	21	175	1	Dr. E. E. Gillespie
Laurel Forks	56	34	22	200	6	Rev. Watt M. Cooper
Peak Creek	81	47	19	240	9	Rev. E. L. Barber
W. Jefferson	118	72	23	525	1	Rev. L. T. Gill
Ebenezer	49	41	24	100	2	Rev. Ted Smith
Miller's						Rev. L. T. Gill
Now in progress						
Totals	1222	807	371	6870	46	

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Editorial

For a number of years we were the only denomination in the county that had a Daily Vacation Bible School on a large scale. In 1923 we pioneered in this work in Ashe county. Every year since then we have had most successful Bible Schools. Other denominations have since seen their value to the Youth and have been promoting them. Both Baptists and Methodists are conducting schools in many of their country churches as well as in the Jeffersons.

This fact accounts in a large part for the fact that we have enrolled fewer this year than for the past several years. The enrollment this year (not including Miller's) is 1222, last year it was 1469. While in 1935 the enrollment was 1332. Many children and parents do not see the necessity for a duplication of Bible Schools, hence they attend the one promoted for their own denomination. Many young peo-

ple who are eager to attend are prevented because of the necessity of their working.

It is a fact that the Christian Chautauquas provide most of the religious training that some children have throughout the year.

All of our Sunday Schools are planning for Rally Day. By the time this paper reaches your hand some will have been held and others will be on a nearby October Sunday.

It is our desire to here thank all of those who have given of their means to make our work of the Chautauqua possible; to express our gratitude to those who have prayed for God's abiding blessing upon the work. Appreciation is also extended to those who have advertised with us making possible The Ashe Presbyterian.

The Minister's Annuity Fund is the uncompleted task of the church. When the campaign was begun years ago many of our people were interested and made pledges toward the \$3,000,000.00 fund. Our Assembly and Presbytery have asked us to complete our apportionment during the year. This we hope to do during the month of November. It is a great and necessary project in which every one of us should have a part. Let us give towards it and let us pray for the successful completion of the Fund during the current year.

It was a very glad and happy surprise to Mr. Luke and Miss Calhoun the other day, when they were informed by some of the members of Ebenezer church, that a piano had been bought for the church, unknown to any of the church members except some of the Young People and women who had raised the money for this purpose.

A Story In Pictures

In the cut below you may see some of our Chautauqua groups as they were snapped during the summer. (1) Shows The Bible School at West Jefferson. Note the shadow of the imposing church tower on the tent. (2) Presents a group of those who had a record of perfect attendance at Laurel Forks. (3) Heralds a glad group at Low Gap. The church is just behind the tent. (4) Is the watermelon half hour at Big Ridge. It was one of the high lights of the Chautauqua when the teachers gave a watermelon feast.



Here And There In The Summer's Work

Here is a compliment to the teachers in our Christian Chatauquas; some of the pupils wished that the Bible school lasted eight months and the public school would be of two weeks duration.

There was a problem in one of the Chautauquas on the part of one of the students as to whether she should go to China as a Missionary or to be a nurse. The wise and consecrated teacher suggested "Why not do both?" The problem was settled.

Two of our teachers in the Chautauquas had never seen a spring house until they come to our mountains this summer.

Two of our teachers were daughters of Missionaries to China.

Miss Ruth Shepherd has not missed a day in the twelve Chautauquas conducted in Lansing.

God's Acre Plan

In the spring Low Gap church began to plan some way of making some money to apply on the debt of the church.

We had some extra ground around the church, so we made up our minds to try a combination potato patch. We combined our work and potatoes. Although it rained hard before completion, we stuck to the task until it was finished. The potatoes were worked by the Young People before their meetings in the evenings. We have not dug the potatoes, but we know there are some there for we see them peeping out of the ground.

Ebenezer church also planted potatoes and there is a good crop to be harvested there. As soon as we get time we shall harvest there, too.

Bethel church members have for their project this year, chicken raising, and are very successful with it.

REVIVAL AND BIBLE SCHOOL AT MILLER'S

What promises to be a most successful meeting and Bible School at Miller's Church in Wilkes County is now in progress.

Fifty children have been enrolled in the Bible School, which is being held in connection with the public school there. A very fine feature about this is the beautiful cooperation which the public school teachers are giving by not only sponsoring the Bible School, but also by assisting in it.

The Rev. L. T. Gill, an able evangelist of Pageland, S. C., is doing the preaching and his splendid wife is helping greatly with the music and also the Bible School. Manifold results are expected from this consecrated effort.

A much needed rest and vacation was made possible for the preacher and worker in South-Eastern Ashe, recently. Mr. Luke, going to various points of interest in South-Eastern Carolina and Miss Calhoun to her home in Ala. and Montreat, N. C. We are indebted to various local leaders of our churches and especially to Rev. R. L. Berry, of Glade Valley, N. C., who helped keep the work going in the absence of the regular workers.

WELCOME EXTENDED TO MANY NEW MEMBERS

To the following new Church members of our field we extend a most hearty welcome.

Low Gap: Fred Bare, Cleo Wyatt, Vaughn Bare, Herbert Bare, Magdalene Darnell, Glenn Huffman.

Bethel Church: Hazel Vannoy.

Laurel Forks: Mrs. Berle Critcher, Mrs. J. W. Luke, Bowie Long, Opal Billings, Viola Billings, Mrs. Billings. Peak Creek: Mrs. Nancy Roten, Cleo Roten, Frances Roten, Ruby Roten, Beulah Blevins, Easter Darnell, Guy Hart, Helen Woodie.

West Jefferson: Josephine Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Morton.

Ebenezer: Wanda Shoemaker, Emma-line Farrington.

ENJOYS SOCIAL OUTING

The September social of the Low Gap Young People was one of unusual interest and enjoyment. Together, with Miss Calhoun, their leader, the group hiked to a distant mountain top, from the church, for their social an out-of-door meeting.

Everyone seemed especially worshipful and reverent in that beautiful setting there under the canopy of heaven, so close to God Himself.

After a most inspiring meeting humorous games followed. Refreshments around a roaring camp fire, amid songs and laughter, brought the lovely event to a happy climax.

MAKING PLANS NOW FOR THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Special Thanksgiving services are also being planned in our churches in South-Eastern Ashe and Wilkes. Special and splendid speakers are being secured, in addition, special Thanksgiving music will be provided. Lets begin now to prepare our hearts for this occasion which should mark one of the most worshipful and sacred of the church service.

Lets remember also our offering to Barium Springs Orphanage and make a real gift to this most worthy cause.

"CHURCH NIGHT" PLAN NOW BEING USED HERE

A new and somewhat different plan is being introduced in the West Jefferson Presbyterian Church, regarding its various activities. Wednesday nights are being given over to what we call "Church Night". Meeting first of all, the Young People of the church in their "Through the Week", program.

Immediately following this meeting the entire membership of the church come together in prayer groups. Here an intense effort is being made for vital response, to prayer.

The evenings activities close with a meeting of the Church School Staff. This seems like a full evening and it is, but we are finding it profitable and a splendid time saver, especially to the rushed pastor and workers.

For an early date in October, a fellowship Supper is being planned in the West Jefferson Presbyterian Church, at which time, a special effort will be made to get all the members, of the church together, for a period of fellowship and wholesome recreation, as well as a delicious supper. This should prove an enjoyable event for everyone.

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assisted by Misses Virginia Yates, Eirene Hudson, Agnes E. Thomas and Mr. Allen Guerard. Mrs. R. H. Stone led the singing. The helpers were Misses Viola Kelly and Evelyn White. It was a great school with the enrollment going to 106. Two cars were used in transporting pupils from Smethport and from the Phoenix Creek section.

Something is to be recorded that had never occurred before. The minister who was expected to come disappointed us on the eve of its beginning. So there was no evangelistic series of services. Rev. Dan Graham held a one day revival in the Court-house during one afternoon. Mr. Graham's friends from many sections of the County poured into Jefferson by the hundreds for that meeting. It was a never-to-be-forgotten service.

Big Ridge Services

Big Ridge was the place where the minister, Rev. J. D. Henderson, preached in competition with a whippoorwill solo and a katydid serenade. The forceful preaching of the Gospel was preeminent and there was a glad welcome accorded those who united with the church: by baptism, Mrs. Jennie Crepps, Miss Virginia Crepps, Misses Virginia and Ida Burgess, Mr. Don Mullis; by letter, Mrs. Walter J. Farrington, Miss Faye Smith and Mrs. Vernon Sheets.

The peak of Bible School attendance was reached at Big Ridge this year with 108 enrolled as compared with 102 last year. Of the 57 who came the first day 46 came every day. Miss Hunt was assisted here by Misses Eirene Hudson, Celia Krider and Mary Shepherd. All in all it was a great Bible School and a fine meeting, a fitting conclusion for a summer's work.

The Spirit of God has been in all of the Schools and all of the meetings. He is to be thanked for his blessing. He was working through a noble group of teachers and visiting ministers.

MISS O'NEALL RETURNS TO WORK IN LANSING

During the latter part of August Miss Katherine O'Neill returned to her Lansing home and resumed her work. Sickness and several serious operations had kept her away since April. There was a great joy in many hearts when she returned to her post of service. Though she is not fully recovered she looks well and is doing much of her usual work.

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ger car seventeen or eighteen have been packed. And "packed" is a good word for they say "packed like sardines." Yet another picture would be that of a huge, yellow school bus. No boy rode a calf this year nor drove an ox cart to the tent. So the bovine picture cannot appear.

The Rally Day offering at Jefferson was \$5.40, at Lansing \$4.85, at Big Ridge \$1.55 and at Boggs \$2.00.

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Lord's Acre Projects Are Increasing

For a number of years the idea of the Lord's Acre has been presented to our congregations. This year an increasing number of projects have been underway and fine results have been achieved. The finest attainments have been with poultry. The hobby of Rev. John W. Luke is to raise New Hampshire Red chickens. He gave some of his Sunday eggs to members of the Bethel and Miller's churches. From these eggs Bethel realized \$6.00 in chickens and Miller's netted \$5.00.

The Calhoun family of young people have \$5.00 from their chickens. Mrs. Mary Sapp raised some turkeys which brought about \$4.50. These two are from the Gillespie church.

Big Ridge

young people have \$6.25 at work in the various benevolent agencies of the denomination. Foster Memorial members have helped finance their work with lambs.

This is an excellent potato growing county. We get yields as only second to the state of Maine in quality. Ebenezer and Low Gap went in for this. They have not been marketed. The ladies of the Big Ridge church gave potatoes which sold for more than \$7.00, which purchased guttering for one side of their church.

We hope to have more individual projects begun next year.

Class Held At Lansing

Miss Katherine O'Neill secured for four nights in November the services of Miss Louisa Faucette, professor of Bible and Religious Education at Lee McRae College, to conduct a Leadership training class at Lansing. All Sunday school teachers and interested ones were invited to attend. In spite of the cold weather there was a good attendance and it is expected that ten will receive credit for one unit. This is to be the first of a series of Leadership training schools.



Lovely Christmas Exercises To Be Held In Our Churches

First Program To Be Presented Sunday. Complete Schedule Is Given.

Misses Kathryn Hunt, Lois Calhoun and Katherine O'Neill are working overtime these days getting ready for appropriate exercises for the Christmas services. There will be pageants, plays, carols, recitations and other methods of a fitting preparation of heart and mind for keeping Christ in Christmas.

The schedule is as follows:

Gillespie—Sunday 19th at 3:00 P. M.; Boggs—Sunday 19th at 3:00 P. M.; Jefferson—Sunday 19th at 7:00 P. M.; Foster Memorial—Sunday 19th at 7:00 P. M. Obids—Monday 20th 2:00 P. M.; Lansing—Tuesday 21st at 7:00 P. M.; Peak Creek—Tuesday 21st at 11:00 A. M.; Laurel Fork—Tuesday 21st at 6:00 P. M.; Ebenezer—Wednesday 22nd at 11:00 A. M.; West Jefferson—Wednesday 22 at 7:00 P. M.; Big Ridge—Wednesday 22nd at 7:00 P. M.; Miller's—Thursday 23rd at 11:00 A. M.; Bethel—Thursday 23rd at 6:00 P. M.; Low Gap—Friday 24th at 10:00 A. M.

Our reporter was unable to get the date of the service in the new Sunday School and of the hour for the colored Sunday School in Bristol.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK BEGUN

Mr. Conley Thompson has reorganized the Sunday School at Thaxton. Good progress is being made. A community survey will be made in this and in another community, where he expects to organize another Sunday School. Both of these places are unreached by any other Sunday School.

Notes Burned In Our Church At Lansing

Our Lansing church was the scene of a destructive fire during the morning hour of worship on December 5th. The cause of the conflagration was not defective wiring, neither carelessness nor the work of atheistic communists.

The extent of the damage was the destruction of a handful of "cancelled," "renewed" and "paid" notes which had been given for the church lot.

A few days prior to this service the last of the series of notes had been paid. All of the thirteen extant ones were brought to the church. One by one they were described and an appointed man or youth dropped the note into a small model stove placed there

on the table before the pulpit. After the last one was in, the congregation sang the Doxology. A match ignited the batch and the flame and smoke poured out of the one joint and elbow of pipe. It was the sweetest smoke that the congregation ever breathed.

The payments of this obligation was one of the congregational goals of the year. The membership rallied in a fine way. The Woman's Auxiliary had a good part in the payments. The offerings on first Sunday morning were given to this cause.

The offering on that morning was for the M. A. F. and was in excess of \$16.00. This is probably the largest offering ever given at a regular service for any cause of the church.

Rev. John W. Luke Called

At congregational meetings of the West Jefferson Presbyterian Church and of the Low Gap Presbyterian Church, calls were issued for the pastoral service of Rev. John W. Luke.

These calls will go through Presbyterian channels and be presented to the Presbytery at its next meeting.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Once again as the seasons roll and the year draws to an end we are brought to the happiest time of the year—CHRISTMAS. We see the initial early event that is forever a marvel of the graces of Christ, though being rich, became poor, that we through His poverty might be rich. We invariably come to the poverty of the manger scene and in a lovely imaginative faith see again our Saviour wrapped in swaddling clothes. Here is a Loving and Infinite Father giving in birth His only begotten Son. Here at Christmas the world first saw God's unspeakable gift.

Christmas is the one birthday that makes a difference to all. It is a time of greetings and presenting gifts. It is a time of tender love.

Our greetings in the name of the Christ Child are offered for a season to be observed in such a way as He would approve in living the abundant life.

FIFTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE

This issue of the Ashe Presbyterian closes volume XV. There has been fifteen years of continuous publication. But for the loyalty of subscribers and advertisers it could never have been done. The paper has seen its dark days during the depression. Great publication debts hung over us and we could no longer have it printed, so we printed it ourselves on a mimeograph. Then the Postal Department threatened to deny us mailing privileges. They require that the paper be printed with type and ink and have even margins. So another issue of three thousand was run through a multigraph. Finally, we were enabled to so reduce our indebtedness that we saw our way clear to return to the printer. Of this you approve.

These fifteen years of history will be bound in one volume. This is an invaluable record of Presbyterian history past and present. Complete files are being kept in Spence Library of Union Theological Seminary, in the Presbyterian Historical Foundation, Montreat, and another in the Presbyterian Historical Library, Philadelphia. We are glad that libraries of some states also file them.

Help us make each issue better. Pray for us—subscribe for it—boost it among your friends.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES

Each of our Presbyterian churches held a service of Thanksgiving. At 9:30 A. M. the worship began at Obids, with Mr. J. O. Blevins presiding. At 9:45 the service began at Jefferson with the pastor opening the service; at 11:00 A. M. he was at Lansing; 3:00 P. M. at Gillespie and 7:00 P. M. at Foster Memorial. At the latter hour a service was held at Big Ridge under the direction of Miss Kathryn Hunt and Mr. J. O. Blevins. A group presented "Remember," a play presenting the the M. A. E.

The offerings for Barium are as follows: Big Ridge, \$1.18; Boggs, 86c; Foster Memorial, \$2.32; Gillespie, \$1.80; Jefferson, \$18.66; Lansing, \$5.32; Obids \$7.00.

PRESBYTERIAN DAY IN STATE PRISON CAMP

There is a new set-up for religious work among the prisoners at the State prison camps in North Carolina. Rev. E. S. Cooper, a minister of the Lutheran church, is the directing head of this work. He has visited Ashe county and the camp at Warrensville and has made arrangements for a service each Sunday. Superintendent Rackler has re-to report each month who preached and at what time the service was held.

Beginning with the fourth Sunday in November, one of our ministers preached there. This is to be in our regular schedule hereafter in the effort to have an "Every Sunday service in every prison camp in the State."

GIFTS TO THE MANSE AT GLENDALE SPRINGS

Since the last issue of The Ashe Presbyterian the following gifts have been made toward the completion of the Manse. These gifts have been greatly appreciated and we thank the generous hearted Christians who have so cheerfully helped. They are: Mrs. Roxie A. King, Greensboro, N. C., \$35.00; Mrs. P. T. Hay, Winston-Salem, N. C., \$10.00; Mr. K. G. Hudson, Raleigh, N. C., \$10.00; Miss Louise F. Faucette, Burlington, N. C., \$10; Miss E. G. Maslin, Winston-Salem, N. C., \$25.00; Mr. R. A. White, Jr., Raleigh, N. C., \$5.00; Dr. W. T. Thompson, Richmond, Va., \$5.00; Miss Eunice Thompson, Mayodan, N. C., \$1.00; from Richmond, Va., \$1.00; Mrs. C. G. Woodruff (Treas. Mocksville, Pres. Auxiliary), Mocksville, N. C., \$3; Total, \$110. We hope to announce other gifts next issue.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

The Young People especially of the Low Gap and West Jefferson Presbyterian Churches, should be recognized not only in their splendid work they are doing in their vesper programs and regular meetings, they have also been doing a number of things toward improving their churches.

At Low Gap they have taken upon themselves to sponsor the job of securing funds to both paint and put new pews in the church. When this is done they expect to wax the floor.

The young people of West Jefferson have recently put a nice heatrola in the church for use on short occasions.

STEWARDSHIP LEGION



This Big Ridge group contributed \$6.25 by raising chickens, to the benevolent work of the church.

FINAL RESULTS OF LATE CHATAUQUA AT MILLER'S

In the last issue of The Presbyterian there was a brief account of the beginning of our Christian Chatauqua at Millers. Here are the final results of the Chatauqua, running from September 20-30.

The interest and cooperation was remarkable throughout from the people of the community as well as the public school which was also in session at that time. The Rev. L. T. Gill, of Pageland, S. C., did some splendid preaching and his talented wife helped tremendously in both the Bible School and the meeting.

There was an enrollment in the Bible School of 22, 45 in attendance, 37 average attendance, and 25 perfect attendance. The following were added to the church: George Church, Hazel Dancy, Lura and Faye Royal, and there were five other professions of faith.

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO MINISTERS' ANNUITY FUND

Lansing has had a greater concern in recent weeks than any of our churches for the Ministers' Annuity Fund. Their quota was \$100.00 of the \$3,000,000.00 accrued liability fund. More than one third of Lansing's part has already been paid in and the officers have accepted the full amount.

When the campaign was initiated in 1929 the Jefferson church entered into it with a quota of \$107,000. Of this amount \$77.00 has already been paid into the Louisville office. An effort will be made to secure in cash the remaining \$30.00 before the end of the year. You can count on Jefferson.

Gillespie, Big Ridge, Foster Memorial and Obids have plans under way.

NEW MEMBERS IN PRESBYTERIAN FAMILY

Mrs. Beulah Blevins Jones was received by letter into the Lansing Church. She made the profession of faith in Christ and was baptized by Rev. E. L. Barber in the hospital at Sanatorium, N. C.

R. W. Morphis, Jr., was recently baptized in the Lansing church and was enrolled as a child of the covenant.

Improvements Are Made On Churches

"Always improving" seems to be the motto of our churches. Let us tell you of a few of these improvements:

Laurel Forks church is looking forward to completion of its floor. The rough lumber has been bought and is to go to the dry kiln and planer to be shaped into flooring this week. Our next ambition is to pay off a debt and purchase seats.

West Jefferson church has been painted inside. The walls were injured by dampness and leaks. Mr. B. F. Richards and Mrs. Rex Morton have financed the redecoration of the church walls in ivory colored wall paint. A useful heatrola has been purchased by the young people.

A new bulletin board has been placed in the West Jefferson church which was a gift from Mrs. Rex Morton and the Parker Tie and Lumber Co.

The new entrance walk and locust posts around the church lot were donated by Mr. B. F. Richards. We hope to run a pipe through the posts and paint them in the near future making a beautiful fence for the church. Large posts were given by Mr. J. H. Myers which were placed in the ground on the outside of our sidewalk space to prevent trucks from parking and running into our front yard.

Our future plans are to fix the roof and paint the floor. We are planning to decorate the beautiful stained windows in front of the church with cedar and holly for Christmas.

Bethel Church in Wilkes County has purchased a good used heatrola which is a great improvement over the oil barrel stove of the past years.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

The special Thanksgiving services of Eastern Ashe and Wilkes Counties proved to be ones of real success. Rev. Henry Mahler, of Hurley, Va., was the speaker of the occasions and delivered splendid sermons to large interdenominational groups in all the churches. Special Thanksgiving music added to the services. We feel that through these services our people were really brought by grace to worship and praise God, the giver of every good and perfect gift. We were reminded and inspired by the speaker of the many, many things we as Christian nations have to be thankful for. Offerings were received as usual. The amount received follows: Bethel church, \$1.50; Millers, 25c; Peak Creek, \$2.72; Ebenezer, \$3.85; Low Gap, \$2.20; West Jefferson, \$2.26; Laurel Forks, \$3.85.

During the week of November 29-Dec. 4, a revival was held in the Low Gap Presbyterian church. Rev. Frank C. King, of Wyndale, Va., did the preaching. With the splendid preaching of Mr. King, and the fine response from the church, this proved to be one of the most successful meetings of the season. A time of spiritual rejoicing and feasting was experienced by many.

Two members were received into the church, Cora Mae Hall, and Anna Farrington. There were a large number of professions.

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New Contributors To Obids Church

Since we last published a list of those who had given money we have been helped in the Obids church by a great many, to whom our most hearty thanks are due. From the last issue there was crowded out a gift from Mr. E. E. Eller and another from Mr. C. R. Jackson. Then came a gift from Mrs. J. Q. Brown, nee Miss Effie Severt—one of our members living in Winston-Salem. Following this there come a boon-gift from Mr. A. F. Stevens, of Winston-Salem.

Then we sent out a letter appeal—a few more than a hundred—asking our friends for from one to five dollars. Hardly had the letters left the postoffice until returns began to come in. And bless their hearts here are their names: Mr. L. B. Scott, Mrs. Baxter S. Moore, Mrs. Bert L. Bennett, Miss M. Mickle, Mrs. Sudie Byerly Stafford, Mr. Irving S. Bull, Mr. Thomas Maslin, Mr. Geo. W. Coan, Mrs. J. E. Alexander, Mrs. A. T. Sloan, Miss Naomi C. Broughton, Miss Ada M. Roan, Mrs. W. W. Smoak, Mrs. J. A. McClung, Mrs. Tully Blair, Mrs. P. T. Hay, Miss Amalia Shober, Mrs. Henry Roan, Mrs. W. H. Sprunt, Mr. Arthur C. Port, second year Junior Boya, Winston First Presbyterian Church School, Miss Delphine Carter and Miss Etta Carter—all of Winston-Salem; there came from Charlotte gifts from Mr. J. M. Harry, Miss L. Eugenia Henderson, Dr. A. S. Johnson; from North Wilkesboro Mr. Pat Williams, Mr. J. M. Crawford and Mr. J. H. Crawford came to our rescue; a check come from Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Sanford, Mocksville, Mr. C. S. Stone, of Stoneville, Prof. O. J. Thies, Jr., of Davidson, Mrs. Lula S. Watkins, of Bluefield, W. Va.; Dr. and Mrs. S. T. McCloy, of Duke University; Mrs. J. H. Colvard, of Obids; Misses; Hallie and Jean Holeman, of Durham; Mr. J. W. Cooper and Mr. R. E. Phillips of West Jefferson; Mr. Everett Baker and Mr. Ed Woodie, of Glendale Springs; Mr. I. P. Kane, of Gate City, Va., and Mrs. A. R. Ogilvie, of Oakwood, are also respondents and contributors to the fund. Mrs. Fidel Miller and Mr. Tom J. Bare, of Obids, also recent cash contributors.

About 39 of the above responded to the appeals. About 71 others have received letters. We yet have room on our roll of honor to add your names. Some of the 71 will read this and be reminded that you intended to join the above elect group and become our building partner.

Progress has been made—due to the gifts of \$166.50.

The basement floor of concrete has been made. The basement door has been hung and locked, steps leading into the basement have been finished, drainage system for the basement has been completed. The roof over the front steps has been framed and storm sheathed and the excavation for the front steps has been made and sand and cement are ready for warm weather to do the mixing of concrete. This would have been done but there has been a scarcity of carpenters.



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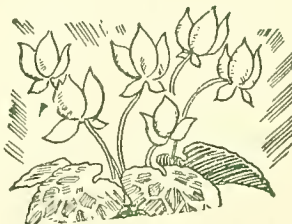
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Christian Chautauquas Are Planned

In this issue is given a tentative schedule for the Daily Vacation Bible Schools and evangelistic campaigns which operate simultaneously under the name of the Christian Chautauquas.

There are two tents that will be in use again and new methods and plans and courses are being brought together for a profitable summer.

Miss Lois Calhoun and Miss Kathryn Hunt have been working on programs—getting new courses and fresh material. Also they have been securing teachers to assist them. Our ministers have been searching for evangelists to preach and their efforts have been richly rewarded.

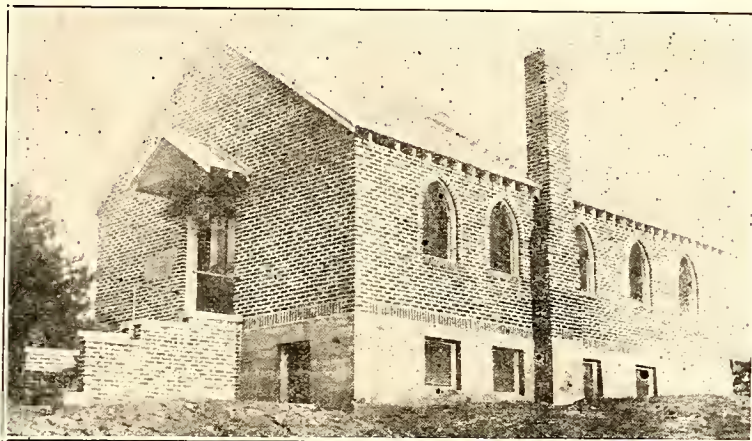
Not all of the ministers have been secured. Of those who have signified their willingness to conduct meetings, five are new to our Chautauqua pulpit. The first to come is Rev. J. Alston Boyd, of Bluff City, Tenn. Then comes Rev. C. I. Calcote, of West, N. C. Rev. Tom C. Cook, new pastor of Little Joe's church, Barium Springs, comes to Laurel Forks at about the same time Dr. J. R. Cunningham preaches at Lansing for the last week. Rev. W. G. Thomas will leave his new work at Wadesboro for a meeting. Dr. R. G. McLees and Rev. L. T. Gill were used of the Lord in meetings here last year.

We suggest that our readers in the county preserve this schedule of Chautauquas, for very soon the boys and girls will be asking, "When does our Chautauqua begin?" It is a great event in any place when the Chautauqua comes with the blessing of God.

THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

In all our churches the E. M. C. is being promoted. There has been an encouraging response. A number of people are entering into Lord's Acre projects.

New Obids Presbyterian Church



After 18 months of working, planning, soliciting and praying, the attractive new Obids church building is now nearly completed.

Splendid Progress Is Being Made On Obids Church Bldg.

Basement Partitioned Off For Sunday School Rooms. Front Steps Erected.

Since we came into the New Year things have been going forward in a material way at Obids. As the picture shows, the front steps have been made. The greatest strides have been made within. The basement has been partitioned off into Sunday School rooms and the overhead has been ceiled. Steps leading upstairs have been framed. In the auditorium a lovely ceiling of panelled insulation has been finished. The material is a cream color and the panel strips are stained dark oak. There is a lovely effect.

As this is written plans are under way to lath and plaster the auditorium. The laths have been purchased and very soon we hope to get this done.

An idea is being ruminated to the effect that Presbytery will be asked to hold its summer meeting in the Obids church and that one of its acts will be a service of dedication.

In addition to the people of the com-

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Young Folks In Eastern Ashe Active

With this month we are ending what we believe has been a very prosperous year's work in our Young Peoples groups of the Low Gap and West Jefferson churches.

Even through the cold, disagreeable weather our groups have held up remarkably well. Both our vesper and council meetings have been well attended and our monthly socials have been enjoyed by all.

Since our vesper meetings are held on a week night, we are able to follow with a period of recreation and games in our church basements. This has proven an added attraction and a stimulating feature.

In these organizations we have presented some very lovely pageants during the year. The West Jefferson group is now preparing to present an Easter Pageant at Easter time, called "The Garden of Light." The Low Gap group is planning also to present an Easter Pageant to a local organization nearby at Easter time. Both organizations are planning some joint meetings with some other groups of Young People soon. A special service is being arranged by the Low Gap council for those who live in our County Home.

We have tried in both Low Gap and West Jefferson organizations this year, to let it be our duty to keep an eye on any outstanding need in the communities of our local churches and to try, as nearly as we could, to fill that need, by visiting those who were sick, taking them flowers, reading to them, or helping in any way we could, to make them more comfortable and happy.

With other things they have done for their church, the West Jefferson people are planning now to sponsor the waxing of the floor of the church auditorium. The Low Gap young people are sponsoring a job of outside painting on their church. Both groups

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Tentative Christian Chautauqua Schedule

PLACE	DATE	MINISTER	PLACE	DATE	MINISTER
Deep Cut	May 1-10		Gillespie	May 8-22	Rev. J. A. Boyd
Glendale Sprs.	May 12-22	Rev. C. I. Calcote	Obids	May 25—June 8	
Low Gap	May 24—June 5		Foster Memorial	June 12-26	
Bethel	June 7-19		Jefferson	June 29—July 13	Dr. R. G. McLees
Laurel Forks	June 21—July 4	Rev. T. C. Cook	Lansing	July 17-31	Dr. J. R. Cunningham
Peak Creek	July 6-19	Rev. L. T. Gill	Big Ridge	Aug. 3-17	
West Jefferson	July 21—Aug. 3		Thaxton	Not determined	
Ebenezer	Aug. 5-17	Rev. W. G. Thomas	Meadowview	Not determined	
Miller's	August 19-31				

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BEGINNING AGAIN

This time of the year marks a transition period. It is the time when certain things come to an end and there is a beginning again. Presbyterian churches are closing their books and making reports to Presbyteries. They are telling of cauces advanced, of souls saved by grace. Those same churches are beginning another year of activity—of plans and purposes for Kingdom advancement.

It is the time when many are thinking of the beginning again of the Christian Chautauqua. Courses are being planned, teachers and evangelists are being secured, boys and girls are eagerly anticipating the great day.

Incidentally, this is the beginning again of The Ashe Presbyterian. A file of fifteen former years has been bound in one volume. This is volume sixteen, number one.

We have found out of years' experience that we dare not begin again without God. We ask for His continued presence. We ask our readers to go to the Throne of Grace in behalf of the work committed to our hands.

GOING HOME

There has been a heavy toll taken during this quarter of those who were interested in our work. The first Presbyterian minister to preach in Ashe county in these present generations was Rev. C. W. Robinson. Living at North Wilkesboro he was ever interested in the work and progress of the churches and of the people in this "over the mountain" country.

There was never a service that he was asked to do when his health allowed that he declined. After a rich and fruitful pastorate of forty-three years in North Wilkesboro and a tenure of service of about fifty-five years in the ministry he was called to his eternal home.

Soon to follow him in the happy pilgrimage was Mrs. Arthur A. Finley, business executive, Christian soldier and saint. There isn't a Presbyterian church in Ashe or Wilkes counties but Mr. Finley has some share in it. Perhaps his last gift to our work was that of the handsome doors to the Obids church. He was a genuine friend. He now serves on the other side in the Church Triumphant. Being an Elder he is a member in the "General Assembly and church of the firstborn,

which are written in heaven . . ."

God had finished His will on earth with Mr. James Bowlin—a beloved Deacon in the Peak Creek church—and he was called home. Brother Bowlin rendered a fine service in that capacity and was a great help to his pastor Rev. John W. Luke—and to the congregation.

As we go to press it appears that one of our faithful Jefferson members is just on the front door steps of her eternal home. We are happy that our God has a mansion for them as they one by one pass over to be with Him.

GROWING IN GRACE

We have members here and there who are tithing. The columns of this paper carry the picture and story of Miss Opal Burgess, a member of the Low Gap church. With her tithe she paid her church out of debt. There are a number of others. Their churches are making better financial reports this year. Jefferson is getting to dress up the McNeill Sunday school rooms because the congregation has a number of tithers. They are growing in the grace of stewardship.

PROGRESS ON OBIDS CHURCH

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munity who have given their labor the following in and out of the community have given money since the last issue of the paper: Mr. E. E. Eller and Miss Julia Finley, of North Wilkesboro; Mr. W. B. Hodge, of Charlotte; Mrs. Rufus Colvard, of Mooreville; Mrs. Fred Colvard, of Raleigh; Mr. Oscar Burgess, of Othello; Mr. E. O. Woodie of West Jefferson; Dr. John H. Gray (one of the pioneers there), Bedford, Va.; Mrs. Carl Harris (2 gifts) Winston-Salem; Mrs. W. H. Osborne, and Mr. Wm. G. Preyer, of Greensboro; Mr. J. M. Calloway, an Elder living at St. John, Kan.; Dr. C. M. Norfleet, Jr., Abington, Pa.; Sheriff W. E. Miller, West Jefferson; Mrs. James H. Harper, of Lenoir; Mrs. J. P. Fearrington, Winston-Salem; Admiral Thos. P. Johnston, of Salisbury; Mrs. Fidel Miller, of Obids; Mesdames Romey Miller and Clyde Day, of Fleetwood. The Smith Transfer Company has been very generous in hauling some material for us. Other commercial corporations have made appreciated concessions.

To all of our friends we are greatly indebted and our gratitude will abide throughout the years.

MINISTERS' ANNUITY FUND

The latest addition, as we go to press, of our churches to subscribe their quota to the \$3,000,000.00 liability fund of the Minister's Annuity Fund is the Obids church.

We plan to pay it with cabbage. The Lord's Acre plan is to be used. Mr. J. C. Crawford volunteered the use of an already plowed field. As quick as a flash Mr. R. S. McNeill promised a bag of fertilizer, Mrs. Rufus Parsons will give the seed. Mr. Crawford is the captain of a good group who will work. If we have a good season and get a good price the quota will be paid during the calendar year.

Foster Memorial and Gillespie have during the quarter sent in their gifts and pledges. The Big Ridge church will also pay its quota.

LOCAL SCOUT TROOP



BOY SCOUT TROOP IS MAKING FINE PROGRESS

The Boy Scouts have been doing a splendid piece of work recently, as usual.

With their scoutmaster, Rev. J. W. Luke, and his assistant, Mr. Rex Morton, they have made two trips to purchase uniforms—one to Winston-Salem, and another to N. Wilkesboro. Most of the scouts now have their entire scouting outfit of which they are very proud.

A short time ago they held a joint meeting with the N. Wilkesboro troop which was highly enjoyed by both troops. A special service was held in the West Jefferson Presbyterian church for the benefit of the scouts recently. At a county-wide teachers' meeting of the public school teachers of Ashe the scouts with their master, presented a Flag Demonstration—showing the proper use of the flag on various occasions.

Mr. Rex Morton is proving his efficiency and capability as assistant scoutmaster to Mr. Luke.

YOUNG FOLKS ARE ACTIVE

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have started what they call "an apron project," for the purpose of raising some badly needed money. For the benefit of anyone into whose hands this article might fall, we are stating the plan: A small apron is made containing a coin pocket. This apron can be sent to as many friends of the sender as he desires, asking the receiver to measure his or her waist line and put into the pocket of the apron as many pennies as the receiver is large. This little poem accompanies the apron—

"This neat little apron is sent to you—

And this is what we want you to do.
The little pockets you plainly see—
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Now measure your waist line inch by inch.

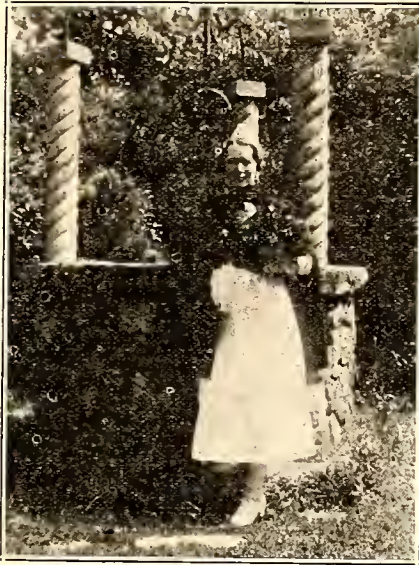
And be sure the measure does not pinch.

For each small inch it measures around—

In the pocket put a penny sound.
The game is fair you must admit.
You waste your money—ke pocket et it."

Some of the best news of the season is that Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown and family have announced that they will return to their home in Jefferson about the first of May.

A VALUED MEMBER



MISS OPAL BURGESS

During a revival meeting held at Low Gap Presbyterian church in November, 1932, by Rev. W. E. Hill, Miss Opal Burgess, of Wagoner, N. C., united with the church on profession of faith. She, like her grandfather, John Burgess, who was the first Presbyterian baptized in this county, took her religion seriously. She became a tither and since that time has been very successful as a graduate nurse in Charlotte.

She has been sending her tithes to her home church. This tithe has been applied to the Low Gap church debt and has been the leading factor in lifting the church entirely out of debt.

How we wish we had more tithers to boast of and who take the Word of God seriously when it says, "Bring ye all the tithe into the store house and I will give you a blessing which you are not able to contain".

A BETTER CAR FOR MISS HUNT VITUALLY ASSURED

In response to an appeal for funds to get a car, safe for Miss Hunt to use in her work, the following have sent gifts—The C. H. Wiley Circle, of the Winston First Auxiliary; Mrs. R. T. Stone, Stoneville, Circle One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven, Eight, Nine, Twelve, Fourteen and Sixteen of the Greensboro First Auxiliary; the Mockville Auxiliary and the Ginter Park (Richmond) Auxiliary.

Very soon we hope to have Miss Hunt doing her work in a car that is safe to operate. Our gratitude will be for those who make this possible.

MISS KATHERINE O'NEALL STILL ILL AT HER HOME

Early in January Miss Katherine O'Neill underwent a second serious operation in the Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte. From this she made an almost remarkable recovery.

But the desired end was not attained in the operation. Miss O'Neill continues quite sick in her home at 11 Poinsett Ave., Greenville, S. C. She is greatly cheered by cards and letters from her friends.

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MRS. EUGENE L. SCOTT

Mrs. Scott Makes Attendance Record

Mrs. E. F. Scott, a member of the Jefferson Church, has a record for Sunday School attendance of which we are proud. For more than eleven years she has not missed a Sunday School and has missed only one mid-week service during that time. Mrs. Scott has surely set a record for the rest to equal.

Such a record is significant in several particulars. It shows in the first place, her loyalty and devotion to a great cause. The Scotts have always had cars—Fords, Buicks and a Plymouth. The same temptation and urge must come to her that comes to others to get in and ride—see the mountains, the lowlands, the kinfolks. This is done after Sunday School or during the week. There is a "first thing" on Sunday—her Sunday School. A loyalty and a devotion such as hers is rare and precious.

It is significant, too, that the officer and teachers of the Sunday School have been diligent and have allowed no act of Providence to break into the continuity of Sunday School. There have been bitterly cold days; there have been snows that were deep; there have been special meetings where the crowds would flock; there have been deaths; there have been various things for which other schools have suspended for a day or longer. But not the Jefferson personnel.

The highest significance is that God has been good in granting her health and in keeping an oversight over her throughout the years. All good things are of God.

Her husband—Mr. Gene Scott—has a record almost as good for Sunday School attendance and rarely does he miss a mid mid-week service. He is a deacon in the Jefferson Church.

The Lansing congregation has begun to look forward to the time when they will have a resident minister with a service every Sunday. The Lansing pastor will also serve the Foster memorial and Gillespie congregations.

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Presbytery to Meet at Obids for Dedication of Church

Chautauquas In Eastern Ashe Are Progressing Fine

Four Christian Chautauquas have already been held in Eastern Ashe and they have passed by as a dream and the fifth is now in progress. The summer program is going smoothly and rapidly. This article will give you a few interesting details of the Chautauquas in the tent used by Rev. J. W. Luke.

Deep Cut—May 1-10

This meeting is held in Wilkes county, and although is not a large one yet it is a very useful and interesting one. This year we enrolled 45 children from Wilbar and Whittington's school communities. The weather was very cold for tent work, yet the people and children were faithful in attendance.

The teachers for the Bible School were Misses Lois Calhoun, Ruby Wyatt, and Eula Miller. Rev. J. W. Luke led the devotions for the Bible School and preached in the tent each night.

Ten children attended the Bible School perfectly. About 12 young people and children made professions.

Glendale Springs—May 12-20

This is the fourth year we have held a meeting at Glendale Springs. N. C. Glendale Springs has become a more important place since the Park-to-Park Highway has been built through it. Our meeting at Glendale was a very successful one. About eighty young people and children were enrolled in the Bible School. Thirty-seven made perfect attendance. The tent was packed at the night services—that is when the rain did not come too hard and the wind was not too strong.

The meeting was hindered greatly by the weather. The wind blew and blew, but the old tent stood the test through the storm. There were about thirty professions and twelve united with the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church.

The minister who preached was Rev. C. I. Calcote, of Vass, N. C. Every one enjoyed his splendid preaching. Teachers in the Bible School were Misses Lois Calhoun, Ruby Wyatt, Margaret McGoogan.

Ebenezer—May 24-June 5

Rain, Rain, Mud, Mud, so went the Ebenezer Chautauqua. In spite of these handicaps there were about ninety children who enrolled. They braved the weather more than one morning to walk through the mud to the school.

Rev. John W. Crinkly, of Eagle Springs, N. C., preached each night and did some good preaching. Two united with the church by letter and two by profession of faith. Crinkly's preaching was backed by his knowledge of God's Word and is having its effect up-

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ORGANIZED CHURCH



Rev. S. Calvin Smith, who played a prominent part in the organization of the Obids church in 1904. He was an evangelist in Ashe county from 1902 to 1905. He has a host of friends here. He has been dead several years.

Gillespie, Obids And F. Memorial Hold Chautauquas

Gillespie was the first to have its Christian Chautauqua, which began on May 8th and continued through the 22nd.

The services were all held in the church. Mr. J. O. Blevins conducted the service on the opening day. The minister in charge preached for a few days and then Rev. L. T. Edgerton, of Whitsett, N. C., came and delighted good congregations. The supply pastor concluded the meeting.

Mrs. Buell Calhoun was welcomed into the membership by profession of her faith and baptism.

Miss Kathryn Hunt, director of Bible schools, was assisted by Misses Ernestine Carty, Mary Shepherd and Marie Clark, three of our own Lansing girls. There was an enrollment of 80; there were 70 who came three days or more, an average attendance of 58 and 29 were awarded certificates for perfect attendance. Fourteen hundred and ninety-six chapters of the Acts were read.

Obids Chautauqua

May 25-June 8 was the date of the Obids Christian Chautauqua, which was conducted in the newly completed church with its Sunday school rooms. The minister was the Rev. Wade Hampton Eubank, of Pink Hill, N. C. He was present for every single preaching service and a fine impression was made by his scholarly and forceful sermons. In addition to a strengthening of Christian life and character there was the largest ingathering in a number of years. By profession of faith in Christ and baptism the following were received into the church: Mr. L. Fidel Miller, Misses

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New Church Bldg. To Be Dedicated Tuesday, July 12

On July 12th. Presbyterians from every church within the Presbytery of Winston-Salem and from other churches and a host of friends in other communities are expected to arise, saying—"We're going to Obids today."

At ten o'clock the Presbytery will convene in its summer session. Dr. J. R. Cunningham, the moderator, will open the session and before noon he will preach a sermon.

The big event begins at two o'clock when Presbytery will lay aside all of its business and Dr. Cunningham, chairman of Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, will preside over the meeting during which the handsome new edifice will be formally given to the Lord.

Dr. E. E. Gillespie, who began the Presbyterian work there before 1900 and whose ministry was used of the Spirit to lead a number of the present members to Christ, will preach the dedicatory sermon. Revs. E. Wayne Thompson and John W. Luke—former minister to the congregation—will have parts in the service. The history of the organization will be given by Mr. Jesse Baker, clerk of the session and one of the charter members and an Elder since the beginning. Miss Evelyn Brown will sing a solo and the prayer of dedication will be offered by the moderator.

Rev. E. E. Gillespie, before the turn of the century, began preaching in the school building. He received a num-into the Presbyterian church. Associated with Mr. Gillespie was Rev. John H. Grey. They were followed by Rev. Allen Jones, Jr., whose ministry was also fruitful. His memory is cherished there until this day. As he passed off the Ashe county stage there came after him Rev. S. Calvin Smith, who was an evangelist in the county from 1902 to 1905. Mr. Smith was in charge of the work when the church was organized in 1904. He is remembered as a pioneering, hard working, saintly and good man of God.

A frame building was erected that served the congregation until September 1, 1936. On the same site a building of the same dimensions—26x44—has been made possible by the loyalty of the members and others of the community and by a multitude of friends on the outside. There is joy and gratitude in the hearts of the Obids Presbyterians as they near the great event of dedicating their new house of worship to the Lord, for whose glory it has been constructed.

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IN MEMORIAM

On June 2nd, our Father called to Himself Miss Katherine O'Neill, who for over five years had rendered a fine and fruitful service in a number of our Ashe county churches and communities where we have no church.

Miss O'Neill left Ashe county before the Christmas holidays after having presented some superb Christian pageants. She was sick when she left and early in January she underwent a major operation, from which she had a quick comeback, but the cancer did its work. After months of suffering her release came and she serves now in another room.

Very seldom does God make and develop such a person as Miss Katherine O'Neill. He gave her a fine native ability, which she developed and used in an unselfish way for His glory. She had degrees from Winthrop College, Biblical Seminary and New York University. But she had something that cannot be expressed in earthly terms—the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ in her heart. Her talents and her gifts of grace and of heart were united in a whole-souled service for Christ.

She resigned an excellent position as Dean of Girls in King College to come to Lansing—for, for—(we're almost ashamed to print it) her board and room and expense of the car that carried her to her work. Later this was changed by the J. M. Rogers Bible class and other friends, but that shows her unselfish spirit.

In October 1932 she came and her work was on her heart until the earthly end of her career. She was a constructive worker—ever forging ahead, bringing the latest, approved methods to her tasks. She was one who was always looking for some new service that needed to be done and at the same time doing splendidly the things to which her energies were already directed. She was a fine leader and guide and inspirer and teacher. She was as loyal as could be to those with whom she worked. Her name and fame were widely known.

She was a precious gift of God to our Ashe county work. Expressions of regret of her passing are heard on every side. The way people loved her was shown by the scores of lovely floral tributes that formed a wall six feet high across the long pulpit of the First

Presbyterian Church, of Greenville, S. C., in which the funeral service was conducted on June 3rd.

We thank God for Miss O'Neill and for her continuing work among us.

MILLER'S WANTS TO BUILD A CHURCH

For five years Christian citizens at Miller's have been meeting in a school house for Sunday school and appointments. It is time we should have a church there. For this purpose the people have given and raised about \$130.00, also pledged work and more money.

When we have Sunday school we have to send the primary class out on the sunny side of the house to have its class, as there is not room enough in the building. We hope some day to have room in a building for all and we hope that day will come this fall. Do you want to help? Just send a little help to the pastor, J. W. Luke and it will go in on the building fund for the church.

BIG RIDGE HAS PIANO

Should you take a look into the Big Ridge church today you would see something new, a lovely K'mball piano. Go up and touch the keys and you will know that it has a sweet tone. The piano is the gift of Mr. J. M. Wells, Jr., of Winston-Salem. Rev. and Mrs. John J. Hayes had it tuned for us.

The Big Ridge people are most grateful for the piano that is all their own.

JEFFERSON, LANSING AND BIG RIDGE TO HOLD CHAUTAUQUA

Because of a confusion of dates, the Jefferson Chautauqua will begin on June 27 with a sermon by Dr. R. G. McLees, who will continue each evening through July 7th or 8th. The Bible School will begin on schedule—June 29th at 9 A. M.

The services will be in the tent pitched on the Presbyterian church lot. The church and McNeill Sunday school rooms will be used for some of the Bible school classes.

Lansing has two ministers for her Chautauqua. Dr. J. R. Cunningham comes to us on the evening of July 17th and after preaching a week he is succeeded by Rev. J. J. D. Hall, popularly known as "Dad" Hall, an Episcopal minister of New York city.

The closing Chautauqua will be held at Big Ridge on Aug. 3-17.

"GOOD TURNS" BY SCOUTS

The Boy scouts of West Jefferson have been doing their good turns all summer. They have been of great assistance in moving the Chautauqua tent from place to place. They are getting valuable experience in tent work and doing a good work in helping in the Lord's program.

BRISTOL COLORED S. S. TO HAVE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Misses Ruby Hudler and Kathryn Hunt are planning a Vacation Bible school for the colored children who attend the Sunday school in Bristol. Miss Hudler conducts the Sunday school there each Sunday morning.

SHE HAS GONE HOME



MISS KATHERINE O'NEALL

MISS HUNT DRIVES A "PAID-FOR" CAR

Since April 1st Miss Kathryn Hunt has been driving a most excellent model A Ford. There was hardly a scratch on it. Lights, brakes, steering, motor, tires etc., were good. It had been driven less than 6,000 miles and the motor wasn't even limbered up.

In the March issue we listed the first group of donors. For a good while now the car has been paid for in full. The following have given the money for the final payments: Mrs. Fred Hunt, The Jefferson Auxiliary, Miss Edna G. Maslin (2 gifts), Mrs. C. H. Meyers' Bible class, Synod's Home Mission Committee, Dr. E. E. Gillespie, The Thomasville Auxiliary, The Reynolda Auxiliary, The Business Women's Circle of the First Church Burlington of which Mrs. Lawson Dick is Treasurer (2 gifts), The Girl's Circle of Greensboro First church, The Winston First Auxiliary and Mrs. Carl Harris.

We have \$269.42 in the car. There should be several years of excellent service in this. Miss Hunt is taking especially good care of it and it is serving her and her work splendidly.

Again, there comes to those who made this possible a great many thanks and our abiding appreciation.

ARRIVAL OF BABY JOHN W. LUKE, JR.

On April 23rd, in the Presbyterian Hospital a son was born to Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Luke. The "little preacher" is doing well and is now two months old (June 23), and weighs 13 pounds.

DIRECTS YOUNG PEOPLE

The Young People's Leagues at Lansing and Gillespie are doing a fine work under the direction of Miss Ruby Hudler. Much of her time is devoted in a fruitful way to this service. At the Davidson Conference these Leagues were represented by Ruth and Mary Shepherd and Denver Blevins.

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on the church's life. Teachers in the Bible School were Misses Lois Calhoun, Ruby Wyatt and Rev. J. W. Luke. There were about 15 young people and children who made professions in the meeting and Bible School.

Peak Creek—June 7-19

The rain continued during this meeting, that is for part of the time. People came splendidly though. The visiting minister said, "The way people walked 2 to 5 miles to a meeting puts many people to shame in many parts of the country."

There were enrolled about 100 in the Bible School, and there were 30 perfect attendants.

Children were hauled each morning from Will McNeill's store and back each noon.

The preacher was Rev. L. T. Gill of Pageland, S. C. He was one of the most forcible preachers who has ever been at Peak Creek. Mrs. Gill also played in the meeting and taught in the Bible School. Everyone learned to love both of the Gills, and we feel they have done our community at Peak Creek a great deal of good.

During the meeting most every Christian reconsecrated themselves to the Lord, and there were about thirty professions. Four united with the church.

The Communion service was held in the tent on the last Sunday of the meeting. Besides this a small communion service was held at Mrs. Hamdon Youngers who was not well enough to go out, she being eighty-nine years old. Misses L. Calhoun, Ruby Wyatt, and Mrs. Gill taught.

Laurel Forks—June 21-July 4

This Chautauqua is just beginning. The Bible School is small on account of an epidemic of measles in the community, yet it has only been running for three days and is picking up as we go. Rev. Tom Cook of Little Joe's Church at Barium Springs is the evangelist. Mr. Cook is not only charming every one by his good humor but also by his preaching and charcoal drawing. We are praying this meeting will be as good as the others that have gone before it. Pray for us as you read the schedule in the Ashe Presbyterian.

The following is a schedule of the meetings to be held. Pray for each place: Low Gap—July 6-19; West Jefferson—July 21-Aug. 3; Bethel—Aug. 5-17; Miller's—Aug. 19-31.

GLENDALE SPRINGS PETITIONS FOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

During the meeting at Glendale Springs in which Rev. C. I. Calcote preached, a movement was started for a Presbyterian church. Two petitions were circulated among the people at Glendale Springs. One was for citizens who approved it and the other was for Christians who would become charter members. There were forty names on the last petition which will go to Presbytery when it meets in July at Obids.

The members of the West Jefferson church have had the floor of the church craped and are painting it.

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Since our March issue there have been a goodly number who have helped us with gifts making it possible to complete the structure, pay its debts and offer it to God free of all encumbrances.

To our roll of honor and those whom we love and whose gifts we appreciate we now gladly acknowledge our appreciation to those who have added their gifts.

Mrs. Fidel Miller, Miss DeEtte Crawford, Hon. R. L. Doughton, Mr. E. E. Eller (2 gifts), Miss Beula Welch, Mr. Clarence Crawford, Mrs. H. H. Burgess, Miss Ada Cox, Mrs. Carl Harris, Messrs. Thurmond Miller, Clint Dillard, Smith Watson, Odell Baker, Hamp Phillips, Charlie Hartzog, J. H. Parsons, J. L. Kimble, Edwin Hartzog, George Miller, Roey Ashley, Ralph Bare, J. H. Colvard, T. J. Bare, N. C. Smithey, O. F. Eller, Thomas Forester, Joe Pearson, Mrs. Beulah Welch, Mr. William N. Reynolds, L. P. Colvard, Don Williams Robert Woodie and C. R. Jackson.

Of necessity those who have made the very last gifts will be published in September.

OBIDS CHAUTAUQUA CTD.

Pauline Caudill, Ruby Parsons, Julia Bare, Blanche Burgess, Grace Williams, Lula Jene and Rose Myrtle Hartzog.

Miss Hunt was assisted here by Misses Ruby Hudler, Mary Shepherd and DeEtte Crawford—again our own young ladies. The enrollment was 107—the largest in several years. There were 85 who came three days or more and an average attendance of 67 and due to rains and other conditions only 11 came every day. In the Gospel of John 785 chapters were reported read.

A good part of the large attendance is due to Mr. R. S. McNeill—the Deacon of the church—who would go to Idlewild in his pickup truck and bring a load. He was assisted by Messrs. Connard and Dempsey McNeill.

Foster Memorial

Dr. Charles E. Hodgins, of Greensboro, is the preacher at the Foster Memorial Chautauqua whose date is June 12-26. As we go to press he is preaching and has been delighting large congregations each night with his helpful, practical and simple expositions of Biblical texts.

Miss Hunt has for her able assistants Misses Ruby Hudler, Mary Hartzog and Marie Clark—three of our own help again. Observing in the Bible school as taught by Miss Hunt, Dr. Hodgins commented that the character and quality of the work done is superior to much of that done in Bible Schools in cities where you would expect better work.

There was an average attendance of 45 in the Bible school and an enrollment of 55. Twenty-five certificates for perfect attendance were awarded. There were five professions and the following united with the church: Bernice Edmondson, Leva, Bly and Clarissa Wiles. 1600 chapters in Matthew's Gospel were read.

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Jefferson And Big Ridge And Lansing Chautauqs Success

The Jefferson people were delighted to have had for their Chautauqua preacher this year the Rev. R. G. McLees, D. D., of Chatham, Va. Due to a confusion of plans the meeting did not continue for the full two weeks. There were quite a number of professions of faith. Those uniting with the Jefferson Presbyterian church by profession and baptism were: Worth Sexton, Dorothy McClure, Alta Eller, June Eller, Emma Combs, Myrtle Combs, Roy Eller, Barbara Williams and Myrtle Blevins.

In the Bible School 144 were enrolled with an average attendance of 103. There were 52 who came every day. During the night meetings 532 chapters in Mark were reported read. Miss Kathryn Hunt, director and teacher of the young people, was assisted by Messrs. Gordon Oglvie, Sam Vickery and Roy Eller, Misses Helen Kirkpatrick, Ruby Hudler, Mary Shepherd and Evelyn Brown. Mrs. R. H. Stone had charge of the singing. All were delighted at the commencement with the manifest progress that had been made.

Lansing Chautauqua

Lansing's Bible school was the largest of the season with 160 enrolled and an average attendance of 128 and a perfect attendance of 61. Miss Hunt, directing again, taught the young people with the assistance of Messrs. Roy Eller and Emerson Smith. Other members of the faculty were Mrs. T. J. Powers, Mrs. Claude Gambill and Misses Maxie Weaver, Helen Kirkpatrick and Ruth Shepherd. Mrs. R. H. Stone had charge of the singing.

Great congregations came for the Gospel services each evening. Dr. J. R. Cunningham, of Winston-Salem, preached from Sunday through Friday. During his ministry to us the creek overflowed the meadow in which the tent was pitched and the services were continued in the church. Following Dr. Cunningham was the Rev. J. J. D. Hall, an Episcopal clergyman of New York. He is popularly known as "Dad Hall" and semi-ecclesiastically known as the "Bishop of Wall Street." His novel way of presenting the truth was quite interesting. Such crowds came that amplifiers were installed so that the overflow could share in the services. It was said by several that the largest

OUTPOST SUNDAY SCHOOL



These are members of the Meadowview Sunday School, an outpost of the Gillespie Church. This school and a larger one at Thaxton are conducted each Sunday under the direction of Mr. Conley Thompson. He has some loyal assistants who help him in teaching the classes.

Ginter Park Young People Assist In Summer Programs

Miss Elinor Curry, director of the young people's activities in the Ginter Park Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia, and two of her young people, Misses Mollie Wagener and Margaret Rice, came to us for the first time this summer and conducted two Daily Vacation Bible schools.

The first was at Thaxton in one of the outpost Sunday schools. There has never been a Vacation Bible School (Continued on P. 3)

Eastern Ashe And Wilkes Christian Chautauqs Ended

The last meeting that was written up from this territory was that of Laurel Forks. We were just in the middle of this meeting with four more meeting to go. The Laurel Forks Chautauqua turned out to be a fine meeting. Rev. Tom Cook left us all with greater love for our Saviour. Two ladies united with the church by letter—Mrs. Fred Miller and Mrs. Myrtle Taylor. Our Bible school teachers were Misses Lois Calhoun, Ruth Stewart and J. W. Luke.

After the close of the Laurel Forks meeting the tent was moved in circus style to Low Gap. After a half day's hard work the old tent stood erect again as if to say, "You can't hold a good tent down."

Rev. Ted Smith was the evangelist here, and preached forceful and straight-from-the-shoulder sermons. There were many reconsecrations. The following were welcomed into the church: Dean Lyle, Zeffa Lyle, Gene Hunt, Buford Altizer, Arnold Bare, Beatrice Bare, Vera Altizer, and Cad Wyatt. Albert Bare was reinstated as a member. Our Bible School teachers were Misses Lois Calhoun, Frances McFayden, Marie Clark and Ruth Shepherd.

One rainy day the meeting closed and the next day in the rain the tent was taken down, and put up again in the rain. "Never mind the weather, we'll all work together and see what can be done."

The tent was loaded on the truck owned by Mr. Scott. Everybody was wet. The truck got stuck in the soft mud, but at last by lots of effort we pulled it into West Jefferson.

Rain, Rain, Rain, "it came down and wet the ground," but the meeting went on. A loud-speaker was installed in the tent, so that Rev. E. L. Barber of Aberdeen, N. C., could speak to the whole town. Many said Mr. Barber's sermons provoked thought and were full of the Gospel message. We had a large Bible school. A car ran each morning and was packed with children for the school. The teachers were Misses Lois Calhoun, Frances McFayden, Ann Dimmock, Sarah Granthem, Julia Davis, Evelyn Denton, Ora Grayson and J. W. Luke.

During the meeting picnics were held by classes and the young people (Continued on P. 4)

SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF 1938 CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUA	ENROLLMENT	AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	PERFECT ATTENDANCE	CHAPTERS READ IN BIBLE	NEW MEMBERS	EVANGELIST
Gillespie	80	58	29	1496	1	Rev. L. T. Edgerton
Obids	107	67	11	785	10	Rev. W. H. Eubank
Foster Memorial	55	45	25	1600	4	Dr. C. E. Hodgkin
Jefferson	144	103	52	532	9	Dr. R. G. McLees
Lansing	160	128	61	1065	5	Dr. J. R. Cunningham and Rev. J. J. D. Hall
Big Ridge	91	63	38	1369	5	Mr. E. P. Bell
Thaxton (D.V.B.S.)	45	36	15			No meeting
M'view (D.V.B.S.)	24	20	11			No meeting
Br'tol (C.) D.V.B.S.	48	35	20			No meeting
Deep Cut	39	27	12	120		Rev. J. W. Luke
Glendale Springs	90	66	37	300	12	Rev. C. I. Calcote
Ebenezer	85	52	25	180	4	Rev. J. W. Crinkley
Peak Creek	74	49	31	275	4	Rev. L. T. Gill
Laurel Forks	50	35	12	150	2	Rev. Tom Cook
Low Gap	76	52	17	250	9	Rev. Ted Smith
West Jefferson	142	63	22	200	5	Rev. E. L. Barber
Bethel	69	42	15	175	4	Rev. J. R. Dickens
Millers	70	44	20	600	9	Rev. S. B. Ghiselin
TOTAL	1449	985	453	9097	83	

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EDITORIAL**A SUCCESSFUL CHAUTAUQUA**

Since the Chautauquas have been operating in Ashe county, there have been four years in which the enrollment exceeded the 1400 mark. This is one of the years—there being an enrollment of 1449. We are proud of the achievements of this year. And we are profoundly grateful to God for His blessing upon the endeavors.

By comparison we are proud of our enrollment and the number of schools. Within the Presbytery there are forty-two churches and there were forty-three schools. Of the forty-three, eighteen were conducted by our Chautauqua personnel. The total Presbytery enrollment was 3,530, of which we enrolled 1449. This means that we had 41% of the schools and 41% of the enrollment. There are yet other un-reached places.

In Rev. J. W. Luke's meeting a record was kept of the professions of faith in Christ. There were 122.

For all of these blessings we are thankful to God and for the help of so many consecrated volunteer teachers and ministers. Gratitude is also due the people of the communities who co-operated so splendidly. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Two days we are urged to keep RALLY DAY (usually first Sunday in October) and Church Paper Week—October 9-16. Another season we should observe is that for Home Missions—October 2-Nov. 6, 1938.

The colored Daily Vacation Bible School was directed by Miss Ruby Hudler who was assisted by Miss Mabel Greer and Mr. Emerson Smith.

PROGRESS OF BIG RIDGE CHURCH IS BEING MADE

Since the rush of the Chautauqua season the Big Ridge church has been plastered and much of the finishing work done. During the fall we hope to complete both the interior and exterior.

Mrs. Carl Harris has made a gift that makes much of the interior work possible. Mr. J. W. Farrington's Lord's Acre cabbage patch will probably pay for the completion of the rock work.

At present the plan is to dedicate the church on Thanksgiving Day.

OBIDS CHURCH DEDICATED

Since the last issue of the Ashe Presbyterian the Obids' congregation has had the joyful experience of entertaining the Presbytery of Winston-Salem.

During its session on July 12th the Presbytery dedicated the new church building. Dr. J. R. Cunningham, a master of ceremonies, presided. Dr. E. E. Gillespie was the preacher of the sermon of dedication. Mr. Jesse Baker gave a history of the church. Miss Evelyn Brown sang "Go As a Witness for Jesus." Revs. E. Wayne Thompson and J. W. Luke, former ministers to the congregation, led in the devotional exercises. It was a great day!

During the service of dedication there was a pause during which Miss Pearl Jackson dedicated her life to the Lord and was baptized and received into the Obids church.

On a preceding Sunday Mr. Rufus Parsons was received into the church. A congregational meeting has been called for September 25th at 7:30 P. M., for the purpose of electing additional officers and of calling a pastor.

Those making gifts toward completion of the church were: Mr. L. P. Colvard, Mrs. E. N. MacWilliams, Mr. Robert C. Norfleet, Miss Eva Lillian Maloney, Mr. A. B. Taylor, Mr. Knox Johnstone, Mrs. Henry Roan, Dr. R. G. McLees, Mr. E. B. Hale, Mrs. Carl Harris and Miss Julia Finley. Bless their hearts!

BENCH FUND STARTED

The old weather-beaten, rickety home-made benches look out of place in the lovely new edifice. Consequently Mrs. R. T. Stone and Mr. J. D. Crawford have given money which starts the bench fund.

The "Gospel-Bile"

The "Old Ford," which rather than call it an automobile, is more of a "one horse shey" or better still we might call it a worn out "Gospel-Bile." It has carried the gospel far and near, through mud and over rocks.

It was a second-hand car when Rev. J. W. Luke bought it for his use. That was back in 1930. It killed one man before it came our way. Since then it has been struck twice by other automobiles or trucks. It has fallen through one bridge, turned over a fence into a creek. It has a hole in the top which is stuffed with rags to keep the rain out. Part of the windshield is gone, the fenders are flopping like the ears of a full-blooded hound dog. The front bumper is gone, one side glass in door as well as glass in side window are gone; no tail light (please don't tell traffic cops). One traffic cop made us put a muffler on it, a windshield wiper, fix horn and emergency brakes. Lots of things are missing on it and even the engine misses half the time.

You ask us why do we use such an old death trap and compel Miss Calhoun to go around in it? Do we keep it for memory's sake? No. We use it because it is all we can afford.

Will you help us get a car before winter sets in. It is a scandal to let our work be done in such death traps, fresh, winter-aired taxicabs as this.

MISS CALHOUN TEACHES LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOLS IN WEST VA.

For the two weeks of August, Miss Calhoun, Mr. Luke's worker in the field, held Leadership Training Schools in a couple of churches in the Greenbrier Presbytery, of West Virginia, at the request of Rev. S. B. Lapsley, Superintendent of Home Missions and Synod's Evangelist of West Virginia.

The schools were held in the churches of Rev. O. C. Brown, at Renick, and Rev. J. C. Wool, of Marlinton, and proved to be very successful. Large groups attended all the classes and quite a good number took credit for the course offered.

The schools were supposed to have continued through the month of August, but since the leader's time was limited away from her own work, they were cut short. Out of these schools grew the idea and the desire for a centrally located Leadership Training School accessible to a number of the larger churches of that section of the Greenbrier Presbytery.

HELP PURCHASE BIBLES

The Jefferson and Lansing Bible schools contributed \$5.19 to the American Bible society. This donation being given to help provide Bibles and portions to men and women who are in the prisons.

LOW GAP CHURCH'S YOUNG PEOPLE ACTIVE

A badly needed outside painting job on the Low Gap church has just been completed, under the direction of the young people of the church, making it more beautiful in appearance, and better protected from the weather.

Some inside painting and a good bit of work on the church tower has been done.

The North Wilkesboro District Rally of the Winston-Salem Presbytery was held at the Low Gap church, Saturday, Sept. 17. The Young People of this church and of the district have looked forward to a profitable time together. The church felt honored, being host to the Rally of North Wilkesboro district.

We have followed the Lord's Acre plan in our Young People's work this year in the raising of a potato patch. The potatoes are in the process of being dug at this time.

GOD HAS ANSWERED OUR PRAYER TO THE PENNY

The manse at Glendale Springs is now in good condition and to get it in the shape it is we had to borrow \$225.00 by note.

The pastor, who was busy holding a meeting, wrote a few letters to friends and the exact amount came in from different sources which exactly paid off the debt.

God sent to us, through friends, just the total of the note with interest on a short renewal. The friends who answered our call for help were: Mrs. Frank Stevens, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Pat Williams, of North Wilkesboro and Mrs. W. Y. Preyer of Greensboro.

We still owe on a lumber bill of \$150.00 which we shou'd pay off this fall.

A CATECHISM CLASS



Shown above is the Obids Catechism Class. Five of these young ladies have received reward Testaments with their names imprinted in gold thereon.

JEFFERSON ... CHAUTAUQUA

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congregations ever assembled in Lansing were for the Chautauqua services. At the night meeting 1065 chapters were reported read. Five new members were welcomed into the church: Mr. and Mrs. Wade Stansberry, Miss Ruth Stansberry, Miss Avis Ham and Myrtle Williamson Campbell.

Big Ridge Chautauqua

For the last time during the season the tent was pitched at Big Ridge where Miss Hunt, Miss Celia Krider, of Statesville, Miss Ruby Hudler and Mr. Emerson Smith taught the Bible school—91 enrolled, an average attendance of 63 and a perfect attendance of 38.

Mr. E. P. Bell, a recent graduate of the Bob Jones College, preached to good congregations who were delighted with his earnest messages and his zeal in preaching the Gospel. The congregations reported 1369 chapters as having been read. Five new members were welcomed into the fellowship of the church by profession of faith and baptism: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lyall, Miss Virginia Sheets, Misses Lucy and Edith Crepps.

GINTER PARK YOUNG PEOPLE

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there prior to this time. A morning and an afternoon session were held each day for a week.

The second week they conducted a Vacation Bible School at the other outpost Sunday school—Meadowview. The school was new in that community. Results of the schools are recorded in the table on the front page.

Of one of the communities Miss Currie said, "They are the grandest people up there! Just marvelous!"

Mr. Emerson Smith, of Richmond, a rising senior in the University of Richmond, and a member of the Ginter Park church, came to us for a longer period. He taught in the Lansing and Big Ridge Chautauquas, taught Sunday school and preached in six churches and an outpost. The people have been speaking of his work in terms of great praise. Many expressions of desire for his return next year have been expressed. We are indebted to the Ginter Park church and her visiting young people.

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EASTERN ASHE AND WILKES

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ple had many enjoyable times together. The following were received as members of the church: Mrs. Goodman, Eva Pennington, Faye Woodie, Herbert Allen and Frank Barr.

At the close of this meeting, we completed water proofing the tent by painting it with melted parafine poured in gasoline. The Boy Scouts of West Jefferson helped to do this and accompanied the tent to Bethel church in Wilkes county where they helped erect it after camping over night.

Although the Bible school had started a day late, which could not be avoided, we had a most profitable time. The Bible school was the largest one we had had for about three years. The evangelist was Rev. J. R. Dickens, who presented the gospel to congregations in an unusual and forceful way. The teachers for the school were Misses Janet McNeill, Frances McFayden and Sarah Grantham. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Luke, concluded the last three nights of the meeting as Mr. Dickens had to go back to his work. There were three who united with the church during the meeting: Charlie Vannoy, Claude Shepherd and Allie Vannoy. Council Shepherd also united with this church in the next meeting.

On August 18th, the tent was moved to Miller's community. A crowd of men and boys came in Mr. A. F. Miller's truck. It was not long before the tent, like a mushroom, had completed its growth on a hillside in this settlement.

Again we had the largest Bible school at Miller's since the starting of our Chautauquas in this vicinity. Our teachers were: Misses Mary Janet McNeill, Frances McFayden, Lois Calhoun and Rev. J. W. Luke. The evangelist was Rev. S. B. Ghiselin. Mr. Ghiselin was a tireless worker and was always filled with the love of his Savior which it seemed he could not let out fast enough. He preached in homes, to groups of men working on the roads and anywhere a little crowd might gather.

Every night stereopticon pictures were shown by J. W. Luke, the pastor, at the opening of the services.

Mr. Ghiselin had to go to his home before the meeting closed, but he left a spirit-filled community. The meeting was concluded by the pastor for the last five days. Those who united with the church were the following: Mrs. Tish Darnell, Mrs. Erp Church, Mrs. James Church, Carl Royal, Ernest Miller, Mrs. A. Mack Wyatt, Helen Wyatt and May Church. Council Shepherd and James Church were reinstated in the church.

This meeting at Miller's concluded the summer's Chautauquas in this field from May 1st through September 31st. The tent was hauled to Glendale Springs, where it lay idle for a week until it was moved to Spies, N. C., where the pastor will hold a meeting for Rev. J. W. Crinkley.

Following the Laurel Forks Christian Chautauqua, the young people of the church were organized under the direction of Miss Calhoun, their leader.

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Big Ridge Church Near Completion; Plan Dedication

On December 8th, at 4:06 $\frac{3}{4}$ P. M., E. S. T., Stonemason Alonzo Baldwin came down the scaffold ladder to the Big Ridge Church and with a grin of approval, as he looked up at the stone wall, said, "Well, I guess that's finished." Indeed it was—the rock work at Big Ridge is a completed task.

During the quarter the auditorium has been completed except for a little staining of some of the woodwork. Miss Hunt speaks of this as a "cathedral." Indeed, it is a work of loveliness and beauty in its natural setting of various kinds of trees.

We had hoped to dedicate this on Thanksgiving Day, but for two reasons it was not done. First, we couldn't secure Dr. E. E. Gillespie, who had been asked to preach the sermon of dedication. Second, because we could not get him we did not push the work and the edifice wasn't finished.

We hope to ask Presbytery to visit us in 1939 and get them to dedicate the new building.

The forward work has been made possible through the generous gifts of Mrs. C. P. Robertson, of Stoneville, The J. M. Belk Memorial Foundation, Mr. Beryl Smith, Mrs. Carl Harris, of Winston-Salem, Lynn Bare, Mrs. Alonzo Bare and Mr. J. W. Farrington and family, whose Lord's Cabbage Patch has already netted \$20.00 for the church—and more cabbage remain to be sold. We are deeply grateful to all who have made these gifts.

Many Memorials To Katherine O'Neill

Several fitting memorials to the memory of Miss Katherine O'Neill have been planned, but the first to see fruition was realized in the Lansing Church during the evening service of December 11th., when some new Presbyterian Hymnals were dedicated. They are the gifts of Miss Maxie Weaver, a former student and ardent admirer of Miss O'Neill. The hymnals have a dignified and appropriate book plate bearing this inscription, "This Hymn Book has been placed in this Church in Memory of Miss Katherine O'Neill, by Miss Maxie Weaver."

This is a needed and a useful gift and the congregation is greatly indebted to the donor.

The Gillespie Church has most of the money in hand with which it proposes to complete a Sunday School room in memory of Miss O'Neill. The door will bear a bronze memorial plate.

The Mothers' and Daughters' Bible
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NEW ASSISTANT PASTOR



Baby John W. Luke, Jr., eight months old, wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.

Lovely Christmas Services Planned In Ashe County

"Everywhere, Everywhere—Christmas." And the observance of the great event of the birth of our Lord begins in our Churches on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 P. M., in the Jefferson and Lansing Churches. Jefferson presents a pageant "Behold His Star." Lansing also has a pageant. The following is the schedule for the remaining services:

Monday at 7:00 P. M.—Glendale Springs; Tuesday at 2:30 P. M.—Obids; Tuesday at 7:00 P. M.—Laurel Fork; Monday at 6:45 P. M.—Warrens ville Prison Camp; Wednesday at 2:30 P. M.—Boggs; Wednesday at 7:00 P. M.—West Jefferson; Thursday at 11:00 A. M.—Ebenezer; Thursday at 7:00 P. M.—Big Ridge; Thursday at 7:00 P. M.—Low Gap; Thursday at 7:00 P. M.—Bristol Colored Sunday School; Thurs., 7:00 P. M. Foster Memorial; Fri. at 11:00 A. M.—Loggins; Friday at 7:00 P. M.—Bethel; Friday at 7:00 P. M.—Gillespie; Saturday at 11:00 A. M.—Peak Creek; Saturday at 7:00 P. M. Millers.

The text and Foster Memorial will commemorate the occasion during the Sunday School program on Christmas Day. Other Sunday Schools are likewise preparing special programs. A Christmas service will be held in the prison Camp at Warrensville at 12:45 on Christmas Day. The Camp Quartet will have some special vocal numbers.

In Mr. Luke's field some of the Young People's groups are making
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Plans To Build A Church In Millers Community Started

The picture on page two is not a real one—it is the dream of Miller's Community and we are starting to make that dream real. The picture is a drawing of what we hope to build.

After Sunday School, work and preaching had been carried on in the little school house at Miller's by Rev. J. W. Luke for two years, the people of the community petitioned Presbytery for an organization. It was granted by Presbytery and on October 1st, 1933, Rev. C. W. Robinson, pastor of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church, was chairman of a commission to organize. There were forty-four charter members who made up the Presbyterian church at Millers. The organization took place in the School House, in which it has done an active work ever since. The Sunday School will average fifty each Sunday. Preaching appointments by Rev. J. W. Luke are held every other Saturday night. On Sunday the Primary and Junior teachers take their classes out doors on the sunny side of the school house for their classes. This has to be done as the school house is small and only one class can be taught inside. We are planning to build a concrete basement with plenty of Sunday School room under the church.

The building will cost about \$2,000. The community has already raised \$150.00 to start with. People of the community are planning to give logs from their woods to be sawed by the men of the community on Mr. A. R. Miller's saw mill. Trucks to haul sand, logs, lumber and brick are offered by local men to do work. Tuesday, Dec. 6th, men began to level off a hillside where the church is to be built. The land is to be given by the family of the late Elder Com Miller, who although he had looked forward to the construction of the church, did not live to see it erected. With a team of oxen and a mule, shovels and maddocks the work began. We need a church badly for the good work now going on. We are not only thinking of our own generation but those who are to follow us. By God's help we mean to finish what we have begun.

Although the people of the community are willing to help in every way possible, our financial resources are very small. If you, my dear reader, would like to participate in the construction of a church building where there is none, if you would like to help in the progress of the Lord's great work, if you would like to help us make room for the children in Sunday School, you would perhaps like to give some financial aid to this cause.

On Dec. 24, the community will gather to celebrate the birthday of the
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EDITORIAL

The staff of the Ashe Presbyterian are united in wishing for each of our readers a happy and a joyous Christmas season. May you say with Peter as he writes of Christ, "He is precious." May He ever be the object of our increasing and adoring love.

MINISTERS' ANNUITY FUND**QUOTAS PRACTICALLY PAID**

During the quarter Lansing has raised \$48.00 to apply on its M. A. F. pledge. This makes a total of \$82.53 the Lansing Church has paid. There remains only \$17.54 of the quota unpaid—and we have a year for that.

Of its \$40.00 quota Obids paid \$13.00 from the proceeds of the Lord's Cabbage patch. But for the excessive, drowning rains and the low prices of cabbage the quota would have been paid in full. We will come out next year.

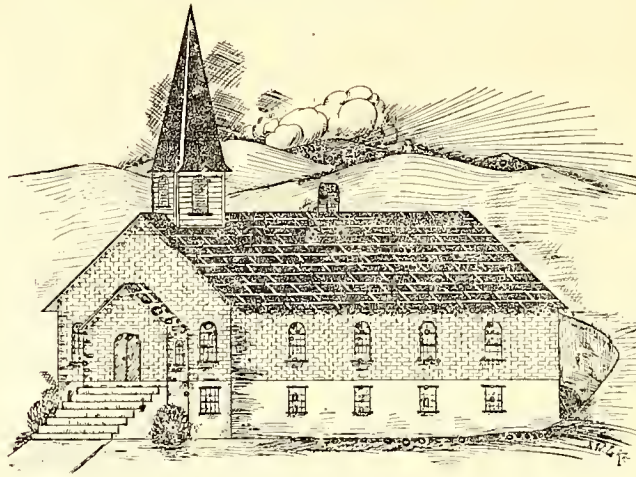
Of Jefferson's quota of \$100.00 there has been paid \$99.77. There remains a pledge of \$29.00 unpaid, which we hope to clear up by the first of the year. The regular Christmas offering will go to this cause.

Regular payments are being made by the Foster Memorial, Gillespie and Big Ridge congregations. Big Ridge had a quota \$15.00, has paid \$6.30 and has \$3.11 to apply on the balance of \$8.70. We hope to come out of the red by January 1st.

RALLY DAY OBSERVANCE IN JEFFERSON CHURCH GROUP

We have reasons to promote Rally Day. In addition to what the preceding work does for the local school there is a potent reason in what it does for others in Sunday School extension. The churches served from Jefferson gave the following amounts: Jefferson, \$5.14; Lansing, \$5.78; Gillespie, \$1.52; Boggs, \$1.35; Big Ridge, \$1.30.

On a snowy, blustery Saturday in November, the Big Ridge Chicken Club met to present their Church Chickens to be weighed and sold, and to have their annual picnic. There were plenty of chickens at the picnic, but none of them eaten. Ten chickens were sold, bringing \$5.40. "It is a joy to raise something for the Lord", is the testimony of all these chicken growers. One dollar of this bought window locks for the Church auditorium, \$3.40 went into the benevolent budget and one dollar went to help to pay the stone mason.

**MISS CALHOUN NOW DRIVES A SAFE CAR**

You should see Miss Calhoun! For one reason especially is to behold the new wreath of smiles that have come because of the infinitely better car that she drives. There was a hearty response to the article in the last ASHE PRESBYTERIAN entitled "The 'Gospel-Bible'."

One day Mr. G. M. Roberts of Radford, Va., sent his check for \$25.00 attached to the clipping. This was a great start for the new car movement. Miss Edna G. Maslin read the article and sent her big contribution. Some personal letters were written and Mr. Luke made some effective contacts and the other contributors are: Presbytery's Home Mission Committee; Men's Bible Class, always doing something big, Women's Bible Class, Mrs. Edna C. Faw's Sunday School Class, of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church; Mocksville Woman's Auxiliary; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Larew, Mockville; Mrs. J. N. Zinn, Charles Town, W. Va.; Glade Valley High School, Miss Annie Bell Corry, Glade Valley, N. C.; Mrs. W. Y. Preyer, Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Niven, Matthews; The Christian Association of Lee-McRae College, Banner Elk.

A 1937 model Ford—five passenger capacity, but can take fifteen to a Sunday School or Chautauqua, was purchased. Mr. Luke and Miss Calhoun are happy to have it. Miss Calhoun writes her appreciation: "From my heart I do want to thank those who have given so generously to the nice, comfortable car I am now using. What a satisfaction and joy it is having something to travel in to various appointments that is dependable and safe. It is so much easier to do the work. In less than a month's time after the appeal was made the money came in and the purchase of the car was made possible."

"May the Lord graciously bless all those who had a part in this and may He use me in a greater way for His glory."

Among those helping to provide for the 500 (exclusive of Jefferson and Lansing) Christmas treats in the Jefferson group are Mt. Airy Auxiliary, Stoneville Auxiliary, Miss Elizabeth Donaldson and Miss Beulah Welch, Hickory, Mooresville and Reynolda Auxiliaries.

PROPOSED SANCTUARY FOR MILLER'S CONGREGATION

Excavation work was started December 6. Appeal for help is made.

OFFICERS INSTALLED AT OBIDS

On the night of November 27th., a Commission of the Presbytery of Winston-Salem, of which Rev. J. W. Luke was chairman, came to Obids and installed Rev. R. H. Stone pastor of the Obids Church.

The Session of the Church then met and asked the Commission to sit with them in the work of ordaining and installing Deacon R. S. McNeill an Elder and of ordaining and installing in the Diaconate Messrs. Rufus Parsons and Fidel Miller. Each of the new officers is happy in his new work.

UPWARD TREND NOTED IN GIFTS TO BARIUM

Thanksgiving offerings to our Orphans' Home at Barium Springs showed some very decided upward trends. Some churches about doubled their offering while others exceeded anything yet given by them. The total Thanksgiving offering this year is \$78.63 as against \$53.77 of 1937.

The Thanksgiving offering by churches is as follows: Bethel, \$2.12; Ebenezer, \$4.23; Glendale Springs, \$2.21; Laurel Forks, \$8.65; Loggins, \$1.05; Low Gap, \$2.00; Millers, \$1.40; Peak Creek, \$3.28; West Jefferson, \$3.78; Jefferson, \$15.73; Lansing, \$13.31; Obids, \$12.13 (best in history); Gillespie, \$1.24; Foster Memorial, \$3.80; Big Ridge and Boggs, \$2.90; Bristol colored Sunday School, \$1.64. The Thaxton Sunday School sent down some cabbage, potatoes, beans and onions.

Some groups of young people and ladies made some quilts for the Home and enjoyed a trip to Barium to deliver them. Our people were cordially welcomed and shown through the buildings and over the grounds. It was an interesting and revealing experience to the visitors.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

Gillespie welcomes Misses Ersie Mae Davis and Clara Roten. Jefferson welcomes Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown and Misses Evelyn and Mary Brown who return to us by letter from the Blowing Rock Presbyterian Church.

ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS

In keeping with the request of the General Assembly, some of our Churches received a special offering for Assembly's Home Mission—Jefferson, \$5.50; Lansing, \$3.81 and Foster Memorial, \$1.25.

RALLY DAY OBSERVED IN EASTERN ASHE AND WILKES

Rally Days were held throughout the month of October. We cannot hold all the Rally Day services in one Sunday. There are seven to hold, so we spread them out over the month giving the program sent out by the Presbyterian Committee of Publication.

Rally Day offerings were sent to the Committee for extension work in the Sunday Schools. The total offering for Low Gap, Laurel Fork, West Jefferson, Peak Creek, Ebenezer, Bethel, Millers, was \$11.50. We believe in Sunday School Extension Work. Two of the Churches in this field grew out of extension work of the pastor.

MEETING HELD AT THAXTON

Beginning on the evening of October 24th. and continuing through the 31st. a series of evangelistic services were held in the Thaxton School where Mr. Conley Thompson conducts a Sunday School each Sunday. They are a cordial, hospitable and responsive people. As a result of this meeting Miss Ersie Mae Davis united with the Gillespie Church upon her profession of faith in Christ.

REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT

WORK ON CHURCHES

Fall is the time of improvement. At Bethel this fall during a week of preaching by the pastor, painting of the church was completed. The bell-fry was repainted and other wood work on the stone building. The church looks one hundred percent better as the result of the work. The members and pastor did their own painting work.

Ebenezer has also been the scene of improvement. The flue which carried the draft from the furnace was in need of repair. A new flue has been built. The roof over the Sunday School rooms was leaking badly. This has been replaced by a metal roof. All of this work was done by the members.

A new stove has been purchased for West Jefferson Church auditorium. It has been a considerable addition to the comfort of the church this winter.

The upstairs of the Glendale manse is being steadily improved. Flooring, which the Laurel Forks church had left over from their work, was given to be used in the manse. This has entirely floored one upstairs room and will floor another. A hall has been ceiled and one room petitioned upstairs.

On a recent Sunday little Miss Irene Baldwin, of the Lansing Sunday School, was awarded a reward Bible for having recited the Westminster Shorter Catechism.

During the loveliness of the fall, a group of ladies from Charlotte's Myers Park Presbyterian Church visited the Glendale Manse and were carried to some of Mr. Luke's Churches. Their continued interest is shown in that they have had the manse radio repaired and are contributing to other phases of the work.

Our good friend Mrs. Carl Harris has again helped us at Objds. Mr. W. R. McNeill has also made a contribution. To them we are thankful.

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plans for fellowship dinners and caroling serenading parties.

At Jefferson, Boggs and Big Ridge the staging will be enhanced greatly by a new drop curtain depicting the lovely eastern night and the village of Bethlehem.

In a number of these services the annual Joy Gift, which is for the aged ministers of the Church and their dependent ones, will be received or an offering taken for the Minister's Annuity Fund. West Jefferson will receive its offering for the Ministers' Annuity Fund as will also Jefferson.

Something strange and warm and lovely must again stir within our hearts as well as we all once more kneel before the manger stall and offer our gifts of worship and adoration.

MEMORIAL TO MISS O'NEALL

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Class, and the Graham Bible Class of Greenville, S. C.'s First Presbyterian Church are giving something as a memorial. The Lansing congregation hopes to get a figure of Christ in prayer in Gethsemane fitted into the lovely leaded glass window back of the pulpit and designate it as a memorial.

Miss Susie Lee Patton, of Greenville, S. C., is assisting some young women in school and college—just continuing the work Miss O'Neall began.

START CHURCH AT MILLERS

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Christ Child. An appropriate pageant will be given, a Christmas tree will be decorated, and perhaps two hundred or more people will be gathered for the celebration. Would you like to put a check on that tree for the new church? If you would, please send any contribution to Rev. J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, N. C.

FALL MEETINGS HELD IN WILKES AND EASTERN ASHE

At the request of the members, the pastor Rev. J. W. Luke, held a week's meeting at Bethel. There were many reconsecrations by Christian people in the community. Painting the church by the men and washing of windows by the women was carried on during the meeting.

Laurel Fork also enjoyed a short meeting this fall. Rev. S. B. Ghiseilin, of Vinton, Va., preached for a few days and then Rev. J. W. Crinkley completed the meeting. There were many reconsecrations among the people and also among the C. C. Boys from a nearby Camp on the Park-To-Park Highway.

The first week in December was the scene of activity at Peak Creek Church. Rev. J. W. Crinkley held a meeting there and it was completed by the pastor. The working of God's spirit was evident. One young lady was reclaimed and one asked to be transferred to the Peak Creek church by letter. Miss Eula Miller reunited with the church and Mrs. Junior Miller asked that her letter be brought to the Peak Creek Church. Rev. J. W. Crinkley is from Eagle Springs, N. C., and is a splendid student of the Bible.

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NUMBER I

Needs For Carrying on God's Work

The best method yet devised for the support and extension of the Kingdom of God on earth is that provided for by the "Every Member Canvass."

Each of our churches, as usual, during this month is putting on a canvass. We would like to encourage the use of envelopes. The Deacons or treasurers have no way of knowing whether a pledge is paid unless that offering is placed in an envelope with the name of the pledgor.

Literature on Tithing and the work of the church has been distributed. Benevolent and current expense budgets have been prepared. Sermons on "Christian Stewardship" have been preached. In some of the churches officers have been making addresses about the budget and the canvass and ways and means of making money to pay our pledges.

The work of the Kingdom of God today is dependent upon human personalities who think and work and pray under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Our offerings to benevolent causes release these personalities and provide tools and equipment with which they work and serve God and the human family. What a privilege we have of sending modern Pauls and Timothy's to take the story of redemption through Christ across the earth.

If we love the Lord we are going to make some gift to Him. Every member of each church is called upon to have a part in carrying on the work committed to the Southern Presbyterian Church.

YOUNG PEOPLE IN ASHE TO HOLD RALLY APRIL 14

April 14th at 7:30 P. M. is an important date on the calendars of young Presbyterians in Ashe county. On that night, they will assemble from all the Presbyterian churches and groups in the county to the gymnasium of the Jefferson high school and enjoy a program of fellowship and inspiration.

The program will consist of a songfest of old, beloved melodies, a time of games and fun and yells, and an inspirational address by Rev. Sam S. Wiley, of Thomasville, N. C. This is something new for our young people, but it is expected to be an unforgettable experience for them. For a number of years Mr. Wiley has been a leader of youth.

We consider ourselves most fortunate in that he accepted the invitation

CHAUTAUQUA SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING SEASON

PLACE	DATE	MINISTER
Foster Memorial	May 7-21	Rev. O. V. Caudill
Big Ridge	May 24 - June 7	Rev. Ted Fix
Thaxton	June 11-25	Dr. E. E. Gillespie
Obids	June 11-25	Rev. J. D. Henderson
Lansing	June 28 - July 11	Dr. R. G. McLees
Jefferson	July 16-30	Dr. J. H. Carter
Gillespie	Aug. 2-16	
Glendale Springs	May 10-21	Dr. E. E. Gillespie
Ebenezer	May 23 - June 4	-----
Peak Creek	June 6 - June 18	-----
Laurel Forks	June 20 - July 2	-----
Low Gap	July 5 - July 18	-----
West Jefferson	July 21 - Aug. 2	-----
Bethel	Aug. 4-16	-----
Millers	Aug. 18-30	-----

Foreign Mission Activities In Ashe

Ashe County churches were keeping step this year in the emphasis given to Foreign Missions. The study book, Dr. C. Darby Fulton's "Star In The East," was taught in a number of churches and a number read the book.

Rev. J. Harper Brady, once of Statesville, and now one of our excellent missionaries to Japan, came to Jefferson and addressed a large congregation which had assembled for a Foreign mission rally. He was accompanied by Rev. Watt M. Cooper. Rev. J. W. Luke conducted the devotional exercises. Dr. R. R. King, a former medical missionary to Africa was present and took part in the service. This was the largest group ever gathered in our churches for a missionary meeting.

Our churches gave as follows to the Self-Denial Offering:

Jefferson, \$10.00; Foster Memorial, 1.85; Obids, 3.25; Gillespie, .58c; Big Ridge, 2.00; Lansing \$5.07.

Contributions from the churches of Eastern Ashe and Wilkes County amounted to \$30.00.



JOINS OBIDS CHURCH

Mr. Carl Jackson has been received into the Obids Presbyterian Church upon his profession of faith in Christ and baptism. He is now a patient in the new Sanatorium near Black Mountain. He is making fine progress and contemplates not having an extended stay there.

Caudill Is New Home Mission Supt.

For a number of years the Home Mission Committee of Winston-Salem Presbytery has been without a superintendent. Not since Rev. J. H. Carter left for Taylorsville has the work been blessed with superintendency. This was ended when on January first Rev. O. V. Caudill became half-time superintendent and the other half of his time is devoted to the Elkin and Yadkinville churches.

Mr. Caudill comes to us from the Synod of Kentucky and Guerrant Presbytery. He was pastor of the Whitesburg Presbyterian Church and while there was the leader and inspirer in two building campaigns. These buildings were churches at Whitesburg and Cumberland. The former church is one of the loveliest in Eastern Kentucky. Mr. Caudill was a great help in civic interests and service clubs. His distinct service, however, was that of a spiritual leader and builder. He has many fine ideas to incorporate into the Presbytery's work. Already he has seen where we need to organize a new church.

Ashe county accords him a special welcome because of our nearness to him through his family. On his mother's side he is a nephew of our Mrs. J. F. Richardson. And on his paternal side he is related to many of the Caudills of Ashe. He has already preached at Lansing and Glendale Springs. We welcome him as the first Chataqua preacher at Big Ridge this season.

Mr. Caudill and his family live in Elkin.

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

The joy and hope that have prevailed in many parts of our county because of the coming of the Rural Electrification lines have come to some of our congregations whose churches are on or near the power lines. Obids and Low Gap churches and the Glendale manse will be served by these lines. It is possible that the Peak Creek church will also have this privilege. We are hoping that we have current for our coming chatauquas.

MAKING PLANS FOR EASTER

In the Presbyterian churches of Eastern Ashe plans for Easter Services and programs have been made. Special services including that of Holy communion will be participated in. The lovely Easter pageant—"The Challenge of the Cross," will be presented by the young people in many of the churches.

We are looking forward to this sacred season with anticipation for renewed spiritual strength.

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EDITORIAL

Again plans are being formulated and prayers for a Father's guidance and blessing are going up for the coming Christian Chautauqua. Only God knows the blessing that these Bible schools and evangelistic meetings are to these fifteen centers. And a good many more communities are reached because of the facilities that are offered for transportation to the tent in some of the Chautauquas.

Indeed and in truth, they are Bible Schools. One is amazed at the large amount of memory work that is done. Many verses and chapters are committed to memory in the daily Bible drill. In the Bible hour additional passages are studied and are made to live within the heart of the pupil.

Glance again at the front page and see what an excellent group of ministers are coming to conduct our meetings. Among them is the founder, Dr. J. H. Carter, of the Christian Chautauqua movement in Ashe County. This is Dr. Carter's first visit to the Chautauqua since the beginning. A great welcome will be accorded him and hosts are happy that Drs. Gillespie and McLees and Rev. J. D. Henderson are coming for return engagements. Revs. O. V. Caudill and Ted Fix are new to the Chautauqua pulpit, but we know and love them and an announcement of their coming is received with joy.

We would like for our readers here and around the world to pray daily for the success of this series of Christian Chautauquas. We need and covet your prayers.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY

This is an age of conferences and rallies. As this is being written plans are being made for a large number of our young people to attend the Spring Rally at Thomasville.

Of peculiar interest to us is our own Rally to include young people in all of our churches on April 14th. For some time plans have been in the making. This meeting will include fellowship, fun and inspiration. We are looking forward to this event and we hope to have more than a hundred of choice young Presbyterian Leaguers.

Young people, keep this date in mind.

BEAUTIFUL EASTER SERVICES PLANNED

"I am the Resurrection and the Life", saith the Lord; "he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and he that liveth and believeth in me shall never die".

Easter services in the Churches will be marked by worship overflowing with joy and gratitude and love for the "unspeakable" gift of God and His overcoming Life.

At 2 o'clock Easter Sunday, a lovely Easter pageant, "The Bearer of the Cross", prepared by the Young People's League of Big Ridge will be the center of worship. At 7:30 on Easter Sunday night at Big Ridge, the same group will lead us to rejoice and worship at the open tomb. Those presenting this play are—Virginia Sheets, Kathleen Bre, Josephine Bare, Sidney Lyall, Bruce Farrington, and Ray Dancy.

The story is one of imagination built around the true fact of Simon, of Cyrene carrying the Cross of Christ to Calvary.

In preparation for and observance of the Worship of Easter, Communion services will be observed in the following Churches, with the pastor, Rev. R. H. Stone, ministering:

Fester Memorial—First Sunday afternoon.

Big Ridge—First Sunday night.

Obids—Second Sunday morning (Easter).

Gillespie—Second Sunday afternoon (Easter).

Lansing—Second Sunday night (Easter).

Jefferson—Third Sunday morning.

GIFTS TO GOD'S WORK

Since the last issue, the following have made contributions to the Obids church: Mr. J. C. Burgess and Miss Beulah Welch.

Dr. C. M. Norfleet, Jr. has sent a nice contribution to the Miller's Church Fund.

Another gift that accomplished a great deal came from Mrs. C. W. Harris.

How grateful we are to each one who have become partners in Kingdom building.

JEFFERSON ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Jefferson Congregation has elected Mr. J. C. Brown an Elder and he was installed on February 19th. Mr. J. F. Richardson was elected a deacon but sickness prevented his installation in February.

NEW AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS

Mrs. H. H. Burgess is the new president of the Obids Auxiliary and Mrs. W. J. Farrington is the elected leader of the Big Ridge Auxiliary.

PRESBYTERY TO DECIDE ON GLENDALE PETITION

On April 17th the Presbytery of Winston-Salem will make its decision with regard to the petition that was presented to the Presbytery last July by thirty-five people, petitioning that they be organized into a Presbyterian church at Glendale Springs. This was referred to the Home Mission Committee and to Dr. E. E. Gillespie.

BIG RIDGE INVITES PRESBYTERY IN JULY

The officers and Auxiliary of the Big Ridge Presbyterian are inviting Presbytery to hold their Stated July meeting with them. The invitation will also ask that Presbytery dedicate their new building.

Something new in Presbyteries may take place. Other Auxiliaries are entering into the request that they come and their especial reason is that they may invite the families of the ministers. We are trusting that the invitation will be accepted and that away from the beaten path, the ring of the telephone and the peril of speeding cars and trucks, distant from the city's din and rush, away from the sweltering heat, in the shade and coolness of our Blue Ridge mountains we may meet in happy fellowship and joyful worship and happy praise as a new church is dedicated to the glory of God.

STEWARDSHIP PLANS

Prizes are offered to each church in eastern Ashe to the one who will make the best stewardship poster. Some are working at this and it is hoped we shall develop some beautiful posters.

Every member canvasses are on foot. Members of each church who have not been contacted for your pledge for the next year are asked to go to church and contact the treasurer or pastor of the church to which you belong. The churches of eastern Ashe are planning "ingathering" days for the fall. Each person in the churches is asked to raise something for the "ingathering sale" this fall. Plan for the Lord while you are planting your garden or farm this spring. Plan for the Lord this year while you set your hens or raise pigs or lambs.

JEFFERSON WIPES OUT MANSE OBLIGATION

This church year the Jefferson congregation will send to Dr. E. E. Gillespie, Greensboro, N. C. a check for \$92.-87, which is the amount one on the manse. A note burning is expected to take place on the third Sunday in April. The congregation is happy that this has been done. It is a lovely manse and the Jefferson people are justly proud of it.

PLAY ON "STEWARDSHIP" TO BE PRESENTED SOON

With the return of March and "report" time again, the thoughts of our people are directed toward our responsibility as stewards in the Kingdom of God. The Young People's League at Boggs has prepared a play on "Stewardship" designed to lead us into more consecrated and whole-hearted giving. A lovely worship service and the play, "The Lord's Acre", will be presented by this group at the Big Ridge Church on the fourth Sunday at 2 o'clock, and at Boggs School house on the first Sunday in April at 2 o'clock. The cast includes Faye Smith, Mamie Wallace, Evelyn Smith, Beryl Smith, and Smith Miller.

**APPEAL ISSUED FOR
MORE SUBSCRIPTIONS**

In February we put on a subscription campaign, asking about two hundred and twenty five people to send one dollar and ten names to receive the Ashe Presbyterian for one year. The purpose was to greatly increase the use and circulation of the paper and with the money to purchase a graphotype for the making of address plates.

There has been the finest response to this appeal that we have ever had. Yet we need fifty of you who read this to send in your dollar as you were asked to do—and as you fully intended to do—but by neglect and procrastination you just have not done it. Please—right away. We purchased a used, but rebuilt guaranteed machine, which cost us \$115.00 delivered. We have paid of this \$65.00. And by April 6th we must have \$50.00 additional dollars in New York.

We are so grateful to those who have given us faith to order it that their names are printed. To these we are grateful: Mrs. Carl Harris, Dr. J. H. Henderlite, Rev. O. V. Caudill, Rev. Hiram L. Reeves, Dr. D. W. Richardson, Rev. O. V. Caudill, Rev. D. J. Blackwell, Dr. R. C. Long, Rev. J. W. Crinkley, Rev. J. J. Hayes, Dr. E. N. Caldwell, Rev. C. E. Piehoffs, Rev. T. F. Haney, Dr. W. B. Sullivan, Mr. C. S. Stone, Mrs. R. T. Stone, Mrs. N. H. Wright, Dr. D. Clay Lilly, Dr. P. H. Gwynn, Miss Nola Dearman, Hon. W. F. Stone, Mrs. Abner Alexander, Miss Laura R. Love, Rev. L. F. Cowan, Mrs. J. S. Watkins, Mr. A. A. Finnie, Mrs. R. E. Bobbitt, Dr. G. G. Tydnor, Miss Helen Stacy, Mr. S. R. Ireland, Prof. and Mrs. O. J. Thies, Jr., Rev. S. S. Wiley, Rev. J. K. Fleming, Mrs. D. A. Shaw, Dr. J. M. Shackelford, M. D., Dr. J. L. MacMillan, Miss Edna Gray Womack, Dr. E. C. Scott, Mrs. W. A. Oates and Mrs. Tully Blair.

May we right away have fifty names to add to the list? Thank you.

IMPORTANT DATES

Because of a conflict with the date of the Presbyterial it has been learned indirectly that the Moderator of the Presbytery, Rev. C. D. Hutton, has changed the time of meeting of Winston-Salem Presbytery to April 17th. The hour—10:00 A. M.—and place—the new Collinstown Presbyterian Church in Stokes County—remain the same.

This is the most important meeting of Presbytery held during the year. At this meeting reports from each church are sent to the General Assembly.

The Presbyterial, under the leadership of the President—Mrs. J. Paxton Davis—will meet in Winston-Salem on April 18th and 19th.

WELCOME TO CCC BOYS

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MEMORIAL TO MISS O'NEALL

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This was made possible by initial gifts from the Adult Ladies Bible Classes of the First Presbyterian church of Greenville, S. C. and supplemented by other friends. The window was made by the High Point Glass and Decorative Co.

At Gillespie the Memorial Sunday School Room will soon be completed. Most of the work has been done. A bronze plate to be placed on the door will designate this room.

EASTERN ASHE

This month ends a very good year for the young people in our churches in Eastern Ashe. Six active groups have been working hard at the job.

Miller's group was organized only a month ago and our records show improvement over the work that was done last year. We hope to do even better work next year.

We were honored by having the Fall Rally of our Presbytery meet with us in our Low Gap church. We felt strengthened and helped in a great way by having the rally with us. We hope that we may have again this happy privilege at some other time.

One of the highlights of our work this year was a Fellowship Supper in the Low Gap Church, sponsored by our young people. This was the first time we had undertaken a feature of this type. The program proved to be a successful one, full of fellowship, recreation and fun.

The proceeds realized from his supper enabled us to finish the payment of a painting job on the church and to start a fund for pews for the church auditorium.

Rig Ridge and Jefferson have paid their quotas in full to the Accrued Liability Fund of the Minister's Annuity movement. In fact Jefferson has paid up 129%. Lansing, Obids, Foster Memorial and Gillespie have pledged their quota and payments have been regularly made up to date.

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NUMBER II

Christian Chautauquas In Progress

Big Ridge was the place of the first Christian Chautauqua of the 1939 season. The date was May 7-21, The minister, Rev. O. V. Caudill, and the teachers, Misses Kathryn Hunt, director, Maxie Weaver, Mildred Harrel and Estella Blevins, were all present.

The Chautauqua began with a sermon and the services were well attended. After the first few days the Chautauqua at Glendale Springs was in progress and some who would have come from that section remained there.

Mr. Caudill is genius with numbers. Never before have we been able to tell the average attendance at the preaching services. There was a total of 1293 in attendance at the night meetings, which is an average of 86.

The congregation read in their friendly reading contest, men vs. women, the portion "James to Jude". A total of 1026 chapters was read with the women in the lead by a good margin.

Mr. Caudill was heard gladly and with a genuine appreciation. Ten were received upon their profession of faith in Christ and baptism.

The Bible School did a fine piece of work and excelled the former high standards. The teachers and students were all interested. It was a good school with an enrollment of 85, an average attendance of 56 and a perfect attendance of 22.

Foster Memorial, May 24-June 7

For Foster Memorial the weather was warmer and for May 24th the tent was ready and so was everyone who was responsible for teaching. This Bible School was conducted by Miss Kathryn Hunt and assisted by Misses Maggie Sapp and Iris Deane Young. The Sunday school rooms of the church were also used for classes. In spite of a rush season on the farm there was an enrollment of 51, an average attendance of 41 and 13 were perfect in their attendance. The commencement showed that there had been a real interest in the work and the community was justly proud of teachers and pupils.

Mr. Ted Fix, just from Dal's Theological Seminary and under appointment to go to Africa under the Africa Inland Mission auspices, was our preacher. He, too, was present for every single service. He was a great help in the Bible school each day in leading the singing. His Gospel was plain and direct and fearless and he was heard gladly. The church was revived in its spirit and faces the future with a more united front and a greater determination. There were several professions of faith and one addition,

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LANSING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHOIR



Choir Is In Demand For Special Events

The Lansing Choir, under the direction of Miss Maxie Weaver, is rendering a fine service in the regular worship of the church and is in demand for other outstanding occasions.

The commencement sermon of the Lansing high school was preached in our church by Rev. J. C. Patton, Jr., of Abingdon, Va., and great praise was given the choir for their part in the service. The choir will also sing some special numbers on the occasion of the dedication of the Big Ridge church. Above is a picture of a part of the choir—vacations and sickness prevented our getting a picture of the entire choir.

They "sing the almighty power of God, That made the mountains rise, That spread the flowing seas abroad, And built the lofty skies; That spread the flowing seas abroad, And built the lofty skies."

Big Ridge Church Will Be Dedicated

The Presbytery of Winston-Salem has determined that the next meeting of the Presbytery will be Thursday, July 13th beginning at 10:00 A. M. in the Big Ridge Presbyterian church. Rev. J. B. Ficken, III is the retiring moderator and will preach a sermon in the morning.

In the afternoon the service of dedication will be held. Dr. J. R. Cunningham has accepted the invitation to preach the sermon of dedication. Rev. D. F. Helm has been invited to give a historical address with a prophetic note added. Dr. H. W. McLaughlin has planned to come if his health allows. He comes to deliver an address. Of course no dedication service in Ashe would be all that it should be unless Dr. E. E. Gillespie had a part and it is expected that he will participate in a prominent way.

The ministers are asked to bring their families to this Presbytery. Other

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Eastern Ashe Chautauquas Well Attended

Glendale Springs, May 10-21

The Christian Chautauqua in Eastern Ashe began at Glendale Springs. The tent was taken out of its winter quarters and through the aid of Boy Scouts and men of Glendale it was erected.

Dr. E. E. Gillespie preached each night in the tent when the weather was warm enough. On account of cold weather we were compelled to go into the

Baptist Church. The members made us welcome and the meeting went on due to the kindness of the folks of this church.

Every morning the children of the Bible school met in the tent. Our enrollment was 110 and the attendance was 92. The average attendance was 81. Those who taught in the Bible School were as follows: Miss Lois Calhoun, Miss Ruby Wyatt, Miss Johnnie Roten, and Miss Rebecca Darnell. Rev. J. W. Luke was the superintendent of this school and of each school.

There were 39 who were perfect in attendance in the Bible School.

Those who united with the church at this time were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Wilcox, Miss Ada Cox and Miss Lois Calhoun. These all will come into the Glendale Springs Church when it is organized. These came by letter or restatement of their faith in Christ. Mable Sheets and Jessie Faw united by profession in Christ.

Ebenezer, May 23-June 4

The tent was packed to go and much to our surprise the Boy Scouts came with a truck and loaded, and rolled off to Ebenezer where we soon had the old tent overhead again.

Rev. Louis J. Yelanjian, of Birmingham, Ala., was the evangelist for the meeting. Mr. Yelanjian made friends with every one and is one of the most interesting and unique preachers of the summer.

Those teaching in the Bible School were as follows: Miss Lois Calhoun, Johnnie Roten, Marie Woodie, and Estella Blevins.

Enrollment in this Bible School was 69, the attendance was 56 and the average attendance was 44. Twenty-three were perfect.

When we begin a meeting at Ebenezer it begins to rain. As there was a drought in the community the rain was welcomed as well as the meeting. We received both spiritual and rain showers which did us all good. Those who united with the church were as follows: Mr. McCoy Atwood, Daisy Lee Miller, Milta Fitzwater, and Mr. Moses Harless united with the church on profession. Mrs. Moses Harless united by restatement of faith. Mrs. Todd Woodie, and Miss Johnnie re-

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EDITORIAL**"IS IT A BIBLE SCHOOL?"**

The above caption is the title of an article written by Miss Kathryn Hunt. If you have not read it please look it up and see that our Vacation Bible Schools are really BIBLE SCHOOLS. No one can attend a commencement of the Christian Chautauqua and not be profoundly impressed with the fact that God's Word is being stored up in the hearts of our young people.

Fifteen schools and fifteen evangelistic meetings are being held. Each Chautauqua influences much more than its own community or Presbyterian constituency. In addition three or four additional communities feel the good that is accomplished in each one. Thousands are hearing a positive, fearless, saving Gospel.

We covet your prayers for the remainder of our schedule.

FINE RESPONSE TO ASHE PRESBYTERIAN APPEAL

The finest response to the appeal for subscriptions has been received during the year. In addition to the names published in the March issue there have come happy responses from: Rev. J. W. McFal, Mrs. W. H. Sutenfield, Mrs. Hettie A. Scott, Mr. George G. Hand, Rev. E. W. Thompson, Miss Mary S. Bryan, Dr. T. A. Boaz, Mr. E. A. McNeill, Miss Ida Moore, Messrs. F. E. B'stian, John C. Sanford, Gray and Creech, John G. Allen, R. D. Hall, V. B. Wilson, G. D. Sample, Belton O'Neil, R. S. Hyatt, S. E. Tucker, Drs. R. A. Lapsley, Jr. and R. A. White, Rev. T. I. Deane, Mesdames W. G. Mason, R. B. Sanford, Fred Hunt, Misses Ruth Mason and Hattie Ham and the Mothers and Daughter's class of Greenville, S. C.

We thank all of these who have helped out in this fine way. You have helped us to pay for our graphotype which is a great help in saving time and money.

NOTE BURNED

During the service of worship on Sunday morning, May 21st in the Jefferson Presbyterian church there was a pause for the burning of a note which had been paid. It represented the payment of the last obligation against the manse. Mr. E. A. McNeill held a tray containing the note, which was set into a flame by Mr. J. F. Scott.

IS IT A "BIBLE SCHOOL"?

Positively it is! The whistle blows at 9 o'clock and in a very few minutes we are all settled in our various departments for a 45-minute Worship Service and Bible Drill.

This year, the theme for the Intermediate and Junior Worship Services is, "The Cross of Christ", and the programs are built around the theme-verse, "But God forbid that I should glory save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ by Whom the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world". Our meditations each day center in one definite meaning of the Cross—to Christ, and to us. To Him, it meant—Love, Suffering, Humility, Poverty, and to us, it means—Pardon, Peace, Freedom, Righteousness, Power and Eternal Life. Each day there is a verse of Scripture on a tiny red Cross to be stored up in the mind and heart—Rom. 5:8; Isa. 53:5; Phil. 2:8; II Cor. 8:9; Col. 1:13-14; Rom. 5:1; Rom. 8:1-2; Gal. 6:15; Rom. 1:16; I John 5:11-12.

In this period we also learn the 46th Psalm and several of the Worship Songs are Scripture passages put to music.

At this time, the Primaries and Beginners are also hiding God's Word in their hearts. With each story there is a verse of Scripture to memorize, and they enjoy learning one new Psalm in addition to recalling the ones of the previous year.

Next we go to classes. This is a time of concentrated Bible Study. The Intermediates are studying this summer the Life of Christ according to Mark, and this course is saturated with memory verses from Mark and John, including Mark 1:17-18; 1:32-33; 2:17; 5:19; 6:41; 8:29; 10:45 (theme verse); 10:21-22; 11:9-11; 12:30; 13:33; 14:22-26; 15:25-26; 16:15; John 3:14-19; John 15:5-8; I John 4:7-11.

Music time is also Bible time, for many of the choruses have scriptural bases.

In the closing period we learn a Bible alphabet and go home with the Bible pledge of allegiance ringing in our ears and with the determination to "make it the lamp unto our feet and the light unto our pathway, to hide its words in our hearts that we might not sin against God."

At the last fellowship supper time at the West Jefferson Presbyterian Church, the ladies turned the supper into a pleasant picnic at Glendale Springs. It was a pleasant surprise for all who attended.

Many of the country churches as well as the manse at Glendale Springs have wires attached and we are expecting completion of wiring and lights in the near future.

Miss Lois Calhoun, who acted as counselor at the Davidson Young People's Conference, reports a splendid and inspiring time at Davidson.

Miss Kathryn Hunt is a member of the faculty of the Gade Valley Conference and will teach a course on Personal Guidance. Miss Eirene Hudson will take her place in the direction of the Lansing Christian Chautauqua. Some of our Young People will attend the Conference July 3-8.

COMING CHAUTAUQUAS

Dr. R. G. McLees has had to cancel his preaching engagement with the Lansing Chautauqua on account of the illness of Mrs. McLees. We regret this sickness very much.

Rev. Leonard T. Gill will preach in the Lansing Chautauqua June 28-July 11th.

Jefferson, July 16-30

The father of the Christian Chautauqua movement—Dr. J. H. Carter, now of Anderson, S. C., comes to us as our minister in Jefferson. He finds it impossible to be with us all of the time. Dr. Carter comes to us on Wednesday night, July 19th and continues through the 27th.

Gillespie, Aug. 2-16

Dr. J. M. McChesney, pastor of the famous Green Spring Church, of Abingdon Presbytery is the preacher for the Gillespie Chautauqua. This will be Dr. McChesney's first visit to the Chautauqua pulpit and we welcome him.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Big Ridge church has had the joy of welcoming into its fold by profession of faith and baptism the following: Mrs. Fannie Bare Poe, Mary Louise Farrington, Grant Cecil Bare, Paul Farrington, Carl Vernon Dishman, Iva Grace Bare, Betty Jean Crepps, Myrtle Lee Miller, Edith Lambert and Lillian Clara Bare.

Foster Memorial has given its welcome to Wanda Edmondson—also by profession of faith and baptism.

GLENDALE SPRINGS HAS BEGUN WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Luke as President the Glendale Springs community has an active, working Woman's Auxiliary. The membership is approximately twenty five and they have been organized for about a month. The new organization has had a good beginning and will do some good work.

The Home Mission Committee has approved the organization of a church at Glendale Springs. The date of organization will be set at the next meeting of Presbytery. We are assured of this by Dr. E. E. Gillespie.

YOUNG ASHE PRESBYTERIANS ENJOY THEIR FIRST RALLY

Nearly two hundred young people from the various Presbyterian Churches met in the Jefferson High School Gymnasium on April 14th for their first Rally. Low Gap had the largest number attending with a delegation of forty.

There was a period of fellowship songs and recreation. Rev. Sam Wiley, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Thomasville, led the group in a service of worship and gave an inspirational address, which was a fitting climax for the occasion.

Delicious refreshments were served. The occasion was enjoyed by all and it was determined that this was to be made an annual event.

GLADE VALLEY GRADS



Shown above is the 1939 graduating class of Glade Valley high school.

CHAUTAUQUAS IN EAST ASHE GOING STRONG

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quested their letter be gotten and they would also unite with Ebenezer Church. Mr. and Mrs. Moses Harless will be transferred to the Glendale Springs Church when it is organized.

Laurel Forks, June 6-18

From Ebenezer the tent rolled to Laurel Forks. C. C. C. boys from the Laurel Springs Camp helped put up the tent and then came back and leveled the ground as well as other helpful jobs around the tent. During the meeting several services were held in the camp. The workers in the meeting also enjoyed eating supper in the camp on several occasions. Great praise goes to these boys who helped in making the meeting a success.

The evangelist in this meeting was Rev. J. W. Crinkley of Eagle Springs, N. C. Mr. Crinkley's messages came out of a deep Bible knowledge, and were instructive as well as inspiring.

Those who taught in this Bible School were as follows—Miss Elizabeth Be'l, Miss Nell McNair, J. W. Luke.

Although this Bible School was small due to a rushed work season in the field, and sickness we had a very fine little school. Attendance was 24, the enrollment was 33 and the average attendance was 19. Those who were perfect were eleven.

During the meeting there were many consecrations among the Christians and about 15 people who made profession of their faith in Christ.

During this meeting the Sunday School was reorganized and we are hoping for a bigger and better Sunday School from now on.

Peak Creek—Just Starting

We cannot give you much news about Peak Creek for we are just getting started. Rev. W. C. Cooper of Mocksville, N. C., is starting the services with a great deal of enthusiasm. The crowd is good. The Bible School has enrolled about 70.

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CHAUTAUQUAS STARTED

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by profession, to the church membership. The "Book of Proverbs" was read and 1587 chapters were reported. The ladies won by a majority of 311.

Obids, June 11-25

Now came a period of simultaneous Chautauquas in the same field. As the tent went to Thaxton, the Obids Chautauqua was held in the church and its adequate Sunday School rooms. As we go to press, 108 have been enrolled in the Bible School. A unique attendance feature is that three sets of twins and one set of triplets have been enrolled. This must be reported to Dr. H. W. McLaughlin. This school is under the general direction of Miss Kathryn Hunt who is also the teacher of the Young People. Miss Maxie Weaver, teacher of the Primaries also directs the singing. Miss Beulah Welch, teaches the Juniors and plays for day and night services. Mrs. Frances Sturgill is the popular teacher with the Beginners. Transportation is provided for children living at a distance in three directions.

Dr. E. E. Gillespie opened the Chautauquas with a sermon on Sunday morning. On Monday there came from Spartanburg, S. C., Rev. J. D. Henderson and Mr. B. B. Blackwell, an enthusiastic layman of his church. They brought a trailer, which was parked nearby, in which they slept. That night Mr. Henderson began preaching and his stirring Gospel messages delivered with great power are attracting people from the distance. Mr. Blackwell leads some of the songs and is doing personal work. Frequently he adds variety to the service by playing on his autoharp.

After the first week the R. E. A. lights were turned on and everyone was delighted with the lovely fixtures and outside lanterns and the greater illumination.

Thaxton, June 11-25

On Sunday night, June 11th, the Christian Chautauqua at Thaxton was opened with a sermon by Dr. E. E. Gillespie, who continued the meeting. As we go to press, the meeting is still in progress. Mr. Conley Thompson, a key man here reports, "We are having a wonderful meeting!"

There had been up through Tuesday the 20th, nine professions. Large congregations came to the tent and enjoyed and were greatly profited by Dr. Gillespie's stirring Gospel messages.

This is the second Bible School that has been conducted there. Mr. Reid Newland, a recent graduate of Davidson College and son of missionaries to Korea, is directing the school and is platform manager of the night services. He is assisted by Misses Maggie Sapp and Marie Clark, who also plays for the services. There is a large enrollment there. (more details will be given in the next issue of the paper.)

TO DEDICATE BIG RIDGE

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er Presbyterian families will participate in the entertainment at lunch.

The organization and the lovely new edifice that will be dedicated is a result of the labors of Rev. D. F. Hem and Miss Kathryn Hunt and others who have been associated with them.

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Organization Of Glendale Springs Church Completed

In the last two and three years there have been people who lived at Glendale Springs who have united with the Presbyterian Churches within four or five-miles radius of Glendale Springs, as there is no Presbyterian Church in the immediate vicinity. There are other people who also live very near Glendale Springs, who belong to Presbyterian Churches in other communities. To conserve the strength of these scattered around Glendale Springs, it was thought best to bring them together in an organized congregation.

A year ago a petition went to Presbytery of Winston-Salem, asking them to organize a church at Glendale Springs. This petition consisted of about thirty-five names. The request was placed in the hands of the Home Commission Committee and then into the hands of a special committee to study the question. Finally the Presbytery, which met at Big Ridge Presbyterian Church, approved the favorable report of the Home Mission Committee. This Presbytery met July 13, 1939 at the Big Ridge Church.

At the request of some of the members on the petition August 13th at 2 P. M. was suggested as the time for a Commission from the Presbytery to convene and organize the church. Dr. E. E. Gillespie was also asked to meet with the commission and preach as well as sit with the commission. The Commission consisted of Revs. J. W. Luke, Chairmen, R. H. Stone, T. F. Haney, and Elders J. C. Crawford, and J. O. Blevins. Rev. R. H. Stone was appointed clerk of the Commission after which Dr. E. E. Gillespie preached an inspiring sermon from the text Cor. 3:10.

The names of those on the petition were then called and those present or who could not be present because of providential reasons were organized as charter members. The list below gives the names of those who became charter members.

Rev. T. F. Haney led the charter members in their covenant of becoming an organized Presbyterian Church and the group

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CHAPEL BUILDERS



TO BUILD A CHAPEL AT THAXTON OUTPOST

As one result of the great enthusiasm of the Thaxton Chautauqua, a Chapel is to be erected within the near future. A partial canvass of the community has realized in cash and in pledges \$147.00; in material \$30; and 35 days labor. Mr. and Mrs. Roby Roten are giving more than one-half acre of land suitable for a chapel and a place for a

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Jefferson Church Plans A Memorial For E. A. McNeill

The Jefferson Church has for some time been planning to make some needed changes in the auditorium. The members are now unanimous in that the work shall go forward immediately and that a large memorial window shall be placed behind the pulpit to the memory of Mr. E. A. McNeill—for thirty nine years an Elder. A sketch has been prepared by Mr. William Roy Wallace, of Winston-Salem, for the changes in the pulpit area of the church. Fluted pilasters will be on each side and some handsome moulding will go overhead. The small Gothic windows in the pulpit will be removed and a larger Gothic window will be immediately behind the desk. It is expected that the figure in the memorial will be Holman Hunt's "The Light of the World".

The walls of the auditorium will be painted with a tint of ivory. After this has been done the Woman's Auxiliary will give the church a hardwood floor.

The Session has been reorganized and Mr. J. C. Brown has been elected Clerk to succeed Mr. McNeill. Mr. Charles Campbell has been elected treasurer of Current Expenses. Mrs. Charles B. Weaver has been elected to teach the Intermediates—for years Mr. McNeill's class.

A committee consisting of Mr. E. F. Scott, Chairman, Mr. J. C. Brown, Treasurer, and Rev. R. H. Stone has been appointed by the Session to have charge of the work that has been outlined above. When this is done the Jefferson auditorium will be one of the prettiest in a wide area. The church is now known for the worshipful atmosphere that is built into its architecture and this improvement is designed to further this spirit.

THE STORY IN PICTURES

The first panel is the faculty of the West Jefferson Christian Chautauqua for 1939; next is the Bethel Bible School group with a section of the church in the background. To the right is a picture of two sets of the two and one half sets of twins enrolled in the Obids Chautauqua.

SOME OF RESULTS OF 1939 CHAUTAUQUA	ENROLLMENT	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	PERFECT ATTENDANCE	CHAPTERS READ IN BIBLE	NEW MEMBERS	MINISTER
Big Ridge -----	85	55	22	1206	10	Rev. O. V. Caudill
Foster Memorial -----	51	41	18	1587	2	Mr. Ted Fix
Obids -----	117	77	29	848	2	Rev. J. D. Henderson
Thaxton -----	63	43	20	765	6	Dr. E. E. Gillespie
Lansing -----	146	91	44	1108	21	Rev. L. T. Gill
Jefferson -----	147	107	48	588	2	Dr. J. H. Carter
Gil'espie -----	97	66	26	1132	7	Dr. J. M. McChesney
Glendale Sp'gs -----	110	81	39	800	11	Dr. E. E. Gillespie
Ebenezer -----	69	44	23	600	12	Rev. L. J. Yelanian
Laurel Forks -----	33	19	11	350		Rev. J. W. Crinkley
Peak Creek -----	105	69	43	1050	20	Revs. W. C. Cooper & H. A. King
Low Gap -----	85	51	22	450	4	Rev. S. M. Gheislin
West Jefferson -----	150	85	39	350	6	Rev. L. J. Yelanian
Bethel -----	70	45	27	550	2	Rev. H. P. L'heureux
Pristol Col -----	33	30	22			
Millers -----	75	50	34	840	4	Rev. L. T. Edgerton
TOTALS -----	1436	955	458	12044	109	



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EDITORIAL**IN MEMORIAM**

The night which brought to a close a most successful Christian Chautauqua season also witnessed the closing of a successful Christian life in earth in the passing of Mr. E. A. McNeill. His attendance at the services of the Jefferson Presbyterian Church was as regular as his meals. It was in crossing the street to attend the Wednesday evening prayer meeting that he was struck by a passing car. He lingered about three hours and then attended a great service of welcome in the Church Triumphant.

Mr. McNeill was eminent in several lines. He was one of the leading business men of the county. For sixty seven years he has lived within the borders of Ashe and has become indented with its progress and its forward look. His interests have been mercantile, cattle, land, houses and his connection with the First National Bank. As a friend he was eminent. He was blessed in that he was loved by many.

He was one of Ashe's most eminent churchmen. In 1898 he united with the Presbyterian church by a profession of faith in Christ and baptism. In 1900 when the Jefferson Church was organized he became a charter member and clerk of the session. He has been superintendent of the Sunday School and teacher of the Intermediate class. He was treasurer of the church and was always a most liberal giver. His heart was wrapped up in his church. He gave the money which made possible the McNeill Sunday School Rooms. He was aggressive and loyal and faithful. The work of the Church afforded him some of the fine joys of his life.

The love and high esteem in which he was held is manifest by the way the other men of the church are willing to undertake his duties and by the way people are responding to the appeal for funds for a lovely memorial window to him.

A great and a good man has left his work in earth for others to do. His life and love and interests and work abide among us. We shall ever be grateful to the Heavenly Father for His gift of Elihu Alexander McNeill.

The two Auxiliaries of Big Ridge and Obids plan to visit the Barium Springs Orphanage one lovely day in October.

This picture is still among our visions and dreams. Those who have read The Ashe Presbyterian will have noticed this cut and an appeal for its construction in last December's issue.

The building of this church did not get under way because of two reasons. The Home Mission Committee of Winston - Salem Presbytery did not seem to think it wise to go on with the building at that time or at least until they gave us permission. It was so long before they did give us approval that the people had to be about their crops in the spring so it was thought best to put off the construction until this fall.

The grading has just about been completed. People in the community have promised to give logs for the rough lumber. Mr. A. R. Miller has promised the use of his saw mill to saw the logs and also the aid of his trucks to haul material. The lot for building is donated by the family of the late Elder Com. Miller. The community has raised about \$175.00 in cash and \$25.00 more has been given us by a friend for this purpose. The Belk Foundation has promised funds for brick or stone veneering the building. We hope to do a great deal of the construction ourselves.

Why We Need A Church Building At Millers

1. We have been organized six years with no building of our own. We use the small school building for Sunday School and Church.

2. There is no Church building in the community at all.

3. The School building is too small for special occasions and especially for Sunday School. Our small classes have to go out doors and sit on the sunny side of the house for their classrooms.

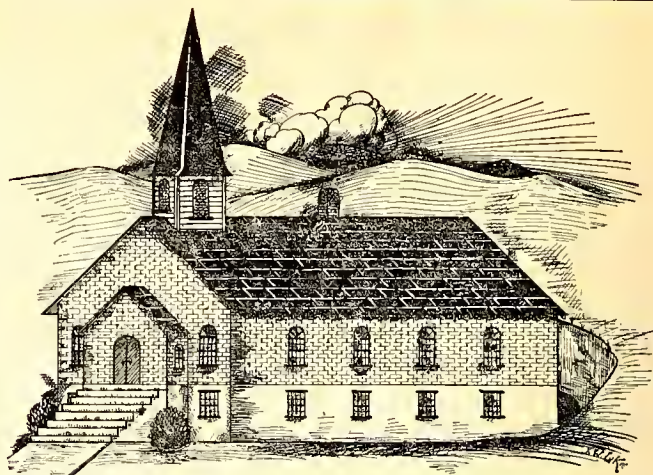
4. If by some chance the school building was taken from us or we were not allowed to worship in it, the community would be without a place of worship.

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FOR THE ORPHANAGE

The Glendale Springs Woman's Auxiliary and Young People's group are sponsoring a canning and quilting project for Barium Springs Orphanage. They are filling eight dozen cans with fruits and vegetables and quilting a dozen quilts.

**MISS ROTEN IS DOING
SPLENDID OUTPOST WORK**

Miss Johnsie Roten, member of Ebenezer Church, and a graduate of Glade Valley High School, is doing a splendid piece of outpost work in the vicinity of Sheet's School. She conducts a Sunday School in Sheet's Gap School each Sunday A. M. with a group of about sixty-five regularly in attendance. On Friday evenings she meets about fifty young people for a vesper meeting. Both organizations are doing a fine work. Miss Roten is to be highly commended for this effort she is making to reach this mass of young people and adults who are not being reached otherwise by the church. She is indeed filling a great need in that corner.

**AUXILIARY IS ORGANIZED
AT WEST JEFFERSON**

At the close of the Christian Chautauqua this summer the women of the West Jefferson Presbyterian Church requested an Auxiliary be organized.

Due to the fact Mrs. Paxton Davis, of Winston-Salem, who is the Presbyterianial President, could not be with us, Mrs. E. G. Finley graciously came over from North Wilkesboro, and organized the women after the Fellowship Supper on Wednesday, September 6th. After a delightful supper served by the ladies to the adult members of the church, Mrs. Finley proceeded to organize the women. The organization was completed with a great deal of enthusiasm and the following officers were appointed and elected.

President, Mrs. Guy Denney; Vice-President, Mrs. Rex Morton; Sec'y & Treas., Mrs. P. E. Watts; Circle Chairman, Mrs. Russell Barr; Spiritual Life, Mrs. R. C. Barr; Sec'y. of Foreign Miss., Mrs. C. Bailey; Sec'y. of Lit., & Home Missions, Mrs. C. Pressnell; Pastor's Aid, Miss Eva Maloney; Sec'y. of Christian Education and Min. Relief, Mrs. Mary N. Watts; Sec'y. of Religious Education, Mrs. B. F. Richards; Sec'y. of Social Activity, Mrs. Robert Barr.

Miss Jennie Shepherd, of Thaxton, has recently been awarded a handsome reward Bible for having recited perfectly the Shorter Catechism.

Welcome To Our Many New Members

Since our last issue, a host have been received into our churches and we gladly publish their names below:

Mr. Harry Graham has been received into the Foster Memorial Church since the Chautauqua. Elsie Mae Caudill and Mr. Thomas Shepherd were received into the Obids Church. Those who came into the Church through the Thaxton meeting united with the Gillespie Church: Misses Jennie Shepherd, Marv Lee Joiner, Lillie Shepherd and Cecil Calhoun and Mr. J. B. Shepherd were received by profession and baptism and Miss Hazel Hurley was received by certificate.

Lansing has welcomed: Mrs. Maude Goss (heretofore unreported), Mrs. Clyde Key, Miss Dorothy Lee Shepherd, Mr. Robert T. May, Dr. Roger F. Barr, Mrs. Pauline L. Ham, Miss Clarissa Jones, Mr. Jack Richardson and Mrs. Baxter Greer — by profession; by letter or statement Mrs. Mamie Barker, Mrs. Ella Mae Clark, Mrs. Bernard Jones, Mrs. Jack Richardson, Mr. Bernard Jones, Mr. Roy Clark, Miss Helen Jones, Mr. M. A. Shepherd (a restatement of his faith), Mrs. T. Lester Jones, Mr. Baxter Greer (restatement of his faith) Mrs. Alice Greer and Miss Maggie Sapp.

Jefferson has received Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Weaver by letter from the Placknall Memorial Presbyterian Church of Durham.

Gillespie welcomed during the Chautauqua the following: Mrs. J. B. Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Ham, Miss Pearl Ham, Barney Ham, Della Ray Calhoun, and Mrs. Wade Ham.

New members of the Glendale Springs church are: Mr. Otho Wilcox, Mr. Arthur Rose, Mrs. Otho Wilcox, Mrs. Arthur Rose, Miss Lois Calhoun, Mr. Everett Lyle, Miss Ada Cox, Mrs. Everett Lyle, Jessie Faw, and J. E. Whitely.

Ebenezer greets the following new members: Mr. McCoy Atwood, Daisy Lee Miller, Milta Fitzwater, Mr. Moses Harless, Mrs. Moses Harless, Mrs. Todd Woodie, Miss Johnsie Roten, Mrs. Ernest Miller, Ruth Adams, Leonard Miller, Ruby Black, and Clayton Shoemate.

Peak Creek's new member list has: Nell Owens, Ronald Girtman, Richard Sheets, Hess Bell Girtman, Eugene Viers, Eunice Wyatt, Virginia Church, Helen McGrady, Rex Viers, Grace Marie Viers, Mrs. Geo. W. Girtman, Nadene Jewel Viers, Hallie Mae Powlin, Dora Osborne, Mae Osborne, Christiana Miller, Lilly Ruth Hart, Bonnie Haskel Blevins, Villard Blevins, and Grace Nelson.

Low Gap — Emogene Bare, Crosley Bare, Earl Lyle, and Vestle Bare.

West Jefferson — Bettie Russell Watts, Durant Watts, Kathleen Shoemate, Mrs. Russell Barr, Mrs. C. O. Bailey, and Mrs. O. D. Watts.

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was constituted as an organization by the Chairman Rev. J. W. Luke.

Charter Members — Fay Wilcox, Margaret Woodie, Loraine Woodie, Delma Rose, Mrs. Delma Rose, Arthur Rose, Mrs. Arthur Rose, Mrs. Luther Woodie, Lois Calhoun, Otho Wilcox, J. E. Whitely, Mary Lucy Gunter, Glen Faw, Mrs. Glen Faw, John L. Miller, Mrs. Lester Hudler, Iredell Sheets, Hazel Woodie, Josephine Harless, Mrs. Otho Wilcox, Mable Sheets, Agnes Sheets, Everet Lyall, Mrs. Everet Lyall, Ruth Woodie, Mrs. Frank Severt, Mrs. Ray Baker, Katherine Woodie, Jessie Faw, and Ada Cox and Mrs. Iredell Sheets.

A request was made for election of Elders and Deacons, and the following were elected: Delma Rose was elected Elder, and Mr. Otho Wilcox and J. E. Whitely were elected Deacons.

TO BUILD CHAPEL AT THAXTON OUTPOST

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tent. Mr. Wm. Roy Wallace, one of the leading architects of Winston-Salem, is preparing the sketch and bill of materials. Architectural beauty and utility will be built into the chapel. The size is to be approximately 24 x 36.

In the above picture Mr. Conley Thompson, right, and a group of helpers have met to clear the ground for the chapel. The work will begin as soon as the plans have been received and materials can be placed on the ground. The building will be rushed through to completion and a service will be held on or before Thanksgiving.

A fine group of people will meet in this building each Sabbath for worship and training.

WEST JEFFERSON IMPROVEMENT

The people of West Jefferson Presbyterian Church are working for improvement. The Improvement Committee, which was organized at the first Fellowship supper of the church, has been steadily working out their plans. All the windows in the auditorium of the church have been completed and some of the committee did their own varnishing to complete the job. The committee is now financing the payment of the bill for broken cathedral glasses which were replaced.

We have no pews for the church. We have some chairs which do not match. We have some old benches which were probably used in an old school building. We have some knockdown benches which are used in tent work. The committee has received about \$50.00 in cash for new pews and has perhaps fifty or sixty more promised.

THANKS FOR GIFTS

The Men's class of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church gave \$25.00 to help students to go to school.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church gave \$5.00 for student help at Glade Valley.

Rev. L. J. Yelanjian gave \$1.00 to start a fund for church building at Glendale Springs.

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The Jefferson Church Enjoys New Interior

The outstanding achievement in the physical equipment during the year is the transformation that has taken place to the interior of the Jefferson church.

For a number of years the ladies have been dissatisfied with the wide board pine floor that would not take a finish. They have been working and saving and as a result the church has a new red oak floor, nicely sanded, filled and varnished. It is lovely indeed. The ceiling has been given a coat of life in the application of varnish. In fact all the woodwork has either been painted or varnished. The ceiling is more attractive because of the addition of two electric fixtures.

Mr. Wm. Roy Wallace made a sketch for a change in the pulpit section of the church. The two small windows were removed and a window nearly eight feet tall was put in the center. All of the old plaster was taken off and new plaster applied. Throughout the church the plaster is a lovely ivory tint, which makes the building more cheerful in appearance. Fluted pilasters have been constructed on each side of the pulpit and an attractive arrangement of wood moulding has been built across the pulpit, capping each of the pilasters. This has been painted white.

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GOOD PROGRESS MADE ON THAXTON CHAPEL

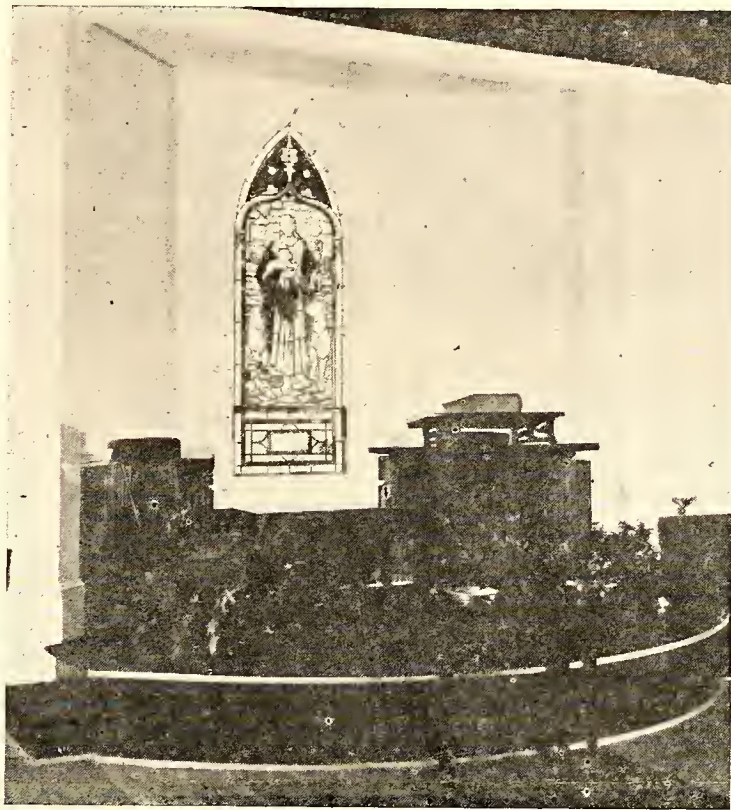
The outstanding disappointment of the quarter is that the Thaxton Chapel was not ready for a Thanksgiving service. This was due to several things over which we had no control. One was the promise of lumber on a certain date, which was not delivered; another was inclement weather.

But the work is going forward as this is being written. The subflooring is going down and the framing is going up. If weather conditions allow and if we have no difficulty in securing the proper building materials, the Chapel will soon be closed in and made ready for services. We trust that this can be before Jan. 1, 1940.

Mr. Wm. Roy Wallace, of Winston-Salem, drew the plans. The Chapel will have Gothic windows that once were used in the Southern Presbyterianism's greatest Seminary's Chapel — that of Watts Chapel in Union Theological Seminary.

A picture of the Chapel and a complete list of the donors will be printed in the next issue.

JEFFERSON CHURCH IS MADE BEAUTIFUL



Many Churches To Have Lovely Yule Pageant

The beautiful pageant, "Behold His Star", will be presented in the churches of Eastern Ashe, West Jefferson and the Wilkes Churches this season.

There will be both a choir and a heavenly Host to present the lovely carols and special music. A scene of Bethlehem in exquisite color, a production of Mr. Luke will form an effective background for the action. A large electric star and colored lights will be played upon the scene to enhance the beauty.

The schedule for Christmas services in Mr. Luke's group will be as follows:

Peak Creek, 17th, 7:00 P. M.; Low Gap, 18th, 7:00 P. M.; Glendale Springs, 19th, 7:00 P. M.; West Jefferson, 20th, 7:00 P. M.; Ebenezer, 21st, 11:00 A. M.; Bethel, 22nd, 2:00 P. M.; Millers, 23rd, 7:00 P. M.; Loggins, 23rd, 2:00 P. M. and Sheets Gap, 24th, 11:00 A. M.

Work Going Forward At Miller's Church

Work on Miller's Church is going forward. When we build a church we start in the woods and come out with logs which are sawed into lumber. The excavation is completed, so the first construction can begin at once. We do not go so fast in building as a large W. P. A. project takes all voluntary labor a great deal of the time. All work, all lumber, all hauling, saw milling, have been donated by the community thus far. When the men of the community are off from work we have about 13 men working on the church building, all voluntary work.



If you want to put a gift on the Miller's Christmas tree, just drop us a line or a check so we can announce it at the Christmas tree as a gift to the church. Write J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, N. C., before Dec. 22nd.

A list of all contributions will be published in the next issue.

REV. L. J. YELANJIAN HELD EIGHT THANKSGIVING SERVICES

The Thanksgiving services in the Ebenezer group of churches in Ashe and Wilkes counties were conducted from Nov. 29th, through Dec. 3rd. These services started at Glendale Springs on Wednesday. On Thursday there were three services at Peak Creek, Ebenezer, and Laurel Forks churches. On Friday the services were held at Low Gap. On Saturday services were held at Bethel and Millers in Wilkes county. Sunday the Thanksgiving service was held in the West Jefferson Presbyterian church. Offerings were, as you can see listed, totaled \$22.61 in all.

Rev. Louis J. Yelanjian spoke at each service and many people were delighted with his messages and personality, and enjoyed seeing him again.

AUXILIARY WOMEN ACTIVE

The Auxiliaries of West Jefferson and Glendale Springs have been very active this fall, especially in their work for the Presbyterian Orphans' Home and other service projects. The Glendale Auxiliary has canned 127 half-gallon jars of fruit and in addition have quilted fifteen quilts.

Other benevolent causes have been remembered. The West Jefferson Auxiliary has given about a dozen blankets to Bethel. They have been busy securing funds for long-needed church pews. These ladies have done their program work quite acceptably. They will present the Auxiliary pageant for their December program.

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EDITORIAL**CHRISTMAS**

The song of the angels "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men", sounds out of harmony with much of the world today. With the number of nations already in war and those who are apparently about to begin hostilities one wonders if since the time of Christ there have been so many nations involved. The people of Europe doubtless are afraid to pick up a paper lest it tell of a death or scores of deaths of loved ones. The hum of an airplane sends one not to gaze into the air and wonder, but a trip to the cellar to hide.

The peace that Christ came to bring does not pervade the world today. It can never prevail as long as Satan rules in the hearts of men and women. God is allowing a lot of things to go on today. It must give grief to the Saviour to see so many nations in the "far country".

But God's great ideal has not been blacked out. We are yet hoping for that time when we shall live in a warless world; when the love of God will possess men's hearts and minds and nations will practice the Golden Rule.

To all of our readers—here and around the earth—we extend our sincere Christmas greetings in His Name.

EVANGELISM

Our General Assembly has sent to each of the Presbyteries a stirring challenge to place the emphasis in the work of our churches upon the proper thing, namely EVANGELISM. The challenge has been accepted and conferences and rallies have been held and the note that was sounded was to witness of Christ.

But Presbytery, as a body, cannot have an evangelistic campaign. It must come to the churches. And a church can only do its duty as the individual members prepare themselves for an effective witness bearing.

We can't know people until we live with them. Neither can we know Christ until we live with Him. And we can live with Him in meditation, in the study of God's Word and in prayer. To know Christ there are a great many members of churches who are going to have to put first things first. Self, amusement, athletics, business, profession are going to have to take a seat further back in the life and God must

be given consideration. Then that lost, headed-for-hell relative, neighbor or friend must be asked to accept Christ as Saviour and Lord. If we live with our Lord as we ought and as we can, our hearts, like the heart of John Wesley, will be "strongly warmed" and the great crusade of Evangelism will be most heartily welcomed and we will gladly participate in it.

The Ashe Presbyterian would call its readers to that necessary preparation of heart and life which would best fit them to serve the Lord. We can urge indifferent church members to do their duty and to enjoy their privileges.

When our churches are all that they ought to be, then the prayed-for revival will come almost spontaneously as there will be room in the church for the Holy Ghost. No revival can come unless the Holy Spirit of God is in it.

Let us then PREPARE by getting our sins forgiven, by getting a vision of the duty of a Christian, by seeing the need of humanity—Christ—and by praying for the Spirit to soften the hearts and illumine the minds and make souls hungry for God and then apply the benefits of redeeming love.

DAY OF HUMILIATION AND PRAYER OBSERVED

Rev. John W. Luke sponsored a resolution in the Synod which called for the observance of October 29th as a day of "humiliation and prayer for world peace" and for the great spirit of evangelism that is sweeping our church. In our churches this was observed. Where it was not possible for the pastor or young people's workers to preside, some consecrated member of the church was asked to lead the people in a confession of sin, in petition for the world's safety and harmony and for the church to become alive to its paramount task—that of witnessing to the forgiving, redeeming, saving power of Christ.

WORK AT GILLESPIE

Ever since the 1939 Chautauqua, the Gillespie Sunday school has been experiencing a steady growth. Mr. Vance Miller is the new superintendent.

The Sunday School rooms are being completed. In addition to the Katherine O'Neill Memorial room, two other class rooms are being designated as memorials. One is to Mrs. Flossie Roten Miller, who is a faithful charter member and a teacher of one of the classes. The other memorial is in memory of Mr. Oliver Ham who encouraged the beginning of the work there and gave the site and was until his death greatly interested in the progress of the Gillespie church which he affectionately called, "my church".

CATECHISMS

Some great news from Boggs! A race was in progress with four Smiths entering. It is over, with all four victorious in memorizing and reciting the Child's Catechism—Alfred Smith, Evelyn Smith, Ray Smith and Elsie Smith. They are the first children at Boggs to do this and we are proud of them.

Two girls from Big Ridge have recited the Child's Catechism—Lucy Crapps and Virginia Burgess.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES HELD IN OUR CHURCHES

In the western section of our work, Thanksgiving services were held in each of our churches on Thanksgiving Day—Nov. 30th. The services of the day began at Jefferson at 9:45 A. M. After a number of personal testimonies of gratitude following the devotional service, the message was brought by Rev. H. B. Jessup, Jefferson's new Methodist minister.

At 11:45 the service began at Lansing and at 3:00 P. M. services were held at Gillespie and Big Ridge. At 7:00 P. M. services were held at Obids and Foster Memorial. At each place there were many responses to the privilege of publicly thanking God for His mercies. The meetings were larger in attendance this year than last. Miss Kathryn Hunt conducted the services at Big Ridge and Obids.

THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS

Jefferson, for Barium Springs, \$19.-24. (Almost double that of 1938); Foster Memorial, \$3.50; Gillespie Sunday School, \$1.46; Lansing Sunday School, \$5.51; Big Ridge, \$1.30; Boggs Sunday School, \$.80; Obids unreported. Bristol colored Sunday School, \$2.01.

Lansing made an offering of \$23.07 during the Thanksgiving season to apply on its pledge to the Minister's Annuity Fund.

AUXILIARY PROGRAM IS PLANNED FOR DEC. 20

Something new and very, very lovely in Auxiliary programs for December! A combined service of all the Auxiliaries in the county is planned for Wednesday night, December 20, in the Jefferson Church, with the lovely December program, "The Joy of the Lord", presented by the Lansing Auxiliary and Choir. This service will be marked by rare beauty and loveliness and a deep spirit of dedication.

FALL Y. P.'s RALLY

The Ashe County Young People's Rally was blessed with a superb program on November 17. The presence of Dr. Claude Prichard insured its excellent quality. His Home Mission pictures informed and interested us and his challenging address inspired and gripped us.

NEW GILLESPIE AUXILIARY

Something very exciting is happening at Gillespie. The ladies want an Auxiliary. So we are organizing on Monday night, Dec. 11th and a lovely installation service is being planned for the Auxiliary Christmas service in Jefferson on December 20, when the Auxiliaries of the county will be present.

LANSING ORDAINS NEW DEACONS AND HAS CHURCH COUNCIL

During the quarter the Lansing church has elected, ordained and installed three new deacons—Messrs. Jack Richardson, Roy Clark and L. Wayne Blevins.

A church council consisting of a representative of each organization of the church is being formed. This group will have regular meetings to discuss the problems and plan the work of the future.

LOVELY CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS PLANNED

"The earth has grown old with its burden of care,
But at Christmas it always is young,

The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair,
And its soul full of music breaks forth on the air,

When the song of the angels is sung."—Phillips Brooks.

The "song of the angels" will be carried forth sweetly from the beautiful new interior of the Jefferson church on the third Sunday night as that church honors the Birthday of the King in a lovely Nativity drama.

You will hear the strains of the same sweet heavenly choir in the Lansing Church on Tuesday night as the whole Church enters into a most lovely candle-lighting service, "In His Light". Surely our hearts will thrill anew at the blessedness of our privilege in reflecting His Light.

The same dear message of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" will ring forth from the lovely little stone Church of Foster Memorial on Thursday night as that group worships at the manger in another lovely drama, "The Coming of the Great Light".

On Thursday afternoon, echoes of the "song of the angels" will be heard from the new little Chapel on the Thornton Hilltop (if it is completed) in its first Christmas service as these adoring disciples bring their gifts of love and worship.

Other echoes of the heavenly chorus will ring out through the hills from the school house at Boggs on Friday afternoon as the presentation of the lovely pageant, "The Church's One Foundation" recalls to us the meaning and message of His Coming.

On Friday night, the lovely notes of the song will be lifted through the air by the angelic hosts at the little brick church in the valley at Gillespie until all the saints on Horse Creek will join in a great rejoicing chorus at the "Coming of the Great Light".

The lovely song will be echoed and re-echoed through the tall timbers around the little church in the woods at Big Ridge on Saturday night as the pageant, "The Church's One Foundation" is presented to a worshipping congregation.

On the same night the colored people at Bristol Sunday School will be publishing the glad tidings in the little school house in which they worship with the same song of peace and good will.

On Christmas Eve night at Obids, in their beautifully-illuminated church, the dear old message of "Peace on Earth" will make beautiful the service, "The Church's One Foundation", and will stir and warm again "hearts that have grown old with the burden of care".

And so—His Birthday will come again and will find us—ready—with the song in our hearts—for the message of our Christ and King.

GIFTS TO WORK

Our work has been greatly blessed by gifts from Mrs. Carl W. Harris, Mrs. Hattie Ham, Mr. Vance Miller, Mrs. M. G. Stoner, Miss Susie Lee Patton.

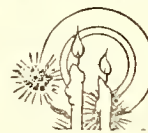
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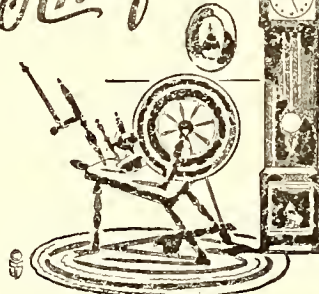
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**THE JEFFERSON CHURCH
ENJOYS NEW INTERIOR**
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McNeill Memorial Window

Into the new window opening there has been placed a lovely leaded art glass window with the figure of Christ the Good Shepherd. There is a memorial inscription plate bearing these words—"In loving memory of Elihu Alexander McNeill. A charter member and Elder for thirty nine years".

This window was unveiled by Hugh McNeill, youngest grandson of the late Mr. McNeill, during the Thanksgiving service. Some very appropriate remarks were made by the Senior Elder, Mr. A. R. Vail, who had served as Elder with Mr. McNeill since the organization of the church in August, 1900. This window greatly enhances the attractiveness of the auditorium.

The following have made contributions to the memorial window: Faucette & Co., E. W. King Co., J. W. Scott & Co., Wear-Well Co., Badger's Funeral Home, Bare-Little Co., Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Eller, W. E. McNeill, Edward A. McNeill, Dick Phillips, Jesse Reeves, Glenn Miller, W. W. Dickson, R. R. Price, W. L. Campbell, W. M. Roten, E. A. Ray, W. R. Howell, Frank Williams and a Friend.

The membership has been financing the work of renovation.

GIFTS WE APPRECIATE

A second-hand stove from Myers Park Presbyterian Church. Communion sets from Myers Park Presbyterian Church. Shrubbery from Mr. Baxter Wilson, of Steele Creek, for manse and Laurel Forks Church. Gift of money for candy for Christmas, from Miss Sarah Grantham of St. Pauls, N. C. Gift of \$10.00 from Mrs. F. M. Ashley, Connelly Springs, N. C.

TROOP GETS NEW CHARTER

The Boy Scouts of the Eagle and Indian Patrols, making up Troop 37, have their new charter for the coming year. These scouts meet in the basement of the West Jefferson Presbyterian church under the guidance of Scoutmaster J. W. Luke and Assistant Scoutmaster, Paul A. Perkins.

PLANS MADE AT GLENDALE

The Glendale church members have made a budget for the church year. They have included in this budget a pastor's salary and have presented Rev. J. W. Luke with a call. The other main objective they have in their gifts, is the erecting of a church building.

W. J. LADIES HOLD SALE

The women of the West Jefferson Auxiliary held a pre-Thanksgiving sale in Mrs. McMillan's store. They made about \$17.00 for the church pews which they are working towards buying.

OFFERINGS FOR ORPHANAGES

The following Thanksgiving offerings for Barium Orphanage were made recently: Glendale Springs church, \$1.90; Ebenezer, \$2.43; Laurel Forks, \$2.00; Glendale Springs Aux., \$2.55; Low Gap, \$1.10; West Jefferson, \$5.00; Peak Creek, \$2.62; Millers, \$2.55 and Beth-el, \$2.46. Total, \$22.61.

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NUMBER I

Miss Woodson To Conduct Leadership Class

Miss Mary Louise Woodson, of Charlotte, N. C., who is the Director of Young People's Work within the Synod, will make her first official visit to Ashe County on April 2nd. This begins a red letter season, which will continue through April 5th. Miss Woodson will conduct a Leadership Training Class in the Jefferson Church beginning on April 2nd at 7:30 P. M. The course which she will give is "How To Improve Your Sunday School" with especial emphasis on teaching. The class will begin each evening at 7:30 and will last until 9:00 P. M.

Many books have been sent in advance and are being read by officers and teachers. This is being conducted for all of our Churches and any others interested in the betterment of Sunday Schools or in a more effective method of presenting Holy Truth are cordially invited to share in this season of study and preparation.

We welcome Miss Woodson and the Jefferson Church welcomes all who will attend the classes. This has been arranged by Miss Kathryn Hunt who urges all teachers, superintendents and Sunday school officers and all other prospective leaders in Sunday Schools to be present every night.

Proposed Chautauqua Schedule For 1940

The following is the tentative schedule for the coming Christian Chautauquas:

Obids	May 1-15
Foster Memorial	May 20-June 2
Gillespie	June 5-19
Jefferson	June 23-July 7
Lansing	July 14-28
Big Ridge	July 31-Aug. 14
Osborne	May 20-June 2
Thaxton	July 1-14
Ebenezer	April 25-May 5
Bethel	May 6-19
Millers	May 21-June 2
Glendale Springs.....	June 4-16
Peak Creek	June 18-30
Low Gap	July 2-14
West Jefferson	July 16-28
Laurel Forks	July 30-Aug. 11

The date for the Bristol Colored Daily Vacation Bible School has not yet been determined.

BIG RIDGE HAS A FUND FOR PEWS

There is a thrill of joy in the hearts of loyal Big Ridgers as they see the "Pew Fund" savings account in the Northwestern Bank added to bit by bit. For the \$28.50 deposited there, we are grateful to our friends, Mrs. Fred Hunt, Richmond, Va., Miss Beulah Welch, Charlotte, N. C., Miss Celia Krider, Statesville, N. C., and Mrs. W. G. Mason, Coalwood, West Va. Five dollars of this was the accumulation of dimes from Big Ridge and Boggs. It is only a beginning but beginnings lead to things.

Ashe Churches To Have Another Minister

A recent communication from Mr. Carl H. Stark, Jr., a member of the Senior Class in Union Theological Seminary, advises that he will become a co-worker and fellow pastor with those now serving the Ashe County Presbyterian Churches. This news is received with gladness because of the need of another minister and because of the excellent recommendations of Mr. Stark's qualities of mind and heart and personality.



Mr. Carl H. Stark, Jr., to Begin Ministry In Ashe

Lansing is, like Jefferson and Glendale Springs, to be made a church center and Mr. Stark will live there. This church will have a service each Sunday and Gillespie and Foster Memorial and the outposts will have more pastoral care and more services.

Mr. Stark is a native of Chicago, but when a very small boy his parents moved to Florida. His home is Sarasota, Florida, where he is a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

He came to King College for his academic work. Of his record there President Thomas P. Johnston writes: "... He received the prize for the best all-round student. This will give you some idea of how he stood in the esteem of the faculty."

His theological training has been received in Union Theological Seminary and President B. R. Lacy and Dr. J. Gray McAllister commend him most highly. Appraisals of his two summer's work have been full of praise.

Mr. Stark will graduate on May 14th and his plans are to begin work almost immediately in Ashe County.

The Jefferson Manse is the recipient of a son—Robert Tyler Stone II. At present he is called "Bobbie." He was born on Jan. 22, 1940.

West Jefferson Church Is Being Completed

The women of the West Jefferson Auxiliary have been working hard to save up money for installing pews in the church. Before pews should be put in everyone agreed we should fix the roof of the church, the ceiling and floor so that new pews would not be damaged. Russell Barr has been giving his diligent attention to this task, so that now the leaking roof has been fixed, the ceiling has just been completed with celotex, and the floor has been sanded ready for stain, and many other jobs, such as plastering and painting, are near completion. We hope to have one of the most beautiful churches in the Presbytery and hope Presbytery will meet with us at the next session.

The gifts of Mrs. J. E. Barnhardt, Miss Maggie Barnhardt, and Mr. J. J. Barnhardt, of Concord, N. C., have been a great help to our pew fund and has put courage in our efforts. The gifts from our letter sent out has also helped greatly. Thanks each one.

Sunday School Organized At Glendale Springs

A Sunday School was organized at Glendale Springs this month in spite of bad weather. The Superintendent is Mr. Delmer Rose; Assistant Superintendent is Mr. J. E. Whitley; Secretary, Mr. Walter Bare, Assistant Secretary, Mrs. J. E. Whitley.

Teachers: Adult Class, Mr. Delmar Rose and Miss Lois Calhoun; Young People, Mrs. J. E. Whitley; Senior, Mrs. E. W. Lyle; Junior, Mrs. Frank Severt and Mr. J. E. Whitley; Primary, Mrs. J. W. Luke. The roll will number fifty. We meet in the school house. The primary class had an Easter Egg hunt, and the others of the Sunday School are planning to hunt eggs when the snow gets off of the ground.

Y. P.'S RALLY

The 1940 Spring Young People's Rally reached a new "high" in attendance, in spirit, and in program personnel. 200 Young People from the churches in Winston-Salem Presbytery with their leaders met Saturday, March 16, in the George W. Lee Memorial Church, Winston-Salem, to discuss and plan the Y. P. work in the Kingdom for the new church year. 42 young people went from Ashe County.

The Keynote of the Conference was Evangelism, and high ideals were lifted and practical methods suggested by Dr. E. N. Caldwell, Tallahassee, Fla., and Mr. Paul Sheahan, Charlotte, N. C. Synod's president, Sid Crane, presented the new theme for the year—"For Christ and His Kingdom," and Rodney Williams, delegate to the Amsterdam Conference, thrillingly reported his experiences and impressions there. We came away feeling—A great year is ahead with much to do "For Christ and His Kingdom."

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EDITORIAL

MR. MARMADUKE WILLIAMS NORFLEET

At an early hour on March 11th the final summons came to Mr. M. W. Norfleet. To his work there has been a "Well done, thou good and faithful servant . . . : enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

At his funeral Dr. J. R. Cunningham made an address in which he showed that since a boy of thirteen his interest had been in the Church and the work of the Kingdom of God. The emphasis in a man's life frequently changes with various periods of life. Not so with Mr. Norfleet, for consistently the emphasis has been from youth all through life upon the Church. It is significant, his pastor pointed out, that the public press should from a successful life in varied endeavors characterize him as a church leader. Dr. Cunningham declared that two words are characteristic of him—"Loyalty and Fidelity."

We quote in part from an editorial which appeared in these columns in October, 1928:

A CHRISTIAN PRINCE

"There are many excellent qualities which go to make a prince in the Christian life. We find them in the person of Mr. M. W. Norfleet, an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Winston-Salem.

"Mr. Norfleet is a thoroughgoing Presbyterian. He is zealous for the extension and strengthening of the Kingdom of God. His zeal in the Lord's service, his reverence for His day and his high regard for His house are patterns for others. He has a high sense of Christian stewardship. Jesus Christ is his business partner. His love, faithfulness and loyalty are exemplary.

"His unselfishness is demonstrated in that he has gladly served with Dr. E. E. Gillespie on the Advisory Building Committee for each of the new churches. His practical building ideas, his great faith, his willingness to help in various ways together with his other contributions have made us greatly indebted to him.

"But for Mr. Norfleet our work would not be where it is today. For him we thank God and take courage. May an increasing number of men and women of his calibre enter the Kingdom of God for his service—as he serves."

The years that have passed have added lustre and appreciation to this saint and Christian prince.

MUCH STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS IS GIVEN IN MARCH

Echoes of Stewardship sermons and the broadcast of much Stewardship literature are being felt within the churches of our county. Effective approaches to the Every Member Canvass was made in the various churches. As we go to press the canvasses are yet in process of completion.



Mrs. Mary Sapp and Her Turkeys

One of the effective ways of financing the rural church is to have some project about the farm or barnyard. The accompanying picture is of Mrs. Mary Sapp, a member of the Gillespie Church, and her turkeys. Last year she gave from her turkey-money more than eight dollars. Here is where competition is the life of trade:—"I am going to have to do better next time because Mrs. Ham is going to have one too." She is referring to Mrs. Wiley Ham, a near neighbor, who is also going to let a turkey hen work for the Lord. We commend to others the dedication of a turkey, a hen, a pig or a calf or a plot of ground to the Lord—along with the continued dedication of self.

WORK ON MILLERS CHURCH HAS BEGUN AGAIN

Work at Millers Church has been going slowly chiefly on account of the weather. However every thing is in readiness to build at once. Last week the sub foundation was poured and we hope to build forms for the upper foundation this week if the snow melts.

We would like to get the building under completion enough to hold our meeting in it this year. We are working toward this end.

LAUREL FORKS NEW AUXILIARY

In one of the homes of our Laurel Forks members, about two months ago, we met for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Auxiliary.

Much interest and eagerness was shown in this organization. The women are already working with a determination and a will, as they go forth into this great work.

The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Tom Cox; Vice-President, Mrs. Fred Miller; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Alely Long.

WINTER IMPEDES CHAPEL CONSTRUCTION AT THAXTON

We have learned a lesson, another one, in coaksureness. On the front page of the December issue we said "A picture of the Chapel and a complete list of the donors will be printed in the next issue." The Chapel referred to was at Thaxton. Perhaps in a generation there has not been such a winter. Surely not since the Ashe Presbyterian has been recording history has the weather so made impossible any outside work for such a continued time. We are not yet in the chapel—but if the Lord wills it will not be very long now.

We can, however, keep our promise as to the donors: gifts in cash made by Mr. and Mrs. Conley Thompson, Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Gillespie, Dr. J. M. McChesney, Mr. Walter Joins, Miss Ruby Hudler, Miss Hattie Ham, Mrs. Oliver Ham, Mr. Reid Newland, Mr. Reuben Ham, Mrs. B. H. Griffiths, Mr. W. H. Ham, Prof. W. N. Mebane, Mr. Vance Miller; gifts in materials and labor: Messrs. J. O. Blevins, T. F. Calhoun, Claud Calhoun, J. B. Shepherd, Will Campbell, Ira Calhoun, Thomas Ham, Harrison Philipps, E. L. Barr, Lester Calhoun, John Ham, Zundy Ham, Ray Campbell, Bernard and Cecil Calhoun, Verna Calhoun, Leroy Shepherd, Albert Calhoun, Martin Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Roby Roten are giving the lot. Mr. Sam Wells has given the flooring. The following have hauled materials: Mr. C. C. Calhoun and Mr. Wade Ham.

If the Lord wills we will show you a picture in June.

THANK YOU

Myers Park Presbyterian Church for the communion platters and Mrs. Wilson for the glasses to make these sets complete.

Myers Park Presbyterian Church for the second hand clothing which you sent by Mr. John Hatch and Dr. I. L. Ranson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lamberth, of Charlotte, who have given us kitchen fixtures for the manse.

Men's Club of Myers Park Presbyterian Church for the pump for the well and bath room facilities which will be installed as soon as possible.

Woman's Auxiliary of Charles Town, W. Va., for the clothing for our store.

Women's Auxiliary of St. Pauls, N. C., for the clothing you sent for our store.

A friend at Maxton for money to wire the manse at Glendale and for gift for Millers Church.

Mrs. P. T. Hay for gift on Millers Church.

All the friends who have answered the dollar chain letter for West Jefferson Church pews.

Mrs. J. E. Barnhardt, daughter and son for your generous gifts, making it possible to install church pews at West Jefferson.

Mr. J. R. Finley for helping on tuition for college student.

Mr. Pat Williams and Mr. M. J. Beardslee for helping college student.

Since our last issue a number of our excellent friends have made gifts to make possible a forward and progressive work: Miss Maggie Barnhardt, Mrs. Carl Harris, Dr. Edward Mack, Mrs. Frank Stevens, Miss Susie Lee Patton, Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Gillespie, Prof. and Mrs. O. J. Thies, Jr., Dr. Chas. M. Norfleet, Jr., Winston First Auxiliary, Circle No. 15 Greensboro First. We are so grateful to them!

**THE LANSING CHURCH HAS
WEEK OF EVANGELISM**

The week preceding Easter was one of evangelistic emphasis in the Lansing Presbyterian Church. For some time the church had been praying and planning for this week of services with the pastor doing the preaching. The congregations were good each time and there was a hearty response and a lovely spirit of cooperation by all. Prayer meetings were held before the night services.

On Sunday morning after the concluding sermon the following were received into the church: Misses Irene Baldwin and Doris McNeill, by a profession of their faith and baptism; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Campbell by statement pending the reception of their church letters. Mr Paul Barker made a profession of faith in Christ and intimated that he would unite with the church at a service in the near future.

**FINAL CONTRIBUTORS TO THE E. A.
MCNEILL MEMORIAL WINDOW**

To the list of those who made possible the lovely gift to the Jefferson Presbyterian Church of the memorial window to the late Mr. E. A. McNeill the following are to be added: The First National Bank of West Jefferson, R. C. Barr, Reins-Sturdivant Co., Belk's Department Store, E. O. Woodie, J. F. Richardson, Coleman Payne, Wade Eller, Parkway Chevrolet, W. J. Auto Parts Co., and the Jefferson Lodge No. 38, I. O. O. F., of which Mr. McNeill had been a member for thirty-three years—only six years less than he had been an Elder in the Church.

AUXILIARY

A new Auxiliary year with new leaders is at hand. The recently elected president of the Big Ridge Auxiliary is Mrs. Fred Bare. She with her other leaders are planning a year of greater achievement and more loyal service for the Big Ridge Auxiliary. Some of them will attend the Presbyterial in Lexington, April 18 and 19.

STEWARDSHIP PLANS

Each church in Luke's field have been given a statement of how much their church has given for the year up to the middle of March, and an examination of this statement shows us what we have done and what causes we should make further contributions to in the next two weeks of the month of the church year. Many members seeing our lack of gifts in some lines have responded and sent in contributions.

Budgets have been discussed openly by each congregation and adopted. Pledge cards have been distributed to most of the members in congregations, and by letter. Many of these have already been handed in to the church treasurers or the pastor. We hope the others who have not handed in their pledges will do so at once as the reports for Presbytery must be made in time to be ready for Presbytery which meets in April.

Of the new Gillespie Auxiliary, Miss Ruby Hudler is the most efficient president. Those ladies have a real spirit in their work. There has not been a pretty Thursday night on which they have met since their organization. The attendance has been amazing.

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**SEVERAL HAVE RECITED
THE CATECHISMS**

More good catechism news from Big Ridge and Boggs! Ida Burgess from Big Ridge and Mary Miller from Boggs have each recited perfectly the Child's Catechism. This is a splendid achievement and we are proud of them both!



Bethel Catechism Group

And here is some more big news from Ebenezer: Marie Ida Atwood, 6 years old, and Mary Retha Atwood, 4 years old, have each recited the Child's Catechism, after having had it for only two months. Little Mary learned it from hearing her six year old sister say it to her mother and father.

LAUREL FORKS PEWS

In the very near future our Laurel Forks Church will be furnished with brand new, lovely pews.

This project was started by the Young People of the church. Later the Woman's Auxiliary, as well as the entire church, became enthusiastic about the matter. The pews are now in the process of being made. In a couple of months we expect them to be adorning the church with their beauty and usefulness.

Rev. John W. Luke has secured the following ministers to preach in his Chatauquas: Rev. Z. T. Piephoff at Ebenezer, Rev. Henry Mahler at Bethel, Rev. O. V. Caudill (pending) at Millers, Rev. L. J. Yelonjian, Glendale Springs, and Rev. John H. McKinnon at Low Gap.

In the other Chatauquas Rev. W. C. Cooper will preach at Obids and Dr. Charles Nisbet at Lansing. Rev. O. V. Caudill will preach at Thaxton.

EBENEZER NEWS

Mr. Z. T. Piephoff will preach for us from April 25th through May 5th. This will be the beginning of the Christian Chautauqua for the summer. This is the earliest the meeting has started but due to the fact that Mr. Piephoff could not come at another date we decided to start early. The Bible School however will be held at a later date.

News has been going around that we are to have a new fence for the Ebenezer grave yard. There are many people buried at Ebenezer and there is no reason why the relatives and loved ones should not get together and put up a nice fence around the grave yard. Mrs. Winston Atwood has been soliciting funds for this purpose and we hope any who read this article and are interested will send Mrs. Winston Atwood, Wagoner, N. C., your donation for this cause.

Mr. Denver Blevins, a member of our Gillespie Church and a first year student at Presbyterian Junior College, Maxton, has been received by the Presbytery of Winston-Salem as a candidate for the ministry.

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Mr. Carl H. Stark, Jr., Begins Work In Ashe

After completing his three year course in Union Theological Seminary of Virginia, Mr. Carl H. Stark, of Sarasoto, Florida, came to Ashe County with Lansing for a home and there began his ministry. Mr. Stark preached during a part of the Foster Memorial Chautauqua. He is taking a splendid hold upon the work and is rapidly finding a place for himself in the hearts of the Lansing, Foster Memorial and Gillespie congregations.

He came to us a good preacher and is proving to us that he has the qualities for a beloved highland pastor. He has a love for people and a passion for souls.

As we go to press he is away responding as one of the principals in the following invitation which has been received:

"Mr. and Mrs. Maurice McClelen request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Elizabeth, to Mr. Carl Herman Stark, Junior, on Friday, the twenty eighth of June, at six-thirty o'clock

First Presbyterian Church
Sarasoto, Florida."

After a stay in the mountains of Kentucky, Mr. Stark plans to bring his bride to Lansing on July 8th. There they will make their home.

There will of necessity be some adjustments in the schedule of services. Lansing will have a service each Sunday and the other churches affected will have more services.

Mr. Stark plans to be examined by the Presbytery with a view to ordination on July 16th and to be ordained at an early date.

We hope to have a picture of the bride in the next issue.

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM REACHES MORE PEOPLE

Last year Mr. C. A. Segraves gave us a loud speaker and an amplifier. This, with a borrowed microphone, was successfully used during the Lansing and Jefferson Chautauquas. This year a new, powerful microphone has been purchased for our own use. It was used at Obids and is now being used in Jefferson. Much of the service is made available to the sick and the convalescent and we hope in some cases that the indifferent are being reached for Christ. This will be used in the Lansing Chautauqua.

Of special interest is its use at the Prison Camp. The fourth Sunday is Presbyterian day at the camp. In June the camp choir and camp quartet sang a number of spirituals, which were amplified through our public address system to hundreds of people who stood beyond the gates. Of course, the Gospel was preached during the service. This will be a frequent feature and has already been planned for July 28th at 1:30 P. M.

May God bless the use of this new feature of our work.

C. C. C. SERVICES HELD AT LAUREL SPRINGS

On the schedule of the Camp at Laurel Springs, Rev. J. W. Luke has been holding two services a month for the boys in camp.

STORM BULLETIN: Jefferson, Wednesday night, June 26th—Tent destroyed by wind storm. Contributions for new tent solicited. Send at once to THE ASHE PRESBYTERIAN, JEFFERSON, N. C.

Thaxton Community Uses Chapel

After a long, long winter when no work could be done on our Thaxton Chapel and then with many of the ought-to-be available carpenters working elsewhere we did get weather and men to complete the outside of the building. The first service was held in it on Sunday morning, June 16th, with Mr. Conley Thompson, the faithful Elder, conducting the Sunday School which was followed by a sermon by Mr. Carl H. Stark, Jr.. In spite of a rain, a good congregation was present.



Thaxton Chapel

As we go to press the second coat of paint is being applied to the exterior. It has a lovely green asphalt shingle roof. The front windows were once used in the Jefferson Church. There are four gothic top windows on each side that were at one time in Watts Chapel in Union Theological Seminary. The ground will be fenced on three sides. Evergreens are growing just back of the church. It is a lovely setting.

Beginning on July 10th and continuing through the 21st the Chautauqua will be held in the chapel with Rev. O. V. Caudill, the preacher, and Mr. Emerson Smith directing the Bible School.

We are grateful to all of those who have made our lovely chapel a reality.

Moving Pictures Being Made of Chautauquas

A one-hundred foot film of 16 mm moving pictures is being made of each Christian Chautauqua which operates from Jefferson as its base. To date three films have been received: of Obids, Foster Memorial and Gillespie Chautauquas. In each case a picture of the church, actual scenes of the Bible School, officers of the Church, personalities of the community, faculty, the visiting minister, and special landscapes have been gotten.

The plan is to continue this until all of our work in this part of the field is filmed. There will probably be 800 feet when it is completed. In each of our churches where electricity is available the pictures will be projected. We hope to have a projector that can be carried to many groups outside the county.

Dr. E. E. Gillespie in his visual reproduction of "Home Missions from the Mountains to the Sea" at the next meeting of Synod in High Point, Sept. 3-5, will probably use some of our scenes.

West Jefferson Church Has New Pews

Things have been happening at West Jefferson Presbyterian Church. The new pews have been installed and the auditorium has been completely renovated and painted. You would hardly know you were in the same building. The floor, which is of fine maple, has been sanded and polished making a beautiful golden floor; the walls have been painted with a light ivory finish; the woodwork is stained with dark walnut, and the ceiling has been re-covered with celotex. The pews, with ends to match the arch in tops of windows, are also stained dark walnut. This great improvement was the result of the energetic work of the men and women, the management of Russell Barr, and gifts of some of our friends: Mrs. S. E. Barnhardt, her son, Mr. J. J. Barnhardt, and daughter, Miss Maggie Barnhardt. We trust all who visit West Jefferson this summer will find time to take a look into our church.

MR. GORDON RIGGAN

Mr. Gordon Riggan, who is a Seminary Student at Richmond, Va., is doing excellent work in Rev. J. W. Luke's field. He has taught in each Bible School and helped in leading and preaching in the Evangelistic meetings of the Christian Chautauqua. We are sure Mr. Riggan will be a useful man in the ministry when he goes out into the field after completing the Seminary at Richmond, Va.

WINSTON-SALEM PRESBYTERY AT WEST JEFFERSON

In the last meeting of Presbytery at Reynolda, the Pastor, Rev. J. W. Luke, at the request of the West Jefferson congregation, invited the Presbytery to meet at West Jefferson Presbyterian Church. The invitation was accepted and we are looking forward to the entertainment of the Presbytery on July 16th. As this paper goes out to the Presbyterians of the Presbytery we hope you will accept our invitation in full, and that each church will send their Pastors and Elders. We hope you will send a deacon or two with them. We are glad our newly painted and seated church can be of service to the Presbytery of Winston-Salem.

VALUED CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR WORK

Since the last issue the following have been invaluable to us in our work of extension through their gifts: Mrs. R. B. Fritzsche, Miss Susie Lee Patton, Mrs. W. Y. Preyer, Mrs. Carl Harris, Mrs. James C. Harper, Mrs. John Blake Campbell and Rev. Luther E. Sharpe.

Mrs. T. C. Bowie has recently given a lovely, high back, pulpit chair to the Gillespie Church. It is now adding grace to the pulpit area.

We are so very grateful to you!

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While many are hearing from the public press and from the radio the news of carnage, death and destruction as caused by the powers of hell—hundreds of our young people are being led in the paths of peace as the Christian Chautauqua teachers lead them into a fuller knowledge of Christ—The Prince of Peace.

The depressing notes that sadden many are not introduced into our Bible Schools. In addition to all that is learned from God's Word there is a daily salute and pledge of allegiance to the Christian flag, to the flag of the United States and to the Bible—God's Holy Word.

WELCOME TO MR. STARK

Mr. Carl Herman Stark, Jr., has become one of us. We welcome him to our midst. We know of no place where a young minister could with more profit begin his life of service. Opportunities are legion. Those who will become valued friends are numerous. Words of encouragement will be abundant. Many prayers will be offered for their new leader. There are many who will work with him in the building of the Kingdom of God.

Work, much work, awaits him. Grace to help is available. Joy of accomplishment is in store. Welcome to you, Mr. Stark, and to the one whom you have chosen to go with you down the pathway of happiness and achievement.

AUXILIARY NEWS
OF EASTERN ASHE

The past three months have been one of the richest periods in the life of our Auxiliaries of Eastern Ashe.

Our ladies attending the Winston-Salem Presbyterial were greatly inspired by the program. We have started the new year with much interest and enthusiasm.

All of the Auxiliaries of the county came together in a joint meeting for the Birthday Program in the lobby of the Glendale Springs hotel. The Glendale Springs Auxiliary was hostess. There was a good representation from the various Auxiliaries. The out-of-the-county guests were: Mrs. Percy Johnson, Mrs. Legette and Miss Cox, of the Reynolda Church, Mrs. J. B. McCoy and Mrs. A. R. Ogilvie of the North Wilkesboro Church.

Miss Kathryn Hunt and a number of other young ladies presented the pageant with Miss Calhoun assisting with the music. It was an inspiring service which was concluded with delicious refreshments and a joyous period of fellowship.

THE CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUAS ARE HAVING
GREAT SUCCESSES IN ASHE AND WILKES

Ebenezer—April 19-30. This was the earliest meeting of the Chautauqua. Because it was so early we had to put off the Bible School here until after the public schools were out. The Bible School will be held in August.

Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, from Williamston, N. C., held the evangelistic services in the church. The weather at this time of the year is too cold for the tent. We had excellent preaching and instruction from the pulpit. The following people united with the church: Mrs. J. L. Miller, Jackie Shoemaker, and Mrs. Harrison Bowlin is uniting with Peak Creek Church pending her letter from the Baptist Church. Besides many reconsecrations there were many people who read the Bible regularly during the meeting.

Bethel—May 6-19. This meeting was also held in the church at Bethel as the weather was too cold for the tent. Rev. Henry Mahler, of Richwood, W. Va., held the meeting for us. Mr. Mahler had worked two summers as a student in this field and we were delighted to have him back with us again. The Bible School continued throughout this meeting and had the following record: 57 enrolled, 43 attended three days and over and 36 was the average attendance. There were 18 perfect in attendance for the two weeks. There were many reconsecrations and about ten professions. Mr. T. J. Royal united with the church by letter, and Miss Cora Lee Shepherd on profession of faith. Many chapters were read.

Teachers for the school—Mr. Dan Rhodes, Miss Lois Calhoun, and Rev. J. W. Luke.

Peak Creek—May 21-June 2. The meeting at Peak Creek was earlier than usual this year. The Bible School was a large one and had a splendid record. The evangelistic part of the Chautauqua here was conducted by Mr. Dan Rhodes and Mr. Gordon Riggan. The teachers were Mr. Dan Rhodes, Gordon Riggan, Miss Janet McNeill, Miss Lois Calhoun and Rev. J. W. Luke. The attendance at Bible School was 93 who were there three days or over, the enrollment was 103 and the average attendance was 74. There were 47 who were perfect in attendance. A great many chapters in the Bible were read during the meeting, many reconsecrated themselves to Christ, and there were perhaps about eight professions.

Glendale Springs—June 4-16. This Chautauqua is still fresh in our memories as it has only been a week and a half since it discontinued. Rev. L. J. Yelanjian held this meeting for us in that original and living way he has of presenting the Gospel. We were glad to have Mrs. Yelanjian with us for a visit. She made herself useful as a pianist. The teachers for the Bible School were Miss Lois Calhoun, Miss Janet McNeill, Mrs. Bret Parks and Mr. Gordon Riggan.

This Bible School had the following good record: Those who attended three days or more were 75; those who enrolled were 91. The average attendance was 60. There were 25 who were perfect in attendance.

The meeting was a splendid one with many reconsecrations, a great number of chapters from the Bible read, and a number of conversions. Those who united with the church were Miss Margie Dean Lyle, Miss Grace Miller, Mr. Luther Woodie and Mrs. Claude Sheets.

Millers—June 18-30. This Chautauqua is now in progress with Rev. O. V. Caudill from Elkin, N. C., preaching. Mr. Caudill was raised in Wilkes County and we are glad to have a Wilkes man hold this meeting in his native county.

This meeting has started out well. The meeting is held in the church, which is about half done. You will see a cut of the church in this issue of The Ashe Presbyterian.

Teachers in the Bible School are Miss Lois Calhoun, Miss Janet McNeill, Mr. Gordon Riggan. From our record as it starts out we will have perhaps about 70 on the roll. Details of this meeting will be continued in the next paper.

From this point on there follows the story of the Chautauquas conducted from Jefferson as a home base. Each of these Bible Schools is directed by Miss Kathryn Hunt. They are characterized by larger enrollments and a high quality of teaching and preaching.

OBIDS CHAUTAUQUA

May 1st was the opening day for the Obids Chautauqua. Due to the coolness the services were conducted in the Church. Miss Kathryn Hunt, our experienced and consecrated Director of Bible Schools, was in charge of the Vacation School. She was assisted by Miss Ruth Lewis, of Fig, N. C., Miss Ruby Graham, of Husk, N. C., and by Miss Martha Cox, of Winston-Salem. There was an enrollment of 117 with an average attendance of 78 and a perfect attendance of 21. This large enrollment is due in part to Elder R. S. McNeill who used his truck to convey young people from the Idlewild section. Transportation was provided over three roads.

Rev. W. C. Cooper, of Mocksville, was our minister to the delight of the entire community. Portions of Proverbs were distributed and 1054 chapters were reported as having been read.

The new members welcomed were: Mrs. A. O. Miller, Misses Myrtle Magdeline Miller, Ruth Williams, Louise Caudill, Ruby Caudill, Mary Grace Bare, Lenna Hope Parsons and Ann Horton Cowles.

FOSTER MEMORIAL CHAUTAUQUA

The Bible School began in the Foster Memorial Church on May 20th. Miss Hunt was assisted by Miss Ruby Hudler, Mr. Carl H. Stark, Jr., and Miss Estella Blevins, of Lansing. There was an enrollment of 68, an average attendance of 57 and a perfect attendance of 32.

On the night of May 20th the evangelistic services in the tent began with Mr. Gordon Riggan, for two nights Rev. O. V. Caudill preached, Mr. Stark preached one night, then Mr. Stone preached two nights, Rev. Donelly Hart a night, and on Monday the 29th Rev. J. D. Henderson, of Spartanburg, S. C., arrived, accompanied by Mr. B. B. Blackwell. Mr. Henderson preached for a week with his accustomed force, simplicity and clarity. A service was held at noon on the road with the W. P. A. force and a number of afternoon cottage meetings were conducted. The services were well attended. Matthew was read and 1260 chapters were reported.

New members welcomed were: Misses Bernice and Jean Weaver and Meral Caudill.

GILLESPIE CHAUTAUQUA

From June 5th through June 20th the Gillespie Chautauqua was in session under the direction of Miss Hunt and assisted by Misses Helen Kirkpatrick, of Maxton, N. C., Miss Mary Shepherd, of Lansing, and Messrs. C. H. Stark and C. Emerson Smith, the latter of Richmond, Va.

The enrollment in the Bible School was 83 with an average attendance of 60 and a perfect attendance of 26. Students were conveyed from the lower sections of Little Horse Creek.

Rev. J. A. Boyd, of Bluff City, Tenn., was our minister. He was no stranger to many who had heard him over the radio. Mr. Boyd's personality, singing and preaching won a way into the hearts of the people. Good congregations attended. Of the Gospel of Mark 696 chapters were read.

New members welcomed were: Mrs. Clarence Stansberry, Mrs. W. R. Calhoun, Mr. Hardy Lee Colvard, Misses Grace Eller, Delray Ham and Mary Barker.

JEFFERSON CHAUTAUQUA

On June 24th the Jefferson Christian Chautauqua was opened with Miss Hunt being assisted by Mr. C. Emerson Smith, Miss Ruth Allan Worth, of Jefferson, Miss Helen Kirkpatrick, Miss Mary Shepherd and Mrs. L. T. Gill. Assistants are Misses Virginia Colvard and Mary Brown and Mr. Robert McNeill. The enrollment on the first day was 102 and many new students were added on the second day. Cars are operating in three directions to transport those living in the distance.

Rev. L. T. Gill, of Pageland, S. C., is our minister. Mrs. Gill brings lovely and helpful messages in song.

CONGREGATIONS ANTICIPATING COMING CHAUTAUQUAS

In the Lansing Church great things are planned for the Christian Chautauqua. It is a great community event. This year Dr. Charles R. Nisbet, of Charlotte, is coming to be our minister. An able and consecrated faculty for the Bible School is being selected. The date of the Lansing Chautauqua is July 14 through 28th with Dr. Nisbet coming in for the evening service on the 15. Plans are under way to make this one of the best ever held. The plans include the tent located in a central part of the town.

The last Chautauqua to be conducted in the tent during the season is at Big Ridge between the dates of July 31st-August 14th inclusive. Dr. J. M. McChesney, of Abingdon, Virginia, is to be our minister there.

But all of our work cannot be done in a tent. Messrs. Sam Patterson, Ralph Buchanan and John D. Smith, three Union Seminary students, have given their summer to evangelistic work and are coming to us for two meetings. They conduct Daily Vacation Bible Schools each morning and hold an evangelistic meeting at night. God has greatly blessed their efforts in other parts of the Presbytery. On July 12th they begin a meeting at Boggs and on July 24th they begin their second work with us in Greer's Chapel.

In another column an announcement has been made about the Thaxton Chapel Chautauqua with Rev. O. V. Caudill and Mr. Emerson Smith in charge. Plans for the colored D. V. B. S. are being discussed.

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Millers Church

**MILLERS CHURCH HALF BUILT
MEETING IN PROGRESS HERE**

In this issue you will see the picture of Millers Church which, although about half done, we are having our regular Chautauqua in it at this time. We are overjoyed at having a church to go to in this community. If anyone would like to help us complete this church just send a contribution to Rev. J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, N. C. We need money to do finishing work on the inside and to put the brick veneer up on the outside. Will you help us complete this useful as well as beautiful church?

**OTHER MEETINGS TO BE HELD THIS
SUMMER IN MR. LUKE'S SCHEDULE**

After the present Chautauqua at Millers, which is the fifth one we have held this summer in this field, there will be three others and another Bible School to complete the schedule for the summer.

Low Gap Chautauqua will be held July 2 through 14th. Rev. J. H. McKinnon, Jr., of Maxton, N. C., will be the preacher to hold the services.

West Jefferson Chautauqua will be held July 16th through 28th with Rev. Chas. H. Watts, of Phoenix Va., preaching.

Laurel Forks Chautauqua will be held July 30 through Aug. 11th, with Rev. Ted Smith, of Baden, N. C., preaching.

After these meetings a Bible School will be held at Ebenezer in August.

LAUREL FORKS SEATS

The people of the Laurel Forks Presbyterian Church have been needing pews for the church. Mr. Fred Miller has contracted to build seats for the church at a small price. Many of the members contributed to building these seats and about half of them have already been made and are now in the church. After a coat of varnish these seats will be a beautiful and comfortable addition to the church.

**MR. C. EMERSON SMITH
DOING A GOOD WORK**

In June Mr. C. Emerson Smith, of Richmond's Union Theological Seminary, came to us for summer work. Mr. Smith was here and made many friends two years ago who welcome him back to our work. He is a preacher, teacher and a master of situations—and good in each field.

Maxine Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Carter, of the Foster Memorial Church, has recited the Child's Catechism.

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Jefferson, Lansing and Big Ridge Have Interesting Chautauquas

Our last issue gave you a preview of the Jefferson Chautauqua and a footnote on the front page told you of the destruction of a part of our tent and the remainder of the meeting was held in the Church and vacant homes and garages furnished class rooms for the Chautauqua classes.

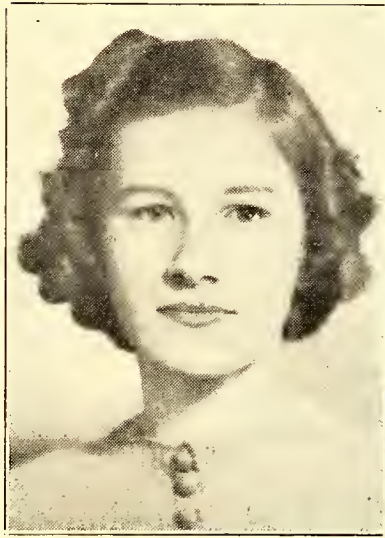
The statistics, the largest of the season in attendance at the Bible School, are found in the summary below. New members welcomed into the church are Misses Josephine Brown, Dorothy Stanley and Ruth Stanley.

The Lansing Chautauqua (July 15-27) reached a high standard of quality in Gospel preaching and teaching. Dr. Charles R. Nisbet, of the Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, dug down deep into the hearts of his congregations as, night after night, the multitudes returned to hear gladly the glorious Gospel of redemption out of the wise and understanding heart of this great man of God. Followers of the Christ were led to follow more closely, and others rejoiced in the first drink at the Fountain of Living Waters. We welcome those added to the Church at this time: Misses Edith Clark, Ruby Sutherland, Bernice Eldreth, Marie Eldreth, Messrs. Lillard Jones and Andrew Pugh.

The Bible School was effectively taught by a fine group of workers: Mrs. Thomas Powers, Lansing; Miss Helen Kirkpatrick, Maxton; Miss Marjorie Patterson, Winston-Salem; Mr. Emerson Smith, Richmond; Mr. Dan Rhodes, Glade Valley; Miss Mary Shepherd, Lansing; Miss Mabel Greer, Lansing; and Miss Kathryn Hunt, Jefferson. A great satisfaction was experienced in "hearing and doing" the word. This School enjoyed making an offering to help replace the Chautauqua tent.

The showers of spiritual blessings from the Big Ridge Chautauqua were timed to share the limelight with other showers. But the presence of exceeding high waters did not prevent faithful boys and girls and hungry listeners from hearing the Word by day and by night. In spite of the constant torrents, 25 was the lowest attendance at the Bible School, and 18 perfect attendants refused to be kept at home by the floods! Bless their hearts! The faculty for this fine school included Miss Marjorie Patterson, Miss Maxie Weaver, Miss Estella Blevins and Miss Kathryn Hunt.

Night after night, the Rev. W. H. Eubank, Wilmington, N. C., captivated the Big Ridge congregations with his scholarly interpretations of the Scriptures. May God bless his faithful ministry to us!



Mrs. Carl H. Stark, Jr., of Lansing, to whom we extend a most hearty welcome from ASHE PRESBYTERIANS. She has already taken her place in the work of the Kingdom in Ashe County.

The Flood Damages Presbyterian Property

The high water of the recent flood did a good bit of damage in our Lansing, Foster Memorial and Gillespie Churches. The water was over two feet in the basements of each of the churches. Mud was deposited thickly on the floors and furniture and everything that the water contacted.

After the waters had receded the basement of the Lansing church was a strange sight of contrasting colors. A young people's party had been held in the basement the night before, and streaming yellow and pink decorations drooped down from the ceiling. The chairs had been floating around the room in circles, and then they settled in odd places and positions when the water went down. Mud was thickly deposited on the floor—its reddish color standing out in contrast to the crepe paper decorations. We were sad to see that the organ in the basement was damaged, for this was valuable to several of the departments. Some of the books in the church library were dampened, but the water didn't come up to the main shelves of the library.

A similar story could be told of the Gillespie and Foster Memorial churches. Water, mud, damaged plaster is a bare description. The road leading down into the Foster Memorial Church was severely damaged. It now has the resemblance of a river bed—rocks and sand remain where a road was located, and some of the cement on the basement stairs was washed. In Gillespie, too, the water penetrated into all the rooms and left mud over all.

Another tragic fact was the loss of the Chautauqua piano. It was stored away in Lansing; as the flood waters rose it ruined this piano that had been so useful in the Bible Schools and revivals and other places. We need both an organ and a piano to aid the music and singing in our churches.

IMPROVEMENTS AT CHURCHES

New pews at Laurel Forks Church built by Mr. Fred Miller add to the attractiveness and comfort of the church. A second coat of paint is to be applied to the walls of the interior at a near date.

At Ebenezer a day is set for building of new front steps, getting wood for winter and repair on the roof. A new fence has been built around the grave yard this summer by the community, and the grounds have been cleaned up.

Brick veneering of the Millers Church is to begin in a week or two if we can get \$200 more to help—help us out.

SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE 1940 CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUAS

PLACE	Enrollment	Average Daily Attendance	Perfect Attendance	New Members	Chapters Read In Bible	EVANGELIST
Obids.....	117	78	21	8	1054	Rev. W. C. Cooper.....
Foster Memorial.....	68	57	32	3	1260	Rev. J. D. Henderson.....
Gillespie.....	83	60	26	6	696	Rev. J. A. Boyd.....
Jefferson.....	157	109	44	3	652	Rev. L. T. Gill.....
Lansing.....	121	92	43	6	898	Dr. Chas. R. Nisbet.....
Big Ridge.....	59	38	18	5	536	Rev. W. H. Eubank.....
Thaxton.....	44	30	9	.....	618	Mr. Ralph Buchanan.....
Greer's Chapel.....	42	22	10	.....	326	Mr. Sam Patterson.....
Bristol Colored.....	29	18	2	.....	.....	(No meeting was held)
Ebenezer.....	40	18	12	1	300	Rev. Z. T. Piephoff.....
Bethel.....	57	36	18	2	250	Rev. Henry Mahler.....
Peak Creek.....	103	74	47	1	260	Mr. Gordon Riggan, Mr. Dan Rhodes.....
Glendale Springs.....	91	60	25	6	300	Rev. L. J. Yelanjian.....
Millers.....	56	38	24	.....	260	Rev. O. V. Caudill.....
Low Gap.....	103	65	33	5	390	Rev. J. H. McKinnon.....
West Jefferson.....	122	77	36	2	300	Rev. C. H. Watts.....
Laurel Forks.....	37	24	11	1	260	Rev. Ted Smith.....
TOTALS.....	1329	896	411	44	8360	

BOY SCOUTS OF WEST JEFFERSON

The Boy Scout Troop No. 37 under the Scout Master, J. W. Luke, has been active in work in the Ashe County Fair this last week. A tent with attractive exhibit was assembled by them, also a flag tower was constructed and the raising and lowering of the United States flag was carried out each day of the fair.

SALE OR INGATHERING OF FARM PRODUCE

Some of the churches are planning to have sales of farm produce this fall. We hope to raise money for special causes and also help on the budgets of our churches.

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BLESSINGS UPON OUR TENT AND CHAPEL PARTNERS

The Lord times things to our advantage. When all the type was set for the printing of the June issue a terrible wind storm came in one night and damaged, beyond repair, the middle section of our Chautauqua tent, and tore considerably the two round ends. The timing was in that we were enabled before the printing to get in a "Storm Bulletin" appeal. Our friends responded immediately: First Mr. Gordon Roberts, of Radford, Va., proved his regret of our loss by sending his check for \$15.00. Then the sympathy of Mrs. J. R. Cunningham, Dr. R. E. McAlpine, Mr. Fred Hunt, Rev. L. J. Yelanjian, Mrs. Cecil Morris, Miss May McAlister, Mr. A. A. Finnie, Newport News friend, Revs. C. D. Hutton and J. W. McFall were expressed with substantial offerings. Local help came through gifts of Hon. Ira T. Johnston, Jackie Neal, The Jefferson Chautauqua, The Lansing Chautauqua, Dr. Chas R. Nisbet, Rev. L. T. Gill and Mr. J. D. McNeill.

A dual appeal was made for the tent and Thaxton Chapel and the following responded: Mr. Nello Teer, Mrs. S. Wilson Gray, Mr. A. F. Stevens, Mrs. Robert Critz and Mrs. John King.

Mrs. Carl Harris and Mrs. W. H. Osborne have also helped with the Chapel, with Mrs. Harris' gift extending into other phases of the work.

The Rogers Bible Class of the First Presbyterian Church, of Winston-Salem, has been a great help to us in making it possible for Mr. Emerson Smith to assist us so splendidly.

Each one of you is a co-worker and those of us who are on the field are ever grateful to you for your material aid. And from many of you we know that we receive spiritual assistance through your prayers—for which we also thank you.

EVANGELISM AT C. C. C. CAMP LAUREL SPRINGS

There have been frequent visits to the C. C. C. Camp at Laurel Springs by Rev. J. W. Luke. There were two visiting ministers brought to the camp for services during the evangelistic meetings in the summer: Revs. Ted Smith and L. J. Yelanjian.

During the meeting at Laurel Forks Church a Bible Class was taught by Rev. J. W. Luke during one week.

MOVING PICTURE PROJECTOR GREAT AID IN WORK

During the summer a 16mm moving picture was made of eleven places where we work, including nine Chautauquas, an outpost and the prison camp. A projector is a great delight and help in pastoral work. On September 18th a projection was made in the Presbyterian Hospital room of one of our members, and others enjoyed the scenes; again in the afternoon a member who has been flat of her back in the Mecklenburg Sanatorium for about a year saw scenes of her former home that cheered her and others whom she summoned to her bedside; that evening the pictures were projected in the Jefferson Church to a good congregation and following this showing the machine brought joy and delight to a mother in Israel who could not come to the church.

As this goes off to press the picture and projector are enroute to an Auxiliary meeting in Hickory and a Group Conference at Valdese.

The films are paid for. The projector is a Kodascope EE and with the case sells for \$86.00. We got it for \$44.00 ON FAITH—on faith that our readers would make it ours for use in homes, churches, schools, hospitals and tents. Make an offering and send it to Miss Kathryn Hunt or to The Ashe Presbyterian, Jefferson, N. C.



ROBERT TYLER STONE II
Known as "Bobby"

COMMUNICANT'S CLASS

Last week we had a good beginning with our Communicant's Class at Lansing. We are making a special campaign with our younger friends to enlist as many as we can in the service of our Lord by a profession of their faith. This drive is leading up to Rally Day when our prospective members will join the church. We have many children who are not Christian, and it is our hope His name shall be glorified by many additions into the Kingdom.

To enrich their own Christian life, and to increase their appreciation of the Church we have begun this class. "What it means to be a Christian;" "What it Means to Join the Church;" are among the topics discussed. We began with ten enrolled, and we hope to increase this number each time. Rev. Carl H. Stark is the teacher of this class.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULES NOW EFFECTIVE

The Lansing Church now has a service each Sunday morning and the prayer meeting has been changed to Wednesday evening. Foster Memorial has an extra preaching service—first and third Sunday afternoons—and the accustomed Thursday night prayer meeting. Gillespie, likewise, has an extra service, second and fourth Sunday afternoons, and two extra prayer meetings each month, every Friday night. The above is Mr. Stark's schedule, who also preaches at Thaxton each fourth Sunday night and at Greer's chapel each second Sunday afternoon.

Rev. R. H. Stone's schedule is as follows: West Jefferson, Sunday School each Sunday, preach at West Jefferson each first and fourth Sunday mornings and second and third and fifth Sunday evenings.

Jefferson each Wednesday night and first Sunday night and third Sunday morning; Obids each second Sunday morning and fourth Sunday evening; Big Ridge each first and third Sunday afternoon; Boggs each second Sunday afternoon and the Prison Camp each fourth Sunday afternoon.

Miss Hunt's schedule follows:

On Sunday—Sunday Schools at Jefferson, Big Ridge, and Boggs, and at night a Young People's meeting at Big Ridge.

Through-the-week-meetings — Young People's Leagues at West Jefferson Thursday night, and at Boggs Wednesday night, a Bible study class at Big Ridge on Friday night. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, Bible Story hour at Othello, Boggs, Wagoner, and Big Ridge Schools.

Auxiliary meetings—Twice a month at Big Ridge and once a month at Obids.

AUXILIARIES ARE CANNING FOR BARIUM

The women of the Ashe County Auxiliaries excel in service. It is their line of genius. Their most recent venture is filling cans for Barium Springs Orphanage. Twenty dozen cans have been bought to be distributed among the various Auxiliaries. They hope to have these filled within the next few weeks.

RALLY DAY IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday Schools served by Mr. Luke and Miss Lois Calhoun are observing Rally Day the first Sunday of October, by presenting the lovely program, sent out by our Richmond office, whose theme is "The Road Beyond." We are also taking special offerings for Sunday School extension on that day.

AUXILIARY NEWS

This part of our work has held up quite well through the summer. We are looking forward to our Group Conference, which meets in the West Jefferson Church, Oct. 2, with Mrs. J. B. McCoy, our District Chairman, presiding.

We are expecting much information and inspiration from this meeting that will be worth a great deal in our work.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTIES

The young people of the Lansing Church enjoyed a lively party the night of August 12th. In spite of the rain there was a good attendance. The basement was appropriately decorated for the occasion, and the bright colors gave it a party atmosphere.

As the crowd was gathering various guessing games were played. Contests were enjoyed as the party progressed. Laughing and singing revealed the enjoyment of the contests. Picture two contestants competing to empty the contents of two baby bottles; listen to two verbose young ladies out-talking the other face to face, or out-laughing in a similar manner. After numerous action-games, the refreshments were served. As the young people joined hands in a large circle they sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and then they were dismissed with prayer by the Pastor.

The large attendance of seventy-five young people of the Gillespie Church and community enjoyed a party in August. Under the leadership of Miss Ruby Jane Hudler, their leader and adult advisor, many games were played. Miss Hudler told the young people an interesting story before the party closed.

WELCOME

To Those Who United With Our Churches
In the Meetings Held This Summer

- Laurel Forks—Mr. Boyd Gentry (letter.)
- Glendale Springs—Mr. Claude Sheets, Mrs. John L. Miller.
- Low Gap—Mr. Uvell LaPradt, Mrs. Uvell LaPradt, Miss Lena Poe, Billie Lyle, Tam Lyle.
- West Jefferson—Mr. Charlie Davis, Mrs. Charlie Davis.

One thousand three hundred and twenty-nine enrolled in the Bible Schools this summer with an average daily attendance of eight hundred and ninety-six! Our Father in Heaven alone knows the great blessings that came to them through the faithful teaching of His Word. It is impossible for the human imagination to follow the results as they multiply throughout the years—into eternity—and to properly evaluate them.

Look back at the summary on page one and see the thousands of chapters that were read in the Bible. "My word shall not return unto Me void."

Then additional thousands heard the Gospel proclaimed lovingly and powerfully and persuasively by those who knew the Lord and His Book.

It was a fruitful summer's work. We are grateful to our co-workers and to God for His guidance and blessing.

**REV. JOHN W. LUKE TO BE
INSTALLED**

A commission was appointed by Winston-Salem Presbytery to install Rev. J. W. Luke pastor of the Glendale Springs and Laurel Fork Presbyterian Churches.

The Commission will meet on Sunday, September 29th, at 2:00 P. M., at Glendale Springs for the first installation service and again at 4:00 P. M. in the Laurel Fork Church.

Mr. Luke is the organizer of these two churches as well as four others. He is a greatly beloved pastor.

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Millers Church is not completed but is being used for services and Sunday School regularly. A pile of bricks is at hand ready to be put on as a brick veneer, but we lack the funds to lay them. We would like to do this at once as winter is creeping upon us in the mountains. It would also be a fine gift if some good Christian friend would make a donation for ceiling or flooring to finish the inside. It will cost us about \$400 to complete the interior.

GILLESPIE AUXILIARY PICNIC

Under the leadership of Miss Ruby Jane Hudler the Woman's Auxiliary of the Gillespie Church had a most enjoyable picnic, Aug. 9th. The Auxiliary is just a few months old, and the interest manifested and the work done shows genuine concern for the Kingdom.

Three carloads, twenty-five members and visitors toured to the beautiful Bluff Park on the Scenic Highway just above Glendale Springs. A very appetizing dinner was spread out upon the table, one of those delicious Ashe-County picnic dinners.

After dinner we all enjoyed the scenic view from Wildcat Rock and other points. Some of the folks did some hiking over the nearby trails. This was the first picnic of this organization, and we wish for it the same success in years of active service as they enjoyed on their first picnic.

NEWS OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE

Quite a good delegation of our young people enjoyed a good time of fellowship and inspiration with the other young people of our Presbytery at our Fall Rally held at Glade Valley Aug. 30th. A program of enthusiasm and interest was led by Corrine Faw, our District Chairman.

Picnics, hikes, weiner roasts, etc., is the order of the day in the social life of our young people here in our lovely blue mountains of Ashe County.

We are looking into the fall and winter with renewed interest in our young peoples work. We believe a good year promises itself to us.

CHILD'S CATECHISM RECITED

Opal Sheets of the Glendale Springs Sunday School recited the Child's Catechism and received a New Testament from the Presbyterian Committee of Publication.

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The Lansing Church Takes Forward Steps

On December 8th a meeting of the Lansing congregation was called to concur in the resignation of Rev. R. H. Stone as pastor of the Lansing Presbyterian Church. The former pastor will ask the Presbytery on January 14th to dissolve the relationship. There was another purpose of the meeting to extend a formal call to Rev. Carl H. Stark who has been preaching there for a number of months.

Reports from the Church show that pastor-elect and congregation are being quickly welded together for an outstanding service to the community and the Kingdom of God.

Recreational Room

Last Saturday night we opened our recreational room in the basement of the Lansing Church. We believe that this will be an enjoyable service to the young people of our Church. A ping pong table has been installed, and we hope to make other additions as time goes on. Lansing lacks the recreational facilities that other young people have, and we want to supply good clean fun for the leaders of the church of tomorrow. We need help in this project—we need good games—we need funds to equip this room in order to keep twenty-five or thirty young people busy. We advise our young people to refrain from certain pursuits of pleasure, but we don't want to stop there—we want to supply some helpful means of clean recreation.

The Lansing Manse

The building committee of the Lansing Manse has been busy. They have been carefully looking over prospective building sites. There are not many sites here in Lansing, and they are faced with this problem. Some good houses already built have been visited with a view to making a sale, but as yet we are still working, looking and planning—hoping that soon we shall begin work on this project.

New Deacon

On Nov. 24th the Lansing congregation held a meeting for the purpose of electing an additional deacon. The congregation elected Mr. Raymond Campbell. Mr. Campbell was ordained and installed on the following Sunday. His faithful attendance, his devoted interest, and his Christian testimony have already proved invaluable to our church. We feel our congregation truly elected a servant of the Lord.

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE FOLLOWING GIFTS

- To Mr. J. R. Finley for a gift to help a girl at college.
- To the Belk Fund for gift to supplement what has been given before on Millers Church.
- To "A Friend in Concord" for a gift for Millers Church.
- To Miss Edna Maslin for a gift for Millers Church.
- To Mr. Quincy Brown for gift on the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church to be built.

Intensive Preparation Made For Christmas In the Churches

"O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
Their great, glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel."

Once again we stand at the portals of Christmas! Little churches throughout the hills are swept and polished—prepared for the manger and its message of the mystery of the Incarnation. The "holy place," fragrant with pines and candles and prayer, is an invitation to "come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel."

As we worship at His cradle this Christmas tide, let us pray that the Prince of Peace will sweep from our hearts all bitterness and pride, selfishness and unforgiveness, all hate and conflict and clash and prepare this "holy place" with the sweetness and love of His Spirit.

During the weeks preceding the great holiday season great preparations are being made in our churches to lead the various congregations in a lovely service of worship. In the Jefferson group of churches Miss Kathryn Hunt is with the help of excellent choirs and readers producing "Abide With Us." The Lansing Group has yet another pageant. The public is most cordially invited to attend these services as follows:

- Gillespie—Tuesday, Dec. 17th.
- Lansing—Wednesday, Dec. 18th.
- Foster Memorial—Thursday, Dec. 19th.
- Big Ridge—Friday, Dec. 20th.
- Boggs—Saturday, Dec. 21st.
- West Jefferson—Sunday, Dec. 22nd.
- Obids—Sunday, Dec. 22nd.
- Jefferson—Monday, Dec. 23rd.

These services will begin at 7:00 P. M. with the exception of Boggs which is at 2:00 P. M.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE IN LUKE'S FIELD

- The schedule for Christmas Trees and the play is as follows. The title of the play is "Joy to the World."
- Monday, Dec. 16th—Ebenezer—Tree and Play, 7:00 P. M.
 - Tuesday, Dec. 17th—Peak Creek—Tree and Play, 7:00 P. M.
 - Wednesday, Dec. 18th—Glendale Springs—Tree, 7:00 P. M.
 - Thursday, Dec. 19th—Laurel Forks—Tree, 7:00 P. M.
 - Friday, Dec. 20th—Low Gap—Tree and Play, 7:00 P. M.
 - Saturday, Dec. 21st—
 - Bethel—Tree and Play, 3:00 P. M.
 - Millers—Tree and Play, 7:00 P. M.
 - Sunday, Dec. 22nd—
 - Laurel Forks—11:00 A. M., Sermon and Program.
 - Low Gap—2:00 P. M., Sermon.
 - Glendale Springs—7:00 P. M., Play.
 - Peak Creek—7:00 P. M., Play.

The Aged Dream of Obids For Pews Has Now Been Realized

For years and years the Obids congregation has been hoping for and dreaming of new pews. After the new church was dedicated various members heard from visitors some such goading remarks: "Your pews don't match your church," and "You need some new seats."

New they are in! And lovely, too! The material is a beautifully finished gum with a gothic design channelled in the pew ends to match the windows. They were manufactured by the Southern Desk Company of Hickory and were installed before the Thanksgiving service. There was an oft recurring refrain of thanksgiving for the pews in the Obids service. Beside the pulpit chair given by Mr. T. J. Bare there is now another—the gift of the Southern Desk Co. The auditorium looks so much nicer. It is a much happier congregation.

The following with their gifts and faith have made possible the comfortable pews: On the day of dedication Mrs. R. T. Stone, of Stoneville, gave \$5.00 for a pew fund; the treasurer, Mrs. Fidel Miller, has been holding \$5.00—the gift of Mr. J. D. Crawford; the Sunday School saved \$17.42; a friend in Concord gave \$50.00; a number gave the money for a pew—Messrs. Jesse Baker, R. S. McNeill, Glenn Parsons, E. E. Eller, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Colvard, Miss DeEtte Crawford; Mrs. Herman Haire; others making gifts of from one to ten dollars are Mrs. Lillian Smith, Mrs. Jean McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Colvard, Friend in High Point, Mrs. Leonard Vyne, Mrs. H. H. Burgess, Mrs. Romie Miller, Messrs. L. F. Miller, Rufus Parsons, J. C. Crawford, D. C. Miller, J. H. Colvard, Howard South, Foy Parsons, T. J. Bare, Clint Burgess, Earl Parsons, H. H. Burgess, Don Williams, Bob Crawford, Thomas Shepherd, T. Edwin Hartzog (the two latter donating work) G. O. Burgess and Alton Burgess, who made a concession in hauling.

Others have promised financial aid. The cost F.O.B. Hickory for eighteen pews was \$370.60. The installation cost was \$6.00. The transportation is yet to be added. The total cost in money should not exceed \$382.60. The cash and pledges amount to \$324.42. So we need additional \$58.18.

REV. J. W. LUKE SERVES ON DRAFT BOARD

Rev. John W. Luke, one of Ashe County's most beloved men, has an extra service these days in that he is serving on the County's Draft Board. He will hear all cases with a fair and sympathetic ear—yet he will be firm and unmoveable in what he knows to be his duty.

The January-February season will be observed as a joint emphasis upon Home and Foreign Missions, culminating in the observance of the week of self-denial and prayer for missions. "Sent From God" will be taught.

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EDITORIAL

"PEACE ON EARTH"

Where? There are those who want to know where peace and good will are. Certainly there is a setting in Europe, Asia and Africa with nations at war affecting 900 million people, which does not lend itself to the Christmas spirit. The sound equipment is a stage setting for a mammoth July 4th. The fireworks are in favor of that holiday. The wholesale killing of civilians and military men recall with horrible fervor a St. Bartholomew's day—the like of which the original generation never dreamed. The burning and smoke and wailing and running to underground shelters is staging a plenty for the end of this material age.

No, the colors, the sound, the actors, the acting and the horror are not suggestive of the spirit of Christmas. But it is Christmas—at least it is just around the corner. Where? In England, for one place, in the hearts of God's children who are at this very moment crouching in an underground cavern. It is Christmas in Greece—in the hearts of the redeemed of the Lord. Even in the souls of the saints in Germany there is a hatred of war and a peace of God that is not wholly disturbed by externals. People in China and Japan and in all the German-held territory and all of the rest of the world which has been cast into the inferno can, through their losses and poverty and tears, smile and thank God for Christmas.

The world has never before faced such a time when the Book of Revelation could be of such universal comfort. To many of us that Book's meaning is one of supreme comfort. It shows that after the sorrows and tribulations of the saints in earth there is an everlasting Christmas spirit. It says, "Fear not."

"Yesterday and today
Have been heavy with labor and sorrow;
I should faint if I did not see
The day that is after tomorrow."

Christmas comes to America. Thousands of children's hearts are not concerned with propaganda and defense and war. Their hearts will overflow. Many another will push aside the cares of the year and the woes of the world and the spirit of the Christ Child will enter again. Surely it is Christmas and the Christmas angel yet hymns that timeless announcement: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."



"SIGN THEM UP"

For sometime we have been preaching that every church ought to have its name displayed. We have not practiced it so completely as we might. This picture shows that we are on our way. These signs have just been painted by Mr. Clifford Smith, of North Wilkesboro, and the woodwork was done by the Wilkesboro Manufacturing Co. of the same city. They are inexpensive and we urge others to "Go, and do thou likewise." Soon they will be in front of our churches—of which we are proud and for which we thank the Lord.

IMPROVEMENT AT BOGGS

For the Thanksgiving service the little one-room school house on the top of Boggs hill was transformed into a shining little cathedral. New white paint was the gift of Mrs. S. E. Barnhardt, and the boys of the community had made it a new creation of whiteness and beauty. The dark mahogany stain of window frames and arch in front gave contrast and dignity to the new splendor of walls and ceiling.

Tiny white candles burned in the windows, on the organ, and table in front as the only lights. A reverent group of young and old, hushed by the new beauty and loveliness, quietly gathered and bowed in praise and gratitude to the "Giver of every good and perfect gift."

THE ASSEMBLY'S TRAINING SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

The Assembly's Training School has been asking for \$350,000.00 to pay its debts (incurred through no fault of the institution's administration) and stabilize it with an endowment. Each Synod was assigned a quota, which was broken up and passed down to the Presbyteries, who in turn asked the churches to raise it. Winston-Salem Presbytery was asked for \$5,950.00. Dr. J. R. Cunningham's campaign committee raised its sight to \$6,000.00 and assigned each church a quota. The Presbytery has done exceedingly well according to an authoritative source.

So far Jefferson, West Jefferson, Obids, Big Ridge, Lansing, Foster Memorial and Gillespie have pledged their quotas—in the majority of cases the cash was paid. Boggs, which did not have a quota, gave \$2.05.

We believe in the Training School because Misses Helen Stacy, Myrtle Williamson, Laura Greer, Kathryn Hunt and Lois Calhoun are graduates. Mrs. R. H. Stone had a year there. Mrs. J. W. Luke and Miss Katherine O'Neill did special work in the institution. Three young women of our churches have gone there—Misses Boyd Bowlin, Irene Richardson and Maxie Weaver.

NEWS FLASH FROM THAXTON CHAPEL

There have been some improvements made at the Thaxton Chapel. Our many interested supporters of this work will be happy to hear that one of these improvements was a change of name. This Chapel will no longer be called by the name of Thaxton. By common desire and devoted interest it will be named in honor of the one who fostered its building—Rev. R. H. Stone. It is now Stone's Chapel—an excellent improvement. The ceiling is now up and the floor will soon be laid. These improvements add greatly to the beauty of the room and it gives a more worshipful atmosphere. We still have the walls to finish, and hope that we will be able to do that some time in the future. A chimney was built and stove was installed. This came none too soon, for the weather has been cold at times. Mr. Conley Thompson is faithfully working there, and holds Sunday School every Sunday morning. Preaching is held each fourth Sunday night.

THE COMPLETION OF MILLERS CHURCH

Millers Church has been under construction since last spring. The foundation and rough work was all completed last May and the church building was in constant use for Sunday School, church services and for the Christian Chautauqua. This fall the brick work of veneering the building has begun and we are now racing with Christmas to have it done. The building has been very cold without ceiling or brick work, but in spite of cold weather our services have gone on.

The cold does not worry us, we can stand that; but there is one thing we cannot stand and that is shortness in funds. We cannot complete the work unless some good friends put a little Christmas gift on the tree for the completion of the church. Will you, good reader, send a gift so we can announce it at the Christmas Tree and entertainment at the Millers Church—December 21st, at 7:00 P. M.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

The spirit of Christmas has long since come to our churches, for the cast of Pageant Characters has been chosen in each of our churches. Excellent work is being done under the able leadership of Miss Ruby Hudler. A beautiful pageant has been selected entitled "The Bells of Bethlehem." A desire to ring the bells leads to a search for them in the town of the nativity. The bells ring out the evil and ring in the good. But the Bells of Bethlehem turn out to be—not metallic bells — but children — the youth of our land.

This pageant will be shown in our Gillespie church on Tuesday night of the 17th. Then it will be performed in the Lansing church the following night (18th.) Another pageant will be given at the Foster Memorial church on Thursday night of the 19th. This is going to be an attractive presentation of the Christmas story. Characters have been well chosen in all three pageants, and the interest shown makes the prospects good for performances that will be helpful and inspirational to our people.

The spirit of pageantry has also captured the interest of our Bristol Colored Mission. Sunday school is held in the school building, and the teacher there will be the director of the pageant (with the aid of Miss Hudler). Miss Hudler continues to do good work here at the Bristol Mission. They have from twenty-five to thirty-five in attendance there each Sunday; a carload of them is taken each time from Lansing.

GIFTS

A gift of priceless value has recently been presented to the Big Ridge Church. Mrs. Sam Colerider gave to the church the lovely family Bible which had belonged to her mother, Mrs. Virginia Rudisill Willis. We treasure it most highly and are deeply grateful to Mrs. Sam Colerider of Hickory, N. C.

We are also indebted to the First Presbyterian Church of Hickory for four most bountiful Christmas boxes which the Auxiliary of that church has sent. Bless your hearts. We trust that all the joys of giving will be yours.

Mrs. J. F. Newman has just sent from Circle No. 3 of the First Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, Fla., another lovely Christmas box and a gift of four dollars. We thank you and bless your hearts too.

A handsome and useful blackboard is another new possession of the Big Ridge Church. This is a gift of Miss Mary Lee Beaver, of Charlotte, N. C. This is a gift we have long wanted and needed, and we sincerely appreciate it. This new equipment will be a factor in the extension of His Kingdom here.

AUXILIARY NEWS OF EASTERN ASHE COUNTY

One of the outstanding events of our work this fall was a joint meeting of all the auxiliaries in November.

This was our Thanksgiving program, held at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Manse, with Mrs. J. W. Luke and Miss Lois Calhoun, hostesses. Quite a large number of both members and guests were present.

After a very impressive worship service was held by Miss Calhoun, an interesting discussion featuring our Barium Springs Orphanage was participated in by different ones of the group.

At this Thanksgiving season, our auxiliaries presented Barium Springs Orphanage with a miscellaneous shower and 96 jars of canned fruit.

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As this paper goes to press, negotiations are being made to purchase a piece of land on which to erect a church building. The land is adjoining that of the manse and borders along the road from Glendale Springs to the manse. The officers of the church and the pastor talked over this matter with Mr. Amos Faw, who owns the land, and the land was surveyed. We hope to put up a temporary building or one unit of a church and complete a larger church later. We use the school building at present which is very convenient, yet we need very badly a building of our own. We are putting up a stocking and we hope Old Santa will put a few gifts in it to help Glendale Springs start a purchasing and building fund for a church.

**APPRECIATED GIFTS KEEP THE
WORK GOING**

Since our last issue of the paper there has been in each field a great deal of material progress. This has been made possible in part by the local churches and by our friends who have made their gifts. We are greatly indebted to Mrs. S. E. Barnhardt, Mrs. C. C. Lincoln, Mrs. Carl Harris, Dr. Chas. M. Norfleet, Jr. The following have made gifts for the moving picture projector: two ladies in Hickory, Miss Marjorie Patterson, Miss Emma Doswell, Mrs. Romie Miller. The Young People of the Lansing, West Jefferson and Jefferson Churches have secured subscriptions to the paper which were given for a projector payment. Offerings were received in the Obids, Jefferson and Lansing Churches for this cause. The Ashe County Fair Association gave \$25.00 for the use of the tent belonging to the Jefferson-West Jefferson group. Every bit helps. Blessings be upon you!

FOSTER MEMORIAL NEWS

The congregation of this church is looking forward to having electric lights. The power lines will soon be in the vicinity. Our committee is functioning trying to raise funds for this project. This improvement will be a great aid in the work here and we are awaiting with great anticipation and interest. The newly organized group of young people have continued to grow. In spite of the cold weather Mr. Walter Osborne has been having fine attendance and good programs. On Dec. 15th, the congregation will meet to discuss a campaign to enliven our church program. With God's help we hope it will lead to added interest and greater devotion to the Lord and His Kingdom.

**OLD CLOTHING SHOP
IN NEW LOCATION**

The second hand clothing shop at Glendale Springs has been moved from the post office building to a house near the manse. Mrs. J. W. Luke, who is the manager, wishes all the contributors to it and all the customers a Merry Christmas and lots of clothing for the new year. She thanks both contributors and customers for their part in the Second Hand Clothing Shop at Glendale Springs.

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