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## Easter Programs In Churches Planned

Everyone is talking about how late Easter will come this season, but it will surely come in a hurry. Although it is a little early to advertise our Easter programs yet like the Easter flowers our programs are unfolding their petals. In the churches of this field it has been the custom for several years to hold the Communion Service.

This year the Easter services can be held on Easter Sunday in six of these churches as follows: Glendale Springs, 11:00 a. m., Miller's 2 p. m., Bethel 7 p. m., Ebenezer 10:00 a. m., Laurel Fork 12 a. m. and Peak Creek at 2 p. m. Low Gap Easter service will be held on the 28th of April at 3 p. m.

Other churches are also making plans for special Easter services. The details of these are not complete enough at this time for publication.

## Tentative Dates Of Bible Schools Given

The dates below for meetings and Bible schools in the Glendale Field are somewhat tentative for about three reasons.

First—Schools will be late this year and we do not know whether we can have Bible schools at an early date. If the Bible schools cannot be held at the dates of early meetings, we shall have the Bible schools later in the summer. The meetings should go on at the date mentioned.

Second—If Brother L. J. Yelanjian continues to help in part of the field, then some of the meetings can be held at a later date.

Third—If dates do not suit evangelists, we may have to shift dates a little.

Ebenezer, June 3-14; Low Gap, June 16-27; Peak Creek, June 29-July 10; Glendale Springs, July 12-23; Millers, July 25-August 5; Bethel, August 7-18 and Laurel Fork, August 20-31.

## Jefferson Is Host To Ashe Ministers

The first meeting of the Ashe County Ministers' Group was held Monday night, March 11, at the Jefferson Manse.

Present were four Methodist ministers, three Presbyterian, and two Baptist, and plans were laid for a permanent group with monthly meetings.

Purpose of the group was agreed on as "to meet for fellowship, discussion, and action, in the spreading of the Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ." Rev. William P. Boyle was

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THE LILY'S WORD

Oh, Fair Lily! I would be  
As beautiful and pure as thee.  
The lily said: "You may be far  
More lovely than my blossoms are;  
For He who gave my life to me  
Died and arose to dwell in thee;  
Receive the Christ and thou shalt shine,  
Clad in His likeness, pure, divine."

## Fellowship Dinner Is Held At Lansing

The annual Fellowship Stewardship Supper was held in the basement of the Lansing church on Friday, March 22, at 7:30 o'clock, with a good attendance.

All the folks from Foster Memorial and Gillespie and Lansing churches looked forward to the occasion. Each family brought a measure of food, and the banquet table was fairly groaning as in times past.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Y. P. Rally at North Wilkesboro, March 31.
- Presbytery at Reynolda Church, April 23.
- Y. P. Synod Conference at Flora McDonald College, June 11-17.
- Y. P. Pres. Conference (Senior) at Camp Betty Hastings, June 19-24.
- Pioneer Conference at Barium Springs Camp, June 24-29.

## Installation Is Held For Rev. W. P. Boyle

Sunday, March 24 was the date set by the Presbytery for the installation of the Rev. W. P. Boyle as pastor of the Jefferson, West Jefferson, Obids and Big Ridge churches.

It was of especial interest to the people of this county that the Rev. K. H. Stone took part in the service by preaching the sermon. The other members of the commission were the Revs. L. J. Yelanjian, Ralph Buchanan, and John Luke; and Ruling Elders Oscar Blevins and Delmer Rose.

Services held at the four churches were as follows:

Jefferson, 11:00 a. m.; Obids, 2:00 p. m.; Big Ridge, 4:00 p. m.; and West Jefferson 7:30 p. m.

## Chatauquas Planned For Lansing Field

Though the final schedule is yet to be arranged, it already looks like a busy summer for Bible Schools in the western end of Ashe county.

Miss Irene Baldwin, a member of the Lansing Presbyterian church, and a rising senior at Flora McDonald College, down at Red Springs, is to be the Bible School worker.

Stone Chapel will have the first revival and Bible School of the season, with plans now arranged for opening the Bible School and preaching there on Wednesday, June 5. Foster Memorial will be next, right after the Senior Young People's Conference, and the Chatauqua there opens June 26, with Dr. George Mauze expected as the preacher.

## Peak Creek, Ebenezer, Laurel Fork Active

These churches have services every Sunday now, except on Sundays when travel has been impossible due to weather conditions. The attendance has not been unusually large, but it has been steady. Miss Ruby Farrington, of Ebenezer, the Roten Brothers, of Peak Creek; and Mr. Britt Holbrook, of Laurel Fork, have kept these churches warm and clean by making fires and sweeping during the winter months.

Miss Irene Atwood and Ruby Farrington have led the Sunday School at Ebenezer. Mrs. Tom Cox has been a very efficient leader at Laurel Fork and Miss Ruth Bowlin has done excellent work by teaching the Gospel of Mark at the Peak Creek Sunday School.

The Laurel Fork Church is planning to have dinner on the lawn after

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"Because I Live, Ye Shall Live Also"

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### EDITORIAL

By K. J. Foreman

I GAVE MY LIFE FOR THEE;  
WHAT HAST THOU GIVEN FOR ME?

The winter is making its last storms, the snow melts higher and higher on the mountain, half our plowing is done and already many a bean is headed for the rich brown soil that gives our county its life. When these things happen, Christians know that Easter is soon to come. As surely as the fresh air of springtime comes, the Easter season comes to our hearts.

Easter . . . the time of remembering! The time of deep thoughts! The time of gladness, when the whole Christian world sings for joy that our Lord has conquered death, that He is Risen. Yet, as these Easter days come upon us, we cannot forget the terrible cost of triumph. Everyone knows that victory over Germany and Japan cost overwhelming suffering and pain, that each hour of our present peace was bought and paid for in deadly wounds and death itself. And every Christian knows that the victory Christ won at Easter as He rose from the tomb cost Him just as dear. Its cost was upon the cross. It was bought and dearly paid for in the bitter wounds of death.

"What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered  
Went all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression,  
But thine the deadly pain.

Lo, here I fall, my Saviour!  
'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor,  
O give to me Thy grace."

It is no accident that the real Christian looks at the Cross and the Empty Tomb as he faces the Springtime. Before the cross we see how little we have been doing for our Master, Christ. God has given us our lives, our time, our property, our money, and in Christ we have been ransomed from destruction. Yet, how easily we keep our lives for our own

## Boy Scout Troop At Glendale Springs

For sometime the boys of Glendale Springs have been planning to organize a scout troop, and now they have one. Troop 115 of Glendale Springs sponsored by the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church, has been very active. The following committeemen have been selected to back the troop: Mr. Claude Sheets, Mr. Luther Woodie and Mr. Walter Bare.

Rev. J. W. Luke was appointed scoutmaster and Mr. Delmer Rose as assistant scoutmaster. There are about fifteen boys who have become scouts. About half have passed their Tenderfoot test, and are working on Second Class Work. The troop meets every Thursday night and is well attended, and is growing.

### EVERY-MEMBER CANVASS IN GLENDALE FIELD

It is time for the Stewardship Emphasis in our churches and the churches in this field are feeling the effects of the Stewardship teachings. Posters and pamphlets from the Stewardship Committee are being shown and distributed among these seven churches.

A complete financial report was made out for each church of the field. These reports gave the details of how all money had been spent or given during the first eleven months of the church year. The reports were read by the pastor at the regular church services, and also distributed among the members of each church.

The Every-Member Canvasses for the church have begun and pledge cards from some of the churches have been returned to the treasurers. We trust that each member of this field will return your pledge card with your pledge for next year indicated on your card. If you do not have a card, please get one from your treasurer, or your pastor and fill out at once.

users. How easily we discourage our children from giving their own lives to Christ's service where it may cost them much. How often we keep our property and our money for our own sake-keeping uses, when the Church of Christ has a thousand ways to use it for Him who died for us.

There is only one cure for our natural selfishness, and that is for us to look long at the Cross at Eastertime. Bought with a price, we have all to repay.

"Jesus paid it all!  
All to Him I owe . . ."

Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod! In the gladness of Easter those who have gone before us gave their time, their money, their lives, in thanksgiving to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, just as He gave Himself for us.

What have we given, brothers and sisters?

What are we going to give, for Him?

### TO LEAVE OBIDS



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crawford, who have long been active in the Obids church, will leave soon.

## Mr., Mrs. Crawford Active In Church

Of all the beautiful homes in this county one of the most attractive is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crawford at Obids. Within that home is the beauty that is found only where the Master dwells, where Christ is the head of the house.

Since 1912, Mr. Crawford, now seventy-seven years of age, has served the church at Obids as a ruling elder. That was the year in which the Crawfords moved to the community. Mr. Crawford was already an elder at that time, having been ordained at Trade, Tenn., about forty-two years ago.

Not only has he served well in his church, but for more than thirty years Mr. Crawford served his community as a school teacher. Our debt of gratitude is a great one to this man, whose influence for the Kingdom has been wide.

On the seventeenth day of April, of this year, the Crawfords will have the honor of celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. Miss Emma Latham became Mrs. Crawford in 1896. We all join in congratulating them and in wishing them many more happy anniversaries.

All of the Crawfords' many friends at Obids are deeply regretting the fact that they are soon to lose one of their best neighbors. The Crawfords have sold their place and will soon be leaving. Their moving will mean a tremendous loss to the church and to the whole community. We hope that they will not leave Ashe County, but wherever they go, our best wishes will be with them, and we will always be grateful to them for the service they have given the Lord at Obids.

**COMING AGAIN**



Miss Virginia Smith, who was such a wonderful help in the Bible Schools as well as Sunday Schools last summer, has promised to come again this year. She is an excellent musician and Bible teacher.

**Men Are Active In Jefferson Field**

The ladies do a great work, but no one can say that they do all the work in the churches at Jefferson and West Jefferson. Last month, the West Jefferson church chose three members to be deacons: Messrs. Russell Barr, Guy Denney and Rex Morton. These men are already busy doing the work of the deacons, and have demonstrated that they are able leaders. Evidence of their work is the successful Every-Member Canvass that is being made.

In Jefferson, the men of the church are renewing activity. The session has for several months been meeting on the first Monday evening of the month. Last month the deacons met jointly with the Session and organized their forces. Mr. L. B. Tyson was elected Chairman of the Board, and Mr. James McNeill was chosen to be Secretary. Mr. Jonah Richardson has been Treasurer for sometime. The other members of the Board are: Messrs. Charlie Campbell and Gene Scott. The men have decided to have four meetings a year with the Session and four a year separately.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

The day of world prayer was observed all around the globe and among every nationality. We did not break the chain at Glendale Springs for a few people gathered at the manse and were led by Mrs. J. W. Luke in a service of prayer. Truly, this world is held together and tied to the feet of God by the golden chain of prayer.

**PRESBYTERIAN RADIO HOUR**

We are glad to know "The Presbyterian Radio Hour" will be coming on March 17, and will continue through May 5. This hour is each Sunday morning from 8:30 to 9:30 o'clock, and will be heard over all important stations on the radio. We hope all of our members will take the time and opportunity of hearing the splendid sermons that will be preached, and the inspiring music that shall be rendered on these programs over the radio.

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A. R. Vail, an active young man in the Jefferson church.

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Mr. Anson Vail is one of the most active young persons in the Jefferson congregation. He was born more than eighty-three years ago, and he has served his church as an elder for nearly forty-six years. But his four score years and three are not to be considered his real age. We learn his true age by watching him attend to his duties in the church. Every Sunday morning he is there, taking charge as superintendent of the Sunday School. No service-prayer meeting or preaching service or Session meeting is complete without the presence of Mr. Vail.

One of the secrets of Mr. Vail's youth is the young lady who for more than fifty years now has been his bride. Those who know the Vail home can easily understand why these two are still young people. It is because of Mrs. Vail's ever-ready supply of wit and good humor. No situation is so dark that Mrs. Vail cannot see the bright side of it. If you don't like a good laugh don't go to see the Vails.

It was a fortunate day in the spring of 1890 that brought Mr. Vail to North  
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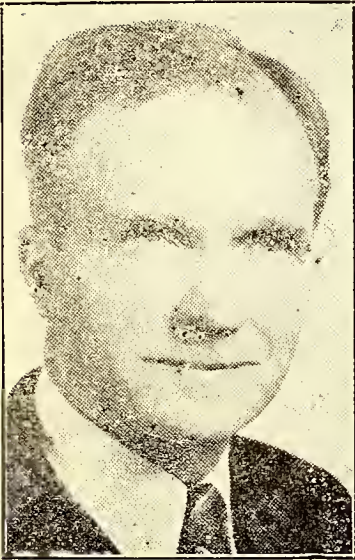
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Rev. R. H. Stone, of Charlotte, beloved former Ashe county minister, who preached the sermon on Sunday, when Rev. W. P. Boyle was installed.

**Work Going Forward  
On Glendale Church**

On December 1 the work on the Glendale Springs Church was discontinued on account of the weather. Since then we have had a very severe winter. Wind, rain, sleet, and snow have swept across the church site with the foundation incompleted, awaiting a sunny day. As a result of so much cold weather, the ground frozen hard, and when it melted, the forms which had been set so carefully to the line, were twisted and out of shape. Dirt filled the trenches dug for the base of the concrete. Since the sunny days have come in the last part of February, much to our surprise, all this disorder has been corrected and the pouring of the concrete foundation is now complete.

The church is to be a brick veneer type, instead of an asbestos siding, as was first planned. Of course, we do not know when we can get the brick, but as long as there is clay in the ground we stand a good chance of getting some in the future. We are very grateful for a friend in Charlotte who has secured hardware for the whole church.

We are planning to finish the inside of the church with a knotty pine finish. We are now cutting white pine on the manse property to furnish this item. We are planning to take the logs to a saw mill that we might have this nice finish inside of the church.

The plan for the church is a church auditorium with a wing on left side, which will contain seven Sunday School rooms. The wing is two stories high. We have had many gifts, small and large, to help our little congregation complete the temple of God of

their dreams. We thank each one who has thought of us in our struggle to build our church. May God bless you and may you worship with us in this church some day.

**HAS LONG SERVED AS  
ELDER OF CHURCH**

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Carolina. Mr. Vail likes to call himself a "Maniac" because he was born in the state of Maine. But he always hastens to add that he likes it better in Ashe county. And everyone in Jefferson is glad of it.

Even the winter winds of this country cannot stop him. One of the best sights you see in Jefferson—whether it's springtime or the rawest winter morning—is Elder Vail on Sunday morning, in the company of one or two of the children in the community, making his way toward the house of God.

These words of the Psalmist have been fulfilled by Mr. Vail: "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple."

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## Improvements Made At Millers Church

There are two improvements we should have at Millers Church and we are planning to accomplish them in the near future. One of the necessary improvements is the laying of a concrete floor in the basement of the church. Some of the men of the community have promised to haul sand gravel with their trucks for this purpose. Mr. Huffman, of the community, has given the gravel and sand from his farm which lays along the creek.

Another improvement which is near also is the grading of the hill and lawn of the church. We hope this will be completed the early part of the summer. Men of the church and the community have subscribed about \$90.00 to hire this big task done. We are planning to get Brother A. A. Cashion, of North Wilkesboro, to send one of his large earth grading machines to do this work. The machine, as many will recognize the name, is a "bulldozer." After the grading is completed we will sow grass seed to make the hill beautiful as well as to hold the soil in place.

### BIBLE STUDY IS TAUGHT BY MISS RUTH BOWLIN

The women of the Glendale Springs Auxiliary had a wonderful day on February 27. Each woman of the auxiliary brought a lunch and had an all-day meeting. The study of Acts was taken up, and was taught very effectively by Miss Ruth Bowlin, of Peak Creek Church. The study was held at the manse at Glendale Springs. The food was delicious, the fellowship was strengthening, and the Bible study was very inspiring and instructive.

### EVERY-MEMBER CANVASS IN JEFFERSON FIELD

On March 3, at Jefferson, West Jefferson and Big Ridge, and on March 10 at Obids, the congregation had the opportunity to make their pledges for the work of the church during the coming church year. The canvass has not been completed as yet, but the results so far have been good. As far as we know, more has been pledged than ever before. These churches are therefore expecting a better financial situation for next year, and all those who are looking forward to the day when the field will be self-supporting are taking new heart.

### MISS LOIS CALHOUN PAYS VISIT TO GLENDALE FIELD

Our former worker in this field of Glendale Springs, Miss Lois Calhoun, paid us a three-day visit the first week in March. Miss Calhoun reports that her work as Sunday School extension worker in the Synod of Appalachian is going well. She does extensive traveling over the southwestern part of Virginia, visiting fields and establishing outposts where needed.

Miss Calhoun visited many of her friends while here, and sends greetings to the many people she would liked to have seen in her short stay with us.

### YOUNG PEOPLE AT LOW GAP ARE VERY ACTIVE

The young people of the Low Gap Church have had the only regular young people's group among the Glendale Springs churches. They meet every Friday night and have an inspiring meeting. After the meeting they have lots of fun playing games. Miss Pearl Darnell is the President and Mr. Carl Dean Hunt is the Treasurer.

Miss Pearl Darnell attended the District Counsel meeting at Jefferson on the night of February 23.

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## Young People Meet; Organize Council

A group of young people and adult advisers, representing the churches in the North Wilkesboro district, met on February 23 in the Jefferson Manse. They met to organize as a district council and to discuss the work and program of the Young People's League.

The meeting began with supper, after which the young people reported on their weekly meetings. Eleanor Godfrey, president of the Presbytery's Young People's Council, presented plans for the coming year. The group discussed various phases of their work, and of work that needs to be done. Margie Dean Lyle, district chairman, presided over the business meeting. From the interest and enthusiasm shown, it seems that this meeting might well be another step in the progress of our young people's work for the Kingdom of God.

Those present were: June Crepps, from Big Ridge Church; Madeline Knight, of Beulah Church; Pearl Darnell, Low Gap; Margie Dean Lyle, Glendale Springs; Caroline Ogilvie, North Wilkesboro; Dawes Graybeal, Lansing; Julian Hyde and Paul Farrington, Glade Valley; and Ina Ruth Campbell, Jefferson. Eleanor Godfrey, Ann Brown and Belva Morse journeyed from Winston-Salem to attend. The advisers present were Mrs. Ralph Buchan, Mrs. Watt Cooper, Mr. L. J. Yelanjian, Mr. John Luke, Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Foreman, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Boyle. Mrs. J. W. Weathers, visiting at the Jefferson manse, assisted with the serving of the supper.

It is hoped that several new groups will organize soon.

## Improvements Made In Lansing Field

Since fall of last year the Lansing men and women have made a number of improvements in the church property. An attractive natural stone retaining wall now stands in front of the manse, and the church has been repainted inside and out. A new Burnside heater in the church basement completes the picture, making Sunday school classes and the Friday night Young People's Meeting much more comfortable.

### STEPMOTHER OF REV. L. J. YELANJIAN DIES IN WIS.

It is with sympathy we hear of the death of Mrs. J. J. Yelanjian, stepmother of Rev. Louis J. Yelanjian. Brother Yelanjian went to Milwaukee on February 28 that he might attend the funeral on Saturday, March 2.



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## Auxiliary Officers Are All Re-elected

At a recent meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the West Jefferson Church, the officers of last year were re-elected. Mrs. Robert Barr will continue as president, Mrs. Jennings Rader, as vice-president, Mrs. R. C. Barr, secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. Charles Davis, historian.

Other officers who will serve are Mrs. Russell Barr, secretary of foreign missions; Mrs. William P. Boyle, secretary of Christian education; Mrs. Jennings Rader, secretary of spiritual life; Mrs. Rex Morton, secretary of Synod and Presbytery; Mrs. R. C. Barr, secretary of literature; Mrs. James McLaurin, secretary of assembly's home missions; Mrs. Guy Denny, secretary of religious education and pastor's aid; and Mrs. Clyde Barr, secretary of social activities.

## Allen -- Brown

Saturday, March 16, at seven o'clock, Miss Mary Brown became Mrs. James Allen in the Jefferson Presbyterian Church. The ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor, Mr. Boyle, assisted by the Rev. John S. Jordan, pastor of the West Jefferson Methodist Church, of which the groom is a member.

The young couple will make their home in West Jefferson.

## PEAK CREEK, EBENEZER, LAUREL FORK ACTIVE

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the morning service, the first Sunday of April. This dinner is especially in honor of servicemen who live in the community. We shall be delighted to have our friends with us at the service and the following dinner after service.

After dinner we hope to have Rev. J. W. Luke, Senior Minister of the church, with us to dedicate the new hymn books that have just been purchased. The books were bought by gifts from the women of the auxiliary and the following friends, who visited our congregation: Mrs. Charles Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Todd and Miss Sarah Frances Todd, all of Charlotte. We greatly appreciate the donations of these friends and hope they can be with us again to worship with the aid of the books they have enabled us to buy.

## JEFFERSON IS HOST TO ASHE MINISTERS

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chosen temporary chairman, with Rev. Joseph Taylor, as temporary secretary. Rev. E. W. Powers, of West Jefferson, was chosen as third member of a program committee entrusted with the program for the next meeting, April 1.

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# THE ASHE PRESBYTERIAN

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## West Jefferson, Obids Get Full-Time Pastor

The West Jefferson Church is to be congratulated for taking a great forward step. That church has begun to work under a definite plan looking forward to self-support in five more years.

In April, representatives of the church presented to the Home Missions Committee a request that the field (West Jefferson, Obids, Jefferson and Big Ridge), be divided and that the pastor be allowed to spend his full time with the West Jefferson and Obids churches.

In making this request they agreed to increase their contributions to the pastor's salary to make it equal to all that had formerly been received from all four churches. That meant an increase from five hundred to thirteen hundred seventy-five dollars. They also agreed to become entirely self-supporting within five years.

The Committee granted this request, and said that they were glad to see the church making such good progress. On May 30, Presbytery held a called meeting and dissolved the relationship between the pastor, Bill Boyle, and the Jefferson and Big Ridge churches. This went into effect June 1.

The new arrangement will mean a great deal to our work at West Jefferson. The town is growing and progressing very rapidly, and so far the Presbyterian church has barely been able to hold her own. Now, with the Lord's help, we feel confident that our church will move forward.

The work in the whole county will also be profited by this change. A new pastor will be secured for the other churches and that will mean a lighter

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## Lansing Homecoming To Be On August 17, 18

Lansing church will celebrate its twentieth anniversary at the homecoming to be held August 17 and 18. Plans are now underway for this annual celebration which will begin as soon as the revival ends.

Among those who will be present are Rev. Mr. Stone, Mr. Norfleet, Miss Williamson and Mr. Stark as well as many other friends.

The following schedule for the two days activities has been announced:

Friday night, Bible school commencement; Saturday night, preaching by Rev. T. R. Fulton; Sunday morning, preaching by Rev. Mr. Stone; and Sunday noon, dinner will be served on the lawn.

The public is cordially invited to join in the fellowship and thanksgiving of this celebration.



## Glendale Church Is Well Underway Now

In the last issue of the Ashe Presbyterian the Glendale Church building was only a dream, an unfinished foundation, and a vacant field, with lumber piled upon it. In this issue it has arisen and stands erect as you see in the picture. By the time this paper comes off the press we hope to have had our first services in it.

As you see by the picture we have wrapped the building in tar paper until we can secure brick to veneer. Upon the steeple of this little church a bright star with twenty points shines in the sun light. This star represents the "Morning Star," the risen Saviour. The little cross window in the front stands for the cross upon which he died to save us.

To the left, as you face the picture, a two-storied Sunday School wing

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## Jefferson Chautauqua To Be Opened June 23

The Jefferson Church will begin its summer Chautauqua on June 23. The Rev. Mr. Walter Keys, Presbyterian minister at Blowing Rock, will be the preacher. Mr. Keys has helped in a previous revival at Jefferson and we are looking forward to having him back. He will be with us for a week.

The Daily Vacation Bible School will begin on Monday morning, June 24, and will continue for two weeks.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Presbytery at Lansing—July 9.  
Synod's Young People's Conference at Flora MacDonald —  
June 11-17.

Presbytery's Young People's Conference at Walkertown—June 19-24.

## Revivals Announced For Glendale Field

The following revival services, together with the preachers and Bible School teachers, have been announced by Rev. John W. Luke:

**Ebenezer**—June 3-14. This will be the time and place of the first meeting of the Glendale Field. Rev. O. C. Landrum will be the evangelist and Miss Virginia Smith will come to teach about June the 6th, in the Bible School.

**Low Gap**—June 19-30—This meeting will be conducted by a young preacher from Ashe County, Rev. Denver Blevins, who has just graduated from the Seminary. We are looking forward to having him with us. Bible School will run as usual.

**Peak Creek**—June 29-July 10. This meeting will probably open up with a sacred sound moving picture being shown. Bible School will run as usual.

**Glendale Springs**—July 12-23. We are looking forward to the opening in the new church building. The Bible School will run as usual.

**Millers**—July 25-Aug. 5th. The meeting here will open as planned with a sacred moving picture, and the Bible School will run as usual.

**Bethel**—Aug. 7-18. The meeting will open as planned and the Bible School will be conducted as usual.

**Laurel Fork**—Aug. 20-31. We are looking forward to having Rev. Harding King, from Lexington, N. C., to preach for us, and the Bible School as usual.

The use of sacred moving pictures will be very instructive and we hope to use such pictures in connection with our Bible Schools and meetings, where we have electricity.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEETINGS AND BIBLE SCHOOLS.

## Lansing Man Ordained By Presbytery, June 2

Denver Swanson Blevins, of the Gillespie Presbyterian church, Lansing field, was ordained by the Winston-Salem Presbytery, June 2, and made pastor of Pine Hall, Sandy Ridge and Danbury churches in Stokes county. Those from Ashe county attending and taking part in the service were Rev. John W. Luke and J. O. Blevins.

The ordaining of Denver Blevins came as a reward of the prayers and gifts of many hearts. This young man by his life and profession has already shown that it pays rich dividends to build many churches. Born and reared on Little Horse Creek this young man has now finished four years of college and the three years course at Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, Va.

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### EDITORIAL

#### DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE HOME MISSION CHURCHES?

By John W. Luke

One day a man from a large city, that was situated by a great river, came into the hills and mountains. He looked with some disdain upon the small trickle of water that came from a spring. Ha! he said, the tiny spring gets no larger, and it is so small it is of no use for power. It is not like the great rivers of the flat country where I live in the city. Ha! this hole should be filled in and made level and the insignificant stream of water stopped. Those who know would say about this man, How foolish he is. Does he not know that hundreds of such little springs are the starting of his large rivers and the steady flow of the large streams is made possible by the trickles of the springs in the hills?"

The above parable expresses the attitude of many people toward the little home mission churches of the rural areas. Let me give you some figures that show the worthwhileness of these little churches. Let me point out the importance of country churches to the work of God's Kingdom.

1. The rural churches are situated where the birth rate of the whole country is the greatest. If it were not for the country areas cities would die. This is proved by the following figures taken from a bulletin written by Dr. O. E. Baker, Economist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture entitled, "The Rural Family and its Significance to Organized Religion." Dr. Baker points out the fact that the birth rate of the cities is so low that if it were not for the flow of people who come from the country they would gradually die out as a city. The birth rate per hundred wives for the city dwellers is only 152 children. The birth rate for rural areas is 252 per hundred wives. In the large cities it is pointed out, 10 adults raise 7 children and the production rate is de-

creasing. In the country 10 adults will raise 14 children. This overflow from the country is the only thing that keeps the city alive. Dr. Baker points out this—the Protestant churches are fortunate in being rural churches—notably in the South. They are seated in the areas where the springs of birth are ever flowing. The Catholic Church is not situated in such areas, but in urban, the areas of small birth rates.

Rev. Garland R. Stafford, who publishes the "Rural Affairs News Letter" issued by the North Carolina Council of Churches, points out these facts—two-thirds of the births of the United States are in our south land. This means that in the next generation the people who are born in the south will be the deciding element in the United States of America. Remember the part of the south that is producing the most children is the rough, hilly, mountainous country of the south, and this means our Appalachian Mountains in the south.

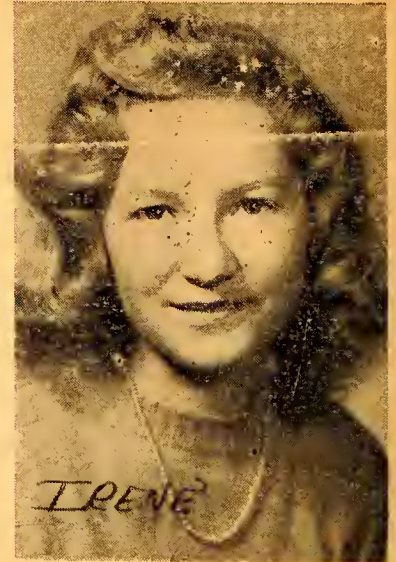
2. The countryside is not only high in supply of life but it is also a fruitful area. Did you ever investigate the percentage of men in the ministry who come from the rural churches? I would say 60%. Did you ever investigate the percentage of Foreign Missionaries who come from the country? I would say easily 60%. Did you ever go into the city and ask a show of hands on how many were raised in the country? I have, and there are at least 60% of the members of large churches who have come from the country.

For twenty years now I have been a pastor in the mountainous counties of Ashe and Wilkes. I have seen over 100 young people leave our county to graduate with fine Christian Spirit at Glade Valley High School. Just last Sunday, I helped install and ordain a young man, the fruit of home mission work of Ashe county. I can think of many young people whom I know personally that are leading in church work in cities and towns here and there about North Carolina who came from our little home mission churches of Ashe and Wilkes counties.

Some people are greatly disappointed that the little country churches do not grow very fast and many times lose ground when there is a great migration to the urban areas. Remember this, Our loss is the city church's opportunity. Like the little mountain spring drains off to make the great rivers, so our young people move out to make the great cities.

It is often pointed out also that the country churches do not support themselves as they should or their ministers. It is pointed out that the country people do not give as they should. Did you ever analyze where the streams of wealth go? Did you ever trace the currents of money to their destination? The farmer makes his little money, but where does this money go? If he buys a corn planter or a piece of machinery his money goes to the store in the town or city, and on to the large manufacturer. If he buys a car, the city gets a part of the money and the other goes into the whirl-pool of the

### RECEIVES HIGH HONOR



Miss Irene Baldwin elected president of student body at Flora MacDonald.

large producer. The money for the farmer's clothes even goes to the city.

Dr. O. E. Baker points out this. It takes about \$2,000 to raise a boy from 5 years to 15 years of age. As it has been pointed out, the country boy drifts to the city and the farmer's earnings put into this boy, go to the city with him. Now when this boy's parents die, who inherits the farm or the country estate? That boy who drifted to the city. In this way the city man becomes the owner of the farm land. In this manner it was figured that during 1920 through '29, \$2,000,000,000 was given to the city man who inherited farms from their parents of the country. Many times it is pointed out, the settlement for the inherited property was in the form of a mortgage. That is, the people back on the farm mortgaged the property, that the city man inherited, that they might keep the use of it back in the country. The interest paid on such mortgages by farmers in 1920 through 1929 amounted to \$5,000,000,000.

I have tried to set out the importance of the home mission churches. I have pointed out like the spring they are small, but fruitful, and producing. I have pointed out, too, the farmer-church-member's money gravitates to the great whirlpool of wealth which is mainly in the cities. I am sure all can see the importance and significance of the Home Mission churches to our Lord and Saviour's Kingdom.

### LANSING MAN YOUNGEST ELDER

Ruling Elder J. Walter Osborne of Lansing commissioner with Ruling Elder Arch B. Taylor of Winston-Salem to the 1946 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, was the youngest Elder of the Assembly, according to a report from the office of the Stated Clerk.

## 1946 Glade Valley Graduating Class



Here are the graduates. Reading from left to right; front row: Billie Ingram, Elkin; Grace Heglar, Huntersville; Mildred Rogers, Mt. Airy; Gwendolyn Bare, Xenia, O.; Lorene O'Neal, Ararat; second row: Betty Lou Vannoy, Reddies River; Blanche Woodie, Glendale Springs; Ruby Craven, Wagoner; Elsie Smith, Jefferson; Doris Collins, Sparta; back row: Clarice Taylor, Bear Creek; Jean Collins, Glade Valley; Clinton Ange, Dunn; Josephine Brown, Jefferson; Frances Cook, Pilot Mountain; Donald Bare, Laurel Springs; and Billy Long, Laurel Springs. Mascots: Barbara Ann Green, Glade Valley; and Charles Joines, Sparta. Betty Lou Vannoy, Valedictorian; Doris Collins, Salutatorian. All graduates members of the Church. Twelve members of the Presbyterian church.

## Expansion At Glade Valley Is Planned By Board Of Trustees

Glade Valley High School has proved to be of such value to the young people of our section of the state—the north-western section, that the Presbyteries of Orange and Winston-Salem, after careful consideration, have urged the trustees to take great forward steps in making the school permanent.

Plans and drawings of new buildings have been designed by an architect for consideration. The campus has been re-surveyed for a relocation of buildings in a more beautiful and symmetrical arrangement of the campus. A campaign for funds to put this development into action is now under consideration.

The trustees of Glade Valley will meet on Saturday, June 15, at the annual meeting at which time the progress of the school will be considered.

### MISS MAY GRADUATES AT WCU

Congratulations are in order for Miss Beryl May, the young lady from Lansing Presbyterian Church who

graduated this year from the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina. A major in dietetics, Beryl has been an honor student all the way through, and plans to take a year of post-graduate study beginning next fall.

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## COUNTY'S OLDEST ELDER



George Washington Bowlin

## George W. Bowlin Still Active At 84

Elder George Washington Bowlin is our oldest Presbyterian Elder in Ashe county. He was born June 3, 1861, in Peak Creek Township, near where he lives today. He was a charter member of Peak Creek church which was organized in 1921. On June 3 he saw his 84th birthday and he is still very active, walking from 25 to 30 miles a day, tending cattle and sheep, and looking after the farm. Soon after becoming a charter member of the Peak Creek church, he was elected an elder and has been an elder for about 25 years. He has also been superintendent of the Sunday School for about 20 years. Mr. Bowlin has also been a teacher in the Sunday School many times.

Elder Bowlin married Miss Nancy Jane Woodie, from Peak Creek, and there are nine children of this home. These sons and daughters have been very progressive in education. Eight of the nine have taught school, filling places in graded and high schools in this county and in other places throughout the state. It is notable that two of the daughters trained for religious work; one having completed a year at the Training school and the other receiving a M. A. as a teacher of the Bible. Mr. Bowlin's wife died in 1932. She was also a charter member of the Peak Creek church.

The picture of Elder George Washington Bowlin is one I have always liked. I call this picture, "The Shepherd of the Hills." Under each arm are two lambs, a sight commonly seen at lambing season. This is typical of Mr. Bowlin's work on the farm. He is ever watching after his cattle and sheep which range over the farm. Mr. Bowlin is a gentle, kindly, spirited Christian gentleman. He keeps abreast of events by reading, and is very intelligent. I think the picture is typical

## Glendale Women Are Active In Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church met on May 22nd at the home of Mrs. Louis J. Yelanjian. There were nine members present and one visitor. The second chapter of the book "I Want to Know" was reviewed by Mrs. J. F. Severt, (Why Are We Protestants). Mrs. Eloise McKinsey, from the Episcopal Mission, at Glendale Springs, gave a brief review of Martin Luther's life, Martin Luther being the first great protestant, or protestor.

The Birthday Objective was presented by members of the Auxiliary and the offering taken for this cause was \$15.16. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served carrying out the birthday motif, and a brief social hour was enjoyed.

Christian Family week, May 5-12, 1946, was observed by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church. On May 5th all ladies were urged to have their whole family at Sunday School and Church, that being our regular preaching day. The president of the Auxiliary offered a reward to all who had all of their family at these services. Those who received the award were Mrs. Robert Woodie, Mrs. Delmer Rose, Mrs. J. W. Luke and Mrs. J. F. Severt.

Mrs. J. F. Stewart and Mrs. Louis J. Yelanjian attended the meeting of the Presbyterial of Winston-Salem, at North Wilkesboro, on April 30th. It is interesting to note that Mrs. Severt has only missed two meetings of Presbyterial in 16 years. Mrs. Severt is one of the faithful members of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church, and the Auxiliary.

in another way, and that a spiritual way. Ever since Mr. Bowlin united with the church and became an elder, he has tried to obey the Master's voice when he said to Peter, "Go feed my lambs." He has been and is a faithful shepherd of his church.

## Wire Received From Robert McQuilkin

Robert McQuilkin, in a wire this week, announced that he would assist in the Glendale field during the summer, in place of Rev. Louis J. Yelanjian, who is resigning.

Mr. McQuilkin is welcome to the field and many are looking forward to his work here, it was reported.

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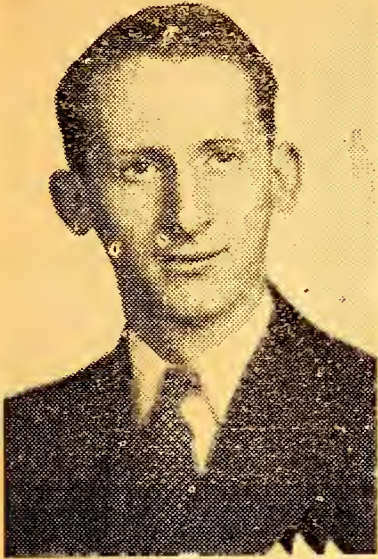
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**LANSING MAN ORDAINED**



Denver Blevins is ordained minister.

**Chautauqua Plans Made For Lansing**

Dates have been announced together with the preachers and Bible school teachers for the summer Chautauquas in the Lansing field. They are as follows:

Stone Chapel, June 5-16, Dr. Kenneth J. Foreman, of Davidson, preaching; Foster Memorial, June 26-July 7, P. J. Garrison, Jr., of Johnson City, preaching; Meadowview school, July 10-21, Bible school, under direction of Miss Irene Baldwin; Gillespie, July 24-August 4, Julian Spitzer, of Knoxville, preaching; Lansing, August 7-18, T. Robert Fulton, of Leesburg, Va., preaching.

Bible schools will begin each morning at 9 o'clock and preaching services will be held each night at early candle light.

**REV. O. C. LANDRUM TO CONDUCT REVIVAL**

Rev. O. C. Landrum has consented to hold the revival at Peak Creek church, beginning June 29 and continuing through July 10.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

**SPECIAL HONORS**

Elder George W. Bowlin is the oldest Elder in Ashe County.

Irene Baldwin, President of Flora MacDonald College Student body.

Elder J. Walter Osborne, of Lansing, was reported as the youngest Elder of the Assembly as reported by State Clerk.

**Lansing Girl Highly Honored By College**

You can imagine the pride of all Ashe Presbyterians and of all those who have supported the work here through the years, when it was announced that the student body of Flora MacDonald College, Red Springs, North Carolina, had elected Lansing's own Irene Baldwin as president for the coming year.

Irene grew up in the Lansing church, and it would be hard to picture a summer going by without her being in the thick of the Bible School work. Last year the Jefferson field was her home, and this year Irene is in charge of the four schools to be held at Stone Chapel, Meadowview School house, Foster memorial Church and Gillespie Church. We pray that Irene may continue to grow in every Christian grace, and look forward to her taking high leadership in the Kingdom of our Lord.

**MOVING INTO THE GLENDALE CHURCH**

The congregation at Glendale will move into the church this week and have a special service next Sunday, June 23rd. Everyone is invited. The church is not completed but we must use it at once.

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

A later picture of George W. Bowlin will appear in the next issue of the Ashe Presbyterian.

**Ebenezer Revival And Bible School End**

The Ebenezer Bible School and Revival were completed last Friday, June 14th. There were five young people who united with the church on profession of their faith. There were many who renewed their vows by re-consecration during the services. Rev. O. C. Landrum preached for us and is on his way home to Montreat today—Saturday.

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**EBENEZER ELDER**

George H. Farrington

## George Farrington Helps Build Ebenezer

In the year of 1897 the men of the Ebenezer community began to build a church under the leadership of a young man named Mr. E. E. Gillespie. Among the men who helped to cut timber and hew the sills was a young man just 19 years old, named George. He worked with a will and did his part in building the new church. After the church was completed, a charter was made up of those who would become members of a Presbyterian church in the new building. Among these names was that of George H. Farrington, the young man who put in many a lick to build the beautiful place of worship at Ebenezer. About one year after the building was completed, George H. Farrington became a charter member and proved to be a faithful one.

In 1921 George H. Farrington was elected to be an elder of his church at Ebenezer and has ever been faithful in his duties. Elder Farrington had the distinction with Elder D. C. Pare of serving with two grand old Elders, N. L. Brooks and John Burgess. It is said of John Burgess that he was the first Presbyterian baptized in Ashe county. These latter two men have gone to their reward.

Elder George Farrington married Miss Victoria Bare and from this home there are three girls and two young men now living. Mrs. Farrington and three of the children are also substantial members of the Presbyterian church.

Elder Farrington, as you can see in the picture, is tall and very straight. He has been a faithful farmer most of his life. When you meet him you are impressed with his well balanced personality, and this is one of the qual-

ities that a Presbyterian Elder should bit of reading, for as you converse with have. Brother Farrington must do a h.m., you will soon find he is abreast of the events of the times and does a great deal of his own thinking. Mr. Farrington is gentle and kind, and you are persuaded he is a man who is not swayed by every false doctrine that parades itself. Men of such well balanced characters make fine Elders as Brother George Farrington has proved to be. Elder George Farrington is now 67 years of age, having been born on November 12, 1878.

## GLENDALE CHURCH IS WELL UNDERWAY NOW

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fronts you. Within this building we have seven rooms for Sunday School purposes.

God has blessed us so far and we now have a place to worship. We need many other details, such as wiring equipment, gutters, ceiling, and many other things and material to finish. A friend from Myers Park has given us the hardware, such as hinges and locks. We have about 3,000 feet of white pine which is drying behind the church, of which we are planning to have a knotty white pine finish inside. We have no brick for flues. We have our flooring bought and ready to put down. We do not know what we can get for overhead ceiling, but we are happy, for we have

## WEST JEFFERSON, OBIDS GET FULL-TIME PASTOR

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burden for the other ministers and more pastoral attention for the other churches.

This is a real milestone in the history of the church and we all join in congratulating the whole congregation and in praying for God's blessing upon their work.

a roof over our heads, and can worship God in our own building. Formerly we worshipped in a school room which we have done for the last six years. Our bank account is now down to zero, but we are hoping and praying we shall secure the means to complete a beautiful temple for the glory of God.

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## Homecoming Is Held At Lansing Church

The twentieth anniversary homecoming of Lansing Presbyterian church was held August 17-19.

Denver Blevins had just preached the summer revival, and Misses Geneva Greer, Almagene Barker, and Katherine Goss came into the church upon profession of their faith in Christ. Mrs. May Blevins also came, bringing her letter, and was welcomed into the fellowship of the congregation.

Among the old friends who spoke and preached were Mr. J. S. Johnson, Mr. Carl Stark, Jr., Mr. R. H. Stone, Mr. Ralph Eucharan, and Mr. Joe Carter.

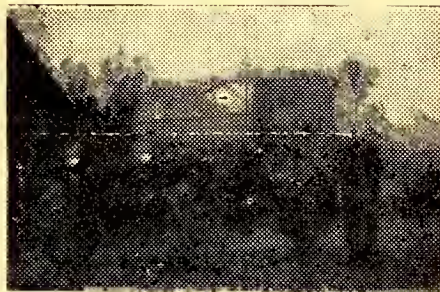
High points in the homecoming were the communion service on Sunday, and the many testimonials given during the fellowship hour after dinner. Ruling Elder Victor Clark presided at that time, and it was a moving occasion to hear so many from every age and walk of life rise to testify to the place of Lansing church in their lives and the power of the Gospel to uphold and undergird.

## THE FLYING SQUADRON

In this field an automobile is almost as important as a church building. No preacher could cover the distances in his circuit without a vehicle of travel. Below you will see pictures of the three motor vehicles that are used by the three pastors in this field.



The above picture is that of the automobile of Rev. Wm. P. Boyle, pastor of West Jefferson and Obids Presbyterian Churches. This car has just been secured as a result of trading a pick-up for hauling children to Sunday School, just as Mr. Boyle now uses his car.



The home of the Jeep is at Lansing. Rev. Kenneth Foreman, Jr., the Pastor of the Lansing field, stands beside the faithful car. You can see this Jeep in surpr'ing places. It is a remarkable vehicle for conquering bad weather. Children and grown-ups alike catch a ride to Sunday School or Church in it when they see it pass.



The above picture is that of the '46 Carry-all of the Glendale field. This useful vehicle is a 1946 model and is new in the field. It was a gift to Rev. J. W. Luke by the Men's Club of the Myers Park Presbyterian Church, of Charlotte. It has carried hundreds of children to Bible and Sunday schools as well as to church. We are very thankful for this useful gift.

## Revival At Obids Now Being Held

John B. Cunningham, of Cascade, Va. (not John R. Cunningham of Davidson College) is now preaching at the evangelistic services at Obids this fall. The meeting began Wednesday, Sep. 18, at 7:30 p. m. Services will be held each evening at the same hour through September 27.

Mr. Cunningham is a well known evangelist, although this is not the first opportunity that the people of Ashe county have had to become acquainted with him. He is an excellent musician, despite the fact that he has been blind from birth. His ability to play the piano illustrates the marvelous manner in which he has overcome his handicap. We pray that the Lord will richly bless his preaching at Obids.

## Successful Summer In Glendale Field

### REVIVALS AND BIBLE SCHOOLS

In the Glendale field seven revivals and Bible schools were held, the summary of which you can read in the box in this paper.

The ministers who preached in the revivals are the following: Rev. O. C. Landrum, whom we were fortunate to get for three meetings, held the Ebenezer, the Peak Creek, and the Miller's church revivals. Rev. Denver Blevins, one of our native Ashe county boys who has entered the ministry, preached at Low Gap. Rev. B. H. Wiggins held the Glendale Springs meeting. Rev. J. W. Luke preached in the Bethel meeting, and Rev. Hardin King completed the last meeting of the summer at Laurel Fork. An unusual number of Bible chapters were read this summer during the meetings. Attendance was much better than days of previous war summers — people are coming back to the country.

Local teachers who helped make the Bible schools possible were the following: Misses Alma Colvard, Onna Darnell, Ruth Bowlin, Irene Atwood, Majorie Dean Lyle, Ada Cox, Marie Parrick, Cleo Osborne, Betty Vannoy, Mrs. Richard Orsborn, and Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Luke. Bob McQuilkin, of Columbia, S. C., also taught and helped lead the singing at the revivals with his trumpet. Miss Virginia Smith, of Charlotte, served as pianist and also taught. The totals for Glendale field Bible schools are as follows—Enrollment 431; average attendance 294; perfect attendance 173; members received by letter and profession, 16.

### GOES BACK TO COLUMBIA

Robert McQuilkin, who has served so efficiently in this field for the summer as Bible school teacher, trumpet

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

Crop Conference—Sept. 27th at Swarta, N. C.  
Rally Day—Oct. 6th.  
Winston-Salem Presbytery — Oct. 8th.  
Thanksgiving—Nov. 28th.

### RESULTS OF SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOLS AND MEETINGS

CHURCHES	Bible School Enrollment	Ave. Atten.	Perf. Atten.	Professions	New Members
West Jefferson	40	33	10	†	
Jefferson	44	32	15		
Obids	28	15	8	††	
Big Ridge	33	22	10	††	
Lansing	102	75	18	3	4
Cillispie	25	20	4		
Foster Memorial	26	12	8	2	2
Stone Chapel	23	15	5		
Meadow View	27	20	6	*	
Glendale Springs	84	66	43	15	1
Ebenezer	32	19	11	8	3
Low Gap	92	65	32	12	0
Peak Creek	82	49	21	12	2
Laurel Fork	29	24	9	5	7
Bethel	47	34	23	6	1
Millers	6	4	3	10	2
TOTAL	785	538	257	73	23

† Revival to be held later.

†† Revival now in progress.

\*\* No revival.

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## EDITORIAL

The Ashe Presbyterian makes its appearance in your mail this fall for perhaps the first time. If you are a Seminary student, or studying at the Assembly's Training school, or preparing for a life of Christian Service in any way, we know you will be interested in our paper. We know you will be interested because it brings you a kind of first-hand picture of what is going on in one part of our Master's vineyard. There are just as important parts of the world as Ashe county, and there are probably more well-known places where folks are at work trying to win souls to Christ and to train better Christians. But here in your hands is a newspaper that may help to keep you in touch with the heartbeat of Christ's church. We pray that it may.

During the year we were pleased to have Dr. Frank Baker, of Brazil, visit with us for a while. The young people took special notice because he was a "real live missionary," fresh from many years out where our church has been at work in Brazil. Our newspaper comes to you in very much the same way, we hope; the Ashe Presbyterian has lived many years in the hills now. Each issue shows some new part of the everlasting picture of God's Kingdom at work. The paper will yellow with the passing years, but changed lives will live eternally. K.J.F., Jr.

## Council Meeting Held At High Haven

High Haven, the beautiful Glendale Springs home of Rev. and Mrs. Louis J. Yelanjian, was the meeting place of the Council of the Youth Fellowship of Winston-Salem Presbytery recently. Marjorie Dean Lyle, of Glendale Springs and Dawes Graybal, of Lansing, represented Ashe county at the council on August 31 and September 1. Beginning at 2:00 p. m. Saturday, the young people prayed, planned and fellowshiped until noon the next day, when the 1933 Fall Retreat adjourned.

Gordon Finley, of North Wilkesboro, presided over the meeting. Other young people in attendance were Carolyn Osby, of North Wilkesboro, Jerry Jones, of Winston-Salem, Pelva Morse,

## GLENDALE GROUP



The above group is of the first Sunday School held in the new church at Glendale Springs. In the foreground Elmer Delmer Rose is seated in front of about 95 pupils.

Mr. Rose has proven to be one of the best superintendents of any Sunday School in Ashe County. He is a splendid teacher and has also proved invaluable in helping with other Sunday Schools in our field.

The church in the back ground is not complete but we hope to finish it when we can get brick and a little more money.

## Miss Betty Tinley To Work At Lansing

Miss Betty Tinley, of Pineville, Kentucky, has come to the county to help with the work of the Lansing group of churches.

A graduate of the Assembly's Training School in Richmond, Miss Tinley has been asked by Presbytery and by the churches to follow in the great succession of ladies who have served here in past years. Miss Myrtle Wilkerson, Miss Katherine O'Neal, Miss Kathryn Hunt, Miss Lois Calhoun, Miss Ruby Hudler, Miss Irene Baldwin, these are names that are remembered today literally all round the world, wherever children have gone from these hills when they have grown up. We all welcome Miss Tinley, and pray for God's every blessing on her.

of Winston-Salem, Emily Blackwell, of Pine Hall, Maxine Ludwig, of Elkin, and Billie Redman, of Revalla. Miss Margaret Wyatt of Winston-Salem, and Rev. Ralph Ritchie, of Elkin, the two adult advisors to the council, were also at the meeting.

Two special guests made fine contributions to the inspiration and work of the council: Miss Betty Scott Barber, Synod's Young People's Worker came from Charlotte to advise with the group; Dr. Richard Coppedge came from Montreat to bring the Sunday morning message to the council at their church service. He spoke on "God's Purpose in Suffering."

The council was able to assist in the Sunday School at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church when it was learned that one of the regular teachers was unable to be there that morning. All the young people agreed that, indeed, the beauty of the Lord's handwork was very evident in the grandeur of the mountains of Ashe county.

## Jefferson Field Has Good Bible Schools

The success of the Bible Schools in the four churches of the Jefferson field varied somewhat this summer. The largest school was held at Jefferson, with an enrollment of about 40 and average attendance of more than 30.

The West Jefferson school had about the same attendance, but due to a shortage of teachers we were not able to have a full ten day school.

The schools at Obids and Big Ridge were handicapped by the fact that the bean season had begun and many of the children were prevented from coming by the necessity of picking beans. The enrollment in each of these schools was only about thirty. Despite the difficulties, however, all of our efforts were more than repaid in the opportunity of teaching the Word to children who seemed eager to learn it.

Let us take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the ladies who taught, without whose efforts and time the schools would not have been held:

At Jefferson: Miss Ina Ruth Campbell, Miss Elsie Smith, Mrs. James Allen, Mrs. J. C. Brown, Mrs. J. D. McNeill, Mrs. Lawrence Tyson, Mrs. Lelia Denny, Mrs. Jim Colvard, Mrs. Flake Poland, Mrs. W. P. Boyle; and one boy, Jack Neal. At West Jefferson: Mrs. Robert Barr, Mrs. James Hensley, Mrs. Clyde Barr, Mrs. Rex Morton, Miss Ina Ruth Campbell, Mrs. W. P. Boyle. At Big Ridge: Miss Betty Sue Bare, Miss Ann Farrington, Mrs. Wayne Bare, Miss Clara Sheets. At Obids: Miss Aileen Parsons, Miss Ann Farrington.

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**OLDEST ELDER**



The above picture is a better one of Elder Geo. W. Bowlin—the oldest Elder in the field of the “Ashe Presbyterian.” Mr. Bowlin is 84 years old and very active. The picture in the last paper was one of Mr. Bowlin as he tended his sheep, the picture above is one of Mr. Bowlin as he attends church.

**Many Helped In Work  
In Lansing Churches**

The end of the summer in the western part of the county makes us think again of the host of people who have made the work possible. Special thanks should go to those who have helped in the five Bible schools, and where should we start but with Miss Irene Baldwin, who was Director of Christian Education this summer. She is now back at Flora MacDonald College for her senior year, and still busy since she is President of the student body.

Mrs. Kenneth Roland, of Gillespie Church, and her sister, Mrs. Lorraine Stansberry, taught in the Meadowview Bible school, as did Mrs. Volrae Hamm. Lorraine and Volrae also taught for two weeks in the school at Stone Chapel, assisted for part of the time by Dan Thomas of Knoxville, a candidate for the Gospel Ministry under the care of Knoxville Presbytery. Dan was a great help too at Foster Memorial, where Mrs. Maxine Carter of that church taught, helped out by several other members of the congregation from time to time.

Mrs. Ray Blevins and Miss Allene Powers of Lansing were the pillars of Lansing's Bible School. Allene took her mother's place at the last minute when sickness kept Mrs. Powers from the place she has filled for years. And a welcome helper those weeks was Miss Ann Brown of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Dawes Graybeal, of Lansing, was attending the Foreign Mission Conference in Montreal during the Lansing Bible School, but had taught the older class at Gillespie the two weeks preceding.

**Glendale Woman's  
Auxiliary Active**

August 22 at supper time the large room of the new Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church was the scene of much activity. The ladies of the church were spreading their delicious food to entertain the men and children of the church. After a delicious picnic supper in the large Sunday School room, the program was led by Mrs. L. J. Yclanjan. Mrs. Yclanjan suggested starting a collection of dishes for our kitchen in the new church. A discussion of what our church teaches about divorce and the home was given by the pastor, J. W. Luke.

It is hoped there shall be a good representation at the group conference at Sparta on September 27.

**You Ought To See  
The Big Improvement**

Through the generosity of A. A. Cashion of North Wilkesboro, a fine job of grading was done on the rough hillside around Miller's Church in Wilkes county. Hills were made level and low places were filled in by a bulldozer that removes mountains.

Mr. Cashion did the job with his bulldozer and large pan, with Bob Long as the driver. They did us a good job, and many of the people of the Miller's church are very grateful at the low rates Mr. Cashion charged for the work. Many have given gifts to take care of the expenses. Peas, rye, and grass have been sown on the newly graded hillside and we have a good start toward a green lawn. "You ought to see it."

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## Preachers Thanked By Lansing Churches

The Lansing field has been honored by the presence of men of God who preached in the revivals of the summer. We are very thankful to the following preachers who held our revivals at the following churches — Rev. J. H. Gruver who preached at Foster Memorial, Dr. K. J. Foreman, Sr., who preached at Stone Chapel; Rev. Norman B. Gibbs, who preached at Gillespie; and Rev. Denver S. Blevins, who preached at Lansing Presbyterian Church.

These men have given of their time, and energy to preach the Word of God among us and we are thankful. The seed that has been sown shall not return unto you void.

## W. Jefferson To Have Fellowship Suppers

Plans are being made by the West Jefferson church to revive the fellowship supper. A committee has been appointed to make preparations and report to the congregation. This committee is composed of Mrs. R. C. Barr and Mrs. John Reeves.

For several years the fellowship supper was one of the church's most enjoyable and helpful activities. During the war it was discontinued due to food shortages. We are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to our first post-war supper.

## SUCCESSFUL SUMMER IN GLENDALE FIELD

(Continued from Page 1)  
player, young people's leader, and preacher, has returned to Columbia, S. C., where he will attend the Bible College. The Glendale Field has enjoyed having "Bob" with us this summer and hope he will return another season. We wish Bob a great year at college.

### MISS SMITH RETURNS HOME

Miss Virginia Smith, who has served her second season in the Glendale field returned to her home in Charlotte. After a short rest she will go to Selma, N. C., where she will teach Bible in the public school. We wish Miss Smith a fine season of teaching and trust she will return next summer to be with us again.

### NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

Ebenezer—Ruby Hunt, Marie Atwood, Loraine Atwood.  
Peak Creek—Mrs. Bruce Shepherd, Jean Osborne.

Glendale Springs—John Luke, Jr. Millers—Burl Wingle, Joe Patrick.  
Bethel—Glenn Wingle.

Laurel Fork — Don Dishman, Mrs. Pruitt (pending letter), Joan Miller, Jacquilin Richardson, Sarah Margaret Dishman, Arthur Dale Woodie, Shirley Ann Long.

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## Services Are Held For Thanksgiving

The Thanksgiving season in the Glendale Field of churches was very successful. Seven services of thanks were held among these churches as follows, and offerings.

Nov. 24, Low Gap, \$6.53; Nov. 26, Millers, \$3.13; Nov. 27, Peak Creek, \$8.30; Nov. 28, Laurel Fork Church, \$5.57.

Nov. 29, Glendale Springs, \$8.77; Sunday School, \$4.70; Auxiliary, \$6.53, making a total of \$20.00.

Nov. 30, Bethel, \$5.00; Dec. 1, Ebenezer, \$3.35.

Total of gifts, \$51.88.

At the above services numerous blessings were recalled and a prayer of thanksgiving to God for His many gifts to us was offered.

At four of the churches where electricity was available a beautiful colored religious film was shown. The film was entitled, "My Beloved Son," and a hymn film was also featured, "The Lord Is My Shepherd." At the other services, the pastor gave a Thanksgiving message.

Besides the offering listed above, two quilts were given by the Woman's Auxiliary of Glendale Springs and one was given by Mrs. Laura Woodie of Low Gap Church.

## Young People Active At W. J. And Obids

New Young People's groups have been started in the West Jefferson and Obids churches within the last three months. At West Jefferson the group meets twice a week: on Sunday evening for worship, and on a week night for recreation in the basement of the church. The young people themselves have bought some games to be used in the church, and hope soon to be able to increase their amount of recreational equipment. The work of the young people has not only increased the number of people who are reached by the church, but has also enlarged the scope of the church's ministry by providing a social opportunity and much-needed recreation.

The young people's work at Obids has also accomplished the same things in a notable way. Each Tuesday evening quite a goodly number of the young people of the community, ranging in age from five to twenty-five, gather in the church for an evening devoted largely to play. Their enthusiasm can be noted not only in their zest for the activity but in the distances they walk and in their regularity of attendance. We hope to accomplish great things for the church and her Master through both of these groups.



"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

## Young People Help In Lansing Service

Assembly's Youth Sunday at Lansing that meant that once again the Young People took charge of the morning worship service, helping the congregation to keep in touch with what the younger Christians are doing. Among those who had a part this year were Elizabeth Ann Barr, Catharine Carter, Dawes Graybeal, and Ruth Campbell. Allene Powers was the leader, and Marlene Jones played the piano for the service. We are counting on these young folks to keep on growing in every Christ-like grace.

## Lansing Auxiliary Has Guest Speakers

Mrs. H. B. Elliott, of Winston-Salem, President of the Winston-Salem Presbyterian, and Mrs. L. M. Nelson, of North Wilkesboro, District Chairman of the North Wilkesboro District, were the guests of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Lansing Presbyterian Church Thursday night, November 7 at the home of Mrs. Maude Goss. Mrs. Elliott talked to the ladies about the work of The Woman's Auxiliary.

## Christmas Programs Planned By Churches

Special programs are being planned in the churches for the Christmas season. Pageants, trees and other special services celebrating the birth of Christ, will be carried out. Some are announced here:

### LANSING FIELD

Rev. K. J. Foreman, Jr., has announced the following schedule: In the Lansing church, Friday night, December 20; Foster Memorial, Saturday night, December 21; Gillespie, Sunday, December 22; and Stone Chapel, Monday, December 23.

### WEST JEFFERSON

The date for the Christmas program at the West Jefferson church has been tentatively set for December 22, Rev. William P. Boyle, pastor, announced.

### GLENDALE

The schedule for the Christmas program in the Glendale field will be as follows:

Low Gap, Wednesday, December 18, 7:00 p. m., "The Light of the World;" Peak Creek, Friday, December 20, 1:00 p. m., program; also Laurel Fork, 7:00 p. m., program; Bethel, Saturday, December 21, 6:30 p. m., program; Glendale Springs, Sunday, December 22, 7:00 p. m., "The Church's One Foundation;" Millers, Monday, December 23, 6:30 p. m., "The Light of the World;" Ebenezer, Tuesday, December 24, 11:00 a. m.; Glendale, tree, 4:00 p. m.

At present the children are preparing for the above pageants and programs. Christmas trees will be erected in the churches and gifts will be distributed. Let us not forget amid the bustle of the season what it is all about

IT IS THE BIRTHDAY OF THE SON OF GOD.

## Convention On World Missions Set Dec. 27

DON'T FORGET! The great Convention on World Missions will be held in Nashville immediately after Christmas, December 27 through December 30. Keep the Convention in your prayers. 2100 young Christians will be gathered there to hear the challenge to send the Gospel into every corner of Life. Irene Baldwin and Dawes Graybeal of Lansing have received word that their applications have been accepted for attendance, and we know they will be having an experience they will never forget.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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EDITORIAL

By W. P. Boyle

Why is Christmas such fun? Is it because of the excitement of decorating the tree, and the thrill of pretty new things? Is it the warmth of exchanging gifts, or the pleasure of watching the gleam in the eyes of little children as they open their packages? Can it be the good cheer that pervades the very air and makes us, for one day at least, more friendly and happy? Or is it because Christmas day is so different from every other day that it lifts us above the routine and monotony of our lives, and lets us escape from the burdens that we bear every other day of the year? Is it the music that we love to sing and hear the beautiful, familiar carols, that makes us happy at Christmas? Why do we enjoy Christmas so much?

Perhaps it is all these things, and others too, that make this season the happiest of the whole year. But above all of these joys there is one thing that makes Christmas an eternally happy season. This is it: "For unto you is born this day... a Saviour." Without this, Christmas would never have lived for two thousand years. Because of this, Christmas will last forever. No Christmas season has ever been more thoroughly enjoyed than the first Christmas. Yet, at that time, there were none of the customs that help make Christmas happy for us today. They rejoiced for one fact, and one alone: a Saviour was born. They saw "the day spring from on high," who had come "to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Small wonder that the shepherds, and all who heard, rejoiced at the birth of a Saviour. The world was in desperate need of God's salvation. And if they had reason to rejoice, so do we, for it seems that the world has never needed a Saviour more than we need Him today. This, then is our hope and all our joy this Christmas: that unto us is born a Saviour. Whatever the fun, and whatever the pleasure of the

Work Going Forward
On Glendale Church

The Glendale Springs Presbyterian church is still under construction. Doors are being hung, white pine panel is being put up in the Sunday School rooms, the basement has a cement floor and is being used by the Boy Scouts, Troop 115. Army chairs were purchased through Rev. R. H. Stone for our auditorium. In spite of the work that is going on the building is in full use. We believe we have one of the largest Sunday Schools at Glendale Springs of any church in the county. Elder Delmer Rose is the superintendent.

We have heard of "gold bricks," and we need gold and brick to complete this useful church. We hope we shall get both in time.

BARHAM HOLDS WEEK MEET

Rev. J. T. Barham, of Spencer, held a week's meeting at Low Gap Presbyterian Church early in the fall. Brother Barham preached some splendid sermons and the services were a great spiritual uplift to us all.

NEW "ASHE PRESBYTERIAN"
ARRIVES AT W. JEFFERSON

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boyle take a great deal of pride in announcing the birth of a son, William Porter Boyle, Jr. He made his arrival on the very early morning of November 14, and has increased the happiness of his home to a degree far out of proportion to his numerical value. He takes his place with pride among four other brand new members of the West Jefferson church.

holiday season, our real joy, this Christmas as always, is in the birth of Christ, our Saviour.

Young People Attend
Winston Presbytery

A group of young people representing the Presbyterian churches attended the annual Y. P. Leadership Training school of the Winston-Salem Presbytery held in Winston on October 26 and 27. The representatives were taken there by special bus.

Those who made the trip included Betty Sue Bare, Big Ridge; and Glendale Springs, Marjorie Lyle.

The following from Obids attended: Ann Farrington, Clara Dean Miller, Maxine Miller, Magdeline Miller.

Those from Lansing were Allene Powers, Marlene Jones, Dawes Graybeal, Jannavee Stamper, Elizabeth Ann Barr and Catherine Carter.

VISITS FORMER RESIDENTS

At Stone Chapel pastor K. J. Foreman, Jr., held a week's series of Bible Studies just before his trip through New York, Pennsylvania, and Maryland to visit among several of our Ashe County families who have moved to those northern states. Stone Chapel is looking forward to having a Sunday School again when the warm weather comes, and those who might teach are making plans for the opening session already.

IN MEMORIAM

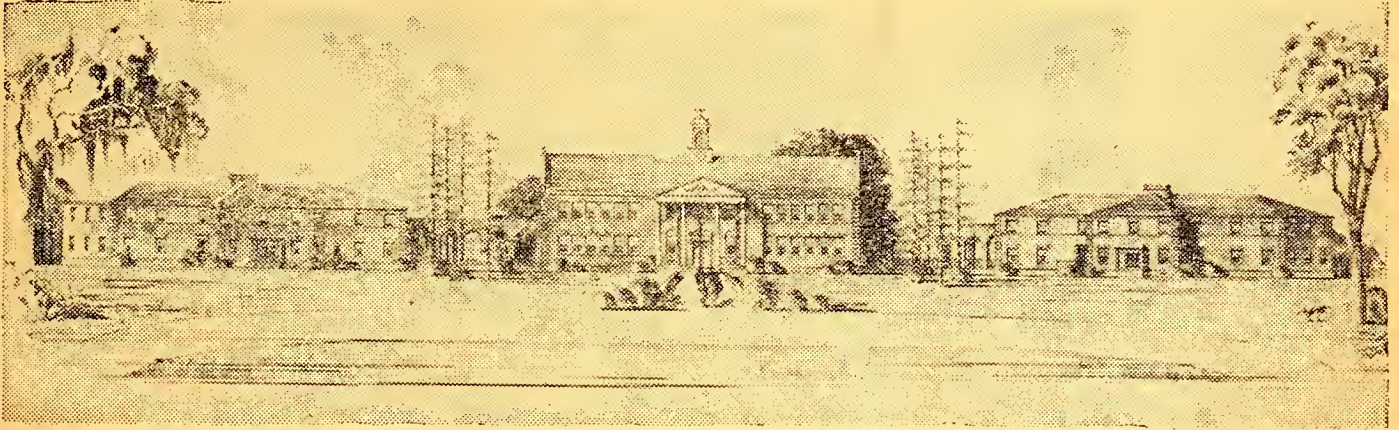
Mrs. Pearl Barr Calhoun, Christian mother and Christian wife, beloved member of Gillespie Presbyterian Church, who after severe burns and patient suffering left this world to be with her Master, in whom she trusted and whom she followed day by day.

Wanted - - New Names For The New Year

Cut this block out, pin \$1.00 to it, write names and addresses of 10 persons for subscriptions to the Ashe Presbyterian for the new year. Mail to J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, N. C.

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## New Buildings Planned For A Greater Glade Valley



### Value Of Glade Valley From A Country Pastor's Point Of View

By J. W. Luke

During my pastorate for twenty years in the mountainous counties of Ashe and Wilkes, the value of Glade Valley high school has loomed before me. With my conviction of the training of this little school, I have encouraged and sponsored in round numbers about 100 students to go there during my pastorate. These students board at the school and work for half of their board and tuition on the 125 acre farm around the school.

The distinctive values of Glade Valley high school training are the following—  
 First—The insistence of Christian teachers and Christian teaching. The insistence of a Christian environment. The insistence of Christian training. The insistence that the student, when he graduates, shall go out and take his place in the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Second—The ideals of Glade Valley inspire its students to seek higher education.

Third—The students are greatly aided by boarding at the school. Long trips by buses and walking do not interfere with the time for study.

Fourth—We have snow-blocked and icy roads in the mountains which in the average high school compels a student to be irregular in attendance through the winter months. Bad weather cannot hinder a student at Glade Valley as he is on the spot for classes every day.

Fifth—The faculty at Glade Valley has the student fully at heart. They are there for giving those boys and girls the best they have in a Christian education.

Sixth—Glade Valley, because of the adjoining farm, can give a young person a great deal of practical training. This side of the school can be developed without limit.

Seventh—A young person at this school has a good chance to confess Christ and become a Christian. Many have. It has a better record than hun-

dreds of our average churches throughout the country. Around 225 have united with the Glade Valley church while at school.

The advantages of this school are not just upon paper, but are shown in the life of the student in his or her community. Young people who have received their training from Glade Valley have become the leaders in churches, teachers in Sunday Schools, and Bible schools. The public school system is very much dependent upon graduates of this little school to fill the places of teachers in our mountain communities. I can count dozens of teachers who received their inspiration and training at Glade Valley high school.

In the 33 years of this little high school's life, eight of her students have become ministers, ten are missionaries, four in religious educational work, twenty-four have been nurses, scores have become teachers and community leaders.

Dr. Price H. Gwynn, of Davidson College faculty, who made a thorough investigation of the Glade Valley high school, said that it was his firm belief that this school had furnished more fruit per dollar than any other one cause of the Presbyterian Church.

Glade Valley has outgrown the well worn old buildings in which it was founded thirty-six years ago. These buildings have been the nests of great ideals. That these Christian ideals might be projected into the future we must build greater and permanent structures in which these so worthwhile ideals can expand and grow and make themselves felt in a needy world.

The trustees are launching a campaign for the building of a greater Glade Valley, the architect's plan and dream of which you will see in the above picture. Besides the administration building and the two dormitories pictured above, there are plans for a house for the superintendent and a gymnasium. For the building of the above plant the trustees are planning a \$200,000 campaign which will start in the very near future. When this campaign starts, will you invest in the projecting of Christian ideals into the future? Will you invest in the valuable life of young people for Christ?

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## Miss Betty Tinley Now In Lansing Field

In a previous issue of the Ashe Presbyterian, Miss Betty Tinley was spoken of in reference to working in the Lansing field.

Miss Tinley hales from Pineville, Kentucky, and is a graduate of the Assembly's Training School in Richmond, Virginia.

Since coming into the county, Miss Tinley has proved her worth in gold in the Lansing field. She makes her home in Lansing, and works in the Lansing, Foster Memorial, Gillespie, and Stone's Chapel churches. The young people have rallied around her in Sunday School and other work, and Rev. Kenneth Foreman, Jr., declares she is a wonderful help in his field.

Miss Tinley is very sociable, and friendly. She has a faith that is catching, and works tirelessly, and unselfishly.

We wished to have a picture in this paper of Miss Tinley, but regret to say we will have to delay until the next issue of the Ashe Presbyterian.

## Rev. Carl Stark Now Back In Presbytery

Rev. Carl Stark, who was the pastor in the Lansing field, volunteered for chaplain's duty in the armed forces of our country. After serving in this capacity during the war, he has returned to civilian life. We are glad to print his acceptance of work in his old Presbytery of Winston-Salem. He has gone to work in a new field where we have no church, and we hope to organize a church there soon. His work is in the town of Pilot Mountain. The people of Ashe county are glad that Carl has come back to our Presbytery and shall look forward to seeing him once in a while.

### HOME MISSION EMERGENCY

The churches of the Glendale Field went over the top in the Home Mission Emergency, giving a total of \$38.62. Some of the churches did not quite reach their quota but others made up for this shortage.

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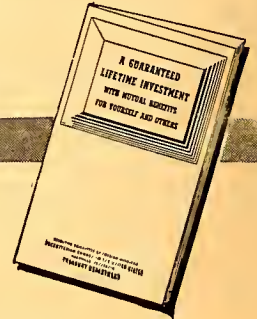
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**LEADS TRAINING SCHOOL**



Miss Sara Little, who taught a recent leadership training school.

**Leadership Training School Held Dec. 2-6**

Faithful attendance and surprisingly good weather were part of the story behind the warm success of the Sunday School Teachers' Leadership Training School held by all our Ashe county churches December 2 through 6 in the basement of the West Jefferson Presbyterian church. The good Burnside heater played its part, too, but foremost in the hearts of those who attended is the memory of gracious Miss Sarah Little, who brought new inspiration and new light to the path of the Sunday school teacher.

Already plans are being laid for another school next fall, and we are looking forward to seeing Miss Little again, then. Her welcome will be bright in our homes, and we expect to add many new friends to those she has made here this past month.

**BOYD DIRECTS CUBS**

Mr. T. S. Boyd has recently taken charge of a group of boys to be developed into cub scouts. They have met twice and are getting a good start.

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**YELANJIAN'S ARE NOW IN S. MILWAUKEE, WIS.**

Several people have asked about Rev. and Mrs. Yelanjian who resided at Glendale Springs, and who did a great deal of church work in this Presbytery. Mr. and Mrs. Yelanjian are in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where they are making their home with Mr. Yelanjian's father, who just lost his wife.

We greatly miss these fine people in our community and in our Presbytery. The Glendale Springs Church gave a supper in honor of the Yelanjians before they left, and gave a small gift to them at parting. We miss them in our midst, and pray God's blessing upon Louis and Marie as they make their home in Milwaukee. If any friends would like to write, the address is Rev. L. J. Yelanjian, 2302 12th Ave., South Milwaukee, Wis.

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## Foster Memorial Aux. Names New Officers

Mrs. James Vannoy was elected the new president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Foster Memorial Presbyterian Church at the meeting Wednesday afternoon, November 20, at the church.

Mrs. Howard Little is the new secretary and historian, and Miss Beatrice Clark was elected the treasurer.

The meeting opened with a hymn and prayer. After the business session, there was a study of the first and sixth chapters of Isaiah, the Auxiliary Bible Study Book for the year.

The following Secretaries have been appointed:

Mrs. Noah Graham, Secretary of Spiritual Life and Evangelism, Secretary of Barium Springs; Mrs. L. P. Ham, Secretary of Religious Education, Secretary of Synod's Educational Institutions; Mrs. A. L. Carter, Secretary of Home Missions, Secretary of Foreign Missions; Mrs. Alice Dolinger, Secretary of Christian Social Service, Secretary of Social Activities; Miss Mabel Clark, Secretary of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Secretary of White Cross; Mrs. James Vannoy, Secretary of Glade Valley; Miss Beatrice Clark, Secretary of Literature.

### BRIEF NEWS FROM THE GLENDALE SPRINGS FIELD

Rev. J. W. Luke held a revival in the Lake View Presbyterian Church for Rev. T. K. Mullis, the pastor. God blessed the meeting of a week's duration.

Rev. Ralph Buchanan, our Superintendent of Home Missions has been filling some appointments in the Glendale Field, and the people have enjoyed having him in the pulpit.

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Mrs. Edgar Barr is the new President of the Woman's Auxiliary of Gillespie Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Alexander, a young lawyer from Elkin, filled the pulpits of Ebenezer and Laurel Fork one Sunday. The people enjoyed having Mr. Alexander with them.

### MISS CALHOUN IN TENN.

Just received a letter from Miss Lois Calhoun. She has been doing Sunday School extension work at Clinton, Tenn. Miss Calhoun worked in Rev. Henry Mahler's church for a few days. We remember Mr. Mahler, who helped us in this field one summer.

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## Glade Valley To Be Host To Presbyteries

Something unusual is to happen at the spring meetings of Orange and Winston Salem Presbyteries. Orange is the Mother of Winston-Salem Presbytery. This spring the mother and daughter will have a family reunion.

The trustees and larger committee of Glade Valley High School from the two Presbyteries are so interested in the school and the immediate campaign, they have invited the Presbyteries to have a joint meeting at the school. The spring meetings of these Presbyteries will be held at Glade Valley on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 15th and 16th. The following program will be largely followed. Glade Valley School and Church will entertain the presbyteries.

### TUESDAY - APRIL 15

- 11:00 A. M. Orange Convenes - Glade Valley Chapel.
- 11:00 A. M. Winston-Salem Convenes in Church.
- 3:00 P. M. Popular Joint Meeting. Trustees in charge of G. Valley Program. Students participating.
- 7:30 P. M. Joint meeting. Sermon by Rev. J. P. H. McNatt, Pastor of Brentwood Pres. Church. Communion Service.

### WEDNESDAY - APRIL 16

- 9:00 A. M. Joint Devotional Service. (Continued on Page Five)

## Dates To Remember

- Sunday School Supt. Meeting: March 21—Lee Mem. Ch. 6:30 p. m.
- Religious Education Com., March 21—5:30 p. m. Lee Memorial Church.
- Lansing Fellowship Supper, Friday, March 28, at 7:30.
- Presbytery of Winston-Salem: Glade Valley High School, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 15-16. (Two days unless plans change).
- Y. P. Spring Rally: Lexington, N. C. April 27—2:30 p. m.
- Evangelistic Meeting at Stone Chapel: May 4-18, Dr. Donald G. Miller.
- Presbyterian Woman's Auxiliary: Mocksville, Tuesday, May 6.
- The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States: Montreat, North Carolina, beginning May 29.
- Synod's Y. P. Conference: Flora MacDonald College at Red Springs, June 10-16.
- Senior Young People's Conference: July 28-August 1.
- Pioneer Young People's Conference: August 4 through 8.



I am the Resurrection, and the Life; He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

## Rev. And Mrs. Callis At Jefferson Now

The historic Jefferson Presbyterian Manse is no longer vacant—and the names of a new couple have been added to the hearts of those who have followed the work of the Lord in Ashe County for half a century.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Callis are the new friends in our midst. Mr. Callis is from Willow Springs, North Carolina, out in the country from Raleigh, where his mother, Mrs. J. R. Callis, has brought him up to live in peace and harmony with his eighteen brothers and sisters. After high school, Mr. Callis left the farm long enough to attend Presbyterian Junior College at Maxton and Presbyterian College at Clinton, S. C., following his studies there with three years at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia.

Mrs. Callis was formerly Miss Ellen Julia Sullivan, of Raleigh, and attended King's Business College there. For the past four years she has been working as a secretary in Raleigh, until Mr. Callis and she were married last August.

Mr. Callis has been called by the Jefferson church to be its pastor, and is supplying the Big Ridge Presbyterian Church as well. He will assist Mr. Luke at the Low Gap Presbyterian Church, and already he is accounted

## Easter Services For Glendale Announced

The Easter Services for the Glendale Field will be as follows: The Communion Service will be held at these services, and we hope all members will make a special effort to be present. Please note the appointment at your church, and plan to be present.

- Sunday, March 30—Ebenezer Church, 10:00 A. M.; Laurel Fork Church, 11:30 A. M.; Peak Creek Church, 2:00 P. M.
- Sunday, April 6—Bethel Church, 10:00 A. M.; Millers Church, 1:30 P. M.; Glendale Springs, 7:00 P. M.

## Announce Glendale's Summer Schedule

The summer meetings and Bible Schools will run according to the following schedule unless there is some good reason for a change:

- June 1-13, Ebenezer; June 15-27, Peak Creek; June 29-July 11, Millers
- July 13-25, Glendale Springs; July 27-Aug. 8, Bethel; Aug. 10-22, Laurel Fork.



Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Callis

to be no stranger by many all through the county.

### FOREIGN MISSION PICTURES

The two films "We Too Receive" and "We Bear Witness" are to be shown in the Glendale Field during the week of April 20-27.

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**EDITORIAL****"AN ACCEPTABLE STEWARD"**

By John W. Luke

I met a little girl one day on a railroad track. She had a nickel in her hand and told me she was going to buy candy at the store. I said, "Why do you not save your nickel and give it to God on Sunday at Church?" Little did I realize what a conflict I had raised in her little heart, between the candy and God. As I walked out of sight she was still fidgeting at the same spot I left her, and her brother said, who was walking with me, "She can't decide whether to spend her money for candy or give it to God." I never found out whether God or the candy won the battle in the little girl's heart, but I have often wished that Christians would have as much concern over their gifts to God as that child.

In writing this article about giving to God, I would like us to consider our motives as we should be concerned with our stewardship to our Heavenly Father. The first motive we should consider is our honesty.

**OUR HONESTY.** The Lord says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." In our section of the country if a landowner rents a farm to a tenant and furnishes seed and fertilizer, the owner will receive one-half of the crop. If the crop is made and the tenant refuses to share his half with the owner, or hides part of the increase, he is considered a cheat. Now in our relationship to God, He is the absolute landowner, the supplier of all things to make an increase. He has more power than a landowner. God can make the increase sure. What does our God ask? He asks your tenth. If we hide it from God, He knows, and we become a cheat and a robber. Malachi spoke for God many years ago in this searching dialogue:

God says, "Will a man rob God?"

Yet Ye have robbed me."

Man says, "Wherein have we rob-

bed thee?"

God says, "In tithes and offerings."

Let us not forget when you are figuring with God, you are not figuring your income tax.

**OUR GRATITUDE.** Gratitude expressed in the time of Christ on earth was greatly appreciated by him. He praised the leper that came back to thank him and was surprised at those who returned not to show their gratitude. Gratitude should direct our hearts when we think in terms of stewardship. While we were yet sinners He died for us. Our sins are forgiven, we have been adopted as His children, we have been given abundance of life here and life eternal hereafter. What! Shall we who have received so many blessings not show some gratitude in our giving?

Shall we not say with David, "Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which cost me nothing."

**OUR WORSHIP.** "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." When we make our gifts, or pay our tithe, or make our pledges, we should do these things as an act of worship to God. When we bring our gifts to the church to make our offering to God, we should at least have given thought to our gifts at home, not merely running your hand in your pocket for a little loose change. Remember when you make your gift or pay your tithe you should have a gift fit for the real King of Kings.

When wise men came from afar to worship the Christ Child born in Bethlehem, they brought gifts to present as an act of worship. "And when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."

**OUR INTELLIGENCE.** We should give intelligently. We should first keep intelligently informed as to our own finances so we can figure our tithe, and gift offerings.

We should keep informed as to the needs of God's work on earth, so we may direct our gifts toward some earthly task you may wish to see done for God. You may give that God's temples may be built. You may give that the expenses of your God's worship may be kept up before the world. You may give that worthy projects for God's glory may be carried out—such as evangelization, or orphan care, or for building and maintaining Christian Schools. We then should give with an intelligent, and sympathetic understanding of God's work among your fellow men and for his Glory upon earth.

**OUR LOVE.** Your tithes and gifts should be given from a heart of love. One day Jesus stood near the temple treasury and watched the people as they put their money in the offering chests. Many wealthy worshippers with their fine clothing and money bags attached to their belts made large display of their giving. They would proudly swagger to the money chests, and count out large sums of money from their bags and drop the heavy coins in among the piles of change with a loud clanking. These men out of their wealth made a great show of

**Bricks At Last Are Here For Glendale**

For about a year we have been trying to buy brick, but regulations and scarcity have hindered us. At last we have 20,000 brick stacked on the church grounds. These brick were shipped to us from the Pine Hall Brick Company. They came in a car in the midst of a blizzard. They were hauled by truck from North Wilkesboro. By breaking through drifts and detouring, they were deposited on the church grounds.

We are thankful for the brick, and we hope to raise the money to lay them as soon as the weather breaks and it gets warm enough. We need funds to complete this work, as the purchase of the brick has depleted the treasury.

**REV. L. J. YELANJIAN**

We enjoyed a visit at Glendale Springs from Rev. L. J. Yelanjian. He only stayed a few days. Rev. and Mrs. Yelanjian are planning to come back to Glendale Springs and live at "High Haven" again, so Mr. Yelanjian stated. We shall be delighted to have them back.

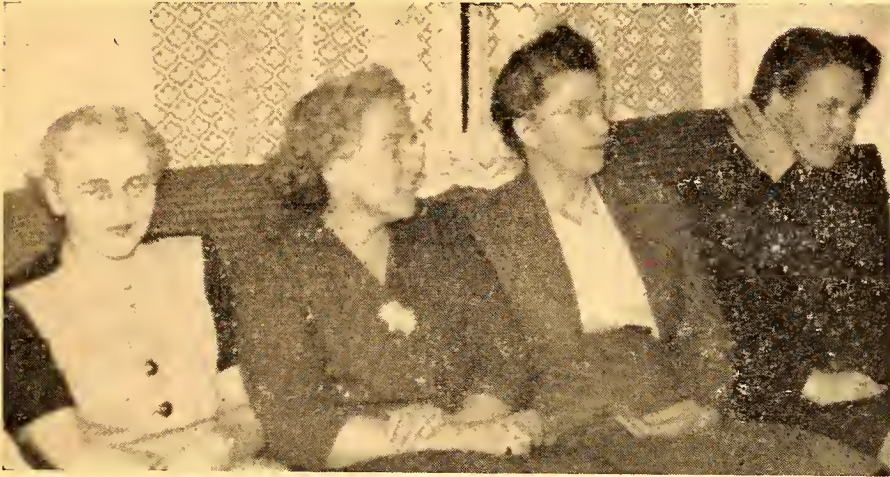
**IN MEMORY OF****Dan Miller**

Dan W. Miller passed away Feb. 10th, 1947. Faithful to Mother and Father, helpful to the Peak Creek Church. Many friends and neighbors mourn their loss, and offer their sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Hack Miller and family, of Peak Creek, Ashe County.

giving, and Jesus knew what was in their hearts. Among the wealthy dressed there came one whose clothing was quite a contrast to the others. Her dress was that of a widow, and her clothing was worn threadbare. She quietly slipped up among the wealthier givers and extended her hand with its small gift. The wealthier worshippers perhaps looked amused at her, and uttered slurring words about her small gift. Jesus saw the woman and read her heart. His eyes were shining and his heart was more touched by this widow's mite than all the others. He said, "She hath given out of her poverty all her living." The wealthy gave to be seen, but she gave out of love in her heart for her Heavenly Father.

My Christian Brother, as your church calls you to be a good steward of your Lord, will Jesus' eyes shine, and his heart quicken, because he sees you make your gifts and pledges HONESTLY, THANKFULLY, INTELLIGENTLY, and LOVINGLY, a gift that can be well used to worship, our Saviour, the King of Kings?

## Officers Are Honored For Years Of Service



Two faithful officers were honored for five years of devoted service at the March meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Lansing Presbyterian Church.

Reading from left to right are: Mrs. Thomas J. Powers, retiring president, and Mrs. J. O. Blevins, retiring vice-president, ended their terms of office after leading the Auxiliary through the difficult years, when many of the members were living in other communities temporarily. Both spoke of their appreciation for the fine support they had received, and looked ahead to the continued expansion of the Auxiliary's work under the leadership of incoming president Mrs. Victor Clark and vice-president Mrs. Ben Barker.

## Women's Auxiliaries Doing Fine Work

### West Jefferson

At the February meeting the ladies elected their officers for the coming year. They are: President, Mrs. Bill Boyle; Vice-President, Mrs. Ivan Miller; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. John Reeves. The following have been appointed to the Executive Board as chairmen of committees: Spiritual Life and Evangelism, Mrs. Jimmie Sturdivant; Foreign Missions, Mrs. R. C. Barr; Synod's and Presbytery's Home Missions, Mrs. R. G. Barr; Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Mrs. Guy Denney; Religious Education, Mrs. R. W. Barr; Literature, Mrs. Rex Morton; Christian Social Service, Mrs. Charles Davis; Pastor's Aid, Mrs. R. G. Barr; Social Activities, Mrs. J. T. McLaurin; Assembly's Home Missions Mrs. Clyde Barr; Barium Springs and Glade Valley, Mrs. James Hensley.

### Glendale Springs

The Woman's Auxiliary at Glendale Springs has been active in the past year. Mrs. Everett Lyle has been leading the women as Vice President in the absence of Mrs. L. J. Yelanjian.

All regular meetings have been held except the last meeting during bad weather. The women are planning to have their Bible Study when the weather clears up. Among the activities which are very useful to the Glendale Springs Church are selling old clothing. The ladies have done a good job at this and have put about \$150

in the building fund from the sale of old clothes. Quilts were made and sent to the Barium Springs Orphanage at Thanksgiving. Other quilts were made and sold for raising money for the building fund. We have one quilt now which has just been completed and sale of it will be used also in helping to complete the new church at Glendale. Those who wish to buy a quilt, may write to Mrs. J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, N. C.

### Horse Creek

Foster Memorial and Gillespie, in the Horse Creek Group of Presbyterian churches over in the western part of the county, have two active Women's Auxiliaries in full swing these days. Mrs. James Vannoy, of Husk, president at Foster Memorial, is hoping to revisit Glade Valley High School, her Alma Mater, at Presbytery time. Mrs. Vannoy is assisted in the leadership of the Foster Memorial Auxiliary by Mrs. Howard Little, Secretary, and by Miss Beatrice Clark, Treasurer, RFD 2, Whitetop, Virginia.

Mrs. Edgar Barr, of Apple Grove, is president for the coming year at Gillespie, assisted by Mrs. Clarence Stansberry as Secretary and Mrs. Cora Elliott as Treasurer.

### Jefferson

The following have been elected to serve as officers for this coming year in the Jefferson Auxiliary: President, Mrs. L. B. Tyson; Vice-President, Mrs. J. D. McNeill; Secretary, Mrs. J. P. Colvard; Treasurer, Mrs. Glenn Neal.

Other committees are to be appointed later by the president.

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## Plan Glade Valley Campaign For May

A \$300,000 campaign to provide new buildings at Glade Valley School will be conducted throughout Orange and Winston-Salem Presbyteries during the month of May when every Presbyterian in the two areas will be urged to give generous support to the mountain institution owned and operated by the two Presbyteries.

The appeal for funds will be under the joint leadership of J. A. Kellenberger, of Greensboro, and Charles M. Norfleet, of Winston-Salem. I. Paul Ingle, of High Point, has accepted chairmanship of the campaign in Orange Presbytery while Tully D. Blair, of Winston-Salem, has been named to head the drive in his Presbytery.

Chairmen will soon be appointed for each of the seven districts comprising the joint Presbyteries. It will be the responsibility of district leaders to foster and help create campaign organizations in each of the various churches of the districts.

For years the 37-year-old educational institution has been in need of new dormitories for both boys and girls and for modern classroom facilities and an adequate heating plant.

In January of 1945 a special committee, which had been named to make an extensive study of Glade Valley's situation, made the following recommendations to both Presbyteries, which were adopted by both groups:

1. That Glade Valley School be continued and heartily supported.
2. That the Presbyteries instruct the Board of Trustees to conduct an educational program concerning Glade Valley in the two Presbyteries, and in every local church.
3. That Glade Valley School become a coordinated factor in the program of the Synod's Committee on Educational Institutions.

4. That the two Presbyteries lay plans immediately to provide at Glade Valley School an adequate physical plant and equipment to meet required educational standards.

In order that every dollar raised during the campaign for funds may be used directly for providing the necessary buildings at Glade Valley, members of the Board of Trustees have agreed to personally underwrite all campaign expenses themselves.

### NEW BOOKS FOR MILLERS

We have just had a notice that the new hymn books for Millers church will be coming soon as they have been shipped. These will take the place of the old torn books we have been trying to use.

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## Moderator Robert A. Potter Will Preach

The joint meeting of Winston-Salem Presbytery with Orange Presbytery at Glade Valley on April 15 is expected to draw a wide attendance from this part of Presbytery when Rev. Robert A. Potter, moderator of Winston-Salem Presbytery, is to preach the Retiring Moderator's sermon.

Mr. Potter has many friends in Ashe county, having ministered to us in evangelistic meetings at Obids and Gillespie churches despite the many demands made on his time as pastor of the Waughtown Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem. We are all glad to have this chance of seeing and hearing him again, and want him to know that the prayers of many he has helped and inspired are following him in all his ministry.

### REV. AND MRS. CALLIS EXPRESS THANKS TO ALL

The people of Jefferson have been generous in their gifts toward furnishing the Jefferson Manse. The church installed a new laundry heater for hot water. Mr. Gene Scott has given three tons of coal which will "come in very handy" during this cold and snowy weather. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown gave a living room suite to the manse. Other nice gifts were a load of wood from the Tysons and a beautiful linoleum rug for the kitchen that was given by the Robert McNeills.

The First Presbyterian Church of Winston-Salem has also been very kind and generous. The Neal Andersons Men's Bible Class gave an electric range.

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**FRANCES OGDEN FOREMAN**



This happy little girl will be celebrating her first birthday during the Bible School time this summer. Her home is on Horse Creek, at the Lansing Presbyterian Manse. Frances loves company, and left word with the editors to tell everyone who reads this that they are invited to come and stay all day.

**Miller Coming To Stone Chapel Soon**

Winter winds and eight-foot snowdrifts across the roads have not stopped the regular services at Stone Presbyterian Chapel, and the community is looking forward to the coming of Preacher Donald G. Miller in the early part of May for a series of preaching services before the heaviest work in the fields is on us. Dr. Miller is a Christian minister whose life backs up his gospel message, and for years has been one of the most earnest Bible readers and Bible students anywhere around. A pastor out in Texas for several years, he now teaches Bible at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, and makes his home there.

**FROM CONGO BELGE, AFRICA**

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Dear Mr. Luke:

The Ashe Presbyterian with the letter has just been received. I want to thank you and the staff for sending us this paper . . . Please keep me on your mailing list.

I was interested in the picture of the Jeep and the article about Mr. A. A. Cashion's bulldozer. We have been talking about the practicalness of having two such machines on our Mission. Some of our Stations are washing badly, and a bulldozer would just do the trick. If you folks at home have found it practicable why not try it on the Mission field.

I was interested in the sentence in the letter about the young folks

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who might join us here. If, at any time, any of these young people would like to write us and ask questions, please encourage them to do so. It gives us a real joy to be able to help the folks at home in their understanding of our work on the Foreign Field.

With every good wish to you and yours, and wishing for you and your efforts a most blessed New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,  
WILLIAM T. MULCAY.

**GLADE VALLEY WILL BE HOST TO PRESBYTERIES**

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Rev. Robert A. Potter, Pastor Waughtown Pres. Church.  
Each Presbytery will convene and complete their own business.

You cannot teach a child to take care of himself unless you will let him try to take care of himself. He will make mistakes; and out of these mistakes will come his wisdom.—H. W. Beecher.

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## A Picture Of Elder Jesse Baker, Obids

By J. W. Luke

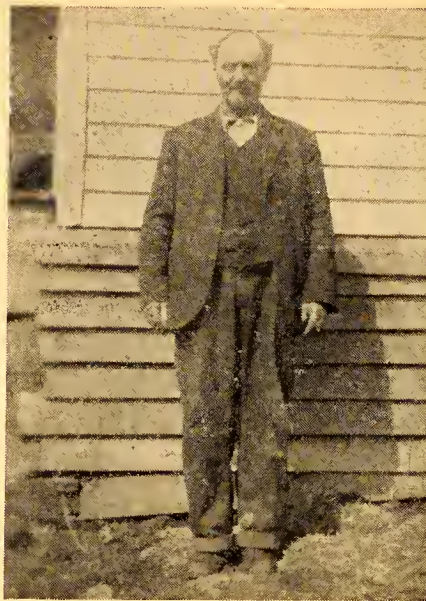
Obids has been one community in which I especially enjoyed serving as pastor. The reasons for this probably were the good people who lived there. Among these are the men of kindness and character in which Obids seemed to abound. The rugged hills around the little valley of Obids, in some ways exemplifies the stalwart characters that live there; the sunny meadows that border the murmuring creek, seem to bring you the smile of the kindhearted people that live upon them.

One of those rugged and kindhearted people, whom we young pastors can never forget, is a man who has the name of David's father, Jesse. Like his great namesake, Elder Jesse Baker is a farmer and a herdsman. He is the son of William Baker who married Miss Jane Sheets. Brother Jesse Baker was born on Peak Creek. In 1901 he married Miss Sarah M. Blackburn, the daughter of Mr. Hiram Blackburn, whose wife was Miss Juliet Calloway.

In 1904 the Obids Presbyterian Church was organized and Jesse Baker was a charter member and elected an elder. He has served as elder now at his church for forty-three years. During this time Brother Baker has taught Sunday School for about forty years. He has always been a teacher that appealed to little children, and he has taught a class of primaries for many years. There is something about his kindly spirit and his gentle voice, that little children love. They feel that here is someone who understands them and cares for them. Many a Sunday when the superintendent announced, "Teachers will now take charge of their classes," I have seen Mr. Baker, like the Pied Piper of Hamlet, lead his class of children into his corner of the church.

Elder and Mrs. Baker have two children, Everett Baker, of Glendale Springs, N. C., and Lillian, who is Mrs. Millard Davis, of Winston-Salem, N. C. There are also five grandchildren, and it is useless to say, they think a lot of their Grandpa Jesse.

Some impressions of Mr. Jesse Baker I cannot forget. One is that of a little path that winds over a rolling hill to the church, and on that path I see him making his way to the church. I see him sitting on his eastern porch that overlooks the sunny meadow, greeting the morning sun. I see him as he sits among a class of children on a bench in the corner of the church. I see him as I saw him from the pulpit as he and Brother J. C. Crawford would exchange sympathetic glances, and then share a few tears together. I cannot forget the first day I met Brother Jesse, and the impression he made upon me. Mr. Baker was a man who was always sharing his apples with you and especially with all the children around him. He had two big pockets, one on each side of his coat. He could pull more apples out of those two pockets than a magician could pull



Elder Jesse Baker

rabbits out of a hat. He shares apples with everyone. When we have a good apple year, Brother Jesse is a happy man as long as the apples last. The first Sunday I preached at Obids, Mr. Baker had his son take us to the next appointment where I was to preach. When we rode along the road, apples were shared with the children or his friends to whom he could hand or toss them. Brother Jesse Baker is now seventy-one years old, and is faithful to his vows as Elder of the Flock. He is not only a man of God, but one of the kindest men of God that I know.

## Girl From Brazil Is Visitor At Lansing

One of the great experiences of the year at Lansing has been a visit to our country by Miss Edla Gabriel de Oliveira, a consecrated Christian girl from Brazil who is studying at the General Assembly's Training School in Richmond. Miss Edla not only captured our interest as she spoke at Young People's Fellowship and at Sunday School; she captured our hearts as she visited us in our homes, bringing friendship and greetings from her home countryside in the name of Christ.

### A Word From Edla

This is just a word of appreciation to the people of Lansing for the wonderful time I had while visiting their community.

The three days that I spent in the mountains meant more to me than I can say—: the hospitality of the Foremans, the remarkable interest of the young people and their leader Miss Betty Tinley, the cold weather in contrast with the warm Christian hearts, the wonderful welcome in the homes, the beautiful sight of the snow-capped hills, all these made a most helpful and delightful weekend.

I shall always keep its memories in the treasure chest of my mind, and shall forever covet the spiritual blessing and fellowship I experienced those few days.

Sincerely,  
Edla.

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## Boy Scouts And Cubs Active At Glendale

The Scouts and Cubs sponsored by the Glendale Springs Church has been very active this winter. As this article goes to press, five scouts are expected to go before the Court of Reviews to pass their Second Class Scout test. The Scouts have played three basketball games this season and are planning to play other games with troops in Ashe County. The Scout room has been improved with built-in book cases and other finishing work in the basement of the church. The Cubs meet with Mr. Tom Boyd and are very active also. We are looking forward to some interesting camping this summer. Rev. Kenneth Foreman, Jr., who is an amateur radio operator, gave an inspiring program on the use of the Morse Code, demonstrating with his two way radio.

## Bob McQuilkin To Help At Glendale

Everyone will be glad to hear that Bob McQuilkin will be back with us this coming summer. Bob did fine work last summer in Bible Schools, preaching work, and among the young people.

Bob is a student at Columbia Bible College in Columbia, S. C. He is the son of Dr. McQuilkin, President of Columbia Bible College. Bob is a good leader with the trumpet. We are looking forward to having him with us this coming summer season.

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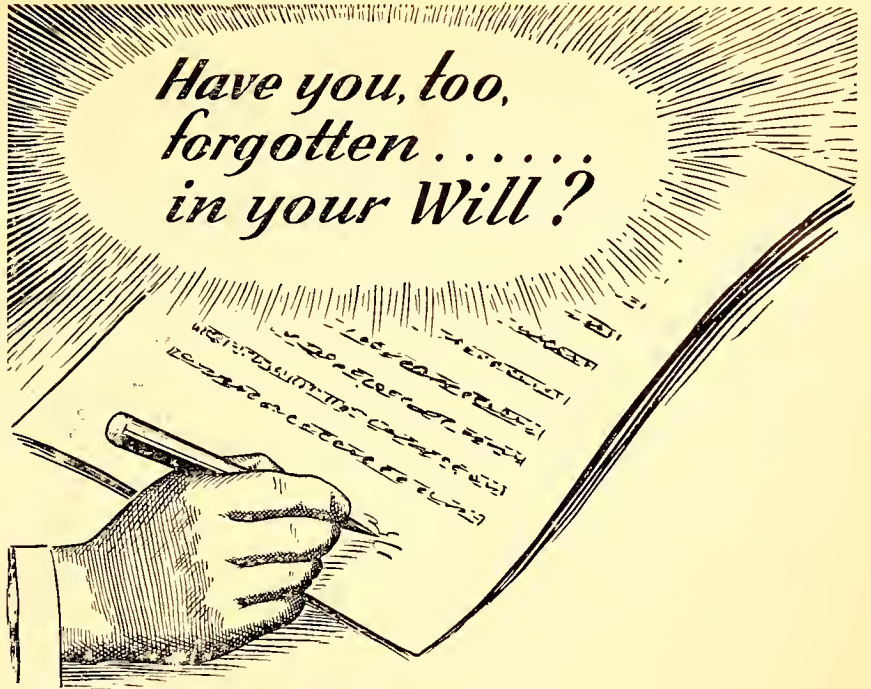
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A prominent woman sat in her attorney's office discussing the writing of her will. Since the attorney had known her and her relatives, she asked him if she had forgotten anyone who should be remembered in her will. The attorney thought a while and then said, "Yes, you have forgotten Jesus." She thanked him, and made a substantial provision for the work of our Presbyterian Church in the United States.

If you wish to name the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, in your will, the following form of bequest should be used:

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### Let Your Lawyer Draw Your Will

Perhaps you have put off this privilege of disposing of your property exactly in accordance with your wishes. Perhaps your will should be re-written to meet changing conditions. In either event, consult your attorney. Only a good lawyer can give your will the legal attention it must have to avoid serious mistakes.

## SNOW IN ASHE



The above picture will give you an idea why we cannot be as active in the Winter as we would like to be. We fight the weather and enjoy it, yet it decreases the activity of our church work. If you wonder why we do not have success in every member canvasses and have them on time, just remember we are drifted in and out, and country roads are blanketed and drifted with snow.

## Sunday School At W. Jefferson Grows

The Sunday School at West Jefferson has been making good progress through the winter, despite the bad weather. Our enrollment has doubled, and attendance has been high.

Three children, Linda Reeves, Mary Lou Woodie and Clyde Woodie have won Testaments for perfect attendance for a whole quarter.

Tentative dates for the evangelistic services at West Jefferson have been set for July 9-16 to be led by Rev. Hubert Morris, of New Bern, North Carolina.

### City Cafe

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## EVERY MEMBER CANVASSES FOR GLENDALE FIELD

The weather has been against us in every member canvass season this year for the country is covered with snow. Some of our churches have not been very active and the people are scattered. To counteract this handicap we are sending out detailed reports for each of the seven churches of this field. By these reports our members can see what they have given and for what causes of the church the money has been used. We can also see how we lack contributions to some

of the important causes of our church also. This should make us want to give and come to the front on all of the Lord's work.

Another letter is being sent out to all members with pledge cards in them, requesting the pledges be sent in at once. We hope all members will take notice of these letters and be prompt in sending or handing the pledges to your pastor or treasurer. Some of the members have pledged in the meetings at the churches. Do not be the last, be among the first to hand yours in.

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## Youth Fellowship Groups Are Active

The Youth Fellowship groups of the various churches are a vital part of the church program and are active in the churches of the various fields.

### FOSTER MEMORIAL

On Tuesday night May 13 the young people of the Foster Memorial Presbyterian Church and the Nella Community organized a Presbyterian Youth Fellowship.

The new officers and Commission Chairmen are:

President, Geraldine Wyatt; Secretary, Coline Jones; Treasurer, Fred Carter; Chairman of Christian Faith, Maxine Carter; Chairman of Christian Growth, Wanda Weaver; Chairman of Christian Outreach, Ralph Graham; Chairman of Christian Works, Pauline Weaver; Chairman of Christian Comradeship, Geraldine Wyatt and Coline Jones.

The Fellowship meets every Tuesday night at the Foster Memorial Presbyterian Church at 7:30. It is our prayer that our new Fellowship may be a power and an influence for Christ throughout the community.

### LANSING

The new Council of the Lansing Presbyterian Youth Fellowship went to High Haven, the home of the Rev. L. J. Yelanjian, for a Retreat Saturday, May 10.

The purpose of the retreat was through prayer and discussion to plan ways the Fellowship could serve our Master more effectively and to make specific plans for the summer months. At the close of the day the Rev. John Luke gave the members an inspirational talk on the purpose of the

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Harold Copping

**"The harvest is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into the harvest." Matt. 9:37-38.**

**"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.**

## Start Repairs On W. Jefferson Bldg.

The West Jefferson church has begun work on some long-needed repairs on the church building. A ceiling has been built in the vestibule, and the walls there will be plastered.

The Auxiliary plans to cover the concrete floor of the vestibule with asphalt tile. In the sanctuary some repair plastering will be done and the whole will be painted. One Sunday

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## John Luke Day Will Be Observed Aug. 31

Rev. John W. Luke, who has served the churches of Ashe county for twenty years, will be honored by citizens of Ashe and Wilkes county on August 31 at a celebration called "John Luke Day." The celebration will be held at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church when all of the six churches in the Presbyterian field will be represented.

Delmer Rose, elder, and superintendent of the Glendale Springs church school, is general chairman for the program. Special plans are being made for an all-day celebration and dinner will be served on the church grounds. Any information concerning the program may be secured from Mr. Rose.

This event has been planned as a surprise for Mr. Luke and this announcement is his first notice of it.

## Bible Schools Well Attended This Season

Bible Schools and evangelistic services are an important part of the summer work of all of the churches and are looked forward to by many, each year. Attendance and interest have been unusually good this year in the schools that have already been held. Some are still to be conducted and are being looked forward to with enthusiasm.

Dates for those still to be held are as follows:

Millers, June 29 - July 11; Glendale Springs, July 13-25, Dr. Robert King; Bethel, July 27-August 8; Laurel Fork, August 11-22. Evangelists for all of these meetings have not been entirely settled. The Peak Creek Bible school is now in progress.

### WEST JEFFERSON

The revival meeting and Bible School will be held in the West Jefferson church July 7-16. The Rev. Hubert Morris of New Bern, will preach for the ten-day meeting. Many of our readers will remember Mr. Morris from his work with Mr. Stone during his seminary days.

Miss Beauford Bobbett, of Charlotte, a student at Queens College, will assist with the Bible School.

### GILLESPIE

The Christian Chatauqua at Gillespie Presbyterian Church is being held the last two weeks in June, beginning June 15 with preaching service at dark. Rev. W. S. Patterson is to preach the revival, and Miss Betty Tinley will direct the Bible School. Mr. Patterson is the Stated Clerk of Kings Mountain Presbytery, and is known already to many in the community through his niece, Miss Marjorie Patterson.

### EBENEZER

On May 18 the Bible School and meeting at Ebenezer Church.

Rev. W. C. Cooper of Gastonia, was

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## McNeill Ordained As Church Deacon

Robert McNeill was ordained a deacon in the Jefferson Presbyterian Church on May 4. Mr. McNeill's grandfather, E. A. McNeill was a Ruling Elder in the Jefferson Church. J. D. McNeill, Robert McNeill's father has been a deacon in the Jefferson Church for many years.

Robert has been a faithful member of the Church since boyhood. Coming from such a fine Presbyterian family we are sure Robert will be a faithful and consecrated deacon. We welcome him into this sacred office and he may rest assured that our prayers will follow him as he endeavors to serve Christ in this capacity.

## Dates To Remember

WINSTON - SALEM PRESBY-  
TERY

At Lexington Second Ch. July 15  
Senior Y. P.'s Conference —  
July 28 - Aug. 1

Pioneer Conference—Aug. 4-9.  
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### CONFERENCES

Woman's Aux. Training School  
— July 1-7.

Montreat Leadership School—  
July 8-17.

Men-at-Montreat Conference and  
Sunday School Supt. Conferences  
—July 18-20.

Young Adult Conference —  
Aug. 7-10.

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**EDITORIAL****SUMMER TIME EQUALS BIBLE SCHOOLS**

By Betty Tinley

Many of the children in Ashe County become familiar with an equation before they are four years old—SUMMER TIME equals BIBLE SCHOOLS. Why, it is just the first week of June and several of the churches have already had a two-weeks Bible Schools.

This equation SUMMER TIME equals BIBLE SCHOOLS starts our thinking along two lines.

Why do we have Bible Schools? What are the fundamental purposes? Today a little seven year old girl said she came to Bible School to learn about God and Jesus. Her answer certainly contains one of the main "Whys" of Bible School and is in accord with Christ's prayer, "And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent." John 17:3

We can find another answer to the fundamental purposes of Bible School in Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, 3:15, "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

SUMMER TIME—BIBLE SCHOOLS makes me think of a great Christian who has been conducting Bible Schools in Ashe County for 20 years this summer — The Rev. John W. Luke, the Pastor of 7 of our churches. Many boys and girls have been led to know God and accept Christ as their Saviour because of Mr. Luke's Bible Schools. I heard someone describing Mr. Luke the other day like this—"he is the person who is the most like Christ I have ever known." Through Bible Schools this man who is so much like Christ is helping other girls and boys to be like our Master. We pray that every Bible School teacher in the world may be such a one.

**Auxiliary Observes Silver Anniversary**

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Foster Memorial Presbyterian Church invited the ladies of the Gillespie and Lansing Auxiliaries to meet with them at the Foster Memorial Presbyterian Church Tuesday, May 13, at 1:30 P. M. to celebrate the Silver Anniversary of the Birthday Offering.

Twenty-four ladies were present. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. James Vannoy, President of the Foster Memorial Auxiliary. After a hymn was sung, Mrs. K. J. Foreman, Jr., led the group in a study of Matthew 4, 5, and 6, The Sermon on the Mount Miss Geraldine Wyatt sang "The Lord's Prayer."

Mrs. Victor Clark, President of the Lansing Auxiliary, Mrs. Edgar Barr, President of the Gillespie Auxiliary, and Mrs. James Vannoy made talks on China, Japan and Korea, respectively, the countries where our 1947 birthday offering will be sent.

When the ladies went downstairs to enjoy a very pleasant social hour, they found a large birthday cake with 25 candles on it to represent the 25th Anniversary of the Birthday offering.

**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP GROUP ARE ACTIVE**

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Fellowship—to worship God, to save souls, to learn Christian truths, and to fellowship together.

The members of the new Council who went were:

President, Marlene Jones; Secretary, Maureen Richardson; Treasurer, Dawes Graybeal.

Chairman of Christian Faith, Katherine Carter; Chairman of Christian Growth, Clara Shepherd; Chairman of Christian Outreach, Allene Powers; Chairman of Christian Works, Jackie Richardson.

**GILLESPIE**

Miss Josephine Lindsey, Director of Christian Education at the First Presbyterian Church Bristol, Tennessee, was the guest of the Gillespie Presbyterian Youth Fellowship, April 9, and talked to the group on "What It Means To Be A Christian."

At a Council meeting of the officers of the Fellowship, the following young people were appointed to serve as Acting Commission Chairman: Christian Faith, Mary Hamm; Christian Growth, Daphne Thompson; Christian Outreach, Kyle Tucker; Christian Works, Gordon Davis; Christian Comradeship, Cecil Sheperd.

**GLADE VALLEY HIGH CAMPAIGN**

All of the churches of the Glendale Field have subscribed to their allotted part in the Campaign. Laurel Fork has advanced farthest in raising the cash for their part. They have raised over half of their allotment and are planning to give in cash their part this summer.

**Famous Picture At Peak Creek Church**

The Bible School and Evangelistic Meeting will begin at the Peak Creek Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 15 at 8 p. m.

During the first week of the meeting two famous moving sound films will be shown—"The Nobleman's Son." will be shown on June 17, Tuesday, and "Golgotha" will be shown on Friday, June 20. The last named picture is a two hour picture and is one (Continued on page 4)

**START REPAIRS ON WEST JEFFERSON BLDG.**

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School room upstairs will be plastered, and so will one of the rooms in the basement.

The stairway from the sanctuary to the basement, which has never been finished, will be plastered, and the basement walls and floor will be painted. These improvements will help the appearance of the building tremendously.

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## Lansing Youth Fellowship Meets



Miss Betty Tialey extreme (right) is seen here meeting with part of the Lansing Youth Fellowship Council at Katherine Carter's home. Others in the picture, left to right, are: Dawes Graybeal, Charles Dol-

inger, and Marian Farmer. Katherine's picture is on the dresser behind the lamp.

## Myers Park Group Visits Ashe County

On May 25, Sunday, cars full of young people from the Myers Park Presbyterian Sunday School came rolling up to the little new church at Glendale Springs. By a pre-arranged plan this took place. There were fifteen folks who came along, some of whom were parents of the Pioneers who were loaded in the cars. In the cars there were fifty or more Sunday School scholars from the pioneer department of Myers Park.

R. M. Mauldin, the superintendent of the pioneer department led this fine group to our doors. Miss Eleanor Belk who is Director of the Pioneers chaperoned the party. Other adults who drove cars and came with the party were—Mr. Everett Bierman, Mr. and Mrs. Wyss Berker, Mr. and Mrs. Norcen, Mr. Whit Henderson, Mrs. McKeel, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Gailand, Mr. N. C. Shirer, and Mr. Christian.

These fine people each went to their respective Sunday School Classes and attended the morning service in the Glendale Church.

At lunch time our visitors brought out abundance of food—enough for themselves and our whole Sunday School. The auxiliary of the Glendale Church served pies, and lemonade.

Mr. Mauldin distributed a little pioneer paper entitled the "Pine Ears" which was enjoyed by all. This paper is edited by George Porter, of the department.

Mr. Delmer Rose, the Superintendent of the Sunday School did a nice job of handling the crowd, and teaching the adult class.

We have heard many nice remarks of the fine group that came to see us on Sunday 25. May God bless them all in the service of the Master.

## Bible Institute Is Held At Jefferson

The Bible School Institute was held at Jefferson Presbyterian Church, on May 17 under the direction of Miss Poseana Barns, Bible School Extension Worker for the Synod of North Carolina. She was assisted by Miss Mildred Snyder from Lexington. The Institute was both inspirational and educational.

### BOB McQUILKIN AT GLENDALE FIELD AGAIN THIS SUMMER

Bob McQuilkin is back this summer to help in the Glendale Springs Field. Bob has graduated at Columbia Bible College this season and will go to some Seminary next year to study, looking forward to the ministry.

Bob has his trumpet with him and is aiding with the music as well as preaching and Bible Schools.

### REV. & MRS. L. J. YELANJIAN

Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Yelanjian are back at "High Haven" and to stay we understand. Mr. Yelanjian is filling the pulpit for some of the vacant home mission churches in Surry County. Mrs. Yelanjian is aiding in Bible Schools in the Glendale Springs Field.

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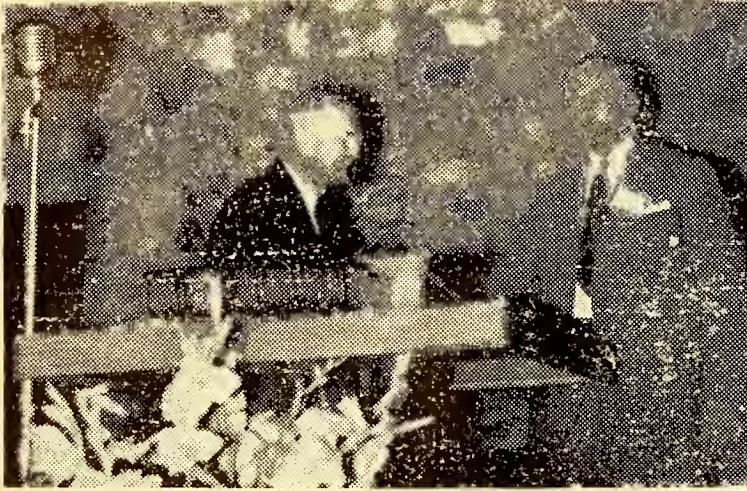
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## Elected As Moderator Of Assembly



Dr. John R. Cunningham, a member of our own Presbyterian of Winston-Salem, who has just been elected Moderator of the 87th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

## Women's Auxiliaries Active In Churches

The Woman's Auxiliary Training School was held at the Jefferson Presbyterian Church, on May 16 under the direction of Mrs. Poits, Synodical worker from Charlotte. Mrs. Don C. Coffey, Jr., Chairman of the North Wilkesboro District, presided and Mrs. Watt Cooper of North Wilkesboro gave the Devotional. The following Churches were represented, Lansing, Sparta, Glade Valley, North Wilkesboro, West Jefferson and Jefferson.

We were happy that many of our ladies attended Presbyterial Tuesday May 6 at Mocksville. Mr. Noah Graham, elder of the Foster Memorial Presbyterian Church, took some of the ladies to the meeting. Those who attended were, Mrs. James Vannoy, Mrs. L. B. Ham, Mrs. M. E. Claycomb, Miss Mildred Elliott, Mrs. Victor Clark, Mrs. J. O. Blevins, Mrs. Ike Stuart, Miss Betty Tinley.

The ladies present at the Group Meeting of the Auxiliary held at the Jefferson Presbyterian Church May 16 were, Mrs. Clarence Stansberry, Mrs. Charles Blevins, Mrs. Ike Stuart, Miss Betty Tinley.

Mrs. Tom Powers, Mrs. K. J. Foreman, Jr., Miss Geraldine Wyatt, Miss Katherine Carter, Miss Clara Shepherd, Miss Allene Powers, and Miss Betty Tinley attended the Bible School Institute at the Jefferson Presbyterian Church Saturday May 17th.

## FAMOUS PICTURE AT PEAK CREEK CHURCH

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of the famous pictures of the life of Christ.

Bible School will be held each morning at 9 a. m. and as usual all the children in the community are invited. Rev. Mr. Cheshire from Gastonia will preach for the last week of the meeting. The first week will be filled by moving pictures and Bob McQuilkin or the pastor.

## 29 YOUNG PEOPLE GO TO LEXINGTON MEETING

Twenty nine young people and leaders went to the Young People's Rally at Lexington Sunday afternoon April 27:

Marlene Jones, Maureen Richardson, Paul Brooks, Charlie Dolinger, Ralph Pugh, Volree Parker Ham, Kyle Tucker, Gordon Davis, Cecil Shepherd, Dawes Graybeal, Geraldine Wyatt, Maxine Carter, Geneva Greer, Clara Shepherd, Allene Powers, Jackie Richardson, Laura Nana Eller, Ray Neeves, Larry Brooks, Willie Barton, Paul Sutherland, Betty McNeil, Rose Stamper, Frances Stamper, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Osborne, Miss Betty Tinley, and Rev. K. J. Foreman, Jr.

## OVERSEAS RELIEF

Overseas Relief was sponsored by many of the churches of the Ashe County field. The picture "Seeds of Destiny" was shown at many points by Rev. J. W. Luke, and many churches made contributions of clothing for this great need.

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# Has Anniversary



Historic Ebenezer church is observing its fiftieth Anniversary, this year.

## Ebenezer Church Now 50 Years Old

Anyone who might be traveling the detour from Glendale Springs to the Ore Knob would pass by a rather tall frame church building beside a large grave yard. If you will drive in the church yard, and take a look at the corner stone, you will notice the name of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church built in 1897. This church was organized and built by Dr. E. E. Gillespie, our own Superintendent of Home Missions of the Synod of North Carolina. When Ebenezer Church was built, Dr. Gillespie was a young minister sent into the mountains by the First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro.

This year of 1947 makes the half century for this old church as you can well calculate for yourself.

The organization and building of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church marks a mile stone for Presbyterianism in Ashe County and surrounding mountainous counties. Before the Civil War we have record of a Presbyterian Minister by the name of McEwen preaching in 1862. Later we have records of the preaching of Rev. B. L. Beal who began to preach in 1867. Then a Rev. Mr. Wilson preached some in Ashe County. After this the work of the Presbyterian Church was not active until 1897 when a young minister named Rev. E. E. Gillespie began his work and built Ebenezer Presbyterian church just fifty years ago. Since then eleven churches have been organized and built in Ashe County, besides others connected to the Ashe county field in adjoining counties. Ebenezer is the mother church of several of these churches that have come into life during the years since she was organized.

This year should be a year of triumph for old Ebenezer church. The members are talking of a home coming in September. They would like their former pastors to return and celebrate with them for a day.

Another plan that is being talked of is the improvement of the building which has become weather-worn and wind-shaken. We do not yet know whether to tear down and build over

or to try to strengthen in some way. people of this old church, for she has done the work of the Lord Jesus Christ for these fifty years past.

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## Bible School Time



**Bible Schools and Evangelistic season now in full swing in all fields in Ashe county fields.**

### BIBLE SCHOOLS WELL ATTENDED THIS SEASON

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the evangelist for the meeting.  
Teachers for the Bible School were Miss Marie Atwood, Madge Atwood, Bernice Roten, Mary Frances Luke, Mrs. Herbert Bare drew two illustrations for talks for morning devotional. Mrs. J. W. Luke served as pianist and Rev. J. W. Luke directed the Bible School. Miss Irene Atwood assisted by hearing catechism.

The Bible School and meeting were the best we have had for a number of years, both in attendance and in interest.

Rev. W. C. Cooper preached excellent sermons, and many people attended. There were many reconsecrations. There were also professions of faith by the children of the Bible School and others in the services. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hunt and Loyd Hunt were received by profession and baptism.

#### BIBLE SCHOOL—LOW GAP

As the paper goes to press the Low Gap Meeting and Bible School is in full progress, and God's blessings seem to be upon us there. The Bible School attendance has gone to almost 70, and the crowds at the night services are unusually good.

Rev. Cecil Callis is preaching, Mrs. L. J. Yelanjian is the musician, Miss Alma Colvard, Mary Stringer, Marjorie Dean Lyle, and Mrs. Yelanjian are teaching. J. W. Luke is directing the Bible School and leading singing.

Mr. Callis is doing some good clear preaching and not too long so the farmers can go home early and get a little sleep.

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## Bible Schools Are All Well Attended

The Bible schools and evangelistic services have been well attended this summer. Brief reports of many of them are given here:

### STONE'S CHAPEL

The teachers in this Bible school were Misses Allene Powers and Betty Tinley.

Dr. Donald Miller from Union Theological Seminary preached the revival every night.

Katherine Calhoun and Mary Calhoun were perfect in attendance.

### FOSTER MEMORIAL

The teachers at the Foster Memorial Bible school were: Miss Buford Bobbitt, Dawes Graybeal and Miss Betty Tinley. Substitute teachers, Misses Maxine Carter and Colene Jones.

Rev. K. J. Foreman, Jr., preached in the revival each night.

Those who were perfect in attendance at Bible school were: Sylvie Carter, Carl Carter, Kathleen Carter, Dean Carter, Alene Vannoy, Ola Ann Crabam, Janice Hoppers, Helen Barr and Roy Barr.

### GILLESPIE

The following were teachers at Gillespie Bible school: Mrs. Willa Mae Claycomb, Misses Ann Brown and Betty Tinley.

Preacher for the revival was Mr. Will Patterson.

Perfect attendance—Carolyn Sheets, Blain Sheets, Daphne Sue Barr, Joan Barr, Tracy Barr, Catherine Miller, Selma Ham, Lorraine Ham, Tressie Calhoun, Elsie Ball, Eileen Ball and Mary Ham.

### LANSING

Teachers for the Lansing Bible school were: Mrs. Tom Powers, Miss Maureen Richardson, Mrs. Raymond Powers, Mrs. Claude Gambill, Mrs. Ray Blevins, Miss Anne Brown and Miss Betty Tinley.

Substitute teacher, Miss Clara Shepherd. Director, Rev. K. J. Foreman, Jr.

Revival preacher was Dr. J. E. Flow.

Perfect attendance—Nancy Paisley, Ann Neeves, Betty Jo Campbell, Rena Blevins, Blanch Ellis Grace Ellis, Charles Ellis, Elaine Starsberrv, Mary Elizabeth Huddler, Barbara Paisley, Marlene Jones, Katherine Carter, Allene Powers, Jackie Richardson, Clara Shepherd, Alma Jean Barker, Joan Gentry, Dawes Graybeal, Charles Dolinger, Jimmy Sullivan, Billy Sullivan, Dick Weaver, Marv Ann Campbell, Mary Blevins Ann Blevins, Mary Gambill, Elizabeth Eastridge and Ralph Hart.

### MEADOW VIEW

Teachers for this Bible school were Miss Clara Shepherd, Ann Brown and Betty Tinley.

Those who were perfect in attendance were Sandra Sue Blevins, Ted Blevins, Johnny Bennett, Bobby Bennett, Herbert Baldwin, Rolly Shepherd, Larry Shepherd and Billy Tuck-

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## PRESBYTERY MEETS HERE



Fester Memorial church, Asheville county, where the Winston-Salem Presbytery will convene, Oct. 14.

## Car Bought For Rev. W. P Boyle

Seven of the West Jefferson men recently gave their pastor substantial assistance in the purchase of a new Chevrolet car. Those who took part in making the contribution were Messrs. R. C. Barr, R. W. Barr, A. G. Denny, G. P. Little and Rex Morton, members of the Presbyterian church and G. O.

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## Improvement Made In Horse Creek Field

In the Horse Creek group of churches, has been some steady improvement in the different church plants. The officers at Foster Memorial have painted all the outside woodwork. When you come to Presbytery, take a good look at where some of that outside woodwork is! You will believe that only a team of acrobats could have reached the highest and dizziest parts of it.

At Lansing, hot water has been installed in the manse, and the wiring expanded to allow for 220-volt equipment. The study floor has been sanded and varnished, and the kitchen sanded and redecorated with a hope of inlaid linoleum if it can ever be found.

New Hymnals for Christian Worship are a pride and joy at Foster Memorial, and Gillespie has added another dozen to their supply of this same fine hymnal. The revival found such enthusiastic congregational singing that there were not enough books to go around.

## Callis Will Serve Big Ridge, Low Gap

Rev. Cecil Callis, now pastor of the Jefferson church, has been called to the Big Ridge and Low Gap churches. He has been working with these people for six months and he has come to know and love them dearly. The people now look forward to the time when he will be installed.

Rev. and Mrs. Callis are happy to announce that they now have someone to share the big manse at Jefferson with them. On the morning of July 17, Cecile, a daughter was born to them. Her picture will appear in a later edition of the Ashe Presbyterian.

The Jefferson Manse is all sparkling with a new coat of paint on the outside. It looks like a different place. There are some more improvements we hope to have made soon. The plaster in the kitchen has partially fallen and the woodwork and walls on the inside need painting. If things go well we hope to have this accomplished by next summer.

The members of the Jefferson church are happy to announce that they have purchased 100 new Hymnals.

### Summary of 1947 Summer Meetings and Bible Schools

Church	Enrollment	Attendance	Ave. Atten.	Perfect Att.	Join Church
W. Jefferson	31	42	26	10	
*Obids					
(No Meeting)	No	Bible	School		
Low Gap	85	65	50	30	1
Big Ridge	33	29	25	18	
*Jefferson	30	26	25	20	
(No Meeting)					
Ebenezer	51	39	30	14	3
Peak Creek	55	43	33	14	
Millers	53	46	40	33	1
Glendale Sp'gs	105	93	55	50	12
Bethel	60	48	36	22	18
*Laurel Fork	25	20	17	15	
(No Meeting)					
Lansing	110	89	79	28	
Gillespie	62	46	38	12	3
Foster Mem.	34	29	22	9	
Stone Chapel	36	24	20	2	
*Meadow View	28	21	17	8	
(O. Post)					
*Flatwoods	37	21	13		
(O. Post)					
TOTAL	835	681	526	285	38

Note. \*Denotes meetings not held yet.

## Dates To Remember

- District Conference at W. Jefferson ----- Sept. 26th.
- Ebenezer Fiftieth Anniversary ----- Oct 12th.
- Winston-Salem Pres. at Foster Memorial ----- Oct. 14th.
- Men of the Pres. Meeting—Winston-Salem ----- Nov. 13th.

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**EDITORIALS****"Excuses"**

"And they all with one consent began to make excuse."

Excuses are as old as the hills around us. They are to be found as far back as the Garden of Eden. After Adam had sinned, he tried to excuse himself, "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree and I did eat." He tried to excuse himself by laying all the blame on God; Eve tried to excuse her mistake by laying the blame on the serpent.

People are still making excuses today. Some are just as void and foolish as the ones which were made long ago.

Luke plainly tells us that these three men were not invited to work, or to a funeral, or to hear some dry lecture; they were not invited to witness some terrible scene or execution. But they were invited to a feast. Think of that! And with one consent these men began to make excuse.

This feast was much more than an ordinary banquet—it was a royal feast. If the president of the U. S. should invite you to attend a feast at the White House, you would gladly accept the invitation; furthermore, you would want this published in the paper to show how you had been honored. But, here is an invitation worth more than that, here is a letter from the King of Kings, The Lord of Lords, God's only Son, asking us to His House. None are slighted, all are asked to be present. He invites His bitterest enemies, those who are in rebellion against Him. And yet, men and women make excuses. No sooner is the invitation given, than the excuses begin to pour in.

Let us strive to be honest with God. After all, shouldn't we be, if we are to bear the name, "Christian?"

In many instances we're not honest with God. We should heed his invitation to attend his Church, his Gospel feast. Few of us can give valid reasons for not going to church on Sunday. Regardless of how long and how hard we try, the excuse we give will not be

**THANKS AND APPRECIATION**

It was a great joy for us to have so many friends come to the special day held at Glendale Springs church on August 31st. We express our deep appreciation of your presence and for the gift given to us on that day. I feel there are so many others who are longer in service than myself, who should receive honor for their work.

In receiving your praise and honor showed us, I would in turn cast your crown of appreciation at the feet of the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is He who has been the strength and inspiration of my life.

Mrs. Luke joins me in saying, "Thank you, and may God bless you."

**BIBLE SCHOOLS ARE ALL WELL ATTENDED**

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er.

There was no meeting held here.

**PEAK CREEK**

In the June issue of the Ashe Presbyterian, Ebenezer meeting and Bible school were written up. We turn down the calendar to June 16 through the 26. This was the time of the Peak Creek Bible school and meeting.

Rev. C. L. Cheshire of Gastonia, preached in this meeting and we all liked him and his clear sermons.

The teachers in the Bible school were Mrs. L. J. Yelanjian, Miss Bernice Roten, Mary Frances Luke, Mr. Bob McQuilkin and the pastor.

Although it was a time of hoeing corn, it was well attended as you can see by the block in this paper.

**MILLERS**

The meeting and Bible school at this church began on June 29 and ended on July 11.

After a night or two of religious moving pictures and two nights of preaching by Mr. Bob McQuilkin, Rev. L. J. Yelanjian completed the revival.

The Bible school was well attended and the following taught classes, Mrs. L. J. Yelanjian, Bob McQuilkin,

accepted by God. Then, is it not down right folly for anyone to make excuses.

When we make excuses we're fooling no one but ourselves. Let us stop making excuses to our Lord. Let us throw them to the wind.

May we strive to say with the psalmist of old, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

Margie Dean Lyle, Marie Patrick and the pastor.

**FLATWOODS**

No meeting was held here, and the teachers for this new Bible school were Misses Ann Brown and Betty Tinley.

**BETHEL**

The end of the summer was getting so close on us, that we had to double up on Bible schools. Bethel was held at the same time as Laurel Fork, July 28 through August 7. At Bethel we had the meeting at the same time as the Bible school, as most of the others are held.

Rev. J. T. Barnham preached at the nightly services, and God used these fine messages to bring forth fruit. Eighteen people united with the church. Four of these united by letter.

The Bible school was taught by Mrs. L. J. Yelanjian, Misses Cleo Osborne, Frances Vannoy and the pastor, J. W. Luke.

Although rainy weather came at this time, we had a wonderful meeting and Bible school.

**LAUREL FORK**

As was stated above the Laurel Fork Bible school was held the same time as the Bethel school. Bob McQuilkin, Mrs. J. W. Luke and Miss Elaine Cox held the Bible school. They had a fine school and Bob taught many new courses to the children.

The Laurel Fork meeting will be held later with Rev. Hayes Clark preaching. The date is set September 25 through October 3.

**GLENDALE SPRINGS**

Dates of this meeting and Bible school were July 14 through 24. It was the largest Bible school held in this field. As you will notice in the block of results, the enrollment alone of children was 105.

Dr. Robert King preached in this meeting and we cannot speak too highly of the wonderful spiritual messages that were given.

The Bible school was taught by Mrs. L. J. Yelanjian, Mrs. Robert Woodie, Misses June Crepps, Virginia Miller, Marjorie D. Lyle, Mary F. Luke, Mr. Bob McQuilkin and the pastor.

At the beginning of the meeting, the woman's auxiliary gave a plate supper and invited the men of the congregation and of the community to get acquainted with Dr. King.

As you will note by the block of results, there were twelve persons united with the church.

**LOW GAP**

The Bible school at Low Gap was a big success. It was one of the largest  
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## To Hold Anniversary



**Historic Ebenezer church is observing its fiftieth Anniversary, Oct. 12.**

## Ebenezer To Have Anniversary Oct. 12

In the last issue of the Ashe Presbyterian, the history of Presbyterianism was reviewed. In that short review, you will notice that Ebenezer church was built in the year of 1897. This was the first Presbyterian church built in Ashe county, and it is the mother church of many others in this section. Dr. E. E. Gillespie organized and built this church, fifty years ago this year, 1947.

It is very fitting, we believe, to have a day of celebration for this old church this year. The date of October 12 has been set for this anniversary.

At this celebration, we are planning to invite all the former pastors, Dr. E. E. Gillespie and Rev. R. H. Stone have already consented to come for this day, in the history of old Ebenezer. We will have dinner on the ground and preaching in the morning and in the afternoon. Many of the former members who have moved elsewhere, are expected to be present.

Practice in life whatever you pray for, and God will give it to you more abundantly. —Pusey.

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## John Luke Sunday Is Widely Attended

Those who attended John W. Luke Sunday services on August 31, 1947, at Glendale Springs Presbyterian church, found inspiration, fellowship and real spirituality in every part of the service. The attendance was most interesting — people were present from Roanoke, Va., Chicago, Ill., Baltimore, Md., Washington, D. C., Atlanta, Ga. Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Danbury, Liooresville, Statesville, Elkin, Sparta, North Wilkesboro, Greensboro, Pilot Mt., Francisco and many other North Carolina cities.

The day was beautiful and the services were helpful. At the morning service the message was brought by Dr. E. E. Gillespie, a most challenging message on evangelism. This phase of Christian work has characterized John Luke's 20 years of ministry.

After dinner, Rev. R. H. Stone presided at the 2:00 o'clock service. This service was informal. Ernest testimonials were given about Mr. Luke's life and labors. Those who spoke had known and helped Mr. Luke for many years. Mrs. Archie Oglivie and Miss Katherine Hunt spoke in behalf of the ladies. Elders J. R. Finley, P. M. Williams and A. A. Cashion of North Wilkesboro paid unusual tribute; Elder J. O. Blevins spoke in behalf of Ashe county Presbyterians; Rev. Hoyt Wood, President of the Rotary Club of the Jeffersons and minister of the West Jefferson Methodist church, spoke in behalf of the Rotary club; Rev. Carl Stark added his testimony; Parks Colvard of Jefferson spoke of Mr. Luke's work and influence with the Boy Scouts; Moderator Hoke Henderson, Winston-Salem Presbytery brought greetings from that body; Rev. E.

Wayne Thompson of Sparta spoke most feelingly of Mr. Luke's work.

Mr. Larry Colvard, Mayor of Jefferson added his words of appreciation and called on Mr. Ira T. Johnston, a distinguished attorney of Jefferson and a leading Baptist layman of North Carolina who presented to Rev. and Mrs. Luke the appreciation gift which was sent in by many friends from all over the country.

Mr. Stone closed the service with the thought of how God raised and used many "Johns," applying the idea to John Luke, and he then challenged the young people present, to follow the Johns, from John the Baptist to John W. Luke, in serving the Lord.

### BOB MCQUILKIN DEPARTS

The young people of our field were sorry to know that Bob McQuilkin has gone back to school. Bob filled a big place this summer with his trumpet, as Bible school teacher, as Sunday school teacher and as preacher. We pray God's blessing for Bob as he goes to study in the seminary, that he may be ready to preach the gospel.

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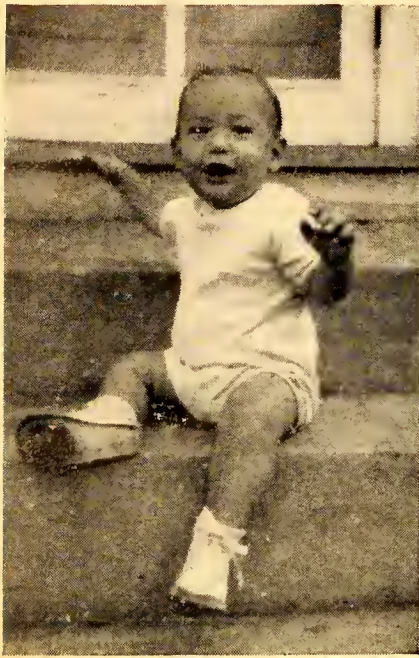
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### SCOUTS TAKE A TRIP

The scouts of troop 115 of Glendale Springs, took a trip to White Lake and from thence to the Carolina Beach. The boys who went on this trip were Bill Bare, Walkie Bare, Elmer Lyle, Bernard Lyle, Tommie Boyd, Joe Bare and Johnnie Luke. The Scoutmaster, J. W. Luke, took the scouts in the Karry-All. Deep sea fishing, water mellow eating and bathing were the chief occupations of this trip.

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## Yelanjians Leave For A Year In Stokes

High-Haven, that million-dollar view given away wholesale to all comers, will be lonesome this winter, for its genial host and hostess are to be in Francisco, North Carolina. Mr. Yelanjian has been asked by the Dan River group of churches to serve as stated supply for a year. The group has left Home Missions committee support as of September 1st, and stands on its own feet. We will be missing the Yelanjians and looking forward to their visiting the county often.

## Work Is Begun On G. V. Gymnasium

The plans for the gymnasium have been fully made and the steel for the roof has been bought. This structure will soon be erected and the side walls will be completed so the building can be used this winter. The students will be happy over this new structure as it will afford them a place of sport through the winter months.

## COL. LE CRAW TO SPEAK TO PRESBYTERY, NOV. 13

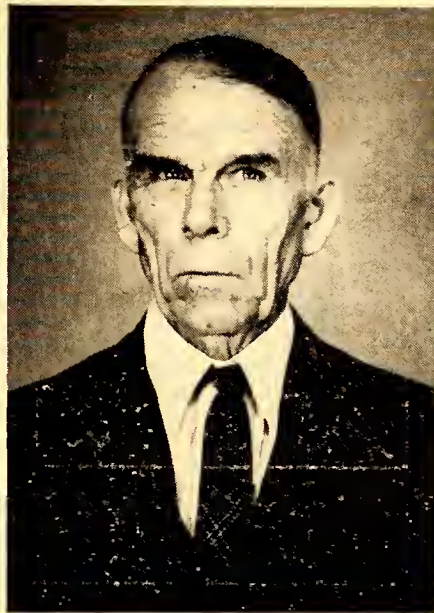
The Presbytery of Winston-Salem is very fortunate in securing Col. Le-Craw, ex-mayor of Atlanta, to speak to a Men of the Church gathering. Col. LeCraw was on the staff of Eisenhower, during the war. He is now heading the Progressive Program of Progress. He is giving his time to the Presbyterian church for only \$1.00 salary a year. Men from every church of the Winston-Salem Presbytery are invited to attend the supper meeting on November 13 at Winston-Salem, N. C.

## APPRECIATION FOR BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

A word of appreciation to the Bible school teachers in the Horse Creek group this summer is in order. We could have had no Bible schools at all, without them. Miss Tinley, Mrs. T. J. Powers, Allene Powers, Clara Shepherd, Mrs. Ray Blevins, Ann Brown, Dawes Graybeal, Mrs. Raymond Powers, Mrs. Claude Gambill, Buford Bobbitt, Mrs. Marvin Claycomb, Maureen Richardson, these did a wonderful thing. The picture on the back page is their own.

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ELDER C. R. JACKSON

## Elder C. R. Jackson Is Widely Known

Elder C. R. Jackson is widely known throughout Ashe and Watauga counties. He was born in Watauga, April 11, 1876. Elder Jackson has been a Christian for 45 years, of this time he has been a member of the Presbyterian church 40 years. When he entered the Presbyterian church, he was ordained an elder. He has been a Sunday school teacher 15 years. For the past two years, he has been teaching the adult class at Jefferson. He has a unique and simple way of presenting the great truths of the Bible. He always comes fully prepared to teach—both of mind and heart. He has the largest Bible class at Jefferson and all the people seem to gain knowledge and inspiration from his teachings.

He is a great visitor, especially among the sick. When sickness strikes the community, Mr. Jackson is usually the first one there, offering his services.

It may be cutting wood or milking cows. But whatever the task is, we know he is fitted for the job.

Mr. Jackson will tell you he hasn't done as much for others as he would like to have done as his home ties have

been very binding. The nine children, which he and Mrs. Jackson have reared, has been a job within itself. He has done his duty both to God and to his children in bringing them up in the love and admonition of the Lord.

He has 16 grandchildren, which he takes a great delight in visiting and having them visit him. The grandchildren seem to find comfort in fellowship with Grandfather Jackson.

At 73, he is still a young man. Recently he moved — a move which placed him at the doorsteps of the church — not that the little distance which he did live mattered on Sunday morning, in rain or shine he could be seen plodding his way to the Lord's House.

He is a man of many interests. He likes most of all, farming. This year, he utilized all the space around his home to grow vegetables for his household needs. Elder Jackson is also a good carpenter. The other day I went to visit him, thinking I would find him in the shade of the trees, which so spaciouly surround his home, but not so, he was busy putting a roof on a granary, which he recently built.

Mr. Jackson has not had to tread the path alone. His devoted wife has been his constant companion for almost 50 years. We hope for him many more years of service for the Lord.

I know no blessing so small as to be reasonably expected without prayer, nor any so great but may be attained by it. —South.

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Orange and Winston-Salem Presbyteries are the supporters of Glade Valley high school. When there was no Winston-Salem Presbytery, Orange Presbytery founded this fine little school. We hope the churches of Winston-Salem and Orange Presbyteries will put forth every effort to help us win this gift of \$100,000. Think of it, a gift of \$100,000 and you can help us get it for your school, by making your gift and signing up to your apportionment. We believe you are business enough to help us get this gift. Will you put it in your budget or make your gift as soon as possible?

Construction of the gymnasium at Glade Valley has already begun. Grading for the foundation begins this week of September 15th. The steel structure has been bought. The contract calls for construction to go on in November, after we have laid the cement foundation. Get behind this fine school. It is full of fine boys and girls this year and will be every year for the future.

**DEACON ELECTED AT GLENDALE**

A congregational meeting was called for the election of a deacon for the Glendale Springs congregation on August 17.

Mr. T. S. Boyd, was elected unanimously to fill this office. Mr. Boyd has proved his work as a deacon already.

**MISSIONARY TO SPEAK  
AT WEST JEFFERSON**

The Woman's District Conference will be held at the West Jefferson church on September 26. A missionary from Brazil will speak to the women at this time. She is Miss Frances Hesser.

It is hoped that all the women of this district will be present.

**CAR IS BOUGHT FOR  
REV. W. P. BOYLE**

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The car is of a light, cream color, which has two advantages. In the first place, it matches the color of the mud and dust that it picks up on dirt roads. Further, it gives everyone full warning that the preacher is coming. But more than all this, it affords a reliable means of transportation, and that is of inestimable value in the work in Ashe county.

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## Skits And Skats On Our Young People

### ATTENDING SENIOR CONFERENCE

Those who attended the Senior Conference are the following: Glendale Springs, Virginia Miller, Aileen Severt.

### PIONEER CONFERENCE

Those who attended the Pioneer Conference from Glendale Springs were: Betty Lou Lyle and Rose Marie Barnes. Those who attended from Bethel were: Shirley Jane Allman and Ikey Vannoy.

### WORK ORGANIZED

Four Young People's Fellowship Groups were organized this summer. Mrs. L. J. Yelanjian who worked in the Glendale, field helped the young people at Bethel and Glendale Springs, organize fellowship groups at these churches. Bob McQuilkin also organized two groups. These two groups were at Ebenezer and Laurel Fork churches.

### BIG RIDGE

The young people at Big Ridge have swung into high gear. At the last meeting, we had an excellent group and a fine program on "Justice For All." The program was carefully arranged and well given. After the program, a watermelon feast was held on the church grounds.

Beth Sheets, from the Big Ridge church, attended Senior Camp at Camp Hanes. From the report she gave us, the camp was both educational and inspirational. We hope to have more going from this church next summer.

### WORK TO BE REVIVED AT OBIDS

The Obids young people, who have been inactive for nearly a year, have begun their weekly meetings again.

There is an enthusiastic group of young people in the Obids community, and we hope that within a few months, their organization and program will be strong and effective.

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## Glendale Springs Church Is Built



The Glendale Springs church has at last received its coat of brick. We feel we shall be warmer in this church than we were last winter. We had to go in debt to do this, but the congregation is working hard to pull through. The women are selling old clothing, the congregation is giving the first Sunday's offering each month to the building fund. Friends, from time to time, help us with a check. We are so glad we have completed the brick work, that we thank the Lord every time we look at the building.

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When you hear that lots of children are in the Presbyterian Bible schools in Ashe county, you can believe it. This group shown here is just a fraction of those attending last summer. It shows those over in the northwestern part of the county, in the Horse Creek group of Presbyterian churches. Of course, we've put different pictures together here, from the various schools, so you can see the total picture. These are the children in the Lansing, Foster Memorial, Gillespie, Meadowview, Stone Chapel and Flatwoods Bible schools. If we showed just the children in the Glendale Springs group of Bible schools, and left these out, the picture would be even bigger. And if we put both those groups on the page, and added the West Jefferson and Jefferscn groups, the page wouldn't hold all the children.

**BIBLE SCHOOLS ARE ALL WELL ATTENDED**

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in the county. Boys and girls were hauled in from all over the Low Gap community. The teachers for this school were Margie Dean Lyle, Mrs. Yelanjian, Mary Stringer and Alma Colvard.

In conjunction with this Bible school, a meeting was held, Cecil Callis doing the preaching, Mr. Luke leading the singing. There was one profession of faith.

**JEFFERSON**

Bible school at Jefferson was well attended. A great deal of interest was shown. The Bible school was held for just a week since it was almost time for public school to begin. The teachers were Ina Ruth Campbell, Mildred May and Cecil Callis.

The date of the meeting is to be announced later.

**BIG RIDGE**

The attendance of the Big Ridge Bible school this year, was good. Buford Bobbitt of Charlotte, now a senior at Queens, taught the intermediates. June Crepps, of the Big Ridge church, taught the primary. That left the "little ones" for Ina Ruth Campbell, of Jefferson.

In conjunction with this Bible school a meeting was held by Rev. Cecil

Callis. Although there were no professions, there was a lot of interest shown and all who came, seemed to have renewed their relationship with God.

**WEST JEFFERSON**

Good preaching was the chief feature of the West Jefferson revival services which were led this year by Mr. Hubert Morris, pastor of the New Bern church. Mr. Morris, who, as a student, helped Mr. Stone for three summers, in this county, had the opportunity both to renew old acquaintances and make new friends. Through his preaching and his other work among us, he won the hearts of all of those who came to know him for the first time this summer. His services were a real blessing to the church in drawing us closer to Christ our Lord and in challenging us to a greater loyalty to the church.

Miss Buford Bobbitt, of Charlotte, a student at Queens College, directed the West Jefferson Bible school this summer. Not only did she carry out the administration of the best school we have had in several years, but she endeared herself to all the children in the church and to their parents as well. We are grateful to Miss Bobbitt and to the Synod's Office of Religious Education for sending her.

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## Christmas Programs Planned By Churches

Special programs are being planned in the churches for the Christmas season. Pageants, trees and other special services celebrating the birth of Christ, will be carried out. Some are announced here:

### LANSING

Rev. K. J. Foreman, Jr., has announced the following schedule: Gillespie, Sunday night, December 21; Foster Memorial, Monday night, December 22; Lansing, Tuesday night, December 23.

### WEST JEFFERSON

The Christmas program of the West Jefferson church will be held Sunday evening, December 21. The program will be presented by the children of the Sunday School, under the direction of Mrs. Robert Barr. After the program the Christmas tree will yield its surprise for all the children.

### GLENDALE

The feeling of Christmas is in the air, and the dates for the Christmas celebrations for the Glendale Springs Field are as follows:

Saturday, December 20, Ebenezer, 11 a. m.; Bethel 5:30 p. m. Sunday, December 21, Glendale Springs, pageant. Monday, December 22, Peak Creek, 11 a. m.; Laurel Fork, 6 p. m. Tuesday December 23, Glendale Springs, 11 a. m., Christmas tree; Millers, 6 p. m.

Pageants are being planned and practiced. Christmas recitations have been given to many of the children for the entertainments. Why is all this stir? Why all this pageantry? Why all this giving? It is the birthday of a King, a King who loved the people upon this earth.

## Installing Heat In Lansing Manse

In the Horse Creek group of Churches this Christmas time many loving hearts have been working toward central heat in the manse. A fur-race is the plan, thanks to hard work and prayers of a host of Christian people. The Home Mission Committee of Presbytery is matching every dollar given by the churches; Mr. Victor Clark of Lansing is the treasurer.

## SUCCESSFUL RALLY DAY HELD IN GLENDALE FIELD

Rally Day was held in all of the six churches in the Glendale Field, throughout the month of October.

An original program was given by the scholars of each Sunday School, except at Millers. At this latter service a brisk song service was held, and an inspiring sermon was given by Rev. Charlie Williams of the Beulah Church of North Wilkesboro, N. C.

A total offering of \$20.44 was received at these services.



"O, come all ye faithful  
joyful and triumphant . . .  
O, come ye . . . O come ye . . ."

## Young People Active In Church Group

There is an enthusiastic group of young people who meet every Friday night at the Obids church for recreation and worship. Even when the weather is worst and the roads are at their muddiest there are those loyal young folks present who walk through the rain to be there. The rural church has a great opportunity and challenge to minister to the youth of the community; and we pray for the Master's blessing, that through His Church many of the young people may be brought to know Him as Saviour.

The Young People's Choir at Lansing has begun its fall and winter season. Mrs. Ray Blevins is the choir director. You may remember seeing the picture of some of these girls in the Synod of North Carolina News. The choir is planning to sing Christmas carols in the hospital again this year.

The young people of the Ebenezer,  
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## Men Of Presbytery Have Organized

November 13 should prove to be a red-letter day for Winston-Salem Presbytery, for on that day the men of the Presbytery formed their official organization. At a supper meeting, held in the First church in Winston-Salem and presided over by Presbytery's Moderator, John Luke, the following men were chosen to head the new organization: president, Royal Brown of Winston-Salem; vice-president, Delmer Rose of Glendale Springs; secretary-treasurer, H. W. Bennett, of Winston-Salem; chairman of N. Wilkesboro district, A. A. Cashion, of N. Wilkesboro; chairman of Elkin district, Hoke Henderson of Elkin, chairman of Winston-Salem district, J. H. McKeithen of Winston-Salem; representative of Beulah church, W. J. Reynolds of North Wilkesboro.

The highlight of the meeting was an address by Lt. Col. Roy LeCrow, former mayor of Atlanta, who now heads the Assembly's Committee on the Program of Progress. Col. LeCrow spoke of his experiences in Europe during the war and after the war as a member of a peace commission. His theme was that Christ is the only answer for the world's need, and that unless the church hastens to obey Her Lord's command to evangelize the whole world, we have no hope for the world. This, he said, is a man's job, and the men of the church must stir themselves to the task.

The men of Ashe county will be interested to know that plans are being made to revive the organization of men that was once active in the county. It is hoped that by next Spring these plans will be complete, and that the Presbyterian men of Ashe county will be able to resume their fellowship and cooperation in the Lord's service.

## Rev. Cecil Callis Installed In Nov.

On November 23 a commission from the Winston-Salem Presbytery composed of Ruling Elder Hoke Henderson, Rev. Ralph Ritchie, Rev. Bill Boyle and Rev. John Luke installed Rev. Cecil Callis as pastor of the Big Ridge and Low Gap Presbyterian Churches.

## Revival Held In Jefferson Church

During the last week in October a revival was held at the Jefferson Presbyterian Church. The preaching was done by the pastor, Cecil Callis. The attendance was hampered somewhat due to unusually bad weather. The meeting was closed by observing the Lord's Supper.





## Dr. W. H. Hudson Is Thanksgiving Speaker

Thanksgiving was celebrated in the Glendale Springs Field by six services dedicated to Thanksgiving to God for his many blessings.

The services were held as follows and offerings are also listed below. The offerings were received for the Barium Springs Orphanage.

Wednesday, November 26, Bethel, \$10.01; Thursday, November 27, Laurel Fork, \$13.41; Friday, November 28, Glendale Springs, \$10.09; Glendale Springs Woman's Auxiliary, \$5.20; Sunday, November 30, Ebenezer, \$7.47; Peak Creek, \$14.68; Millers, \$7.04; total \$67.81.

At the Thanksgiving services Dr. W. H. Hudson, veteran missionary to China, was the speaker. Dr. Hudson

## DR. W. H. HUDSON



went to China in 1893 and has seen forty seven years of service there. His addresses were enjoyed by all, and

## Glendale Springs Church Completed

The Glendale church has been waiting a long time to complete the auditorium. We have been looking for Johns-Manville ceiling panel board. At last the company was good enough to send us enough to ceil the auditorium. During the rainy weather, Mr. Hoppers worked faithfully until the ceiling was completed. There is a marked difference in the temperature of the church now, as well as the appearance.

our Thanksgiving services were not only services of thanks but of inspiration and instruction on the work in the foreign field.

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### EDITORIALS

## A Xmas Meditation

"And all went to be taxed . . ." Luke 2:3.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace . . ." Luke 2:14.

It is profitable, as well as interesting, to notice the circumstances of the birth of the Christ child. Luke, in his account, is careful to tell us the reason that Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem at the time. The Roman emperor, Caesar Augustus, had issued a decree that a census should be made of all the world. This was, of course, in order that he might be able to levy a tax upon all of his subjects. Thus, Joseph had to make the long trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem, because Bethlehem was the city of his forefathers.

We see, then, that the whole world was under totalitarian power. The order of one man in Rome caused such confusion in the far-away little town of Bethlehem that there was no place but a manger for the birth of the baby Jesus. And whether or not the government of Rome was a good government, we know that the Jews did not like it. Their oppression is reflected in what Mary said (Luke 1:51-55) and in what Zacharias said (Luke 1:71-74) before the birth of Jesus. Every devout Jew yearned for the day of deliverance and freedom and peace. That day would come, they hoped, when God would send the Messiah, whose coming had been foretold by the prophets, and for whom they had waited so long.

Today, we live in a world that is still torn by the conflict between totalitarian power and freedom. The conflict is not yet ended, and we have yet to see whether man will be free or whether he will be in bondage. At this Christmas season we must think seriously of the words of the angels' song: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace," for these words point us clearly to the way of peace and freedom. The truth is plain that the only way to peace is the way that glorifies God in the highest. As long

## The Beginning Of Presbyterianism In Ashe County Told

By Rev. R. H. Stone

(Editor's note: The following address was given by Rev. R. H. Stone, former Ashe minister, now superintendent of home missions of the Mecklenburg Presbytery, at the observance of the fiftieth anniversary of Ebenezer church.)

The celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church provoked historical thought. The year 1897 and Ebenezer are to the County's Presbyterian history what 1607 and Jamestown are to the nation's history. Neither were the first—but both were the permanent.

One can imagine God looking down from heaven through space and beholding the mountains of Ashe with its rugged but golden hearted pioneers toiling away to make a better world. It can be surmised as He looked upon religious thought and practice that he said "And yet shew I unto you a more excellent way." In this there was the plan that His Word as concentrated in the Calvinistic theology and given expression by the Presbyterian Church should be established in the hearts of believers in Ashe County.

A historian of Ashe County in a history published serially in The North-western Herald asserts that the County was settled mainly by Presbyterians and Episcopalians in the 1760's and that the first Gospel sermon ever preached in Ashe was by a Presbyterian minister—Rev. John Black—in the Grassy Creek section in June 1773. This pioneer group planned for the organization of a Presbyterian congregation and cut the logs for a primitive sanctuary. But the Revolutionary War came on and Presbyterian mountain men grabbed their muskets and off

as we seek peace through purely human means, and as long as we pray for peace while we still seek chiefly the glory of man, we seek and we pray in vain, and we have no right to expect peace. Those Jews who expected their messiah to come with military power to free them from the tyranny of Rome were disappointed in Jesus and they rejected Him. His weapons were not material but spiritual. The promise of peace was fulfilled only when men and women in humility subjected themselves to the meek and lowly Christ.

The lesson for us today is unmistakable. As individuals we must rededicate ourselves—all that we are and all that we have—to the Prince of Peace. As a Church we must arouse ourselves quickly to the Church's first task: that of proclaiming the Gospel to all the world. Men will not find freedom by seeking freedom for men. They will find it only in subjection to God. Peace on earth will come only when there is glory to God in the highest.

to the battle they went to win decisive victories for independence. Our group thought that pastures were greener elsewhere and upon returning from battle migrated to Jonesboro, Tenn. and other places. So the first attempt to establish Presbyterianism in Ashe County ended in failure.

A hundred years roll by and another attempt is made to establish "a more excellent way." In the first attempt the preacher came from Virginia. In this attempt they came mainly from North Carolina. The Mr. John E. Jones and Mrs. Alice Reeves Hundley, both of blessed and sacred memory, related the presence and the preaching within the county of a Rev. Mr. McEwen. He came from Tennessee and later lived with his son near Creston. He preached as early as 1862 or 1863. "He was then a large man, quite old and dressed very plainly. He was powerful to talk around the fireside." He preached on the North Fork of New River and as near to Jefferson as Bina.

The Synod of North Carolina met in Salisbury in 1864 in which record we find a statistical report from Concord Presbytery's Minutes read: "The Presbytery's evangelist Rev. J. Rankin made a verbal report of his labors—and that on the ninth day of August 1853 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."

The organizer was Rev. Jesse Rankin, who was followed by his son-in-law Rev. B. L. Beall, called a "pioneer Presbyterian saddle bag prophet." His itinerant ministry carried him to a number of places in Ashe County. He worked with the church in Jefferson—organized mainly on the faith of the Neal family. Mr. Beall baptized Mrs. Ellen Murchison Foster and others. He was followed by a Mr. Wilson. The Church never had a building. The membership grew to seventeen and then declined and was dropped from the rolls of Presbytery.

The second attempt passed off the scene and many of the members united with the other churches.

There was yet another way. It was through that same Neal family with which the church began in the dark days of the Civil War. Almost a generation had passed and Miss Elizabeth Neal, of Bethesda Presbyterian Church of Caswell County, N. C. and later a school teacher in Winston-Salem, married Ashe's Merchant prince Major J. E. Foster. She invited in 1896 the Rev. C. W. Robinson to come and preach in Jefferson. The invitation was gladly accepted and coming to Ashe he loved her people and saw a great need and place for the Presbyterian Church. He convinced Orange Presbytery that a Presbyterian work should be begun. God had His man to build the foundations for an enduring Presbyterian Church. He was a young man just out of Union Theological Seminary—Rev. Ernest Eugene Gillespie, of Greensboro. Coming

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## Miss Tinley Will Study In January

Miss Betty Tinley—the tireless lady from Lansing—will be away for a month of study in January, at the Assembly's Training School in Richmond, Virginia. Her latest work has been the new Pioneer Young peoples group at Lansing, which meets every Monday night.

## Dr. Baker Writes Letter From Brazil

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Brazil. E. F. S.

Dear Friends,

First of all, sincere greetings from Brazil, and a word of encouragement in the Lord from this sector of His eternal Kingdom. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

I have received a number of the Ashe Presbyterian, and it revived still lingering memories of my more than pleasant visit into Ashe County and my fellowship with the brethren, last year. My thoughts have turned again and again to you and your fine young people. Please extend them my good wishes, and prayers for their growth in grace and service for the Master.

Perhaps I shall still live to see some of them come out this way to help in the greatest enterprise of the centuries, the upbuilding of the Kingdom. How acute and urgent is the need, now that the atom bomb has

## BUSY WORKER



Miss Betty Tinley

passed into grim reality. Surely there is no time to lose.

We are the only evangelical school, the Ginasio Paraguacu, on this railroad line, over a distance of nearly 400 miles. What an opportunity to influence the youth of this section for good and for God. The school, whose corner stone I helped lay in 1943, has grown normally, has a good reputation for doing excellent work, and has very great needs for equipment. If you have any rich believer who would like to invest in personality in Brazil, send along a few thousand and we'll make it ring for the glory of God!

After 1947 we shall likely move again to Lavras, and share in the work of Gammon Institute, as well as try to coordinate and further the whole work of our Mission that now reaches over some thousands of miles. We need an airplane and a missionary pilot.

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Cordially yours,  
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## Elder D. C. Bare Is Active And Busy

If you travel a little cross road from Glendale Springs to the Ore Knob road, you will come to a section of the country where it is quite evident someone in time past has harnessed the water power available from the creek. You will see a swimming pool, and back of the swimming pool an earth dam which holds back a good size lake. On the other side of the road you can see where two water wheels have been in use, and near one of these wheels which has fallen down, a saw mill is buzzing away. Beside the mill a square built, sturdy man with sawdust on his hat is busy at work sawing logs. This is Elder D. C. Bare, commonly known by all his neighbors as "Don."

Elder D. C. Bare was born in Obids Township near Glendale Springs, but at the age of 6 years moved with his father's family to the Ebenezer community. His parents were Mr. Jordan Bare, who had married Miss Cornelia Wilcox.

On his father's farm Don as a boy worked and played among a large family of brothers and sisters. When he was fourteen years of age, a preacher riding a white horse came through the country. The year was 1897 and the preacher was Mr. E. E. Gillespie. His horse was named Bob. Don as a boy attended the services held by this Presbyterian Preacher, for so he was. Later Mr. Gillespie was encouraged to organize and build a church in the Ebenezer section. One of those who helped work on the church was this boy Don at fourteen years of age. He tells how he helped the preacher build the church benches which now are still used at the church. Don says when Mr. Gillespie misted a nail and hit his finger, he wouldn't say any bed words.

At the age of twenty-six, Don decided to end his single life, for he married a fair girl named Ada Jane Severt the daughter of Mr. Calvin Severt, a good neighbor. From then on this couple was known as Don and Ada, as they are known today.

Don was a shifty and thrifty young man. He labored on the farms, he cut timber, he sawed lumber, he worked as a clerk in a country store, he put up a water wheel and ran a mill, he built and started a store of his own. Don made money and Ada did her part; she helped him take care of it.

On August 10, 1919 during the ministry of Rev. E. W. Thompson at Ebenezer Church, we read in the Session Book that Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Bare united with the church by profession of faith and were baptized. On Sept. 12, 1920 the Session Book again reads, Mr. D. C. Bare was elected an Elder and was duly ordained by the laying on of the hands of a group of elders and ministers. Among those who took part in this ceremony were Elder A. R. Vail and E. A. McNeill of the Jefferson church. Mr. Bare was ordained an elder just a few days over a year after he became a church member.

There have been eight children born in the home of Elder Bare. Three



ELDER D. C. BARE

of these have died, two in infancy and one after he was grown. Everett died when grown. All of the young

people coming from the Bare home have been thrifty, and are making leaders wherever they are.

The living children of this home are Gilbert, Wayne, Gladys, Selma and Walter Bare.

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## Glendale Auxiliary Has Busy Summer

The Glendale Springs Woman's Auxiliary has had a busy summer, in addition to our regular meetings we have had our intensive Bible study. Our teacher this year was Miss Ruth Bowlin, who is a graduate of the Biblical Seminary in New York and teaches Bible in the public schools of Tampa, Florida. Miss Bowlin was a student of Dr. Caroline Palmer, the author of "Emmanuel," and we feel that we were very fortunate in having Miss Bowlin with us, and all the women who attended the three classes agree that it was a most helpful and inspirational class.

In June, the Glendale Springs church was visited by the Pioneer Department of Myers Park Presbyterian church, Charlotte and the ladies of our church were busy cleaning the church and arranging for the serving of a picnic dinner to our guests from Charlotte.

Three of our members taught in the Vacation Bible school in July. The ladies have been very faithful in keeping the church clean and furnishing flowers for all services.

On August 31, "John Luke Day" was celebrated in the Glendale Springs church, commemorating 20 years of faithful service rendered by Mr. Luke in Ashe and Wilkes counties. Needless to say, the Auxiliary ladies had many things to do in preparing for this day, and they were all very faithful in the

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### FOR NEWLY OPENED SHOP

A new addition to the Old Clothes Shop is being constructed. The old shop is an old chicken house used by the pastor. It is very dark inside and low as well as delapidated. The new building is being made out of scraps from left-over lumber from the construction of the church. We had to buy a few extra hundred feet to fill in when the old lumber did not meet our needs.

The ladies of the Glendale Springs

duties assigned to them.

We have paid \$16.00 on the building fund and our Birthday offering was \$10.00.

Our church has paid our Glade Valley assessment and the Auxiliary had a great part in this.

church have been very faithful in arranging the clothing and selling it. They have made four or five hundred dollars with their sales. This money is used to pay the debt on the new church. The ladies certainly have earned a new building to work in. If you have any second-hand clothing you are not going to use, send to Mrs. J. W. Luke for the shop.

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**HISTORY IS GIVEN OF PRESBYTERIANISM IN ASHE**

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to the County he went to the home of Mrs. Foster and there was a glad welcome. Mr. Gillespie invited another young man—Rev. John Grey—to come and assist him and share his salary of \$800.00. These young men were in Ashe in 1897 and 1898.

It was Mr. Gillespie who did the pioneer work at Ebenezer, organized in 1897. His Gospel message, his pleasing personality and his continued industry were most acceptable. A lot was secured, trees were given for lumber, and the young minister helped to get the logs to the saw mill and to manufacture the lumber, and then to build the church. While the work was in progress he was preaching in the Wagoner School. His first converts there and the first to join the church were Mr. and Mrs. John Burgess and their son Cassander.

During these years these young Presbyterian pioneers were preaching in Jefferson, at Obids, Peak Creek, Orion and in other places south and east of Jefferson.

In 1900 Rev. Allen Jones, Jr. was in charge of the work and in that year the Jefferson Church was completed and a congregation organized. He was building on the foundations of Revs. Gillespie and Grey. In 1904 the Obids Church was organized under the leadership of Revs. S. Calvin Smita and M. C. Arrowood.

A good start! Then a slump. There were years when there was no resident minister. The Presbytery did not provide as they should for these young churches. There were many dark days. But Presbyterian perseverance prevailed.

Rev. E. Wagoner Thompson, of Alleghany County, was placed in command of the work. He put new life into it and in 1921 the Peak Creek Church was organized.

In the summer of 1921 the writer—having had one year's Seminary training came with fear and trembling because of his lack of experience to assist Mr. Thompson. He was invited back the next summer and at its conclusion Mr. Jesse Baker said "Now you have practiced on us for two years, come and be our pastor." His invitation was accepted and concurred in by the Home Mission Committee of Orange Presbytery and later by Winston-Salem Presbytery. He was ordained in 1923 and the Jefferson Elders saw that no grass grew

under his feet. He was the first called and installed pastor the churches had had. With the care of four churches the Elders said we should have a Church in West Jefferson and in Lansing. And in 1925 the West Jefferson Church was constituted with five members—all ladies—in a theater. On November 22nd the Naas family was received into the membership and they doubled it—and Mr. Naas was elected and ordained an Elder.

Lansing was organized on September 26, 1926 with twenty three charter members. This was effected in the auditorium of the high school.

In 1927 Rev. John W. Luke came to become pastor of the Ebenezer Obids and Peak Creek Churches. A man of his energy and zeal could not be content with just three churches. So he went out like a warrior to conquer and organize. Here is his story of organizations: Low Gap June 22, 1929; Laurel Fork, September 25, 1932; Bethel 1932; Miller's—October 1, 1923; and Glendale Springs, August 13, 1939.

Organizations were going forward in the other part of the county for on November 29, 1931 the Foster Memorial Church was organized and named for the mother of Ashe County Presbyterianism, Mrs. J. E. Foster. A year later the Gillespie Church was organized on November 27th. and named for the great pioneer of 1897-98.

In June 1932 Rev. D. F. Helm came to become pastor of the West Jefferson and Obids Churches and to exercise pastoral oversight of the Low Gap Church. No one could have worked harder and in September 1934 the Big Ridge Church was organized.

During these years of organization the ministers were assisted by a number of young women who were devoting all time and talent and consecration to the work. Among them were wives of the ministers and Misses Helen Stacy, Myrtle Williamson, Katherine O'Neal, Kathryn Hunt and Lois Calhoun. Words fail to come when one wants to adequately express their contribution to the progress.

From these beginnings great things

**Calhoun Is Helping In Glendale Field**

Recently Murdock McKelway Calhoun came to us in the Glendale Field to assist in the work. Mr. Calhoun was born at Laurel Hill, N. C. in Scotland County. He has been a student at Davidson College for about two years, also he attended the Missionary Training Institute in New York.

He is a veteran of the recent war, having spent two years in service as assistant chaplain to the chief of chaplains in the Pacific area. While in service he saw duty in the Philippine Island and in Japan.

Murdock is a fine spirited Christian young man with a desire to complete his work in school, and in the Seminary, and become a minister.

have taken place. The Presbyterian Church has stood for its time honored beliefs. It has helped to produce a type of Christian character as lovely and as rugged as the mountains.

As some left Ebenezer that October afternoon they thought that every dollar spent on maintaining a church and its program at Ebenezer had been a gilt edge investment. With this beginning only God knows the untold good that will be done by splendid ministers, lay workers, officers and their loyal congregations in the next fifty years.

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## Ebenezer Observes 50th Anniversary

One of the most interesting days of the year in this field was the one on which Ebenezer church celebrated her fiftieth anniversary. The date was October 12, and the services began at 11:00 A. M., and closed about 4 P. M., after dinner.

After the opening worship service in which Rev. Ralph Buchanan led the invocation, Dr. E. E. Gillespie preached a wonderful sermon. At the close of the morning service, dinner was served by the ladies. As the day was a very rainy one, the delicious food was distributed at the door of the Sunday school rooms, using the Sunday school room for a dispensary. There was plenty of food for all with plenty of lemonade and coffee.

The afternoon service opened at 2:00 P. M. During this afternoon Rev. R. H. Stone gave a most interesting historical review of the Presbyterian church in Ashe county. Miss Lois Calhoun, who had been our former worker in this field, rendered a beautiful solo. Dr. E. E. Gillespie, who was the builder of Ebenezer church in 1897, gave us some very interesting pages from his diary. For the first time many of us learned that the sale of a farm to a Mr. Bowers, the father of Mr. George Bowers, brought about the building of the Jefferson Presbyterian church. Mr. Bowers who had moved to Virginia was present with us and verified this statement. Many visitors in the congregation gave interesting talks of the days they had remembered in the early history of Ebenezer church.

After discussion of the old days of Ebenezer, the pastor, J. W. Luke, brought up the subject of re-building the church. Many pledged their help, and a committee was appointed to act as a building committee. Mr. Gilbert Bare, a former member, now living in North Wilkesboro, was chairman of the committee.

A little organ used by Dr. Gillespie fifty years ago was on hand, and was of great interest to us all. Dr. Gillespie brought this little folding organ with him from Greensboro, N. C. He had hauled it around with him as he held services when he came to this county and organized Ebenezer church. The organ was as good as new, and was used for the entire services of the day. Miss Virginia Smith, a former worker in this field was the organist for the day.

About 200 people attended the ser-

## 50TH. ANNIVERSARY



## Moving Picture "Beyond Our Own"

The film "Beyond Our Own" is the first made by the Protestant Film Commission. This picture was shown in the Glendale Field and it made a deep impression on all who saw it. It is a great challenge to the young people of our churches.

Although the weather was very rainy. Many old members, and visitors were present. We were glad to have Mrs. E. E. Gillespie, who accompanied Dr. Gillespie from Greensboro.

Let us not forget the importance of the founding of organized Presbyterianism of Ashe county. When the day was over, all who had attended the services of the anniversary could say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," which is the meaning of the name of this old church—"Ebenezer."

## West Jefferson Has A Fellowship Supper

The members of the West Jefferson Church gathered in the basement of the church the evening of November 25 for a pleasant hour of fun and fellowship. The ladies served delicious pie and coffee while the men swapped yarns and the children took advantage of the opportunity to run and play.

The occasion was one of real material benefit to the pastor and his wife, for they received an old-fashioned "pounding" from the generous people of the church. One of the tables was loaded with big bundles of every kind of good things to eat—a real Thanksgiving treat!

## YOUNG PEOPLE ACTIVE IN CHURCH GROUP

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Laurel Fork, Bethel, and Glendale Springs Churches have been very active this fall.

The young people of each church enjoyed a "Hot Dog" roast during the Halloween week. What a time they had around the fires that week! The young people of Glendale enjoyed their hot dog roast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bare.

The time of the young people's meetings are as follows: Ebenezer each Tuesday night; Bethel each Wednesday night; Laurel Fork each Thursday night, and Glendale Springs each Friday night. The young people at Glendale Springs have a devotional and then have Boy and Girl Scout meetings afterwards.

We are glad to have Murdock Calhoun to help with the young people's work.

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## Revivals And Bible Schools Scheduled

Tentative dates for Bible schools and revivals to be held in May and June have been announced for the different churches:

Tentative schedules are given as follows:

Obids, May 26-June 6; Low Gap — May 31-June 12; West Jefferson, June 13-23; Big Ridge, June 14-June 26; Jefferson, June 28-July 10.

In the Horse Creek group of churches, we are planning on the following schedule for the summer revivals:

Stone Chapel: May 9-23; Foster Memorial: May 30-June 13; Gillespie, June 20-July 4; Lansing: July 11-25.

The following dates are set as a schedule for the Evangelistic meetings and Bible schools in the Glendale Springs field:

May 18-28 — Ebenezer; June 1-11 — Peak Creek; June 14-25 — Millers; June 28-July 9 — Glendale Springs; July 12-23 — Bethel; July 26-Aug. 6 — Laurel Fork.

If these dates are changed, the churches will be notified some time before the meeting is to take place. Sometimes we have to change the dates, as evangelists can not fit their schedule to ours. We hope everyone will pray for the meetings and Bible schools. Pray that God's Spirit shall be with us to bless.

## Dr. George Mauze Will Be Speaker

This winter the Glendale Springs Sunday school planned a men's class with Delmer Rose as the teacher. Mrs. T. S. Boyd consented to teach the ladies of the former mixed class and the men were to form a beginning for a men's class. The number of men has been building up gradually. Delmer Rose promised to get the ladies to give a supper if the men got a dozen men to the class. They got their dozen out and now the supper is to be set on Thursday, March 4, at 6:30 p. m.

Dr. George Mauze, the pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Winston-Salem, will be the speaker at the supper. Mr. Delmer Rose has sent out a number of cards, inviting several men of the community to be with us.

## EVER MEMBER CANVASS

The time is here to make budgets and to figure on our gifts for the next church year. We trust each of our members will be good stewards and will make a sincere estimate of what they will give to their Lords work for the coming year.



"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

## Successful Rally Held At Glendale

The young people of the North Wilkesboro District of Winston-Salem Presbytery had a very successful rally in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church on Sunday, February 8, at 3 p. m.

The Rally was led by Gordon Finley and John Gibbs, of North Wilkesboro. Young people, one hundred in round numbers, attended from North Wilkesboro, Glade Valley, Lansing field and the Glendale field.

Lunch was provided by everybody and hot chocolate was served by the young people of Glendale Springs.

The program was made up of talks by Gordon Finley and John Gibbs. Mr. Murdock Calhoun led the opening devotion. Reports, discussions and suggestions were heard from the various groups present. These were very interesting. Dawes Graybeal gave a very interesting discussion on how to remedy sick programs. This was one of the highlights of the program.

After the whole group sang several hymns, there was a quartet by the Laurel Fork young people. After supper each individual group sang a special song.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

PRESBYTERY — April 20 — Francisco, N. C.  
PRESBYTERIAL — April 29 — Lexington, N. C.  
SENIOR CAMP — July 25 — 30  
PIONEER CAMP — Aug. 2 — 9.

## West Jefferson Deacons Are Named

The West Jefferson church held a congregational meeting Sunday, February 29, for the purpose of electing additional officers. Those elected to the office of elder were R. C. Barr, Gwyn Little and John Reeves. New deacons elected were J. T. McLaurin and A. M. Robison. This election gives the church a total of seven officers. In addition to those named above are Mr. Russell Barr and Mr. Rex Morton, deacons. In the near future a date will be set for the ordination and installation of these officers.

## S. J. Patterson To Speak Here In July

Word has been received from S. J. Patterson, Jr., director of men's work for the General Assembly, that he will be able to meet with the Presbyterian men of Ashe county sometime in July. The exact date of this meeting has not been set, but it will be announced in the June issue of THE ASHE PRESBYTERIAN.

The meeting will be held in the West Jefferson church. Supper will be served, and all of the men of the churches in this county will be not only invited but urged to attend. The main purpose of this meeting will be to revive and reorganize the work of Presbyterian men on a county-wide basis.

We are more than fortunate in securing the help of Mr. Patterson in this effort, for he is a busy man whose work takes him to every part of the General Assembly. His message, his enthusiasm and his appeal to men, will mean much to the work in this county, if we bear this meeting in mind and give it our whole-hearted support.

## Glade Valley Drive Is Not Over Yet

As the end of the church is close upon us, let us not forget Glade Valley. As money is counted and books are balanced, let us not forget Glade Valley. As income blanks are filled out and we check up on how much we have given, let us not forget Glade Valley.

When budgets are made for next year, let us not forget Glade Valley. When new projects are entered and the Program of Progress Funds are being raised, let us not forget we have an unfinished campaign which is that of Glade Valley. I have always believed in completing a job before you quit it. It is wasteful, it shows lack of character to leave a job or campaign unfinished. Let us all complete the GLADE VALLEY CAMPAIGN and keep it in mind.

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**EDITORIAL****EASTER**

Our Easter this year comes on the 28th of March. Your Christian heart is always touched at Easter time, and small wonder.

Easter reminds us that Christ died. I remember once how our pastor preached so movingly and so long one Easter Sunday, on the death of Jesus that my mother was depressed and blue for almost a week. After the service was over, I remember thinking that the preacher had maybe overdone a good thing. It is no use trying to have an Easter in your heart, though, unless you start at least as far back as the Cross. One of the best ways to have a shallow Christian life, built so cheaply that it counts for very little in home or among the neighbors, is to try to imitate Christ and claim his resurrection — without aiming to follow in his steps. His steps lead, as James says, through suffering and even to death. One of the best ways to learn a Christian life of joy and power is to begin in the shadow of the Cross.

Easter reminds us that Christ rose. It is Easter, not Good Friday. The Lord of life won out over death. Sometimes when the winter has dragged out so long and it looks like nothing will ever bloom again. I am doubly thankful for the faithful jonquils and tulips that burst forth before the last snows are gone. Out in the woods the little blood-root gives promise of spring when the trees are still gray and bare. Easter reminds us that the risen Lord is the first fruits of the victory over death. I am glad that he conquered death. I am glad that he conquered for you and for me.

There is something else about Easter. Easter means that we have a living Lord — with a living church, and work for his people to do. It is like the difference between the graveyard and home. When you walk through the grass between the graves you have a certain respect for the dead, don't you? By the grave of beloved grandfather or grandmother, you will often

see a man pause almost in reverence. But where is a man's heart, and who does he pour out his life for? For his loved ones who are living? Easter, truly known, inspires us to give our best to our Master.

Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my life, my soul, my all.

**DEATH OF MR. GUY DENNY**

In the passing of Mr. Guy Denny on December 17, the West Jefferson church suffered a real loss. We mourn his death not only because of the passing of a good and faithful friend, but also because the church has lost one of her most active and loyal members.

Mr. Denny was faithful in attendance. He was one of those whose presence could be counted upon at every service. Even in his last illness, when health was failing fast, he was loyal enough to his church and his Lord to make the extra effort required to meet with those who worshipped in God's house.

His interest in all of the work of the church was strong, and he did much that contributed to the growth and the welfare of the church. As much as any other one person, he was responsible for the division of the field that made it possible for the West Jefferson church to work toward self-support. It was his influence with the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee and his success in securing greater pledges for the church's work that played a very large part in this greatest forward step in the history of the West Jefferson church.

He fulfilled his office well as a deacon, with his interest in the church's property and financial condition. Elected a deacon early in 1943, he performed the duties of that office faithfully through two years when the work required in that office was greater than the honor bestowed upon it.

The loss of the church is great, but we console ourselves with the thought of his reward: he may now serve directly the Lord of the church he loved so well, here on earth.

**THE PLACE OF THE COUNTRY CHURCH**

It is not too much to say that the country church plays such an important part in building a Kingdom of God, that if it were not for the constant stream of new life it rears into our city churches, most of them would dry up like a lake without an inlet. A large percentage of the members of city churches come from the country. Anyone familiar with church statistics knows that the urban church has never drawn the majority of its members from the city and it has never produced its own leadership. Country churches are the recruiting stations of the city church. They send into the city a great army of fresh recruits annually to strengthen the churches there.

It seems that when God wants a great man he prepares him cut in the open spaces, close to nature and close to the heart of God. The country church is the training school of the world's

great leaders, but it is more, it is the training school of our church leaders. Dr. Henry W. McLaughlin speaks of a city church which has 15 elders and exactly 13 of them came from the country. He tells of another church where the president of the Auxiliary and every circle leader came from the country. It will not be news to ministers, but it may be to some, that most ministers came from the country.

No, the country church is not failing in its mission. Its mission is to mold and fashion the plastic clay of youth into the gentle Christian womanhood and noble manhood, and send them out to help evangelize the world. Its mission is to light the path of youth as they pass on to become leaders in other places. The country church is a character factory which supplies the city churches with intelligent, consecrated leaders. This is its main work, and it will remain its main work so long as most of the young men and women reared in the country move to the city to live, as has been the case in the past.

But let us not forget the part the city church has played in keeping the country church on its feet. Our Presbyterian churches are like links in a chain they are all connected and the strong help the weak. Many a country church would have closed its doors long since if the city church had not poured out large sums of money into Home Mission gifts which have gone in part to help support the country pastor.

Let us all join hands and hearts, in city and country, and work for, pray for and give for our Home Mission program. There are many ways open to us. No gift is too little, no service too small. Remember in Home Missions as in all else, "He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, but he that soweth bountifully, shall reap also bountifully." We Presbyterians need to face our Home Mission task knowing that God gives to givers, and if we cast our bread upon the waters it will return again after many days.

F. M. D.

(The Roanoke Presbyterian)

**Rallies Held For Program Of Progress**

Winston-Salem Presbytery was fortunate in having the three Rallies in the interest of the program of progress. These rallies were as follows with the following speakers:

March 2, 7:30 p. m., Mt. Airy First church. Col. Norman Pease, speaker.

March 3, 7:30 p. m., Glendale Springs church. Hon. Neill McK. Solomon, speaker.

March 4, 7:30 p. m., Lee Memorial Presbyterian church. Col. Norman Pease, speaker.

We are praying these rallies will awaken our people to the great opportunities that call our people to march forward for Christ.

**LITTLE MISS CALLIS**



Julia Cecile Callis, is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Callis. She will be 8 months old on March 17th. She is the pride and joy of the Jefferson manse.

We should worship as though the Deity were present. If my mind is not engaged in my worship, it is as though I worshipped not. — CONFUCIUS.

I have never known a man, who habitually and on principle absented himself from the public worship of God, who did not, sooner or later, bring sorrow on himself or his family. —BELLOWS

It is for the sake of man, not God, that worship and prayers are required; that man may be made better; that he may be confirmed in a proper sense of his dependent state, and acquire those pious and virtuous dispositions in which his richest improvement consists. —ELAIR

What greater calamity can fall upon a nation than the loss of worship. —CARLYLE

**Glendale Auxiliary Is Active In Work**

The Womens Auxiliary at Glendale Springs is doing fine work. They take charge of the second-hand clothing sent in, sort it, and sell it.

Recently on March 4, the women gave a fine supper to the mens class. Dr. George Mauze attended the supper and gave a splendid talk to the men.

Mrs. T. S. Boyd has been elected president of the group for the coming year and the auxiliary is expecting a fine year under her leadership.

**MR. CALHOUN DOING GOOD WORK**

Mr. Murdock Calhoun has proved a very helpful worker in the Glendale Field. He has taken over the young people's work and is now responsible for the four young people's groups in this field, as well as the Cub Pack at Glendale Springs. Mr. Calhoun is a splendid preacher and a very helpful man in many ways.

**EASTER IN GLENDALE FIELD**

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# Advance With The Program Of Progress

The watchword of the Presbyterian church today is "PROGRESS." There was never a more opportune time when a definite aggressive plan should be put before the Christian church. Too many churches, ministers, and laymembers are resting upon their oars, enjoying the backwash after the war. They feel it is a time for rest, to loaf, to enjoy life. Let us not forget those things that are shaping the destiny of the world, its people, its nations. Is what is going into the hearts and minds of people today. It is the truth or error that is filling their minds. It is the philosophy they are learning now.

The doors of opportunity are wide open, both in the home land of ours, as well as in a score of foreign nations to us. The world is looking for philosophy by which it can live together, a philosophy that will bring peace and brotherhood among people. Shall it be an Atheistic, Communistic philosophy that is dependent upon force to control it, or shall it be a God-given philosophy filled with the Christ, the son of God?

In these days when the races of the world are looking to the United States for so many things, we, the Christian people of this nation, shall surely fail in our hour of wealth and blessings, if we do not bestir and advance for Christ.

The Presbyterian Program of Progress is an attempt to hang our opportunities upon a ladder of advancement. Something definite we can get a hold on. Something definite we can try to do together for Christ. I am glad it calls for a FIVE YEAR ADVANCE. Five years is not enough with which to challenge us. What is five years in God's eternity?

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These goals are the answers of our Presbyterian church to a world in need of a Christian philosophy, a world that is groping for a solution

## CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell, a happy couple, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently, amid the congratulations of a host of friends and loved ones. Charter members of the Lansing Presbyterian church, they have faithfully supported its work and worship throughout the years. Mr. Campbell has been a Ruling Elder in the church since its organization in 1936.

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At the call to fill a ship with friendship for overseas relief, Ashe county has responded to the call. Rev. J. W. Luke was asked to work on the drive for the county bundles. Churches of all denominations have responded to the call. The high schools as well as many grade schools have also done their duty in collecting clothing, toys, books and other material. A large pile of full bags are in storage in the Presbyterian church of W. Jefferson awaiting transportation to New Windsor, Md., to be sent out by the Church World Service.

**Officers Named For Jefferson Auxiliary**

On February 16, the Woman's Auxiliary of the Jefferson Presbyterian church elected officers for the coming year. The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. James McNeill.

Mrs. L. B. Tyson, retiring president, has served as president for the past two years. We wish to extend to Mrs. Tyson our sincere appreciation for her service in the auxiliary.

For the next two years, Mrs. James McNeill will be president. She has done outstanding work in the auxiliary, having served as its president, twice before. We know that the auxiliary will go forth under her leadership. She will need our prayers and cooperation.

Mrs. Tom McEwen was elected vice-president, so we know that the president has a competent person to back her up. The new officers will be installed early in the church year. Other committees will be appointed by the president and announced later.

**Ebenezer To Build; More Money Needed**

Let us not forget the new building we are to build at Ebenezer. Considerable money has been received for this new church, but it is far short of what we need. Old Ebenezer church celebrated her fiftieth anniversary last fall and at that celebration plans were made to re-build the church. If you are interested in helping us rebuild the mother of the Presbyterian churches of Ashe county—drop a letter with a little gift to J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, N. C.

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**REV. R. C. WILLIAMS TO GO TO BROWN MEMORIAL**

We regret to hear of Rev. C. H. Williams' resignation from the Beulah Presbyterian church. He has been one of the most progressive and faithful men we have ever had to fill this pastorate. Our best wishes and prayers go with him and his family as they take up God's work in the Brown Memorial Presbyterian church of Central Alabama Presbytery within the bounds of Snedecor Memorial Synod.

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## Buchanan To Direct Program Of Progress

The committee to promote the program of progress in Winston Salem Presbytery is proud to announce their director of the program for the Presbytery. Rev. Ralph Buchanan, the superintendent of Home missions for the Presbytery has consented to accept this responsibility. Since his appointment as director, Ralph has been on the job, visiting churches, showing pictures, reminding the churches of their apportionments for the causes. At present, Ralph, co-working with Synod's Director, Rev. R. H. Stone is having rallies at three central points in the interest of the program of progress.

### FOREIGN MISSION PICTURES

During the Foreign Mission season of the church, there were shown several moving pictures on China and other pictures representing our mission work in other lands. The picture, "The Far East Today" which is the recent picture taken on Dr. Darby Fulton's journey in the east, was shown in three churches.

### FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

The Lansing Presbyterian Fellowship Supper comes each year on the third Friday of March. What warm feelings it brings! Everybody is invited, both young and old. In the church or out, come and join round the table with us, and feast your soul on good things. The body feasts too, at the Fellowship supper, for each one brings something to put on the table. Remember the date: Friday night, March 19! Bring the whole family.

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## SUCCESSFUL RALLY IS HELD AT GLENDALE

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cial piece. It was hard to judge who had the best choir, but many said Glade Valley exceeded in singing.

The Lansing young people had the largest group present outside of Glendale Springs. Glendale Springs young people meeting in their home church had an advantage.

The Rally was closed by a sermon by J. W. Luke on "Builders for Christ." A hymn and benediction completed the service.

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## Youth Fellowship And Pioneers Report

Reports of the young peoples' work and accomplishments in the various fields have been given this month.

### LANSING

The 1948-49 council of the Lansing PYF held a Retreat May 30-31 at the manse. The following young people are on the council:

Katherine Carter, president; Clara Shepherd, secretary; Allen Powers, treasurer; Jan Stamper, chairman of committee on church faith; Ros Stamper, chairman of committee on church growth; Marlene Jones, chairman of committee on church outreach; Maureen Richardson, chairman of committee on church works; Jackie Richardson, chairman of committee on church comradeship.

Five of the members of the Gillespie Youth Fellowship and five of the members of the Lansing Presbyterian church were graduated from Lansing high school, Saturday night, May 8: Delray Calhoun, Mary Ham, president of Gillespie PYF, Clara Osborne, vice-president of Gillespie PYF, Cecil Shepherd, Daphne Thompson, James Barr, Paul Brooks, Dawes Graybeal, Jack Poe, Maureen Richardson, district chairman of North Wilkesboro YP's district.

At the graduation exercises it was announced that Dawes Graybeal was the valedictorian. Dawes is a former president of the Lansing Youth Fellowship and member of Presbytery's Young People's Council.

### PIONEERS NEWS

Those from Lansing attending the Pioneer Conclave Saturday, May 1, at Camp Betty Hastings were: Alma Jean Barker, Elaine Stansberry, Robert Combs, Billy Ashley, Tressie Calhoun.

Those attending from Jefferson were: Nancy May, Joanne Jones, Helen Jackson and Dawn Temple Cockerham.

The Pioneer Camp is to be held from August 2 through August 9. We hope to have a large number of young people. (Continued on page 6)

## Improvements Made On Glendale Property

We are very grateful for the grading work that has been done to the Glendale Springs church property. The front has been sloped to the road so as to make a nice slanting lawn. The land to the sides and back of the church has been sloped so as to drain the water away from the church. The land back of the church has been filled and widened so as to make a larger flat place to use for a play ground. The bulldozer that did this work belonged to Rufus Colvert, and he did a good job. Mr. Colvert was so kind as to donate a greater part of this work.

## Need \$24,000 In Glade Valley Drive

All the friends of the great little school at Glade Valley are glad to know we have just about \$24,000 to raise before we complete the campaign. When this is raised, the trustees will get ready to build the main administration. At least that was the talk at the last meeting of the trustees.

What we need right now is to complete the gymnasium. We have the steel framing up and roof and blocks ready to put up for the walls. What we need now is \$20,000 to build this gymnasium complete. Won't some of our good readers, who would like (Continued on page 2)

### PREPARE FOR CHINA



Rev. and Mrs. K. J. Foreman, Jr., and daughter, Frances, who are making preparations for work in China.

## Revivals And Bible Schools Beginning

The Bible school season has already begun and at the same time revivals are being held at the various churches. Reports of the ones now in session as well as those which are to be held later this summer are given here.

### JEFFERSON FIELD

The Bible school at Low Gap was a big success this year. The enrollment was 105 and an average attendance of around 70. It was a real inspiration to see all these young people turn out for Bible school. Much of the success of the Bible school is due to the fine teachers. Alma Colvard taught the beginners, Ina Ruth and Shirley Campbell taught the primary class, Onna Darnell taught the juniors and Cecil Callis, the intermediates. On the last day we all gathered in the basement of the church for a picnic.

In conjunction with the Bible school a meeting was held. The preaching was done by Rev. Carl Stark. Mr. Stark did a splendid job. All who came to hear him went away feeling that it was some of the best preaching they had ever heard. We're all very grateful to Mr. Stark for being with us for these two weeks. We hope he'll be coming up to see us again before very long.

During the meeting the following made professions and will be baptized soon: Goldie Bare, Margie Jenkins, Verdie Dishman, Thomas Dishman, Angie Dishman, Billie Bare, Buddy Bare, Ellen Jenkins, Dorothy Dean Bare, Carol Bare and Mary Colvard.

### GLENDALE FIELD

The first meeting and Bible school in the Glendale Field took place at the Peak Creek church. We started on Wednesday, May 19. Those who taught were Miss June Crepps, Mrs. J. W. Luke, Murdock Calhoun, Miss Mary Frances Luke, and the pastor, R. v. Hayes Clark, of Raleigh, who preached the evangelistic services, also took part in the Bible school.

Counting the teachers there were 108 enrolled, not counting a few visitors. There were 43 perfect attendants among the children, and an average attendance of 70.

Rev. Hayes Clark gave himself unstintingly to preaching and winning (Continued on page 5)

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Synod's Young People's Conference at Red Springs ---- June 8-17
- Presbytery at Gillespie -- July 13.
- Presbytery's Senior Camp at Camp Haynes -- -- -- July 26-31.
- Presbytery's Pioneer Camp at Camp Betty Hastings -- -- August 2-9.
- Me--of-the Presbytery Meeting at West Jefferson ----- August 11.

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**EDITORIAL****Preparation for China**

One day while sitting around the table preparing the Ashe Presbyterian for mailing, a telegram was delivered to the manse in Lansing. After the telegram was opened and read, I was shocked to hear of the acceptance of Rev. and Mrs. Foreman by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian church U. S. A. This meant great chances for the Foremans. The Lansing Field would be vacant again. One of the most valuable supporters of the Ashe Presbyterian would be going. It meant that our young friends, the Foremans, would be separated from us. It meant that our friends would take up a new struggle for Christ in a very difficult field.

Rev. Kenneth J. Foreman, Jr. was received in the Winston-Salem Presbytery in the spring of 1945. Kenneth was installed in the Lansing field in June 1945. This field consists of the Lansing, Gillespie, Foster Memorial, and Stone Chapel group of churches in the northern part of Ashe county, North Carolina.

Since the installation of Kenneth in this field, he has faithfully served his charge, without saving to himself. With a fine spirit he tackled the pastorate of a widespread country field. This is no easy task—going night and day, battling the weather of the mountains. Since his acceptance in the Winston-Salem Presbytery, Kenneth has served as the temporary clerk, which is another hard job. At odd times Mr. Foreman has developed as an amateur radio operator. Using the international code, Kenneth has been in radio touch with other operators all over the country, and is a licensed operator. I would think that Kenneth would be a valuable man in communication work in the foreign field, along with his other duties.

Ministers and workers have each served in our county leaving their influence when they left. Kenneth and "Chick" have added their part, as

Christian witnesses for the Lord.

The Foremans have had high ideals of service, and they tried without flinching to unselfishly carry out their part of the task. With convictions of right and wrong, they have always tried to hold up the highest side of the Christian life as an example. I was privileged to stand with this little family, in time of sorrow. Only the spirit of Christ could have given them the courage which they showed. Miss Betty Tinley, who is working as director of religious education in the Lansing field, would like to add her testimony, that it was a great blessing to her to have worked with the Foremans in Ashe county.

The next appointment for this young missionary couple is the Board's annual conference with outgoing missionaries, after which they expect to enter the School of Oriental Studies of Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, for preliminary training in the Chinese language.

The best wishes and prayers of the Ashe Presbyterian staff, and the people of Ashe county go with Kenneth, "Chick" and little Frances.

**W. J. SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS ARE IMPROVED**

The ladies of the West Jefferson church have been busy again at improving the appearance and equipment of the Sunday school rooms. This time they have completely redecorated two of the rooms with new paint and linoleum. The kitchen has been reworked so that it can now be used as a classroom. Another room has been prepared for use as a nursery so that mothers may bring their babies and have them cared for during the church hour. The result of the ladies' work is that the whole basement, once dark and dingy, now has a much brighter and more cheerful appearance.

**JEFFERSON ENJOYS FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**

On May 26 the Jefferson ladies came and cleaned the church. They did a good job of this. While they were doing the cleaning, supper was being cooked. It was the first fellowship supper the Jefferson church has had in a long time.

The food was excellent and there was plenty of it. We are looking forward to our next one and we hope it will be in the near future, because these Jefferson ladies are the best cooks to be found anywhere.

**FINISH AT GLADE VALLEY**

We are proud of all of the graduates of Glade Valley, but the ones we would like to say a word about are those from the Glendale Field.

Effie Hall, of the Peak Creek community, was the valedictorian of her class, Marie Patrick, of Millers church, was the salutatorian of the graduation class. Dickey Miller from Laurel Fork church and Guy Shee's from Bethel church also graduated with honors. There are others from Ashe county we are proud of also, but we are commenting on those from this field.

**PRESBYTERIAN ADULTS ADVISORS HAVE MEETING**

A meeting for all adult advisors of the Presbytery was held Wednesday, May 5, at the Elkin Presbyterian church. Rev. Ralph Ritchie, pastor of the Elkin church, presented an album of pictures showing the "Good" and the "Bad" advisor. There was an interesting discussion among the group during the presentation. Mrs. Ralph Buchanan was in charge of the meeting. 3 from Winston-Salem churches, 2 from Elkin, 2 from Francisco, 1 from Cricket, and 1 from Lansing were present.

**MANSE LOT BOUGHT FOR W. J.: FUND STARTED**

The West Jefferson church has taken another forward step in the purchase of a lot for a manse. The lot is located in one of the most desirable building sections in town and the church is very fortunate in having been able to secure it. While plans have not yet been made to build, a building fund has been started and we hope that definite plans can be worked out in the near future. The treasurer of the fund is Mrs. Guy Denney, West Jefferson, N. C.

**IN MEMORY**

The Ashe Presbyterian extends its deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Reo Miller for the loss of their little daughter, Ann Elizabeth Miller. Although we all shall miss her, yet a little lamb is resting in the Good Shepherd's arms in Heaven. May God comfort and bless you, our dear young people from Peak Creek; and also your little son, Billy.

**NEED \$24,000 IN GLADE VALLEY DRIVE**

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to invest in the souls and training of our young people, give this amount and let us name this gymnasium as a memorial for a dear loved one. Perhaps a young man who died in service or perhaps one who loved young people.

We want to complete the gymnasium before the next fall school term, so it can be used for the students all next winter.

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## Church Groups Have Visiting Ministers

Rev. Ralph Buchanan, superintendent of home missions of Winston-Salem Presbytery preaches at the Lansing church every second and fourth Sundays in the month, at Foster Memorial, the second Sunday afternoon, and at Gillespie, the fourth Sunday afternoon. Rev. Cecil Callis preaches at Stone Chapel the second Sunday night of each month. The members and friends of these churches and chapel are deeply grateful for the contribution and inspiration Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Callis are making in the name of Christ.

On the first, third and fifth Sunday mornings immediately following Sunday school, the ruling elders and deacons of the Lansing Presbyterian church lead the congregations in a church worship service.

The members and friends of the Lansing Presbyterian church are looking forward to additional work on the manse. Plans are being made to finish the porch and to complete the upstairs. There are hopes of installing a furnace in the basement of the manse by September.

Six women from the Lansing, Gillespie and Foster Memorial churches attended Presbyterial, April 29, at Lexington. Mrs. Clyde Mullis, Mrs. Jim Ellis, Mrs. Neah Graham, Miss Beatrice Clark, Miss Betty Tinky, and Mrs. J. O. Blevins. Mrs. Blevins has not missed a meeting of the local Lansing auxiliary for the past two consecutive years.

## Rev. Carl Stark Is Visitor In County

It was fine having Rev. Carl Stark back in the county for two weeks. He saw many of his old friends and made some new ones. He was no stranger in Ashe, having been at the Lansing field for four years before he went into the army to serve as a chaplain.

We're sorry that Mrs. Stark didn't get to come back with him and bring the two fine children. We're hoping they can come with him next time.

Mr. Stark is a very busy man, so we can count ourselves very fortunate in having him give two weeks of his time to our work here.

For those who haven't heard, Mr.

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## German Pastor Gives Thanks For Clothing

Ashe county this year exceeded itself in the output of overseas relief. Schools, churches and individuals filled 115 bags for a poundage of 5,500. These bags were transported to New Windsor, Md., by William Taylor, of Jefferson.

A letter of gratitude came to us for last year's clothing drive and was translated by Dr. K. J. Foreman, Sr. The letter comes from a German pastor in Duisburg, Germany and is as follows:

Duisburg, January 4, 1948.  
Pastor Friedrich Kuhr,  
(22-a) Duisburg-Laar,  
Kanzlerstrasse 50 Nord-Rheinprovinz  
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Dear Brother Luke:

In a gift of clothing which came to my congregation through the Church World Service, I found your address among the articles of clothing. I should like to express to you my hearty thanks for your kind and friendly gift.

The congregation of which I am pastor is\* in a large city in the Ruhr region. It consists chiefly of poor miners and factory workers. Our city was for the most part destroyed by the events of the war. The people live on in poverty and distress. Especially here in the industrial region we are forced to suffer from the lack of foodstuffs.

And now here came your friendly gift of clothing, and it was my privilege to distribute it to the members of my congregation. How great was the delight of the poor people when they had the privilege of receiving the ar-

Stark is now in Pilot Mountain. He's doing a wonderful job there. Soon his people will be ready to move into the new church at Pilot Mountain. We wish to express our deepest appreciation to Mr. Stark for being with us at Lansing, Gillespie and Low Cap. May God continue to bless him in his work for the Kingdom.

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Thanking you again most cordially for your kindness, I am with cordial good wishes.

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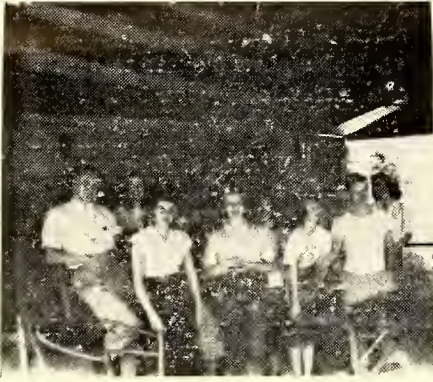
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**ATTEND RETREAT MEET**



Shown here are those who attended the Presbytery's Council Retreat at Winston-Salem, held on April 24-25.

**Need More Money  
To Rebuild Church**

The building committee for the Ebenezer Presbyterian church met with Gilbert Bare at his store in North Wilkesboro. Those present were Gilbert Bare, Winston Atwood and Rev. J. W. Luke. Rev. O. V. Caudill drew plans and left them for the building committee to review and use as they thought best.

It is estimated it will cost about \$7,000 to build this church. We have already about \$300 in cash and promise of \$1000 more. Rev. J. W. Luke was appointed treasurer of the building fund, and is urging those who would honour Dr. E. E. Gillespie's first work as a young man, to make donations for the rebuilding of this oldest Presbyterian church in Ashe.

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**S. J. Patterson To  
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August 11 will be a red-letter day for the Presbyterian men of Ashe county. On that day Jap Patterson, director of men's work for the General Assembly, will be in West Jefferson to speak to the men of all the churches of the county. Mr. Patterson is very widely sought as a speaker to men's groups and we are fortunate in being able to secure him. His knowledge of men's work, his enthusiasm, and his ability as a speaker will be of great benefit to the work of all of our churches.

More information about the time and place of the meeting will be gotten out soon. Meanwhile we take this opportunity of asking all the men of all of the churches in the county to reserve the night of August 11 to be in West Jefferson to hear Mr. Patterson.

**MISS FRANCES VANNOY  
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We are proud of Frances Vannoy who has just completed her four years as a graduate at Flora MacDonald College. Frances was the president of the Volunteer Group, and will be of service to her Lord in whatever line of service He leads her.

**ATTEND AUXILIARY MEET**

Mrs. Frank Severt and Mrs. J. W. Luke attended the meeting of Presbytrial of Winston-Salem which met at Lexington. The ladies reported a fine meeting. Mrs. Frank Severt has not missed the Presbyterial for a number of years.

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# Children Fill Bible Schools During Sessions

## LANSING FIELD



The first of the Bible schools to open in the county this summer was that at Peak Creek, which opened May 19. Shown here are the 45 perfect attendants, and others.

The Bible school opened at the Foster Memorial church, June 2 and ended Friday, June 11, after a successful school. Other dates for Bible school have been announced as Gillespie, June 16-26; Stone Chapel, June 28 through July 8 and at Lansing, July 11 through 24.

### REVIVALS AND BIBLE SCHOOLS BEGINNING

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souls for Christ. There were eight people united with the Peak Creek church, one by letter and seven by profession.

Ebenezer Bible school and meeting started on June 1, with Rev. Phillip McNatt of High Point, preaching. We pray we shall have a good meeting and Bible school.

Remaining dates for the summer are the following:

Ebenezer — June 1-11; Millers — June 14-25; Glendale Springs — June 28-July 9; Bethel — July 12-23; Laurel Fork — July 26-August 6.

We have just had the good news that Rev. Joseph L. Griggs of the Thomasboro Presbyterian church of Charlotte, will hold our meeting at Glendale Springs.

Rev. Abe Aldridge, some months ago, told us he would hold the meeting at Millers which will begin on June 14.

Rev. Arthur M. Martin of the Zion Presbyterian church in Winstboro, S. C., will hold the meeting at Laurel Fork Presbyterian church.

#### W. JEFFERSON FIELD

Under the leadership of Charles W. McNutt, of Pineville, W. Va., the Obids church has been blessed with a real revival. All of the people of the community were deeply interested in the preaching of the gospel and many of them came out every night to the services. The average attendance for the eight nights of the meetings was

eighty-seven. There were five professions of faith, and already five new members have been received into the church as a result of the meeting. We believe that further additions will be made in the near future.

The Bible school was also well attended, with Misses Magdalene, Maxine, and Clara Dean Miller as teachers, the school was well staffed and reached most of the children of the community.

On June 6, the Sunday following the close of the meeting, the Sunday school was reorganized, with about seventy-five children and adult's present. The outlook at Obids is brighter than it has been for several years, and we trust that with the Lord's help and guidance the church will go forward into much greater activity and service.

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## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP PIONEERS GIVE REPORTS

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ple going from the Jefferson field.

The Pioneer group of the Lansing church presented a program at the Presbyterian church in Galax, Va., June 6. Mrs. Volrea Ham Parker, a former member of the Gillespie church and president of the Gillespie Youth Fellowship, organized the new Pioneer group at Galax and is the adult advisor. Those who took part on the program were Jackie Richardson, president; Alma Jean Barker, secretary; Elaine Stansberry, Harold Stansberry, Jimmy Barr, Denver Barr and Lorraine Ham from Gillespie church.

### LANSING YOUNG PEOPLE

Miss Zeta Davison, Sunday school extension worker of Winston-Salem Presbytery, was the guest speaker at the Gillespie Presbyterian Youth Fellowship, Wednesday night, May 5.

The Foster Memorial Presbyterian Youth Fellowship was reorganized Tuesday, April 27, with 24 present. This group meets every Tuesday night at 7:30. During May, in the absence of the adult advisor, Ruling Elders L. B. Ham and Noah Graham met with the fellowship.

The young people who attended the Spring Rally of the Presbytery, April 4, at Mount Airy, were Clara Shepherd, Katherine Carter, Jackie Richardson, Maureen Richardson, Ray Baldwin, Ray Shepherd, Dawes Graybeal, Allene Fowers, Jack Neaves and Ruling Elder Walter Osborne.

Two of the members of Lansing Presbyterian Fellowship were installed as officers of Winston-Salem Presbytery Young People's Council at the Spring Rally, April 4, at Mount Airy. Katherine Carter, as chairman of commission of Christian works and Maureen Richardson as chairman of North

Wilkesboro district. Katherine, the president of the local Fellowship, attended the Synod's Conference at Red Springs, June 8-17. Maureen, a senior this past year at Lansing high school, plans to enter one of our church colleges this fall.

April 24-25, Maureen and Katherine attended the Presbytery's Council Retreat at Winston-Salem.

Ruling Elder Victor Clark spoke to the Lansing PYF Friday night, May 28, on "Who Is General Assembly." A special prayer period was observed that night for the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, U. S., which was meeting at that time in Atlanta.

In absence of the adult advisor in May, Ruling Elders J. O. Blevins and Walter Osborne were in charge of the Lansing Youth Fellowship.

### GLENDALE FIELD

Those who attended the Pioneer Conclave from the Glendale field were the following: Shirley Long from the

Laurel Fork church; Lenna Ray Craven and Reba Bara from Ebenezer.

The young people from the Glendale field who attended the Mount Airy Rally were the following: Elaine Cox, Opal Osborne, Gary Scott and Mary Elizabeth Fendry from the Laurel Fork church. Lenna Ray Craven, and Pearl Gene Craven from Ebenezer church. June Crepps, Bernard Lyle, Mary Frances Luke and Tommy Boyd from Glendale Springs church.

Tommy Boyd was installed as chairman of the committee on Christian comradeship of the Fellowship of the Presbytery.

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## Young People Have Outstanding Speakers

The Presbyterian Youth Fellowships of the Lansing, Gillespie and Foster Memorial churches had the privilege of hearing some fine Christian speakers during their summer meetings. Among these speakers were Miss Virginia Montgomery, missionary to China; Miss Mildred Harrell, Presbyterian Church Worker in Baltimore, Md.; Miss Beatrice Earnest, former Director of Christian Education at Reynolda Presbyterian church in Winston-Salem; Miss Ruby Graham, of Bel Air, Md., daughter of Elder Noah Graham; Miss Ann Brown, of Winston-Salem, former Bible School teacher in Ashe county; Mr. Ray Carson, Methodist ministerial student at Duke Divinity school; and Chaplain Robert Stamper, who is now taking a year of graduate study at Columbia Theological Presbyterian Seminary, Decatur, Ga.

Miss Tressie Calhoun is the new president of the Gillespie Presbyterian Youth Fellowship, and Miss Lorraine (Continued on page 2)

## Auxiliaries To Meet Oct. 6 At Gillespie

The North Wilkesboro District of the Winston-Salem Presbyterial will meet October 6 at the Gillespie Presbyterian church.

The 1947-48 report of Mrs. Walter Osborne, Secretary of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was given annual recognition by the Executive Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief. According to "The Presbyterian Survey," this Committee gives recognition to work of outstanding quality accomplished by the secretary of this cause in the local, presbyterial and synodical Auxiliaries. The reports are graded first by the presbyterial and then by the synodical secretary of C. E. and M. R., on quantity, quality and originality of work." Mrs. Osborne's report was chosen as the "one best" from among the smaller churches in the Winston-Salem Presbyterial.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Presbytery of Winston-Salem —  
October 12 — Renolda.  
Presbytery's Leadership School  
— October 30-31.

### CAMPAIGNS TO REMEMBER

Glade Valley High School  
Campaign is still open.  
Presbyterian Progressive Program  
of Progress.  
Sunday School Rally Day — October.

## HONORED BY SYNOD



Synod honors Dr. E. E. Gillespie for fifty - one years of service. Started career in Ashe county. See Editorial.

## Dr. E. E. Gillespie Is Presented Book

At the meeting of the Synod of North Carolina, a beautiful book was presented to Dr. E. E. Gillespie. This book was made up of over a hundred pages. Each page was a letter of appreciation by his friends and brethren in the Lord's work. Many a cherished memory, many words of appreciation were expressed in these letters.

The book cover was of red velvet and on the front the title was printed in gold, "The Golden Memories of Appreciation of Ernest Eugene Gillespie, D. D." Rev. R. H. Stone gave a very appropriate presentation message, and in the name of the Synod of North Carolina, presented the book with their love and great esteem for Dr. Gillespie, who was greatly surprised and thanked the Synod with much emotion in his voice.

### Summary of 1948 Summer Meetings and Bible Schools.

Church	Enrollment	v. Attendance	Perfect Att.	Professions	Join Church
W. Jefferson	30	20	5	5	6
Obids	35	24	8	5	2
Jefferson	50	40	7	2	6
Low Gap	110	75	55	11	5
Big Ridge	33	25	22	2	0
Ebenezer	72	47	24	18	15
Peak Creek	102	70	55	12	8
*Laurel Fork		Polio		0	0
Bethel	46	26	17	6	3
Millers	63	49	37	15	13
Glendale Sp'gs	91	62	46	6	4
Lansing	80	Polio		0	0
Gillespie	44	27	11	2	3
*Foster Mem.	34	31	18		
*Stone Chapel	18	14	6		
Total	808	500	134	80	59

Note \* Denotes meetings or Bible Schools not held yet.

## Presbyterian Men Of County Meet

The men of the church in Ashe county held their first meeting in several years at the West Jefferson church on August 11. The highlight of the meeting was an address by Jap Patterson, of Richmond, Va., director of Men's Work for the General Assembly. Mr. Patterson's address was both inspirational and practical. He mentioned some of the reasons many men withdrew from the work of the church and indicated the manner in which men should carry on the church's work.

One of the interesting features of the program was the reading of the minutes of the last meeting of the men of the county. Incidentally, that meeting was also held in the West Jefferson church. At that time the Rev. Wade C. Smith was the guest speaker. Mr. Luke was secretary of the organization at that time and brought the minutes to this meeting.

Mr. Royall Brown, of Winston-Salem, president of the men of the Presbyterial, was also present at this meeting. He assisted in the reorganization of the men of the county. New officers for the county organization are J. O. Blevins, president; R. D. McNeill, vice-president; John F. Reeves, secretary; and L. B. Ham, treasurer.

The meal was served by the ladies of the West Jefferson church. It was a delicious supper and contributed greatly to the success of the meeting.

## W. J. Obids Manse Is Badly Needed

Progress has been made toward the building of a manse in West Jefferson. This manse is for the West Jefferson and Obids field. Since our last report in The Ashe Presbyterian, we have received several contributions and pledges. The largest of these is a promise of \$1,000.00 as a challenge fund from the Presbytery's Home Missions Committee. Contributions from (Continued on page 2)

### IN MEMORY OF BROTHER BENJAMIN F. TUGMAN

It was with deep regret that our brother Benjamin Franklin Tugman, who was of the age of 79 years, was taken by death. Many knew him as "Doc" Tugman. He was born in Wilkes county. He united with the Presbyterian church about ten years ago. In his last years he suffered much. We commit him to our Heavenly Father's care who has been fit to call him.

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**DR. E. E. GILLESPIE  
EDITORIAL**

This is the year that the Synod of North Carolina is honoring Dr. E. E. Gillespie, a minister who has spent fifty-one years of active service in our Lord's work. Thirty-one years of this work was spent in the Synod of North Carolina. Most of this time he was our wise Superintendent of Home Missions of the Synod of North Carolina.

The people in Ashe county take a special pride and interest in this long career rendered by Dr. Gillespie, for it was in our county he began his first work in the ministry. In 1897 the First Presbyterian church of Greensboro, N. C., sent the young Rev. E. E. Gillespie to do evangelistic work in the mountains. Dr. Gillespie spent two years in very active service in Ashe county. During this time, he organized and built the old mother Presbyterian church of this section — the Ebenezer Presbyterian church. Although there had been occasional Presbyterian ministers who had preached in Ashe county, yet non had put this church upon an organized basis as Dr. Gillespie. From the influence and example of this one church, the Presbyterians have built and organized many others in the surrounding country.

Dr. Gillespie never forgot the folks in the mountains, for since he became Superintendent of Home Missions, he has always been sympathetic toward our problems, and has come back frequently to preach on special occasions and in numerous revivals. I have often thought, that although Dr. Gillespie lived in Greensboro, yet I believe his heart was with us in the mountains.

As a young and green pastor, I came to Ashe county and took the field in which Dr. Gillespie had done his most active work. Since then I have been following the trails he blazed before me. I see many footprints that Dr. Gillespie has left behind, but are not forgotten.

First there is the footprint of his labor — the old Ebenezer Presbyterian church, which he organized in 1897

and built. I followed his steps remotely as pastor, for other men had preached there after Dr. Gillespie left and before I became the minister.

I also found his footprints in the hearts and minds of the people. The people remembered him as a smart and fine preacher. They remembered him as he rode his white horse, Bob. They remembered him as he logged for the building of the church. They remembered him as he used the ax in the woods, they remembered him as he drove his rig to appointments with a folding organ on behind. They remembered him as he helped build the seats, and struck his finger with the hammer and did not "cuss."

Seeds that Dr. Gillespie sowed, I sometimes reaped. An old lady, eighty-five years of age, who was blind, came to my tent one night to profess Christ and be baptized. She mentioned that when Dr. Gillespie was here, she felt she had gotten her first start in the Christian life, when she heard him preach.

I have often seen the name of E. E. Gillespie in a little Bible or New Testament which he had presented many years ago to the people when they were the young people of their day.

Yes, the young Rev. E. E. Gillespie was quite active in this section of North Carolina during the two years of his work here. I have been following in his paths for over twenty years now and it seems I have not covered them all yet. When he left this field he was also very active in his next work. He showed such wisdom and outstanding ability, that the Synod of North Carolina selected him as the Superintendent of Home Missions. Ever, one knows, who is acquainted with these years of his life, how the home mission work has flourished, and what an enormous amount of work Dr. E. E. Gillespie has done. He has been sympathetic to all the problems of the home missionary, he has been outreaching to develop needy fields, he has been very wise in the handling and the expenditure of funds in his trust. In all the executive work that has been his, he has not forgotten the value of precious souls to be won for the Saviour.

I have often said, if I could be as useful, happy and wholesome as Dr. Gillespie, after I have spent as many years in the ministry, I could thank my Heavenly Father for a successful Christian life.

**HOME MISSION CONFERENCE**

The Pre-Synod Home Mission Conference was held September 6-7 at Gaither Auditorium, Montreat, N. C.

The conference was well attended by the home mission workers for the Synod of N. C. There were many laymen present.

The two main speakers were Dr. Arthur W. Hewitt and Dr. A. W. Blackwood, Jr. This was a return engagement for Dr. Hewitt. He is one of the most read, most popular, most loved rural ministers in the world.

Dr. A. W. Blackwood, Jr., minister and lecturer, of Newton, N. J., led us in the fine art of worship.

**W. J., OBIDS MANSE  
IS BADLY NEEDED**

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individuals now amount to more than \$1,000.00.

While this is a good beginning, it is only a beginning. Due to the high cost of lots and of building, our total will need to be about \$12,600. The need of this field for a manse is great, since we are now paying rent for the pastor's home. The field hopes to come to self-support in less than three years and we must have a manse before we can consider ourselves self-supporting.

If anyone is interested in making a contribution to this worthy Home Missions cause, it may be sent to the pastor, W. P. Boyle, or to the treasurer of the fund, Mrs. Guy Denny. The address of both is West Jefferson, N. C.

**YOUNG PEOPLE HEAR  
OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS**

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Ham, the new secretary. The co-treasurers are Misses Selma Ham and Catherine Miller. The Fellowship meets every Wednesday night at 7:30 at the church.

Mrs. Volrea Ham Parker, former president of the Gillespie PYF, is now back in Ashe county. She and her husband, Mr. Rhondle Parker have moved from Galax, Va., to West Jefferson. Mrs. Parker organized the Pioneer Group in the Galax Presbyterian church and was the director of the Bible School while living there. We welcome them back to our county.

The Young People's class of the Lansing Presbyterian Sunday School was in charge of the Sunday morning worship service, August 22. Elizabeth Ann Barr, Alene Powers, and Catherine Carter told about the meeting of the World Council of Churches to convene that day at Amsterdam, Holland. Paul Brooks, Warren Sexton and Jannavee Stamper were introduced as Dr. John Cunningham, Dr. Homer McMillan, and Mrs. C. S. Harrington, who were the three official U. S. Presbyterian representatives to the Council. They presented their opinions, prayers and hopes for the great meeting. The service closed with prayer for this important meeting and with a solo, "The Church Is One Foundation," sung by Marlene Jones.

The Young People's Choir of the Lansing church meets for choir practice every Wednesday afternoon after school. Mrs. Ray Blevins is the Director.

Mrs. Walter Osborne, Secretary of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief of the Lansing Auxiliary, entertained with a picnic Thursday night, September 2, for the young people from the Lansing, Foster Memorial and Gillespie churches who were going away to college. Those present were Mary Ham, Dawes Graybeal and Joel Carter, students at Lees-McRae Presbyterian College, Banner Elk, N. C.; Maureen Richardson, student at Radford College, Radford, Va.; and Kenneth Dolinger, student at Straver Business College, Washington, D. C.

**ELDER AT LOW GAP CHURCH**



Elder Mont Darnell, who has long been active in the Low Gap Presbyterian church.

**Elder Mont Darnell Is Active At Low Gap**

Elder Mont Darnell has served in this capacity at Low Gap Presbyterian church for the past 15 years.

He has been a farmer all his life and is a hard working man, that earns his bread by the sweat of his brow.

Elder Darnell, along with the able help of his fine wife has raised seven children, four girls and three boys. Most of them have attended Glade Valley school and his youngest son, J. L., is there now. As one would expect, he is keeping up the Darnell tradition by doing splendid work.

Mr. Darnell has done a fine job of raising his children. He has brought them up to love Christ and the church. The girls were always counted upon to help in Bible School. Some of the girls used to walk as far as 175 miles during one meeting. Distance didn't stand in their way when they wanted to attend church. The girls are all married now and have established very good homes.

Elder Darnell is now 63, but he is still a young man. Everyone loves him for his gentle way and his deep kindness. We hope and pray that God will continue to bless his humble servant.

Mr. Darnell has a good Christian wife, who has been his constant helpmate for about 35 years. May both of them continue to grow in grace and in love, and in knowledge of our Lord and Saviour.

**Revival Meeting For Jefferson Church**

The Jefferson church is going to have a revival beginning October 1 and continuing for one week. We're most fortunate in having Rev. C. H. Hutton from Glade Valley to hold this meeting for us. Mr. Hutton is no stranger in these parts, having taught many of the boys and girls from Ashe County that the summer rush with work and vacations are over, we expect to have a good attendance at the meeting. Let's all pray for a real revival.

**Rally Day Programs Planned For Sept. 26**

There will be Rally Day Programs, September 26 in the Lansing, Foster Memorial and Gillespie churches. The programs will be conducted by the secretary of Religious Education and Publication of each Local Auxiliary, Mrs. Ray Blevins, Mrs. L. B. Ham and Mrs. Wade Ham.

From August 17 through September 2, Chaplain Robert Stamper, of the Marine Corps, Mrs. Stamper, and their two sons made their home with us in the Lansing manse. Chaplain Stamper conducted the Sunday Church Service, met with the Youth Fellowships, and rendered a real service to our folks in the name of Christ.

The folks in our field will continue to miss the Foremans. Word comes that they have finished the summer term in the Chinese Language School at Yale and have started the fall term. Mrs. Foreman writes, "I must say that we speak like natives, but only natives of the old U. S."

**Plan Rally Day For Glendale Springs**

Rally Day will be observed in the Glendale field of churches as follows: Oct. 3rd — Glendale Springs, Bethel and Millers churches. Oct. 10th—Ebenezer, Laurel Fork and Peak Creek churches.

The program we want to use for these Rally Days will be the program sent out by the Presbyterian Publication Committee entitled, "Now it's up to YOU!" At these Rally Days, we

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# Lansing Revivals, Bible Schools Held

The Foster Memorial Bible School was held from June 2 through June 12 with the following teachers: Maureen Richardson, Dawes Graybeal and Betty Tinley.

Perfect attendance: Mary Sue Vannoy, Barbara Hoppers, Bobby Graham,

Dorothy Little, Sylvia Carter, Wanda Sullivan, Janice Hoppers, Nile Hoppers, Alene Vannoy, Rex Little, Roger Graham, Ola Ann Graham, Clara Graham, Celia Graham, Kathleen Carter, Patsy Caudill, Janet Little and Edward Little.

The Gillespie revival and Bible School was held June 16 through June 26, with the following teachers: Mary Ham, Clara Osborne, Katherine Alexander and Betty Tinley. Rev. Abe Aldridge, of Mountain City, Tenn., was the revival preacher. Three people, Selma Ham, Elsworth Barr and Mrs. Lundy Barr, joined the church during the revival.

Those making perfect attendance were Delphie Greer, Ella Mae Greer, Rex Osborne, Bobby Thompson, Ronnie Thompson, Mary Beryl Staisberry, Katherine Miller, Selma Ham, Lorraine Ham, Mildred Carpenter and Tressie Calhoun.

The Stone Chapel Bible school was held June 28 through July 7 with Rose Stamper, Alene Powers and Betty Tinley, the teachers.

Perfect attendance: Nettie Pearl Wyatt, Betty Wyatt, Lonella Wyatt, Eilene Dickson, Nell Denny and Frieda Calhoun.

Rev. T. W. Clapp was guest preacher at the revival and Bible School held at Lansing from July 14 through July 17. Teachers for the Bible School, which was closed early due to polio were Clara Shepherd, Catherine Carter, Maureen Richardson, Janavee Stamper, Marlene Jones, Katherine Alexander and Betty Tinley. Warren Sexton professes faith in Christ during the revival.

## Glendale Boy Scouts Take Capitol Trip

Troop number 115, sponsored by the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church, took a long expected trip to Washington, D. C. Seven of the troop, with

## LANSING MANSE PORCH



New porch built to the Lansing manse. The building of the porch was supervised by Elder J. O. Blevins.

their scoutmaster, J. W. Luke, made the trip. After a journey on the Parkway as far as Roanoke, Va., they drove up the Lee Highway and visited the Natural Bridge and the Endless Caverns, then pulled into Washington that night and pitched camp.

All the public buildings were visited and many other interesting places. Perhaps highlights on the trip were the zoo, the baseball game between the Yankees and Senators at which game President Truman sat about fifty feet from us. Another interesting trip was the visit to the Bureau of Engraving where the boys were allowed to hold \$125,000,000 in their hands at one time. In the hot afternoons they had lots of fun in the municipal swimming pool. After the delightful week, they broke camp on Saturday and drove back home.

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**TO REBUILD EBENEZER, Dr. GILLESPIE'S 1ST CHURCH**

In the year 1897-'98, Dr. E. E. Gillespie organized and built his first church which is Ebenezer Presbyterian church in Ashe county. This building is now becoming unsafe. The building has been seen to sway over a foot from side to side in a storm. One reason for this is that the building was never storm sheeted before the weather boarding was put on. The white pine studding has evidently worked loose from the sills. The height of the building makes it some what top-heavy and the severe winds that blow in the

mountains have made a swaying building of this church.

Today there are iron rods through the building to keep it from falling. These were put there by Rev. R. H. Stone when he was pastor. We have considered patching up and repairing the building but competent builders, who know the building, have advised us to rebuild and not to waste money on the old structure. At present we have in pledges and cash about \$2,000 and we need about \$3000 more before we tear down and begin to build. We do not want to tear the old building down until we can begin to build the new building. This requires more money.

We plan to build a smaller brick veneer building. This year when we are honoring Dr. Gillespie, I know of no finer way to commemorate his work than to rebuild this first church he organized and constructed in his first pastorate as a home missionary.

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## Have Fine Meetings In Glendale Field

In the last paper issued we had completed the Peak Creek meeting and Bible School, and had begun the Ebenezer meeting. It is not necessary to write lengthy paragraphs about these meetings as you can see the summary in the box on the front page.

The Ebenezer meeting and Bible School was held June 1st-11th. Rev. Phillip McNatt, of High Point, N. C., preached for us at the evening services. Each morning the Bible School was held with the following teachers: Murdock Calhoun, Marjorie Dean Lyle, Marie Atwood and J. W. Luke. Mrs. Luke was the pianist for the evening services. The meeting was well attended and good results were attained. We enjoyed the practical and inspiring sermons of brother McNatt, and had a fine Bible School. We welcome the following who came into the Ebenezer Presbyterian church during the meeting — Otis Hall, Paul Hall, Carl Hall, Charlie Bare, Lenna Ray Craven, Ruth Boggs, Marie Bare, Winnie Farrington, Inis Farrington, Claude Hunt, Bill Wyatt, Joe Bare, Leonard Miller, Mrs.

Junior Miller and Elmer Ray Hunt.

The next meeting in this field was at the Millers church on June 14th-25th. Rev. Abe Aldridge preached for us here, and the following taught Bible School: Miss Betsy Edwards, Murdock Calhoun, Rev. Abe Aldridge and J. W. Luke. It was one of the best meetings we had ever held at Millers. Rev. Mr. Aldridge was a very zealous evangelist and did much good in his spirited preaching. The Bible School was well attended and unusually good. The following were welcomed into the church at Millers: Jess Sheets, Denny Sheets, Ruby Huffman. Mrs. Press Miller, Ray Church, Walter Church, Ottis Kilby, Loraine Patrick, Vernor Dancy, Mrs. Mary Lane, Flossie Mae Miller, Helen Wyatt and Mrs. Denny Sheets.

Glendale Springs meeting and Bible School was held during the date June 28th-July 9th. Rev. Joseph L. Griggs of Charlotte, preached at the evening services.

We enjoyed the fine preaching of Brother Griggs, and his splendid spirit of good will that all felt in his presence. The boys enjoyed having Mr. Griggs play softball with them.

The Bible School was taught and

conducted by the following teachers: Murdock Calhoun, Mrs. J. W. Luke, June Crepps, Marjorie Dean Lyle and J. W. Luke. Opal Sheets was helper to Mrs. J. W. Luke. The following were welcomed into the Glendale Springs church: Joe Craven, Bill Wyatt, Lenna Ray Craven and June Crepps. Two of these had made their profession at Ebenezer meeting.

Bethel meeting was held after Glendale on the date July 12th through the 23rd. Dr. J. E. Flow, of Concord, preached for us at this meeting and was enjoyed by all. Especially the older people took great interest in Dr. Flow's sermons. We also found that Dr. Flow was a great black-berry picker for we had plenty of berries during this meeting and Dr. Flow brought several gallons home to the manse. Those who taught in the school were the following: Murdock Calhoun, Ann McIver, Cleo Osborne, Betty Lou Vannoy and J. W. Luke. We had a very good Bible School and a good meeting. Those who were welcomed into the church were the following: Mrs. Clarence Shepherd, Marie Shepherd and Everett Shepherd. Others made reconsecrations and were reclaimed to the church.

The Laurel Fork meeting was postponed on account of polio and also the death of the evangelist's father. Rev. Arthur M. Martin held a successful meeting here, September 13-19.

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## Services Are Held For Thanksgiving

The Presbyterian and the Methodist churches of Lansing united in a Thanksgiving worship service, Wednesday night, November 24, at the Methodist church. Mr. G. W. Dalton, Methodist minister, led the group in the evening's worship.

The young people's choirs of both churches were in charge of the music.

The Gillespie church held a Thanksgiving service of praise and worship Thanksgiving day at 2 p. m. Elder Conley Thompson led the service and the young people took part on the program.

The Thanksgiving service was held Thursday night, November 25, at the Foster Memorial church. Elder Noah Graham was in charge of the service and the young people sang two special Thanksgiving hymns of praise.

In the Glendale field Thanksgiving services were held in the following churches:

Bethel, Glendale Springs, Peak Creek, Laurel Fork, Ebenezer and Millers.

The offering for these services will be given to the Barium Springs Orphanage. The following moving pictures were shown at the churches where we have electricity, "My Name is Han," "Simon Peter," "And Forbid Them Not."

### BIBLE READING EMPHASIZED

From Thanksgiving until Christmas the American Bible Society has asked that a great Bible Reading Emphasis shall be carried out. Book marks with references to be read were given out at the Thanksgiving services in the Glendale field.

## Remember Glade Valley Christmas

Let us not forget that many people and churches have made pledges to raise the \$300,000 for new buildings for our little school. A good friend has promised to give us \$100,000 when we raise \$200,000. This amount is just about completed; that is if every one who has pledged will pay up. The truth is — building has become so expensive, it will take a great deal more than our estimated \$300,000 to do what we want to do. If you want to invest in a most worthy cause, do not forget Glade Valley, the finest little Christian school in the country. Why not make a Christmas gift to Glade Valley in the form of a needed check.

The new gymnasium is the best one for miles around. A beautiful fireplace has been built in one end of the building, which will be a great place of social events — such as roasting hot dogs and other occasions.



"Where They Saw  
The Star, They Rejoiced  
With Exceeding  
Great Joy." Matt. 3:10.

### JEFFERSON PASTOR AT WILLOW SPRINGS

During the week of November 8 thru November 14, Rev. Cecil Callis of the Jefferson field held a meeting at Willow Springs, N. C. Fifteen young people were received into the church by profession of faith and eight people by letter. We feel that with the will of the Lord, this church will surely grow in spirit and number. Rev. J. R. Phipps is pastor of the church.

## Date To Remember

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Consecrated Christian and Elder of Peak Creek Presbyterian church.

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REV. N. N. FLEMING  
Faithful minister of Hawfields church.

Efficient stated Clerk of Orange Presbytery.

Newly elected moderator of the Synod of North Carolina — Departed to his Heavenly Home.

## Churches Planning Christmas Program

Special services are being planned for the Christmas season in the churches. Pageants, trees, plays and other services, commemorating the birthday of Christ will be carried out. Some of them are listed here:

### GLENDALE FIELD

The celebration of our Lord's birthday is near at hand and the churches of the Glendale Field are planning for trees and plays for this special event.

The play, "Something Special," will be given at most of the churches in this field. The Peak Creek church is planning some Christmas recitations and dialogues.

The schedule for the churches will be as follows:

Glendale Springs — Play — Sunday, Dec. 19, 7:30 p. m.; Ebenezer — Monday, Dec. 20, 10 a. m.; Laurel Fork, Dec. 22, 7 p. m.; Peak Creek — Tuesday, Dec. 21, 10:30 a. m.; Millers, Friday, Dec. 24, 6 p. m.; Bethel—Thursday, Dec. 23, 6 p. m.

(Any changes will be announced at the churches.)

### LANSING MAKING PLANS

The Christmas play, "Something Special," by Pearl Holloway, will be presented in the Gillespie, Lansing and Foster Memorial churches during the Christmas week.

The dates will be:

December 21, 6:30 p. m., at Foster Memorial; December 22, 7:00 p. m., at Gillespie; December 23, 7:30 p. m., at Lansing.

The members of the Presbyterian Youth Fellowship of each church will be in charge of the plays. The children will present a program of Christmas music before each play.

The Lansing Young People's Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Ray Clark, will be in charge of a worship service of Christmas carols at Stone Presbyterian Chapel, Monday night, December 20.

## Mid-Week Service For W. Jefferson

On September 15, a new series of mid-week services was started at the West Jefferson church. The original purpose of these services is to instruct the officers of the church, in preparation for their ordination, in the fundamentals of Presbyterian government and doctrine. The meetings are open, however, to the whole congregation and attendance has been good, not only on the part of the officers, but by other members of the church. Using the Book of Church Order and the Confession of Faith as texts, the pastor leads the group in discussion and

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A Star... Christ Is Born... Praise God...

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**Editorial****"JOY TO THE WORLD"**

"When they say the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." When the wise men say the star they knew that God had kept his promise that unto them a Saviour should be born. It would be hard for us to imagine the great joy that came to the hearts of many people on that first Christmas day. The day they had hoped for, prayed for, had finally come. It was on this day that God gave the greatest of all gifts to mankind—His only Son, who came to be our Lord. There was happiness and joy everywhere because the coming of Jesus was intended as an event which should contribute to the happiness of mankind.

He brought light into the lives of those who were in spiritual darkness. He healed the sick. He befriended the poor. He fed the hungry. He cheered the sorrowing. He lifted up and encouraged and strengthened and filled with hope, those who had been beaten down by sin.

This Christmas as we think of His birth, we must also think of His death. Christ suffered as no one before or since has ever suffered. He died to save us — What a gift Jesus gave to us — Himself! This gift should be a great joy to our hearts, knowing that our Saviour has done so much for us.

Now at this eventful Christmastide, in the shadow of dark nights and in the path of terrible desolations, now as never before, we who believe, must dispel the world's despair with song and joy in our hearts, the songs and joy of Christ nativity.

"Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King.

Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing."

**Women Of Lansing  
Field Are Active**

Six members of the Foster Memorial women of the church drove down to Barium Springs Orphanage, located three miles out of Statesville and spent the day on the campus.

The Foster Memorial ladies presented a quilt which they had made, to Mr. Johnston, the president.

Those who went were Mrs. James Vannoy, Mrs. L. B. Ham, Mrs. Howard Little, Mrs. Noah Graham, Miss Beatrice Clark and Miss Betty Tinley.

The Lansing women of the church sent a fall clothing box to their little girl at Barium, Linda Lee Byrd.

Home Mission season was observed by the Gillespie, Foster Memorial and Lansing women of the church. Miss Irene Baldwin reviewed the mission book, "On Our Own Doorstep," at Lansing.

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING  
SCHOOLS WELL ATTENDED**

The annual Leadership Training School for the PYF Council members of Winston - Salem Presbytery was held October 30-31 at the First Presbyterian church in Winston-Salem.

The theme of the school was II Timothy 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Mr. Marion Bradwell, pastor of Reynolda church, was the inspirational speaker.

Marlene Jones, chairman of Christian Outreach in the Lansing PYF, was on the program Sunday morning and spoke about "Youth Night."

Catherine Carter and Maureen Richardson, of Lansing and Tomy Boyd, of Glendale Springs, are members of Presbytery's Council.

Those who attended the Leadership Training School from Ashe county churches were Nanetta Crepps, Tomy Boyd, Charles Caudill, Mary Frances Luke and Margie Dean Lyle, from Glendale; Martha Maynard and Maxine Carter, from Foster Memorial; and Catherine Carter, Clara Shepherd, Alene Powers, Janavee Stamper, Rose Stamper, Elizabeth Ann Barr, Marlene Jones, Paul Brooks, Irene Baldwin and Betty Tinley, from Lansing.

**IRENE BALDWIN TEACHING  
AT LANSING THIS YEAR**

Miss Irene Baldwin, graduate of Flora MacDonald College and former Director of Christian Education at the Presbyterian church in Red Springs, N. C., is teaching Science in the Lansing high school this year.

Having Irene at home this year is a great inspiration to the Lansing church. She is the advisor of the Pioneer Fellowship and co-advisor of the PYF. One day each week will find her at the church working with her Sunday school class of juniors.

**WORKS OF GOD  
by Magdalene Miller**

The following poem was written by Magdalene Miller, a member of the Obids church and a graduate this spring of Glade Valley high school:

**WORKS OF GOD**

As I hear the cold wind blow  
And see the falling of the snow  
I realize that it is God's hands,  
Continuing to carry out his plans.

The flowers will grow,  
And the farmer's seeds he will sow.  
We will enjoy it as much as we can  
Because it was all God's plan.

We'll watch the puppies play  
As we sing from day to day.  
The Sabbath from these will be set  
apart  
As we go to learn more of God's art.

I will try to find God's plan for me  
Even if it will be a journey across  
the sea.  
You and I must try to find  
What He has for us in mind.

Whatever He bids us do  
May our hearts with His goodness  
ring.  
Whether it be to teach or sing  
To Him we must always be true.

We on earth must do our share  
And keep our hearts filled with  
prayer.  
If the heavenly home we want to see  
Filled with God's love for you and  
me.

**WORDS OF APPRECIATION**

To Mr. Ralph Buchanan, who preaches at the Lansing church every second and fourth Sundays, at Foster Memorial church every second Sunday and at Gillespie every fourth Sunday.

And to Mr. Cecil Callis, who preaches at Stone Presbyterian Chapel one Sunday night a month.

**LAUREL FORK WILL  
HAVE ELECTRICITY**

The Laurel Fork church has long wanted electric lights, but have been unable to get them on account of no permits were allowed by the federal government to cross the Parkway. Now we have secured a permit and we are looking forward with others in the Laurel Fork community to having lights.

**MID - WEEK SERVICE  
FOR WEST JEFFERSON**

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study. Judging from the interest in these meetings it is evident that there is keen interest on the part of Presbyterians in learning the great doctrines of their church. We believe that such interest and such study will inevitably result in the strengthening of the church.

**CHURCH CONFERENCE**



Reading from left to right: Ralph Buchanan, Dr. Robert King, Mrs. Donald Coffee, District Chairman; John W. Luke at the Women of the Church Group Conference, held at Gillespie.

**Glendale Women Work For Church**

The women of the Glendale Springs church have been active in quilting this fall. The quilts will be given to the Barium Springs Orphanage.

The women of this church are very useful in raising money for their new church building. They sell second-hand clothing when they have a supply. They have been very successful in this work.

The Home Mission period was emphasized by these women also. Pictures of home mission work were shown in the church at their request and home mission offerings were received.

**FOSTER MEMORIAL ENJOYS FELLOWSHIP**

The members of the Foster Memorial church had a community fellowship supper at the church, October 26. The Hallowe'en motif was used in dec-

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**Korean Missionary Visits Churches**

The Rev. John E. Talmage, one of our missionaries to Korea, was in the county October 3-8. During his six days with us, he preached or made talks in eight of our churches: West Jefferson, Gillespie, Glendale Springs, Lansing, Foster Memorial, Laurel Fork, Obids and Millers. In addition to that, he spoke to the students at the Lansing and Glendale schools, and to the Group Conference in its meeting at Gillespie. In these eleven appearances, Mr. Talmage covered the county better than any missionary has done in several years. He brought inspiring and informative messages to young people and adults alike. We are deeply indebted to him for presenting us a fresh challenge direct from our vitally important work in Korea.

orating. After the supper Hallowe'en games were enjoyed. Mr. Noah Graham, Elder of the church, made a talk on Christian Fellowship.

Both the women and men of the Foster Memorial church have been active in working on improvements in the church building. The Sunday school class rooms have been completed, a new rug bought and put down on the pulpit platform, a sink is ready to be installed in the kitchen, tables

**LANSING YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR AT LANSING CHURCH**

Mrs. Ray Clark is the new director of the Lansing Young People's Choir. She meets with the choir each Wednesday for practice.

This choir, composed of Clara Shepherd, Allene Powers, Katherine Carter, Jackie Richardson, Sister Barr, Marlene Jones and Daphne Baldwin, sings at the Sunday morning worship services.

Mrs. Ray Blevins was the former director.

have been made, and shelves made for the kitchen.

The Gillespie church session is happy to report that the church has been wired for electricity and is now awaiting the current.

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The Glendale Springs Cubs visit the Cherokee Indian Reservation.

**Glendale Sp'gs Cubs Visit Reservation**

The Glendale Springs Cub Pack took a trip to the Cherokee Indian Reservation and crossed the Smoky Mountains. They cooked their meals out-of-doors and stayed in a cabin at Gatlinburg, Tenn., over night. The boys saw a great many Indians, and Chief Moses Walkingstick showed the boys some skill in shooting the bow and arrow. The boys climbed Clingman's Dome and other mountain trails. We saw beautiful timber on the trails as we hiked. The bears were very interesting to the boys. Although it was not the time of year to see wild bears, they saw some cubs and other bears in captivity. They saw one wild cat as it sneaked into the woods. The boys enjoyed the trip and are looking forward to trying it again.

**CHARLTON HUTTON HOLDS REVIVAL AT JEFFERSON**

During the week of October 3 thru October 10, a revival was held in the Jefferson Presbyterian church. Rev. Charlton Hutton, from Glade Valley, was our guest minister. Through his wonderful preaching, our souls were revived and rededicated to the Lord. We can only hope that the will find time to fill our pulpit many times during the coming year.

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**Girl, Boy Scouts Are Very Active**

The Girl Scouts are very active at Glendale Springs. The girls were organized by Mrs. Tom Boyd, and with the aid of Mrs. Everett Lyle and Mrs. J. W. Luke, have been doing fine work. Recently the girls and boy scouts took a trip to Glade Valley high school and played basketball in the new gymnasium. Eleven girls have passed their tenderfoot tests and are now working on their second class work.

A Hallowe'en party was given by the girls and the boy scouts were invited. Costumes were worn to the party and a good time was enjoyed by all.

The Boy Scouts are also active at Glendale Springs church. New scouts have come into the troop this fall, and a basketball team has been organized. The boys had a nice trip to Glade Valley when they played the Glade Valley boys in a close game. Mr. Bill Kuneman, who has just united with the Glendale Springs church, has been very helpful in handling the troop.

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**Elder W. T. Wyatt  
Active In Church**

The Ashe Presbyterian takes great pleasure in honoring those to whom honor is due. In the past issues we have taken up one by one the Elders of the churches in the fields which the Ashe Presbyterian covers. In this issue, we take pleasure in giving you the life of Elder W. T. Wyatt, who is pictured above, standing with his good wife.

When the Presbyterian church came into the Vannoy community with its tent, Mr. W. T. Wyatt and his family were active in the church work and the Bible School. Progressiveness and activity have always been the characteristics of Mr. Wyatt and his family. Although Mr. Wyatt was not a Christian at this time, yet he welcomed the work that the Presbyterian church was doing in his vicinity and aided in every way.

At a revival, which was held in a tent, Rev. Marion F. Dick preached for us. During this revival, a great many people professed faith in Christ and it was at this time that Mr. W. T. Wyatt made his profession in Christ and was received by the session of Bethel church, held from August 22 thru Sept. 3, 1933. Mr. Wyatt has been

faithful in church attendance and in the activities of the church and when in 1938 another Elder was needed, he was elected by the congregation to serve as Elder of his church. As Elder he has served faithfully in shepherding the flock.

Mrs. Wyatt was Miss Dancy, a woman of fine Christian love and character. She has continually, by prayer and example, had a great Christian influence on her family. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt are as follows: Mr. Eugene Wyatt, North Wilkesboro, N. C.; Mrs. Raymond Wyatt, Vannoy, N. C.; Mrs. Heg Ashley, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.; Mr. Spencer Wyatt, Wagouer, N. C.; Mr. Press Wyatt, Vannoy, N. C.; Mrs. Charlie Shepherd, Kannapolis, N. C.; Mr. Ted Wyatt, Glade Valley, N. C.; Mr. Britt Wyatt, Kannapolis, N. C.; Mr. June Wyatt, Vannoy, N. C.; Mr. Bill Wyatt, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.; and Mrs. Richard Orsbon, Vannoy, N. C.

As you can see there are eleven sons and daughters in Elder Wyatt's family and all are living. Three of the sons, Britt, June, and Bill served in the late World War and God brought them through without injury. Four of this family completed Glade Valley high school. Miss Ruby Wyatt, who is Mrs. Richard Orsbon, did a great deal of work in Bible Schools and Sunday Schools.

Brother Tom Wyatt, as he is called in his community, was born in Un-

ion township in Wilkes county, N. C., Sept. 28, 1875. He has lived the life of a farmer. He has always been a man of activity and influence in his community. He is a man who is keen-minded and keeps up with the affairs of the world. He likes to help others and enjoys the fellowship of people around him. Mr. Wyatt thinks for himself and will ask many questions about the Christian life and the Bible. Since professing his Lord and Saviour, Elder Tom Wyatt has used his talents for his Lord and the Bethel Presbyterian church of his community.

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## ADOPT A DAUGHTER



A group of the Foster Memorial women at Barium Springs with Little Linda Lee Byrd, adopted daughter of women of the Lansing field.

## Assign New Worker In Glendale Field

Because of the wide-spread field and unlimited opportunities in the Glendale Springs field of six churches the Home Mission Committee of Winston - Salem Presbytery has granted a worker in this field.

By the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we were put in touch with a lady in the far away state of Oregon. This lady is Miss Evelyn Acheson, of Albany, Oregon, who is a member of the United Presbyterian church. Miss Acheson has been a faithful and capable worker in her own church and in her own city of Albany. She comes to us with the highest recommendations. Undertaking a long trip across the continent to look us over, she has accepted work in the Glendale Springs field, and will be here to take up work on December 18 — just in time for the Christmas entertainments. Let us welcome Miss Acheson with hearty Christian greetings when she comes. "She'll be driving a '41 Ford when she comes," at least that is her intentions — to drive in from Oregon state.

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## Lansing Church Is Host To Young People

The Lansing Presbyterian Youth Fellowship was the host church to the young people of Ashe county, at a Rally, Friday night, October 1.

Mr. Joe Woody, a missionary to Brazil, spoke to the group about the work the Brazilian young people were doing for Christ. At the close of his talk, he challenged each young person to answer Christ's command to "Go . . . and teach all nations."

Catherine Carter, president of the Lansing PYF, was in charge of the recreation and the social hour which followed the service.

About 40 young people from Glendale, Obids and Lansing were present.

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## Churches Planning Easter Services

All the churches are planning appropriate Easter services, depicting the resurrection of Christ. Special music, as well as other features are planned for several of the churches.

The following are announced in the Glendale Springs field:

April 10, Ebenezer, Laurel Fork, Peak Creek; April 17, Glendale Sp'gs, Millers,' Bethel.

At the above services the Lord's Supper will be celebrated and we hope all members will plan to be present at their respective churches. The time of meetings will be the usual set services on the above days.

## W. J. Church Starts Trial Tithing Plan

"Bring ye all the tithes . . . and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

At the January meeting of the officers of the West Jefferson church, the matter of financial difficulties was, as usual, brought up. But an unusual thing happened; a solution (at least a partial one) was found. One of the men suggested that if everyone in the church would tithe, there would be no financial problems. After a lengthy discussion of this solution all of the officers present agreed to try the tithe for the rest of the church year and to present the proposition to the whole congregation. On the following Sunday, cards were presented to the rest of the members of the church and the appeal was made for each member to sign a card agreeing to tithe for a period of ten weeks. The response was good, and most of the members who have incomes signed their cards.

The trial period will not end until the church year is over, but already the church has been blessed with this experiment. Offerings have increased greatly. And it looks now as if the church will come to the end of the church year with a balance in the  
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## Fellowship Suppers For Lansing Group

The annual fellowship supper for the Gillespie, Foster Memorial and Lansing churches and Stone Chapel, will be held Friday night, March 25, at the Lansing church. This is truly an occasion for Christian fellowship and everyone is looking forward to this year's supper.

Elder J. O. Blevins is the Master of Ceremonies.



**"BUT NOW IS CHRIST RISEN  
FROM THE DEAD, AND BECOME  
THE FIRST FRUITS OF THEM  
THAT SLEPT." I COR. 15:20.**  
**"BUT THANKS BE TO GOD,  
WHICH GIVETH US THE VIC-  
TORY THROUGH OUR LORD  
JESUS CHRIST." I COR. 15:57.**

## Jefferson Pastor Works With Youth

Scout Troop 113, of Jefferson, is now composed of thirteen good scouts. The boys are down to hard work. Recently 5 of the boys went before the board of review and were promoted. We're hoping to have boys going before the board each month.

Troop 113 has been practicing basketball and we hope to play Glade Valley and the Glendale troop before long. If the boys in the troop continue to work and show the interest they have in the past this should be one of the best troops in the county. At present we are organizing a cub pack. There are about fourteen boys who are interested in "cubbing." We're hoping to have this pack well underway before long.

Cecil Callis is Scout Master and Cub Master.

## Dates To Remember

April 12th — Presbytery — Pilot Mt.

April 17th — Easter

April 26th — Presbyterial — Reynolda.

## 25th Anniversary Of W. - S. Presbytery

The January meeting of Winston - Salem Presbytery was the time of celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of this Presbytery. The cause of the organization was an overture presented to the Synod of North Carolina in October, 1921. On December the 4th and 5th, 1923, twenty-five men met in the First Presbyterian church of Winston - Salem and formed the new Presbytery of Winston - Salem.

One of the men who helped to organize the Presbytery was Rev. R. H. Stone, who has since moved to Mecklenberg Presbytery. Mr. Stone was invited to give an historical address at the January meeting at the celebration. He gave a very interesting address and pointed out a few of the following matters of interest.

The number of members at organization of this Presbytery was 3,321. At this time, twenty-five years later, we have 5,573. 5,861 souls were won by profession of faith and 4,967 were received by letter. A total of 10,783. Many of these have moved to other Presbyteries during this time, which leaves a net total of 5,573.

Three years after organization the Sunday schools were ahead of the church rolls. We now have 500 fewer in the Sunday school than in 1940.

Ebenezer Presbyterian church, which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary, was praised as one of the great mother churches in this Presbytery.

Mr. Stone ended his address with these words. "This splendid and unique Presbytery will never take its eyes off a cross, crimsoned by the Saviour's blood, which is the world's only hope."

## DR. CARL PRITCHETT IS COMING TO W. J. CHURCH

Dr. Carl Pritchett, pastor of the Davidson Presbyterian church, will be the preacher for the revival services at West Jefferson this year. These services are scheduled for May 8-13. Dr. Pritchett is one of the ablest and most widely sought preachers in the Synod, and we are fortunate to be able to have him in the county this year.

## Summer Bible School Schedules Announced

The time for the summer meetings and Bible schools are not far away. The schedule for these Bible schools in the Glendale field will be as follows. Of course the dates may change some if necessary.

May 17 - 27 — Ebenezer; May 31 - June 10 — Peak Creek; June 14 - 24 — Millers; June 28-July 8th — Glendale Springs; July 12 - 22 — Bethel; July 26 - August 5 — Laurel Fork.

- - Easter Greetings To Everyone - -

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**(EDITORIAL)****Stewardship To Man And God**

It is the time of year in our church to talk about stewardship, for it is time for church budgets to be made, and time for members to complete their pledges and gifts for the church year.

Stewardship has a two-fold obligation — our stewardship to our fellow-men, and our stewardship to God.

In thinking of our stewardship to our fellow man, I would have you consider the following verse or scripture, "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." I Peter. 4:10.

In this verse we are taught that when God has placed gifts within our hands, we must pass them on to others who do not have these gifts. God does not give us material things, nor spiritual things to keep and to hold. He gives them to us that we might share them with others. When we think of a church budget or benevolence, do we just see a lot of figures? This is too often the case. I like to see behind the church budget just what is expressed in the following poem by Edith G. Esty:

**What Is A Budget?**

A budget isn't sums to me; it's happy school-girls' faces,

It's weary mothers getting well, it's light in gloomy places.

It isn't just long columns full, of "headachy" addition;

It's missionaries sailing out to fill a great commission.

It's you and I who'd like to go and send our gifts to prove it.

How wonderful a budget is! It lives and so I love it.

The second obligation of a steward is our duty to give account unto God.

In thinking of this second obligation let us think of the following verse in Romans, 14:12: "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

The day will come to all of us when we will have to give account of what we did, and what we possessed in life.

The question will be asked us— "Did you give praise to God who made you and all things? Did you thank God for all the blessings of life? Did you use your influence and your material possession for Him while on earth? After all, God has said, "The silver is mine and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts." Hag. 2:8. Whoever has the blessings of life God has said, "I give you the strength to gain wealth," and it is true. Following along this same line, we owe an obligation to God which is greater than all obligation. "For ye are bought with a price," I Cor. 6:20. What is the price? It is the precious price of the blood of God's son that we are bought with. God does not expect us to pay back the price or be able to fulfill the cost of our souls. He expects us to show our gratitude for it. He expects us to show our gratitude by being grateful stewards to our God for the great price with which He has bought us.

The following poem, written by Bishop Ralph Spaulding Cushman, on the back of the "Christian Advocate," expresses something of this last obligation to God:

**The Steward's Prayer**

Ah, when I look up at the cross,  
Where God's great Steward suffered  
loss

Of life, and shed His blood for me,  
A trifling thing, it seems to be

To pay a tithe, dear Lord, to Thee,  
Of time or talent, wealth or store—  
Full well I know I owe Thee more!

In the beginning of this little article we stated that the Christian has a two-fold stewardship — Our duty to our fellow man to share our gifts with him — And second, our duty to our Heavenly Father — we should praise His name with our gifts, "Be ye therefore good stewards."

**W. J. CHURCH STARTS TRIAL TITHING PLAN**

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treasury. It will be the first time in several years that this has happened.

The members of this church are to be congratulated upon their efforts in the line of stewardship. Last year the church stood third in the entire Presbytery of Winston - Salem in per capita giving to all causes of the church. A little more than \$77.00 was given by each member, on the average. This record will probably be exceeded this year.

**A FEW PASSAGES OF COMFORT**

When sick — Read Psalm 91.

When you leave home—Read Psalm 121.

When you plan your budget — Read Luke 19.

When weary — Read Matthew 11:28-30.

When friends go back on you — Read 1 Cor. 13.

If you have sinned — Read. Ps. 51 & 1 John 1.

If you fear death — Read John 14:1—6. John 11:25 - 26.

If tempted — Read I Cor. 6:9-20.

Facing a crisis — Read — Psalm 46.

**Visit Made By Home Mission Committee**

The Glendale Springs field was glad to have a committee from the Home Mission Committee of Winston-Salem Presbytery visit our field. The committee, consisting of Mr. J. Harold McKeithen, of Winston - Salem; Mr. Knox Johnson, from Mocksville; Revs. Marion Bradwell, of Reynolda and Ralph Buchanan, Supt. of Home Missions. This committee had a discussion with representatives from the churches in the Glendale Springs field. Due to snow, only three of our churches from this field were represented.

**HAVE YOU HAD SOME VITAL SCRIPTURE EXPERIENCE**

The editors of the Ashe Presbyterian in talking over the paper, thought it might be of comfort to some unknown reader to give a few suggested scripture passages as above.

We would also like to have your own personal experience, if you care to write it for us, about the help some Scripture has aided you. Some experience in which a scripture passage has cheered you up, or wiped despair from your heart. Something along this line, just so it is a vital experience that would help another. If you care to do this and send it to the editor, we will either publish your name or not, whatever your wish may be. We would like the article about 200 words. Do not make it too long as our space is limited. If there are several articles, we shall pick out what we consider a good one for the next issue. We offer no prize, we are just offering Christians a chance to help another by your experience. Thank you.

**GILLESPIE CHURCH NOW WIRED**

Members and friends of the Gillespie church have had the church wired for electric lights and are now waiting for the electricity to be turned on.

The members of the Gillespie Youth Fellowship have their regular meeting each Wednesday night at 6:30 and are especially eager to have the gasoline lantern replaced by the electric lights.

**IN MEMORY OF**

Mr. Will Clark, father of Elder Victor Clark, who passed to his reward in Heaven, Friday, February 18, 1949.

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**GLENDALE FIELD WORKER**



Miss Evelyn Acheson, field worker for the Glendale Springs group of churches.

**Miss Acheson Is Glendale Worker**

We had been dreaming of a more adequate program for the six scattered churches of the Glendale field. Ever since our last worker left, Mr. Murdock Calhoun, we have felt the need of an extra worker in this field. After traveling almost a week on the train, Miss Acheson came to our field from Oregon. She looked our field over and the Home Missions Committee interviewed her. The double test held good and Miss Acheson went home and drove her trusted Ford car almost 4,000 miles across the continent by the southern route.

Miss Acheson was born and lived on a farm until she was about 12 years of age, after this, her father's family moved to Albany, Oregon. She is a graduate of Albany Presbyterian college. Her experience with young people and children is great. She taught school for a number of years. The churches of all denominations employed her to teach Bible in the public schools of Albany. In this work she taught over 1000 children each week. She conducted Bible schools under the Sunday school union as well as under her home church, the First Presbyterian church of Albany.

Miss Acheson's pastor in Albany, Rev. Roy I. Strong, frankly wrote us that she was a very valuable church member of his congregation, and if they could keep her there they would

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**Lansing Women Are Active In Church**

The women of the church of Lansing, Foster Memorial and Gillespie churches held installation ceremonies for new officers, at the March meeting of the groups.

Mrs. Walter Osborne was installed as president at Lansing with the following officers to aid her: Mrs. Raymond Powers, vice-president; Mrs. Grace Simpson, secretary; Mrs. Quincy Mullis, treasurer and Mrs. Tom Powers, historian.

The officers at Foster Memorial are Mrs. James Vannoy, president; Mrs. Howard Little, vice-president; Mrs. L. R. Ham, secretary; Miss Beatrice Clark, treasurer and Mrs. A. L. Carter, historian.

Officers installed at Gillespie are Mrs. Wade Ham, president; Mrs. Vance Miller, vice-president; Mrs. Edgar Barr, secretary; Mrs. Clarence Stansberry, treasure and historian.

**REV. J. W. CRINKLEY FILLS GLENDALE PULPIT**

While the pastor of the Glendale Springs field was in the hospital, Rev. J. W. Crinkley filled the pulpits for two Sundays. This was greatly appreciated by the members of the churches of this field.

try to do so. Since taking up work in this field, Miss Acheson has been as busy as a bee, and very efficient. Visiting, aiding in three or four Sunday schools, teaching Bible for the women of the church, young people's work, and Girl Scout work.

Everyone has welcomed Miss Acheson into their homes and into their hearts. Miss Acheson has a very cheerful disposition which emanates from a strong Christian faith. Her work among us has already brought its fruits. Recently Miss Acheson secured her church letter and has become a member of one of our local churches in this field.

**Y P. Fellowship At Glendale Active**

In January, the Young People's Fellowship of the Glendale Springs church, invited the young people of the Ebenezer church to join with them in their Sunday evening meetings at Glendale. This has materially increased the number in attendance and the interest of the group from 19 to 28, and we hope to make greater effort to bring other young people of the two neighboring communities into this wholesome fellowship.

After a brief worship program, conducted by one of the young people and a period of chorus singing. We have been having a study on the meaning, privilege and responsibility of church membership and the Christian life.

The young people show fine attitudes of co-operation, reverence and willingness to assume responsibility.

The officers of the group are: president, Tommy Boyd; secretary, Nanetta Crepps; treasurer, Mary Frances Luke; pro. ch., Charles Caudill.

**FROM THE FOREMANS**

The Foremans write that they are still planning to go to China in August. They miss all their Ashe county friends and all of their Ashe county friends continue to miss them. "Blest Be the Tie that Binds Our Hearts in Christian Love!"

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## Fellowship Supper Held At Jefferson

Much to everyone's joy, the ladies of the Jefferson church planned a fellowship supper for March 1, hoping, of course, the weather would cooperate. This had to be postponed due to the fact that March 1 turned out to be a very cold day. We're hoping for some warm days soon so that we can get together for our fellowship supper.

## GIRL AND BOY SCOUTS ACTIVE AT GLENDALE

The Boy and Girl Scouts are very active at Glendale Springs. They meet in separate rooms of the Glendale Springs church each Monday night. On Valentine Day the boys gave a party to the girls and the girls handled the games for the evening.

Girl Scouts have recently saved up enough money to buy their suits and are in the act of sending in the orders for these suits.

Basketball games were played between Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of Glendale Springs and Glade Valley high school. The games were played in the new gymnasium at Glade Valley.

Den Chief, Tommy Boyd, one of our Scouts, is conducting the Cub Pack meetings, which meet every Monday evening.

The project of setting posts along the church yard was undertaken by the boys and they are doing a nice job of it.

## LANSING YOUTH IS MAKING FINE RECORD

Dawes Graybeal, first year student at Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, is an outstanding student on the campus.

On an achievement test given in the fall, he made the highest grade of all the students. His grade card, at the end of the semester, showed an all A report with the exception of one B.

He was chosen to be an assistant to the Bible professor and was in charge of make-up classes for students who entered the second semester late.

He is a member of the Board of the Christian Council.

Dawes is a former president of the Lansing Presbyterian Youth Fellowship and is a member of the Lansing Presbyterian church.

## Plan Rebuilding Of Ebenezer Church

Plans for the rebuilding of the Ebenezer church have been drawn and agreed upon. The old church is in such bad shape, if it were not for iron rods holding it together, it would have fallen to the ground. We now hold church and Sunday school in the large Sunday school room in the back of the small Sunday school building. The Sunday school scholars fill this room and when there is a large crowd for preaching there is not room enough. If a funeral is held, we still continue to use the church if it is not too windy.

We hope to replace this old church with a new brick veneer building with a basement for Sunday school rooms.

Before we tear down the old building, we must be ready to build the new building. We are now trying to get together enough money to build.

## THANKS TO MR. BUCHANAN

The members of the Gillespie, Lansing and Foster Memorial churches, as well as friends of the churches, wish to express their deep gratitude to Mr. Ralph Buchanan, Ex. Sec. of H. M. in Winston - Salem Presbytery, for his faithful service. He preaches twice a month at the Lansing church and once a month at Gillespie and Foster Memorial.

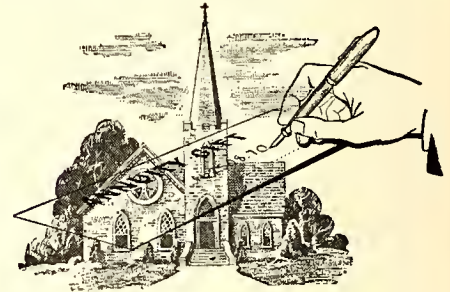
## NEEDS OF THE FIELD

A manse at West Jefferson — \$15,000  
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A new church — Ebenezer—\$6,000  
Completion of Miller's basement \$500  
A desk (any kind will do.)  
A typewriter (second-hand.)  
Second-hand clothing.  
And last, but not least—we need  
a preacher for the Lansing field.

## W. JEFFERSON WOMEN ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The women of the church of West Jefferson recently re-elected to office the women who have served during the past year. These are Mrs. J. I. Mil-

ler, president; Mrs. W. P. Boyle, vice-president; Mrs. J. T. McLaurin, secretary; and Mrs. R. C. Barr, treasurer. Their installation service will be held in the near future.



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## Glendale Churches Make Improvements

The men of the Glendale Springs church have set their heads to get the grounds of the church in order. Plans to get a good set of grass on the yard are ahead for spring.

Square posts, sawed by Tom Boyd and donated by W. G. Long, are being set on the front border of the yard to keep cars from running over the lawn. We hope to put a walk down in front of the church and around the church to other doors.

### LAUREL FORK

Just recently the government has allowed a power line to cross the Parkway road, in the Laurel Fork vicinity. Our church signed up for electricity and has paid for wiring the church, which job is completed. We do not have electricity yet, but hope in a few months for the line to be completed.

### AT MILLER'S

The Miller's church ground has also been the scene of improvement work. New locust posts were cut and sawed by Press Miller and have been set in the edge of the church yard so as to keep cars from running over the grass and cutting up the lawn. Wire was stretched on some of these posts to make it secure. Shrubbery has been set in the yard and has greatly improved the grounds. Sand and gravel has been hauled and spread on the road

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## MR. CAUDILL VISITS AT FOSTER MEMORIAL

Mr. O. V. Caudill, Synod's architect, spent January 8-9 with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Ham and met with the members of the Foster Memorial church to discuss improvements on the church. Plans are being made to put water into the basement and to get new pews for the sanctuary.

leading to the church. George Church, Press Miller and Worth Miller did most of the active work. Grant Miller also helped. We thank others who may have had any part in it.

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Thanks for any old clothing you may send us.

MRS. J. W. LUKE, ----- GLENDALE SPRINGS, N. C.

## Girl Scouts Make Trip To Wilkesboro

The Girl Scouts of Glendale Springs, made two trips to N. Wilkesboro. The first trip was made at the invitation of the girls of Wilkes county, to attend a singing contest. Our girls enjoyed this trip and meeting new friends in the Scout world. On March 16 the troop was invited to attend a meeting of the troop directed by Mrs. Cecil Ad- amson.

## Men Making Plans To Beautify Church Lawn

The men of the Glendale Springs church had a meeting after church one Sunday and planned to beautify the lawn. Parking areas were discussed and since then the State widened the road and posts have been set to allow parking space in front of the church. Walks have been planned for the front

and side of the church, which we hope to put down soon.

We are planning to plant grass this spring and have already fertilized the yard.

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## Lansing Has Bible Schools And Revivals

The Foster Memorial Bible school and revival were held May 22 - June 5. Mr. Charlton Hutton, Bible teacher at Glade Valley high school, was the revival preacher.

Although there were no new professions of faith during the meetings, through the powerful truths of God's word, which Mr. Hutton brought, many Christians pledged themselves to a new dedication of service to Christ.

At the commencement of the Bible school, 16 received diplomas for perfect attendance and faithful work. These were Roy Barr, Mary Sue Vannoy, Brenda Little, Kenneth Sullivan, Dorothy Little, Bobby Graham, Helen Barr, Alene Vannoy, Rex Little, Catherine Tedder, Sylva Carter, Norris Carter, Carl Carter, Janet Little, Ola Ann Graham and Kathleen Carter.

Maxine Carter, Clara Shepherd, Irene Baldwin and Betty Tinley were the teachers for the Bible school.

The Stone Chapel Bible school started Monday morning, June 6 and continued through Friday, June 17.

Elizabeth Ann Barr, Jackie Richardson and Miss Betty Tinley were the teachers.

The Bible school and revival began June 17 and 18 at the Gillespie church and continued through Sunday, July 3.

The Lansing Bible school and revival will start Wednesday, July 6. Mr. McCoy Franklin, pastor at Madison—  
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## Callis Leaves For Covington, Va.

At a recent call meeting of Presbytery, Rev. Cecil Callis announced his call from churches in Covington, Va. Cecil was filling the Jefferson, Low Gap, and Big Ridge field. Mr. Callis had been in the Jefferson field for two years and the congregations were very sorry to see him go.

Cecil, his good wife, and little Cecilia had become favorites in our county and with sincere regret we see them go. We feel sure Mr. Callis has a great service for His Lord and may God bless this family as they serve in our Lord's vineyard in another field.

## EBENEZER BIBLE SCHOOL



## Ebenezer Revival Is Big Success

From May 17 to 27, revival services were held at Ebenezer church. Rev. W. C. Cooper of Rock Hill, S. C., was guest preacher and gave splendid messages with a strong evangelistic appeal. The sincere interest of the people was evidenced by the steady increase in attendance from forty-five to over one hundred at the closing service. During the meetings, the following young people confessed Christ as their Saviour and were received into the membership on profession of faith: Robert Farrington, Louise Miller, Virginia Bowlin, and Wilma Bowlin.

A successful daily vacation Bible school was also held with a total enrollment of seventy-three and with a perfect attendance of thirty-seven. The pastor, Rev. John W. Luke, supervised the school and held the children spellbound with his fine Bible stories and enthusiastic song service at the assembly periods.

Mrs. Luke gave splendid service as pianist for both Bible school and the revival meetings.

All the classes showed a genuine interest in their classwork and seemed eager to participate in all the activities of the Bible school. The teachers were: Ruby Farrington, Pearl Jean Craven, Mary Frances Luke, Nanetta Crepps, and Evelyn Acheson.

We trust that the seed sown in both the revival services and Bible school will bear fruit in the community and that those church members who rededicated their lives to Christ may work with new zeal for his kingdom.

## GILLESPIE REVIVAL AND BIBLE SCHOOL BEING HELD

The Gillespie Bible School and revival started Wednesday, June 15 and will continue through June 25.

Mr. R. W. Childress, of Willis, Virginia, is conducting the revival.

Miss Clara Osborne, Dawes Graybeal, and Miss Tinley are the teachers in the Bible School.

## Presbytery To Meet At Glendale Spps.

At the Spring meeting of Winston-Salem Presbytery the pastor of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church invited the Presbytery to meet with them in the Fall. At this meeting which will be October 11, the Presbytery is asked to dedicate the new church building.

Although a debt hangs over the church at this time, yet the members have set Oct. 11 to be free of debt and are asking for a dedication service. Our debt is \$600 and we hope to cut this amount down by the meeting of Presbytery. It shall be a great joy to have Presbytery meet with us this fall.

## BOY SCOUTS AT CAMPOREE

Eleven Boy Scouts from the Glendale Springs Troop 115 attended the Old Hickory Camporee at Camp Devotion. These eleven Scouts made up the Bob White and Eagle Patrols. Troop 115 is sponsored by the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church. The boys had a splendid time and learned much about camping from contact with other patrols.

## Boyle Volunteers For Japan Service

Very recently Rev. Wm. P. Boyle, who is serving the West Jefferson field, has volunteered as a missionary to Japan. We have not learned whether he has passed the rigid requirements of the Foreign Mission Committee of our church yet. Mr. Boyle has notified the Presbytery of his intentions.

It is not surprising for Bill to take this step as he comes from Foreign Mission stock. If accepted, we in Ashe county shall miss the Boyle family, which consists of Bill, Ella Banks and their two fine little boys who were born in this county.

We understand that if for some reason the Foreign Mission Committee does not see fit to send these fine young people as missionaries at this time, they will remain with us in the West Jefferson pastorate.

## Dates To Remember

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## IN MEMORY AND MOURNING

Elder A. R. Vail died May 6, and his body now rests in the Jefferson cemetery. He was a loyal friend, a devoted husband, an earnest Christian, and faithful elder of the Jefferson church. "Well done thou good and faithful servant. Thou has entered into the joy of thy Lord."

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**EDITORIAL**

In Nehemiah 8:10 we read "For the joy of the Lord is your strength." Do you sometime, each day, between the fresh purity of early morning and the soft hush of twilight, feel an exultant surge of joy through your whole being because you know the Lord is with you? However weak we may feel within ourselves, the joy of the Lord can give us strength for whatever the day may hold of temptation or sorrow. Does it not shed a glory on the most simple every day things to know that the infinite Creator of this great universe will not forsake you for one moment of the day? A well-known poet has so beautifully expressed the joy of simple things in these lines:

**I Have Found Such Joy**

I have found such joy in simple things;  
A plain, clean room, a nut-brown loaf of bread,  
A cup of milk, a kettle as it sings,  
The shelter of a roof above my head,  
And in a square upon a floor  
Where yellow sunlight glimmers thru a door.  
I have found such joy in things that fill  
My quiet days, a curtain's blowing grace,  
A growing plant upon a window sill,  
A rose, fresh-cut, and placed within a vase,  
A tale cleared, a lamp beside a chair,  
And books I long have loved, beside me there.  
Oh, I have found such joy! I wish I might  
Tell everyone who goes seeking far  
For some elusive, feverish delight,  
That very close to home the great joys are;  
These fundamental things—old as the race,  
Yet, never through the ages, commonplace.  
But far greater than the joy that sings in our hearts because of the lovely things of each day is the joy of the Lord. Let us consider a few of the sources of this joy. First of all, when

we are aware of his presence with us we feel that fullness of joy — "Thou wilt show me the path of life; in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand are pleasures evermore." Psalm 16:11. Are we "practicing his presence," and feeling the joy of walking with him?

Another source of joy is God's holy word. Jeremiah 15-16 tells us "thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart." Are we experiencing the joy that comes from daily Bible reading and from hiding the word of the Lord in our hearts to keep us from sin?

Still another source of joy is in fellowship with other believers in Christ and with Christ himself each week. The Psalmist David says, "Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy." Are we making the most of this privilege of assembling ourselves together in the house of the Lord where we will find God our exceeding joy?

One of the greatest reasons for joy is our assurance of salvation. The words of Isaiah 12:2-3 stir our hearts with their beauty, "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid; for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation." You have been refreshed by a crystal clear, cold drink drawn from the cool depths of a well. Are you finding the glorious refreshment of drinking the Water of Life from the well of salvation? As a sort of sequel to the joy of salvation is the joy of eternity in the presence of our Saviour. We find this thought in these triumphant words of Isaiah 35:10, "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." The glory and wonder of this eternal joy is beyond our comprehension.

In John 16:24, we have the words of the Lord Jesus, "Ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." How that should challenge us! Just think of the limitless power and untouched spiritual resources at our disposal if our lives are truly in tune with the Lord! Are you availing yourself of the priceless privilege of talking with the Lord in prayer? If we earnestly desire to answer all these questions in the affirmative and to be filled with the joy of the Lord and to share that joy with others, we can join with Frances Ridley Havergal in this fervent little prayer:  
"Oh, fill me with thy fullness, Lord,

Until my very heart o'erflow  
In kindling thought and glowing word  
Thy love to tell, thy praise to show."

**ACTIVE IN LANSING FIELD**

(Continued from page 1)  
ville, Tenn., will conduct the revival. He was the former evangelist for the Synod of Tennessee. Miss Margaret Davis, former missionary to Cuba, will be at Lansing to teach in the Bible school.

**Scripture Experience**

In response to the appeal for Scripture experience, my mind quickly went to several Scripture passages by which I had written "the date" to signify some special experience where God had used His word to bring comfort to me and to prove His promises still hold good today.

In May, 1938, my husband and I were coming home from Pennsylvania when he became sick, and so we stopped overnight with a cousin. I was already having trouble with a shortness of breath that was making me feel "panicky."

My husband was given some medicine and put to bed. After supper I was having so much trouble with my breathing that I was walking in the yard to get more air for breathing. When it was time to retire, an electrical storm was coming up to add to my fears. I was deathly afraid of storms and so I was dreading the long night before me. As my custom was, I opened my Bible to read and this is the verse my eyes fell upon in Psalm 4: "I will both lay me down in peace and sleep, for Thou, Lord, only makes me dwell in safety."

I remember, as though it were last night, the peace that came to my heart, the fear that left. Holding my Bible as though I could not let it go, I closed my eyes in the midst of flashes of lightning and immediately went to sleep with a peace that was not my own, but God's, to awaken the next morning, ready to resume our journey home.

Mrs. Springer Robinson,  
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**FIVE MINISTERS LOST  
IN OUR PRESBYTERY**

Winston - Salem Presbytery is hit hard by the loss of five ministers and probably the loss of one more.

Those men who are accepting calls to other churches are the following: Rev. Ralph Buchanan, Supt. of Home Missions, who has accepted a call to Hawfields Presbyterian church; Rev. Murphy Wiles, pastor at Cooleemee, will go to the First Presbyterian church at High Point as assistant pastor; Dr. George Mauze, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Winston - Salem, will go to a Presbyterian church in Fort Worth, Texas.; Rev. Marion Bradwell, of the Reynolda Presbyterian church, has gone to the pastorate in Waycross, Ga.

Rev. Cecil Callis, of the Jefferson field, has gone to Covington, Va., and if the Foreign Mission Committee completes Rev. William P. Boyle's examination favorably, he will leave the West Jefferson field for Japan.

It looks as if we are robbing Peter to pay Paul all over our church. Our church extension is getting ahead of our ministers. There is one solution — "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He will send more laborers into His field."

## Bang, Creak, Crash! It's The Ebenezer Church In A Storm

Crack! Groan! Crack! The congregation looks up rather alarmed. Swish! The door flies open. Crack! Crack! The preacher slows up in his sermon and looks up rather anxiously. You ask what is all this cracking, groaning, and swishing? Don't be alarmed it is only the Ebenezer church building swaying in the wind.

This is the way the old Ebenezer church behaves when the wind blows. It has five iron rods through the middle that holds the church together. This is the condition which the Ebenezer Presbyterian church is in, and we hope to get enough men and boys together to tear down the old edifice and to build the new one. Crash! Bang! Do not look worried, it is only one of those window panes falling out of the sash, as the wind chases itself in and out the window.

The condition of Ebenezer church is getting pretty bad, and we must do something as soon as possible that we might have a safe and quiet service when the wind blows; therefore we are trying to get enough money to build a new church.

We hope we can tear down the old church building by the end of summer and can put up the new Ebenezer church building as soon as possible. To this end we are working and we need money badly to do the work, and help buy the material for a new church. We had hoped to tear down the old church in the early Summer, but we thought it best to wait until the end of the Summer, when people will not be so busy.

## Remaining Revivals In Glendale Field

Two of the Bible schools and revivals in the Glendale field have been completed, and there are four more to go.

If God is willing we shall complete the schedule as follows:

Millers — June 15-24, with Rev. Clyde Pratt preaching.

Glendale Springs — June 29 - July 8, with Rev. Ted Smith preaching.

Bethel — July 12 -22, with Rev. Clayton C. Crawford preaching.

Peak Creek — July 26-Aug.5, with Rev. Chas. W. Solomon preaching.

Christian brothers, pray for us that God may save many souls during these meetings and Bible schools.

## VIRGINIA SMITH HERE AGAIN

We are very glad to welcome Miss Virginia Smith in the Glendale field again this summer, to play and teach. Virginia will be with us beginning with the Miller's meeting and will stay with us for the rest of the summer.

## FOSTER BIBLE SCHOOL



Elizabeth Ann Barr, Clara Shepherd, Irene Baldwin and Betty Tinley, Lansing, attended the Bible School Institute at Lexington on May 20.

Six young people leaders from Ashe county attended the Synod's young people conference held at Red Springs, June 14 through June 20. Those attending were Mary Frances Luke, Marie Atwood, Maxine Carter, Clara Shepherd, Marlene Jones and Katherine Carter.

The Lansing PYF, under the leadership of Clara Shepherd, has invited one of the Synod's caravan teams to visit and work with the Lansing fellowship, the week of July 22-29. The caravan will also visit at Gillespie and Foster Memorial churches, challenging and inspiring the members with new ideas and plans.

## Presbyterian Y F Active In Church

Misses Marlene Jones and Katherine Carter, members of the Lansing Presbyterian church, were installed as officers on the Presbytery's council at the spring rally held at Pilot Mountain on April 10. Marlene is chairman of the commission of Christian growth and Katherine is chairman for the North Wilkesboro district.

A large number of young people from the Glendale and Lansing fields attended this meeting.

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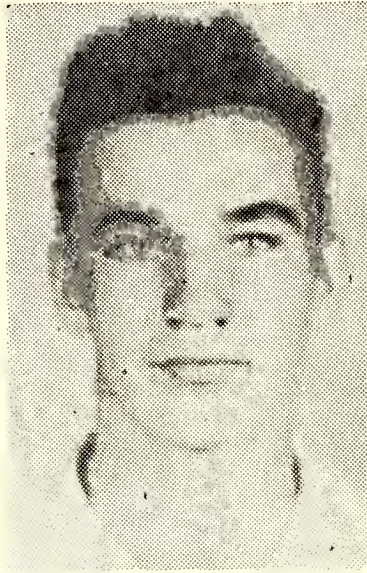
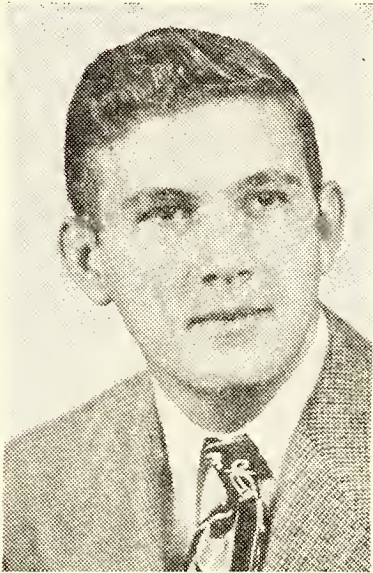
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## Lansing Boys Make Fine Records



Dawes Graybeal and Joel Carter, members of the Lansing Presbyterian Youth Fellowship, have made outstanding records at Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, this year. Dawes was elected President of the student body for the coming year and Joel was elected Treasurer. Both Joel and Dawes are members of the new council of the Christian Association of the college.

## Home Mission Supt. Goes To Hawfields

On July 20, 1941 a commission met at the Pine Hall Presbyterian church to ordain and install Rev. Ralph Buchanan. Ralph was put to work in the Pine Hall field which included Pine Hall, Danbury, and Sandy Ridge churches.

In 1945 the Home Mission Committee felt the need of a Supt. of Home Missions. They selected Rev. Ralph Buchanan who has done exceptional good work in his field. From this time until recently, Ralph has served faithfully as our Supt. of Home Missions.

In the work as Supt. of Home Missions he has had many a hard problem to solve, but has been faithful and steady in doing this. Ralph has also driven many miles in securing men for the vacant fields, and until just recently had secured men for

most of the vacant churches. He has also been faithful in supply-

ing the empty pulpits. The Lansing field was especially grateful for the supply work that Ralph did while their field was without a minister. This supply work required a great deal of driving. I am sure each home mission field will add their words of appreciation for the work Ralph has done. We all say may God bless Ralph, his good wife Margaret, and the little one as they take up work in the Hawfields church.

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**GIRL SCOUT TROOP AT  
GLENDALE ACTIVE**

The Glendale Girl Scout Troop entertained the mothers at the regular weekly meeting on the Monday, following Mother's Day. The girls decorated their room attractively and served delicious ice cream which they made themselves.

The troop members conducted their usual opening ceremony to give the visitors a glimpse of what takes place at the regular Scout meetings. After a brief program in honor of the mothers, games were enjoyed by the Scouts and their guests.

**LANSING WOMEN ATTEND  
PRESBYTERIAL MEETING**

Seven members of the Lansing Women of the Church, two members of Gillespie and one of Foster Memorial attended Presbyterial held at the Memorial Church April 26. Those who went were Mrs. J. O. Blevins, Mrs. Clinton Simpson, Mrs. Raymond Powers, Mrs. Ben Barker, Mrs. Jim Ellis, Mrs. Doris Greer, Mrs. Tom Powers of Lansing, Mrs. Edgar Stansberry, Mrs. Marvin Claycomb of Gillespie, and Miss Betty Tinley of Foster Memorial.

**LANSING WOMEN ACTIVE**

The Lansing women of the church have sponsored the refinishing of the floors and the pews in the church. This activity has added greatly to the beauty of God's sanctuary.

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**LAUREL FORK BIBLE SCHOOL**



**19 Complete Laurel Fork Bible School**

On Tuesday, May 31 the Bible School and revival at the Laurel Fork Presbyterian church began. Although there was not such a large crowd at the opening of the school, yet it grew to an average of about 30 students. The complete enrollment was 41 and the perfect attendance was 19.

Those teaching in this school were Miss Evelyn Acheson, Miss Betsy Edwards, who also was the musician, and J. W. Luke. At the close of the school, perfect attendance certificates were given, and ice cream was enjoyed by all.

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Presbyterian church of Lexington preached each night in the revival Besides many reconsecrations by Christians, the following made profession of their faith in Christ as their Saviour: Leora Pruitt, Mrs. Dean Miller, Donna Lou Pendry, Barbara Jane Miller, Rose Ellen Johnson, Mary Lou Pruitt, and Miss Octavia Johnson.

The revival was one of the best we had at this church and the preaching of Rev. Hardin King was a blessing to us all. The meeting and Bible School closed on June 8.

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## Caravan Visited YF At Lansing Church

The week of July 22-29 was one of the greatest weeks in the lives of the Lansing young people, because then one of Synod's caravan teams visited the youth fellowship.

The caravan team was composed of four young people, Betty Moyer, of Forest City, Ann Jordan, of Wilmington, Bill Brown, of Charlotte, and Jimmy Lithgo, of Greensboro, and an adult adviser, Miss Eleanor Fleming, of Charlotte.

Each morning the team met with the members of the Lansing fellowship for Bible study, for instruction on improving commissions, and for work on projects. At nights members of the team conducted worship services on the topics "I Believe in God," "in Christ," "in the Bible," "in man," and "in the church."

Recreation followed the services, and the group always joined in singing fun songs, and sacred songs before going home each night. The closing night, July 28, was a dedication service night.

Tuesday afternoon the team visited the Foster Memorial youth fellowship and led a worship service. Following the worship service and recreation, the young people of the church had a picnic supper for the team.

Wednesday afternoon Gillespie youth fellowship was host to the caravan team at the Gillespie church and the schedule of the visit to the Foster Memorial church was followed.

The Lansing fellowship members want to encourage all local groups to invite a caravan team to visit them next summer and thus receive a real blessing of new ideas, fellowship and inspiration.

## LANSING YOUTH CHOIR MADE TRIP AUGUST 20

The young people's choir of the Lansing church went to Pineville, Ky., the week end of August 20, 22 to sing in the Moore Memorial Presbyterian church there and to conduct the Sunday night vespers in the Harlan Presbyterian church.

At Harlan, following the sacred music by the choir, Ted Ashley read the young people's theme scripture and Dawes Graybeal made a talk on "Pictures of Paul and of Christ."

The choir members were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Tinley and friends in Pineville and of Mrs. Springer Robinson, in Harlan. Mrs. Robinson is the aunt of Betty Tinley.

Those who went were Jackie Richardson, Mary Louise Spencer, Clara Shepherd, Elizabeth Ann Barr, Katharine Carter, Rose Stamper, Ted Ashley, Dawes Graybeal, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Ham and Miss Betty Tinley.

**"REMEMBER  
THE SABBATH  
DAY TO KEEP  
IT HOLY"**

(See Editorial)

The Assembly of the Presbyterian church has set Sept. 18 for a day upon which our ministers are to preach on keeping the Sabbath holy.

## Ashe County Youths Attend Council Meet

The Young People's Council of Winston-Salem Presbytery met August 31 in the YMCA at Elkin. The president of each local fellowship, or a representative, was invited to be present.

The following Ashe county young people attended: Mary Frances Luke, chairman of Christian Outreach; Tommy Boyd, Glendale president; Maxine Shepherd, Lansing president; Maxine Carter, Foster Memorial president; Marlene Jones, Presbytery chairman of Christian growth; Kathrine Carter, North Wilkesboro, district chairman; Dawes Graybeal and their adviser, Miss Betty Tinley and Miss Evelyn Acheson.

Plans for youth fellowship activities for the coming year were discussed. A motion was made and carried that members of Presbytery Council visit each fellowship in the Presbytery early in the fall. It was decided to have the leadership training school in the spring, combined with the spring rally and to have a rally in the fall. The fall rally will be held at three

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## Church Dedication At Glendale Sp'gs

At a request presented to Winston-Salem Presbytery meeting on July 13, 1939, the date of August 13, 1939 was set to organize a Presbyterian church at Glendale Springs. The organization was completed and Dr. E. E. Gillespie met with the commission and preached.

The newly organized church met in the Glendale Springs school building for services and for Sunday school. The Sunday school grew under the leadership of Elder Delmer Rose and Rev. J. W. Luke was called as pastor at the organization of the church.

The need of a church building was soon felt, and a church lot was selected and a building was begun in October, 1945. Now the building is complete after a hard struggle. Back of the church a playground has been leveled off and is in constant use by the children of the community.

To complete the church we had to go in debt for about \$2000. We are now nearing the last payment on this debt. By the meeting of Winston-Salem Presbytery on Oct. 11, which will convene at the Glendale Springs church, we hope to have the debt completely erased. At this meeting of Presbytery we would like to have the Presbytery dedicate the church. We hope to have Dr. E. E. Gillespie with us to preach the dedication sermon.

We thank and praise our Heavenly Father for our church, and pray that He will use it for his glory.

## 36 Members Joined Church This Summer

We wish to heartily welcome into the fellowship of the church those who professed the Lord Jesus as their Saviour and united with the church of their choice during the services held this summer.

The new church members are as follows:

Ebenezer — Miss Louise Miller, Robert Farrington, Virginia Bowlin and Wilma Bowlin.

Laurel Fork — Miss Octavia Johnson, Mrs. Dean Miller, Barbara Jane Miller, Donna Lou Pendry, Leora and Mary Lou Pruitt.

Millers — Jerry Miller, Shirley Patrick, Barbara and Mary Church. Bethel — Helen and Agilee Shepherd, Shirley and Bobbie Vannoy and Billy Winger.

Peak Creek — Isobelle Woodie, Johnsie and Earvin Roten, Robert, Thomas and Whelan Miller, Paul Bare, Mae Sheets and Leonard Pendry.

Lansing — Warren Sexton, Doyle Denny, Jimmy and Kenneth Baldwin.

Big Ridge — Johnnie and Bill Bare, Bill Lyle and Thomas Oliver.

Name of Church	Enrollment	Av. Att.	Perfect Att.	Professions	Joined Church
Ebenezer	73	49	37	4	4
Laurel Fork	41	31	19	7	6
Millers	74	49	32	6	4
Glendale Springs	92	63	39	0	0
Bethel	50	39	33	5	5
Peak Creek	97	61	42	10	9
Lansing	90	78	35	9	4
Gillespie	35	31	26		
Foster Memorial	35	29	16		
Stone Chapel*	35	26	11		
Big Ridge	40			4	4
Low Gap*	25				

\* No revival

### SUMMARY OF BIBLE SCHOOLS AND REVIVAL MEETINGS

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**Editorial****REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY**

Why have people become heathen in this world? Because they have not remembered.

"When they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imagination, and their foolish heart was darkened." Rom. 1:21.

From the above verse of scripture you can plainly see why men became heathen. They would not remember God and their foolish hearts became dark with ignorance, foul with sin, void of the inspiration and presence of God to lift them up.

**GOD CAN GET ALONG WITHOUT MAN, BUT MAN CANNOT GET ALONG WITHOUT GOD.** Jesus Christ had this in mind when he said: "The Sabbath was made for man." Mk. 2:27. Yes, the Sabbath was made for man's highest self. The Sabbath was given to man that man might not turn into a heathen — that man might not be cut off from the presence and light of God, by forgetting Him.

I shudder at the very thought of being cut off from the presence of God, yet you can be cut off from God. God in his wisdom knew that man would become so engrossed in the affairs of making a living, of his pleasure and of the drudgery of this world, that He gave man a refreshing link — the Sabbath. Man needs the Sabbath more than God does. Man needs the Sabbath dreadfully. Have you a Sabbath in your life?

God said, "Remember the Sabbath to keep it holy." Yes, 'to keep holy,' means to set that day aside for God. It means to set that seventh day of the week for your fellowship with the mighty God of all eternity. Let us use the radio for an illustration. Sometimes we get tired of the advertisements and the din of cheap music and cheap talk over the radio. We turn off the cheap stuff and turn into the beautiful music of a great orchestra. So is the keeping of the Sabbath. We turn off the hum-drum of the

world to let the great presence of the eternal Father into our life. This is what we do when we keep the Sabbath holy — we turn off the world and tune into God.

The prophet Samuel said to King Saul one day, "What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear." Ah! King Saul was caught in his sin, for the noise of the unforbidden cattle was heard.

The Sabbath day comes around, and God will say, "What meaneth the sound of tinkling coins at the stores this day? What meaneth the smell of cigar smoke that pour out of businessmen's and government conferences this day? What meaneth the rattle of farm machinery this day? What meaneth the noise of hammer and wrench this day? What meaneth the roar of cars off for the joy ride this day? What meaneth the shouting of the race track or ball game this day? What meaneth the crowds that pour into the shows this day? What meaneth the rattle of the bottle and the filthy oaths of men this day? Ah! My friend the ear of the Eternal God is not deaf.

God instructed the Jews not to work on the Sabbath either in "the earing time or harvest," not to bring "wares or victuals on the Sabbath for sale." God said, "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord, etc."

In these above verses, God said to his people, we must turn aside from business, work and pleasure to delight in the worship and fellowship of Himself.

One day a Jew was found gathering wood on the Sabbath, "And the Lord said unto Moses, 'The man shall be surely put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp.'"

Today we have no laws to stone a person to death for breaking the Sabbath, yet your heart will turn to a cold stone, so cold and hard you will never know or have God as your God, therefore for your own sake, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy."

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N. WILKESBORO DISTRICT CON., OCT. 5, Glendale Springs.  
WINSTON - SALEM PRESBYTERY, OCT. 11, Glendale Springs.  
YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY, OCT. 30, Elkin.  
PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S CONVENTION, NOV. 4-6, Atlanta, Ga.

**BIBLE SCHOOL HELD AT BIG RIDGE CHURCH**

The Big Ridge church has no pastor, and the people of the community were delighted in having Miss Katherine Hunt come up from Charlotte and direct one of her fine Bible Schools, with the aid of Miss Jean Stone. Rev. Charlton Hutton, and Rev. R. H. Stone held a revival in the evening. Four young men united with the church on profession of faith, and the young folks and children were delighted in having the Bible school.

**REV. K. J. FOREMAN, JR., MISSIONARY IN CHINA**

Rev. and Mrs. K. J. Foreman, Jr., and children, Samuel and Frances, visited friends in Lansing in August, prior to the leaving of Mr. Foreman for China, where he will serve as a missionary.

Mr. Foreman is a former pastor of the Lansing Presbyterian church and the thoughts and prayers of their Ashe county friends go with him in his work in China.

Mrs. Foreman and children are living in Knoxville, Tenn., with her mother, until it is possible for them to join Mr. Foreman in China.

**ASHE COUNTY YOUTHS ATTEND COUNCIL MEET**

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o'clock in the afternoon, Sunday, October 30, in Elkin.

Four young people and two pioneers from the Foster Memorial and Lansing churches attended conferences and camps this summer. Misses Clara Shepherd, Marlene Jones and Maxine Carter attended the conference held at Flora McDonald College. Miss Elizabeth Ann Barr and Clara Shepherd were at Presbytery's camp and Misses Elaine Stansberry and Mary Sue Jones were at Pioneer camp at Camp Betty Hastings.

## Ebenezer Church Oldest In Field

On October 12, 1947 the fiftieth anniversary of Ebenezer Presbyterian church was held. It was a rainy day, but in spite of the dampness, a fairly good crowd attended.

At this anniversary it was decided to improve the old church building, which had become rather weak in structure. Competent builders have advised us not to spend money in trying to patch up the old structure, but to build a new building, using the material in the old church as far as possible in constructing a new church.

During the time of high wind, the old building twists and sways. It creaks and cracks as it is buffeted by the wind, until no one feels safe in the building in time of storms. We have set this fall to rebuild Ebenezer church. We need money badly. We have about \$2000 in cash, in promise and in sight, and this is about all.

The old church was the first Presbyterian church building erected in Ashe county. It has become the mother church of many others. Dr. E. E. Gillespie organized and built this old church in 1897 and 1898.

The plan for the building calls for a brick veneer structure with a basement for Sunday school purposes. We hope we can begin this work this fall, for when winter strikes, we won't be able to do much work. May God help us to erect a substantial edifice that will combat not only the storms of wind, but will also be used for God to combat the forces of Satan. For God's glory we want to build at once.

## Nine Evangelists Help In Revivals

The revivals of the summer are over and many souls have heard the gospel preached and many reached for Christ this season.

The churches and people of the Ashe county field express their thanks to the ministers who preached in the revivals during the summer or filled pulpits that were vacant. We are grateful to the following ministers for giving their time among us:

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## NEW CHURCH NEEDED



New building in sight for Ebenezer Presbyterian church as members are raising funds for construction.

## THE BOYLE FAMILY WILL SAIL FOR JAPAN ON OCT. 14

Word has been received from the William Boyles that they will sail for Japan from San Francisco on October

## COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE HONORED BY FELLOWSHIP

The Foster Memorial youth fellowship gave a farewell party on August 30 for those members of the group who were going to college.

Martha Maynard will go to St. Mary's nursing school in Huntington, W. Va., and Joan Graham and Fred Carter are going to Lees-McRae college.

"Going-Away-To-College" handbooks were given these students by the Women of the Church members.

## MARY FRANCIS LUKE ON PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Mary Francis Luke, a member of Glendale Youth Fellowship, has been recently appointed to serve on the Young People's Council, of Winston-Salem Presbytery. She is the chairman of the commission on Christian Outreach.

14. "Right now, we are visiting families and shopping furiously for five years worth of clothes . . . Our Montreat School was really wonderful. We are thoroughly sold on the School for Appointees, and enjoyed both the classes and the fellowship. Dr. Foreman gave us excellent lectures, as always."

We will miss the Boyles but will be remembering them in our thoughts and prayers.

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Members of the caravan team are shown with young people from the Foster Memorial church on the steps of the church.

**BIBLE SCHOOL WAS HELD IN LOW GAP COMMUNITY**

The Low Gap community was delighted in having a Bible school this summer. Since their pastor had been called to another field, they had little hopes of having a Bible school at Low Gap.

Miss Elizabeth Parker and Miss Elmira Whitely, of Raeford, conducted the Bible school. Miss Ellen Jenkins, of Wagoner, assisted in teaching.

The school was held from August 1 through August 11. Although the Bible school was not as large as it had been for the previous year on account of the absence of transportation

**WORK ON LANSING CHURCH**

The sanding and the refinishing of the floor in the Lansing church has added much to the beauty of the sanctuary.

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yet everyone was glad to have had the Bible school. The children and parents of Low Gap express their thanks to these ladies who did such a fine job at Low Gap.

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**TO DEDICATE CHURCH**



Glendale Springs church, to be dedicated on October 11, at meeting of Winston-Salem Presbytery.

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Hack Miller

Who have been called to their Heavenly Home.

**MISS IRENE BALDWIN  
WEDS DAWES HARTSOG**

Miss Irene Baldwin, pioneer adviser, junior Sunday school teacher and co-adviser for the youth fellowship of the Lansing Presbyterian church, was married to Private Dawes Hartsog on August 6 at the Lansing church.

She taught science in the Lansing high school and was very active in the church. In 1947-48 she was the DRE at the Presbyterian church in Red Springs.

They are making their home at Stedman, near Fort Bragg, where Dawes is in the army and Irene is teaching in the county high school there.

**WOMEN DESERVE PRAISE**

Much praise should be given to the women of the Glendale Presbyterian church for the diligent work they have done in erasing the church debt. The sale of old clothing, given in by friends, has been a big item in meeting the payments of notes.

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**LANSING BIBLE SCHOOL**



The Bible School at the Lansing Presbyterian church was held July 16, with an average daily attendance of 78 children.

**CHURCHES TO OBSERVE RALLY DAY ON SEPT. 25**

Rally Day will be observed on September 25 by members of the Lansing, Foster Memorial and Gillespie churches as well as by other churches throughout the assembly.

The superintendents of the Sunday school will be in charge of the special programs and will be assisted by the secretary of religious education of the Women of the Church.

**COMPLETION OF BASEMENT UNDERWAY AT MILLER'S**

The Millers church has never completed the basement which is needed badly for Sunday school and other purposes. Work is now underway.

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## Thanksgiving Day Services Were Held

Churches in both the Lansing and the Glendale fields of the Presbyterian churches held special services during Thanksgiving week.

The Thanksgiving service at Lansing was held on Thursday morning, November 24, with the youth fellowship, under the direction of Miss Betty Tinley, in charge of the service. A very impressive service was presented by the youth fellowship.

Foster Memorial church held its Thanksgiving service on Thanksgiving Day night at the church with Elder Noah Graham in charge of the service.

Elder Conley Thompson was in charge of the service at the Gillespie church, which was held on Wednesday night, November 23.

### GLENDALE SERVICES

In the Glendale field services were held at Bethel, Laurel Fork, Millers, Glendale Springs with Rev. J. W. Luke, pastor, speaking on Thanksgiving topics. He used "Bless the Lord O' My Soul and Forget Not All His Benefits." Psalm 103:2.

At Millers moving pictures of Bible schools were shown, as was a picture of Barium Springs. "The Sale of the Earth," was shown at the Glendale Springs church.

Services were also held at the Peak Creek and Ebenezer churches on November 27.

Offerings were taken at all of the churches in the Glendale field for the Barium Springs orphanage.

## Improvements Noted In Glendale Field

There have been some improvements in the fall months of this year.

The church at Millers has been needing its basement completed for a long time. We have been needing it as a place to hold classes for Sunday School and also for a room for the young people to gather for fellowship. At last it is completed. The men and boys rallied on a Friday morning and two Saturdays and we went to work. Some hauled sand, rock and water. Mr. Dick Cashion lent us a little cement mixer and we went to work. The people of Millers are to be commended on the way they cooperated on this job. The basement is now equipped with a nice floor and it has improved this church building 100 per cent in usefulness.

After the floor was completed at Millers the mixer was taken to Glendale Springs by Elder Worth Miller, who pulled it up the mountain behind

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"And, lo, the star which they saw in the east went before them." Mt. 2:9.



"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy." Lu. 2:10.



"The shepherds said — Let us go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass." Lu. 2:15.



"They saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and fell down and worshipped Him." Mt. 2:11.

## Christmas Programs Planned In County

Special services are being planned for the Christmas season in the churches. Pageants, trees, plays and other services, commemorating the birthday of Christ, will be carried out. Some of these services are listed here:

### GLENDALE FIELD

The celebration of our Lord's birthday is near at hand and the churches of the Glendale field are planning for trees and programs for this special event.

The schedule for Christmas pageantry and trees in the Glendale field are as follows:

Glendale Springs—Play, "The Message of the Stars," Sunday, December 18, 7:00 p. m.; Peak Creek, Wednesday, December 21, 10:00 A. M.; Laurel Fork, Wednesday, December 21, 7:00 p. m.; Ebenezer, Thursday, December 22, 10:00 a. m.; Miller's, Thursday, December 22, 7:00 p. m.; Glendale Sp'gs. tree, Friday, December 23, 10:00 a. m., and Bethel, Friday, December 23, 2:00 p. m.

May this Christmas be for all of us a real time of praise and worship, because it is the birthday of the Christ-child, the son of God.

### LOW GAP CHURCH

Although the Low Gap church is without a pastor, they are trying to carry on the best they can. They have begun to practice for Christmas and will have their Christmas tree and pageant on December 20, 7:00 p. m., un-

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## Women Of Lansing Field Are Active

Those who attended the Group Conference held at Glendale Church, October 5, were Mrs. L. B. Ham, and Mrs. James Vannoy, from Foster Memorial; Mrs. Edgar Barr and Mrs. Wade Ham, from Gillespie; and Mrs. Clyde Mullis, Mrs. Raymond Powers, Mrs. Hoyle Miller, Mrs. B. W. Graybeal, and Miss Betty Tinley, from Lansing.

The Foster Memorial, Gillespie, and Lansing Women of the Church and

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## In Loving Memory

Brother Aleck Cox was called to Heaven on October 10, 1949. He was a faithful servant of God to his ripe old age. He had united with Ebenezer Presbyterian church, July 31, 1898. Later he united with Peak Creek church, Oct. 5, 1921, and later when Laurel Fork church was organized near his home, he became a member on Sept. 25, 1932. "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

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**Christmas Again!**

Christmas again! What a hustle and bustle; what a feverish rush for the last minute shoppers; what wistful longing in the eyes of little children as they watch the fascinating wonders in store windows; what mysterious parcels under the Christmas tree; and what delight at finding the mailbox brimming over with Christmas cards bringing messages of friendship from near and far! In homes all over our land there is an eager expectancy in hearts on this special day of all the year.

But is all this really Christmas? We hear much talk about having the Christmas spirit, but what is this Christmas spirit. Have we, in the wild haste of last minute things to be done and the clamor of commercialism, passed by the real heart of Christmas?

Let us take time to go out under the white stillness of the stars and let our minds go back over the centuries to that night when a brilliant star caused men to leave their own countries and travel till they found the Christ-Child, whose birth the star proclaimed. In imagination, let us listen with the shepherds in reverent wonder to the glorious angel chorus, then may we, too, seek the Christ-Child as they did. How we can rejoice that the greatest news of all time — "tidings of great joy," — was announced to humble men at their everyday tasks and also to men of great wisdom and wealth. The little Christ-Child, the promised Redeemer of the world, did not come to any one type, class, or race of people, but to all. He graciously invites all to accept His priceless gift of salvation. Let us take time to bow our hearts in humility and adoration before the Christ and strive to comprehend, in some small degree, the deep meaning of that first Christmas for each of us. In all the merry excitement of exchanging gifts, let us take time to say, "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable word."

Much has been said and written about the radiant Christmas star. This

year, may we recapture the whole-hearted faith of a little child, which is so well portrayed in the words of a poet:

"We have seen His star and are come  
We were all cross in the Christmas hurry,  
(Lord, please forgive us.) the wear and the worry,  
Things gone wrong without reason or rhyme,  
Too much bustle and too little time.  
Some were restless, and some beset  
By last minute duties they mustn't forget;  
All but the youngest, the five-year old,  
There by the hearth in a pool of gold.  
We had forgotten she was there,  
The firelight on her.  
A knock at the door, sudden and loud,  
And we fretted some more;  
Was it a guest, or a beggerman,  
Or a last minute message changing a plan?  
Something no doubt to harry and push,  
All but the youngest. She came to her feet,  
Caught by a wonder wild and sweet,  
Starry-eyed, breathless, with lifted head:  
'Listen! The wise men have come!' she said."

In a spiritual sense, may we let the radiance of the Christmas star shine down into our hearth and dispel any darkness of sin that may be there. May our hearts be aglow with that joyous radiance not only at the Christmas season but every day of the year so that it will shine out and touch other lives. Let us promise ourselves that we will not only take time this Christmas to adore the living Christ, but to carry that message of love and joy to those about us lost in greatest Christmas gift. God gave us His best, His only Son to be our Saviour, so let us give our best back to Him in joyous, willing surrender!

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS  
PLANNED IN COUNTY**

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less there is a change in the schedule.

**LANSING MAKING PLANS**

The Christmas play, "The Message of the Stars" will be presented in the Lansing, Gillespie and Foster Memorial Presbyterian churches.

The dates will be: December 18, Lansing; December 21, Gillespie and December 22, Foster Memorial.

A Christmas service will also be held at Stone Chapel sometime during the Christmas season.

**FELLOWSHIPS ORGANIZED  
IN GLENDALE CHURCHES**

Early this fall, two new Youth Fellowships were organized by combining two churches in each fellowship; it was possible to reach the young people of all six churches each week. The combined Laurel Fork - Peak Creek Fellowship meets Wednesday night; the combined Millers - Bethel Fellowship meets Thursday night; and the Glendale Springs - Ebenezer group continues to hold their Sunday night meetings with a fine attendance.

It is a great satisfaction to have a

**Church Dedicated At  
Glendale October 11**

It was a great delight to the people at Glendale Springs to have Winston-Salem Presbytery meet with them on Oct. 11, at the fall meeting. The meeting was well attended.

Rev. John R. McAlpin, III, was the retiring moderator of the Presbytery, and Rev. E. H. Gartrell was elected to take his place.

Many affairs of the church were discussed and handled. The communion service was also beautifully held in all its solemnity, reminding us of the death of our Lord and Saviour.

The service that was of great interest to the members of the Glendale Springs church was the dedication service. The people had set Oct. 11, as the date to pay off the last debt on the church building and ask Presbytery to dedicate the church. The debt was paid, much to our joy. In a formal dedication service the church was given to our Lord. This service was led by the pastor, J. W. Luke. At the close of the dedication commitment, Dr. E. E. Gillespie preached a splendid sermon. The church building is now in the hands of our Lord, may it be used for His glory for many years hence, is our prayer.

At the Presbytery, dinner was graciously served by the women of the Laurel Fork and Glendale Springs churches.

**WOMEN OF LANSING  
FIELD ARE ACTIVE**

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the ladies of the Lansing Methodist church joined together in the project of collecting and mailing "Pieces for Peace" to be sent to the German women. They met at the Lansing church November 22, to pack these materials.

The Lansing Women of the Church have sent their box of fall clothing to their little adopted daughter, Linda Lee Byrd, at Barium Springs Orphanage.

November 8 was a special date in the history of the Foster Memorial Women of the Church. Mrs. W. F. Brown, President of Winston - Salem Presbyterial, and Mrs. Donald Coffey, North Wilkesboro District Chairman, were the guests of the group. Mrs. Brown spoke on "Highlights of Montreat and of the Synodical Meeting," and Mrs. Coffey told about the Training School held at Peace College. A supper was held at the Church before the meeting.

The Lansing Women of the Church are happy to say that members and friends have been giving "love-gifts" to get aisle runners for the Church.

time and place for Christian fellowship for these young people who show splendid interest in their newly organized work. The first week in November a council meeting for each fellowship was held at which plans were made for the meetings during the remainder of the year. Special worship services and programs have been arranged for the holiday season.

## Local Minister Sees "Star Of Bethlehem"

By Rev. John W. Luke

"Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared." Mt. 2:7.

A very interesting and inspiring trip was made to Chapel Hill to see the presentation of the "Star of Bethlehem," which took place in the planetarium on the university grounds. The planetarium is a wonderful piece of mechanism. We understood there are only about 20 of these machines in operation throughout the world.

Millions of stars were projected upon the ceiling of the dome of the planetarium building in which we sat. Each star was in its place. The constellations stood out in their places and each star was seen to proceed on its course at a speed that could be observed. In a few minutes the movements of the stars and planets could be observed over a hundred years of time. In turn the time could be turned backward to most any period of the world existence. While we sat in wonder, the time was turned back two thousand years in history of the stars and we saw the stars as they ran their courses at the time of Christ's birth.

It was shown to us by the astronomer who managed the presentation, that about the time when Christ was born there was a very bright conjunction of the two planets — Jupiter and Saturn. This conjunction happened every two hundred year. This was thought to have been the Star of Bethlehem. It is certain that Herod did not know where to find the star as he asked what time the star appeared. The wise men who had followed the star which they had seen from the east, were students of the stars and knew where to look for this bright appearance of the two planets which lined up at such an angle that it made what is called a conjunction. If the star had been such as to call the attention to unlearned observers of the stars such as Herod was, they would not have had to call on the wise men to show them the star. The wise men knew the stars and their courses and could find the bright star at the appointed time. The remarkable thing about the birth of Christ is that God brought it about at just the time of the conjunction of these two stars. These planets in their majestic courses united to praise the birth of the Son of God. If God chose to use the stars in the heavens to glorify His Son's birth, how great is His Son, that all nature praises His name.

On the night of Christ's birth we are told that there was another greater disturbance in the sky—far beyond

## Scout Troops Active In Glendale Field

The Boy Scout Troop 117, sponsored by the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church, has been active with the rest of the scouts of the Ashe district. They participated in the parade at the Tobacco Festival and gave service in errands, first aid and patrol duty.

The scouts have just completed making a basketball court on the playground at Glendale Springs church. Thomas Boyd made the backboards and the scouts put them in place on the grounds.

Arrangements are being made for the girl scouts to play the Glade Valley team on Saturday, December 10. The girls have not played together this year, but they expect a lot of fun in the game.

### SUBSCRIPTION LIST IS REVISED BY EDITORS

Miss Evelyn Acheson has been working hard on the subscription list. She has taken many obsolete names from the list and straightened up the file list. We hope many people who have been getting the paper will re-subscribe. It is only ten cents per year. The cheapest paper in the world perhaps. Only the price of two ice cream cones or two bottles of soft drink. The paper will last you a whole year coming to you quarterly. Subscribe for the new year.

the natural. We are told that a great light shown from the sky, and in that light angels of heaven appeared singing the message from God — "For peace and goodwill to men." This was to God in the highest and on earth the message of God's love for men. An angel also appeared to the shepherd's watching their flocks by night. He spoke in a language of the shepherds and told them that wonderful message, "Unto you a Child is born in the city of Bethlehem." Since that day the souls of men have looked up with hope and assurance of God's love and salvation.

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## Elder Rose Conducts Obids Thanks Service

Elder Rose held a special Thanksgiving service at the Obids Presbyterian church on November 20, with a splendid service being held.

The Obids church has been without a pastor since Rev. William Boyle left to go to Japan as missionary this summer.

A splendid service was held and an offering of \$29.00 was received for the Barium Springs orphanage.

### THE BEAUTIFUL GIFT

What can a mother give her children Greater today than this one great thing Faith in an old sweet, beautiful story, A stable, a star, and a new-born kin? Shining faith in the young lad, Jesus; Lover of high white things was he; Jesus, straight as a Lebanon cedar; Jesus, clean as the winds from the sea. Faith in the young man came to manhood;

Jesus, compassionate, tender and true, O, my children, what more glorious Gift in the world can I give to you? Carry it high like a lamp in the darkness,

Hold it for warmth when you are cold. Keep it for joy when youth goes singing,

Clasp it for peace when you are old. What can a mother give her children, More than a faith that will not dim? Take it, my dear ones, hold it forever, A lamp for a lifetime, faith in Him.

—Grace Noll Crowell.

### MISS ACHESON CONDUCTS GLENDALE BIBLE CLASSES

During the months of September, October and November, Miss Evelyn Acheson has been conducting Bible studies for the women of all the churches in the Glendale Springs field.

Three classes have been held for the churches in Ashe county and two classes for the churches in Wilkes county. Many of the women expressed delight at the classes that were held.

### CONSTRUCTION WORK DONE IN GLENDALE FIELD

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his pickup truck. Another group of men are also to be commended, for the men at this church rolled up their sleeves and poured a nice walk to the front door of the church and the Sunday School department.

The mixer was moved again over to the manse and a cement floor was poured to the front porch of this house. We want to commend all who had a part in these new improvements.

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## New Ebenezer Church To Be Built In 1950

Members of the Ebenezer Presbyterian church have been anticipating the beginning of the new church and much discussion has been held as to the start of the construction, which will take place in the early spring.

It was decided to start the church in the spring, for if started now it would mean working during the winter months to complete the church and as the old building would have to be torn down, it would leave no place to worship.

We hope that money will come in for the building during the winter months, so in the spring we can go forward with speed in constructing the building. If there are those who feel generous and would like to invest in the Kingdom's work, we can assure you your gifts will be used in a most profitable way in the work of our Lord.

### LANSING FELLOWSHIP TO PRESENT CHRISTMAS PLAY

The Youth Fellowship of the Lansing Presbyterian church, under the direction of Miss Betty Tinley, will present the Christmas play, "The Message of the Star," at the Jefferson Presbyterian church on Monday night, December 19.

All members of the Jefferson church and others interested are asked to attend this presentation.

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## Rev. John Luke Helps China Grove Revival

Several years ago a young student by the name of John Ricks spent the summer in West Jefferson, aiding Rev. R. H. Stone in his work. Just recently Rev. John Ricks has led a new congregation just outside of China Grove in building a new church. The pastor of Glendale Springs field was asked to preach in this new church for a week, November 6 -12. It was a delight to meet so many old friends in the vicinity of the new church. Friends that had moved from the counties of Ashe and Wilkes and had made their homes in and around China Grove and Landis.

There were many people who re-consecrated their lives to the Lord and Saviour, and about nine souls united with the church.

## Miss Margie Dean Lyle Weds William Hayes

Thursday, Nov. 24. Thanksgiving day, was the date of the first wedding held in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church.

One of our fine Christian young people, Miss Margie Dean Lyle, was the bride, and Mr. William Hayes, of Wilkesboro, was the groom.

The wedding was a beautiful one. The church was decorated with candles, ivy, and gladiolas. Miss Virginia Smith of Charlotte, rendered several beautiful musical numbers, and Mrs. William Kuneman sang "Oh, Promise Me." and "Because." The service took place in the twilight of Thanksgiving day, in the soft glow of many flickering candles.

The marriage was conducted by the bride's pastor, Rev. J. W. Luke. Bill Scroggs and Junior Lyle were ushers

for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Scroggs, with a few other friends accompanied the groom from Wilkesboro. The bride's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Lyle, Betty Lyle and many other relatives and friends attended the wedding.

May all the weddings held in this little church at Glendale Springs be as joyous and beautiful as this one.

### KOREAN MINISTER WAS SPEAKER HERE IN OCTOBER

T. K. Kang, minister from Korea, who is studying at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga., visited in Ashe county October 14 - 16 and spoke in five of the churches.

Mr. Kang presented a stirring message and challenged the young people of Ashe county with the call of Christ to Korea.

He spoke at the following churches in the county: Lansing, Gillespie, Glendale, Foster Memorial, West Jefferson.

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## Youth Fellowships Active In Presbytery

The Council of the Lansing Youth Fellowship held their fall Retreat, October 1, at Whitetop, Va. It was a day of worship, recreation, and program - planning for the fall and winter.

Those who attended the Retreat were Clara Shepherd, Elizabeth Ann Barr, Rose Stamper, Katherine Carter, Ted Ashley, Marlene Jones and Miss Betty Tinley.

At the fall meeting of the Young People's Presbytery Council, the members adopted the plan of having the council members visit the local Fellowships throughout the Presbytery.

In compliance with this plan, Marlene Jones, Presbytery's Chairman of Christian Growth, and Katherine Carter, District Chairman, attended the night session of the North Wilkesboro Fellowship during their Retreat. Marlene led the worship service.

Miss Peggy Harris, field representative of Flora MacDonald College, was the guest speaker of the Lansing Fellowship Friday night, October 21. Miss Harris spoke on the "Christian Education."

Miss Harris met with seniors of Jefferson, West Jefferson and Lansing high schools Friday morning and talked with them about attending college.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY

The Presbyterian Youth Fellowships of the North Wilkesboro District held an exceptionally fine rally, October 14, 7:30 P. M., at the Lansing Church, where Mr. T. K. Kang, Korean minister, was the guest speaker. Representatives from the North Wilkesboro, Glendale - Ebenezer, Bethel - Millers, Laurel Fork, Foster Memorial, Gillespie and Lansing Fellowships were present; there was a total attendance of 87.

Katherine Carter, of Lansing, who is the District Chairman, led the worship service and introduced Mr. Kang.

Mary Frances Luke and Tommy Boyd, of Glendale, were in charge of the recreation period which followed the service.

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### PRESBYTERY RALLY

The young people of Winston - Salem Presbytery had their fall Rally Sunday, October 31, at the Y. M. C. A., in Elkin. 180 young people and advisors were present for an afternoon and evening of worship and fellowship.

Those who attended from the Glendale and Lansing fields were Fred Kilby, Helen Wyatt, M. D. Brown, Ruby Huffman from Millers; Junior Wyatt, Herbert Osborne, Evelyn Royal from Bethel; Mary Elizabeth Pendry from Laurel Fork; Robert Farrington, Louise Miller, from Ebenezer;

Mary Frances Luke, Tommy Boyd, Joe Caven, Bernard Lyle, Delmer Wade Rose, Charles Caudill, Shirley Caudill, Miss Evelyn Acheson, and Mr. John Luke, from Glendale; Marlene Jones, Catherine Carter, Clara Shepherd, Dawes Graybeal, Charles Dolinger, Ralph Pugh and Miss Betty Tinley, from Lansing.

The program for the Presbytery meeting included talks by Mrs. E. F. Ebelein, Rev. George Staple and Rev. John Luke. Miss Marlene Jones conducted the worship service and Dawes Graybeal gave the Bible study.

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## Easter Services To Be Held At Churches

Plans are now underway for the Easter services to be held in the different churches in the county.

In the Glendale Springs field it has always been the custom for the Easter season to hold communion services at the churches throughout the field.

The Lord's Supper will be held in the Glendale Springs field according to the following schedule:

April 2—Bethel, 10:30 a. m., Miller's, 1:30 p. m.; Glendale Springs, 7:30 p. m.

April 9—Peak Creek, 11:00 a. m.; Ebenezer, 2:00 p. m. and Laurel Fork, Plans for the Easter services in the Lansing, Jefferson and West Jefferson have not been completed.

## "The Lord Is Risen Indeed"

"AND THE ANGEL ANSWERED AND SAID UNTO THE WOMAN, FEAR NOT YE: FOR I KNOW THAT YE SEEK JESUS, WHICH WAS CRUCIFIED.

"HE IS NOT HERE; FOR HE IS RISEN, AS HE SAID. COME, SEE THE PLACE WHERE THE LORD LAY.

## New Ebenezer Church Construction Starts

The rebuilding of the old mother church, Ebenezer Presbyterian church, has been put off several times; but now the time has come to begin the building program, with April 1 set as the date to begin work.

The old building, which is beyond repair, is to be torn down and all the lumber is to be used in the new building that can possibly be utilized.

The new building is to be a little smaller and to have a basement and to be a brick veneer structure and several members have agreed to cut white pine logs for paneling the walls on the inside of the church. These logs are to be contributed to the work of  
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AND GO QUICKLY, AND TELL HIS DISCIPLES THAT HE IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD — AND AS THEY WENT TO TELL HIS DISCIPLES, BEHOLD, JESUS MET THEM, SAYING, ALL HAIL. AND THEY CAME AND HELD HIM BY THE FEET, AND WORSHIPPED HIM, THEN SAID JESUS UNTO THEM, BE NOT AFRAID. GO TELL THY BRETHREN. JESUS SAITH UNTO HER, WOMAN, WHY WEEPEST THOU? WHOM SEEKEST THOU? — JESUS SAITH UNTO HER, MARY. SHE TURNED HERSELF, AND SAITH UNTO HIM, RABBONI; WHICH IS TO SAY MASTER. AT EVENING — WHEN THE DOORS WERE SHUT — CAME JESUS AND STOOD IN THE MIDST, AND SAITH UNTO

THEM, PEACE BE UNTO YOU — THEN WERE THE DISCIPLES GLAD WHEN THEY SAW THE LORD.

"BUT NOW IS CHRIST RISEN FROM THE DEAD, AND BECOME THE FIRST-FRUITS OF THEM THAT SLEPT. . . .

"O DEATH, WHERE IS THY STING? O GRAVE, WHERE IS THY VICTORY? THE STING OF DEATH IS SIN; AND THE STRENGTH OF SIN IS THE LAW. BUT THANKS BE TO GOD, WHICH GIVETH US THE VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

"THESE THINGS I HAVE SPOKEN UNTO YOU, THAT IN ME YE MIGHT HAVE PEACE. IN THE WORLD YE SHALL HAVE TRIBULATION; BUT BE OF GOOD CHEER; I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD."

## Youth Fellowships Active In Presbytery

The Foster Memorial Youth Fellowship and the Women of the Church presented a joint program on "Christianity in Japan" during the foreign mission emphasis month of January at the Church. Mrs. Howard Little, Secretary of Foreign Missions, was in charge of the program.

The Lansing Youth Fellowship have prepared "Prayer Booklets" to be used in the homes of the members of the Lansing, Gillespie, and Foster Memorial Churches. These booklets list the different meetings of each day in the churches and suggest world-wide prayer topics.

The Pioneers of the Lansing Church have reorganized and meet each Monday night at the Church at 6:45.

The Juniors of the Church will organize March 6 and will meet each Monday night at 5:45.

The Lansing, Gillespie, and Foster Memorial Youth Fellowships and Pioneers will be in charge of the special Easter Services to be held during the week of April 2-9 at the Churches.

The Lansing Youth Fellowship is making plans for a county-wide interdenominational Youth night to be held March 25 at the Lansing Presbyterian  
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## Officers Elected By Women Of The Church

The 1950-51 officers of the Lansing, Gillespie and Foster Memorial Women of the Church have been elected and installed as follows:

Lansing—Mrs. J. O. Blevins, president; Mrs. Tom Powers, vice-president; Mrs. Quincy Mullis, secretary; Mrs. Victor Clark, treasurer and Mrs. Tom Powers, historian.

Gillespie—Mrs. Edgar Barr, president; Mrs. Clarence Stansberry, vice-president; secretary, Mrs. Conley Thompson; Mrs. Reuben Ham, treasurer and Mrs. Wade Ham, historian.

Foster Memorial—Mrs. L. B. Ham, president; Mrs. Howard Little, vice-president; Mrs. James Vannoy, secretary; Miss Beatrice Clark, treasurer; Mrs. Luther Hart, historian; Mrs. Noah Graham, chairman of spiritual growth and Mrs. A. L. Carter, chairman of education.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Presbytery — North Wilkesboro — April 11.  
Presbyterian — Lexington Second — April 21.  
Pioneer Conference — July 4-13.  
Senior Conference — July 10-17.

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**WHAT CAN I DO IN MY COMMUNITY**

Each of us wants his community to be a Christian one; therefore, we must face the question—"What can I as an individual do to help make a Christian community?"

I can kneel, I can knock; I can knit. I can kneel in prayer about my community, about the conditions within, the non-Christian practices, the people within. Have I ever spent 10 minutes in prayer for my community, asking God to show me what I can do to help? Do I have Christ-like attitudes toward my neighbor who has more than I, who has less than I, toward the persons of other races and nationalities? Yes, I can kneel in prayer about these attitudes.

2. I can knock on the doors of the homes in my community for Christ. I can invite my neighbors to go to Sunday School and Church with me. In the study book "Lift Up Your Eyes" the author Dr. Lewis Sherrill emphasizes the fact that we are not reaching people for Christ. In North Carolina 720,000 youth between the ages seven to fourteen do not belong to any Sunday School or Church. Some of these youth live right around you and me. Am I conscious of this fact? Do I actually know or care whether my neighbors are Christians? What a great difference it would make in the community if you and I started knocking on doors and reaching people for Christ! Knocking nine times may not bring results, but the tenth time will. I can knock on the door of the shut-in and the sick in my community. The shut-ins need and appreciate Christian fellowship. One invalid remarked to a visitor, "I do so need sunshine on the rainy days, and you can help to bring the sunshine by your visits."

3. I can knit my community together with Christian projects. The boys and girls of the community need clean, wholesome recreation. Perhaps I could direct a recreation program

for them one of the week: Many of children do not receive any Christian training in their homes. They do so need to know Jesus Christ and His way. I might help them by going to the schools and telling Bible stories once a week. Perhaps I could help in the summer Bible schools; if I feel unqualified to teach, I could help with the transportation of the children to the Bible School.

What can I as an individual do to help make a Christian community? I can kneel; I can knock; I can knit. A post has expressed it in this way:

"'Tis only a half-truth the poet has sung

Of the 'house by the side of the way'  
Our Master had neither a house nor a home,

But He walked with the crowd day by day.

And I think when I read of the poet's desire

That a house by the road would be good;

But service is found in its tenderest form

When we walk with the crowd in the road.

"So I say, Let me walk the men in the road,

Let me seek out the burdens that crush.

Let me speak a kind word of good cheer to the weak

Who are falling behind in the rush.  
There are wounds to be healed, there are breaks we must mend

There's a cup of cold water to give;  
And the man in the road by the side of his friend

Is the man who has learned to live.

"Then tell me no more of the house by the road,

There is only one place I can live—  
It is there with the men who are toiling along,

Who are needing the cheer I can give.

It is pleasant to live in the house by the way

And by a friend, as the poet has said,  
But the Master is bidding us, "Bear ye their load"

For your rest waiteth yonder ahead.

"I could not remain in the house by the road

And watch as the toilers go on,  
Their faces beclouded with pain and with sin,

So burdened, their strength nearly gone.

I'll go to their side, I'll speak in good cheer,

I'll help them to carry their load;  
And I'll smile at the man in the house by the way,

As I walk with the crowd in the road.

"Out there in the road that goes by the house

Where the poet is singing his song,  
I'll walk and I'll work 'midst the heat of the day

And I'll help falling brothers along  
Too busy to live in the house by the

**IN MEMORY OF**

Otis Hampton Hall, young faithful member of Ebenezer Church called to his home above March 3.

**NEW EBENEZER CHURCH CONSTRUCTION STARTS**

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the building.

If there are others who will give in likewise manner, we would like to hear from them at an early date.

The building committee which met in North Wilkesboro at Gilbert Bare's store, also emphasized our need for money and we hope all pledges will be paid soon both by members and friends.

If there are others who wish to help us, we hope you will send your gift to Rev. J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, treasurer of the building committee.

We hope any friends who wish to invest in God's kingdom, will be able to give us some aid on this major project in the Glendale field.

**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ACTIVE IN PRESBYTERY**

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Church. The speakers will be Calvin Miller, Jefferson and Dawes Graybeal, Lansing, students at Lees-McRae College; Tom Roberts, Lansing student at Brevard College; and Mr. W. R. Smith Jr., Secretary of Home Missions in Winston-Salem Presbytery. They will speak on the subject "What Christ Offers To Youth."

**D.V.B.S. Teachers To Hold Institute Soon**

An institute for the purpose of training volunteer workers who will teach in the summer Bible schools will be held at the Jefferson Presbyterian church this spring. It has been difficult to find a time that will be convenient for all concerned but Thursday, March 30, has been set as the tentative date.

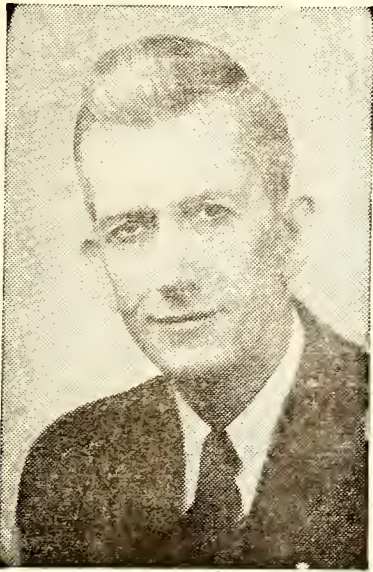
There will be an afternoon and evening session with all bringing a luncheon to be eaten together at the supper hour. Miss Rosanna Barnes, Charlotte, will be in charge with three other instructors who will conduct classes for beginner, primary, junior and intermediate department teachers.

Lansing, West Jefferson, Jefferson and Glendale Springs fields will all join in this institute and it is hoped that many of our people will take advantage of this opportunity to learn to be better Bible teachers.

way,  
Too happy for such an abode.  
And my heart sings its praise of the Master of all,  
Who is helping me serve in the road."

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**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**



Rev. William R. Smith, who is the new executive secretary in our Presbytery.

**Rev. W. R. Smith, New Executive Secretary**

With new encouragement and joy we welcome the selection of Rev. Wm. P. Smith as the new Executive Secretary of Winston - Salem Presbytery. Mr. Smith comes to us from Roanoke Presbytery and from the pastorate at Chatham, Va.

Already our new executive secretary has preached several times at churches in Ashe county and has made many friends.

Many of us in Winston - Salem Presbytery have known Mr. Smith for several years and from time to time heard rumors of his fine work in other fields where he has served.

Mr. Smith is the father of our young minister in our Presbytery now serving as Y. M. C. A. Secretary at Davidson College, Rev. J. R. Smith, III.

Those of us from the Ashe county field welcome Mr. Smith in the work of the Presbytery and pray that God will bless him in his efforts.

**PRESBYTERY COUNCIL MET AT ELKIN YWCA**

The Young People's Council of Winston-Salem Presbytery met Sunday afternoon, February 19, at the Y. W. C. A. in Elkin. Plans were made for the Leadership Training School to be held April 29-30 at the First Presbyterian church in Winston-Salem.

Those from the Youth Fellowships in Ashe county who were present were Mary Frances Luke, Glendale, chairman of christian outreach; Marlene Jones, Lansing, chairman of christian growth; Katherine Carter, Lansing, district chairman; and Betty Tinley, Lansing, woman adult adviser.

**GLENDALE GIRL SCOUTS HAVE BENEFIT SUPPER**

The Glendale Springs Gir' Scout Troop had a pie supper at the Glendale Springs schoolhouse on February 13. In spite of rain and fog which made the crowd small, the girls made \$14.31 toward their fund for purchasing uniforms.

The girls appreciated having their good friend, Arthur Rose, serve as auctioneer and were grateful, too, to all those friends who braved the weather to come out to give the scouts their generous support. An interesting travel motion picture was shown as a feature of the evening's program.

**STOVE, SINK PLACED IN GLENDALE MANSE**

The people in the Glendale Springs church and friends in the community presented Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Luke with a new Universal Electric stove for Christmas while members at Peak Creek, Ebenezer and Laurel Fork contributed a new cabinet sink for the manse.

Wayne Bare, member at Ebenezer church, installed the stove and sink and put both in fine working condition.

"We have thanked every one, but we thank each one of you again for these fine gifts and we have had some fine cooking since the above installations," Mr. Luke stated.

**Glendale Field Plans Summer Bible Schools**

The season for daily vacation Bible schools and revival services is just around the corner! The schedule for the Glendale Springs field has been made with an attempt to choose the time best suited to each of these communities. Changes may be found necessary later but the tentative schedule is as follows:

Laurel Fork — May 16 - May 26; Bechel — May 30 - June 9; Millers' — June 13 - June 23; Glendale Springs— June 27 - July 7; Peak Creek — July 11 - July 21 and Ebenezer — July 25 - August 4.

It is our prayer that these weeks of instruction, inspiration and re-consecration may prove a great blessing to young and old alike.

**GLENDALE SCOUT TROOPS ENJOY BASKETBALL TRIPS**

During basketball season, the Glendale Springs Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have played a few games with the Glade Valley high school teams. The Glendale boys have been victorious each time.

Both troops have enjoyed the wholesome fun and recreation provided by these trips. In the near future, the scouts plan to meet the Glade Valley teams in another friendly battle on their fine basketball court.

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**MEN SERVE WOMEN**



The men in the Lansing Presbyterian church shown serving ladies at supper on February 1. They also prepared it.

**Lansing Fellowship Supper On March 31**

The annual fellowship supper of the Lansing, Gillespie, Foster Memorial churches and Stone chapel will be held Friday night, March 31, at the Lansing church.

This is a time of Christian fellowship that all look forward to and members of the four churches in the Lansing field are completing plans to attend this supper.

**REPAIRS COMPLETED IN WEST JEFFERSON CHURCH**

The members of the West Jefferson church have installed an oil furnace in the church and have repaired the windows of the church.

During the absence of a preacher, the members have a regular Sunday School each Sunday, and the Women of the Church meet regularly each month for the circle and general meetings.

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**PLANS COMPLETED FOR LANSING BIBLE SCHOOLS**

Miss Betty Tinley has completed plans for the Bible schools and revivals to be held in the Lansing field, starting May 21 and continuing through July 23.

The members and friends of the Lansing church are certainly happy to know that R. H. Stone, organizer and former pastor of the churches in the Lansing field, will conduct the Lansing revival.

The dates for the Bible schools and revivals are as follows:

Stone Chapel, May 21-June 4; Foster Memorial, June 11-25; Gillespie, June 25-July 9 and Lansing, July 12-23.

**STUDY CLASSES HELD BY WEST JEFFERSON WOMEN**

The Women of the Church of the West Jefferson Presbyterian church are to be commended for their fine spirit in keeping up an active, enthusiastic organization in spite of the fact

that their church is without a pastor.

The women recently asked that they might have a series of four study classes on the Gospel of John which is the book of the Bible being studied this year by all women throughout the Presbyterian church. Four of the ladies graciously offered their homes as a meeting place for the Bible classes and the group was faithful in attendance. Two evenings the study was led by Miss Betty Tinley and the other two by Miss Evelyn Acheson.

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## To Present Motion Picture On Japan

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We hope every one in each community where the pictures will be shown will remember the following dates of showing.

March 22, Wed., Peak Creek Presbyterian Church; March 23, Thurs., Millers; March 24, Friday, Glendale Springs; March 25, Sat., Low Gap; March 26, Sunday, Laurel Fork.

Do not forget your offering for foreign missions at each of these showings.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTED AT STONE CHAPEL FEB. 26

Elder Conley Thompson and Deacon Vance Miller of Gillespie church organized a Sunday school at Stone Presbyterian Chapel on Sunday morning, February 26.

Although this was one of the coldest mornings of the year and many had to be absent because of sickness, there were 37 present for Sunday school that morning.

Vance Miller was named superintendent with Conley Thompson, Mrs. Jim Lewis and Miss Doris Hurley as teachers.

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### MEN SERVED WOMEN SUPPER AT LANSING CHURCH FEB. 1

February 1 was a highlight for the adults of the Lansing church when the men prepared and served the supper to the women.

It was a real treat for the ladies to remain seated while the men, adorned in paper hats and aprons, served the women in great style.

The women were in charge of the program which followed the supper.

### BOY SCOUT CAUDILL WILL REPRESENT TROOP NO 115

Second Class Scout Charles Caudill has been selected to represent Glendale Springs Boy Scout Troop No. 115 at the second annual Boy Scout Jamboree to be held at Valley Forge National Park, Pa.

Scout Caudill was elected to go by his fellow scouts and will be assisted in raising funds to pay for the trip by the other scouts and interested citizens in the county.

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## Sunday Schools Hold Attendance Contest

The six Sunday schools in the Glendale Springs field of the Winston-Salem Presbytery are now holding an attendance contest.

A banner for attendance will be presented to the Sunday school that shows the highest percentage of increase during the quarter that ends this month.

### BETHEL IS FIFTH CHURCH TO HAVE ELECTRIC LIGHTS

Blessed is the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation and the Rural Electric Authority for they are bringing light to the Bethel church. This is the fifth church in the Glendale Springs field to get electricity.

Members are subscribing five dollars each to wire the building and to pay the membership fee. We still lack some money but the subscription is going well.

We shall be glad when we can switch from our gas lights to electric lights.

### LOG ROLLING AT EBENEZER

Friday and Saturday, March 10 and 11 logs were cut for the rebuilding of the Ebenezer church. Trees were given by Will Farrington, Guy Miller, Winston and Coy Atwood, Roy Hall

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and Walter Hall. Others in the neighborhood have offered logs which will be cut later.

Some of the largest logs were pulled out of the woods with a six wheel

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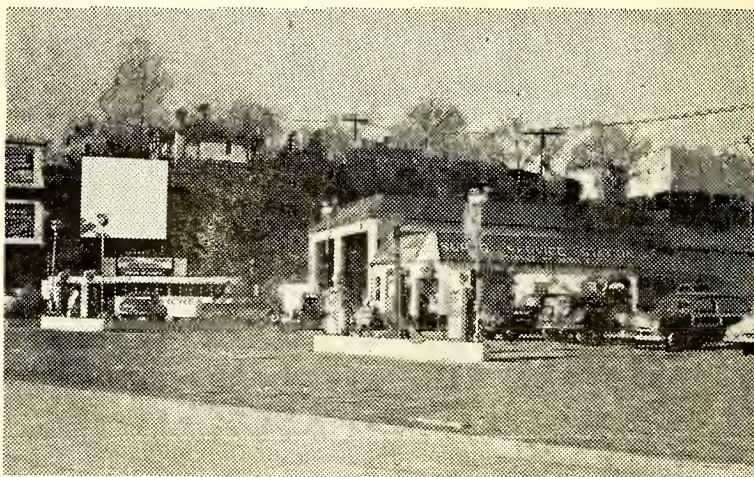
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## Bible Schools Start At Lansing Churches

The first Bible school in the Lansing field was held June 7-17 under the direction of Miss Mary Holhouser from Bowling Rock.

The first school was held at Gillespie with Lorraine Ham, Dawes Graybeal and Miss Holhouser.

The Foster Memorial school started on June 19 and will continue through July 1. Teachers will be Maxine Carter, Casten Wiles, Clara Shepherd, Dawes Graybeal and Miss Holhouser.

The Lansing Bible school will start on July 12 and will continue through July 23. Faculty for this school will be Mrs. Tom Powers, Alma Jean Barker, Katherine Carter, Mrs. Prentiss England, Clara Shepherd, Elizabeth Ann Barr, Marlene Jones, Dawes Graybeal and Miss Holhouser.

Rev. R. H. Stone, former pastor, will conduct the Lansing revival July 12-23. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

## Officers Are Elected By Lansing Group

Rose Stamper was elected president of the Lansing Presbyterian youth fellowship with the following to serve with her during the year:

Polly Sapp, secretary; Cotton Sexton, treasurer; Clara Shepherd, chairman of faith; Katherine Carter, chairman of growth; Ann Griffith, chairman of outreach; Cotton Sexton, chairman of work and Billy Ashley, chairman of comradeship.

The Lansing YF gave a party in honor of the senior members of the group who were graduated from Lansing high school. These senior members are Elizabeth Ann Barr, Allene Powers, Marlene Jones, Charles Dolinger, Ted Ashley and Daphne Baldwin.

The councils for the Foster Memorial and Gillespie youth fellowships held weiner roasts on May 23-24. Plans were made and a worship service held.

## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ATTEND PRESBYTERIAL

The members of the Lansing Women of the Church who attended Presbyterial held at Lexington, April 21, were Mrs. J. O. Blevins, president; Mrs. Tom Powers, vice-president; Mrs. Quincy Mullis, secretary; Mrs. Jim Ellis and Miss Betty Tinley.

The Lansing Women of the Church held a two-night Bible study at the church, May 8-9. Miss Effie Bley, Bible teacher in the Bell county schools, of Kentucky, led this study of the Book of Hebrews. This study was most inspirational and helpful.

## Workers On Logs For Ebenezer Church



Part of the volunteer workers are shown on logs to be used in Ebenezer Presbyterian church that is now under construction.

## Ebenezer Church Now Under Construction

Construction work is rapidly going forward on the new Ebenezer Presbyterian church through the cooperation of all the citizens in the community served by the church.

The old building was torn down and the Sunday school building was rolled back about 35 feet. Bob Bare directed the moving of the Sunday school building. The cost of moving the building and tearing down the old church was only \$150, which was spent for material used in moving the building. The work was done by voluntary labor.

The basement for the new building was dug by John Miller and Herbert Bare using Forney Miller's bulldozer.

Don Bare and Will Farrington, who helped to build the first Ebenezer church, are also working on the new building. Mr. Bare has hauled rock and water for cement work and also helped in tearing down the old building while Mr. Farrington helped in building and setting forms, as well

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## Twelve Graduate In Glade Valley Finals

Commencement exercises for Glade Valley were held at eleven A. M., Friday, May 19, with twelve seniors receiving diplomas.

This program concluded a week of activities in the fortieth annual commencement of the school, which began Saturday, May 13, with Class Day exercises.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered Sunday, May 14 by Rev. William R. Smith, Jr., executive secretary of Home Missions, Winston-Salem Presbytery. His topic was "The Struggle for Character."

Next to the last event in the graduating exercises was the annual recital of music pupils, Thursday, May 18, at eight p. m. Mrs. Ellen A. Guerrant, music teacher, was assisted in directing the program by Charlton D. Hutton, director of the choral group. Willis A. Olson was the accompanist and Edward C. Johnson, manual training instructor, contributed a violin solo.

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## FOSTER MEMORIAL WOMEN ELECTED NEW OFFICERS

The Foster Memorial Women of the Church elected new officers at the meeting held in April. Mrs. L. B. Ham, president; Mrs. James Vannoy, secretary and Miss Beatrice Clark, treasurer, will serve the group during the coming year.

Mrs. Noah Graham, chairman of spiritual growth, will teach the Bible lesson each month.

Mrs. James Vannoy and Mrs. Arthur Carter represented the Foster Memorial women at the Synodical Training School held at Peace College in Raleigh, June 8-14.

### SCRIPTURE TEXTS FOR OUR EVANGELISTIC SEASON

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved and thy house." Acts 16:31.

"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." John 3:16.

"But as many as received him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." John 1:12.

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### NEED FOR HOME MISSION PASTORS (Editorial)

Home mission work throughout our southland is in great need for men. How do I know this?

I know it because the home mission superintendents are frantically looking for men who will do this type of work. Our own home mission superintendent of Winston - Salem Presbytery in North Carolina has worked hard to find men who will take over some of our small churches in this Presbytery. He has driven several thousand miles looking for men to put in our pastorless churches.

In the Ashe county field there are fourteen churches. All of these are small churches. Three of these churches are in growing little towns. The county of Ashe is developing at a fast rate. Houses going up, agriculture has expanded 100 per cent in the last 5 years — dairying has risen to about first place in the state of North Carolina. Beef cattle production has long been one of the leading industries in the state. The state agriculture department has located the Upper Mountain Experiment Farm in this county. The great Blue Ridge Parkway runs the entire eastern border of the county. There is no county in the state that has made the strides that Ashe has, and still we cannot get men to see the great need for ministers in a growing county.

I know we need ministers in other home mission work throughout our southland. I have had dozens and dozens of requests and inquiries about other work from all over the south. The writer of this article has been in this field for over 20 years, and I am the only minister in the midst of 14 churches at this present time. We have had two ministers and one worker in the last two years who left us and went into the foreign mission service.

Some times I wonder why this dearth of men for the home mission

small church. Is it because men out of the seminaries want to step into an ideal situation, a comfortable home, a well organized church? Do they not have the initiative to cope with pioneer work? Do they not have the consecration to undertake the hardships of a new and undeveloped field? Is it because ministers are looking for a stepping stone to bigger churches and greater salaries? Is it because the home mission church is not located near enough to some large city where shopping is good and the shows are plentiful?

Excuse me for using myself as an example as well as others who have gone into new territory for the Lord. When we first started into work in Ashe county we had no manse, we slept in a revival tent all summer. We drove second-hand "T"-Model Fords, road horse-back and walked when you could not get around in any other way. The churches did not pay our salary fully or regularly. In fact the Home Mission Committee of the Synod forgot I was even working in this field and did not pay me for four months. I was broke, but I didn't care about money, I cared for the souls and lives of the people.

I trust that the Christian people of our churches and of all churches will pray that God will send forth laborers into the field and laborers who will be willing and have the spirit to go to the home mission churches and the churches that are touching the crowds throughout our southland.

### EBENEZER CHURCH NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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as in tearing down the old building.

Others who have helped by donating their time are Dewey Miller, Frank Farrington, Curby Bare, Herbert Bare, Wayne Bare, Paul Hall, Walter Hall, Claude and Paul Hunt, Guy Miller and Lloyd Hunt.

Logs to be used for lumber in the new building have been donated by different ones in the community. Those who gave timber for the new church were Winston and McCoy Atwood, Guy Miller, Will Farrington, Troy Welch, Dewey Miller, Walter and Paul Hall and Todd Woodie. Others who have offered logs that have not been cut are Roan Craven, Harrison Bowlin. Tom Boyd is furnishing his saw mill to cut the logs with Everett Berry running the mill.

Work on the new building has gone forward with the splendid cooperation of all in the community. The Winston - Salem Presbytery has offered the church a \$1000.00 bond for building the church. "If we can show the Presbytery that we have enough resources to complete the church, we will get the \$1000.00 bond," Mr. Luke said.

He added that the group was trying to raise their amount of money so that they can receive the bond. Anyone who wants to make a donation to the church should send the contribution to Rev. J. W. Luke, treasurer, Glendale Springs.

## Bible School And Revivals Underway

The Laurel Fork meeting and Bible school that was supposed to have been held May 16 through 26 was postponed to the latter part of the summer. The date for the Bible school will be announced later, and the revival may be postponed until fall.

The revival and Bible school at Bethel in Wilkes county started on Tuesday, May 30 with 41 present. The first meeting of the revival was flooded by water. After a severe rain we could not ford the creek crossings so it was though wise not to have the meeting that night.

The teachers in the Bethel Bible school were Miss Evelyn Acheson, Miss Marlene Jones, Miss Cleo Osborne, and J. W. Luke.

Mike St. George, a student from Bob Jones University, is on hand to preach in the evangelistic services at Bethel.

Pray for us as the meetings of the summer progress.

Other meetings and Bible schools for the summer will be: Millers — June 13-23, Rev. Carl Harrigan; Glendale Springs — June 27-July 7, Bible school, with meeting to be held in fall; Peak Creek — July 11-21, Bible school and meeting, Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr., evangelist.

Evangelist — July 25-Aug. 4, Rev. Crawford White, evangelist and Laurel Fork Bible school to be announced and meeting to be held in fall.

## Miss Betty Tinley Leaves For Korea

Miss Betty Tinley, worker in the Lansing field for almost four years, has been recently appointed as a missionary to Korea. After a visit at her home in Pineville, Ky., she will spend from June 27 to August 10 at Montreal studying languages in preparation for foreign service. She plans to sail September 15 to take up her duties in Korea as an evangelistic missionary.

Miss Tinley has made a place in the hearts of the people which will be difficult to fill for she was so well-fitted in every way for her work here. The memory of her untiring devotion to the Lord and the people whom she served and her winsome, Christ-centered personality will long continue to be an inspiration.

Her co-laborers feel that the work of the Kingdom in Ashe county has suffered a great loss but rejoice with her as she begins this splendid service to which the Lord has called her.

### PRESBYTERY RETREAT WAS HELD AT WINSTON-SALEM

The new 1950-51 Council of the Presbytery held the spring Retreat for old and new council members at a home near Winston - Salem, Mrs. Kirk's cabin.

# Senior Class At Glade Valley School



Members of the senior class at Glade Valley Presbyterian school are shown here. Three Ashe county students finished this year.

Norma Thompson, Virginia Winger. Seven members of the Board of Trustees attended the graduating exercises. Following the program a delightful picnic lunch was enjoyed in the gymnasium.

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### TWELVE GRADUATE IN GLADE VALLEY FINALS

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to the student recital.

Mr. Hutton delivered the baccalaureate address at the special request of the senior class. His topic was "Labels of Life." The following awards and prizes were presented:

Room prizes: girls, Shirley Hart and Kathleen Rash; Boy: Duke C. Bledsoe, Jr.

Recitation Medal — Betty Lou Hobbs.

French Medal — Norma Jean Thompson.

Louise Erwin Memorial Music Medal — Barbara Jean Hill.

Home Economics Medal — Pearl Jean Craven.

Scholarship Medal — Ruth McAuley.

Citizenship Medal — Kay Dickson.

The seniors receiving diplomas

were: L. F. Amburn, Jr., Richard Bare, Duke C. Bledsoe, Jr., Pearl Jean Craven, John Luke Darnell, Dorothy Felts, Mary Lou Harris, Barbara Jean Hill, Betty Lou Hobbs, DeLon Layne,

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### J. W. LUKE FAMILY NOW HAS PHONE; NO. IS 2204

At last the Rev. J. W. Luke family now have a telephone, which already has saved them many steps and a lot of time. The number is 2204, West Jefferson.

"I was instructed sometime ago to call up all of my officers and give them some prompting about something," Mr. Luke said, "but if folks only realized that we do not have telephone lines throughout the county, except in certain place, because I cannot call a church officer yet in my own churches as no phone lines run that way."

He added that he was thankful for the phone that keeps them in touch with some part of the world anyway.

### LANSING CHURCH WOMEN HOLD BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Lansing Women of the Church had a special birthday party at the May meeting in honor of the 26th anniversary of the Birthday Offering of the Women of the Church. The offering this year went to the Texas-Mexican

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The party was held at the home of Mrs. Victor Clark. Mrs. Quincy Mullis, the oldest member present in years of service, blew out the 26 candles on the birthday cake.

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## Piano Is Given To Peak Creek Church

A very useful and fitting gift to the Peak Creek Presbyterian church was a beautiful piano given by Mrs. William West of Salisbury, who formerly was Miss Boyd Bowlin.

Mrs. West gave the piano in memory of her parents, Elder and Mrs. George W. Bowlin, Mr. and Mrs. Bowlin were faithful members of the Peak Creek Presbyterian church until God called them away.

Mr. Bowlin was a faithful elder and Sunday school superintendent until his death. The piano is greatly appreciated by the members of the church and is a very fitting memorial to two of her most faithful members. May the Lord give us grace to be as faithful as they were.

## YOUTHS CANDIDATES FOR PRESBYTERIAN MINISTRY

We are glad to know that two of our boys from Ashe county are candidates for the Presbyterian ministry John Bare from Big Ridge church and Dawes Graybeal from the Lansing church have made their applications to Winston Salem Presbytery to be received under the care of the Presbytery. We are glad that the Master of the harvest is answering our prayers and is sending laborers into the field white unto the harvest. We pray God's blessing upon these young men as they take up the greatest work in the world as ambassadors of Christ.

## MILLER'S REVIVAL TO START ON NOVEMBER 8

Because of a very short meeting this summer at Miller's church, it was decided to continue the meeting this fall. Rev. Charles Solomon of Fayetteville has promised to hold this meeting. We trust all the readers of this paper will also pray for the meeting at Miller's church.

## Work Underway On Ebenezer Building

Since the last issue of the Ashe Presbyterian more work has been going on where the old Ebenezer Presbyterian church building stood.

The cement basement has been constructed. This was done by voluntary help. After the forms were set, 15 voluntary helpers pitched in and poured almost 200 bags of cement in one day.

Ed Jenkins loaned his mixer for the day with one paid worker to run it. Tom Bare, who came from Obids to help work, declared he never had seen a crew of men work that hard for a long time. Mr. Bare helped to build the old church over 50 years ago.

The men are now waiting the sawing of lumber recently hauled to a mill before the floor joists can be laid. More logs were given to the church by Roan Craven, Guy Miller and Roey Hunt.

Now that most of the summer work is about over, the men hope to pitch in and complete the building before cold weather sets in.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**  
 Glendale Meeting — Sept. 24-Oct. 4  
 Millers Meeting — Nov. 8-17.  
 Winston - Salem Presbytery, Elkin — Oct. 20.

## Ebenezer Basement Under Construction



Workmen have been busy on the new church building for Ebenezer Presbyterian church. Here is a view of the foundation for the new church building.

## GLENDALE SPRINGS TO HOLD REVIVAL IN SEPT.

Glendale Springs Church did not have its revival this summer during the Bible school. As the community was in the midst of the bean picking season, it was decided to put off the revival until this fall.

The dates, Sept. 24 through Oct. 4 have been chosen as the time for the revival with Carl Harrigan, Bob Jones University as the minister.

We are praying each Wednesday night in special prayer meetings for this revival. Will you pray for us Christian brother, whoever you may be who reads this article?

### SUMMARY OF BIBLE SCHOOLS AND REVIVAL MEETINGS

(No definite information on other fields in the county).

Name of Church	Enrollment	Average Attendance	Perfect Attendance	Professions	Joined Church
Bethel	53	40	18	5	1
Ebenezer	71	41	14	3	3
Glendale Springs*	88	57	15		
Laurel Fork	45	29	10	5	1
Millers	73	50	29	6	1
Peak Creek	106	73	41	4	3
Total	436	48	127	23	9

\* No revival.

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**EDITORIAL**

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Ch. 7:14.

Today the United States of America is fighting "The Don't Worry War." The reason I name it thus, is because of the frequent messages given out to the people of the United States telling them not to worry, that the incident in Korea will soon be taken care of. I am afraid the people and leaders of the United States have really taken this "Don't Worry" motto to heart and are not realizing the condition our nation is in with their relationship to our God. Do not misunderstand me as one who would not back up our fight against the enemies of freedom, or would criticize our leaders who are having plenty of worry over the "Don't Worry War." We must all back them up with all we have got, there is one thing yet we have not done.

**"MY PEOPLE, WHICH ARE CALLED BY MY NAME SHALL HUMBLE THEMSELVES"**

Only those whose boys have been brought back on stretchers, or in caskets have humbled themselves, while the rest of the people, dance and stagger to the tune of "Don't Worry." A few weeks ago a young evangelist went to the President of the United States and asked that the nation be led in a day of prayer. That day has not yet been called. Is it because the President of the United States thinks it a sign of weakness to call the nation to prayer — God forbid that this be the reason. If any people think or our leader think for a minute that it is a sign of weakness for them to call upon God in humbleness that nation is doomed. Yes, this nation should humble herself before God, or God will humble us.

**"AND PRAY,"** The people of the

United States who are called by the name of Christians should pray to God. We should confess to God, we should send up prayers of repentance for the sins of the people.

**"AND SEEK THE FACE OF GOD,"** How many of our people are looking God in the face these days? How many people are coming before the face of God and honestly look up into his Fatherly face in prayer, or look up to his face in the churches on Sunday? Count the innumerable cars of Sunday tourists, and pleasure seekers. Count the cars at places of amusement on the day of worship — the moving picture theatres — the races. Are the occupants of these cars seeking the face of the Heavenly Father?

**"AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS."** Not only do the people of our churches and nation need to humble, pray and seek God's face; but we need to turn from our sins. We call ourselves Christians, but what selfishness, what rottenness, what impurity, what diabolical sins some fiendish sinner commits upon some girl or child of his fellow man! Do you realize that the fiend that caused this sinner to commit such beastly crimes may be in your soul, seeking to get a stranglehold upon you. Our people need to turn from their wickedness. Our wickedness looks like a cancerous sore to the eyes of our God.

**"THEN WILL I HEAR FROM HEAVEN, AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR SIN AND HEAL THEIR LAND."** The end of this text is a wonderful promise. Because of sin evidently God is not hearing our prayers. Our sins are like a cloud between us and Him. That is what this part of the text implies. Because of our pride and sin, our prayers are not reaching Heaven. But if we do what God says, he will forgive those ugly sins. He will wash them with his soothing ointment. He will wash us in the blood of His own Son Jesus Christ. He will heal our land. Our land shall be healed of the battlefield where our men are dying, our people shall turn from staggering to walking with God, our crowds of pleasure seekers shall find pleasure in their Heavenly Father, our selfishness and greed that drives men to hate will be changed to good will between man and man, those fiendish souls that commit such unnatural crimes will be found kneeling at the feet of Je-

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

**Mrs. John Osborne — Dec. 16, 1881 — Aug. 27, 1950. Devoted mother and wife, consecrated Christian. Member of Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church.**

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

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**Caravan At Glendale During This Summer**

The Glendale - Ebenezer Young People were very fortunate this summer to have a caravan team visit us for a week.

The team was composed of the following: Miss Sarah McNeill, adult advisor, Red Springs; Miss Ann McArthur, Vakulla; Miss Peggy Monroe, St. Pauls; Mr. Worth Spearman, Charlotte; and Mr. Joe McClure, Charlotte. We had lots of fun working and playing together in Christian fellowship. The team was a great inspiration to us all. Our group highly recommends the Caravan to any Young People's group.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES TO RECEIVE MINISTERS**

We are glad to hear of ministers coming into the county. From Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr. the Supt. of Home Missions of Winston Salem Presbytery comes the news that Rev. C. M. Voyles will become the minister of the West Jefferson Field on October 1.

News from the Lansing field brings us the name of Rev. G. M. Hollinhead who will come to that field in the near future. Mr. Hollinhead comes from Tellico Plains, Tenn.

**GLADE VALLEY OPENS NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

Glade Valley school opened on August 28 with 46 boarding students and other students are expected to enroll soon.

The campus at Glade Valley has been improved by the purchase of adjoining land which rounds out the small plateau in front of the dormitories. Also a new dwelling has been erected for the superintendent's home. The new gymnasium which was used last year, will find its important place in the social and athletic life of the school.

sus Christ even as the demoniac in old Galilee.

Oh, why can't our leaders see that our nation is sick in soul and we need the healing hand of God upon us. May our nation be called to humbleness and prayer — this is my prayer. I trust all who read this article will seek our Heavenly Father's face with renewed efforts in prayers — especially that our nation will soon be called to prayer by our leaders.

**ASHE PRESBYTERIAN READERS WILL YOU ENTER INTO THIS COVENANT OF PRAYER WITH US?**

That our nation shall be led to God in a special day of repentance and prayer.

## Successful Schools Held At Glendale

Another twelve weeks of Bible school has become history in the Glendale Springs field. Many young lives were touched by the six Bible schools and we hope much seed was sown that will bear fruit for time and eternity. In each school the children showed a fine attitude of interest in all the daily activities.

The pastor, Rev. John W. Luke, served as superintendent of all the schools and conducted the assembly periods as well as teaching a class. Mr. Luke's daily Bible stories, told as only he can tell them, made the Bible Characters really live and delighted the hearts of the children.

Two volunteer workers assisted in the field this summer, Miss Virginia Smith of Charlotte at Millers church and Miss Marlene Jones of Lansing at Bethel church. The other teachers were from the local churches. The fine service of all of these teachers was greatly appreciated.

A comparison between the 1949 and 1950 Bible schools shows a very slight difference in attendance in all six churches of this field. There was a total gain of nine this year over last year's record.

CHURCH	1949	1950
Bethel	50	53
Ebenezer	73	71
Glendale Springs	92	88
Laurel Fork	41	45
Millers	74	73
Peak Creek	97	106
Total	427	436

### NEW MEMBERS JOIN CHURCH DURING SUMMER SERVICES

During this summer the following have come into the Christian fellowship of the Presbyterian churches of the Glendale Springs field.

**BETHEL** — Mary Holloway, Roscoe Osborne, by letter.

**MILLERS** — Mr. Sidney Royal by restoration of faith. (recently died.)

**GLENDALE SPRINGS**—Miss Pearl Jean Craven, by letter.

**PEAK CREEK** — Mrs. Herman Woodie, Wanda Woodie, Peggy Joe Miller.

**LAUREL FORK** — Mr. John Osborne, Mrs. John Osborne (recently died.) Gaye Holbrook.

**EBENEZER** — Robert Clark Bare, Lucy Farrington, Clayton Farrington.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOLS TO HOLD RALLY DAY ON SEPT 24

Rally day programs are being planned for the Sunday schools of each of the churches in the Glendale Springs field for Sept. 24.

At these programs we hope to have a large attendance. The program will consist of the playlet entitled, "People! People! People! People!" All the Sunday schools in this field are to have the programs at the regular times on Sunday, Sept. 24.

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# Rev. R. H. Stone Led Revival At Lansing

The people of Lansing received a great blessing from the splendid revival conducted for two weeks by Rev. R. H. Stone. About eleven professed Christ as Saviour during these meetings.

Miss Mary Holshouser came to Lansing field this summer and took charge of Bible schools at Lansing, Gillespie and Stone Chapel with the able assistance of local workers. Lansing Bible school had a fine enrollment with an average attendance of about sixty - five.

Lansing at last has a quite definite prospect of securing a minister. We hope that the next issue of this paper will bring the news that a pastor is once more actively serving the people of the Lansing field.

## PRESBYTERIAN STAFF WELCOMES MINISTERS

The Ashe Presbyterian welcomes the new neighboring ministers in Wilkes county. We welcome Rev. J. B. McLeod from Mocklinberg Presbytery and to the neighboring church of North Wilkesboro.

We also welcome Rev. T. A. Young, Jr., who has been installed in the Beulah Presbyterian church near North Wilkesboro. We rejoice with our colored brothers in having a good man as their pastor.

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# THE ASHE PRESBYTERIAN

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## W. Jefferson, Obids Church News Reported

By Rev. C. M. Voyles

Since coming to this field and establishing the regular services of the two churches, we can note some increase in attendance and interest manifested in the work of the Kingdom of God. It is gratifying to see new faces from Sunday to Sunday and we sincerely believe the churches and the reception by those who have been visited is of great encouragement to the heart of the minister. We need the prayers of all the people about us and earnestly petition you to hold us up to God's throne of grace in your daily prayers.

The schedule of the services are as follows: Every Sunday morning 11:00 a. m., West Jefferson and at Obids, second and fourth Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

## Hollenhead Installed By Presbytery Group

The new pastor for the Lansing churches was installed on the fifth Sunday in September, by a commission appointed by the Presbytery of Winston - Salem at its fall meeting to see the installation through.

Those participating in the services at the different churches were Rev. Carl H. Stank, Rev. J. B. Jordan, Prof. Greely Senger, Rev. J. W. Luke, Rev. J. D. McLeod, Elder Pat Williams and Elder Rose.

## September Revival At Glendale Springs

On September 24, Rev. Carl Harrigan from Bob Jones University, began the revival at Glendale Springs church. Prayer meetings had been held each week for this revival, and God heard our prayers.

Mr. Harrigan brought fine messages throughout the meeting and did fine personal work. Our community was lifted spiritually by the fine messages brought to us.

There were many who reconsecrated their lives to Christ and the following were received as members of the church: By reinstatement of their faith, Mrs. Ralph Bare, Mrs. Herbert Bare and Mrs. Rudy Miller. The others received on profession of faith were Daisy Pearl Miller, Thelma Lee Faw, Carol Farrington, Opal Sheets, Mae Thene Bard, Shniley Caudill, and Mr. Amos Faw. The members welcome these new brothers and sisters in Christ into their fellowship.



## Glendale Field Plans Christmas Services

The time for the celebration of our Saviour's birth is fast drawing near and Christmas in the Glendale field is a busy season with eight programs to be prepared.

Rev. J. W. Luke, pastor, stated that with all the hurry and excitement and fun, all of the people of the churches are asked to have their hearts filled with humble and joyous gratitude for God's "unspeakable gift" to us all. "His Only Son, The Lord Jesus Christ."

The tentative schedule for the Christmas programs in the Glendale field is as follows:

December 18, 7:00 p. m., Laurel Fork; December 19, 7:00 p. m., Low Gap; December 20, 7:00 p. m., Ebenezer; December 21, 7:00 p. m., Millers; December 22, 11:00 a. m., Peak Creek and 7:00 p. m., Bethel; December 23, 10:30 a. m., Glendale Springs and December 24, 7:00 p. m., Glendale Sp'gs.

## Youth Retreat Held At Glendale Springs

A young people's retreat for the officers of the Glendale Field was held November 4-5 at the Glendale Springs church with Miss Jane Robinson, Jimmy Menna and Nick Leonvick as leaders.

The retreat started Saturday afternoon with recreation led by Jimmy and Nick, which was followed by a very interesting Bible study led by Miss Robinson. Supper was served at the churches, after which the leaders led a very helpful discussion on "How To Be Better Leaders." A song re-dedication service closed the Saturday meeting.

Sunday morning the group had breakfast and attended Sunday school and church at Glendale. The retreat closed following Sunday dinner.

The young people in that field wish to thank Miss Evelyn Acheson for the wonderful spiritual fellowship that the group enjoyed during those two days.

## GLENDALE SPRINGS WOMEN FEED ASHE SCOUTERS

The Women of the Glendale church served a delightful supper to the Scouters of Ashe District of Old Hickory Council. It was a very delicious meal and the fall decorations were beautiful.

The proceeds from this meal will be set aside for purchasing seats for the new church at Glendale Springs.

"Joy To The World, The Lord Is Come!"

**THE ASHE PRESBYTERIAN**

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**(EDITORIAL)****DOES JESUS CARE?**

Using these words as a premise; I trust, I may not diverge from the development of something that will indeed be worth undivided attention of the one who cares to read it.

I do not hesitate to state emphatically, "that Jesus Cares." He has always cared. He still cares, and will still be caring tomorrow, even as long as the wheels of time continue to roll. While here in the day of his flesh he not only went about telling folks how much he cared, but he manifested by every act of his life, that he cared. Even his enemies had to admit the fact, that "no one had ever spoken as this man spoke, and they could find no fault in him." In fact we know, no one ever put so many deeds of usefulness in so short a period of time as He did.

John tells us in his Gospel (21:25) "if all the acts of Jesus should be recorded the world itself could not contain the books, that should be written." When it comes to meeting the needs of humanity, in body and soul, there were no depths, which he did not fathom, no breadths that he did not distend, no heights that he did not reach.

There was no one before nor since the day of Christ, so peculiarly fitted to do the many miraculous things that he did. Being both human and divine he could not only see man's needs, regardless of how great or small they might be, temporal, physical or spiritual. And since he was always touched with a feeling of human sympathy and human infirmity, and being so touched, he spoke relief to the hearts and the souls of the troubled and tired.

As we look back to a little town called Bethany, we see a home, a place which Jesus often visited, because it was there he found friendship, congeniality and hospitality all tied together as a gordian knot of personal sacrificial service. On one special occasion as Jesus approached

this home, there was a stillness and a quietness, mirth, song and cheerfulness have all shrouded themselves in the black cloth of mourning. Such is always the case when the strong arm of death lays it's cold hand of death on the face of a loved one. Yet back of this grief, beyond this sorrow and deeper than the wounds of a lacerated heart, there rises a faith that knows no denial: "Lord, if thou had been here my brother had not died." "But I know that even now, whatsoever that thou ask of God, God will give it thee."

They plodded their way to the tomb where the dead was laid away, which was supposed to be his final resting place. As Jesus looked into the face of those sisters, he saw the expulsion of lacerated hearts spilling itself through their eyes. "Jesus wept!" The impossible from a human point of view, was soon to vanish at the manifestation of Divinity. Note the sisters' answer to the immediate resurrection of their brother, was, "He has been dead four days already — Decomposition had set up." But Jesus speaks, I am the resurrection and the life; "Lazarus come forth" The elements of death relinquished its grip on its victim at the command of Him who holds the key of death, and the power of the resurrection in His hands. Therefore, weeping was turned into rejoicing and mourning into gladness; because Jesus "cared."

Jesus, having gone back to the Father from whence he came, has commissioned those who would be his followers, to deny themselves, take up their cross and in terms of self-sacrificing service: Go into all the world, tell others about Him. Our Lord has limited himself to the means of human instrumentality, as a medium through which his love is to become effectual in winning the lost unto himself. In the day which you and I live, Jesus has no eyes, but your eyes and mine to discern the desperate, dying and crying needs of a fastly sinking and war - torn world; He has no arms to reach out, and no hands with which to grasp the trembling and palsied hand of these despairing ones; but your arms, your hands and mine. He has no feet, but your feet and mine, to carry the Gospel good news. He is the only solution to the distracted problems by which the world is confronted today.

The question by which we are confronted today, as followers of Christ is a very definite one. It is not what the other fellow is saying, or doing about reaching the lost for Christ; but what are we doing?

No other individual in the world can assume our personal responsibility in this matter, neither can any one justify himself by saying, "The time is not yet." Unquestionably that kind of answer from you and me is largely responsible for the lost condition of the world today.

The harvest indeed is white and abundant; but how few the laborers! If we are to go into the work of

His Kingdom on earth, then we must go about the same with the same degree of care, and alertness which was manifested by Him. To do so we must make a complete, and a whole-hearted surrender of ourselves to his service. Christ can only live in, and work through that life which is thus surrendered to him.

Please read Rom. 12:1. Here you will find the key to a fruitful, and useful Christian life. The one who will find himself in the final settlement of the stewardship of life, is the one who loses himself in the engagement of service for others. The things we will hold in the cold hand of death are the things which we have given away in this life.

The fellow who lives seclusively in terms of personal gain and to gratify, and appease his own personal lust, will defeat his own purpose in life, and be the sole mourner at his own funeral.

Yes, Jesus cares. He cares for you. Do you care for Him? If so, tell others." "Tell them how much He cares; Tell them His path of care led from Heaven to Bethlehem's manger; from the manger, to the Garden of Gethsemane; from the Garden to the Cross of Calvary."

Does Jesus care when I've tried and failed;

To resist some temptation strong;  
When for my deep grief I find no relief,

Though my tears flow all the night long?

O, yes He cares; I know He cares.  
His heart is touched with my grief:  
When the days are weary, the nights long and dreary,  
I know my Saviour cares.

**CHARLOTTE PRESBYTERIANS  
VISIT GLENDALE CHURCH**

A delegation of men from the Myers Park Men's Class of the Myers Park Presbyterian church of Charlotte, made a nice visit on Sept. 24. We enjoyed having these men at the morning service at Glendale Springs Presbyterian church. The men, after the morning service visited the Ebenezer community and observed the building program of the new Ebenezer church.

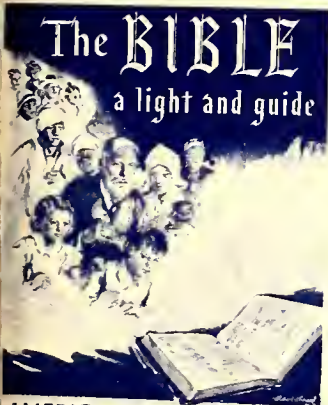
After the men returned to Charlotte, the men's class to which they belonged, sent a splendid gift for the construction of the church. The gift amounted to \$750, which was thankfully received by the builders of the new Ebenezer church. May God bless this generous class of men.

**In Loving Memory Of**

Mrs. Cornelius Bare, well known as Aunt Peggy Bare. Born March 17, 1853. Died Oct. 23rd, 1950. Age at her calling ninety - seven years. Faithful member, and servant of our Lord, Jesus Christ. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

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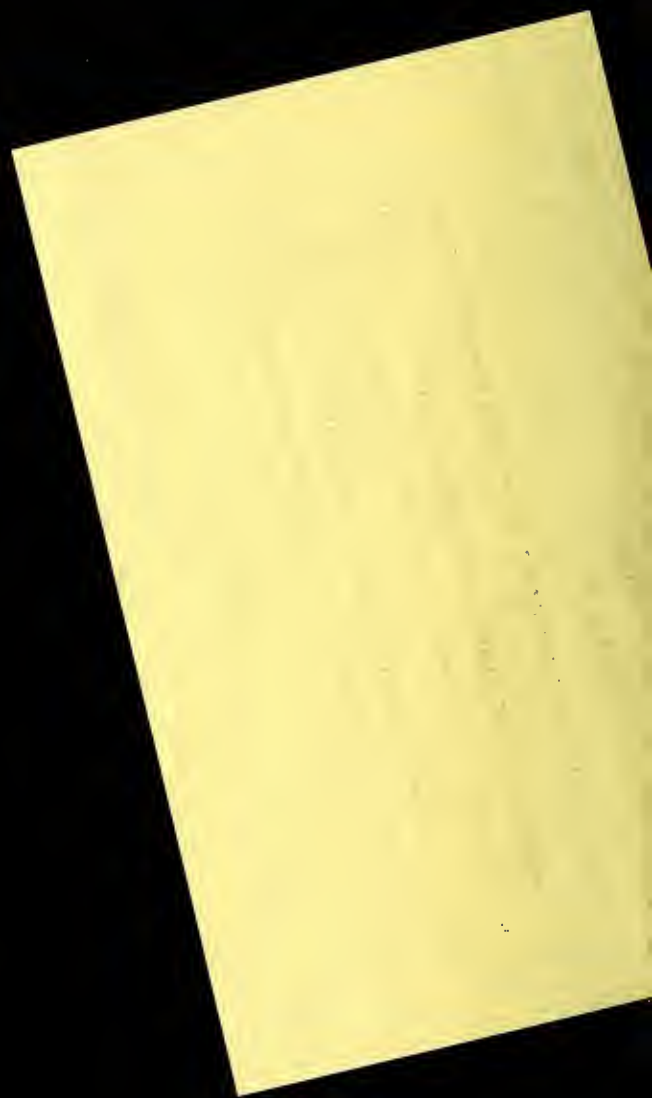
The subscription price for the Ashe Presbyterian will be changed from 10c to 25c per year, beginning January 1, 1951.

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Wishing all a Christ filled Christmas And New Year.

J. W. LUKE,

Editor.



**REV. AND MRS. HOLLENHEAD**



Rev. and Mrs. Hollenhead are now living at Lansing, where he is pastor of the Lansing, Gillespie and Foster Memorial churches. He received his training at Union Seminary at Richmond, Va. He has served a pastorate in Monroe county, Tenn., prior to coming to Ashe county.

**ARE WE STILL PRAYING?**

In our last issue of the Ashe Presbyterian we asked our readers to pledge themselves to prayer — that our nation would be called to repentance and prayer. There have been many indications of prayers and calls for prayer. If there is not a genuine call to repentance our prayers will not be answered. Let us pray it through 'till the answer comes. Like Ninevah of old, our leaders and our people must come down in humility if we expect God to hear us. Sometimes while I am praying to Christ and ask Him why He has not brought peace to our nation, He seems to shake his head and say, as He waves his hand over our nation — "They have not humbled themselves, they have not repented, it is not time to answer this prayer." Are you, my friend, trying to bring this message of repentance and prayer to our people and take it to heart for ourselves?

**APARTMENT FOR WORKER UNDERWAY AT GLENDALE**

Slowly a small apartment is being constructed over the garage at the manse property for Miss Evelyn Acheson. The garage and apartment are being constructed under the same roof. It is being built slowly as donations and time to work on it come in.

When the apartment is completed this arrangement will cut her expenses in travel and board.

**LANSING FIELD REVIVALS**

Mr. Hollenhead has conducted two revivals in his new field of service. One revival was held at Gillespie while the other was held at Foster Memorial church. The report for these services was very encouraging and the attendance grew with each service throughout the meetings.

**PRESBYTERIAN WORKERS SPEAK TO CHURCH WOMEN**

Miss Evelyn Acheson has been very popular in making talks to the women of the church in different localities. She made very interesting addresses to the women of the Presbyterian churches of Lenoir and Reynolda.

Rev. John W. Luke addressed the Women of the Church of South Carolina at the Darlington Presbyterian church on Oct. 25.

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"Here I Raise My Ebenezer"

## Thanksgiving Service Planned For Ebenezer

As this issue of the Ashe Presbyterian goes to press, the first church service is planned for the new Ebenezer Presbyterian church building as a Thanksgiving service on Sunday, December 10.

In the last issue of the Presbyterian, a picture of the foundation was printed and in this issue you see a picture of the church as it has arisen from the foundation. The members and many friends have made it possible to build this church. The church is not completed, but when the brick comes it is hoped to be brick veneered.

The church was named Ebenezer by Dr. E. E. Gillespie over 50 years ago and the word in the Hebrew language means "Stone of help from God." A memorable stone had been set up by Samuel, recognizing God's help against the Philistines and it was called Ebenezer. Now, again a new step in the history of Ebenezer has been taken. It is by God's help again a new church has been erected for the glory of God and the salvation of men for the future.

Here I'll raise by Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'll come;

And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

## WYATT IS SUPERINTENDENT OF BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Raymond Wyatt has volunteered to serve as superintendent of the Bethel Sunday school as his part in serving his Lord and his church.

His spirit of willingness has already shown an increase in the attendance.

Miss Frances Osborne served faithfully and efficiently as superintendent while as a high school student, but as she is now in school at ASTC, at Boone, Bethel has been without a superintendent for over a year.

## MILLERS REVIVAL HELD BY REV. CHAS. SOLOMON

A revival at the Millers' Presbyterian church was just concluded. Rev. Chas. Solomon of Fayetteville, conducted the meeting. The services began on Nov. 8, and were completed on Nov. 17.

Mr. Solomon's message were very evangelistic and went straight home to the audience. He also gave a pictograph story of the Bible each night for the children which was enjoyed by the adults as well.

There were many Christians who re-consecrated their lives to Christ. Three young people professed the Lord and united with the church: Mary Vannoy, Gene Kilby, and Karon Kilby. Mary and Barbara Church were also baptized. Others have indicated they will unite with the church by restatement of their faith in Christ.

Everyone enjoyed having Mr. Solomon with us and he has done us all good in lifting the community spiritually for Christ.

Mr. Solomon asks us to pray for his meeting at Yadkinville on December 4, and it is our prayer that God will bless him in his meetings.

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**REV. C. M. VOYLES**



Rev. C. M. Voyles, native of Cherokee county is a graduate of King college and Union Theological Seminary. Prior to coming to West Jefferson he served churches in West Virginia, Cameron and Gastonia, N. C.

**CHURCH WORKERS ATTEND MONTREAT RETREAT NOV. 1**

The annual retreat for directors of religious education and other church workers was held at Montreat, November 1. Between 30 and 40 church workers were entertained in the Assembly Inn.

Exchange of ideas regarding their work and happy fellowship was enjoyed by the group and the speakers gave talks on different phases of church work.

Miss Ruth King Wood from the North Wilkesboro church and Miss Evelyn Acheson from Glendale field attended the retreat.

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**YOUTHS ATTENDED RALLY AT N. WILKESBORO OCT. 22**

On Sunday, October 22, a group of young people from this field and their advisers attended the Winston-Salem Presbytery Youth Rally with the North Wilkesboro church as host.

The Glendale Springs - Ebenezer youth fellowship sent ten young people and Laurel Fork youth fellowship was represented by two members.

The young people were fortunate in securing three missionary speakers who brought them a vivid picture of conditions in the Orient.

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## Mrs. Cornelius Bare Died On October 23

One of the outstanding members of the Presbyterian church in Ashe county died at the age of 97. Aunt Peggy Bare, as she was lovingly known, was born March 17, 1853 and died October 23, 1950. Mrs. Bare was before marriage, Margaret Koontz.

She was married to Mr. Cornelius Bare, Oct. 5, 1873. Mrs. Bare once belonged to the Primitive Baptist church but united with the Ebenezer Presbyterian church shortly after it was organized. She then brought her letter to Obids Presbyterian church when she moved to within reach of this church. In the absence of Rev. J. W. Luke, the funeral was conducted by her old pastor, Rev. R. H. Stone, of Charlotte; Rev. C. M. Voyles, the new minister of the Obids church, assisted Mr. Stone in the funeral.

Aunt Peggy was a unique person. Her mind was unusually clear for her age. Her wit was always fresh and amusing. She was a fine, faithful Christian. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

### BOY SCOUTS ARE ACTIVE AT GLENDALE SPRINGS

The Boy Scouts, troop 115, sponsored by the Glendale Presbyterian church has been active. Troop 115 has an active basketball team. They have played Glade Valley high school and the scouts of Jefferson.

A new patrol has been added to the troop, which is named the Wolf Patrol. These boys meet at the State Experiment Farm office and are progressing wonderfully in Scout tests.

The boys of Troop 115 participated in the Tobacco Festival Parade.

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## Rev. R. F. Brown Is New Jefferson Pastor

Rev. R. F. Brown, who has been serving as supply pastor for three churches in the vicinity of Asheville, has accepted the call as pastor of the Jefferson church.

Each Presbyterian field in Ashe county now has secured a minister. "We pray that the Jefferson, Low Gap and Big Ridge congregations may all have renewed interest and devotion in serving the Lord under the leadership of their new pastor," Rev. J. W. Luke said.

Mr. Brown lives at the manse in Jefferson.

### DATE TO REMEMBER

The Ashe Presbyterian has had a hard time advertising the date of the Presbytery in the past and here is a card from our clerk:

"Dear John — Presbytery will meet at the Mount Airy church, April 17, 1951, 10:00 a. m. Signed, J. Harry Whitmore."

"WOMAN, WHY WEEP-  
ETH THOU?"

"BE NOT FAITHLESS,  
BUT BE BELIEVING."



## Rev. C. M. Voyles Was Installed As Pastor

By John Reeves

Sunday night, January 28, Rev. C. M. Voyles was installed as pastor of the West Jefferson Presbyterian church. Rev. J. W. Luke was moderator of the Commission, Rev. G. M. Hollenhead of Lansing church, charged the congregation, and Elder W. C. Grier of North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church, charged the minister. Rev. W. R. Smith, the Home Mission Superintendent of Winston-Salem Presbytery, preached a very able sermon in the service.

Rev. C. M. Voyles came to the West Jefferson field from the Union Presbyterian church near Gastonia, N. C. The Union Presbyterian church which Mr. Voyles formerly served developed into a large and active church under his leadership. Mr. and Mrs. Voyles and daughter have only lived in West Jefferson a short time, but they have already made a definite place in the religious and social life of the community and county.

Mr. Voyles will also be stated supply of the Obids Presbyterian church.



"Because I  
Live, Ye Shall  
Live Also"

## Easter Services Are Planned At Glendale

At Easter the churches of the Glendale Springs field will hold special services. It has been the custom for this field to hold the communion services also at this time.

The following dates are set for these services: Glendale Springs, March 18, 11:00 a. m.; Miller's, March 18, 1:30 p. m. and Bethel, March 18, 7:00 p. m.

Peak Creek, March 25, 11:00 a. m.; Ebenezer, March 25, 2:00 p. m. and Laurel Fork, March 25, 7:00 p. m.

## LANSING PRESBYTERIANS SPONSOR BOY SCOUT TROOP

The Lansing Presbyterian church will jointly sponsor a Boy Scout troop with the Methodist church in the Lansing community.

During the ministry of Rev. Carl Stark in Lansing, there was a very active troop sponsored by the Presbyterian church and it is heartening to hear the Boy Scout troop is revived.

"PEACE BE UNTO  
YOU."

"GO YE THEREFORE,  
AND TEACH ALL  
NATIONS."

## Miss Betty Tinley Is To Go To East Brazil

The many friends of Miss Betty Tinley, former worker in the Lansing field, will be interested to know that she soon plans to sail for Brazil to serve there as a missionary.

The announcement was recently made by the Board of World Missions, Presbyterian church, Nashville, Tenn. She was appointed last summer as an evangelistic missionary to Korea, but she has remained in this country because of conditions in Korea.

Miss Tinley was born in Pineville, Ky., graduating from the Pineville high school. Following her high school graduation she entered Centre College, Danville, Ky., receiving her A. B. degree in 1941. She received her elementary teacher's certificate from the Union College and her M. R. E. degree from Assembly's Training School.

Those who were privileged to know Miss Tinley here in Ashe county witnessed her spirit of loving devotion to her Saviour and to the people she served, will follow her to her new works with prayers for God's greatest blessing upon her life.

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### EDITORIAL

#### What Is Christian Stewardship?

By Rev. C. M. Voyles

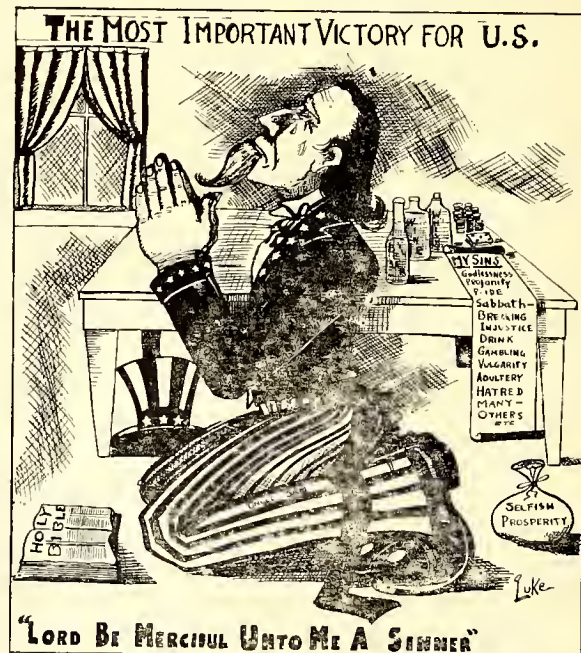
I am thoroughly convinced that the whole church needs to learn anew today what real christian stewardship is. It is the honest opinion of the writer that many of the people of the church have trifled with this important phase of their christian lives to their own spiritual destruction. If it could be determined and revealed, just how little of the life and possessions of the average church member is given to the church, I am sure it would be somewhat shameful to each of us. So, we need to gain a new vision of the work of Christ's kingdom and the responsibility that rests upon each one who calls the name of Christ.

What is christian stewardship? Let Christ Himself give us the answer. He said, "He that would give his life for my sake and the Gospel's shall find it." Then, in reality, it is giving life to Christ. And this means giving and rightly using life and all it possesses. Now, it is very common practice for people to unite with the church. It is not such a difficult procedure to persuade them to put their names on the roll of the church. But if you say to people the whole of life must be placed on Christ's side and the whole ledger balanced in His favor, it is a different story with them. If it should effect their personal belongings, the money they have in the bank, the stocks and bonds, the cattle on the farm, or material possessions in any manner, it is a different story with them. They will gladly give their emotions and pent-up feelings to the church, and they will dedicate their tongues to speak in favor of the church and of Christ. They will dedicate themselves to give testimony to Christ in what they say. But, can they in reality, in the spirit of faith, deep down in their hearts say they are doing their best for Christ with what He has put into their hands to be used and dedicated. Now you will notice, Christ said the whole of life, not a part, not just your manner of speaking and giving testimony in words, but all of life. Well if God is "the giver of

every good and perfect gift," then we must ascribe to Him the giver of all of life. And surely these possessions are a part of life bestowed upon us. We cannot consider them separate and apart from the gift of life itself. God has given the strength, the power and the privilege of every foot of land you possess, every dollar you have in the bank and all your material holdings. He has given you his support and sustained you in health and strength that you may have the privilege of making what you have. There are possessions, there are abilities, there is time, there are so many gifts, God has bestowed upon us. All of them are to be dedicated to Him. And each member of the church is to be constantly looking back into his life to ask, "What is it I have not dedicated to the Lord?" And finding it, gain a new christian experience by the giving of what portion of your life to Christ.

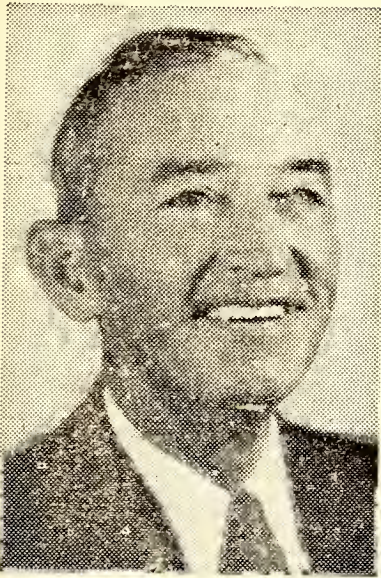
Now you notice he said. "He that will give his life for my sake and the gospel's shall find it. "Please remember that Christ gives us the secret for discovering the full, the overflowing, the overcoming life. If anyone who has or does unite with the church could remember that dedicating his whole self means the coming of God's spirit into his heart, it would mean a new vision, a new sense of service, and abiding experiences with Christ as the days go on. I am sure it would make a tremendous difference with each person. If only a part of life is given, and a portion is reserved for our own indulgences how are we going to dis-

cover that secret? How do we hope to find the joy of living with Christ, if we lay a stumbling block in our ways in the beginning of our relationship to His church? Do we really expect Christ to step over that block and meet our demands and ideas of what a church member should be? And do we still cling to the idea that one day everything will come out alright anyway? Or do we not know, that to receive the fullness and joy of the Christ-life, we are to meet him face to face in the pattern he sets for our lives? Do we actually want the fullness, the joy and the experience of the overcoming and overflowing life? Or had we rather take our chances on haphazard, indifferent and half-hearted living for Him? Be careful, if that is the spirit, you are doomed to bitter disappointment. You shall find this joyous life, when all of life is dedicated to Him. You intend some day to find that secret. Well! The earlier the better. If you are not careful, one day the secret may slip away from you and you may not be able to find it. While it is fresh upon your minds and hearts receive it, embrace it in your own heart. Lift the right hand of your heart now in utter allegiance to Him, "He that would give his life for my sake and the Gospel's shall find it." Do what Christ would have you do, be where Christ would have you be, give what Christ would have you give and you will discover what real stewardship is, and thereby discover for yourself the secret of the overcoming life with Him.



#### A CALL TO PRAYER

The above cartoon was drawn by the editor at the beginning of the last World War, and published in the Ashe Presbyterian. At that time America was faced with one of the most terrible war's we have ever been up against. The people of the United States were asked to pray and were praying as they had never done before. Again the people of our country are challenged with the need for prayer. Not only are we challenged to pray, but we must turn from our sins. In the above picture, Uncle Sam, representing us, is shown turning from his sins unto the Bible and in humiliation to God. May this be the picture of our people today, as we realize that our nation is full of sin and Godlessness.



**Obituary**

J. Oscar Blevins, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Avery Blevins, was born in Ashe county April 2, 1895, and departed this life January 3, 1951.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Sibbie Blevins, of Damascus, Va.; his wife, Mrs. Lockie Blevins; 1 son, Ray, of Lansing; two daughters, Mrs. Estella Powers, of Lansing and Mrs. Frances Glenn, of New Orleans, La.; one brother, Frank, of Damascas, Va.; three sisters, Mrs. Laura Miller, of Warrens-ville, N. C.; Mrs. Minnie Deboard, of Sophia, W. Va.; Mrs. Bessie Sapp, of Damascus, Va.; four grandchildren and innumerable friends and relatives throughout the county and state.

Mr. Blevins professed faith in Christ as his personal Saviour at the age of twenty-one, and united with the Mount Zion Baptist church. He later united with the Lansing Presbyterian church in 1929. He lived a devoted, practical, and consistent Christian life up to the day that God called him into that fullness of eternal life at His own right hand.

In his own local church he served his Saviour and his church in the behalf of humanity in an untiring manner. He first served as a deacon for a number of years. Later he was elected, ordained, and installed to the office of Ruling Elder, which office he filled until the time of his death. He also served as Superintendent and teacher of the Adult Bible Class. The latter, he was still teaching at the time of his death, in which he found the chief interest of his heart's delight.

He was not only recognized as a leader in the local church but he contributed to the cause of Christianity in a devoted manner by serving on the Home Mission and Stewardship Committees of Winston-Salem Presby-

tery. Mr. Blevins was very active in civic and social affairs. He was for several years a member of the Ashe County Board of Education, and later was chairman of the District Board of the Lansing area at which time the consolidated grammar grades and the high school at Lansing appeared on the scene. The growth and the present status of the school is due in no small part to the thought, effort, and vision he had in making the local school serve the needs of all the people of the community. He used every method at his command to realize this keen desire. He was a member of the Jeffersons Rotary Club and of the Masonic Order. As a statesman, he served Ashe county as its representative in the State Legislature in 1947 and made a record as the people's representative.

No doubt the secret of his success in these social and civic activities and in his successful business life (as one of the most progressive merchants in Ashe county for twenty-three years), lay in the fact that he never let any of these things get between him and his service to God and His cause; but used them as avenues of unselfish service.

In fact, from the time he gave his heart, and surrendered himself to the Lord Jesus, his whole life can well be summarized by the words of Solomon the Wise Man in Ecclesiastes 12:13 "Let us near the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man."

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## Lansing Pastor Visits At Lees-McRae College

By Rev. G. M. Hollenhead

It was my privilege on Sunday, Feb. 25 accompanied by Mr. Tom Powers, to visit the Lees McRae College, at Banner Elk, N. C. and a very pleasant visit it was. We were shown the very finest of Christain Hospitality, by all concerned, and connected with the great work, which seemed to be progressing wonderfully on this lofty mountain top.

We did not arrive at the school until something like early twilight in the evening, so we were short on time, and did not get to look the place over as carefully, as we should have liked to. However, I was very much fascinated, at the beautiful location of this fine school, and the magnificent sturdy, native stone buildings, nestling high and dry.

Our purpose for making this trip, was due to the fact, I had been invited to address the young people at their vesper service, which I did. I don't believe I ever met a finer group of young people, any where or at any time, than this fine group of youngsters, whom I had the privilege to address at this service.

I tried to center my emphasis on two thoughts, viz, first, "The necessity of Christ in the life of the individual." Secondly, "Don't forget what you have come here for."

### NEW GARAGE APARTMENT IS BUILT AT GLENDALE SPGS.

For sometime work has been going on for a garage and apartment combination at Glendale Springs. The apartment is a place for Miss Acheson to live.

For sometime Miss Acheson has been going back and forth to Jefferson to her apartment and this space right in the Glendale field will cut down expenses for her.

Money has been scarce for this building but it has been built as help was available for this worthy project.

### EBENEZER CHURCH HAS BEEN USED THIS WINTER

Ebenezer church has been in use for the whole winter. This new church was started last fall and now plans are being made to brick veneer the building at an early date.

The winter weather is now breaking and it is hoped that the bricks will be put in their places along the sides of the building.

At present ceiling board is being put up and the white panel lumber, which was cut and sawed, is about ready for the walls. "May it be beautiful in the sight of our Heavenly Father," is our prayer.

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## Christian Amendment

By Rev. J. W. Luke

Last week I received a letter with information about adding a Christian Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America. I heartily advocate this. There is very little in our Constitution that recognizes God and nothing that recognizes Christ.

Why some recognition of Christ and God in the Constitution was not put in it is a puzzle to me? There are many guesses by scholars why it was not done. Of course the Devil is a sly and cunning worker. He has in his subtle way blotted out this great opportunity for a nation to witness for Christ the Son of God.

Our early colonies were settled by religious men, and men who held dear to their hearts the faith in Christ. Each colony attempted to write some kind of constitution or agreement for their own government. Most of all of them recognized God and His Son, such as the Pilgrim Fathers wrote as they came on the Mayflower. "Let it be known to all the world, this is and is to be a Christian Nation."

When Christian men with these ideals helped to write the constitution, it is strange they did not put God and His Son foremost in the written instrument by which we are governed. A Democracy will lose its power if we take away the impetus of the Christian faith. The United States of America was born in the cradle of the Christian religion, how dare we not witness to Christ's name and our Heavenly Father. If any one is interested in knowing more about the Christian Amendment, we would direct you to the following address, "The Christian Amendment Movement," 914 Clay Street, Topeka, Kansas.

### HOPE

#### HE DIED!

And with him perished all that men hold dear;  
 Hope lay beside him in the sepulcher,  
 Love grew coarse cold, and all things beautiful beside  
 Died when he died.

#### HE ROSE!

And with him hope arose, and life and light.  
 Men said, "Not Christ but Death died yesternight."  
 And joy and truth and all things virtuous  
 Rose when he rose.

—Author Unknown.

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## Bible School Dates Are Set At Glendale

The dates are set tentatively for the Summer Bible Schools. Revivals will be held during most of these Bible Schools at night services. Glendale Springs Bible School may be held at the same time that Ebenezer is held. One may be held in the evening and the other in the morning. This depends when school lets out and others events that are ahead. These dates will be settled in the near future, and announced.

Dates for revivals for Glendale Springs and probably Ebenezer may be set for the fall. The work on the church building may interrupt some in the dates for summer. These dates will be settled in the near future. At all other places the revivals will take place at the same time of the Bible

### CONTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE TO FOREIGN MISSION CAUSE

The churches of the Glendale Spring field made contributions to the foreign mission cause. The moving pictures, "The Kyoto Story" and "Children of China" were shown. The beautiful and interesting slides on the "Indians of the Andes" was also shown.

Schools.

Glendale Springs — May 29 — June 8 or may be same as Ebenezer; Ebenezer — June 12 — June 22; Peak Creek — June 26 — July 6; Laurel Fork — July 10 - 20; Millers — July 24 — Aug. 3 and Bethel — Aug. 7 — 16.

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## Lansing Church News Reported By Pastor

By Rev. G. M. Hollenhead

Preaching schedule has been carried-out regularly, in the Lansing church field. Interest and attendance have been excellent, throughout the entire winter months, which has been rigorous. The Sunday Schools on this field have met each Sunday with better than average attendance, for some of the preceding years. We are looking forward, in making this a peak year in the Lansing field, for larger Sunday School enrollment, more turnouts for preaching services and more souls won for Christ, than in any year in the history of this Church Field.

We are planning an every member Canvass this spring, and following our Canvass, we also plan a personal Evangelistic Drive, jointly with that of Christian Stewardship, with emphasis on Pledging and Tithing. And, of course we are looking forward with no little interest too, to our Daily Vacation Bible School this summer. After these programs have been carried out, we plan to close our summer drive with a ten-days to two-weeks revival meeting in each of the churches on this field.

### Manse Occupied

Work has been progressing very nicely on the Church Manse at Lansing, for the past few days. When the Presbyterian church here built new manse the up-stairs rooms were left incomplete. However under the supervision of Elder Walter Osborne, the job was so nearly completed by Sat. Feb. 24th, I happily moved into my new living-quarters. Many thanks on the part of the Hollenhead family to all of those at Lansing, and to the Home Mission Com. of Winston-Salem Presbytery, who contributed so generously to the completing of this job, that we might have adequate, and comfortable living quarters.

### TEXTS FOR THE PREACHER

Some good texts for the preacher, but somewhat disturbing to the congregation at times are as follows:

GOD, "As a rewarder of the Righteous, punisher of the Wicked."

BIBLE, "The Infallible Word of God."

CHRIST, "A living personality in the lives of believers."

HOLY GHOST, "God's dynamite, Ye shall have power—"

SIN, "Wages of death."

RIGHTEOUSNESS, "Exalting to individuals, and to nations."

HEAVEN, "A place for the prepared."

HELL, "A place for the unprepared."

General Booth, said, The danger confronting the generation of this 20th. century, was: "Religion without the Holy Ghost; Christianity without Christ; Salvation without regeneration; Forgiveness without repentance; Politics without God, and heaven without hell."

General Booth is right, "We are no stronger than the thing we commit ourselves to, if we pitch our tents toward Sodom, we eventually will have to suffer the inevitable consequences of Sodom."

### CARAVAN TEAM TO VISIT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

The Glendale Springs-Ebenezer youth fellowship is looking forward to a return visit of the summer caravan some week end this spring. Joe McClure, member of the team, is making arrangements to come to Glendale Springs.

The young people surely hope these plans for Christian inspiration and fellowship materialize. The help and inspiration brought by the caravaners last July was a real blessing to our youth group and the young people are eagerly anticipating seeing these good friends again.

### OYSTER SUPPER HELD

On Valentine's Day, the women of the Jefferson church served an oyster

supper to add to their fund for buying new pews for the church. The fine supper attracted a good crowd and approximately \$57.00 was cleared to use for the new pews.

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## Rev. R. F. Brown Was Installed As Pastor

The Winston-Salem Presbytery in adjourned meeting held at the First Presbyterian church, Winston-Salem, May 1, received Rev. R. F. Brown on transfer from the Presbytery of Asheville. A commission was appointed to install him as pastor of the Jefferson Presbyterian church, May 20, at 11:00 a. m. Members of the commission are: Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr., executive secretary of presbytery, chairman; Rev. C. M. Voyles, pastor of West Jefferson church, to preach the sermon, Rev. J. W. Luke, pastor of the Glendale Springs group of churches, to charge the pastor; Elder Delmer Rose of the Glendale Springs church, to charge the congregation; Elder C. R. Jackson, completes the commission.

The installation service was well attended, and the Rev. C. M. Voyles preached a splendid sermon on "Adventuring for Christ." After the service the women of the church served lunch in the church dining room.

Mr. Brown organized the Malvern Hills Presbyterian church, Asheville, and served as the first pastor. He later served as supply pastor of the West Asheville church. Early in 1950 he served the Arden church as supply and from September 1950, to March 1st this year he served the Sylva church as supply. He came to the Jefferson church March 1.

Plans are being made to install new pews in the Jefferson church. A good portion of the money for this purpose has already been raised. Another improvement will be a new choir loft which will be ready by the time the pews are installed. Sometime during the summer the church will be painted.

Since coming to this field Mr. Brown has received four members on profession of faith and one by letter.

The vacation school will start at this church June 25, and a week or ten days evangelistic service will be held here sometime in July.

## Officers Elected By Youth Fellowship

The Glendale Springs - Ebenezer youth fellowship is anticipating another year of good fellowship and spiritual growth under the leadership of the new council.

The council members for 1951-52 are Mae Thean Bard, president; Mary Frances Luke, vice-president; Marie Atwood, secretary; Ralph Bare, treasurer; Shirley Caudill, faith; Martha Rose Miller, growth; Opal Sheets, outreach; Willeen Sheets, works and Charles Caudill, comradeship.

We are glad to have our fellowship represented for another year on the Presbytery council by Mary Frances Luke, chairman of the works commission.

## Low Gap, Big Ridge Now Have Services

By Rev. R. F. Brown

Low Gap church is a part of the Jefferson field, and services are held here twice a month in the afternoon. The Vacation Bible school will start here July 2. Plans are under way by the pastor and members of the church to improve the condition of the church building. The church will be painted inside and out during the summer and the broken windows replaced. This field offers a challenge.

### Big Ridge

The vacation Bible school will start here July 9. There are great many people in this community. One young man from this church is now preparing for the ministry, and there are many others in the community who give promise of usefulness in the church. This church also needs some repairs, and it is hoped that this work can be done this summer. It has been almost impossible to get to this church this spring due to the building of a new road through the community. When this road is completed the church will be accessible from route 16 on the west and from the scenic highway on the east. This should open a great opportunity for the development of this church.

We will have as our helper during the vacation Bible schools, Miss Doris Moore of the assembly's training school. This helper is supplied by the board of education, for which we are very grateful.

## Rev John W. Luke Is Awarded Citation

Maxton — The William Black Citation was presented to the Rev. John Whelan Luke of Glendale Springs at the commencement exercises of Presbyterian Junior College this week in recognition of his service as pastor of small churches in Wins'on-Salem Presbytery since 1926.

The Rev. Mr. Luke began as pastor of three small congregations and has, since 1926, organized five others and led in erecting seven church buildings.

He was chosen for the award by the trustees after a committee had considered all the ministers and religious workers in the Synod of North Carolina for the first annual William Black Citation, given in honor of the Rev. William Black, a native of Maxton who left the practice of law to enter the ministry. The Rev. Mr. Black served as evangelist in Anson and Union counties 1893-1894; superintendent of home missions of the North Carolina Synod, 1894-1897; and as synodical evangelist for 30 years from 1897 until his death while preaching at Wade in 1927.

The citation was established to re-  
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## Work Is Progressing On Ebenezer Church

The new Ebenezer Presbyterian church completed the auditorium with a beautiful white panelling which was given by the people in the neighborhood of the church. The pine was cut in the woods on the stump by a group of volunteer workers. A group of men then did some log rolling, and the pine was sawed on Tom Boyd's saw mill which he allowed us to use free of charge. The white panelling was put in place by two fine carpenters, Lester Hoppers and Edison Wingler.

Brick laying is beginning in the morning after this article is written. We received a phone message from our brick masons they will start tomorrow, May 15th. By the time this paper is printed the brick work will be well on the way. Praise the Lord! We can truly say again about Ebenezer, "Hitherto, the Lord has helped us again."

Our good friend, Beaumert Whitton of Charlotte, was so kind as to furnish the Ebenezer church with the needed hardware for the building.

He has now secured some fine light fixtures for the auditorium of the church which are on the way to us at this time. We are very thankful to our good friend for this help. Mr. Whitton also gave us hardware for the apartment we have built for Miss Acheson at Glendale Springs.

## Graduation Exercises Held At Glade Valley

The graduating exercises for the Glade Valley school took place on May 18, when a large crowd filled the auditorium to see eight seniors receive their diplomas. Those who graduated were George A. Bright, Lytle C. Chandler, Kay Reita Dickson, Margaret C. Hall, Carol Pruitt Harris, Betty Lou Lyle, Lorene Patrick, Mamie Lou Severt. The mascots were Joanie Olson and Bill Edmonds.

After the processional and invocation, Mrs. William Kuneman sang "The Lord's Prayer." Mamie Severt was salutatorian and Kay Reita Dickson was valedictorian.

Rev. James A. McLeod of North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church was the commencement speaker with Bibles presented by E. C. Johnson and diplomas given out by E. B. Eldridge.

W. Clay Thompson presented prizes to the following:

Alice Goodwin, Sam Schulken and George Bryant for the cleanest room; Betty Lou Lyle, recitation medal; Betty June Evans, French medal; Kay Dickson, music medal; Ella Mae Shepherd, home economics medal; Mary McNeill, scholarship medal; Shirley Hart, citizenship medal.

After the commencement exercises  
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**EDITORIAL****PERSONAL EVANGELISM**

Personal evangelism means that a Christian is interested in the salvation of some individual and talks to him about Christ. Personal evangelism is more effective in winning men to Christ than the most eloquent preaching, but the church has suffered from a discipleship that has lost interest in soul-winning. An honor has been given to Christians that has not been extended to any other class of people; namely; witnessing for Christ. Moody said toward the end of his ministry that of all the conversions under his preaching, he knew of none who had not been previously approached by a personal worker.

Christians should introduce men to Christ because God expects this of them. It may be easier to attend church and contribute money to the church than to talk to men about their soul's need. It may be easier to perform some perfunctory service than to tell men that their greatest need is Christ. But remember that consecrated willingness on the part of Christians is God's way of increasing his Kingdom. Lost souls need help and it is the wisdom of God to call upon us to bear witness to His love. God's kingdom tarries because there are so many idlers in the church. The church that has lost its testimony and is not willing to try to recapture it, is about ready for the undertaker.

Jesus in His day faced the problem of redeeming a lost world. He offered no apology when He challenged individualism in religion. He swept away the worthless accretions of tradition and revived the moral law and the spiritual message of the prophets. While He made it plain that the individual is the first receptacle of Christianity and that personal salvation is the first concern of the individual, He also made it perfectly clear that the individual who has been saved from his sin and then forgets that his unsaved neighbor and friends needs the joy, and peace and the security of redemption, reduces

religion to the essence of selfishness. Christ came to save humanity, and the individual can afford to accept Christ as his saviour only on the condition that he will become a living testimony to Christ's redeeming power.

The promotion of Christianity is the greatest work in the world. To every generation Christ comes with the same challenge: "Follow Me." "Go and make disciples." He sets tasks for us which he wants fulfilled in our time. Today He is listening for your answer.

The way of evangelism is the way of friendly hearts and intrepid souls. It is the highway of increasing hope and multiplying joys. And you will have the companionship of myrters and saints. You will have the companionship of victors in spiritual conquests. If you wish to make sure of meeting the Lord, you will meet Him where human need is greatest and human woe is deepest. There are many souls in the church today who are too noble to become engulfed by the dictum of the robber on the road from Jericho to Jerusalem, but unhappily they are caught by the example of the Priest and the Levite. Man can never be better on account of his religion if his neighbor is worse on account of it. The unfolding tragedies of our day, the forces that have divided the world into opposing sections, the chaos and uncertainties that perplex the minds and hearts of men, the imbecility of national and international leaders, the economic, moral and spiritual panic of our age, call for strong hearts and brave souls. The drama and radiance of the Christian life will be lost unless the Christians of today come out of their corner and lift the banner of Christ and guide the faltering footsteps of men to God.

## Rev. J. W. Luke Is Being Sent To Fla

Rev. John W. Luke is being sent as Commissioner from Winston-Salem Presbytery to the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, U. S. at Orlando, Florida. Mrs. Luke will accompany him on the trip to Florida.

May all join in prayer that the Assembly may accomplish great things for Christ's Kingdom. The following prayer by Dr. Peter Marshall beautifully expresses the spirit which should prevail at the sessions of this group:

"Lord, Jesus, we come to Thee now as little children . . . we are haunted by memories of duties unperformed, promptings disobeyed and beckonings ignored . . . we . . . are tired of failure . . . history and experience have given us so many evidences of Thy guidance to nations and to individuals that we should not doubt Thy power or Thy willingness to direct us . . .

If Thou art drawing close to us now, come nearer still, till selfishness is

### GRADUATION EXERCISES HELD AT GLADE VALLEY (Continued from page 1)

and dinner, the trustees of Glade Valley met and discussed new changes in the plans for the buildings.

## Rev. J. W. Luke To Go To Chicago Meet

As a National Councilman from Old Hickory Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Rev. J. W. Luke attended the National Council at Chicago, Ill. The dates of the council were May 25th and 26th. While in Chicago Mr. Luke visited his brother Richard T. Luke. The National Council met at the Stevens Hotel on the lake front. Mr. Luke reports he met many of about 2,000 delegates of fine clean men from all over America.

The highest award in scouting, the Silver Buffalo, was presented to eight outstanding Americans who had done much for the youth of America and for their country. Dr. Ralph J. Bunche of the United Nations, the poet Edgar A. Guest, and perhaps better known to North Carolinians, Mr. Henry Smith Richardson were some of the well known men who received this high award of Scouting.

Fine addresses were given by the poet Edgar Guest, Mgr. of the St. Louis Cardinals, Branch Rickie, and Commander Erle Cocke, Jr., National Commander of the American Legion. Mr. Luke was very much impressed by the strong convictions of Edgar Guest as he publicly expressed his thanks for Christ the Savior, and for the United States of America. The manager of the St. Louis Cardinals also gave a strong note of his Christian convictions and emphasized Americanism against subversive ideas creeping into our country.

Space does not permit to tell of many fine experiences at the sessions, but one main impression remains in the mind of Mr. Luke, that the cream of the finest men of the United States and of all faiths are interested, and are giving sacrificial effort for the boys of America.

burned out . . . may we not make it more difficult for Thee to guide us but be willing to be led of Thee . . .

Give us the long view of our work . . . Help us to see that it is better to fail in a cause that will ultimately succeed than to succeed in a cause that will ultimately fail . . .

May Thy will be done here, and may Thy program be carried out above party and personality, beyond time and circumstance . . . remove from us the sophistication of our age and the skepticism that has come like frost, to blight our faith and to make it weak . . .

We pray for a return to . . . simple faith, that old-fashioned trust in God . . . most of us know perfectly well what we ought to do; our trouble is that we do not want to do it . . .

Wilt Thou reach down and change the gears within us that we may go forward with Thee . . .

So bless us, each one, not according to our deserving, but according to the riches of Christ our Lord . . .

May we be willing to stop our feverish activities and listen to what Thou hast to say . . .

. . . In Jesus' name, Amen."  
Taken from the prayers of Peter Marshall.

## Miss Betty Tinley Arrives In Brazil

Word has been received here that Miss Betty Tinley has safely arrived in Brazil. She reached Rio on May 3 and was to remain there a few days before going on to Santos where she is to be stationed.

Miss Tinley will be remembered here by all as missionary worker in the Lansing field. She volunteered to serve in Korea as a missionary but due to the war was not able to go to this field to serve and later was assigned to work in South America.

### THE SPIRITUAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE U. S.

The United States Government has taken as its rightful responsibility to defend the people of the United State from their enemies. In defending this country they are calling upon our boys of eighteen years of age to be soldiers.

In taking boys of this age for training, the government has two great responsibilities. One is their duty to these boys in giving them the spiritual training they must have. Second, the government is responsible to this nation for what they will make out of our eighteen year old boys.

#### 1. THE SPIRITUAL TRAINING RESPONSIBILITY.

An eighteen year old boy is in the immature, habit forming time of his life. The mould that shapes his life at this period must be a good one. If a young man is taken out of the touch of his home, his church, and his community, he will loose the greatest shaping factors of his soul and character.

If a young man is taken from his home touch and is placed among hardened soldiers much older than he, a great change in his environment has taken place. He immediately tries to be a man among men. The temptation of the older men become his temptations, the sins of the older soldiers become his sins. Too often the Christian life is scorned, and laughed at among these hardened older men of the army. I think these young men should be kept among men of their own age, and trained among men of their age. The United States Government should make their training days, just as safe spiritually as physically. They should throw around them a great moulding spiritual atmosphere. They should train them with Christian officers.

I have seen too many young men thrown into service, and then come back to civilian life without faith, without a touch with God and Christ. You can't take a man out of the spiritual moulds of his life, when he is plastic, and expect him to come out a soul in fellowship with God.

#### 2 THE RESPONSIBILITY TO THE NATION.

What will the boy be when he comes back? This is the responsibility, the fighting forces should take when the boy comes out of service.

It is a dangerous thing to train a young, plastic life without giving him Christ and God. It is an exceedingly

dangerous thing to train a young man to destroy, to kill, to fight to the death, and then come back into civilian life and not have traces of this training left in his nature. He needs that spiritual training to give him self-control, to give him something to live for, and to become a good Christian citizen. He comes back many times nerve wracked and physically injured. What can he do without God and Christ?

The day I started this article, a mother came to me and asked me to testify in court for her son. The son attended my Sunday School and recited the Child's Catechism when he was a boy. The boy moved away from our community, he went into service. Since he has come out of service, he has been implicated in two crimes. The last one was the robbing a bank of \$40,000 at the point of a revolver.

Is the fighting training going to send back to our nation criminals? Then what will our country be if a 1,000,000 of such boys come back without spiritual training? We know what it will cause, it will be such a great waive of crime, that our civilization will not be able to absorb it.

And let us not forget, that we must depend upon these younger men to someday become the thinkers, the Christian leaders for our great nation. Take heed America, you are not only preparing for the present crisis, you should prepare for the future destiny of this great nation.

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## Bible Schools Are To Start At Lansing

The synods committee on religious education is sending a daily vacation Bible school worker to help in the Lansing field, it was announced by Rev. Mr. Hollenhead. The worker will arrive June 10 and will work in this field for six weeks.

The first Bible school is to start June 11 at Foster Memorial Presbyterian church and at this time revival services will be held throughout the ten days Bible school period.

The next Bible school will be held at Lansing, starting June 25, followed by a school to be held at Gillespie, starting July 9. A revival will start at Gillespie July 15 and continue through July 29 while the Bible school will end on July 20.

Rev. R. H. Stone, executive secretary of Home Missions, will be the minister for the revival beginning on July 18 and continuing through the revival.

Mr. Stone is the founder and builder of the Gillespie church, as well as many others in Ashe county. Mr. Hollenhead said that Mr. Stone is heartily welcomed back by all the people of the Lansing Presbyterian church field.

### SPLENDID REVIVAL WAS HELD AT LANSING CHURCH

On April 8 a revival campaign was launched by the Lansing Presbyterian church which lasted for a period of two weeks. Services were conducted both morning and night with a marked degree of success, the attendance at each service was remarkably good, far better than that of several years.

Many came forward for the first time to publicly acknowledge their faith in Christ as a personal Saviour, others came on the invitation for re-acclamation.

The spirit of christian fellowship and cooperation shown by all denominations of the entire vicinity was splendid. Five were added to the church at the close of the meeting, others are anticipating coming into the church at a later date. The pastor of the Lansing Presbyterian church was assisted by Rev. Mr. Phipps, pastor of Lang Branch Baptist church.

### FIELD WORKER TO HELP AT LANSING THIS SUMMER

James B. Hollenhead, son of Rev. and Mrs. Hollenhead, who is a student at the Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga. will be in the Lansing field for three months this summer.

His work began June 1 and continues through August. Mr. Hollenhead said that "I'm sure the Lansing field will profit greatly by having James with us as we have so many young people in the Lansing field who will be definitely benefitted spiritually by having him help set up and build up young people's organizations along the line of profitable spiritual development."

### GLENDALE WOMEN ATTEND THOMASVILLE PRESBYTERIAL

The Women of the church of Glendale Springs were represented at Presbyterial in Thomasville on April 20. Those attending were Mrs. Frank Severt, Mrs. J. W. Luke, Mrs. Delmer Rose and Miss Evelyn Acheson.

The most inspirational feature of the program was the splendid Bible study by Miss Lucy Steele of Peace college.

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## Rev W. R. Smith Jr. To Hold Revival At W. J.

Rev W. R. Smith, Jr. will hold a week's revival service at the West Jefferson Presbyterian church beginning June 17th. A worker is being sent from Greensboro by the Presbytery to conduct a Bible school this same week.

A Pioneer group of young people has recently been organized in the West Jefferson church.

In the absence of Rev. J. W. Luke on Sunday, May 27th, Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr. the Superintendent of Home Missions of Winston-Salem Presbytery, preached in three of the churches of the Glendale Springs field. Mr. Smith preached at Peak Creek at 11 a. m., Ebenezer at 2 p. m. and at Laurel Fork church at 7:30 p. m. Congregations and individuals have expressed their delight in having Mr. Smith for these services, and hope he will be back with them again in the near future.

### REV. JOHN W. LUKE IS AWARDED CITATION

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cognize a person who is giving his life in unselfish sharing with others the message of the Christian evangel.

The commencement address was given by President Marshall W. Brown of Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C.

Marshalls included R. C. Feagin of Martinsville, Va., and J. M. Parker of Lexington.

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### MURDOCK CALHOUN WILL HELP IN GLENDALE FIELD

The young people will be glad to hear that Murdock Calhoun, who worked in the Glendale field a few years ago, will be with us for the Glendale Springs and Ebenezer Bible schools.

We are also planning some special activities for the young people while Murdock is with us this summer.

### APARTMENT COMPLETED AT GLENDALE SPRINGS

The apartment for Miss Evelyn Acheson has made great progress since it was last mentioned in the "Ashe Presbyterian." The Ebenezer church people had white pine left over, which they generously let us use in the apartment.

One room was completely finished with white pine and a nice job was done by Edison Winger. Wayne Bare did a complete job of plumbing and wiring and we know with his efficient hand it will be a very convenient place to live. The rest of the building is walled with sheetrock.

### BIBLE SCHOOLS, REVIVALS START IN GLENDALE FIELD

The following is the schedule for Bible schools and revivals in the Glendale field:

Bible schools — June 12-22: Glendale Springs, morning; Ebenezer, afternoon; Bible schools and revivals - June 26-July 6, Peak Creek; July 10-20, Laurel Fork; July 24-Aug. 3, Miller's; August 7-16, Bethel.

Revivals for Ebenezer and Glendale Springs will be held in the fall. The Glendale revival will start September 25 through October 6.

Carl Harrigon will be with us for the first four revivals of the summer and Rev. Charles Solomon has promised to hold the Glendale Springs revival in the fall.

### WOMEN ARE ACTIVE

The Women of the church of the Lansing Presbyterian church have met regularly throughout the year, some having perfect attendance. They have bought paint for the church for painting inside and at present are receiving offerings for the cost of labor to do the job. It is hoped that the church will be painted before Bible school starts on June 25.

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## Revivals Held In Glendale Spgs. Field

Revivals for the summer began after the Bible schools were completed at Glendale and Ebenezer. Peak Creek was the place of the first revival of the summer which was held June 26-July 6. This revival was held jointly with the Bible school, the evangelistic services being held at night. Murdock Calhoun of Laurel Hill, and Paul Crosby of Spartanburg, S. C. preached in this meeting. Both of these ministers gave us great spiritual refreshment. There were professions but no one united with the church.

Laurel Fork meeting held July 10-20 was a fine meeting. Carl Harrigan gave us some fine evangelistic preaching. There were several professions and five united with the church.

Millers meeting was held July 24-August 3 by Carl Harrigan of Bob Jones University. This was one of the outstanding meetings of the summer and perhaps of the history of the Miller's church. There were about 25 people united with the church who were saved in this meeting. There were others reclaimed for the Lord. People of the community said they had never seen such a change in the community. The young people were touched by the spirit of God and gave their hearts to the Lord. They began to paint the church and started a prayer circle that lasted throughout this meeting and the next one on the adjoining creek. Carl Harrigan the evangelist declared this meeting was the best revival he had ever been privileged to hold.

Bethel meeting was held August 6-17. Mr. Harrigan preaching. The spiritual influence of the Miller's meeting extended over into this one. We had fine attendance, the Spirit of God was calling upon the people's hearts. The interest was fine. The circle of praying boys from Miller's community did much to win souls to the Lord. Every night a group of boys who were saved in the Miller's meeting attended and every night a prayer circle was formed and humble prayers went up to God. These boys drove what they called the "Skeeter" to the meeting. It can be seen in picture in this paper. It had an old gas tank on end for a radiator, and it got hot and steamed like a train engine. Mr. Harrigan who is seen in the front of the picture had great fun riding back with the boys every night to the prayer circle.

There were many confessions in this meeting and about 10 people united with the church at Bethel as well as some who took their membership to Miller's church. We pray that the circle of saved and reconsecrated people in these meetings will not be broken.



SCENE AT EBENEZER — Shown are members of the Ebenezer Bible School in front of the new Ebenezer Presbyterian church.

## New Ebenezer Church Is Nearing Completion

In the background of the above picture you will see the new Ebenezer church building. This building has been in use now for almost a year.

As soon as we get the roof on a building we use it for services. We have a few remaining jobs to complete which include building the steps, laying a concrete floor in the basement and grading the yard.

The church since the last issue of this paper was printed has taken on its veneer of brick and white pine panelling. We have a beautiful little church and we hope to complete it soon and be ready for the revival this fall. We have been using the building constantly ever since we got a roof over our heads.

The good Presbyterians of North Wilkesboro have given us their old seats. Recently Dewey Miller lent us his truck to haul these seats and they are now in our new church at Ebenezer.

After we work on these seats some, we shall be seated very comfortably in our new church. The seats need adjusting by cutting off so as to fit our church and to leave a good aisle

## REVIVAL IS UNDERWAY AT WEST JEFFERSON

Church Loyalty Month is now being observed at the West Jefferson church and was brought to a climax by a revival service beginning Sunday night, September 23.

Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr., executive secretary of home missions of Winston-Salem Presbytery, and the pastor, Rev. C. M. Voyles, preached at these services. Death in the pastor's family caused the revival planned earlier in the season to be closed.

A vacation Bible school was held jointly with the West Jefferson Methodist church.

## Presbyterian News From Lansing Field

By Rev. G. M. Hollenhead  
I consider we have had a good summer on the Lansing field, of course we have not accomplished as much for the Master as we should have. We never accomplish that until we have done our best, and I don't believe that many of us could say, that any of us have really done our best. When we look back and see the many gaps unfilled, the many stones unturned and the chasms unbridged.

As you will recall, I am sure, the report on our meeting in the last issue of the Ashe Presbyterian, held at the Lansing church in April at which time we had a good meeting, the Lord blessed in a wonderful way. I shall not recapitulate here, but will begin at the close of this meeting and give a brief resume of the next three months.

A two weeks revival at Foster Memorial, with excellent results. Good attendance with interest and attendance growing each day throughout the meeting. Received eight into the church, four on profession of faith, three by letter and one on statement, five received baptism. The church seems to be very much strengthened, and determined to press forward with unmitigated interest to future the Master's cause in this neighborhood.

The revival at Gillespie was attended with a great deal of interest. However, our meeting came on at a very busy time for the people of this vicinity. The Rev. R. H. Stone, executive secretary of Mecklenburg Presbytery, and former pastor on this field did the preaching. Mr. Stone, brought us from time to time, some very soul-stirring messages and heart-warming experiences. Two were received into the church at the close of this meeting, even though we did not see such marvelous results at the close of this meeting, we do believe God will bless the faithful and diligent sowing of His word, and the harvest will be reaped in due time.

D. V. B. S. were taught for a period of two weeks at all churches on the Lansing field. The attendance at Lansing, eighty-two, with six instructors; Foster Memorial, thirty-six attending, four instructors; Gillespie, twenty-four attendance, four instructors.

We have painted our church at Lansing, this summer, both inside and outside. The Foster Memorial church was painted last fall. We are planning to paint the Gillespie church in the near future. Miss Ruby Huddler, formerly of this vicinity made a donation of twenty dollars on paint, also Mr. Stone gave twenty-two dollars to apply on cost of paint. Say, you folks of Apple Grove neighborhood, and of the Gillespie church, come on with your donation immediately then later with your paint brushes, lets get this job completed before the weather gets

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### Dates To Remember

Men's Conference — Greensboro, October 19-21.

Group Conference — Foster Memorial church, October 4.

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**EDITORIAL****THE ECLIPSE  
THE HANDIWORK OF GOD**

"The Heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge."

On September the 1, our family got up early and drove out to the big lump, which is a high place along the Blue Ridge Parkway about five miles from the manse at Glendale Springs. The morning air was crisp and a wee bit chilly. The world was still in the shadows of the night, with just a little blush of the morning making it known where the sun would rise in the spectacular event of over fifty years.

From the papers we were told that the sight of a most unusual eclipse would appear from our area of the country. We read that our section of the mountains would be the most advantageous spot of the whole United States to see this wonderful phenomenon. To the west of us about 15 miles a group of scientists had gathered on this same morning to observe the same sight we had gathered to see. They too were situated on the top of a high mountain called Elk Knob near Boone.

When we arrived on the big lump, as the mountain is called by the local people, much to our surprise, about two dozen cars had gathered at the same locality. There was an air of excitement as friends and acquaintances of kindred interest and spirit greeted each other.

The scene from the mountain top was a beautiful one. Far away could be seen a few early lights of the town of North Wilkesboro twinkling in the darkness. Here and there in the dark valley below us the mellow lights from the early morning lamps of a cabin reminded us it was getting up time for those who lived in the mountains. Between us and the horizon, the tiny lights of distance cars traced their winding ways over unseen roads, like meteors in the darkness. While watching the panorama of the dark valley be-

fore us, we could not resist from turning our eyes to sky above, filled with the sparkling jewels of the night. The "milky way" showed like a belt across the dome of the sky, extending from the south to the north. The great dipper had hidden the lower part of its bowl below a mountain to our left. Cassiopeia or the "queens chair" as it is called, hung in the sky like a "W" on its side east of the north star. And as we gazed at the many fiery hosts of the heavens, the "northern cross" lay directly over our heads in the midst of the "milky way."

The time for the appearance of the sun and the eclipse was now very close at hand. The eclipse would be seen as it arose from behind the horizon. A photographer had his kodak set for the occasion. Field glasses of different shapes and fashions were in evidence. Radios in the cars were tuned in to the Winston-Salem Airport, which we understood would give news flashes of the occasion. In the eastern sky, angel winged clouds, touched by a golden light, hovered over the horizon. Just above the skyline a dull black layer of haze lay parallel with the earth as if the night had folded its dark curtain that the sun might make its entrance. The time of the great event was a few seconds off, for it was 5:43 a. m. Our attention was on the lightest part of the sky, which was the golden winged clouds over the horizon. Suddenly the radio on one car announced that the sun could be seen in partial eclipse. We looked with dismay, for we were afraid the clouds would hide the sight from our position, but a man near me in the dark said excitedly, "I see it." and sure enough just above the horizon far below the winged clouds, coming up out of the mysterious dark layer of fog, in the form of a dull coal red crescent, it appeared. There were exclamations of wonder as it was first seen, and then as the crescent began to appear larger, and larger, a hush came over the people on that mountain top. It seemed that the spell and mystery of God's handiwork was falling upon souls, and we were just insignificant creatures of time, and somehow we felt the fear of God upon us as we watched with awe the firmaments show forth His handiwork.

As we watched, the most beautiful phase of the total eclipse had not appeared to us yet, but it was slowly coming to that climax. Inch by inch, the sun in crescent form was floating up out of that dark layer of haze just above the earth's surface. Second by second, we watched the crescent grow from a short stubby shape, to a long slender little moon. That was increasing from the dull blood red to the brilliance of shining gold. Finally the crescent of gold became a complete golden circle, shining like a new wedding ring. The shadow of the moon was now directly in the center of the sun, like the pupil of a great eye. Yes! like the eye of God looking straight at us from the mists across the surface of the earth, from far out into the spaces of eternity. As the golden ring ascended into the sky freeing itself from the sea of mists, the gold of the circle became more brilliant and more brilliant, until the whole earth was full of its glory, and men on the mountain top began to look with smoked

glasses because of its brightness. Finally the shadow of the moon edged its way to the bottom of the rim of that golden circle, and once again the sun became a delicate and slender crescent. As the dark, round shadow dropped lower and lower from the center of the sun, the sun grew in intensity of light and approached more and more to its original self. Finally as if God no longer would reveal his mysteries and his handiwork to the eye of man, the angel winged clouds covered it and obscured it from our sight.

The heavens declared the Glory of God; and the firmaments showed His handiwork that morning.

"The spacious heav'ns declare the Glory of our God,

The firmament displays His handiwork abroad;

Day unto day proclaims His might, and night His wisdom tells to night.

Aloud they do not speak, They utter forth no word,

Nor into language break, Their voice is never heard;

Yet thro' the world the truth they bear, And their Creator's power declare.

The clouds of heav'n are spread, A tent to hold the sun,

And like a bridegroom fair, Comes forth the mighty one,

Rejoicing in his strength and grace, To run his wondrous daily race."

**PRESBYTERIAN NEWS  
FROM LANSING FIELD**

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too cold.

The Women of the Church, Lansing, have met regularly thro the past year. The women sponsored the church painting movement formerly mentioned, at a cost of approximately \$350.00.

The women of the North Wilkesboro district conference will meet in the Foster Memorial church, Husk, October 4 for their annual get together.

My son, James, who has been with me here on the field this summer is returning to Decatur, Ga. to pursue his work in the Columbia Theo. Seminary. The folks on the Lansing, field were very much delighted with him, and the splendid work he did here. He supervised the D. V. B. S. work on the field here which continued through a period of six weeks. He took care of the preaching appointments while I was engaged in revival work at other churches. He took care of all preaching services while I was on vacation, also met with the young people of the church each week, helped work out a program which we feel will be very profitable to the future progress of the young people's organization.

**GLADE VALLEY SCHOOL HAD  
OPENING ON SEPTEMBER 3**

Glade Valley school opened on September 3 with overflowing number of students.

Several students from Ashe county are attending this Presbyterian school this year. E. B. Eldridge stated that if we had more room we could take in many more students, but because of limited space, students had to be turned away.

Name of church	Enrollment	Avg. Attendance	Perfect Attendance	Professions
Glendale Springs* ...	104	77	43	
Ebenezer* .....	77	52	18	
Peak Creek .....	109	60	28	0
Laurel Fork .....	56	39	21	7
Millers .....	76	54	29	24
Bethel .....	44	33	18	14
Total .....	466	53	157	45
* Revival will be held	this fall.			

four Bible schools.

Some of the outstanding features of the Bible schools were moving pictures of Paul's Life shown at Ebenezer and Glendale Springs; flannel-graph pictures by Mrs. Carl Harrigan; the fine lemonade and cookie feed by Mrs. Jim Graham at Peak Creek; the watermelon feasts; the fine attendance at every Bible school; the nice singing by the Bible school children at the night services in the revivals; these and many other experiences made our summer happy.

dale Springs Presbyterian church had a nice trip during the summer to White Lake.

In addition to the scouts on the trip were Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Rose, Rev. and Mrs. John Luke, Mary Frances Luke and Ann Shaw.

Reports indicate that the trip was short but greatly enjoyed by all.

**GLENDALE SPGS. SCOUTS  
TAKE WHITE LAKE TRIP**

The Glendale Springs Boy Scout troop, which is sponsored by the Glen-

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**Over 400 Children  
Attend Bible School**

"Our Bible school is over and we are going home," these are the familiar words that echo in our ears and minds as the last Bible school was completed at Bethel church in Wilkes county. This Bible school was the last of six for the summer, some of the finest ones we have ever had. If you will read the box score for enrollments in the Glendale field, you will notice there have been over 400 children to receive training, not even mentioning the large numbers for the Jefferson and Lansing fields.

We would like to recognize and thank the following for their good work as teachers for this summer.

Ebenezer — Murdock Calhoun, Miss Evelyn Acheson, Miss Mary Frances Luke, Mrs. Ruby Bare, Marie Atwood and Lorene Atwood.

Glendale Springs — Murdock Calhoun, Mrs. Herbert Bare, Miss Evelyn Acheson, Martha Rose Miller, Mary Frances Luke, Betty Lou Lyle, Opal Sheets.

Peak Creek — Mrs. Junior Miller, Miss Peggy Miller, Marv Frances Luke, Murdock Calhoun, Miss Evelyn Acheson.

Laurel Fork — Miss Evelyn Acheson, Mary Frances Luke, Ann Winborn Shaw, Peggy Miller.

Millers — Miss Evelyn Acheson, Mrs. Carl Harrigan, Miss Virginia Smith, Helen Wyatt.

Bethel — Miss Evelyn Acheson, Virginia Smith, Mrs. Harrigan, Miss Cleo Osborne.

Rev. J. W. Luke also taught classes and acted as superintendent of the last

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## Bible Schools Held In Jefferson Field

By Rev. R. F. Brown

Vacation Bible Schools were held in three churches in the Jefferson field. This field was fortunate in having as co-worker in these schools, Miss Doris Moore, of West End. Miss Moore is a graduate of WCUNC of Greensboro. She has had two years teaching experience and spent last year at the Assembly Training School, Richmond, Virginia. She has spent the summer doing field work as a part of her training. She will return to the Assembly Training School this fall and complete her training, after which she will be assigned to Africa as a missionary.

### JEFFERSON BIBLE SCHOOL

The school at Jefferson was held June 25 through June 29 inclusive. It was a cooperative school—the Methodist and Presbyterian working together, each supplying the teachers and helpers. The enrollment during the one week school was 72. The school closed on Friday with a picnic on the church recreational grounds.

### LOW GAP SCHOOL

Low Gap school began on Monday, July 2, and closed Saturday, July 7. The enrollment during the week was 39, the average attendance was good and the type of work was above average. The school closed Saturday with a picnic on the church grounds. There is some promise of growth among the young people of the church.

Prior to the Bible school a piano was placed in the church for use during the Bible school and the revival services. The people of the church and community raised the money and paid for the piano within two months. At 8 o'clock each evening a revival service was conducted by the pastor, with Mrs. John G. Neal in charge of the music. Services were very well attended and the interest increased from night to night. There were no additions to the church, but some visible results will be realized later.

### BIG RIDGE SCHOOL

This school started July 9 and closed July 13. We had a small but interested group, the total enrollment being 23. In this school as in Low Gap the local people helped in teaching the pupils. The school closed on Friday with a picnic for the children.

A revival service was held each evening—conducted by the pastor. The attendance was fair and the interest good. At least two have indicat-

ed a desire to unite with the church. After the Bible schools were closed a week of special services was held at the Jefferson church, the pastor conducting the services. Miss Moore remained this week and did personal work and visiting the people.

### DEATH IN FAMILY

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Voyles of West Jefferson because of the death of two members of their family circle during this past summer.

Mrs. Voyles' mother passed away early in the summer and Mr. Voyles recently lost a brother. We trust that God will fill their hearts with His perfect peace and comfort in this double sorrow.

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"SKEETER" AT MILLERS — Shown are youths at Millers Presbyterian church and their famous, "skeeter."

**WHERE DO THE YOUNG PEOPLE GO?**

We have lots of young people in our fields and when school begins they scatter to the four winds. "Some fly east and some fly west and some fly over the cuckoo's nest," so said the poet. It is true of our boys and girls.

**GOING TO COLLEGE**

- Johnnie Bare — Big Ridge church, King College (Ministerial student).
- Dawes Graybeal — Lansing church, King College (Ministerial student).
- Frances Osborne — Bethel church, A. S. T. C.
- Joan Miller—Laurel Fork church, A. S. T. C.
- June Crepps — Glendale Springs church, Eastern Ky. S. C.
- Nancy May — Jefferson church, King's Business College.
- Elane Cox — Laurel Fork church, Baptist hospital, Winston-Salem. (Nursing)
- Tommy Boyd — Glendale Springs church, Oak Ridge Military School.

**GOING TO GLADE VALLEY**

- Roy Blain Tolley, Vernon Dancy, Barbara Church, Johnsie Roten, Helen Jackson, Marie Bare, Lillian Sheets, Nanetta Crepps, Shirley Hart.

**OFF TO WORK**

- Marie Atwood, F. B. I. offices, Washington, D. C.
- Flossie Miller, Southern Bell Telephone Company, Charlotte.
- Ruby Huffman, Southern Bell Telephone Company, Charlotte.
- Mae Thean Bard, working, Columbus, Ohio.

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**ADDITIONAL REVIVALS IN GLENDALE SPRINGS FIELD**

We are planning for two more revivals in the Glendale Springs field during the fall season.

The first revival will start Sept. 24 at Glendale Springs and continue until October 5, followed by a revival, Oct. 23 to Nov. 2 at Ebenezer.

Charles Solomon is planning to be with us at Glendale Springs and Carl Harrigan has promised to hold the meeting at Ebenezer if we can arrange the dates so that they will be

suitable for both parties.

Prayer meetings are benig held every Wednesday for the Glendale Springs revival and we hope to do the same for the Ebenezer meeting.

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**MANY PROFESSIONS MADE  
IN GLENDALE SPGS. FIELD**

We heartily welcome the following people who professed Christ this summer in the Glendale Springs field's revivals into the fellowship of Christian believers:

Laurel Fork church: Henry Craven, Sam Miller, Mrs. Everett Woodie, Mrs. Lillian Hart, Charlotte Stutts and Betty Sue Woodie.

Millers church: Mrs. Joe Patrick, Mrs. Edna Kilby, Ed Vannoy, Maxie Sheets, Shirley Sheets, Jane Snyder, Eddie Mae Vannoy, Christeen Dancy, Barbara Adams, Walt Church, Ray Church, Vernon Dancy, Jack Dancy, Onnie Dancy, Junior Roten, Hansel Roten, Ralph Roten, Billy Wyatt, Gwyn Kilby, Junior Kliby, Vonley Kilby, J. D. Kilby, Ottis Kilby and Blan Patrick.

Bethel church: Claude Shepherd, Junior Wyatt, Claude Shepherd, Roscoe Osborne, Jerry Wyatt, Carol Shepherd, Catherine Shepherd, Betty Sue Shepherd, Rose Lee Shepherd, Bobby Wyatt, Robert Shepherd, Reo Wyatt, Johnnie Vannoy, Peggy Vannoy and Mrs. Annie Ruth Brown.

A small number of these had made professions in past years but wished to make a completely new beginning in the service of the Lord. We do earnestly pray that each one may find great joy in trusting the Lord Jesus Christ and in serving with their fellow Christians in the work of His Kingdom.

**PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS  
ATTEND MONTREAT MEETING**

Ashe county was represented at the Home Mission conference at Montreat by all Presbyterian ministers in the county except one and several other workers.

Attending the meeting were Rev. R. F. Brown, Rev. C. M. Hollenhead, James Hollenhead, Rev. and Mrs. John Luke and Miss Evelyn Acheson.

All reported having an inspiring and profitable time.

**Record Enrollment  
At Glade Valley**

Glade Valley school opened Tuesday, September 4, 1951 with the largest enrollment for several years. The girls' dormitory is filled to overflowing. Everything has gotten off to a grand start and we hope to have another prosperous year in this christian school.

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Dr. D. S. McCarty, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Mount Airy, was the chapel speaker on the opening day of school. Mr. Dick Hildebrandt, the new minister on the Glade Valley — Sparta field, gave a chapel talk Thursday, September 6.

Following is a list of students from Ashe and Wilkes counties.

Ashe county: Edward Victor Blue, Marie Childers, George W. Edwards, Shirley Temple Hart, Martha Helen Jackson, Nell Johnsie Roten, Martha Mae Sheets, Kathryn Marlene Severt, Roy Blaine Tolley and Jane Alden

Bare.

Wilkes county: Vernon Dancy, Evelyn Ruth Darnell, Billie Yvonne Osborne, Helen Mae Royal, Lillian Mae Sheets, Ella Mae Shepherd and Beatrice Marie Bare.

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## Christmas Program In Glendale Field

Tentative plans have been made for the annual Christmas programs in the six churches of the Glendale Springs field.

The schedule is as follows:

December 22, 7 p. m., Ebenezer; December 20, 7 p. m., Laurel Fork; December 21, 7 p. m., Bethel; December 19, 7 p. m., Millers and December 23, 7 p. m., Glendale Springs.

The Christmas tree at Peak Creek will be at 10 A. M., December 21. The Glendale Springs tree will be held at a time to be announced by the Sunday School.

We trust that these will all be Christ-honoring programs that will bring a true Christmas message to the hearts of the people.

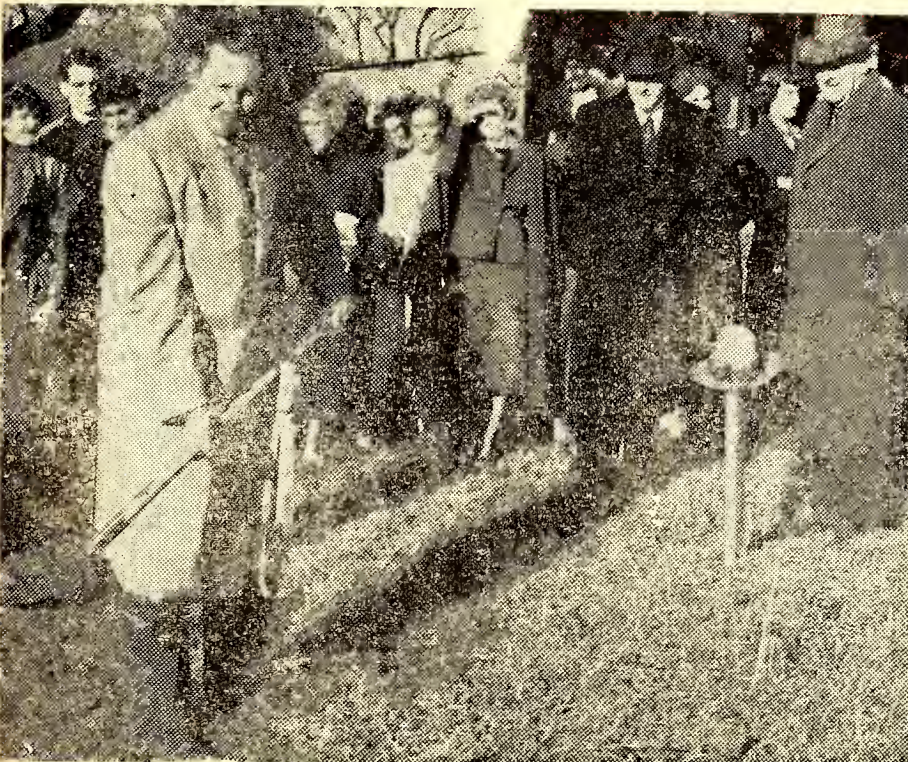
## THANKSGIVING SERVICES ARE HELD BY CHURCHES

On Nov. 22, the nation sent their thanks up to God for the blessings we are enjoying, and for those that have been bestowed upon us in the past. The churches of the Glendale Springs field held their Thanksgiving Services on the Sundays on both sides of the date. On Nov. 18, Glendale Springs church at 11 a. m., Miller's church at 1:30 p. m., and Bethel church at 7 p. m. will be the date and time of the Thanksgiving services for these churches. On Nov. 25, Laurel Fork at  
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"WHEN THEY SAW THE STAR, THEY REJOICED  
WITH EXCEEDING GREAT JOY."  
—Mt. 2:10

"FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY  
OF DAVID, A SAVIOUR, WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD."  
—Luke 2:11

"NEITHER IS THERE SALVATION IN ANY OTHER."  
—Acts 4:12



WM. R. LYBROOK WITH SHOVEL; GOV. SCOTT IN BACKGROUND

## Gov Kerr Scott Spoke At Ground Breaking

On Tuesday, Nov. 20 a crowd of interested friends of Glade Valley met at 2 p. m. in the gymnasium to celebrate a new day for the school. The occasion was the breaking of the first ground for the construction of the first two buildings in the expansion program of Glade Valley.

John A. Kellenberger, co-chairman with Charles Norfleet, acted very efficiently as master of ceremonies.

After a processional hymn by the Glade Valley students, led by Rev. C. D. Hutton, Rev. Wayne Thompson opened the service with the invocation.

The "Hymn of the Glade," a song composed by Rev. C. D. Hutton, was sung reverently by the audience, led by the students.

A resume of the history of Glade Valley was given by J. A. Kellenberger. This interesting story began when the land for the school was bought in 1909, including the names of Rankin, Walker, Hollinsworth, Cooper, White, bringing the history up to the time of the present superintendent of the school, E. B. Eldridge. Mr. Eldridge was cheered heartily for his faithful  
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**EDITORIAL****Gifts**

Just before Christmas, the streets of our towns and cities alike are crowded with hurrying shoppers. Each one is searching - searching feverishly for last minute gifts for the relatives and friends on the Christmas list. Many shoppers are weary and exasperated by their difficulties in finding just the right gift and are fretful because of the extra burden the Christmas season adds to their already overcrowded days.

But, oh, how few are searching with equal concern for a gift for the Christ whose birthday has become so lest in the confusion of modern materialism. Yes, let us give gifts if we do it in a true spirit of love, but, first of all, may we send our hearts searching back beyond all the superficial glitter of the Yuletide season and see Christmas giving in its right perspective. Let us, above all else, choose a gift worthy to give to Him whose birthday we celebrate. Let us bow humbly before the Christ, as did the shepherds of long ago by His little manger bed, and give Him our hearts in a new and greater dedication than ever before. A heart completely surrendered to Him is the most priceless gift we can lay at the feet of our Master on His birthday.

Then, as surely as the night follows the day, the surrendered heart, filled with joy and wonder at belonging to the Saviour, will seek eagerly for ways in which to give gifts of love and service to those for whom the Lord gave His life in willing sacrifice. So let us resolve this Christmas to give something, even if it requires sacrifice, to the "least of these" whom Jesus so loves. Perhaps the best gift we give to others will not be purchased with money - perhaps our best gift will be telling the simple message of salvation that will lift a soul from dark despair to radiant hope; perhaps it will be something as small as the cup of cold water our Lord mentions; but however small our gift, let us remember it will be glorified and magni-

fied when given in the Master's name.  
Gifts

They brought their gifts to please a baby King;

Their fragrant incense and their glittering gold.

What gifts can I put in His hands today

For Him to love and hold?

What can I offer from my heart's full cup

To please a Christ, grown-up?

What can I give Thee, Master? And I hear

His voice in answer: "Inasmuch as ye

Have done it unto one of the least of these,

Ye have done it unto me."

Each thought for others, each small kindness shown,

He claims them for His own.

They are such selfless gifts He asks of me:

The little common deeds of every day;

Small services my hands can find to do

The words my tongue can say,  
Strange gifts, it seems, to lay before a King,

Yet all He bids me bring.

—Grace Noll Crowell

### THANKSGIVING SERVICES ARE HELD BY CHURCHES (Continued from page 1)

10:30 a. m.; Peak Creek at 2 p. m. and Ebenezer at 7 p. m. will be the date and time of these churches.

We hope everyone remembered the Thanksgiving offerings for Barium Springs and Glade Valley.

### GROUND BREAKING WAS HELD AT GLADE VALLEY (Continued from page 1)

work from the year of 1917 to the present time.

Mrs. Sam Rankin, the widow of Rev. Sam Rankin, the Superintendent of Home Missions and who became the first principal of Glade Valley at its beginning, told a very interesting narration of her experiences in the early days of the school.

The Governor of North Carolina, Kerr Scott, who had been a former trustee, and whose wife, Miss Mary White before her marriage, had served as dietitian at Glade Valley, was introduced by Ralph Scott, one of the trustees and brother of the Governor.

The Governor gave an excellent address, emphasizing the importance and influence of the small communities and schools such as Glade Valley.

After the exercises in the gymnasium, the crowd went to the location of the new buildings. The ground was broken first by William R. Lybrook, a nephew of the late Wm. R. Reynolds who had been a great benefactor to the school's building program.

Secondly, Mrs. Sam Rankin received the shovel and very energetically spaded up the earth. Others also took their turn in turning a few shovels of earth after this.

This important symbolic ceremony ushered in an important day of pro-

## Church News Given From Lansing Field

By Rev. G. M. Hollenhead, Pastor

We think the church work in the Lansing church field is progressing very nicely.

At Lansing, we have elected, ordained and installed, one elder, Raymond Campbell, two deacons, Walter Campbell, Thomas Powers.

We have prayer meeting going on with very good success. The women of the church have met regularly. The young people have also met each Friday night. Each of which have reported marked degrees of progress.

The Lansing church group, have recently purchased a new large stove for the manse, for which, occupants of the manse are justly proud.

We are anticipating a large crowd for the Thanksgiving service Thurs. night Nov. 22. At this service we are receiving a Thanksgiving offering, giving each worshipper an opportunity to express his gratitude to God, in proportion to the manner in which God has blessed him through the past year.

Additional church officers have been elected, ordained and installed in the Gillespie, and the Foster Memorial churches: viz, Edgar Barr, elder, and Elsworth Barr, deacon.

A pioneer group has been organized in the Lansing Presbyterian church, with twenty-five youngsters participating.

All churches in the Lansing field are moving forward with increasing interest, and are looking ahead with much concern to a larger, and a more far reaching program of church extension next year.

**A PRAYER FOR ALL**

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  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel.  
—Phillips Brooks, 1868

**CHRIST IS HERE**

Songs of praise to the Lord,  
 Sung by angels in glory,  
 Filled earth and the skies  
 When the Saviour was born.  
 Wise Men followed the star  
 That was seen from afar,  
 And its light led the way  
 To the crib where he lay.

Now a song fills my heart  
 When I think of the Saviour  
 Who loved me and came  
 As the friend of mankind.  
 Let me work; let me give;  
 Let me pray and so live  
 That the world far and near  
 May believe Christ is here.

gress for the usefulness of Glade Valley in the service of the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. The ceremonies were concluded with prayer by Rev. J. W. Luke.

## Presbyterian News From West Jefferson

By Rev. C. M. Voyles, Pastor

Our report from the West Jefferson church may not be such an encouraging one, but we believe we can now see more light than in the past year.

We are deeply grateful that the Women of the Church became enthusiastic about the condition of the church on the inside and set out to work to see that both downstairs and the auditorium were painted this summer.

We cannot help but notice that it has made a great difference in the appearance of the church as well as creating a more worshipful attitude. We own our debt of gratitude to the Women of the Church for their help in this.

The revival which was started in June and had to be cancelled because of the death of the mother of the pastor's wife was finished in the last week of September. Mr. Voyles preached during the first part of the week and Rev. G. M. Hollenhead the latter part of the week. There were two additions by profession of faith and reconsecrations. Besides this we believe the whole church was moved to greater spiritual life. The results of the revival are yet untold.

There has been also an intermediate organization established, out of which has been assembled an intermediate choir. This choir has been of inestimable help in the service of worship.

All in all we can see more light now, in view of the fact there is somewhat greater attendance in both Sunday School and church and a manifested interest in the growth of the church. We pray that we may go on from here to greater heights for our Lord.

### PRESBYTERIANS VISIT BILLY GRAHAM MEETING

On Saturday, Nov. 10 the following attended the Billy Graham meeting in Greensboro: Worth Miller, Odell Kilby, Otis Kilby, Junior Roten, Jack Dancey, Gwyn Kilby and J. W. Luke.

We were much impressed by the crowd of about 12,000 people, the beautiful music, the fine evangelistic sermon by Billy Graham and the large response of about 200 people to the invitation. We were greatly benefited spiritually by this visit to the evangelistic meeting.

## Boy Scouts Active At Glendale Spgs.

The boy scouts of the Glendale church participated in the Jubilee Camp of the Old Hickory Council, which was held at Elkin, N. C.

The Scout Master, Rev. J. W. Luke preached at the camp service held on Sunday afternoon.

On Nov. 2, Troop 115 also took part in a parade with other scout troops of Ashe county. The scouts also gave service to directors of the parade which is called the Tobacco Festival of Ashe county.

### HOME MISSION RETREAT AT WINSTON-SALEM CHURCH

The Home Mission Pastors of Winston-Salem Presbytery were guests of the First Presbyterian church of Winston-Salem and their pastor, Dr. Julian Lake on Nov. 13 through the 15. During these days at Winston-

Salem, a retreat was held for the ministers and discussions on the problems of the home mission pastor.

The ministers also enjoyed the Bible lectures given by Dr. Julian Love of the Louisville Seminary, who gave Bible Studies to the congregation of the First Church for the week.

Fellowship among themselves and with some of the men of the Home Mission Committee was also of great help.

The men were given sleeping quarters and meals in the educational building of the church, and they feel very grateful to those who made the retreat possible.

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**LET US KEEP CHRISTMAS**

Whatever else be lost among the years,  
Let us keep Christmas still a shining  
thing;  
Whatever doubts assail us, or what  
fears,  
Let us hold close one day, remembering  
Its poignant meaning for the hearts  
of men,  
Let us get back our childlike faith  
again.

Wealth may have taken wings, yet still  
there are  
Clear windowpanes to glow with  
candlelight;  
There are boughs for garlands, and a  
tinsel star  
To tip some little fir tree's lifted  
height.  
There is no heart too heavy or too sad,  
But some small gift of love can make  
it glad.

And there are home-sweet rooms  
where laughter rings  
And we can sing the carols as of old.  
Above the eastern hills a white star  
swings;  
There is an ancient story to be told;  
There are kind words and cheering  
words to say.  
Let us be happy on the Christ Child's  
day.

Grace Noll Crowell

**CAROL SERVICE AROUND  
THE LIGHTED TREE**

On Sunday night, December 16 the  
young people of Glendale Springs  
will open the evening service by sing-  
ing Christmas carols around the light-  
ed tree in front of the church. The  
Sunday evening service will then be  
continued within the church.

**MISS ACHESON MOVES  
IN APARTMENT**

For sometime we have mentioned a  
little apartment we have built at  
Glendale Springs for Miss Acheson.  
After the final plumbing and electrical  
wiring had been completed by  
Wayne Bare, Miss Acheson, busy as  
a squirrel storing away nuts, deposits  
her belongings within the new rooms  
over the garage. She is now happily  
keeping house. Mr. Tom Boyd donat-  
ed three plexo-glass electric heaters  
to keep the apartment warm.

**SCOUTS OF GLENDALE  
TROOP DECORATE TREE**

The Boy Scouts of the Glendale Spr-  
ings Troop No. 115, will decorate the  
Christmas tree for the church, on Sat-  
urday morning, December 15.

**IN MEMORY OF**

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lane, call-  
ed to heaven on December 6 at the  
age of seventy-three years, mem-  
ber of Millers Presbyterian church.

**TO A FRIEND**

I longed to send a gift today,  
So rare that it would bring  
A joy to you the whole year through:  
Some sweet perennial thing,  
Like violets blossoming.

But since the world holds no such gift  
I send to you instead,  
My love for you—warm, tender, true,  
Perpetual, fire-fed  
Like rubies glowing red.

—Grace Noll Crowell

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## Glendale Springs Power Dam Project

Many of our readers have undoubtedly read a great deal in the papers about the Glendale Springs Hydraulic power project, which the R. E. A. is proposing, that we may have sufficient electric power for the surrounding counties.

The location of the project is in the midst of the Glendale Springs church field. The proposed power plant calls for an unusual diversion of some of the water from the South Fork of the New River, and running it through a tunnel through the mountain, and dropping it almost 1,000 feet to a hydro electric plant at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains. An enormous amount of power can be produced fairly cheaply and conveniently.

There were many objectors, from Virginia and West Virginia, down the New River, who appeared at the hearing at West Jefferson on Nov. 27.

## POWER MOWER BOUGHT AT PEAK CREEK CHURCH

The Brethren and Presbyterian churches of Peak Creek united their efforts to purchase a power mower for the community cemetery. The mower is now on hand and ready for use next spring when the grass will begin to grow. The cemetery has been recently worked over and grass sown. It is hoped we shall have a beautiful burial grounds when the grass is set by next spring.

## Harrigans Assisting At Bethel And Millers

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Harrigan, who were with us in our splendid revivals in Wilkes county this past summer, have been coming up from Greenville, S. C. every other Sunday to help in the services at Bethel and Millers.

This has been a blessing to the people for they come on the alternate Sundays when it is not possible for the pastor to be there. Friends have driven them up and have also done their part in making the Sunday School more worthwhile.

We feel these friends are worthy of commendation for their consecrated zeal in taking on this work for the Lord with no material profit whatever for themselves.

## Rev. K. E. Pollock At Ebenezer Revival

The Ebenezer Presbyterian church this year was under construction at their usual time of revival, so we are hoping for good weather for the late revival on the dates Nov. 20 through 29.

Rev. K. E. Pollock of the Cooleemee Presbyterian church will be our evangelist. Prayer meetings have been held each week in the homes of the members for the revival. We are praying that God will do a mighty work amongst us during the days ahead. Pray for us Christian readers of our little paper.

## REV. R. F. BROWN INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Rev. R. F. Brown, pastor of the Jefferson field was injured in an accidental fall from a ladder while picking apples.

His arm was fractured and we are glad he is recovering quickly from this unfortunate happening.

## EBENEZER ORGANIZES YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP

A new young people's group is now meeting Sunday afternoon in the fine new Ebenezer church. We hope this group may develop future leadership for the church and that these young people may grow steadily in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus.

The Ebenezer group was formerly combined with the Glendale Springs Youth Fellowship which continues to meet on Sunday night.

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## Revival Meeting Was Held At Glendale

The Glendale Springs Presbyterian church having completed their Bible School in the summer, set the date of Sept. 24 - Oct. 5 for their revival. Rev. Charles Solomon came at the invitation of the pastor and preached.

Our evangelist also showed and talked with flannel graph pictures with colored lights, which was an added attraction to the children. During the meeting the picture, "Billy Graham's Crusade in Portland, Oregon," was shown.

For several weeks the Christians of the church had been meeting for prayer, and prayer really counts. God heard our prayers and there were about 17 people came into the church by profession of faith.

We welcome the following into the fellowship of the Glendale Springs church: Mr. Ralph Bare, Bernard Bare, Ella Sue Caudill, Helen Walker, Marcellus Bard, Doris Woodie, Lucille Walker, Rose Marie Woodie, Eula Fay Sheets, Peggy Saultz, Mary Joe Miller, G. C. Pennington, Buddie Bare, Mrs. J. L. Miller, C. J. Hurt, Bob Wyatt.

We feel that Rev. Charles W. Solomon, guided by the Lord, preached some splendid messages and gave himself unstintedly to the work at our church. The consecrated effort of this servant of God with the prayers of God's people, brought about one of the best revivals we have had at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church.

### YOUNG PEOPLES RALLY HELD AT GLENDALE SPGS.

The Young People of the North Wilkesboro District met at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church for their Fall Rally on October 28. The Rally was well attended.

The following churches were represented: Lansing, North Wilkesboro, Glade Valley, Ebenezer and Glendale.

Discussion groups which were part of the program were led by Rev. J. B. MacLeod, North Wilkesboro; Miss Mashborn, Glade Valley; Miss Ruth King Wood, North Wilkesboro; and Miss Evelyn Acheson, Glendale Springs. Supper was eaten together and afterwards a very good talk was made by Rev. J. R. Smith Jr. of Winston-Salem.

Merry Christmas and

Happy New Year from

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### GLENDALE FIELD WOMEN HOLDING BIBLE STUDY

Five groups of women representing all six churches of the Glendale Springs field meet monthly for Bible study. We are using the study on the book of James and are finding wonderful truths in this small book for practical Christian living and for a deepening of our spiritual life. These classes are taught by Miss Evelyn Acheson.

In the Glendale Springs church, in the new year, we hope to have a study of the ten commandments taught by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Luke, at the weekly prayer meeting.

### REV. J. W. LUKE SPEAKS TO WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

During October, Rev. J. W. Luke accepted invitations to visit the Women of the Church at Davidson, Steel Creek, Commonwealth Avenue church

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in Charlotte, and Montreat, to tell of his work in the Glendale Springs field. He also showed motion pictures of various phases of the work.

The Shelby Women of the Church asked Miss Evelyn Acheson to come to their church to tell of the work in this field.

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## Revival Services And Bible Schools Planned

A tentative schedule of Bible schools and revival services in the Glendale Springs field has been made for the summer of 1952.

We earnestly ask that many fervent prayers be offered seeking a great spiritual blessing upon this special summer work for the Lord's Kingdom.

Glendale Springs—May 19 - May 29, (revival to be held in the fall); Ebenezer—June 3 - June 13; Laurel Fork—June 17 - June 27; Peak Creek—July 1 - July 11; Millers—July 15 - July 25 and Bethel—July 29 - August 8.

## Furniture Given For Glendale Spgs Manse

Great was the surprise of the Luke family this Christmas. "Just before Christmas and all through the house, everyone was stirring and even a mouse," a truck pulled up before the manse door, and out jumped Delmer Rose and Bill Kuneman.

The first thing we knew they had unloaded the truck and had carried a complete new set of furniture in the living room. Three new chairs now adorn our front room and a beautiful convertible couch.

One of the chairs was given to us by Miss Evelyn Acheson and the rest was given by the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church. They have done it again—completely surprised us.

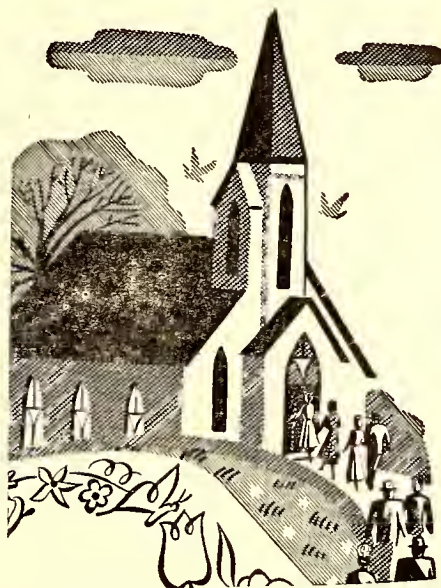
This was not the only surprise, for the next thing that happened was the giving of gifts of money from Peak Creek and Laurel Fork churches for a rug to put under the furniture. The furniture proudly sits upon new, red squares of linoleum, and how comfortable and beautiful it has made our manse. We are deeply grateful from our hearts for these nice gifts from our beloved members.

## Kenneth Foreman Is Prisoner Of Reds

Those who knew Kenneth Foreman, would like to know the latest. As you know Kenneth is a prisoner to the Chinese Reds. Why they are keeping him no one knows. We hope he will be released soon to come back to the United States.

Mrs. Foreman lives in Knoxville, Tenn. and is taking care of the two children and also going to school more at the University of Tennessee.

She writes if you want to try to send Kenneth a letter his address is Box 1916, Kowloon, Hongkong. In the mean time lets pray for Kenneth and other missionaries who are still prisoners.



### EASTER WAS THE BATTLE GROUND WHERE LIFE CONQUERED DEATH.

O death, where is thy sting?

O graves, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin;

And the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:55-57

## Death And Resurrection

As this paper goes to the press our list of friends who have passed away is growing. Never in the history of our little paper have we had so many names of the deceased.

In this issue we do not have the space to write up all the obituaries of our friends, but we do want to show them due honor in our block in memory of these whom God has called to himself.

We are glad that this is an Easter edition of our paper. These friends believed in Easter. They believed that those who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ shall never die. The first Easter morn proved Christ's power over death.

Easter reminds us that these our Christian Brothers are not dead, but have overcome death, and live anew.

### IN MEMORY OF DEPARTED CHILDREN OF GOD

#### MRS. J. F. SCOTT

A Christian of long standing in the Jefferson church. She was faithful and trusted by all. She has answered her Saviour's call. "Well done faithful lady in the Lord."

#### MRS. C. R. JACKSON

A Christian of long standing in the Obids and Jefferson churches. She was loved by all and a faithful Christian. "Well done faithful lady in the Lord."

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## Jefferson Church To Install Pews

The work in the Jefferson church is progressing. The church will raise its budget this year and in addition several hundred dollars extra for the church pews, which will be installed by April first.

Plans are now underway for loyalty month program for March. Teams will be organized to visit every member of the church during the month. The purpose is to develop more loyalty to the church and increase Sunday School and church attendance.

A series of services will be held in the Jefferson church prior to Easter. Plans have not been completed, but services will be held each night for ten days or two weeks, closing Easter Sunday night.

The Women of the Church are making progress in their work. A training circle has been organized for the young women of the church. This circle is composed of the young women of the church who do not attend the original organization of the Women of the Church. This circle will in no way interfere with the present organization of the Women of the Church, but will supplement it, and these young women will later affiliate with the old organization. This circle will give these young women some valuable training and they will have special objectives toward which to work. This is a progressive step.

The "Every Member Canvas" will be held in March, and the local church will increase its budget for the new church year.

## Church News From The Lansing Field

The news from the Lansing church field is not so exuberant. For the past three months we have had some very cold precipitant weather, causing colds followed by an epidemic of flu. The county schools have been very much interrupted and some have closed down completely for the time being.

Our preaching services are not being attended as greatly, as they were before all this sickness in the neighborhood. Our Sunday schools, too, have dropped in attendance. But we are not pessimists. We are looking forward to the dawning of a better day on the Lansing field, hoping and praying that this dawning will not be in the too far distant future.

We have been fortunate in meeting all of our preaching appointments for the past three months, regardless of (Continued on page 3)

### DATE TO REMEMBER

Presbytery will meet at the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem, N. C. April 15.

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**EDITORIAL****ON CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**

Rev. G. M. Hollenhead

Christian Stewardship is not to be confused with "Tithes and Offerings," as these terms are used in the Old Testament Scriptures. God as the Moral Governor of the universe, enjoined upon Israel, the Jews, certain moral obligations, which involved the bringing to God the first fruits of their land, thus indicating their acknowledgments of God to be the Supreme Ruler of the universe, and the original first cause of all things.

God demanded tithes of Israel, as a recognition of His co-partnership with Israel relating to their industrial and commercial pursuits in life. Ten per cent, seems to have been the fixed bases of percentage, either in money or the products of their land. If we desire to tithe according to the rule laid down in the Old Testament, we need to study the Old Testament scriptures, teaching tithing very carefully. My opinion is, that the tithe was based on the gross and not on the net income of the people.

As our scriptural premise for tithes and offerings, mentioned in the Old Testament Scriptures, I will cite you to Malachi 3:8, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." Let us read this verse several times, apply it to our own individual case: In it, I'm sure, we will discover one of our personal moral ills. When we look at the desperate, tragic and sin-wrecked condition of our nation today, we discover the cause for such conditions: "For ye have robbed me even this whole nation." Is there a chance for America today? Yes, thanks be to God; the same chance Israel had, read the 10-11 vs. of this 3rd. chapter of Malachi. God's demands on Israel for tithes and the offerings of the first best, have never been abrogated, due to its moral nature, it still holds good today, and will still be binding on down through the succeeding ages.

The non-christian is under obliga-

tion to comply with God's demand in this moral request, as much so, as the Christian. We, today, as a nation, are on the verge of a moral collapse, due to the fact, we have shut our eyes, turned our backs on God, in failing to comply with His just demands.

He challenges us: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house—" Where do we find a storehouse belonging to God in the bounds of all this great nation of ours?

When we pass from the Old Testament, over into the New Testament, we find the probe of Christ, and the teachings of the disciples, going far deeper than personal and national responsibilities. It is here we see the supreme offering to God, is the individual himself. 2 Cor. 8:5, — "But first gave their own selves to the Lord." God will not accept the gift, be it great or small, apart from the giver. "The gift without the giver is bare." In Romans 12:1, God is calling upon the individual, to present himself, a living sacrifice, to God, which is only his reasonable service, or first duty, in complying to God's demands.

In Christian Stewardship, as it is taught in the New Testament, will not justify one in setting up personal goals, or marking, and laying out certain bounds, governing the duties and responsibilities of Christian Stewardship. Christian living, means Christian giving: "But first gave their own selves." This is the basic principle of Christian Stewardship: then, Acts 3:6, "But such as I have give I thee." Do not the Scriptures tell us, that, we are not our own, but bought with a price: and, that, the purchase price of our redemption is the precious blood of Christ. Since we are not our own, but belong to Christ, it should be understood, and rightly so, that which we hold in our possessions belongs to Christ.

It is quite possible, we ministers of the Gospel of Christ, have made the wrong impression on our people at times, by emphasizing so much the tithe on the ten per cent base. Many are tithing today, many are not. Do not misunderstand me. I am heartily in favor of tithing, and believe it to be a Christian duty and responsibility. But the danger lies in our substituting the tithe, for Christian Stewardship as a whole. Christian Stewardship, involves a two coat, a two mile religion.

In this scripture, "Such as I have, give I thee," (Acts 3:6) do we find the answer for Christian Stewardship. Christ, in His teachings on Stewardship did not equalize in terms of dollars, and dimes. We have as an example the one-talent man, the two-talent man, the five-talent man, this is based on the principle, where little has been given, little will be required, and where much has been given, much will be required. Nothing less than a complete surrender of ones self, and a willingness on his part to give up all for Christ will suffice. There might be times when Christ would see fit, to ask one to give up all of his possessions, and there might be times when He would not make such request. The rich young ruler, was asked to give up all his possessions in order to become a disciple of

**Glade Valley Has Go Signal To Build**

The Glade Valley new buildings have already been contracted and are ready to build. The hindrance was whether we could get permission from the government to get steel.

Chairman of the trustees, John Kellenberger now announces that we have the go permission. This being the case, our construction job should begin as soon as the weather opens up this spring.

**NOTICE TO READERS!**

Sometime during the year, we hope to send a double postcard to everyone on our mailing list. It will be greatly appreciated by the editors if you will PLEASE return this card immediately so that we may bring our mailing list up-to-date. With your kind and prompt co-operation, we will learn who receives and reads our paper and what names should be removed from the list. Please remember whoever receives a card, please return it at once with the desired information.

**IN MEMORY OF DEPARTED CHILDREN OF GOD**

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**AMOS FAW**

Became a Christian in his old age, and received the promises of Christ his Saviour. Member of Glendale Springs church. "Thou art numbered with the saved. Thou hast done well."

**GORDON FINLEY**

A servant of Christ in the North Wilkesboro church. A man whose life was full of good deeds for youth. A Christian whom you could always trust. "Enter into the joy of thy Lord."

**HENRY BELK**

A great Christian steward. His talent was business, this he dedicated fully to His Lord and Saviour. He has perhaps helped to build more country churches than any Christian who ever lived in our membership. "Well done faithful steward."

**RALPH RICHIE**

A Christian whom God called in the midst of service. A faithful young minister to the Elkin Presbyterian church. A friend to youth. God had need of thy services in Heaven so He called thee. "Well done upon this earth, thy services will be continued in the presence of thy Lord."

Christ. On another occasion Christ, mentioned the fact, "That, he, who gave a cup of cold water in his name would not lose his reward." Christian Stewardship, is not to be reckoned in terms of quantity, nor quality. The true Christian spirit of Stewardship, is a spirit of sacrifice motivated by a flaming love of devotion, for Christ and His cause. The fullest expression in Christian Stewardship is: Giving our selves to Christ; by giving our time to Christ; by giving our material substances to Christ. What we give to Christ, we "keep." What we keep from Christ, we "lose."

## Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr. Is Easter Speaker

The custom in the Glendale Springs field at Easter time is to celebrate the Lord's Supper. We are glad to announce that Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr. will be with us in all of our Easter services this year.

Mr. Smith will preach the sermon at each communion service in the six churches. We trust each member will not miss hearing Mr. Smith and will be present at the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

The following schedule will give you the time and dates of these services :

April 6: Bethel—10:30 a. m.; Millers—1:30 p. m. and Glendale Springs, 7:30.

April 13: Peak Creek—11:00 a. m.; Ebenezer—2:00 p. m. and Laurel Fork—7:30 p. m.

We trust that every member will plan to be present to take part in our Saviour's Supper in his memory.

### CHURCH NEWS FROM THE LANSING FIELD

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the unfavorable weather conditions. Sunday schools have met regularly, through the winter months, in each of our churches. We have also been moving forward regularly with our mid-week prayer meetings. The Women of the Church Circle, have held their regular circle meetings.

The membership of the Lansing, Gillespie and Foster Memorial churches, is looking forward with a great deal of interest to a fellowship supper in March. We are planning to get the basement of our church painted, before the time of the fellowship supper. We are also looking forward to the installation of a new furnace in our church.

### PLEDGING TIME IN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The end of the old church year is nearing a close, and the beginning of the new is at hand. The old church year ends in March, and the new begins in April. We thank those who have been faithful in their gifts to the church this year.

We trust those who have not completed their pledges or will give their gifts for the churches will do so before the books of the treasurer have to

be balanced. Then let us think of what we shall try to give for the next church year.

There are many calls on people these days to give, but let us not forget, the call to finance God's work is the foundation of all good. Lets not neglect it.

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Washing and Lubrication  
Phone 660 North Wilkesboro, N. C.

# Boy Scouts, Cubs Active At Glendale

Troop 115 sponsored by the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church has been active this winter.

Scouts Delmer Wade Rose and Johnnie Luke received their first class awards before the Court of Honor. Other scouts receiving their Second Class awards this year and were recognized at the Court of Honor were Billy Wade Bare, Buddy Bare, Billy Bare, Robert Bare, Paul Bare, Douglas Sheets and Johnnie Bare.

The Scouts have a very good basketball team this year and have played Glade Valley high school three games.

The cubs have been meeting every Thursday afternoon and there are about 24 boys who now belong to the Cub Pack.

## WYATT'S HOME BURNS IN VANNOY COMMUNITY

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wyatt of the Vannoy community lost their home by fire on Monday, February 18. Very little of their furniture and personal belongings was saved.

We extend to the Wyatts our sincere sympathy in the loss of their material possessions but rejoice with them that their far greater spiritual possession of faith in the Lord cannot be taken from them by any earthly misfortune.

Mr. Wyatt is an elder in the Bethel Presbyterian church.

## CHRISTIAN MOVIES SHOWN IN GLENDALE SPGS. FIELD

Two excellent motion pictures have been shown recently in the Glendale Springs field to acquaint our local churches with world missions.

The first, "The African Prince," was secured from the American Leprosy Mission, and the second, "Wings to the Word," from our Board

Slides on "Hacienda Picalqui," our work in Ecuador in co-operation with several other denominations, were also shown.

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## Glade Valley Bldgs. Under Construction

The new buildings, we have long talked about are actually under construction. Upon the beautiful hill at the south end of the campus, where the old Harris house once stood, two new buildings are now being erected at great speed. These two buildings are the new dormitory and the new administration building. Already the ground floor is completed and the second story is being erected.

The site upon which these buildings are being erected is a place of natural scenic beauty. The two structures are built on the brow of the hill. Below them the farms of the valley below lay in beautiful green fields and rolling hills. Beyond this, the massive Bull Head Mountain rises in two rounding, twin, peaks, just far enough to bring out the beautiful blue of mountains in a distance. At night the flashing of the car lights upon the Parkway, can be seen like meteors high up among the mountains ad-

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## Progress Being Made At Jefferson Church

The Jefferson church is making steady progress. During the year there has been a 10 per cent increase in church membership, the finances have been the best in history of the church.

The members recently painted the

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## Rev. John Luke Gets Doctor Of Divinity

On Monday, June 9, Rev. John W. Luke received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Hampden-Sydney College at Hampden-Sydney, Va. Mr. Luke is an alumnus of this college.

This honor was conferred upon the pastor of the Glendale Springs field in recognition of his sacrificial devotion and service to his saviour and the people, both young and old, of his field.

The entire 25 years of his ministry have been dedicated to the work in the Blue Ridge mountains of North Carolina.

This is one of the highest of the many honors that have been bestowed on Mr. Luke in recent years for his work, both in the church and with young people.

## Lansing Presbyterians Lost Eld. Ross Weaver

The Lansing Presbyterian church lost one of its most substantial and devoted members in the passing away of Elder J. Ross Weaver on April 4.

Mr. Weaver was born and reared in Ashe county near Lansing. He came into the Lansing Presbyterian church at the time of its organization, was elected, ordained and installed as one of its first elders. Mr. Weaver served

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## Glendale Schedule Is Set For Summer

Since the last Ashe Presbyterian, the schedule for Bible schools and revivals has been revised some to fit the events and unforeseen conveniences of the summer.

The schedule now as revised will be as follows unless providentially changed:

Laurel Fork Bible school, May 20-30; Glendale Springs Bible school and revival, June 3-13; Ebenezer Bible school and revival, June 17-27; Peak Creek Bible school and revival, July 1-11; Millers Bible school and revival, July 15-25; Bethel Bible school and revival, July 29-Aug. 8.

The following men will be with us in revivals. Rev. Ben Livingstone will be with us for a week at Glendale Springs. Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr. will be with us at Ebenezer. The evangelist for Peak Creek has not been settled. The Millers revival will be held by Rev. Horace L. Thomas and Bethel by Rev. Carl Harrigon.

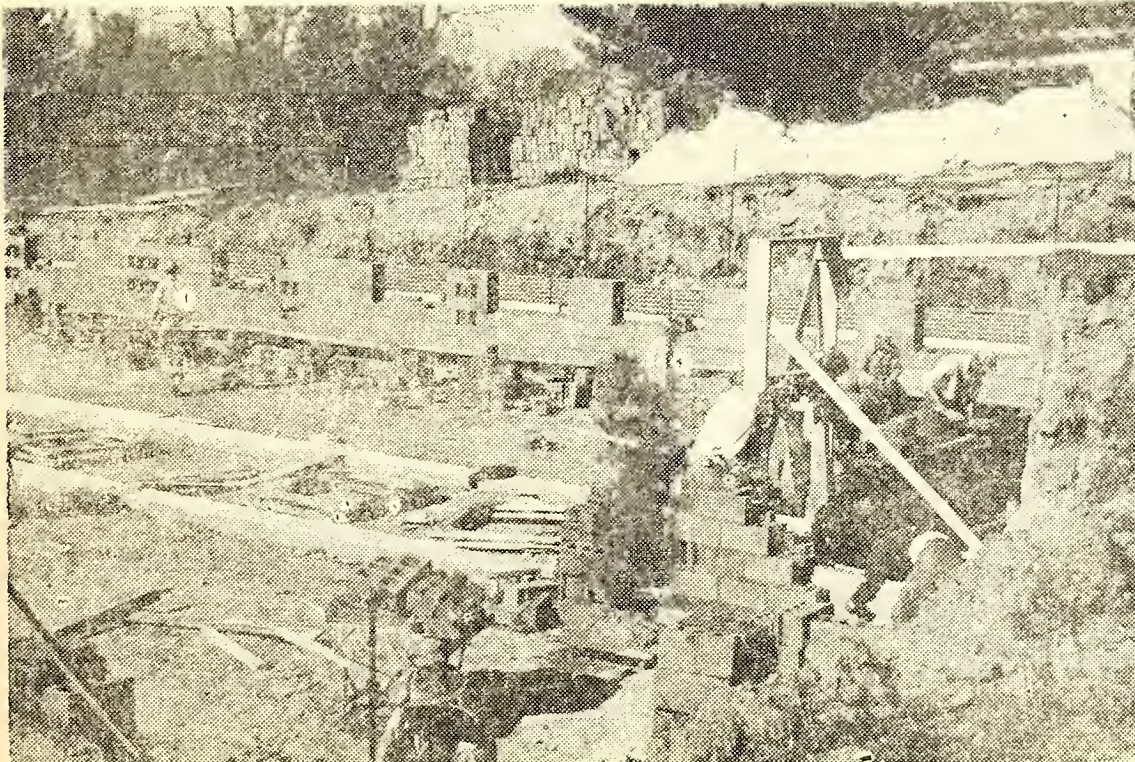
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## Presbyterian News In Lansing Field

By Rev. G. M. Hollenhead

The church work on the Lansing field is progressing very favorably. The attendance after the epidemics of flu and measles is above average at both Sunday school and preaching

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BUILDING PROGRAM is now well underway on the two new buildings at Glade Valley on the beautiful hill at the South end of the campus. The two buildings are for a dormitory and administration. The picture was taken a few weeks ago and already more progress can be seen.

Summer visitors are invited to visit the campus and to view the progress made on the much needed buildings. (Photo by Weston)

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**EDITORIAL****THE AIM OF PUBLIC WORSHIP**  
By Rev. R. Frederick Brown

The act of public worship has a two-fold aim. The first aim is to produce some kind of an effect upon the worshiper. This is called subjective worship. The second aim is to produce some kind of an effect upon God. This is known as objective worship. There are, therefore, two persons involved in an act of worship. One of these persons is God and the other person is man.

Any act of public worship is a failure that does not make God real to man. There are times in the life of every Christian when he wants to experience the presence of God. A deep sense of God's presence always makes a difference in one's life. But a person may have the joy of fellowship with God without the highly-keyed emotionalism which flows from some types of worship.

God becomes real to man not in the sense that some individual is real, but rather in the sense that He can do for man what no other person can do—real in the sense that man's attitude and outlook are changed. And when that happens, God's presence is not a negative force, but a positive force. Experiencing the presence of God is indigenous to religion.

The second aim of worship is the release of the true values of personality. Contact with God at once changes the fundamental character of life. God is not only concerned about the conservation of human values, but He is interested in the proper release of these values. Only God can give to personality the fullest and freest release of its powers for the highest good. Christ's bitterest words were poured out on those influences that sought to thwart personality. Jesus was always sensitive to the true values of life. It is through the release of these values that the imprisoned splendor of the soul can be revealed.

Another aim in worship is to seek instruction. God cannot become real to a man who is totally ignorant of Him. The acquisition of knowledge

about God is fundamental to worship. Those who wait in worship wait for instruction. Man must have a teacher. Just as he looks to the Holy Spirit as his teacher, he looks to the minister for instruction in the scriptures and having received this instruction he can start his quest for his Master. A man in a worship service without a teacher is like a ship without a pilot. It has been said that John Calvin would allow no public service to be held unless a sermon was preached. He felt that the sermon was the most essential part of public worship. There is a mental legacy to which man is heir that he can experience only as he loses himself in an honest study of the things of God. He who loves truth will love an instructor.

Man must have God. Life is too dull without Him. If man cannot look up and see the blue skies and hear God speaking through the silence of the stars he has missed all that is worthwhile in life.

**NEW Y. F. LEADERSHIP  
AT GLENDALE SPRINGS**

Glendale Springs youth fellowship now has new officers. We pray God's blessing on these officers as they plan for the spiritual growth and the activities of our young people.

The officers are as follows: Shirlev Caudill, president; Mary Betha Atwood, secretary; Ralph Bare, treasurer; Martha Rose Miller, program chairman; Mary Jo Miller, faith; Martha Katherine Church, outreach; Johnny Luke, witness; Charles Caudill, citizenship; Wade Rose, fellowship and Opal Sheets, assistant advisor.

**GIBBS AT GLENDALE**

The people of the Glendale Springs field are glad to hear that John Gibbs who is graduating at Davidson College and expects to go to the Seminary, will work in this field for the summer. John is a fine young man, has a fine past Boy Scout record and comes with splendid recommendations to us. We welcome him in the Lord's work in the Glendale Springs field. John Gibbs is a member of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibbs of North Wilkesboro.

**TWO NEW MEMBERS JOINED  
EBENEZER CHURCH MAY 11**

On May the 11 the Ebenezer church welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Bare as new members on profession of their faith.

On May the 25, Mr. and Mrs. Bare were baptised and Miss Joan Bare also made profession of her faith and was received and baptised.

**FUNERAL FOR GWYN LITTLE  
HELD AT WEST JEFFERSON**

Funeral service for Gwyn Little, age 44 of Jefferson, was held at the West Jefferson Presbyterian church May 10, with the Rev. R. Frederick Brown in charge, assisted by Rev. R. H. Stone and Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr. He died at the Ashe Memorial hospital May 8, after suffering a heart attack.

He was an elder in the West Jef-

**Glendale Spgs. Women  
Of Church Officers**

The Women of the Church of Glendale Springs have selected the following officers to direct the work of this group for the coming church year:

Mrs. Ralph Bare, president; Mrs. Arthur Rose, vice-president; Mrs. Herbert Bare, secretary; Mrs. W. C. Kunne-man, treasurer; Mrs. J. W. Luke, historian; Mrs. Frank Severt, world missions; Mrs. Robert Woodie, church extension; Mrs. Everett Baker, christian education; Mrs. Delmer Rose, annuities and relief; Mrs. W. C. Kunne-man, stewardship and Miss Evelyn Acheson, spiritual growth.

**ELDER ROSS WEAVER DIES**

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the church faithfully in the capacity of an elder, never failing to function properly and faithfully in the performance of all duties belonging to this high office. He was incapacitated for service some few years ago by an attack of arthritis from which he never recovered.

Uncle Ross is very greatly missed by the church he loved so much, also by many friends and loved ones. However, we all give him up for a while realizing that our loss in time can only be heaven's gain forever.

**PROGRESS MADE AT JEFFERSON**

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interior of the church and the new church pews will be installed in June. A Training Circle for the young women of the church was organized in April with fourteen members.

A Youth Fellowship was organized June 1, with 8 members and the Junior Group was organized with 12 members. These groups will meet each Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. A series of preaching services were held here May 4-13, with Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr. as the preacher.

Arrangements have been made for a summer worker in the Low Gap and Big Ridge churches. John Bare, a member of the Big Ridge church and a student at King College, will work in these churches this summer. Plans are underway to repair and paint the Low Gap church and replace the broken windows in the Big Ridge church. The Vacation Bible schools will be held in these fields this summer.

**BLDGS. UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

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joining these great twin peaks.

In front of the building, ancient oak trees, enormous in size, kindly spread their great limbs to furnish a generous shade to all who would enjoy it.

The New Glade Valley, we prophesy, will not only be a school where our young people will learn about God, but they will also enjoy the natural beauty that God has placed there for them to appreciate.

erson church. Masonic rites were conducted for him at Friendship church cemetery, where he was buried by the members of the Ashe County Lodge.

## Church Members Are High School Grads

The editors of the Ashe Presbyterian this month wish to extend hearty congratulations to the high school graduates from Glendale Springs field and we pray that God may guide and bless these young people as they plan for their future.

They are as follows: Bethel, Miss Eula Osborne; Ebenezer, Miss Lorene Atwood and Miss Louise Miller; Laurel Fork, Shirley Hart; Glendale Springs, Mary Frances Luke, Tommy Boyd and Nanetta Crepps and Jefferson, Helen Jackson.

### FIRST BIBLE SCHOOL WAS HELD AT LAUREL FORK

The first Bible school of the summer has been completed at Laurel Fork. This Bible school began on May 20 and ended May 30.

The box score for this Bible school is as follows: Total enrollment, 47 and perfect attendance, 30.

The teachers were Miss Gay Holbrock, beginner class; Miss Evelyn Acheson, primary class; Mrs. J. W. Luke, pianist and junior class and Rev. J. W. Luke, young people's class.

The children and teachers all enjoyed this school. The children were well behaved and had such a good spirit about them that it made it a joy for the teachers to be with them. The measles began to spread during

the Bible school and it cut down our attendance toward the last. The re-

vival for Laurel Fork will be held later in the fall.

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## Graduation Was Held May 23, Glade Valley

On May 23, the patrons of Glade Valley gathered for the commencement program which involved the graduation of 14 fine young students of the senior class.

Rev. Lester A. Tilley, graduate of 1924 and Methodist minister at Rockingham, gave the commencement address.

The presentation of diplomas was done by Supt. E. B. Eldridge, Glade Valley.

The following graduated from Glade Valley and received their diplomas:

John Bouton, Jr., Nanetta Crepps, James Eason, Jr., George Edwards, Jr., Elizabeth Jane Evans, Catherine Alice Godwin, Shirley Hart, Martha Helen Jackson, Betty Ruth McNeill, Guy M. Morrow, Jr., Nancy Lou Nixon, Kathleen Rash, Samuel B. Schulken, Jr. Felix Yorke, Jr.

The mascots were Sallie Hildebrandt and Barry Gene Wyatt.

### REV. C. M. VOYLES LEAVES WEST JEFFERSON CHURCH

Those of us in the county were sorry to hear that Rev. C. M. Voyles had accepted a call to another field.

At the spring meeting of Winston-Salem Presbytery which was April 13, Rev. C. M. Voyles asked release.

Brother Voyles accepted a call from the Sunnyside Presbyterian church of Fayetteville Presbytery and has begun

### PRESBYTERIAN NEWS AT LANSING

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services.

The Women of the Church have held their meetings stately with growing interest pertaining to all the

phases of the church's work.

All revivals and Bible schools for this church field have been scheduled for the season.

Francis Clark, a student from A. T. S. in Richmond, Va., will be with us for the Bible school beginning June 23.

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## Lansing Field Had Three Bible Schools

By Rev. G. M. Hollenhead

We have concluded our Daily Vacation Bible School work. Closed out the last of our three schools August 1. May I take the opportunity to state here, that the schools were indeed successful. The attendance at each of these three schools were encouraging, Lansing, heading the list, with an enrollment of 92, and average attendance 76. At each of our commencement exercises, the children demonstrated a most remarkable manner, that their ten days spent in these schools were not spent in vain.

Unquestionable, the success of these schools can only be attributed to the very able staff of qualified teachers, who conducted these schools so magnificently. Our teaching staff consisted of the following: Miss Frances Clark, of the Assembly's Training School, Richmond, Va. Mrs. Thomas Powers, local, Miss Clara Shepherd, local, Miss Katherine Carter, local, Miss Maxine Carter, local, Miss Elaine Santsbery, local.

Thus far, we have held three revival meetings, Foster Memorial, Gillespie, Stone Chapel. Each of these meetings involved many remarkable features. The attendance was exceptional, and the interest was very noticeable. I feel very confident that the effect of these meetings will not only be felt throughout the ensuing year, but through years which lie out ahead.

September 7, is the tentative date we have set to begin our revival meeting at Lansing. We cordially invite every body within the bounds of this neighborhood to come and share this fellowship with us. We also solicit and interest in the prayers of all into whose hands this paper may reach. Please pray that God will bless in a very definite way, that our church may be revived, and many lost souls might be brought into a saving relationship with Christ, as personal Saviour, and Lord.

## African Missionaries Visit In Ashe County

Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Crane, Missionaries at Luebo, in the Congo Belge of Africa, visited in Ashe county this summer.

While Mrs. Crane taught in the young people's conference, Winston-Salem, Dr. Crane spent the time at Shatley Springs working on the revision of the Bible into the Luebo language. He held a service for guests at Shatley Springs on Sunday mornings.



NEW CARRY - ALL presented by Men's Bible Class, Myers Park Presbyterian church, Charlotte.

## Carry-All Given By Myers Park Church

Workers in the Glendale field of the Presbyterian church are greatly indebted to the Men's Bible Class of the Myers Park Presbyterian church, Charlotte for the brand new Chevrolet suburban carry-all given for our work in this field.

Ben V. Martin, president of the men's class, wrote that the new carry-all was being given to the Glendale Field in the place of the old one, which was in terrible condition.

The new carry-all was brought to Ashe county by Esley Anderson, Pyramid Chevrolet Co. and a member of the class.

Rev. J. W. Luke said that we are deeply thankful to these fine Christian men for their thought of us and their supplying our great need, the new carry-all. "May God bless these men and we wish other ministers had the backing of such a fine group of Christian men," Mr. Luke said.

### Summary of Bible Schools and Revivals in the Glendale Springs and Jefferson Field.

	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Perfect Attendance	Professions
Laurel Fork *	47	30	17	0
Glendale Springs	113	83	54	2
Ebenezer	45	34	24	6
Peak Creek	105	62	31	6
Millers	62	48	35	1
Bethel	47	39	27	1
Jefferson	90	73		
Big Ridge	29	21		
Low Gap	28	22		

\* Laurel Fork revival to be held this fall.

## Candidate Statements On Churches, Religion

In replies to letters written by Rev. John Luke, editor, he received the following statements from the presidential candidates regarding their Christian faith.

Adlai E. Stevenson, Democrat, is a member of the Unitarian church. While in Springfield, Ill. he attends the Presbyterian church since there is no Unitarian church established there.

His statement: "First, let me say that I believe the Christian faith has been the most significant single element in our history and our tradition. From the beginning it has been the most powerful influence in our national life. It has inspired our highest achievements.

"In my public life, I have tried always to follow the rule laid down 2,500 years ago by the Prophet Micah: 'to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with my God.'"

General Dwight D. Eisenhower sent the following information:

"My grandfather was a pastor of the River Brethren, a sect akin to the Quakers. As a result, I was brought up in a devoutly Christian home, in which the Bible played an almost daily role. After I became an Army officer, it was my daily habit to attend Protestant services on the post with my men. As you may know, these services are non-denominational, and, for this reason, I never became a member of any one denomination.

"Mrs. Eisenhower has been a lifelong Presbyterian, and when we are in Denver, we attend the Corona Presbyterian church."

## Jefferson Field Had Busy Summer Prog.

This has been a busy and successful summer in the Jefferson field. Vacation Bible schools were held in the three churches with good attendance. The school in Jefferson enrolled 83 pupils with 7 adults workers, making a total of 90. The Big Ridge school enrolled 26 pupils with 3 adults workers, making a total of 29, and the Low Gap school enrolled 25 pupils with 3 adult workers. The average attendance in it was as follows in the respective schools: Jefferson 73; Big Ridge 21, and Low Gap 20. Our helper this year was Miss Jean Underwood, Chadburn, N. C.

The Jefferson field has had John Thomas Bare, Wagoner, as our assistant this summer. He has devoted his time to the Big Ridge and Low Gap churches, preaching at each place twice a month and conducting Sunday school. He is a member of the Big Ridge church and he is highly re-

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**SO MUCH NOISE YOU CANNOT HEAR**

One day Jesus stood by the sea of Galilee and asked some tired fishermen to let him use their boat for a pulpit. After speaking from the boat for a time, Jesus tells the fishermen to launch out into the deep water and let down their nets. Simon, who was one of the fishermen, spoke up and said, "We have toiled all night and have caught nothing." These fishermen were tired and discouraged. They thought fishing was no good that morning. Just like a lot of men who fish today, they believed the water was too muddy. It was the wrong time of the year. The weather was hot. It is the wrong time of the moon or some other reason for not being successful. How the luck changed when Jesus got on board!

When these fishermen fished alone without Jesus they caught nothing. When Jesus got in the boat and directed them, they caught more than they could handle. Jesus taught the fishermen of Galilee a wonderful lesson by this incident.

One of the primary purposes of a minister and a Christian is to catch men for Christ. It matters not whether you are a member of a large church or a small one, whether you work among the rich or poor, you are to catch men. I hear of ministers getting discouraged. They say we have caught all the men in this community. There are no more to catch here. Perhaps you hear this, "The people of this neighborhood do not want to associate with my members, I cannot get them into my church." Like the fishermen who had tried all night they are discouraged. There is something wrong with the season or the water.

What is the reason some churches do not win souls for the Lord? Why is it that some ministers do not watch men for Christ? Could it be that Jesus is not on board directing the casting? Could it be that we have left Jesus out of our fishing trip? Too often our lives are taken up with activities that

do not promote soul winning. Too often we are pulled here and there by the activities and the organizations of men, that we fail to take Jesus on board and fail to follow his divine directions. There are millions of voices today shouting at each one of us—calling for action, calling for our loyalty, telling us to do this or that, directing us to organize this way or that way. There is so much noise in the world that the Christian fails to hear the voice of Jesus saying cast your net there or here.

I remember hearing a voice I had never heard before. I was sitting quietly one Sunday at midnight on the old courthouse wall in my old home town. I heard a steady click coming at regular intervals from the old town clock high above me in the court house tower. I had often heard that old clock speak out the hours of the day that were slipping away, but never had I heard the voice of that quiet tick that I heard that night. I had walked by that court house thousands of times but that was the first time I had heard that quiet voice of the old clock. Why had I not heard it before? The reason was this. During the day, the noise of busy feet was in the air, the murmur of many voices arose from the throats of talking people, the humming of motors, the turning of wheels—all these sounds mingled to make up the hum and buzz of the streets of a busy little town. That night I heard a voice of the old clock that is seldom heard and only heard when other noises of the street are hushed.

The noise of the storms of life, the sweet songs of the sirens, the cries of false captains can easily take the attention of the Christian from the voice that spoke to Simon that morning. My Christian Brother, take Jesus on board your fishing schooner, sit close to the pilot that you might hear His voice above the raging storms, and obey His voice He directs you to "Launch out into the deep, and let down your net" for He has also said "Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men."

**Road Improvements In Glendale Field**

The Glendale field churches of Ashe and Wilkes counties greatly appreciate the improvements made on the roads in the mountains.

Thanks to the SH and PWC, we have about eight miles of hard surface roads to Millers and Bethel churches and a new water level bridge has been built. Before this bridge was built, we had to ford the creek and many times could not get to the church by road due to high waters.

We are also thankful that we have new bridge over ford of Oak Creek.

**PAMELA RUTH BAPTIZED**

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Miller, Jr., was baptized at the Peak Creek Presbyterian church on Sunday, August 10. The little daughter's name is Pamela Ruth Miller.

**Revival October 2-9 At Glendale Springs**

The Glendale Springs Presbyterian church will have a week's revival October 2-9 with the services to be conducted by the Rev. W. R. Smith.

A short meeting was held at the time of the Bible school and another short revival was planned then for this fall.

The revival meeting at Laurel Fork church was put off until the fall also and Mr. Smith will conduct this revival meeting, Oct. 19-26.

**JEFFERSON FIELD HAD BUSY SUMMER PROGRAM**

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guarded by the people of the community. He will finish at King College next May and enroll at Union Seminary in September next year. It was a pleasure to work with him this summer.

Improvements have been made in all three churches this summer. In addition to installing new pews in the Jefferson church, the church has been painted inside and new tables made for the Sunday school pupils. The pastor and the members of the church did the painting and building the tables. Three new members have been received into the fellowship of the Jefferson church during the past few weeks.

The Big Ridge church has been wired during the summer and the window lights replaced. These improvements are much appreciated by the people. A revival was held at the Big Ridge church during the Bible school, the pastor and the assistant doing the preaching. The attendance was fair and the interest was very good. There have been no additions to the church as yet.

During the summer the Low Gap church has been painted outside and the work of painting the inside will be completed shortly. The money was supplied by the people and the pastor and the work was done by the members and friends of the church. This was a much needed improvement and the old church looks grand atop the mountain. The broken windows have also been repaired. A revival was held here during the Bible school with the pastor and the assistant doing the preaching. While there were no additions, the church is showing a new interest. A Youth Fellowship has been organized with a membership of 30. This group meets every Friday night. We think we are doing quite well.

**JOHN GIBBS GOES TO UNION SEMINARY NOW**

John Gibbs, who just recently graduated from Davidson college and worked in the Glendale Field this summer, has gone to Union Theological Seminary.

He has been of great help all through the summer in this field.

## Glendale Scouts Go On White Lake Trip

Boy Scout troop 115, sponsored by the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church, had a fine week's trip to White Lake.

Fifteen members of the troop including Rev. John Luke, Scoutmaster, and John Gibbs, who was working in this field, made the trip. On the way to the lake Bill Shaw, Wagram, had a pile of watermelons ready for the boys, which they took to the White Lake with them.

Several of the scouts passed off their first class swimming test while at the lake and others improved greatly in their ability to swim.

## REV. C. B. CRAIG FAMILY VISITS IN ASHE COUNTY

Rev. C. B. Craig and his family spend a week in Ashe county this summer and we were fortunate in having them visit us.

He is the pastor at Jacksonville, N. C., where he is ministering to many civilians as well as to Marines stationed at Camp LeJeune.

## MISSSES ACHESON, MILLER ENJOY TRIP TO MONTREAT

Miss Evelyn Acheson and Miss Peggy Miller, who is a member of the Peak Creek church spent a few days at Montreat this summer. They reported a fine trip and great inspiration from the meetings, especially those in which Billy Graham participated.

## JOHN BARE IS STUDENT NOW AT KING COLLEGE

John Bare, who has been of great help to Rev. R. F. Brown in the Jefferson field, is going to King College this fall.

## PEAK CREEK CHURCH HAS DOUGHTON PARK PICNIC

The Sunday school youngsters and others at Peak Creek church had a picnic at Doughton Park this summer.

Outside of eating, ball playing and games were the chief amusements. Some of the people from Laurel Fork Presbyterian church also went with this group and reported a nice trip.

## GLENDALE YOUTHS GO TO HUNGRY MOTHER PARK

The young people of the Glendale Springs church had a wonderful time picnicking at Hungry Mother Park near Marion, Va. this summer.

The group stayed all day and had a good time swimming and wading in the water. All reported enjoying themselves.

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### Bible Is Most Popular Book In World Still

Recently noticed in the paper that the Library of Congress is displaying the Johann Gutenberg Bible, first book printed in the western world.

All other writing was done before this by hand.

Isn't it a shame that the Bible is just on display in the Library of Congress. If the Bible was read and obeyed in another house in Washington, D. C., we would have better laws and a God blessed country.

### Date To Remember

Oct. 7, Winston-Salem Presbytery meets at Mocksville Presbyterian church.

### FURNITURE NEEDED FOR GLADE VALLEY BUILDING

With the opening of school at Glade Valley, interest by Presbyterians in this county is centered around the building program at the school along with its needs.

The needs this year are money and furniture. It is hoped that all who have made pledges will try to complete them at once and any interested in making contributions should write to Glade Valley Building Fund, 719 Jefferson Bldg., Greensboro.

An entirely new water system has been put in, preparing for the use of the new building. One thing besides money that is needed now is furniture to complete the building inside.

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## Lansing Field News Reported By Pastor

By Rev. G. M. Hollenhead

I would say we have had what would be called about an average year on the field here. No miracles have been performed, none of the dead have been raised to life, people still get sick, go to the doctors, some recover, some die. The deaf are as still hard of hearing as ever, the blind are still as blind as ever, guess the Bible is being fulfilled, "In seeing they see not, in hearing they hear not," 'tis "Pitiful." Looks like it might be high-fun, folks were mustering up some eye salve and hearing-aids. A few sinners have been cleansed this summer and fall. Since there was no Jordan close, they were dipped in one of the Horse Creeks. Hope it don't break out again. That disease is mighty catching in these parts.

A great deal was said during the recent election campaign about the "mess" in Washington. Well, my guess is, Washington, if it is a "mess" is no exception to the general rule. Every where we go we run into a mess, not withstanding the fact we leave a mess at home, some times so close as our own door-step. Maybe, if we would clean up our own "mess," the other fellow's "mess" wouldn't look so messy: "First cast the beam out of your own eye, then you can see more clearly how to take the mote out of thy brother's eye." Well, inspite of the worst, and regardless of what is said, or is not said, we still have some good folks, folks, who will serve God, at the cost of personal sacrifice, under all conditions and in the face of any hazards, I am glad to state at this time, I am blessed with some such people in my community and church.

With the help of these, we have been able to go forward for the past three months, since the last publication of this paper. We have had a very encouraging three months fellowship in the Lora's service. From the time I began my revivals up to the present I have preached approximately eighty sermons, conducted prayer meeting  
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## Rev. J. W. Luke Holds Revival In Yadkin

Rev. J. W. Luke conducted a revival service at the Yadkinville Presbyterian church, Oct. 13-19. Rev. C. H. Maury is pastor of the Yadkinville church.

It is reported that during the meeting, there was an increase in attendance and a fine spirit at the meeting. A former county boy, Villard Blevins and his wife are located at Yadkinville and are uniting with and taking their place in God's work in the church there.

## Our Christmas Prayer Presbyterians Active In Jefferson Field

By Rev. R. F. Brown

O Holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend on us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel.  
Amen.



The Jefferson field is continuing its progressive program. Plans are being made to purchase pulpit chairs to match the pews which were installed this year. The final payment has been made on the pews and money is now being raised for the pulpit chairs.

Services are being held regularly in all the churches. The Sunday school attendance is very good and there is a growing interest in the young people's organization at Low Gap. The Youth Fellowship meets every Friday night. A well-planned program is given, which is followed by a social hour. The average attendance is 20.

Our Thanksgiving service this year was held in the Jefferson Methodist church and the pastor of the Jefferson Presbyterian church was responsible for the message, but due to the illness of his wife, Rev. J. W. Luke gave the message.

Plans are being made for a Christmas program in all three churches. Rehearsals will start soon. The pastor will direct the programs.

The people of this field will cooperate to the extent of their financial ability in the special campaign to raise funds for Union Theological Seminary. The special drive will be started December 5.

The people of the Big Ridge community and the pastor are grateful for the new road recently built in this section. The people can now get to church without getting stuck in the mud.

The Lord's Acre plan will be started in the Big Ridge church and the Low Gap church next spring. An acre of ground has been offered to each church by land owners near by and the ground will be planted in beans. This will enable these churches to meet their financial obligations.

## Glendale Christmas Programs Planned

A tentative schedule for the Christmas programs in the Glendale field is as follows:

Christmas pageants are as follows: Miller, Dec. 19, 7:00 p. m.; Bethel, Dec. 20, 7:00 p. m.; Glendale Springs, Dec. 21, 7:00 p. m.; Laurel Fork, Dec. 22, 7:00 p. m. and Ebenezer, Dec. 23, 7:00 p. m.

Christmas trees and programs will be as follows:

Peak Creek, Sat., Dec. 20, 11:00 a. m. and Glendale Springs, Wednesday, Dec. 24, 4:00 p. m.

It is the prayer of our leaders that all who participate and all who attend these Christmas programs may feel in their hearts the spirit of the Christ whose birthday we are honoring.

## Youth Councils Set In Glendale Field

Though Bethel, Millers, Laurel Fork and Ebenezer youth fellowships have been meeting for months, it was only recently that councils were organized and officers elected.

The four councils are as follows: Bethel — Claude Shepherd, president; Marie Shepherd, secretary-treasurer; commission chairmen, Carol Shepherd, Shirley Vannoy, Linda Shepherd, Jerry Wyatt, Jim Shepherd and Reo Wyatt.

Millers — Vernon Dancy, president; Barbare Church, secretary-treasurer; commission chairmen, Paula Wayne, Junior Kilby, Mary Church, Karen Kilby and Jane Snyder.

Laurel Fork — Gayne Holbrook, president; Joanne Pearson, secretary-treasurer; commission chairmen,  
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**EDITORIAL****THE NEW BORN KING:  
FEATURING CHRISTMAS**

"Where is he that is born king of the Jews?" Matthew 2:2.

Prior to the inquiry of the wise men, the chimes of angels broke the dead silence of more than four-hundred years, by ringing the first Christmas bells: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." It is in this Christ child do we find, and in Him only, both Saviour and King: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulders, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting father, the Prince of Peace." True enough the angel's song was in sweet accord with the prophecy of Isaiah, the Old Testament prophet, when they sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

We evidently lose sight of the true spirit of Christmas, when we only regard it as just another day. I am very profoundly impressed beyond the question of doubt, it would pay rich dividends to our souls and lives, if we would restore to ourselves the true spirit of Christmas. At this special season of the year, fired by a passion, season's enthusiasm and introverted desires, we do not pause long enough to look back to Bethlehem's manger. It's by taking this look, we can see evidenced the love of our father's God, to save a world of sin-wrecked humanity.

Incidentally, we have lost the true, and expressed value of the intrinsic significance of what Christmas should mean and could mean to our lives. Its importance is not seemingly regarded as holding a very sacred place in our lives as individuals, nor as a nation. We call it a "Holiday, instead of a Holyday, a Feast day, instead of a Fast day." We would be doing ourselves, and others as well, a rich favor if we would dig deep in our own consciences, and bring to surface in our own lives a true spirit of Christmas. From all indications one would be

safe to say, Christmas is only observed, and kept on the bases of a ghostly formula. It is exceedingly profitable for us to understand, that Christ did not come into this world to merely hand to us a bundle of formulae, nor a cold stereotyped form of moral ethics, such as these are given to us in the laws of the Old Testament. Man's needs are, spiritual, basic and fundamental: "For what the law could not do in that it was weak thru the flesh, God sent His Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin condemned sin in the flesh."

Christmas reminds us of the fact, that we should take Christ seriously at Christmas, the peculiarly appropriate text, John 3:16, should find deep lodgment in our hearts at this particular season of the year. How marvelous would be the results if Christ were received fully into our hearts as a living Saviour, with the strength of His divine Personality. At such a time, and then only, will we find a solution to all of our problems. It can only be by the fullness of His incoming, that selfishness dies, avarice is hung on Haman's gallows, foolish pride goes down in defeat, war with all its horrors, its brutality, its pain and heart aches would be utterly impossible. When such a change takes place, then and then only, can the people of this earth join the angels in singing, "Peace on earth, Glory to the new born King."

**NEWS FROM LANSING****FIELD REPORTED BY PASTOR**

(Continued from page one)  
each Wednesday night, taught Sunday School at different times, conducted "Intensive Bible Study" at Foster Memorial and Lansing. The Junior young people are still progressing very nicely with their young people's meetings. The Women of The Church have met regularly, at all their stated times for meeting.

We have reconditioned the basement of our church at Lansing. We are also looking forward in the very near future, having a new furnace installed in our church.

The Stone's Chapel, some fourteen miles from Lansing, is being taken under consideration as a field of promise. Our greatest handicap at the present is, it will take some where in the neighborhood of six-hundred dollars to put the building in good condition, so far this money has not been forthcoming. With best Season's Greetings to all of you, GMH.

**YOUTH COUNCILS SET****IN GLENDALE FIELD**

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Vaughn Woodie, Bill Holbrook, Mary Lee Pruitt, Charlotte Stutts, Donna Pendry and Barbara Jane Miller.

Ebenezer — Mary Retha Atwood, president; Maxie Wayne, secretary-treasurer; cmmission chairman, Robert Bare, Betty Barker, Virginia Bowlin, Wilma Bowlin and Bronda Miller.

**GLENDALE, LAUREL FORK  
REVIVALS HELD IN FALL**

Rev. W. R. Smith held two revivals in the Glendale Field of the Presbyterian church during the fall.

The week, Oct. 2-9, he held services

at the Glendale Springs church. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Miller and daughter, Martha Rose, indicated they would unite with the church at Glendale and at Ebenezer, Mrs. Will Farrington and Mrs. Mack Farrington made professions.

The revival at Laurel Fork was held Oct. 19-26 when two persons professed faith in Christ and Everett Woodie united with the church.

**HOME MISSION TALKS  
IN ORANGE PRESBYTERY**

Rev. J. W. Luke made talks and showed motion pictures on church extension in his field at the Orange Presbytery meeting held at the Hawfield Presbyterian church and the Piedmont Presbyterian church.

There are several ministers from Winston-Salem Presbytery now in the Orange Presbytery.

**FORMER ASHE COUNTY PASTOR  
APPEARS ON TELEVISION**

Many of Ashe county friends of Rev. R. H. Stone have been enjoying, hearing and seeing him on the television at the vesper hour from Charlotte, during the week of Nov. 10-14.

Those who heard Mr. Stone greatly enjoyed the messages.

**Pray And Win One  
Covenant For Christ**

Below you will find a little blank, which is a small sample of a card being circulated among the people of the Glendale Springs Field of churches. Many people have signed these cards with an endeavor to win a soul for the Lord Jesus Christ. If you dear Christian readers would like to enter into covenant and endeavor with us to win a soul unto Christ, fill out the blank and send it to Rev. J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, N. C.

We promise to pray with you in your effort and trust you will pray for others who have entered into this little covenant.

If when our Heavenly Father has made you successful in winning a soul, please let us know, as we would like to know how many perhaps have been won through this prayer card.

**PRAY AND WIN ONE**

Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matt. 4:19.

I will pray for and try to win at least one person for Christ this year.

Yes, I will pray for and try to win more.

Date

Name

Address

"He that winneth souls is wise."  
Prov. 11:30.



## Furniture Needed In Glade Valley Bldgs.

The new Glade Valley is rising. Two new buildings are almost completed—the administration building and the girl's new dormitory shown above.

One of the great needs of these new buildings is furniture for class rooms and individual rooms where the girls will stay. If you are interested in helping furnish a room or part of a room or would like to make a donation, please write the editor of the Ashe Presbyterian at once or write E. B. Eldridge, Glade Valley, N. C. for more details.

## Ebenezer Completing Church Odds & Ends

Work on the steps to the basement of the Ebenezer church was completed Nov. 13 and it is the hope of the members that the church yard be cleaned, yard leveled and a new road built in front of the church.

George Long has offered a corner of his field next to the church yard so that a nice road may be completed in circuit form through the front yard

### GLENDALE WOMEN MEET

On Wednesday, Nov. 5, the Glendale

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Springs Women of the Church had a special meeting together at the dinner hour. After a short devotional service led by Mrs. J. W. Luke, Mrs. Tom Boyd and Mrs. Luke gave an interesting review of the church extension study book, "Frontiers of Hope" by Rev. Charles Gibboney.

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## Nathan Shepherd, 81, Passes Away Oct. 16

In memory of one of our faithful members of Bethel Presbyterian church we write this article.

On Oct. 16, Brother Nathan Shepherd's tired body was laid to rest at the age of 81 years, 3 months and 2 days, and his soul took its flight to his Heavenly Father.

Mr. Shepherd was the son of Joshua Shepherd, and Mary Wyatt Shepherd of Wilkes county, and was born in the year 1871. He was united in marriage to Miss Mary Wyatte and to this union twelve children were born, Mrs. Shepherd and five of their children preceded Mr. Shepherd in death.

Brother Nathan Shepherd was a member of the Friendship Baptist church for sometime, and he and Mrs. Shepherd united with the Bethel Presbyterian church August 29, 1935.

At one time Mr. Shepherd was a prosperous merchant in the Vannoy community. He was very tall of stature, a good neighbor and a good husband and father. He was gentle and patient even in his last days when he suffered upon a bed of sickness. He was a faithful Christian and member of his church, and tried to serve his Master until the end. "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

"Where has he gone since yesterday—

The friend who left us here?  
Tonight he seems so far away

Who yester-eve was near,  
No map of ours, on sea or land,  
His journeyings may trace;

We only know he's reached his home  
And seen his Father's face.

### BILLY GRAHAM FILM SHOWN AT LAUREL FORK CHURCH

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listic campaign of Billy Graham at Fort Worth, Texas, was shown at the Laurel Fork Presbyterian church. Many people from other churches attended the service. The picture was also shown at Bethel and Millers

Presbyterian churches in Wilkes county. It is a wonderful picture and the winning of souls at Fort Worth is set in a frame of western life. We appreciate the generosity of Dr. Nelson Bell who let us borrow this picture.

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## Church News From The Lansing Field

Since the last issue of the "Ashe Presbyterian," nothing sensational has taken place, and on the other hand nothing too frightening has happened to add discouragement to our purposes and plans for the future. Our neighborhood has been rather disturbingly struck by an epidemic of "flu." However, at this writing most every one is getting almost to normal again. In spite of the fact, that we have had so much sickness, and an unusual provoking winter, our church services, Sunday School, preaching services and prayer meetings have been carried on unintermittently. The Women of the Church have also met regularly throughout the winter months.

We are at this time bringing our stewardship drive to a close, this drive covers the entire Lansing church field: Lansing, Foster Memorial and Gillespie. All pledge cards have not been returned to church treasurers, as yet, however we are hopeful that this stewardship campaign will increase our church offerings very substantially.

Just as soon as the weather conditions will permit, we plan to promote our church extension activities, reaching on out into the "Stone Chapel" vicinity. The Home Mission Committee of Winston-Salem Presbytery, has kindly consented to give us \$250.00 for building repairs, for which we are very grateful.

## Members Canvass In Glendale Field

It is the season for planning for the next church year, and let me remind our readers that this coming year for our church will only extend over nine months, that we might change to the regular calendar year as voted by the Assembly. Beginning with 1954, our churches will run their fiscal year exactly with the calendar year. Please keep this in mind in making your gifts as the nine months will sweep by before we know it.

If we may be permitted to repeat the thought in a little story in the prayer calendar "Day by Day" we would like to do so here. One little girl hearing about the every member canvass asked the other what it was all about, and if it had anything to do with a canvas back duck. The other girl who was older said it did

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## PRESBYTERY MEETING

The Winston - Salem Presbytery will meet on April 21. This is the time for the Spring session and all reports for the church year will be accounted for.



"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your Labour is not in vain in the Lord."

1Cor. 15:55-58

## Churches Planning Easter Services

Easter season is the time of real joy. The suffering of our Lord has passed. His redemption has been accomplished and Easter marks the glorious victory of our Saviour over

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## Many Activities In The Jefferson Field

The unfavorable weather during the winter always slows down the work in this section, yet the faithful people keep the interest of the church at heart. Progress is being made toward completing the interior of the church. Pulpit chairs to match the pews will be purchased this spring. The Women of the Church have raised their budget and they are now raising money to be applied to the purchase of the pulpit chairs.

Our young people are becoming more and more interested in higher education. We now have four young people in college; John Bare is in his senior year at King College, Bristol Tenn., Jack Neal and his bride, the former Miss Donna Jones, are students at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, and Miss Helen Jackson is a student at Lee-McRae College, Banner Elk. A number of our young people have jobs in other towns.

The finances of the church have been kept up in a splendid way. The obligations of the church will be met in full, and the annual report will probably be the best in the history of the church.

Plans are in the making for our summer program of religious education and evangelism. The Bible schools will be started soon after school closes, and the revival meetings will be held this summer.

Several members have been received during the year and others will join soon.

## Boy Scouts Active At Glendale Spgs.

The Boy Scouts of the Ashe District met at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church on Feb. 27 when a court of honor was held and Robert McNeill, substituting for Gale McMillan, presented awards to several Glendale Springs scouts.

Scoutmasters present included Bruce Shepherd, Harvey Payne and Rev. J. W. Luke. Rev. Wilson Nesbitt, district chairman, spoke following the court of honor.

The Glendale Springs troop 115 has been very active. Many of the boys received their second class awards and others their first class awards. Merit badges and one Star scout award were given. The scouts played Glade Valley in basketball recently.

## SCOUTS AT BETHEL

A new scout patrol has been organized at Bethel church and many of the boys have become second class scouts. This patrol is called the Bob White Patrol and belongs to Troop 115 at Glendale Springs.

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# The Place Of Prayer In Worship

By Rev. R. Frederick Brown

The Church was born in a prayer meeting, it has been sustained by prayer, and it will succeed by prayer. When the habit of prayer disappears, men must depend upon the machine. In the absence of the altar men bow to idols and burn incense to mammon. The Christian, who does not follow the process of finding God at the altar, can never know the joy of revealing God in the market-place. The Christian digs his own spiritual grave when he forgets the altar.

There are certain things that must be remembered when we approach God in prayer. For one thing, no man can truly pray without the assurance that he is addressing his prayer to some personality greater than himself. If this were not true, then man would be found in the same position of the Pharisee who, "prayed with himself." But assurance is made doubly sure by a consciousness of the reality of God, that He is approachable, and that He will respond. The very act of prayer is based on the faith that God can be reached, that He will hear, and that He will give His answer. By this faith we are brought to the realities of communion with God. A young lady came to my study one morning and related her experience in prayer. She told me the burdens of her heart, how the overtures of the boy she loved had proved to be a shame, how she had prayed that God would give him back to her, but God had not answered her prayers. She was well grounded in the belief that God is a superior Being, she was weak in the postulate that God is available, and she said she would pray no more. To her mind, prayer is not an articulate fellowship in which the human and the divine meet and participate. She had not reached the point that every Christian must reach in his prayer-life, namely, that God may be working out His will in

our life when He says "No," to our prayers. Jesus reached the fullest fellowship with God when God said "No" to him and sent him to the cross.

Why should prayer be a part of our worship? The reason we pray is simply that we cannot help it. If we accept the fact that God is known to man and that man can reach Him in prayer, then prayer is not a chore, but a joy. There is a scripture which says, "As I was musing, the fire burned." The word "muse" means "think." Moffatt translates this passage in a revealing manner, "My thoughts kindled as I prayed." Jesus worshiped God through prayer, and then He made the temple and the market-place ring with his evangel. Always back of a useful life is creative prayer.

Before any good end can be realized in prayer, one must believe that the One to whom he prays can do for him what no other being can do, and all doubts must be banished, all sin repudiated, and all irrelevant thoughts silenced. In such an attitude the worshiper can enjoy a spiritual intimacy with God and know the thrill of spiritual power.

There are four fundamentals that flow out of these observations:

One, when a man turns to God in prayer he is prompted by a deep sense of God's goodness and His willingness to respond to our deepest need. Like Simon Peter we say, "Lord, to whom shall we go, thou hast the words of eternal life."

Two, when we turn to God in pray-

er there is a feeling that sin has alienated us from God, and there is a longing to go to Him that He may forgive our sins and restore our strength. It is here that faith asserts itself.

Three, in the act of prayer, we present our souls in deep contrition, and say with the prodigal son, "I am no more worthy to be called thy son."

Four, we leave the altar with the assurance that prayer has been the effective means of bringing us back into the favor of God and man.

## CHURCHES PLANNING EASTER SERVICES

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death.

At the Easter season it has become the custom in the Glendale Springs field to celebrate the Lord's Supper. Each of the churches will have communion service. The schedule is as follows: March 29, Peak Creek, 11:00 a. m.; Ebenezer, 2:00 p. m. and Laurel Fork, 7:00 p. m. April 5, Bethel, 10:30 a. m.; Miller's, 1:30 p. m. and Glendale Springs, 7:30 p. m.

## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AT GLENDALE SPRINGS

The Women of the church of Glendale Springs have met regularly and many have read the foreign mission study book, "Africans on Safari." Miss Evelyn Acheson has conducted the Bible study for the women throughout the year.

Mrs. Ralph Bare has made a fine president of the women for this year.

# Memorial Gifts For The Chair Of Bible

## A MEMORIAL GIFT FOR THE CHAIR OF BIBLE AT PRESBYTERIAN JUNIOR COLLEGE

At the request of Mrs. P. M. Sherrill of Thomasville, we are printing the following form and information in the interest of the Synodical Gift of 1952. This gift from the Presbyterian Women of North Carolina will be used to establish an endowment for the Chair of Bible at Presbyterian Junior College, Maxton.

We call the attention of our readers to this worthy and very appropriate cause. The memory of a loved one could be honored in no better way than by making a gift for the teaching of God's Word to our young college students. Please use the form below as the paragraphs below the form instruct you.

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This is another suggested means for securing the funds for the Chair of Bible, as undertaken by the Women of the Church, Synod of North Carolina.

## Work Completed At Ebenezer Church

Friday, Feb. 27, was a busy day on the Ebenezer church grounds as lumber scraps and rubbish was cleared away and trees were cut that were in the way. Mr. Lester Hoppers has been ceiling the front porch and building a sheltering roof over the basement steps and entrance. Another leader at Ebenezer on the church grounds has been Tom Barc.

It was with great joy that the members of the Ebenezer church received Tom Hunt into membership through baptism and Mrs. Zora McNeill by reaffirmation.

## Summer Plans In The Glendale Spgs. Field

The following schedule has been planned for the daily vacation Bible school and revival services in the Glendale Springs field:

Laurel Fork, May 19-29; Glendale Springs, June 2-12; Ebenezer, June 23-July 3; Peak Creek, July 7-July 17; Millers, July 21-31; Bethel, August 4-14.

### MEMBERS CANVASS IN GLENDALE FIELD

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not have anything to do with ducks, but she expected some people would try to duck the canvasser. It is very strange how many people know how to plan wisely for their business but do not want to plan too closely their gifts for the Lord and his business. It seems only reasonable that our executive secretaries and our boards would want to know how much money they will approximately have to expend for their great work.

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## Mrs. H. C. Miller At Peak Creek Passes

With deep regret our close neighbor at Peak Creek Presbyterian church has been called of the Lord. On Feb. 26, 1953, Mrs. Miller passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Davy Woodie, now living at Landis.

Mrs. Miller's children and grandchildren attended and belonged to the Peak Creek church although she was a member of the Laurel Springs Baptist church.

Not long ago, Mrs. Miller was heard singing, "Lord, I'm Coming Home." She has now answered that call from her Lord and has gone to her home in Heaven. Funeral service was held at the Peak Creek Presbyterian church.

## Lansing Member Was Killed In Crash

SFC Ray A Shepherd, member of the Lansing Presbyterian church, was buried on Wednesday, February 18 with funeral service at the Lansing church.

Ray was killed in an airplane crash in Korea in November 1952, while flying back to Korea from rest leave in Japan.

Revs. R. H. Stone and G. M. Hollenhead officiated at the service.

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## Church Yard Graded At Ebenezer Church

On Tuesday, May 26 the bulldozer owned by Mr. Green pulled in on the Ebenezer church lawn and began a good job of grading. Mr. George Long suggested we build a road by cutting through his field and making the road in the front of the church in a more symmetrical form. This was done and the road and lawn is in good shape. The church yard and parking space has been improved 100 per cent by the new arrangement. Mr. Hoppers is painting the windows and doing some finishing work around the church. We hope to have it in good shape for Bible School on June 2.

### DR. E. E. GILLESPIE HONORED

Dr. E. E. Gillespie was honored by the General Assembly by the presentation of his picture to the Assembly on the opening night of the gathering, June 4. We take special delight in this presentation as Dr. E. E. Gillespie started his work in Ashe county and built the first Presbyterian church in this county in 1897-98.

## Commencement Held At Glade Valley

The forty-third annual commencement of the Glade Valley School began its activities on Monday night, May 11, with the junior-senior banquet.

The banquet began at seven-thirty in the Glade Valley dining room, which was attractively decorated, using the color scheme red and white, the senior colors. The diplomas of aavis were delivered to the seniors by Mr. Moffatt, a professor at King College.

The Class Day Exercises were held on Saturday, May 16 at seven thirty o'clock. Paul Wentz, presided. The salutatory was given by Ella Mae Shepherd. The following served as class day officers: Marlene Severt, historian; Nancy Clapp, prophet; Mary Lee Craven, testator; Paul Wentz, poet. The valedictory was given by Mary McNeill. The mascots chosen by the seniors were Mary Carolyn Allen and John Chalk, III.

The first official service held in the chapel of the new Administration Building was the Baccalaureate Sermon on May 17 at eleven a. m. Dr. (Continued on page 3)

## Hold Bible School At Laurel Fork

Laurel Fork Bible school was held from May 19 through May 29 with a total enrollment of forty-four, an average attendance of thirty-one, and a perfect attendance of twenty-one.

There was a fine, happy spirit among the group who attended and the school was a pleasant and worthwhile experience for both pupils and teachers.

One night the entire school enjoyed a wiener roast on the hill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Pendry.

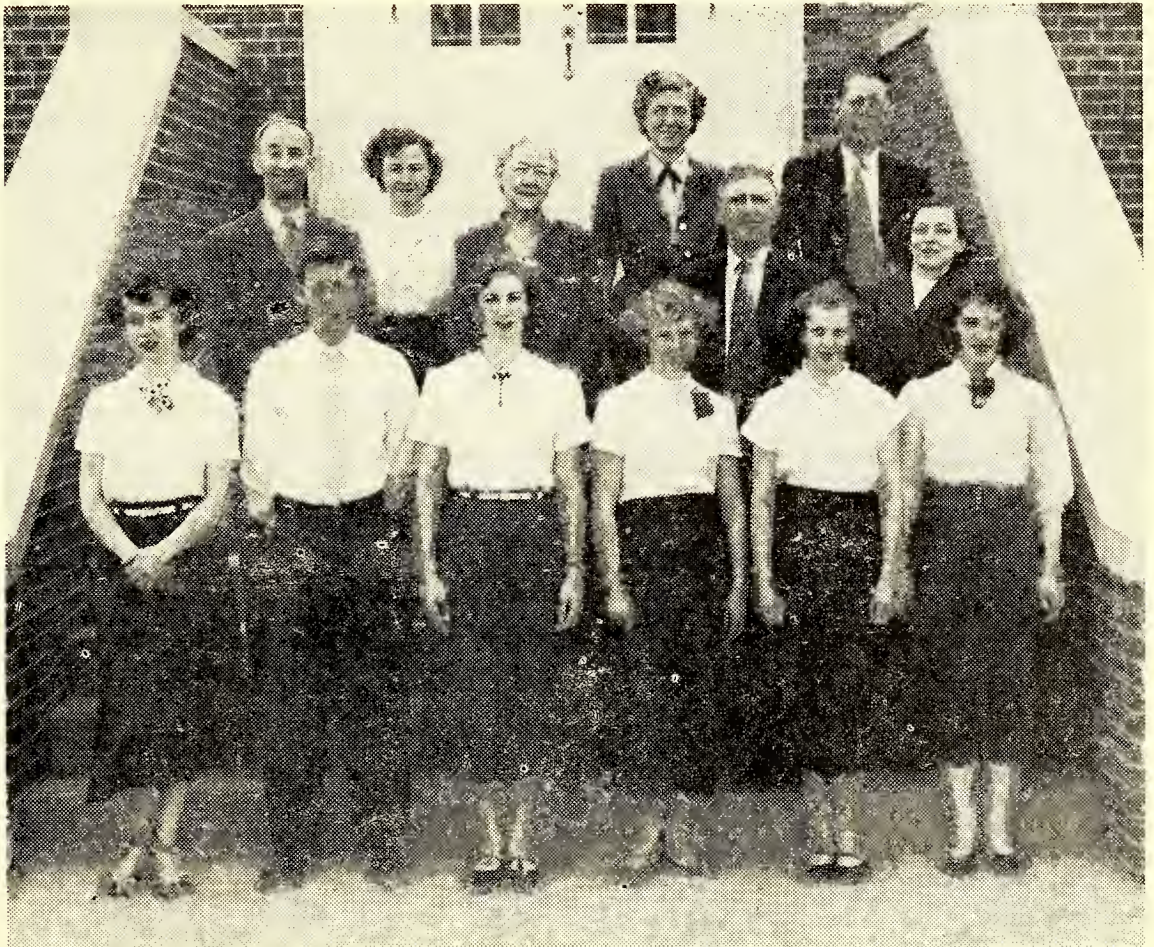
The pastor, Rev. John W. Luke, conducted the worship periods as well as teaching the young people's class. Other teachers were Mrs. J. W. Luke, Gaye Holbrook, and Evelyn Acheson.

### IMPROVEMENT AT LAUREL FORK

Several of the members and neighbors at the Laurel Fork church had a cleaning up and pipe laying period on Laurel Fork church lawn on June 3. Pipe was laid from the spring on the grounds so that the yard could be leveled off. Overhanging trees were cut so that the yard can be improved.

### GLADE VALLEY SENIOR CLASS AND HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY —

Reading from left to right: First row — Nancy Clapp, Paul Wentz, Ella Mae Shepherd, Mary Lee Craven, Marlen Severt and Mary McNeill; second row — Edward Johnson, Mrs. Edward Johnson, Mrs. Ellen Guerrant, E. B. Eldridge and Miss Della Loggans, faculty and third row — Miss Anne Corry and W. C. Thompson, faculty. (Photo by Paul Weston)



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**EDITORIAL**

**ARE YOU EVER DISCOURAGED?**

Are you ever discouraged, Christian friends, as you labor in the Lord's harvest fields? With the exception of a rare few who have achieved such a close walk with the Lord and such complete trust that they seem constantly able to rise above discouragement, most of us experience times when we are heartsick over the callous indifference of people toward spiritual things.

When we feel that agony of desire to see souls redeemed and Christians growing in grace, it is heartbreaking to see so very few who show the slightest concern over the condition of their immortal souls or who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

But God has a ringing challenge in His Word to meet our every discouragement. His precious promises are like flaming torches held high above the darkness of sin all about us. Satan would subtly try to make us feel defeated but let us turn to some of these verses that can rout the forces of evil and put a song of triumph in our hearts.

Perhaps you are a Sunday School teacher and you feel some days that absolutely nothing has been accomplished in your class. Turn to Isaiah 55:11:

SO SHALL MY WORD BE THAT GOETH FORTH OUT OF MY MOUTH: IT SHALL NOT RETURN UNTO ME VOID, BUT IT SHALL ACCOMPLISH THAT WHICH I PLEASE, AND IT SHALL PROSPER IN THE THING WHERETO I SENT IT.

Perhaps you feel you do not have the courage to continue the battle against evil in the lives of those whom you seek to lead to Christ. Read Joshua 1:9:

HAVE NOT I COMMANDED THEE? BE STRONG AND OF A GOOD COURAGE: BE NOT AFRAID, NEITHER BE THOU DESMAYED: FOR THE LORD THY GOD IS WITH THEE WHITHERSOEVER THOU GOEST.

Perhaps you feel impatient and disheartened because you see no visible fruits as a result of your efforts in

the Lord's work. Read Galatians 6:9: AND LET US NOT BE WEARY IN WELL DOING: FOR IN DUE SEASON WE SHALL REAP, IF WE FAINT NOT.

Perhaps you feel so inadequate and unworthy to represent the Lord in any way. Read II Corinthians 12:9:

AND HE SAID UNTO ME, MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR THEE: FOR MY STRENGTH IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS.

Perhaps you feel a consuming loneliness at times as if you were all alone in your work, like Elijah of old, and so burdened because of your inability to work for Christ in your own strength. This is the time to read Hebrews 13:5:

... FOR HE HATH SAID, I WILL NEVER LEAVE THEE, NOR FORSAKE THEE.

Perhaps you do not feel as conscious as you should of the glorious presence of our Lord with you upholding, strengthening, and guiding you always. Turn to Isaiah 41:13:

FOR I THE LORD THY GOD WILL HOLD THY RIGHT HAND, SAYING UNTO THEE, FEAR NOT: I WILL HELP THEE.

Paul sums it all up in these soul-stirring words of Philipians 4:13:

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHICH STRENGTHENETH ME. Dare you be discouraged and feel your labor is in vain after reading these challenging messages from our Lord? With renewed zeal and courage and with a burning love in our hearts, let us joyfully follow the command in I Chronicles 22:16:

... ARISE THEREFORE, AND BE DOING, AND THE LORD BE WITH THEE.

**Sandals:**

The Cross was dark on Calvary;  
The form hung lifeless now,  
Unheeded was the crown of thorns  
Upon His tortured brow.

We gambled for the clothes He wore,  
The sandals fell to me;  
They had been scarred upon the road  
That leads to Calvary.

I put them on unholy feet  
And onward went my way;  
The paths were strange, the sandals  
took  
I could not make them stay.

They led me to an olive grove  
As dark as dark could be,  
And I, who always scoffed at prayer,  
Knelt down beneath a tree.

They led me to the Temple Court  
And I, who claimed no soul;  
Beheld a cripple kiss my feet  
And go away made whole.

They sought and found in Bethlehem  
A stable, starlit, bare —  
An Angel brushed me as I knelt  
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## Glendale Revival Is Held In Tent

The Glendale Springs Bible School and Revival is being held in a tent this year. A tent has been erected on the lawn of the church and the children are enjoying the outdoor Bible School. The revival each night is also being conducted in the tent. Rev. Gene Gerganus of Rocky Mt., N. C. is preaching for us and is delivering very spiritual and Christ centered messages.

The enrollment for the first few days in the Bible School has been up to 78 and we are expecting an attendance of perhaps 100.

## Peak Creek Elects Elder And Deacon

The Peak Creek Congregation elected an Elder on May 10

Miss Nora Bowlin was elected clerk for the meeting. Rev. J. W. Luke acted as Moderator. Mr. James Tucker was elected Elder, and Mr. Vaughn Bowlin was elected Deacon of the Peak Creek church.

## New Travel - All For Miss Acheson

Miss Acheson, the Sunday School worker and assistant to Rev. J. W. Luke, has a new Travel-All. Not long ago she traded in her little Ford Car for an International type Travel - All.

She has found it very useful and so much more convenient to work with her young people's groups. It came from the City Sales in North Wilkesboro, and she received a good trade from Junior Whittington, one of our old time Bible School boys.

### REV. R. H. STONE HONORED

On May 25th Rev. R. H. Stone was honored by the Johnson C. Smith University of Charlotte. The college conferred the Doctor of Divinity upon Mr. Stone on that date. We know of no other who is more worthy, and we rejoice to know he has been honored.

### TROOP 115 GOES TO CAMPOREE

Many of the boys of Troop 115 sponsored by the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church concluded the camporee June 6.

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## Glade Valley Finals

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William C. Ramsay, Associate Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Greensboro College and supply pastor for the Presbyterian churches in Greensboro brought an inspiring message on the topic "Know Thyself" based on the text taken from Galatians 2:20: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me."

The final meeting of the Youth Fellowship was held Sunday night, May 17, at eight o'clock. Rev. Wayne Thompson brought a message of fundamental doctrine to the youth of the campus. "Uncle Wayne" always inspires us with his enthusiasm and his sound truths.

The music pupils of Mrs. Ellen A. Guerrant presented their annual recital, Thursday evening, May 21, at eight o'clock. This recital was held in the old auditorium so that the pupils could use the Stienway Piano which Mr. Charlton Hutton has so generously let the school use for the past two years of his absence. Mrs. Guerrant was assisted by Mr. Edward C. Johnson, the choral director. Immediately following the recital a reception was held in the living rooms of the Girl's Dormitory. The members of the class of '53 assisted with the serving.

Friday morning, May 22, at eleven o'clock, the graduation exercises were held in the new school chapel. The speaker for the occasion was Rev. Joe Flora, Director Youth Program, First Presbyterian church, Greensboro. Mary McNeill of Charlotte was valedictorian and Ella Mae Shepherd of Reddies River was salutatorian. Sarleene Bovender, a junior, rendered a piano solo, Nocturne, Opus 9, by Chopin. Mr. Edward C. Johnson presented the Bibles.

The awards presented at this occasion were as follows: Room prizes: girls: Mary Lee Craven and Marlene Severt; boy, Paul Wentz; recitation medal, Jane Taylor; home economics medal, Mae Sheets; Louise Erwin memorial music medal, Jane Taylor; citizenship medal, Mary Lee Craven. There was a close race for the scholarship medal. The winner will be announced as soon as the ninth month grades are completed. All awards were made by Mr. E. B. Eldridge, superintendent.

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## Glendale Springs Seniors Honored

On Friday, May 15, the Glendale Springs Youth Fellowship gave a supper in honor of the seniors in the Glendale Springs field who were graduating from high school. Earlier in the week, the Glendale Girls Club worked hard to make an attractive setting for the affair. A delicious meal was served at the church with the assistance of some of the ladies.

The pastor, Rev. John W. Luke, and their Sunday School teacher, Mr. Delmer Rose, each gave a splendid message to the seniors. Rev. Horace Thomas of Charlotte gave an inspirational address to the young people as well as entertaining and leading group singing with his guitar earlier in the evening. Wade Rose, president of the Fellowship, presided well as master of ceremonies.

This evening proved to be a very happy occasion and we hope it may become a tradition to honor our seniors this way each year.

## Outstanding Students At Glendale Springs

Glendale Springs church is justly proud of two of its active members who graduated from Jefferson high this year. Shirley Caudill and Charles Caudill, members of the same family, were valedictorian and salutatorian respectively. We do congratulate them on attaining these high honors.

To all of our fine seniors, all of whom made good records, we wish God's richest blessing on their future achievements.



CHORUS AT GLADE VALLEY and Edward Johnson, director. (Photo by Paul Weston)

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## Presbyterian News In Jefferson Field

By Rev. R. F. Brown

This has been a very busy summer in the Jefferson field. Our Bible school started in Jefferson June 8, and continued through June 13. The Jefferson Methodist church united with the Presbyterian church in this Vacation Bible school. The enrollment was 81, and the average attendance was 74. The school closed with a picnic Saturday, June 13. A fine type of work was done by the volunteer teachers.

The Vacation Bible school opened at Low Gap June 22, and closed with a picnic July 3. Miss Alene Powers, Lansing, was director of the school and she taught the Intermediate group. Miss Powers is a rising senior at Flora-McDonald College. She did a fine piece of work with the children. Among other things, she taught the children a number of hymns and they enjoyed singing them. We had an enrollment of 31.

Our Vacation Bible school at Big Ridge started July 6, and closed July 17. Miss Geraldine Worrell, Rocky Mount, directed the school and taught the Intermediate group. She is a rising senior at Flora-McDonald. Her work among the children was superb. It is a great help to have such fine, consecrated girls in this type of work. The enrollment was 21.

During the last week of the Bible school at Low Gap, the pastor conducted a series of revival services which were well attended. There was evidence of the enrichment of the spiritual lives of the people.

Revival services were also held at the Big Ridge church during the last week of the Bible school. The pastor did the preaching to an appreciative group of people. There are definite signs of new life in the Big Ridge Church.

On Sunday, August 30, the new pews, communion table and pulpit chairs of the Jefferson Church were dedicated. Following the dedicatory service at 11:00 a. m., a picnic lunch was served on the church lawn, and starting at 2:00 p. m. Ralph Mayo and his gospel singers from Bristol, Tenn., gave a fine program of gospel hymns.

## Several Churches To Have Fall Revivals

Fall revivals are scheduled to be held this fall in the following churches in the Glendale Springs field:

Laurel Fork, Sept. 13 - Sept. 22 with Mr. Harold Asire.

Bethel church, October 1 - October 9.

Ebenezer church, Oct. 27 - Nov. 6 with Rev. Abe Aldridge at Bethel and Rev. E. L. Thomas at Ebenezer.



MRS. J. N. ZINN

## Mrs. J. N. Zinn Has Served Faithfully

In the picture accompanying this article you will see one of the most faithful Christian women that we know about. This picture is that of Mrs. J. N. Zinn of Charles Town, W. Va.

Mrs. Zinn has for a number of years gathered second-hand clothing, pressed them, washed them, darned them, and made quilts which she has sent to the Lukes at Glendale Springs.

This clothing has been sold over a number of years and the money has been used in helping to construct churches and for many other improvements in this field.

Mrs. Zinn is in her nineties, and with the help of her daughter, continues to do her work and helps to support in this way. May God bless her as she works so faithfully.

## Date To Remember

Glade Valley Cornerstone Laying  
Sept. 26.

## SUMMARY OF BIBLE SCHOOLS IN GLENDALE SPGS. FIELD

Name of Church	Average Attendance	Perfect Attendance	Enrollment
Laurel Fork	31	21	44
Glendale Springs	80	49	105
Ebenezer	32	24	34
Peak Creek	56	34	91
Millers	28	17	47

## Presbyterian News From West Jefferson

The Presbyterian Church of West Jefferson is undertaking to build a manse, and at present it is one of the two churches in Winston-Salem Presbytery without a home for the pastor.

The house plan which has been selected is the same as the manse in Mocksville, which has been recently built. The house will cost around \$15,000, dollars. The Board of Extension in Atlanta and Home Mission Committee of Winston-Salem Presbytery will give between them \$2,500.

Among the 31 members of the West Jefferson Presbyterian Church, there has been promised \$6,000 which will be paid over a period of five years. Nearly \$2,000 in cash from these pledges have been already paid.

Since the arrival of the new pastor, Mr. Russell Burns, a Bible School was conducted this summer, and the students gave offerings with which to buy new offering plates for the church costing \$25.00.

The interest in the church has increased and four new members have been added this summer. These are Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ilgenfritz from the St. Luke Luthern Church in Schaeferstown, Pa., and Dr. and Mrs. Dan Lindsey of the Presbyterian Church in Centerville, Mississippi.

The West Jefferson Church is showing new life, and is struggling to meet their financial needs. If there are those who are interested in helping a little home mission church press forward in their new effort of building a manse, we hope you will write a letter to Mr. Russell Burns, West Jefferson, N. C. and encourage him and his church with a little help in the way of financial aid.

## Bible Schools Held In Glendale Field

Another season of daily vacation Bible school and revivals has come to a conclusion in the Glendale Springs field. A total of three hundred twenty-one were reached by the Bible schools.

Rev. Gene Guraganus conducted a splendid revival at Glendale Springs and many people testified to the fact that they had been greatly blessed by his Spirit-filled preaching. The services were held in a tent put up beside the church which brought back memories to many of the fine tent meetings which were held before the Glendale Springs church was erected. Grace Caudill and Billy Faye Combs professed their faith in Christ as Saviour and were received into the church.

Rev. Harold Asire, another fine consecrated preacher, conducted both the Peak Creek and Millers revivals. His messages also brought a blessing to many hearts.

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## GOD MADE MAN MALE AND FE- MALE BUT SATAN MADE THEM SIN

After God created the world its vegetation, its fish, its fowls, its animals, he made man in His own image, the supreme work of His hands. When his work was done God gave man the power of reproducing his kind. God said to man, "Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth."

When man received this power, God also had created one man and woman to be husband and wife as Christ pointed out in the New Testament. The history of mankind is marked by the sinful abuse of the reproduction instinct. Today, as in every generation, Satan is using what we call today, the sexual instinct, to degrade the races upon the earth. In the last few years, the abuse and misuse of this powerful instinct that God has given man, has grown to enormous proportions. Impurity and adultery has grown in the United States in the last few years until it is threatening the family life, and the future existence of our nation.

In this editorial I want to send out a warning note to all our readers, as the clouds of immorality cover our very life.

### I — GOD'S GIFT OF REPRODUCTION HAS BECOME A TOY IN THE HANDS OF MAN

The depraved nature of man instead of accepting the gift of reproduction as a sacred power to be used as God instructed, made it a plaything for his own amusement.

Heathen nations and those who have grown from under the influence of the morality of a Christian life, have constantly used the sexual instincts as a means of pleasure.

The moving picture, which has become America's highest drawing card for recreation, has openly declared they must promote greater sex pictures that they might compete with the television. Those who have at-

tended moving pictures shows for many years will tell you that the showmen draw their crowds by vulgar pictures (they do not call them by this name). If you will examine the talk of those who enjoy the above type pictures you will find some very impure talk and thoughts going on in unrestricted conversation. Drive-in theaters, the young people will tell you, is a favorite place to have petting dates. Yes, there in shadow and influence of an all-too sexy picture.

Romance magazines of very low character clutter up the book racks of our drug stores, and billions are read every year. Advertisements are becoming more indecent, magazines have markedly changed in my own life time. I can remember when it was a crime to send obscene literature and pictures through the mail. Now there is no limit.

I honestly believe that when a woman allows herself to be photographed in indecent exposure of herself, that she is committing adultery with millions of people who look upon her pictures, whether they are shown by theaters or upon calendars or other places. Jesus said, "Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Mt. 5:28

I wish that we had a group of women in our country that would stand up and protest the indecent appeals that are being made by their own sex. The misbehaviour of our most publicized women have brought a slur upon the good women of our nation in the eyes of the world. Yes, we live in a day when men and women look upon sin and as Jeremiah said, many years ago, "Neither could they blush."

### II — ABUSE OF THE SEXUAL INSTINCT IS AN INDICATION OF A DEPRAVED RACE

The depraved condition of man before the flood was one of deep sexual impurity. Genesis 6:5 says, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great." Jesus in his day pointed out in his words describing the condition of the race before the flood, "They were marrying and giving in marriage." The marriage vows were not sacred, they were living in adultery.

When Israel fell to her lowest level in sin, they danced in nakedness before the golden bull calf. The heathen worship that tempted Israel at all times was a sexual worship in which the adulterous women priests were at tempting part.

The civilization of Sodom and Gomorrah was so vile, that God saw fit to destroy the whole population by fire and brimstone. Their sin was so repulsive to God that he would stand it no longer. What was the great sin of these people? You only have to read the experiences of Lot and the degeneration of his family to know that it was the lowest sexual sins.

I ask one question. Does the downward trend of impurity, and divorce among the people of our nation indicate that we too are dropping to the level of Sodom and Gomorrah? Are we gradually becoming a depraved race of people?

### III — THE ABUSE OF WEDDING VOWS IS PRODUCING AN UNDISCIPLINED RACE OF CHILDREN

It is constantly quoted today that one out of every four marriages end in divorce. What is the cause of divorce? Three-fourths of the divorces are caused directly or indirectly by the loose sexual living. As Jesus said, "There is marriage and giving in marriage." Jeremiah said the time would come when, "seven women shall take hold of one man." This not only describes the scarcity of men after war, but it describes the depraved condition of his race. Today, we have men and women who care not for wedding vows they have taken. We have men and women who think it is legitimate to break up another's home. We have men and women who have no conscience at the ruin of a young girl or young man.

Loose living has produced millions of children born out of wedlock. Divorce, bringing about broken homes, produces broken and blighted children.

The juvenile courts today face that great problem of how to handle the crimes of delinquent children. Teachers will tell you today, their greatest problem is handling unruly children from homes where there is no discipline.

I attended a trial of a bank robbery at the request of the mother of one of the delinquents. All four of those in this crime were young. All four came from broken homes.

The big problem today is, how are we going to build decent, pure, and unbroken home in America? The sexual sins of America are bringing forth a horrible harvest.

### IV — IMPURITY HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PROMINENT SIN BEFORE DISASTER

Any one who studies the rise and fall of nations and empires knows that races are worm eaten within by immorality before their fall. A soldier who served in Italy during the last war, said that as he went about sight seeing among the ruins of the Old Roman Empire, that engraved upon the walls of the ruins were the most obscene and vulgar pictures he had ever laid eyes upon. Yes, those pictures are engraved upon its ruins, that those who will read and understand, will know that inward rottenness and immorality caused the downfall of a great empire.

A disaster that came upon the world many, many years ago, came upon a people that were saturated with impurity. I have already indicated by the words of Genesis and the words of Jesus, of the terrible wickedness and the sexual abuse and divorce of the people that lived before the flood. The flood swept these filthy people from the earth.

Another terrible disaster that is related by sacred history and whose results have been noted by scientists, is that of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Anyone who has read the experiences of Lot in the city of these people were a terribly degraded race. Today the mention of the

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word Sodom, brings to the minds of people everywhere, the picture of an impure and terribly depraved people in their sexual sins. Disaster struck them suddenly. Brimstone and fire rained down upon these cities and all that section of the country according to the Bible and noted by science. Today the ashes of million of bodies lay under the brimstone of the Dead Sea Valley because disaster struck a sinning people suddenly.

A king sat in his banquet hall in the city of Babylon. A great banquet was spread, wine flowed freely, concubines and wives mingled alike among the crowd, but Lo! A hand wrote upon the wall, "Thou art weighed in the balances and found wanting." Disaster destroyed that adulterous crowd that night, and blood mingled with their unholy wine.

Is the sin of America much above these sinful people? Shall we not take warning- "We are being weighed in the balances."

With divorce rates increasing until the churches know not what to do with divorced people, with amusements increasingly becoming impure, with literature filled with experiences of impure romances, with the sinful behaviour of actors and actresses idolized by the public, with high school and college students bragging of their membership in clubs where there are no virgins, with millions of children born out of wedlock, with every paper telling of sex crimes and criminals that we shudder at the reading - with these disorders in our very midst - will it be disaster or will it be a repenting and turning to the Glorious Son of God?

### BIBLE SCHOOLS HELD IN GLENDALE FIELD

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At Peak Creek, Joann Pearson, Dixie Woodie, Judy Sheets, and Ella Mae McNeill accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Mr. and Mrs. Mont Darnell stated their desire to unite with the Peak Creek church since they have moved from the community in which they were members of the Low Gap church.

It was necessary to cancel the Bible school and revival at Bethel because of the ban placed on all public gatherings involving young people because of the polio epidemic in Wilkes County. We were indeed sorry to pass

## Inspiring Pageant At Tinkling Springs

Just recently the editor of the Ashe Presbyterian visited the community of Fishersville, Va. which community is between Staunton and Waynesboro, Va. While at this community we were invited to see a historical pageant at the Tinkling Spring Church.

The pageant was given in an outdoor assembled theater on the church grounds, and was attended by about 5,000 persons during all three showings on Aug. 19, 20, and 22nd. The occasion was the dedication of the new educational edition to the old church plant.

The Tinkling Springs Church was one of the first to be founded in the Shenandoah Valley, and from its members flowed a patriot and builder of freedom for our nation.

Bethel by this year. Rev. Carl Harrigan, whose ministry before in that community has been so fruitful, was scheduled to hold the revival services.

For various reasons, three of the revivals will be held this fall. Rev. Horace Thomas of Charlotte will preach at Ebenezer. Information regarding the revivals at Bethel and Laurel Fork will be announced later.

## FELLOWSHIP SUPPER WAS HELD AT GLENDALE

The Women of the Church of the Glendale Springs Baptist church held a fellowship supper for the Sunday school and the entire church on August 30.

The young people conducted the worship service assisted by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Luke.

The name of the pageant was, "The Tinkling Spring — Headwater of Freedom." It was written by Miss Mary Evelyn McChesney and gives the history of the church as well as of the country since the foundation of this old church founded in 1740.

At the church and manse we met again Rev. Howard Wilson who some years back held a revival at the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church. The pageant was a dramatization of much of the history of a book written by the pastor.

One unique feature of this pageant was the appearance of a colored member of the church. This colored Christian lady and member of the old church has made the communion bread ever since she was 13 years old. She is a regular attendant of the church and is one of the finest of Christian characters, and the members are proud of her.

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## Highlights On Synod Of North Carolina

Many of our readers have already read reports from our daily papers of the events which happened at the Synod of North Carolina, Sept. 8-10.

In this report I would like to give a few highlights which may be of interest to you.

The Synod convened in the beautiful Presbyterian church in Wilson. Rev. Murphy Williams, Jr., was the host pastor with his most hospitable congregation. While the meetings were held in the auditorium of the church, the ministers were taken care of in the homes, and in the dormitories of the Atlantic Christian College. We were also fed by the cafeteria of that college. Not only did we enjoy being on the grounds of the First Presbyterian Church but also on the campus of the College. We were entertained most hospitably wherever we went in Wilson.

The Rev. Albert B. McClure, the retiring Moderator of the Synod, opened the meeting with prayer. After enrollment and recognition of others in attendance, the new moderator was elected. Dr. Harold Dudley, the executive secretary of North Carolina was elected, and expedited the business of the Synod in a very business like way.

Many matters of business including the regular permanent committee reports of the Synod, came before the session. Many of these reports were very encouraging, telling of the expansion of our work in North Carolina, as well in the whole church. The Synod of North Carolina was ninth in percentage of growth among the 16 Synods of our church. A fairly complete report showed there were about 158 within our state who are now new candidates for the ministry. A net increase in giving over last year was \$160,822. The increase in membership in North Carolina was 4,647, about three times as many new members as last year.

Some of the outstanding reports were made by the following committees — Reports of the General Secretary, Dr. Harold Dudley was very complete and showed much detailed work.

Reports on Woman's Work was made by Rev. John M. Walker and showed a tremendous service done by women of North Carolina. Mrs. Rufus D. Wilson gave an address in the name of the Synodical of North Carolina of which she is president.

The committee on Inter-Church Relations was very fortunate in having Rev. Clifford J. Earle from the Presbyterian Church U. S. in giving us an address on a great and needed question of today, "Alcohol and People".

Hon. W. E. Price gave the very

important report of Synod's Council, which covered Stewardship, and other very important items of finance and audits.

Under World Missions Rev. Edgar Woods gave a report of Foreign Missions and presented Rev. Joseph Hoppers, Missionary from Korea. Perhaps the most inspiring address of the Synod was given by Rev. Joseph Hopper as he gave us first hand information of the events in Korea. The escaped war prisoners, that were set free by Sigman Rhee, he said, proved a great help to the church. Many of these men had been converted and went out into the country and began a work for God at once.

A very widening and inspiring address was given by Rev. B. Frank Hall on "2953 Christian World Events" In this address he stated, "Great Britain is awakening spiritually, President Eisenhower goes to church regularly and is making a good Presbyterian. Communism is beginning to break up, a greater bomb even more deadly than the hydrogen bomb has been discovered and its use could poison all life on the earth. Many world events were spoken of and their significance in the development of the kingdom of God in the world."

A splendid address on evangelism was given by Rev. Milton B. Faust and he announced a great conference on Feb. 17 and 18 in Raleigh. This conference is to be one of the best ever held in our church and every one interested in evangelistic work is invited to be present, especially the committees in each presbytery.

On Negro work, Rev. Lawrence W. Bottoms, who is our negro minister assisting Dr. Bachelor, gave a splendid address and introduced two other negro ministers who are doing a great work in great centers of our church.

Dr. J. O. Mann, director of religious educational work in North Carolina gave a splendid report and presented the young lady trainers working in the Presbyteries of the state. Dr. Mann presented Dr. J. J. Murry, of Lexington, Va. who explained the importance of Christian work among the colleges of our nation.

We should mention the hour of fellowship upon the lawn of the church after the Tuesday evening session, when refreshments were served at a reception in honor of the new ministers of our Synod.

Through the evening sessions we were inspired by the choir of the First Church, and its organist. I am sure the meeting of the 140th session of the Synod of North Carolina was one of the most instructive, inspirational, and creative Synods we have attended. May God bless the efforts put forth and the work projected into the future.

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## Progress Noted As Ashe County Expands

What was once considered a far away backward little mountain county of Ashe is expanding and building at a very rapid rate.

New roads have been built, new school buildings are being constructed, new industrial plants are coming in the county, bean markets have given Ashe county, the name of the capital of the bean markets, tobacco markets in the county are developing at a great rate, dairying has developed to second place of the counties in the State, beef and lumber have and still are the leading industries and Ashe county is leading the state in the vegetable market. We are glad our little county is thriving, may her sprit-ual needs be met; as she grows from the backward little mountain ter-ritory to a thriving and flourishing county of our state.

Recently a textile mill was moved into West Jefferson and at the present time the construction of a large electrical plant is taking place between Warrensville and Lansing at Bina. This plant we are told when in full operation will employ upward toward 1500 or more people.

### A CRY FOR LIGHT

There comes a wail of anguish  
Across the ocean wave—  
It pleads for help, O Christians,  
Poor dying souls to save.  
These far-off heathen natives,  
Who sit in darketh night,  
Now Stretch their hands imploring,  
And cry to us for light.  
We have the blessed Gospel;  
We who know its priceless worth;  
We read the grand old story  
Of Christ the Saviour's birth.  
O haste ye, faithful workers,  
To them the tidings bear—  
Glad tidings of salvation,  
That they our light may share.  
—Anonymous.

### ACTIVE PROGRAM IN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Glendale Springs youth fellow-ship has held fine Sunday night meet-ings this summer with Miss Mary Frances Luke, home from college, as-sis'ing with the activities. In July, the group had a day's outing at Hungry Mother Park near Marion, Va.

The busy summer program and the polio epidemic have somewhat dis-rupted the program for some of the young people but a weekly schedule is being planned for the young peo-ple.

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## Rev. O. V. Caudill Promoted To Staff

Rev. O. V. Caudill who at one time was executive secretary of Winston-Salem Presbytery, has been promoted to the Assembly's staff. Mr. Caudill's work as a consultant in building churches and church planning, has been recognized of great value and his skill will extend now to all the Synods of our great church.

Mr. Caudill will still remain a mem-ber of our Synod while he serves the church at large.

### THIS IS SHORT YEAR FOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

As planned by our church this year will end on December 31, 1953, the next church year beginning on Jan-uary 1, 1954.

Do not forget this will make it necessary for us to complete our gifts for this year very soon as pledging and planning for 1954 will have to be done in November.

### CONVENTION ON EVANGELISM IS SET FOR FEBRUARY 17-18

Let us all remember the convention on Evangelism announced by Rev. Milton B. Faust to be held Feb. 17

## EBENEZER CHURCH YARD IS GRADED AND GRASSED

After the construction of the new Ebenezer Church, which by the way is the oldest Presbyterian Church in the county of Ashe, the grading of the yard was completed by a bulldozer.

George Long allowed the church to cut through the edge of his field so the circle drive in front of the church would be completed. This week as we write material for the paper, the fin-ishing touches will be started on the church yard. Grass will be sown on the lawn this week by the church members and neighbors in the com-munity. We hope to make a beautiful spot around the new church build-ing.

Much praise should be given to Tom Bare, who was one of the original charter members of this church. Al-though Mr. Bare has moved to another community, yet every Saturday he is back in the cemetery by the side of the church, beautifying that place. As the result of Mr. Bare's labor as well as other people the grave yard is becoming a beautiful place.

and 18 at Raleigh.

Noted speakers will be present from Texas and other parts of our country. Let us not miss this meeting.

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## Glade Valley Plans Cornerstone Program

A great day of celebration at the Glade Valley school will be on September 26 as this day will be known as Glade Valley day and the program is to be centered around the laying of the cornerstone for the new dormitory and administration buildings.

The event of the laying of the stones will be at 11:00 a. m. After this picnic lunch will be served in the gymnasium and everyone is asked to bring a picnic lunch and the school will furnish the beverages. After lunch the new buildings will be open for observance.

The planning committee invites all trustees, advisory board, ministers, laymen, Women of the Church, students, alumni, young adults and all from everywhere to join in this grand occasion and time of advancement.

Each fellow brings and eats his own lunch. The school will furnish soft drinks.

Come and see the new buildings, which your contributions have made possible — a trip to the beautiful mountains.

In April 1908 Orange Presbytery (which then included Winston-Salem Presbytery) appointed a committee to select a site for this unique school.

In 1945 Orange and Winston-Salem Presbyteries instructed the trustees to give Glade Valley much needed new buildings.

The trustees have raised and invested nearly \$400,000.00 and we want you to come and see.

In order that our people may know and see for themselves, and to make this day a success, we are dependent upon each minister making suitable announcements from the pulpit and through your church bulletins - pass the word along to your staff members, to adult SS classes, and to the Women and Men of the Church.

## Young People Going Off To College Soon

Several of the churches in the Glendale Springs field will have young people in college this year.

Shirley Caudill, Mary Retha Atwood, and Flossie Miller will enter Montreat; Marjorie Long will go to Mars Hill; Charles Caudill and Don Tucker, North Carolina State College and Ralph Bare, Lees-McRae.

Mary Frances Luke, after assisting her father this summer in Bible school work, will return to Montreat, where she will be in her sophomore year.

Tommy Boyd, Bernard Lyle and Billy Wyatt are now serving in the armed forces of Uncle Sam.

Rev. J. W. Luke said "We pray that all of these young people may be

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## JOHN G. GIBBS WEDS MISS BETTY LILLY

We rejoiced to hear of the wedding of John G. Gibbs to Miss Betty Lilly on August 25 at the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church.

John was assistant worker in the Glendale Springs field last summer and will be in his second year at the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., this winter. Miss Lilly is a student in the Assembly's Training school.

### ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

The announcement has been made of the approaching marriage of Mr. Russell Burns, the pastor of the West Jefferson Presbyterian Church to Miss Betty Baker of Sanford.

Miss Baker is a graduate of Lees-McRae College, Assembly's Training School and at present is the director of Christian Education at the First Presbyterian Church in Mooresville.

Mr. Burns is a graduate of Davis and Elkins College, and is from Welch, W. Va. Mr. Burns will return to the Seminary in Richmond, Va. for his senior year in the fall of 1954. The wedding will take place on October the 2nd at the First Presbyterian Church in Sanford.

guided daily by the Lord, when they came to know him in their little home churches of the Glendale Springs field.

## Glade Valley Opens In New Buildings

Glade Valley school opened for her forty-fourth session on September 1 when Rev. R. E. Hildebrandt, pastor of the Sparta and Glade Valley Presbyterian churches was in charge of the chapel hour.

The new girl students will rejoice over occupying for the first time the new \$150,000 dormitory and the whole student body will be happy to begin their work in the new administration building. These buildings have just been completed with a new water, heating and sewer system at the cost of about \$350,000.

The use of these buildings is the beginning of a new history for Glade Valley. Like the Chambered Nautilus, she is moving out of her shell into greater halls of learning.

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We come back laden from our quest,  
To find that all the sagas said  
Is in the book our mothers read.

—John G. Whittier.

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## Much Activity In Lansing Churches

Lansing, Foster Memorial, Gillespie and Stone Chapel. Look elsewhere in this paper for full coverage.

### THINGS LOOKING BETTER FOR LANSING

The Congregation of the Lansing Church is very happy over its new oil furnace which has been recently installed, at an approximate cost of twelve-hundred dollars.

Sunday School attendance has run well into the eighties, for the past year.

Women of the church have met regularly throughout the past year, with a record-breaking attendance. Very constructive and helpful programs have been arranged, and successfully presented and participated in by all.

A series of revival services were conducted during the month of July, the pastor doing the preaching. Twelve came forward to express their acceptance and acknowledgement of Christ as Lord, and Saviour. Six of the ones who made this profession, were baptised and united with the Church. Then, too, lest I forget, Our prayer meeting is going well, I would say, in a commanding manner.

### DEDICATION

To the honor and in memory of the late Elder J. O. Blevins, the Lansing Athletic Field was recently dedicated. This act on the part of the people of Lansing was well deserving, because it was only through the untiring energy, and personal efforts of Mr. Blevins that the Lansing high school and the athletic field were made possible.

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES

**FOSTER MEMORIAL** — A Bible school and a series of revival services were carried on conjunctively, children attending Bible school in the mornings, and both children and parents attending preaching services at night. Our Sunday school has continued throughout the year without any breaks, with a fair to average attendance. The women of the church have met periodically. These meetings have and are still furnishing the church with no little inspiration.

The Women of this church served one of the most delicious and appetizing Fellowship Suppers which we have had the privilege to attend in a great while.

### CHURCH WORK HEARTENING

**GILLESPIE** — During a two-weeks revival we received four into the church. We had a ten-day, record breaking Bible school, attendance exceptionally good. We hope that we

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## Dates To Remember

**WINSTON SALEM PRESBYTERY—**

Jan. 19, 1954.

**PRESBYTERIAN CONFERENCE OF  
EVANGELISM** — Feb. 17 & 18, 1954.



## Christmas Programs In Glendale Field

These dates are tentative and if there is any change in dates for the programs, it will be announced.

Thurs., Dec. 24, 7 p. m. Peak Creek; Saturday, Dec. 19, 7 p. m., Ebenezer; Sunday, Dec. 20, 7 p. m., Glendale Springs; Monday, Dec. 21, 7 p. m., Laurel Fork; Tuesday, Dec. 22, 7 p. m., Bethel; Wednesday, Dec. 23, 7 p. m., Millers.

Glendale Springs will have its pageant on Sunday night as indicated above, but the Christmas tree for the Sunday School will be on Tuesday at 2 p. m.

## Youth Rally Held In West Jefferson

The North Wilkesboro District Youth Rally of Winston-Salem Presbyterian will be held in the Presbyterian Church in West Jefferson on December 6th at two o'clock. The Church in West Jefferson is also expecting a team from the Presbyterian Youth Council to meet with their PYF very soon for a week end to instruct the PYFers' how to improve their organization. Mr. Russell Burns, the student supply pastor, and his wife are planning to move into a new manse around the 15th of December. The building of the manse was started in the latter part of August.

The Presbyterian Church in West Jefferson has been having a series of evening services on the history and beliefs of the Presbyterian Church and also why the Protestant Reformation began. On Nov. 22 the Reverend Thomas Seitz of the Episcopal Church in Blowing Rock, N. C., spoke on the history and beliefs of his church. The Reverend Wilson Nesbitt of the West Jefferson Methodist spoke November 29th, and the Reverend Rexford Campbell of the West Jefferson Baptist Church spoke on Dec. 6th. Following each talk given by the ministers there was a period of questioning by the congregation. These services have been very helpful and educational, and have been enjoyed by all.

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## Rev Cecil Callis At Jefferson Service

The Jefferson Presbyterian Church welcomed Rev. Cecil Callis for six days of preaching in their church on October 25th through October 30th. Many of the people who had known Mr. Callis while he served as pastor here enjoyed hearing him preach in the series of services. Mr. Callis is now located in Yancyville, N. C. and serves two churches, Yancyville and

**"THEN SPAKE JESUS AGAIN  
UNTO THEM, SAYING, I AM  
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD."  
JN. 8:12.**

**"ARISE, SHINE; FOR THY  
LIGHT IS COME, AND THE  
GLORY OF THE LORD IS RISEN  
UPON THEE." IS. 60:1.**

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**(EDITORIAL)****"I WORSHIPPED WITH THE TREES"**

It is fall in the Blue Ridge Mountains, and each brisk day brings new glamour to the robes of the forest trees.

One very bright morning this fall I drove north on the beautiful Parkway, which winds its way among the peaks and uplands of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Perhaps because of the long and beautiful fall weather, the trees decided to put on a display of their most beautiful and gorgeous colors.

As I drove through the avenue made by the trees on either side of the roadway, they seemed to vie with one another in showing off their beauty. Some standing straight and tall shown in golden and scarlet splendor; others leaned over with long arms and held their beautiful clusters of leaves low, that travelers might see and admire them.

After traveling through this wonderland of color for perhaps twenty miles. I stopped my car on the side of the road overlooking one of the most beautiful scenes I had ever beheld. A grassy knoll coaxed me from my car, and tempted me to sit and gaze at the wonderful panorama before me. God in his love, and wisdom has seen fit to paint the forests with his most gorgeous colors, that man might behold and view only a little sample of some of His handiwork in the life to come. Before me this morning, truly, God had given me a sample of the beauty of Heaven. The shadow-slope of a great mountain, disappearing in misty valleys far below, was the glorious scene that lay out before me and below me. A bright morning sun shot its long slanting darts down the slope as if with slender fingers, it pointed out here and there the most beautiful spots among the proud trees.

Within a stones-throw of where I sat, the edge of the forest began. Trees of many kinds could be easily distinguished by their shapes and colors. There were the gums with their purplish red coats. There stood the maples like yellow flames, tipped with red.

There the sourwood was dressed in his scarlet garments with tassels hanging like the trimmings of a spanish bridle. There a family of sassafras trees stood along an old rail fence, like little boys, proud of their new red and yellow mittens. There great oaks of different varieties, wore their robes of bronze, reds and royal purples, showing they belonged to a kingly family. There were the hickory trees standing tall in their long cloaks of gold. There poplars held out their broad yellow leaves for you to admire. The sumacs although a small shrub, made up for its lowliness by dazzling you with the most brilliant scarlets as it decorated the edges of the woods. The background for this array was the undershadow of the trees and the evergreens like tall sentries among the colorful trees.

As my vision swept past the individual trees in the foreground and over thousands of tree tops to the shadowy valley below, the colors mingled to form a most massive oriental rug, with great wrinkles made by ridges and valleys.

Gazing with wonder at this beautiful carpet that covered the breast of the mountain, a great giant tree catches my eye, holding its ghastly arms up above the color of the living trees. It is in great contrast to the timber around it. It is an ancient chestnut, long killed by the blight and dried by the wind and the sun. It stands in a great gray robe from head to foot, like a gaunt leafless skeleton with bony arms and gnarly fingers held up toward the sky.

So far I had only wondered at the handy work of God, but now there was a feeling of anticipation that something great was about to happen, the feeling that comes before the curtain of a great stage is pulled back revealing the beginning of a great opera. Why this feeling I did not know, but I was soon to learn.

Gently, very gently a breeze began to blow from far down in the deep and shadowy valleys at the foot of the mountain. The breezes became gentle winds, the winds began to rush faster and faster up the great slope, as if they had awakened from their beds in the valleys and now were racing pell mell to meet the rising sun at the top of the ridge. When the winds began their mad rush over the breast of the mountain, the trees became living and moving beings, as if God had suddenly breathed into them the breath of life. I now began to realize why the feeling of anticipation had come over me. I had come unknowingly at the appointed time for the morning worship of the trees. At first there was a gentle movement of the trees in the wind. Then there came a faster and faster movement as the winds grew in intensity, until the trees finally were swaying and whirling in a great sacred dance. At times the trees seemed to raise on tiptoe and cast their colorful clusters of leaves high in the air, and then bending low and lifting them again and again. Every tree was in motion, every color was like a live flame blown and whipped by the wind. Then I heard the clapping

of the hands of the trees and the clapping turned into a hymn of praise. The pines and hemlocks standing straight and tall among the trees, seemed to be the leaders of the music, for as they kept time by swaying back and forward, it looked as if they played upon harps that were held close to their sides. They played very softly at first, and then louder and louder the music came. The hymn they were playing was full of meaning. A century of fierce winds and gentle breezes had taught the trees a hymn of humility and joy. As the pines played and swayed, then was heard the sound of millions of voices of the trees as the wind rushed through their beautiful swinging and tossing branches.

As the exultant worship of the trees continued in the bright morning sun, every tree was in motion, every leaf was clapping, every twig and pine needle was singing, except for that one gaunt, ancient chestnut tree. In contrast to all the rest, its gray limbs stood motionless. As I gazed upon its staunch, unmovable frame, I wondered what its position was in this whirling sacred worship of the forest. Then as I gazed and pondered, I began to understand. He was the ancient one. He was the great highpriest of all the trees. There he stood dressed in a greyish priestly robe. He was bent back as if his face was turned to heaven. His angular arms and bony fingers were held high above his head in an attitude of anguishing prayer. He stood amidst the color and dancing trees like one who knew the blight of sin and had learned contrition before God. Yes, that motionless bony giant was confessing the sins of the worshipping trees all around him.

I said to myself, I must no longer intrude upon the sacred rites of the forest, I must go. I arose from grassy seat, with head bowed, and trod softly back to my car, lest I disturb the continued worship of the trees. My soul was exalted, and I was thankful to my Heavenly Father, that I had attended the morning worship with the trees.

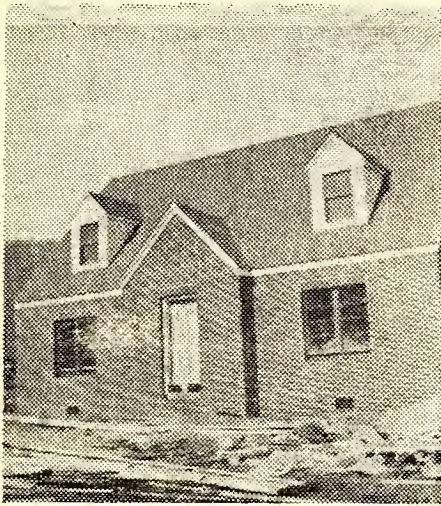
"The mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." Is. 55:12.

## MUCH ACTIVITY IN LANSING FIELD CHURCHES

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are now entering into the dawn of a better day at Gillespie.

**OLD CHAPEL RENOVATED**

**STONE CHAPEL** — The people in this vicinity are very delighted with their attractive little Chapel. This building has recently undergone a complete renovation. This has been made possible by the generosity of the Home Mission Committee of Winston-Salem Presbytery. The Committee gave us four-hundred dollars, and with the use of much free labor we have, rock-sheeted the inside, painted both inside and outside, built concrete steps, cased windows, bought new stove, and chairs enough to furnish seating facilities for all worshippers. It is not incredible to think the time is maturing, when a new Presbyterian church can be organized at this place.



New West Jefferson Presbyterian Manse nearing completion.

**YOUTH RALLY HELD  
IN WEST JEFFERSON**

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The Presbyterian Youth Fellowship of the West Jefferson Church have had three weeks of self-denial. Instead of spending money for soft drinks and candies they brought their money for a special offering to purchase Bibles from the American Bible Society for use in their church School. The total offering was near ten dollars and there are thirteen young People in the PYF.

**Helping To Support  
Korean Orphan**

The Glendale Springs young people are helping to support an eight-year-old Korean orphan boy, Kim Yong Sik, in the Yu Dal Children's home at Mok Po, Korea. Recently, their little friend wrote them a nice letter in Korean with a translation in quaint English accompanying it.

The young people are planning to send Kim Yong Sik a Christmas package.

Anyone interested in this worthy work of saving little children from both spiritual and physical death should contact the Christian Children's Fund, Inc. in Richmond, Virginia.

**Glendale Churches  
Active This Fall**

**LENDALE** — During the absence of Miss Evelyn Acheson on her vacation, the young people at Glendale Springs found a good sponser in Mr. Delmer Rose. Mr. Rose helped the young people in their Sunday evening programs, and they had some fine services together.

**LAUREL FORK** — Sept. 13th-22nd. This revival was held by Rev. Harold Asire, who is a graduate of Bob Jones University. Harold preached in his very forceful way and everyone was helped by his preaching. There were three persons who made their profession and united with the church, Joann Pearson, Mary Ellen Woodie, Bobbie Pruitt.

**BETHEL** — Oct. 1st. - 9th. Rev. Harold Asire preached in this revival. There was good attendance and Harold preached with his usual forcefulness. There were many who made reconsecration and some who made professions in Christ, but did not unite with the church. We feel indebted to Harold Asire as he has helped us out in several revivals and is willing to help out in anyway in the Lord's work.

**EBENEZER** — Oct. 27th. - Nov. 6th. The Ebenezer revival was held by Rev. H. L. Thomas of Charlotte, N. C. Mr. Thomas not only preached but

led the congregation in singing with his guitar. Everyone was delighted with his singing and music. When the meeting began the weather turned to rain, which is true Ebenezer weather. Two girls united with the church during the services and were baptized, Miss Nancy Atwood and Miss Pauline Roten.

**LAUREL FORK GROUNDS  
ARE GREATLY IMPROVED**

After the conclusion of the Laurel Fork revival this fall, the men of the church organized to improve the church and the grounds. Mr. F. J. Pendry was given charge of painting the church and Mr. Hort Miller had charge of grading the yard. Painting the church has improved it very much, and Mr. Hort Miller called upon the road crew to grade the yard for us. The work by each committee improved the whole setting of the church. Grass was planted on the yard, and a front step was added to the porch.

The Ebenezer church grounds have also been improved greatly. A drive circle was marked out by Mr. Coy Atwood, Mr. Winston Atwood, and Mr. Will Farrington, and the state highway department was good enough to grade out the circle, and put gravel down for the road. Because of dry weather it was not thought wise to plant grass at this time.

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## W. S. Presbytery Men Hold Meeting

The men of Winston-Salem Presbytery were called together for a supper meeting at Glade Valley by their President, Paul Cashion. A delicious meal was served in the dining hall of the new administration building, and was served by student waitresses.

Paul Cashion was master of ceremonies. After a short devotion at the table, the delicious meal was served. The men then retired to the auditorium where the program of the evening took place.

Mr. E. B. Eldridge welcomed the men to Glade Valley. Dr. J. O. Mann spoke of the large meeting of the men to take place in New Orleans. Rev. Milton B. Faust spoke on evangelism, and announced the evangelistic convention to take place in Raleigh, N. C. on Feb. 17th through 18th. In the absence of Mr. Royal Brown, President of the men of the assembly, Rev. Albert B. McClure of Barium Springs brought a fine message.

New officers were elected as follows: Mr. J. Ben Thompson of Winston-Salem, N. C. was elected president. Mr. Hoke Henderson of Elkin, N. C. was elected vice-president. Mr. Jim Clark of Winston-Salem, N. C. was elected secretary-treasurer.

Rev. Jack McAlpine closed with prayer.

### THE SEARCH

I sought him where my Logic led,  
This friend is always sure and right,  
His lantern is sufficient light —  
I need no Star, I said.

I sought Him in the city square,  
Logic and I went up and down —  
The market place of many a town,  
And He was never there.

I tracked Him to the mind's far rim,  
The valiant intellect went forth  
To east and west and south and north,  
And found no trace of Him.

We walked the earth from sun to sun,  
Logic and I with little faith,  
But never came to Nazareth,  
Or found the Holy One.

I sought in vain and finally  
Back to the heart's small house I crept,  
And fell upon my knees and wept,  
And lo — He came to me!

Sara Henderson Hay.

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## I DO NOT LIKE A ROOF TONIGHT

By Grace Noll Crowell

I do not like a roof tonight  
I long to walk a barren field — or lie  
Face upward on a hill and watch the  
sky  
Sparkle with silver — and to know  
That one night, long ago,  
These same stars, with the same hand  
guiding them  
Shone down on Bethlehem.

A roof shuts out the stars — it drugs  
with sleep,  
I wish I were a shepherd of white  
sheep  
Out on the hills, and for their sake  
Must keep awake —  
And I would see the radiance of the  
sky.  
The rapture of the slow stars march-  
ing by.  
The near ones bright — the far ones  
very dim,  
But speaking, everyone, of Him.

### BOY SCOUTS AND GIRLS PLAY AT GLADE VALLEY

On November the 12, the Boy Scouts of the Eagle and Wolf patrols of Troop 115, Glendale Springs, also the Girls Club from Glendale Springs church went to Glade Valley and played basketball. They had two rousing games and a lot of fun in the friendly rivalry.

I do not like a roof tonight,  
But from the fields, if I should hasten  
down  
Toward the glimmering lights of any  
town,  
I think that I should find the Christ  
Child there  
Under a star somewhere —  
Faith or fancy, call it as you will —  
The stars at Christmas guide me to  
Him still.

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## New Officers For Churches Elected

### GLENDALE SPRINGS CHURCH

On Sunday morning, Oct. 18, the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church held a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing one new Elder and Deacons.

Mr. Thomas S. Boyd was nominated and unanimously elected as elder. The following were nominated and elected as deacons — Mr. Robert Woodie, Mr. Kenneth Miller, Mr. Herbert Bare, Mr. Otto Wilcox, and Mr. Arthur Rose.

### PEAK CREEK CHURCH

On September the 27 an election of officers for the Peak Creek Church was held. There had been no officers since Elder George Bowlin had died. Those elected were Mr. James Tucker, and Mr. Mont Darnell. Mr. Vaughn Bowlin was elected deacon.

Rev. J. F. Brown who is retired, and had held a revival at Peak Creek over twenty years ago preached a splendid sermon. Mr. Oattie Cox rendered several beautiful spiritual pieces, playing his own accompaniment and singing.

After the service, a fine picnic lunch was served on the lawn. Many of the members of the Brethren Church, our sister church just across the road, brought lunches and joined in the picnic with us.

## Thanksgiving Xmas.

Thanksgiving is projected into Christmas. Our forefathers set the example for a day of thanks to God.

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## Miss Evelyn Acheson Returns From Trip

On November 12, Miss Evelyn Acheson returned from a trip to her "native land," Oregon. She left North Carolina, September 21 by train for Detroit and, from this point, she drove a '53 Ford out from the factory, over highway No. 10, for friends in Seattle, Washington. This was a wonderful, scenic trip of 2,583 miles.

Some of the highlights of the trip were: attending the Centennial celebration of the United Presbyterian church of Albany, Oregon, of which Miss Acheson was a member twenty-seven years; attending a concert given by the opera star, Helen Traubel; an over-night trip to a cabin on the Santiam River in the silent forest of the Cascade Mountains; a gorgeous

This day has finally become a tradition among the people of this free country. May it never be forgotten or lost among the various holidays now increasing in the schedule of our people. Let us pray with the poet Kipling. "Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget, Lest we forget."

Thanksgiving is a fitting holiday and theme to come just before Christmas. It prepares the hearts of men for Christmas. Thanksgiving puts man's heart in tune with God, that he might be able to sing the song of the angels, "Joy to The World the Lord has Come." "Thanks be unto God for His Unspeakable Gift." II Cor. 9:15.

## Rev. J. W. Luke Talks To Groups

On October 19, Rev. J. W. Luke made a talk to the women of the Burlington Presbyterian church. On October 20 a convocation of the Seminary Students and Assembly Training School was addressed by Mr. Luke, in the chapel at the Union Theological Seminary.

autumn day on the shores of the beautiful Pacific Ocean; a visit to her childhood farm home high in the coast hills; a visit to an 1100 acre Idaho ranch; a trip to the weird, fascinating Craters of the Moon in Idaho; a drive through the majestic grandeur of Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado; seeing points of interest in Chicago, St. Paul, and Detroit; and other delightful experiences too numerous to mention.

All along the way, good friends were so kind and gracious in the many lovely and thoughtful ways in which they entertained the traveler. The renewal of friendships and the precious Christian fellowship in so many homes were truly heart-warming.

An equally joyous experience was the return to the beautiful mountain country of North Carolina where Miss Acheson was welcomed so warmly by her Carolina friends. She has come back to her work in Glendale Springs Field with new inspiration and resolution to serve the Lord and these friends with renewed zeal.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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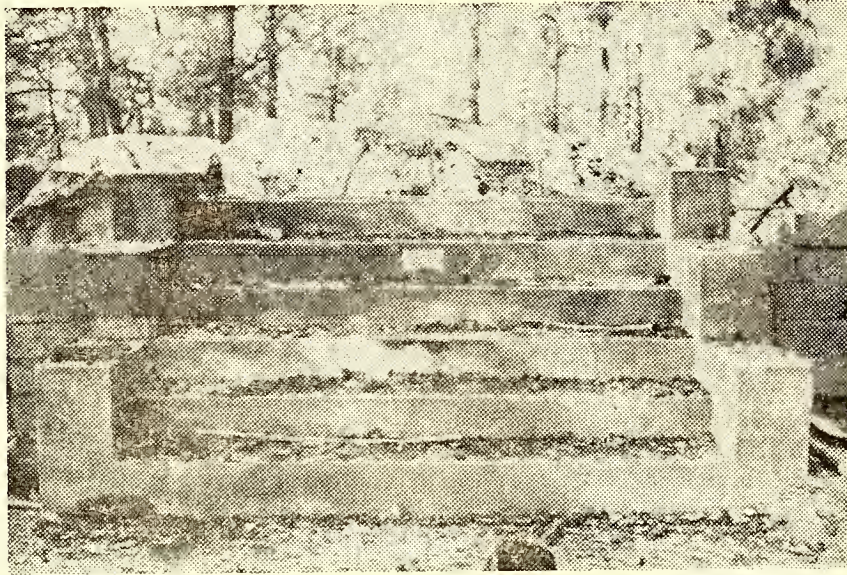
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What remains of Glade Valley dormitory destroyed by fire.

## Dormitory Needed For These Steps At G. V.

In the above picture you will see all that is left of the old girls' dormitory at Glade Valley, for fire demolished this building and left it a twisted mass of pipes, tin, and ashes. The fire caught from the electric switch box while the boys who were occupying this dormitory were playing in the gymnasium. The girls students are now occupying the new building that is being used for the first year.

The steps, which if you could read the brass plate on the front of them, were built by the graduating class of 1927. This class should be proud of their work. It is one thing that was tried by fire and stood the test. I pray that each one in this class may stand the test of the trials of life also. These steps should be a great inspiration to the class of 1927. I think each one in the class of 1927 should take a good picture of these steps and frame it for your own home.

It is a desolate sight to see these steps without a dormitory, now only a twisted mass of burned material lying in ashes where once stood a building that has seen so much of young life and experience, since 1911.

These steps that once led upward to a beloved dormitory now lead no where. Lets put a dormitory to these steps which is so badly needed for the boys. The boys are now crowded into one class room in the administration building, trying to make the best of it. LET'S PUT A DORMITORY TO THE STEPS AND HAVE A PLACE FOR THE BOYS TO LIVE.

## Glade Valley Corner Stone Is Laid

In the last issue of the Ashe Presbyterian, there was an announcement of the program for the corner stone laying and dedication of the new building at Glade Valley School. This program took place Saturday, Sept. 26th. at 11:00 A. M.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees, J. A. Kellenberger, acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Many well known people were introduced, among these Mrs. S. M. Rankin who with her late husband, Rev. Sam Rankin opened the school on January 4, 1911.

Dr. Harold J. Dudley, moderator of the Synod of North Carolina, gave the invocation.

Dr. E. E. Gillespie gave an inspiring address, "Experiences over half a century."

Dr. Jos. H. Carter of Newton, N. C. had charge of the dedication service.

Various articles of value and papers giving history of the school and the building campaign were placed in the corner stone. A King James version of the Bible was also placed in the stone.

After the ceremonies, lunch was eaten in the gymnasium, and friends

## Church Women Meet At Glade Valley

The Women of the Church of North Wilkesboro, and Mount Airy District held a joint Conference in the chapel of Glade Valley School on October 9, 1953, with Glade Valley and Sparta as co-hostess.

The Theme of the program, "Come—Follow Me," was carried out effectively through the Worship Period. The reports of local presidents also the report of Mrs. James Lomax of the Beulah Church, who was a delegate this summer to Women's Training School at Stillman College, were very interesting.

An unusual message on the churches of Europe was given by Mr. H. G. M. Jones, who is a senior at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond. Mr. Jones is from Wales, and has made an extensive study of the churches of Europe.

The North Wilkesboro District was invited to meet at Elkin next year.

met friends and had a good chat with each other.

Mr. E. B. Eldrige, Superintendent of Glade Valley invited everyone to make a tour of the new buildings, which many of the visitors enjoyed.

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## Lansing Churches Have Activities

The church news, relating to the condition, and activities of the church work has been moving along normally, since our last publication of the Ashe Presbyterian.

Preaching services have been held regularly at all preaching places, which includes: Lansing, Foster Memorial, Gillespie, and Stone Chapel. The regularities here mentioned also goes for Sunday School and prayer meetings. The regular attendance for the winter at all of these services has been very heartening, I'm quite sure, our average has exceeded that of past attendance.

The women of the church have met for all stated meetings. The work being done by the women of our Churches, and the remarkable achievements contributing to the good and progress of the Church, is highly praiseworthy. The impact of their contribution is felt, materially, morally and spiritually.

Our Junior Young People organization of the Lansing Church is meeting regularly, with a record-breaking attendance, ranging from thirty-five to forty. This organization is going strong, and gaining increased momentum all the time. This organization is being supervised by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hollenhead.

We sincerely hope that from this fine group of young people, the Lansing Church will be privileged to send out (As this Church has done in the past) a number of young men and women, who will be spiritually qualified to assume that responsibility of spiritual leadership where ever God in his providence may be pleased to call them.

## Active Youth In Glendale Field

New councils were recently elected by the Youth Fellowship in the Glendale Springs field, which consists of Bethel, Laurel Fork, Glendale Springs, Millers and Ebenezer.

Those elected as President of their groups were: Jerry Wyatt, Bill Holbrook, Johnny Luke, Lake Kilby and Bronda Miller. Secretaries elected were: Linda Shepherd, Barbara Jane Miller, Martha Rose Miller, Mary Vannoy and J. L. Darnell.

Those newly elected as treasurers were Jimmy Shepherd, Charlotte Stutts, Mary Kathryn Church, Karen Kilby and Virginia Bowlin. Program  
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## Easter In Three Acts

### ACT I

#### HE WAS PLACED HERE—TOMB

"Then took they the body of Jesus— Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre — There laid they Jesus" John 19:40-42.

### ACT II

#### HE IS NOT HERE—TOMB

"He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." Mt. 28:6.

### ACT III

#### HE IS HERE—LIFE

"She turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing—Rabboni!" "When the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, 'Peace be unto you.'"

"Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord." John 20:19-20.

"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Mt. 28:20.

## Communion Services Planned For Easter

Communion Services will be held in all of the churches in the Glendale Springs Field for the Easter Season. Announcements will be made later of dates and time of each service. We pray that our people shall receive spiritual refreshment by these services.

## Jefferson Calls Jackson As Pastor

The Jefferson Presbyterian church had a congregational meeting on February 28 with the Reverend Mr. W. R. Smith, Jr., the Executive Secretary of Winston-Salem, Presbytery, moderating the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to extend a call to Mr. J. R. "Bob" Jackson, who will be graduated from the seminary in Richmond in May. Mr. Jackson is a Davidson graduate and he has his M. A. from the University of North Carolina. He was married last August to the former Mary Naomi Day of Martinsburg, W. Va. Mr. Jackson has been doing his field work in the First Presbyterian church in Martinsburg, W. Va. under Dr. S. R. Diehl. The Jefferson congregation has voted to remodel the manse and to have it ready when Mr. and Mrs. Jackson arrive the first of June. Mr. Jackson will also serve Low Gap and Big Ridge churches.

## Open House Held At New Manse

The congregation of the West Jefferson Presbyterian church had "open house" at the new manse on Friday night, February 26. An invitation was extended to the local churches and to the friends of the Presbyterian church. The manse is an eight room house with two baths and it is red brick. Mr. Russell Barr served as chairman of the building committee and Mr. J. Ivan Miller and Mr. J. T. McLaurin were co-chairmen of the finance committee. Mrs. Guy Denney served as secretary and treasurer of the finance.

### NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Rumble and their son, Jeffery have been accepted into the W. J. Presbyterian church by letter from the ARP church in Statesville. Miss Helen Trivette has also been received from the Laurel Springs Baptist by statement of her faith. We are very happy to have these new members in our church family.

## Date To Remember

Stated meeting of Winston-Salem Presbytery at the First Church of Winston-Salem, May 4, 1954.

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J. W. Luke

### HOW COINS AND STAMPS CAN TALK FOR GOD

In the year of 1864, when it seemed as if the union would almost be destroyed, a minister, Rev. Mr. Watkinson, suggested to the Secretary of the Treasury, Salmon P. Chase, that our coins should reflect to the world and to future generations, that we are and were a Christian and Godly nation.

Before 1864 trite and smart slogans appeared upon our coins, but at the suggestion of Rev. Mr. Watkinson, our fine coin slogan of today, "In God We Trust," was finally selected by Mr. Chase, and inscribed upon the large two cent piece of the year 1864. This slogan became a well known inscription upon all silver coins of the United States, and now adorns all the coins of our country.

Last year, Rep. Louis C. Rabant of Michigan, introduced a bill in Congress to authorize the use of the motto, "In God We Trust" on postal cancellations. He points out the use of the above motto, would cause it to go all over the world, and even crash the iron curtain, and perhaps bring new hope among down trodden people.

The reason that Rev. Mr. Watkinson suggested putting a Godly motto upon our coins was because of the condition of our nation at that time. Conditions looked dark indeed, as it was the seventh month of the terrible Civil War that almost tore our beloved United States apart. We are told that the situation of our country was so dark that it left a heavy burden upon the heart and soul of Mr. Watkinson. This burden for his country prompted this minister to suggest the use of a motto recognizing God and our trust in Him.

Today, many of our leaders, as well as our citizens are burdened with the condition of the world and the condition of our nation.

What are the conditions of our nation? Mr. Edgar Hoover, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation announced that the greatest crime wave that has ever spread over our

nation was now just beginning. Parallel with the crime wave, we see one of the greatest church building and membership programs progressing at the same time.

Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen of Union Theological Seminary points out this fact. "Religion is gaining ground — morality is losing ground." "Time Magazine," states that "Churches possess a larger, and wider allegiance than ever before — crime, alcoholism, divorce, sexual laxity are on the alarming increase." Statements and facts like these should burden everyone of our people.

Before the kingdoms of Israel and Judah fell, conditions were much the same among the Jews. In Isaiah 1:10-17, God speaks to his people of just such a condition. In the midst of treading His temples, (church going), He abhors lifting up bloody hands in prayer when their lives are full of sin. He expresses disgust with the religiosity of people, and called for repentance and returning to him in heart. Our nation needs this warning and message, more than any other, for our times.

We read of our "back to God" movements. We read of the annual Christian Prayer Breakfast, in which President Eisenhower, Vice-President Nixon, Senator Frank Carlson, Chief Justice Earl Warren, and many other sincere leaders of our nation make their public commitment of their Christian Faith in God. I believe these leaders would like to see their influence and their example have a deeper effect upon the people of the nation. I believe there is a way to make their influence felt by every person in our nation — outside of their sincere prayer for our people. This is my suggestion.

My suggestion is to put a more vital spiritual message for the times, on our coins, and to put this same message on stamps and on postal cancellation. The slogan that has been used since 1864, "In God We Trust" is a fine one, but it has become somewhat threadbare. Our people hardly ever read it, and smugly say, We are safe, 'In God We Trust.'

In the horrible shadows of sin and crime hovering over our nation, are our people trusting in God? In the dependence upon wealth and money, are our people trusting in God? In our reliance upon super weapons of war, are our people trusting in God?

Ezekiel called upon his people in their day of sin with God's message, "As I live saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: Turn Ye, Turn Ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O House of Israel?" Ez. 3:11.

Isaiah cries to his people in his day in the name of the Lord, "Let him return the Lord and He will abundantly pardon." Is. 55:7.

Today the people of America need to hear the call of the prophets again. They need to hear the warning and call, "Return to your God." Our people need to be reminded of their crime and sin. We need to be called back to our God in whom we say we trust.

I would suggest that we place upon our coins, stamps, and postal cancellation the ancient call of the prophets

of God, "RETURN TO GOD IN WHOM WE TRUST." Some one suggested to me this message, "IN GOD WE MUST TRUST."

What ever fresh, good slogan might be inscribed upon these mediums of exchange, it should call our people back to God.

I believe many of our Godly leaders in responsible positions want their influence and example for God to go through ought the whole nation. I believe that if that new inscription, say perhaps, "Return to God in Whom We Trust," were placed upon the mediums which our people handle daily, that there will be a wonderful chain of reactions set off by it, not only within our own country but in the nations of the world.

The press will write millions of words about this new slogan. The commuters will mention it again and again. The television will use the new slogan many times. The citizens of our nations will discuss in the home, on the street, in the store and in the field. The priest, and the preacher will have a new opening to call our people back to God and warn them of their sins.

I would offer to the Godly leaders of our nation this suggestion I have named above, that our people may be called back to God through the medium of our coins, stamps and postal cancellations by inscribing a fresh message upon them — "Return To God In Whom We Trust."

This editorial is written with a prayer to God through his Son, Jesus Christ, that some one with Godly zeal and authority may see fit to follow the suggestion above, so that many will turn from sin unto God with repentant hearts.

### DID YOU KNOW

That eight out of ten American young people do not attend Sunday School or church? That Sin Clubs organized in some high schools usher American teen-agers into gross corruption? That New York State is spending over a million dollars a year to rehabilitate teen-age drug addicts? That the United States expects a fifty per cent rise in juvenile delinquency in the next ten years? (Copy — "The Church Militant")

### DIVORCE

The following statistics resulted from a recent study of 12,000 divorce cases: In 6.4 per cent of the cases, both parties were Roman Catholic; in 6.8 per cent, both parties were Protestant; in 15.2 per cent, one was Protestant and one Catholic; and in 71.6 per cent, there was no church affiliation. (Watchman Examiner.)

### RULE FOR RIGHT LIVING

"I shall pass through this world but once, Any good therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer it nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

# The Faith Of Dr. Frank W. Price

By Russel Burns

During the Conference on Evangelism in Raleigh, I had the opportunity to talk with our Moderator, Dr. Frank W. Price, about the chances of his coming to the North Wilkesboro area sometime during the summer and speak to us about his experiences in China and also with the communists. He had to refuse because of the heavy schedule, but he expressed a desire to come.

I have been a long admirer of Dr. Price and I envy his faith. In his life you can see the genuine love for Jesus Christ and his fellowman, and a sincerity and humanity which are difficult to express. We must admire a man who has had so many honors and accomplishments in his life and who continues to accomplish things and to serve his Lord and his fellowman, and yet remain as humble as he is. Dr. Price now holds the highest position in our Presbyterian church and that is Moderator. He and Mrs. Price were the last missionaries from our Presbyterian church to leave China after they were released by the communists in October, 1952. He has been the lecturer at many of our seminaries and colleges. He is an author and one of his books is titled "As The Lighting Flashes." He was an assistant to the Chinese Delegation for the organizational meeting of the UN in San Francisco in 1945.

One of the first places at which Dr. Price spoke, after he arrived in this country, was the seminary in Richmond. His address to the students of the Training School and the Seminary was a dynamic and inspiring one. He ended his talk by thanking the students and his friends who were present for praying for their return, and then he said, "if we had not returned your prayers would have still been answered."

It is obvious that one must know and be close to the Lord Jesus to be able to make such a statement in sincerity as Dr. Price did on that unforgettable day.

Let us pray that God will continue to use this, His man, in furthering His Kingdom here on earth.

## BOY SCOUT ACTIVE

Scout week, Feb. 7-13 was a week of activity for the boys. A Court of Honor was held at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church service on the night of Feb. 7 in which Scouter Gale McMillan presented second class badges to Scout Robert Joins, James Joins, Charles Norman, Ray Snyder and James Hollaway. Other Tenderfoot badges were presented to new scouts. A beautiful hymn was rendered by the girls choir of the church. The pastor preached on "David the King with a Scout Spirit."

## LEES-McRAE CHOIR TO SING

A portion of the choir from Lees-McRae College at Banner Elk, N. C. will take part in the morning service at W. J. Presbyterian Church and also at the evening services at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church on May 2nd. Mrs. Elma Randall is the director the choir and she will make the trip to Ashe County with the group.

## LENDALE GROUP HEARS PARKWAY RANGER

At a meeting of the Men's Christian fellowship club Saturday, it was pointed out by Park Ranger Surry, that Glendale Springs has a wonderful opportunity to develop tourist trade.

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## Announcement Is Made For Revivals

A series of revival services has been planned for the W. J. Presbyterian Church from April 5 through 11th with Dr. M. O. Sommers of the First Presbyterian Church in Kingsport, Tenn. Dr. Sommers is the former pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Raleigh. Dr. Sommers preached here in Ashe County during his student days. The services will start Monday night, the 5, and will close with the sacraments of the Lord's Supper and baptism. On Saturday night, the 10, Dr. Sommers will have Youth Night and an invitation is being extended to all the young people. A social will follow in the basement of the church after the service.

Dr. R. H. Stone will be in charge of a revival at the Obids Presbyterian Church from May 17 to the 23. Dr. Ham Stone is well known through out Ashe county and he refers to Ashe county as the "Garden of Eden," and he has remarked that when he retires that he and Mrs. Stone will return to Ashe county to make their home.

## Glendale Group At Conference

The following people attended the Evangelistic Conference at Raleigh, on Feb. 17 and 18. Miss Flossie Miller from Millers church, Mrs. Agnes DeBose, Miss Evelyn Acheson, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Luke from Glendale Springs. They enjoyed the wonderful inspiration of the conference and met many new friends and enjoyed seeing old ones.

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## Glendale Springs Bible Schools

Ebenezer, Monday, May 24 through Tuesday, June 1; Glendale Springs, Thursday, June 3 through Friday, June 11; Peak Creek, Monday, June 21 through Tuesday, June 29; Laurel Fork, Thursday, July 1 through Friday, July 9; Millers, Monday, July 19 through Tuesday, July 27; Bethel, Thursday, July 29 through Friday, August 6.

### THE CURSE OF LIQUOR

"I went down to old Lady Bill Penitentiary in Kentucky one afternoon," says Sam Morris, in the Virginia Challenge. "Nine men were in the death cells waiting to be electrocuted in the big old hot chair across the aisle. I put my hand through the bars in one cell, made myself acquainted with the next man, one by one. Eight out of the nine people who were electrocuted from those cells committed their crimes while they were under the influence of liquor."

## Wedding At Glendale Springs Church

On Saturday, January 16th, at 7 o'clock, Miss Marie Atwood and Mr. Virgil McBride were united in marriage at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church. The Bride's former pastor, the Rev. John W. Luke, performed the double ring ceremony.

Marie was one of our most faithful members at the Ebenezer church before her graduation from Jefferson high school in 1951. Since that time she continued to worship faithfully in Washington, D. C., where she was employed by the FBI.

The young couple are making their home at present in Jackson, Mississippi, where the groom has entered college since his recent discharge from the U. S. Navy.

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# Hold Conference On Evangelism

The Conference on Evangelism which was held in the City Auditorium in Raleigh was a great success. The Subcommittee of Evangelism of the Church Extension Committee of the Synod must be congratuated for the fine job they did in planning the first conference of this type in the Synod. Those who attended could not have asked for better speakers, we had for those two days. After hearing Dr. W. A. Criswell from the First Baptist Church in Dallas we could understand why he is the pastor of the largest church in the world with nine thousand and six hundred members. Dr. Criswell gave two fine messages, but the first was enjoyed the most by the writer which was entitled "His Ministers a Flame of Fire" was very moving. One of his remarks was that the ministers should put a little fire into their sermons or else throw them into fire. His second message was titled "The Outpouring of the Spirit."

The second speaker was Dr. Albert J. Kissling, the pastor of the Riverside Presbyterian Church at Jacksonville, Florida. His first message was entitled "Persuade or Perish." He stressed the point that we must evangelize or else be destroyed. Throughout his message he kept asking the question "when have you spoken a good word for Jesus?" We were well aware that we have a faith to proclaim after hearing this inspiring message. His second message had as its title "As A Dying Man To Dying Men." In this message the speaker drove the point home that we have just been vaccinated in the name of Christ. Just a mild attack against the real thing."

In closing he said that we should recharge our batteries and go out of here and do our duty. Many of Dr. Kissling's thought provoking words will not be forgotten.

Also on the speakers' stand was Dr. W. H. McCorkle, who is the secretary of the Division of Evangelism with headquarters in Atlanta. His topic was "Every Christian's Task." His message was centered on the thought that the "chief business of the church was to evangelize and for this cause the church existed." Because of the time element Dr. McCorkle did not get to say as much as he wanted.

On Thursday morning Dr. Frank W. Price spoke to us on the subject "Like Hallowed Fire." He called to our attention that one third of the people of the world are not Christians. He referred to the early Christians by saying "if we stand with Christ and the early Christians we must be willing to suffer." He continued by saying that we can only meet communism with our Christian religion. Many of his thoughts and suggestions came from his experiences as a prisoner of

the communists. One of his frank statements was that "our lives must influence and effect others."

It was a wonderful feeling to hear three thousand people singing "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" and in hearing the people sing "Onward, Christian Soldiers" as the closing hymn made everyone feel that he must go out and lift high the cross of Jesus.

We were happy to have the Peace College Choir sing for us on Thursday morning and on Wednesday night. The conference choir was composed of members from different Presbyterian choirs and also the Flora MacDonald Chorus group from Red Springs. We are indebted to Mr. Ralph Buchannan, the Chairman of the Synod Committee of Evangelism and also Mr. Milton Faust, the director of Evangelism, for the Synod's first conference of this kind and also for the hard work which went into making this such a fine meeting.

Those who attended the conference in Raleigh from the West Jefferson

church were Mesdames J. T. McLaurin, R. W. Barr, Rex Morton, Charles Davis. The pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Burns also made the trip.

It was like a family reunion at the conference in Raleigh, for we saw so many old friends and also met so many new folk. The Reverend Mr. W. M. Baker who labored for the Lord in Ashe county some years ago sends his best regards to his many friends. His wife, the former Virginia Kirk, was a school mate of Mrs. Bob Barr. We also met the Reverend Mr. Cecil Callis, the former pastor of the Jefferson church and he too sends his regards to his many friends. We met the Reverend Mr. W. R. Smith, III, the son of our Executive Secretary, Mr. W. R. Smith, Jr. Mr. W. R. The Third is not as tall as his father. Naturally we saw Dr. R. H. "Ham" Stone who looks as young as usual. We are looking forward to Dr. Stone's coming to the Obids church in May.

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## Week Of Prayer At Glendale Church

### OBSERVANCE OF WEEK OF PRAYER AND SELF DENIAL IN GLENDALE SPRINGS FIELD

During the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for World Missions, a motion picture in color entitled, "Mary Reed," will be shown in the churches of the Glendale Springs Field. This picture tells the life story of Methodist missionary Mary Reed, who lived a life of sacrificial devotion to the Lord. She served a lifetime among the lepers in the Himalaya Mountains of India. The film was produced by the American Leprosy Mission. This message, in both word and picture, should prove a splendid climax to a month of emphasis on world missions.

### AMERICA'S SPIRITUAL PLIGHT

People spend eight times more hours at movies than at Sunday school; only one out of twelve persons in our country attends church; seven out of eight children quit church and Sunday-school attendance before they reach fifteen years of age; fifteen million "sex" magazines are printed monthly and read by one-third of the American people; there are more barmaids in this country than college girls; one million—one million—American girls have venereal disease; one hundred thousand girls disappear every year into white slavery; one million illegitimate babies are born annually; there are almost a million illegal abortions performed annually; our nation harbors three times as many criminals as college students; a major crime is committed every twenty-two seconds; an aggravated assault or rape every hour; a murder every forty minutes; there are sixty suicides in our nation daily; two out of three adults, both men and women smoke; three out of ten who start as light drinkers end up drunkards; as a nation we spend about \$750.00 on pleasure, sins, cosmetics and amusements to every dollar given to foreign missions. — J. Edgar Hoover, in Church Chimes.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." (Prov. 14:34) (Church Militant).

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### GOOD FISHING

By H. T. Smith

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Some fish in the ocean,  
some fish in the brook.  
Don't censure the method,  
be it hook or a net.  
The thing most important  
is the fish that we get.  
Some fish with a sermon,  
some fish with a song,  
Some fish on the highway,  
some fish in the throng,  
Some fish with a prayer  
that touches the soul,  
And turneth the wanderer  
back to the fold.  
Don't censure those fishing,  
unless you can show  
A way that is better,  
and ready to go.  
For words are so useless  
a critic so cheap,  
They'll have little value  
when Jesus they meet.

—Goss Memorial.

### SOWING AND REAPING

Sow an act and you reap a habit;  
sow a habit, and you reap a character;  
sow a character, and you reap a destiny.

Boardman

### ACTIVE YOUTH GROUP IN GLENDALE FIELD

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chairmen were Linda Shepherd, Donna Pendry, Martha Rose Miller and Wilma Bowlin.

The jobs of chairman of Christian Witness are to be filled by Claude Shepherd, Joann Pearson, Mary Kathryn Church and Virginia Bowlin. The chairmen of Christian Outreach are Claude Shepherd, Joann Pearson, Virginia Long and Wilma Bowlin.

The chairmen of Christian Faith are: Shirley Vannoy, Betty Sue Woodie, Ella Sue Caudill and Betty Ann Atwood. The new chairmen of Christian Fellowship are: Carol Shepherd, Paul Hart, Peggy Saultz and J. L. Darnell. Chairmen of Christian Citizenship are Nile Wingler, Alfred Cox, Johnny Luke and Pauline Roten.

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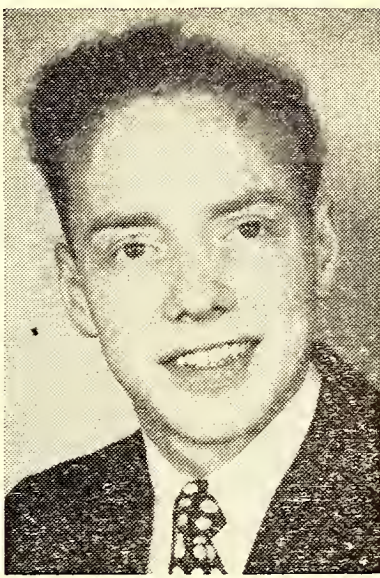
## Rev. J. R. Jackson Is Jefferson Pastor

The Rev. James R. Jackson was installed as pastor of the Jefferson, Low Gap and Big Ridge Presbyterian churches on Sunday June 12, when the installation sermon was preached by the Rev. R. H. Stone, a former pastor of the churches.

The charge was given to the congregation by the Rev. W. R. Smith Jr., of Reynolda church, Winston-Salem. The charge was given to the new minister by the Rev. John Luke, pastor of the Glendale Springs church.

Mr. Jackson received his B. A. degree from Davidson college, his M. A. degree, from the University of North Carolina and this Spring received his B. D. degree from Union Theological seminary in Richmond Va. For two years he was principal of the Fassifern school in Hendersonville.

Mrs. Jackson, is the former, Miss Mary Naomi Day, of Martinsburg, W. Va. The couple is now making their home in the Jefferson Presbyterian manse.



REV. J. R. JACKSON who was installed as pastor of the Jefferson group of churches, June 13.

## Bible School And Revival At Glendale

The Glendale Bible School and revival were in progress as this information went to press. The opening dates were June 3rd and were to have continued until June 11, God being willing.

Rev. R. S. Balnicky, the pastor of the Troy Presbyterian church was the evangelist preaching in this revival. Miss Virginia Smith from Charlotte, was the pianist and also teacher in the Bible School. Miss Smith has been a visiting teacher in our Bible Schools for several seasons, and we enjoy having Virginia in our field whenever she can come. Other teachers that worked in the Bible School were Mrs. Agnes DeBose, Miss Evelyn Acheson, Mrs. Herbert Bare, Miss Kathryn Church, Miss Virginia Long, Miss Frances Luke and the pastor, J. W. Luke. We were also glad to  
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## Activity Shown In Lansing Churches

By Rev. G. M. Hollenhead

For the past three months, the people of the Lansing community have manifested increased interest, which is very encouraging. These marks of interest have been thus indicated by increased attendance at preaching services, Sunday School, prayer meetings, and all other services pertaining to the church's activities.

The Women of the Church of Lansing are doing a very gratifying and magnificent work. For instance, a junior and senior banquet was given by the Women of the church at the Lansing high school cafeteria. The proceeds of this supper were generously applied by the women, on the indebtedness on the newly installed furnace in our church. The amount applied was \$83.00.

Our Vacation Bible School began June 7. These schools covered the entire Lansing church field. The time for this coverage will take the months of June and July. We hope to have Miss Christine Maloney, a senior of the Flora Macdonald College, with us for the Bible Schools this summer. We welcome her. Then, too, we will be conducting a series of revival services at the same time of the Bible School in each church, the pastor doing the preaching. At the close of each morning Bible School session, the pastor will address the young folks for twenty minutes, then will conduct regular preaching services at night.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend these services, especially the night services.

## GLENDALE WILL HAVE SPECIAL CORNER STONE

The Rein Brothers of North Wilkesboro are now in the process of fashioning a stone for the Glendale

Spring Presbyterian Church. This stone is to be placed in the corner of the building. On this stone will be carved the name of the church, the date of organization, the date of building, and the verse; "Jesus Christ being the chief corner stone." This stone will soon be placed in position.



THE LIBRARY AT GLADE VALEY is popular. Reading from left to right: Helen Thompson, Carleene Bovender, Stacy Cocker, Bonnie Burrows. Mae Sheets, Mike Miller, Gloria Warden, Marie Bare and Mildred McKinney. (Alleghany News Photo)

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## EDITORIAL

### Rev. Russell Burns

I am very glad that God is letting me live now, rather than to have lived fifty years ago. I am glad that I am a young person, like you, for much challenges us as young people. We are the future of Ashe county, the future of our country, and of our world-community.

We must do a much better job in the world today than the present adults have done. Unless we are dedicated to the cause of Christ we will perish at the rate we are living. We are an empty generation. We are living, but we are just drifting. We are living with no destiny in mind. Some of us do not know what we believe. We are confused and bewildered. We are not happy.

We pay movie and television comedians great salaries to make us laugh. We do not know how to entertain ourselves, so we get others to make us laugh. We are empty. We have made little gods out of movie people in Hollywood.

We are a restless generation. We must have something going on at all times. We are scared to death of silence. We have forgotten how to pray and to use those moments in silence. If we are asked to pray, we have to write down the prayer. If we are asked to describe God, we are lost. Some of us live as if God does not live at all, and as if we will never have to face Him on Judgement Day.

We have denied God by the way that we live. We have denied the fundamentals of life. God is very fundamental to all of us. As I have said before, many times, God is as important to us as the very air that we breathe. This is God's world. He made it and He made us.

We are victims of modern living. We have become lazy and shiftless. We expect our parents and our teachers to do everything for us. We also have taken on that attitude of the government taking care of us from the cradle to the grave.

We point with pride to our forefathers who made this country: men

such as Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, Benjamin Franklin, James Monroe, and Abraham Lincoln. We should hang our heads in shame when we refer to these men, because we have denied the eternal truths for which they worked, sweated and died. We sing our National Anthem with the closing words, "the land of the free, and the home of the brave." Or we stand and give the pledge to the flag, "with liberty and justice for all." We are Pharisees for we do not mean what we profess!

Some folk have been calling President Eisenhower names because he appointed a Negro to his cabinet, and yet those people call themselves "lovers of freedom." Such people do not believe in the eternal truths for which America stands. They are adults who have not yet grown up. They are still thinking as children by condemning a person because he is not just like they.

Young People! We must dedicate ourselves to Jesus Christ or we will perish. There are more problems facing us today as young people than any generation ever before us. As the youth of our world-community we have more problems to solve and more decisions to make than the adults.

First, you must decide whether you are going to dedicate your lives to Jesus, whether you are going to worship God in all sincerity and truthfulness, or whether you are going to ignore God like so many are doing at the present.

The second decision you must make is what vocation you will choose for your life work. Choose the vocations which are Christian. We need honest men and women today. So choose vocations in which you can be useful and helpful to God and your fellow-man.

The third decision you must make is with whom you will spend your life. Whom shall you marry? This one and only can make or break your life, so take it to the Lord in prayer before you make your decision.

Then, we must not only bring peace to our one world, but we must solve the economic and social problems before us. Today, more people are living longer, which means more food must be produced to feed everyone. Then, too, we must have more places of employment. But we see our industries becoming more mechanized which means more problems for the employees. Problems such as, shorter working hours and more unemployment are confronting us.

With shorter working hours we run again into the problem of more free-time, which means more time to think and to be spent in silence. What are we going to do with all this free time and hours of silence? We must not waste our time reading the comics and watching soap and horse operas on television.

We must select the best and live with it and die for it. What is the best? The answer is very plain. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the answer to all our needs and problems. When I say that Jesus is the answer, it is not just preacher's talk, but the truth. I tell you what! I double dare you to examine Jesus and see for yourselves that He is the answer to our problems.

At this time we are desperate, for

time is drawing short and we have to work fast. We have a lot of Christ-like living to do in a very short time. We have weapons in the world-community which we are not capable of controlling, for we have lost our sense of decency and the dignity of man. The question might well be asked, "when are men going to grow up?" It seems so silly to fight each other and to shoot to kill and take that which only God can give, and that is the breath of life. Under the crucial conditions in the world, we must work together and stop questioning the integrity of others. We need to work for the common cause, or else we are cutting our own throats.

The salvation of our country does not rest in the Republican or the Democratic party. The future of America is in the hands of the Christian young people . . . note that I said "Christian." We must rise up as men of God and have as our goal and ideal, the Son of God, Jesus Christ. I urge you, I beg you, to raise the dignity of man. Be men and women who are full of integrity, character, and the Spirit of Christ.

You ask, "but what can I do here?" There is plenty to do. First, live your best for Jesus. Jesus only wants the best that you can give. Second, keep America strong. As long as the State of Illinois can give us an Abe Lincoln, who came out of a log cabin (let us remember that he did not stay in it), and the State of Kansas can give us a bare-foot farm boy named Dwight Eisenhower, our America will remain strong.

There are some people in our country who want the government to take care of them and such people are living selfishly. I hate this lazy man's philosophy of the last twenty years that the government owes all of us a living. Instead of the government owing us a living, we owe the government our blood, sweat and tears.

Let us never forget that our forefathers had a devotion and love for our country which has made it rich in heritage. Our nation needs a new vision and without it we will perish. We must rise up with a new sense of responsibility and mission to lead our country back to the ways of God.

The church of Jesus Christ offers the only hope for world peace. Too many of us have failed to see what the church can do for the world as well as for our individual lives. Our Lord Jesus extends to us today the same invitation as He did two thousand years ago: "Follow Me And I Will Make You Become." Many have accepted that invitation to follow Jesus and they have become completely new individuals. The Apostle Paul was a Jew and he accepted Christ. Tolstoi, a Russian writer, was changed through Jesus. Kagawa, the great Japanese Christian leader, has helped millions because Christ helped him. Starr Dailey, the nationally known ex-convict, became a new man because he accepted Jesus.

I could go on naming people who have become new creatures in Christ Jesus. We must dedicate our lives, young people, with all the energy, and all the red blood that we have for the cause of Christ.

Jesus is calling you now . . . "Follow Me and I will make you become."

## W. J. Presbyterian Bible School Held

The Vacation Church School was held at the West Jefferson Presbyterian church and at the Obids Presbyterian church from June 7 to 18. The school was in the morning at West Jefferson and in the afternoon at Obids.

The young people of the West Jefferson church have planned an overnight retreat to be held the latter part of June. The purpose of this retreat is to take the young people away so they may discuss their problems and plan their programs in their organization.

The W. J. church is very proud of Miss Linda Reeves, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Reeves, who has been appointed co-chairman of the North Wilkesboro District for the Winston-Salem Presbytery Youth Council. Linda attended the training school for a week at Flora Macdonald College at Red Springs for the Presbytery and synod youth officers from June 7 to the 12.

In April the W. J. Presbyterian church was honored to have for a week, Dr. M. O. Sommers, from the First Presbyterian church at Kingsport, Tenn. There were three received into the church: Mrs. William Mullis and her daughter, Mary, both on profession of faith. Mrs. J. H. Gwyn, Jr. was received by transfer of her membership from the Reynolda Presbyterian church in Winston-Salem.

In May the Reverend R. H. Stone, the former pastor and builder of many churches in Ashe county, was the guest minister at the Obids Presbyterian church. There were two received into the church on profession of faith and they were Misses Ann and Sandra Gentry, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Gentry.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Burns will spend a week at the Church Extension Conference at Montreat in August.

### Did You Know?

That eight out of ten American young people do not attend Sunday school or church? That Sin Clubs organized in some high schools usher American teenagers into gross corruption? That New York State is spending over a million dollars a year to rehabilitate teen-age drug addicts? That the United States expects a fifty per cent rise in juvenile delinquency in the next ten years?

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## Improvements In Glendale Field

The Bethel church has been interested in developing a cemetery near the church. After a discussion on a Sunday night service in May, it was decided to clear off the hillside near the church and by use of a bulldozer, terrace the land for a suitable burying place. The work of clearing has begun and money is being raised for this work.

Ebenezer church has been stained within and the yard has been sowed in grass. We hope we shall soon have a green church yard.

Glendale Springs church has improved their grounds in several ways. Hemlock and white pine trees have been planted around the border of the property. Purple and pink rhododendran have been set out around the church. Cement walls and walks have been completed on the rear and side of the church to protect the foundation, and to provide a suitable path to the basement. The play ground at the back of the church has been doubled in size by grading. Grass will be planted on this very soon to hold the freshly graded earth, and to make a nice green playground.

The manse at Glendale Springs has been freshly painted, and the house is much improved by two coats of paint carefully put on by Lonnie Bare.

## Glade Valley's 1954 Highlights

Use of the new buildings for first time.

Burning of the boys' dormitory.

The inspirational meetings conducted by the Reverends Pollock, last fall, and Edwards this spring.

Going home for the holidays at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

## Religion

The loss of popular respect for religion is the dry rot of social institutions. The idea of God as the Creator and Father of all mankind is in the moral world, what gravitation is in the natural; it holds all together and causes them to revolve around a common center. Take this away, and men drop apart; there is no such thing as collective humanity, but only separate molecules, with no more cohesion than so many grains of sand. —H. M. Field.

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## Rev. W. R. Smith Resigns Duties

We are sure the "Ashe Presbyterian" expresses the feelings of the Home Mission men of the Winston-Salem Presbytery, when it expresses its regrets at the resignation of "Shorty Smith" as Executive Secretary for the Home Mission Committee. We felt that "Shorty" had experienced many of our problems, and was always sympathetic in dealing with us in his executive capacity.

Mr. Smith left the position of executive with all home mission pulpits supplied with men and the fields in good condition. As Mr. Smith leaves the above named position, we are glad he has not left Winston-Salem Presbytery, but remains as a pastor of the Reynolda Presbyterian church. Our good wishes and prayers go with "Shorty" as he takes up the pastorate again.

## Meeting Concluded At Ebenezer Church

Rev. Russell Kerr gave a series of splendid messages during the Ebenezer revival which was held from May 17 to 25. The pastor, Rev. John W. Luke, also brought fine messages on the two nights when Mr. Kerr was unable to be present.

Evon Lyall and Marietta Miller professed Christ as saviour during these services.

Daily vacation Bible school was conducted every morning during this period of time with a good attendance. An exceptionally large proportion of the boys and girls were perfect in their attendance. In charge of the beginner class was Virginia Bowlin, Wilma Bowlin and Inis Farrington; the primary class was taught by Evelyn Acheson; the junior class by Mrs. Herbert Bare and Martha Rose Miller; and the young people's class by the pastor who also directed the school.

## Change In Pledge To Flag Is Made

Attention is called to the fact that the official pledge of the Allegiance to the flag is changed to "Under God."

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## Seniors Honored In Glendale Field

The Glendale Springs Youth Fellowship sponsored a supper in honor of the high school graduates in the Glendale Springs Field. This affair was held in the Glendale Springs school. Our honored guests included: seniors Wade Rose, Claude Shepherd, Frank Baker and Billy Royal; the guest speaker, Dr. R. H. Stone and Miss Kathryn Hunt from Charlotte; pastor, Dr. John W. Luke and Mrs. Luke and the Glendale young people's Sunday school teacher, Delmer Rose and Mrs. Rose.

Johnnie Luke, Fellowship president, presided. Mr. Luke conducted some singing and games. Two numbers were sung by Grace Caudill, Wanda Darnell, Billy Faye Combs, and Eula Faye Sheets. Both the pastor and Sunday school teacher gave brief messages to the seniors followed by the main inspirational address by Dr. Stone.

The mothers of the young people generously donated the food for the supper. We are grateful to Mrs. E. W. Lyle and Mrs. Ted Caudill, who gave of their time in helping to prepare and serve the meal.

## Congratulations To Graduates

We heartily congratulate these young people from the Glendale Springs Field, who are among the 1954 high school graduates. We pray God's blessing on all of this group as they make decisions for their future.

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## Town Of Lansing Holds Election

On May 4th, the town of Lansing was legally and officially incorporated. The officials elected to serve the town are: Mayor, P. W. England; aldermen, Preston Powers, Roey Hart, Tom Goss, Fred Welch, Hugh Sapp and town clerk, Walter Osborne. Some of the things we hope to gain by this movement are to get our front streets widened, our back streets paved, and a more orderly parking system on our front streets.

We hope in the very near future to have an up-to-date Volunteer Fire Department set up and in operation. A new fire truck and equipment has been purchased, and the fire department has been organized. The officers of the newly organized fire department are: Fire Chief, Tom Goss; assistant chief, Preston Powers; captain, Roey Hart; treasurer, Ray Blewins.

## Charlotte Group Conducts Meeting

Miss Janet Robinson, Bible teacher from Central high school in Charlotte and four young people were the guests on Saturday, May 15, at a special young people's meeting at Glendale Springs church. Thirty-two young people from the field attended.

The program began at 2 o'clock with a song service and Bible Study followed by recreation, supper together at the church, another Bible study and songfest, with the day concluding with a consecration service.

This was a real spiritual feast for our young people for the presence of Christ was keenly felt throughout the service. So many said later how much the day had meant to them and expressed their desire to walk more closely with the Lord Jesus because of this precious experience.

"We are indeed grateful to Miss Robinson and to 'Stella, Grace, Guy, and Gus' for their part in giving us a new vision of Christ and Christian living," Mr. Luke said.

## MOXLEY DEMONSTRATES NEW TYPE ORGAN

A great addition to the revival music at Glendale Springs is the demonstration of the Organo, manufactured by the Lowrey Organ Division of the Central Commercial Industries, Chicago, Ill.

Tom Moxley, of Laurel Springs, is representative salesman of this company, and has placed one of these musical instruments in our church for demonstration. We hope many representatives from small churches will

## Boy Scouts Active In Glendale Field

The Boy Scout Troop 115 sponsored by the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church has been very active this spring.

Twenty-six of the boys went to the Jamboree at Raven Knob for a three day camp. The boys enjoyed the program put on by the Old Hickory Council for them there. The most interesting part of the program was the camp fire event and the interesting program given by Uncle Otto Hornung, the 78 year old pioneer scouter.

Some of the boys are looking forward to summer camp at Raven Knob later this summer.

The Scoutmaster, J. W. Luke, who is also an Old Hickory Council representative, attended the National Council at Washington, D. C. on May 28 and 29.

come in and see and hear this instrument as it seems ideal for medium and small size churches.

## Final Question

At the end of life we shall not be asked how much pleasure we had in it; not how much service we gave in it; not how full it was of success, but how full it was of sacrifice; not how happy we were, but how helpful we were; not how ambition was gratified, but how love served.

—Hugh Black

"When it seems hardest to pray, pray hardest"

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Glade Valley's 1954 Graduates and Faculty. Reading from left to right: First row — Miss Loggans, Margaret Pickard, Carleene Bovender, Gladys Culler, Helen Thompson and Miss Glenn. second row — Mrs. Houck, Marie Bare, F. A. Greene, Larry Hickman, Jane Taylor and Mrs. Cocker; third row — Miss Corry, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Johnson, and Mrs. Bledsoe.

(Alleghany News Photo)



**GLENDALE REPRESENTED AT PIONEER CONCLAVE**

Twelve girls, two from each of the churches of the Glendale Springs Field and Miss Evelyn Acheson attended the Pioneer Conclave held Saturday, May 8, at Asbury church in the Larger Parish. Those who made the trip were: Linda Shepherd and Carol Shepherd from Bethel church; Carol Wayne and Linda Kilby from Millers church; Grace Caudill and Wanda Darnell from Glendale Springs church; Maxine and Lorene Roten from Peak Creek church; Rebecca Jean Pearson and Mary Ellen Woodie from Laurel Fork church and Betty Ann Atwood and Pauline Roten, from Ebenezer church.

**BIBLE SCHOOL AND REVIVAL AT GLENDALE**

(Continued from page 1) have Richard and Barbara Balnicky to attend the Bible School who are visiting with their mother and father in the Glendale Springs community. Mrs. Balnicky also assisted in the Primary class.

The largest attendance in this Bible School is 78. We are hoping we shall have 100 in attendance when the program goes into full swing.

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## Obids Church Has 50th Anniversary

The Obids Presbyterian church celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on July 11 at which time there was a morning service, picnic lunch, and a period of reminiscing. Only one of the living four charter members was present. The funeral of R. S. McNeill, a charter member and a former elder was held on Saturday, the day before the celebration. The burial was in the church cemetery. Mr. McNeill had planned to attend the anniversary celebration.

The service was conducted by Mr. Russell Burns, the student supply pastor, and the following former pastors took part in the service. They were: Dr. John Luke, Glendale Springs; Dr. R. H. Stone, Charlotte; Rev. Wayne Thompson, Glade Valley; Dr. F. E. Gillespie, Greensboro; and Rev. W. P. Boyle, on furlough from missionary service in Japan. Dr. Gillespie preached the sermon.

During the reminiscing period each former pastor recalled the "good old days." Miss Katherine Hunt, former church worker in the county, and Mr. Jessie Baker, an Elder and the only charter member present, spoke of their memories of the Obids church.

Dr. E. E. Gillespie and Dr. John Grey, of Bedford, Va., were the pioneer Presbyterian ministers in Ashe county before the turn of the century. They laid the spiritual foundations for the church. The Rev. Allen Jones was the minister in charge when the church was organized.

The congregation has worshipped in two buildings. The former frame structure overlooking the Obids valley was replaced in 1936 by a brick veneer building.

## Winston - Salem Group Welcomed

July 22 a bus load of business men unloaded at the Glendale Springs school house and were fed by the women of the Christian Fellowship Club. These men were gotten together by Archie K. Davis, General Chairman of the Northwest North Carolina Development Association and Chester Davis, Chairman of Recreation and Travel of that same association.

Both of the above men had been guest speakers at the Glendale Springs Advancement Club.

In touring the county the following places of interest were visited — Glendale Springs (lunch served), Parkway Drive to State Experiment Farm, Ore Knob, Fred Colvard's Farm, Walter's Farm, Sprague Electric Co., Graybeal's Restaurant (delicious punch was served), Kraft Cheese factory (cheese and crackers served), Negro Mtn. (Mt. Jefferson), Beaver Creek consolidated school, and then  
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50TH ANNIVERSARY held at Obids Presbyterian church drew a number of former pastors and other distinguished guests and speakers.

### Think Rightly

"Finally, brethren, Whatsoever things are true, Whatsoever things are honest, Whatsoever things are just, Whatsoever things are pure, Whatsoever things are lovely, Whatsoever things are of good report; If there be any virtue, And if there be any praise, Think on these things.

Phil. 4:8

### Self Controlled

"Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand."

"Let all things be done decently and in order."

1 Cor. 14:40

### Right Spirit

"An excellent spirit was in him . . ."

"Create in me a clean heart O God; and renew a right spirit within me."

Dan. 6:2  
Ps. 51:10

### Right Decision

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Prov. 3:5-6

## West Jefferson Church Is Active

The program of the W. J. Presbyterian church has been running smoothly during the summer months. The young people have been very active this summer. They had two swimming parties at Hungry Mother Park at Marion, Va., and also an over night retreat at the cabin of the Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr. near Boone.

An attendance contest was held in the church Sunday school over a period of six weeks with the pioneers winning the contest with the most new members and the best attendance. These young people were honored on Sunday, September 5, at Mt. Jefferson Park. The losers had to serve the winners.

The young people had as their project last month, painting the basement floor of the church.

Mr. Russell Burns, the student supply pastor, returned on September 7 to Richmond at the seminary for his senior year. The plans are now that he will commute on week ends to preach at the West Jefferson and Obids churches.

## Jefferson Having Services On Wed.

The Jefferson Presbyterian church has begun a series of Wednesday night services. These services will consist of Bible study and prayer. During the next nine months the study will be of the prophets of the Old Testament, and their messages. The series opened in September with a study of the minor prophets. This study is an attempt to become better acquainted with the Old Testament message. Also, a study will be made of Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Isaiah and Daniel.

## Bible Schools Are Well Attended

A fine series of Bible schools and revival services were held this summer in the six churches of the Glendale Springs Field. We wish to express our sincere thanks to the following ministers who made such an earnest effort to win souls to Christ and to strengthen the faith of the Christians during these meetings.

Rev. Russell Burns at Ebenezer; Rev. Robert Balnicky at Glendale Springs; Rev. Abe Aldridge at Millers; Rev. Charles Solomon at Laurel Fork, Peak Creek, and Bethel.

The total enrollment of pupils in the six daily vacation Bible schools was 349. Including the adult workers the enrollment at each school was as follows:

Ebenezer, 49; Glendale Springs, 94; Peak Creek, 84; Laurel Fork, 59; Millers, 56; Bethel, 39.

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## The Spirit Of Decision

### EDITORIAL

"Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide . . ." but in what Spirit!

In the months ahead of us the Presbyterian church in the United States, there are some great decisions to make.

This means each member, each session, each Presbytery, each Synod, and the General Assembly will make decisions that will have a far reaching effect upon the Presbyterian church in the United States, or the Southern Presbyterian church as we are often called. In making such decisions, I would like to write about the spirit in which we argue our side of the questions before us, and the spirit in which we should cast our votes for either side of the questions that may come before our church.

In discussing this question, I will bring before you what I call the wrong spirit of discussion, argument, and even the wrong spirit of closing our minds to God's convictions.

A few years ago I attended the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church U. S. At this assembly the union of the Presbyterian church U. S. A. and the Presbyterian church U. S. had become the prominent subject before our church. The debate was so hot that a limited time was set for each speaker who wished to discuss this question from the floor. Seeing that the argument was so intense, that both sides had become unreasonable and distrustful of the other, I arose to pour a little oil upon troubled waters. I was on neither one side nor the other, and had only spoken a few peaceful words, when I was accosted by some fellow who accused me of being on the opposite side of the question from him, who gave me a raking over the coals as well as the opposing side. I saw then that to stand up and try and say anything was to get your head cut off by either one side or the other. I sat down and thought it wise to pray silently for the worked-up spirits of my brethren.

I dared not pray aloud, as I know I would have been accused of praying for the wrong side. This incident reminded me of what happened in a community in which I have served as minister for a number of years. There were two brothers who fell out with each other. One brother said to the other, "Brother I am going to pray for you." The other brother retorted, "Yes, and I am going to pray the Lord He won't hear your prayers."

Such anger of spirit should not be shown or felt among Christian Brothers in deciding the affairs of a Loving Heavenly Father.

I would like some of the brothers to make this test. As you go about your Christian Brothers, ask this question to persons on either side of the questions before our church: If the vote of our church is contrary to the side which you believe is right, do you believe it is the leading of the Holy Spirit? I asked this question and the answer came back, "I do not believe that a vote contrary to . . . I believe would be the leading of the Holy Spirit."

I may believe very strongly for my side of the questions before us, but if the vote of the church is contrary to my belief, I can see that perhaps God in His wisdom is answering the prayers of us all and leading us in a way by his Holy Spirit, even though it may be contrary to my convictions.

Another spirit of distrust that I have noted is this. In attending various courts, such as Presbyteries, Synods, and General Assemblies, I have noted that one side or the other will say about the other side. "They have formed a clique and are trying to run things or are trying to block this action." Frankly there are cliques on both sides of questions before our church today. "The kettle cannot call the pot black." Are we honestly trusting each other and are we fair to each other. Christ said if some do not treat us justly, not retaliate.

In the criticism I have given above — I hope I am not too severe — I notice that the spirit of decision is not one of brotherly love, it is often distrustful of others, it is often the spirit of unfairness and retaliation, it is often the shut mind decision that others are all wrong, that the Holy Spirit even cannot lead our church to make a decision contrary to my own convictions. Too often we are like what Paul says, we are like the Christians who fight the air, and not controlled in spirit, feelings, and actions.

What I feel we need more of is expressed in a story I wish to relate here.

The late Elder A. R. Vail of the Jefferson Presbyterian church who has gone to his rest, tells the following incident, which I have not forgotten and which I want to pass on to the readers of this paper:

In the days when Winston-Salem Presbytery was a part of Orange Presbytery, two or three elders from the far remote county of Ashe, were making their way to the meeting of Presbytery which I believe was to be in Thomasville. Mr. Vail stated that in those days it was quite a journey to make this trip. In those days the trip had to be made by buggy or by train. On the way the journey must be broken by a night in a hotel. The

travelling elders registered in a convenient hotel on the way for night's lodging, and after supper, many of the men gathered in the lobby of the hotel to talk. What we would call today, "A bull session." While many were telling jokes and tales of amusement, the men in the lobby heard a knocking about in the room above. A steady mumbling was going on, and more clumping about on the floor above. Mr. Vail said, he went up stairs to see what was the matter. When he entered the room above the lobby, he saw Elder John Burgess of the Ebenezer church. Mr. Burgess was a large, clumsy man, and was said to be the first Presbyterian that we know about baptised in Ashe county. Mr. Burgess was a man of deep conviction. As I remember him, God was very real to him, and his faith was like that of a Stonewall Jackson. What was this man of God doing? He was down on his knees praying earnestly to God that his Heavenly Father would make him worthy to be an attending Elder to the Presbytery. He was so in earnest that his large feet would clump on the floor as he swayed in emotion as he prayed aloud to God, that he might be made a worthy commissioner to Orange Presbytery. As Mr. Vail expressed it, while we were down stairs cracking jokes and telling tales, Elder Burgess was up stairs pleading with God to make him worthy as an elder to be a commissioner to his Presbytery.

If our ministers and elders and commissioners will do more of what John Burgess was doing, I feel sure we shall settle our controversial questions with the right spirit — the spirit that is controlled by God's Holy Spirit. There are no problems so great and baffling that God in His wisdom cannot help our church make the right decisions. God has said, "If we lack wisdom, we shall ask it." He has said again, "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths." Our church needs at this time more men with the humble spirit of Elder John Burgess, bless his big, consecrated heart!

## Glendale Students Go To Colleges

We wish each of these young people from the Glendale Springs Field God's richest blessing as they go away to school.

Charles Caudill and Don Tucker to North Carolina State College.

Shirley Caudill, Mary Frances Luke, and Peggy Jo Miller to Montreat College.

Mae Sheets, Doris Woodie, Evon Lyall, Betty Anne Atwood, and Kenneth Hunt to Glade Valley school.

## WINSTON-SALEM GROUP VISITS ASHE COUNTY

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supper at the new Methodist church at Baldwin. The men then boarded the bus and headed back to Winston-Salem.

Ashe county enjoyed playing host to these fine men from Winston-Salem, and we hope they will return.

## Special Services At Big Ridge Sun.

The Big Ridge Presbyterian church is now holding Sunday evening services at six o'clock for the young people of the Big Ridge section. The program consists of hymn singing, followed by a Bible study, in the Gospel of John, a period of recreation and fellowship, and then refreshments.

In the Bible study, a Bible study notebook is being made with the emphasis being on the subject, "Who Jesus Is And What He Has Done For Me." All young people are cordially invited to attend. So far the attendance has been around 30 each Sunday night.

## Road To Miller's Church Improved

The people of the Miller's community greatly appreciated the work that was done on the road to the church. The highway department was improving the road in the community and were so kind as to put gravel on the road to the church building.

## In Memory Of ELDER ROBERT McNEILL

On July 9, 1954, Brother Robert McNeill answered God's call to be with him in His eternal home. Mr. McNeill had been a faithful elder in the Obids church for many years. Since moving to Cricket, in Wilkes county, he was faithful in letting his light shine in the old Presbyterian church of Wilkesboro, N. C. He was to have been elected an elder in that church a few days after having been called from this world.

Brother McNeill was looking forward to the Semi-Centennial Services at the Obids church on July 11, just a few days after he passed away, but his expanse of life was not granted for that time.

Mr. McNeill was a man of deep feeling and conviction, a man that was not blown about by every wind that blows, a man that was a steady, and shining light for our Lord Jesus Christ, and for the Presbyterian church.

We express our sympathy for his widow, his sons, daughters, and grandchildren. May we all be as faithful as Brother Bob McNeill.

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## Services Sat. At Low Gap Church

The Low Gap Presbyterian church is now holding worship services each Saturday night at eight o'clock, and every Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. The services are being led alternately by the Reverends Archie Bear, now a resident of Low Gap community, and formerly a preacher in West Virginia, and J. R. Jackson, the pastor of the church. The attendance has been between 35 and 50 at all of the services. All are invited to attend these weekly services. There will be special music at most of these services.

## Peak Creek Sunday School Has Picnic

Saturday, Sept. 4, the Peak Creek Sunday school held a picnic at Dough-ton Park. The Sunday school met at 3 p. m. and after a good picnic lunch a soft ball game took place. Others took the little children for a walk. We hope we shall have another good time together soon.

### COMING EVENTS AND DATES

Men of the church meeting — Oct. 15-17 in New Orleans, La.

Rally Day — September 26.

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## Youth Choir Of Jefferson Church

A youth choir is now being formed at the Jefferson Presbyterian church. It will be led and directed by Miss Gwyn Neal, of the Jefferson church. The choir will consist of young people in the Jefferson church between the ages of nine and fifteen. The youth choir will wear robes and will sing special selections at the regular Sunday morning worship services of the Jefferson church.

### NEW TERRACED CEMETERY AT BETHEL CHURCH

People at Bethel have been thinking of a cemetery for some time, but no one knew just where to put it as suitable ground was not near. The idea of putting a terraced graveyard on the side of a steep hill was conceived. Mr. Press Wyatt and others went immediately to work and solicited money for this project.

A bulldozer owned by John Owens was hired and a fine job of terracing was done on the mountain next to the church. The people of Bethel are now in the process of planting grass and completing this cemetery with hand rakes and shovels. Those who have never seen a terraced cemetery will be greatly interested in this one.

### WHERE WILL YOU SPEND ETERNITY?

Marian R. Breon

Where will you spend eternity?  
Friend, have you thought of this?  
When life is o'er, where will you be,  
If now the way you miss?  
Can you escape if you neglect  
All that the Lord has done?  
What mercy then can you expect,  
If you refuse God's Son?  
When life is pleasant and serene,  
Do you not think, my friend,  
All you hold dear upon this scene  
Some day will have to end?  
How will you stand there face to face  
With Jesus Christ the Lord,  
If you've rejected all His grace  
And brushed aside His Word?  
Now is the time to heed God's call—  
Christ is the only way;  
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If you will but believe,  
For there is joy and peace of mind  
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## Postmarking Will Carry Peace Urge

The Ashe Presbyterian along with other publications and individuals has been urging to use the postal cancellation for a message.

Because of this it is interesting to note that Congressman Louis C. Rabaut, (D. Mich.) has announced that the House of Representatives, on August 18, passed the bill, H. R. 9120, to provide for a postmarking die for authorizing the Postmaster General mail, bearing the words "Pray for Peace."

The measure, which has received the strong endorsement of many individuals and organizations throughout the country, was introduced by Mr. Rabaut on May 12 of this year. It was approved without objection by the lower House during the early part of proceedings last Wednesday. Congress adjourned before the Senate could act upon it.

Following passage of the bill, Mr. Rabaut had this to say:

"It has been said that the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. So too might it be said that, in matters of fundamental philosophy and ideology, a nation such as ours, conceived in and dedicated to an acknowledgment of our reliance upon Divine Providence, ought often and always to lift its heart to heaven

## PICNIC AT GLENDALE SPRINGS

On Sunday, August 29 at 6 p. m. the children and adults of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church met on the lawn behind the church for a picnic supper. The tables were soon spread with good things to eat, and everyone enjoyed eating a fine supper. After the supper everyone joined in singing and a little service in the church.

in prayer. Our hopes for the world harmony for which we so desperately yearn can find their deepest measure of fulfillment in an increased devotion by honest men to the principles of peace, accompanied by the practice of prayer.

"You can talk from dawn to dusk about the underlying cause of today's world conflict between the East and West, between Christianity and Communism, and the basic differences between them, but when all is said and done the question really rests upon the absence or presence of God in the minds and souls of men.

"Pray for Peace" as a canceling mark upon our mail will remind us in a supremely effective way of our duties as a Christian nation and of our concurrent obligation to work daily to promote further the cause of peace," said Rabaut. "This Bill merits re-introduction at the opening of the 84th Congress."

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One dark and damp and dreary day  
When all about a dense fog lay,  
I walked along a busy street,  
My head was wet, also my feet.

The day so filled my heart with chill  
I stepped into a little grill,  
A bit of food to cheer my soul  
For I was hungry, tired and cold.

The order given for some food  
I settled down in dreary mood,  
As I waited soon I heard  
The chirping of a little bird.

There he was a sprightly fellow  
All dressed up in a coat of yellow.  
A little prisoner in a cage  
He sang and whistled like a page.

He chirped and whistled, trilled and sang  
Till the room with music rang,  
And lift' my soul on that dark day  
To sunny meadows far, far away.

Where the sun did play with a babbling brook  
And the green frogs dive without a look,  
And the rushes grow straight and tall,  
Where the red wing bird, his mate did call.

And the Meadow Larks in the tall grass sing  
And everywhere is the breath of spring,  
May God bless thee little bird,  
For thy songs that I have heard.

And the message that you have brought,  
And the lesson that you have taught,  
Little wings within a prison  
Yet above thy state has risen.

Little creature full of cheer  
Bringing joy to all who hear,  
You have cheered me friend of mine,  
And I shall name thee "Caged Sunshine."

The Rev. John W. Luke

### TROOP 115 AT CAMPOREE

Troop 115, which is sponsored by the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church, attended the Ashe County District Camporee of Friday, August 20, 21 and 22.

In spite of rain the boys had a nice time.

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## FREEDOM BY THE TRUTH

Text: "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."  
(John 8:32).

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II. Freedom from curse and penalty of sin. One who continues in sin is compelled to bear its consequences against his will.

III. Freedom from bondage of corroding care and anxiety.

IV. Mental Freedom. The gospel conquers prejudice, selfishness, falsehood.

V. Freedom of Christian Activity. The Christian's whole life is the free, joyous outflow of his Christian heart.

"Laws are like fences by the roadside — a restraint to those who wish to do evil; but to those who wish to travel, and not to trespass, they are guides, not restraints."  
—Gleaned from Peloubet.

Two fishing boats of Galilee  
Dropped anchor off the shore.  
A carpenter of Galilee  
Came seeking fishers four.  
And four men heard their Master's call,  
They left their nets anon;  
And two were sons of Zebedee,  
And two were sons of John.

And still the Master passes by,  
And still today He pleads

## NEEDED IMPROVEMENT

The churches of Peak Creek and Laurel Fork are in need of new roofs. We hope to put these roofs on before cold weather starts in for the winter. Committees in each church have been appointed to take care of the work.

"Whoever first brewed beer has prepared a pest for Germany. I have prayed to God that he would destroy the whole brewing industry . . . All Germany could live on the barley that is spoiled and turned into a curse by the brewer"

Martin Luther

For men to leave their fishing nets  
And follow where He leads.  
Lord, all for Thee would I forsake,  
And glory gain anon,  
With all the sons of Zebedee,  
And all the sons of John.

(Poem by Russel Jones)

"And then straightway left their nets, and followed Him." (Matt. 4:20).

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## INTERCESSION

One day a soldier entered the office of President Lincoln and sat down among about fifty others waiting to see him. A little boy named Tad came around, and noticed the man dressed as a soldier: the uniform attracted the boy who talked to the man. The little fellow asked the man what he wanted. He said he wanted to see the President. Tad said, "I will get you in," and ran off. Soon a secretary came out and notified all those waiting that the President had only two or three minutes to see visitors, and that they might as well go, for he could not see any more that day except the man then with him. The people rose to leave, except the soldier. The secretary told him that it was useless to wait. But he said, "The President's son was here, and he has gone in to see his father, to ask if I may come in." The secretary said, "You mean little Tad? Well, you will get in to see the President all right."

As we review our sins and our shortcomings, what strengthening assurance to know that the Lord who suffered in our place, died in our stead as He served the death sentence for our sins, now stands before His heavenly Father "for us" to intercede as our Representative, to point to His own atoning crucifixion as the full penalty of all our transgressions. Thank God we have this glorious assurance, "If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous!" "Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." (Heb. 9:24).

## A QUALIFIED GUIDE

A man was traveling in a distant country. His destination lay over high mountains. It was a dangerous and difficult journey, and he needed a qualified guide.

One man offered his services. The traveler asked, "Have you ever been to the village to which I wish to go?" "No," the man replied, "but I have been part of the way, and I have heard others tell of the rest of the way." The traveler answered, "You will not do."

Another volunteered to serve as his guide. He, too, was asked, "Have you ever been to the village?" His answer was, "No, but I have been to the top of the mountain and have looked down on the village." The traveler replied, "You will not do."

A third man came and offered his

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## SOUL WINNING

**"Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." (Mark 1:17).**

Someone, it is said, described the sitdown strikes of former days as nothing in comparison to the "sit-down do nothing" attitude of many church members who claim to be followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, yet have never become fishers of men.

Better we refrained from singing, "I'll do what You want me to do" if we fail to do as He did when He

services. He was asked the same question as the others. "Sir," said he, "the village to which you are going is my home." The traveler accepted his services at once, for he wanted someone who had been the whole way.

When you and I, on our journey through this life, look for someone who can guide us to the Father's house, we shall look for one who has gone the whole way. Through life and death Christ left us an example, that we might "follow in his steps." "I go to my Father," He said. Moreover, He "proceeded forth and came from God": the Father's house is His home.

—Chaplain Carl W. McGeehon.

The Bible is the only book where the Author is always present when one reads it.

The best remedy for a sick Church is to put it on a missionary diet.

called His followers to "Come after Me and I will make you fishers of men." Nor should we sing, "I would be like Jesus" while we fail to exert earnest and consecrated efforts to be like Him in witnessing to His saving grace.

Neither should we sing the hymn "You win the one next to you and I'll win the one next to me" unless we are prepared to go forth to win our neighbors to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord, availing ourselves of opportunities with selected tracts of Gospels — assuring ourselves "His Word will not return void."

Some wait until acquiring a technique of winning souls, but many soul winners have found that our Lord is the One who equips us to be successful fisherman in all waters. This includes all trains, buses, telephone booths, dining rooms, dentists' and physicians' offices, hotel rooms, waiting rooms, barber shops — these are among the places offering frequent occasions for making known the Lord's message of salvation, coupled with prayer that the gospel hook will catch many.

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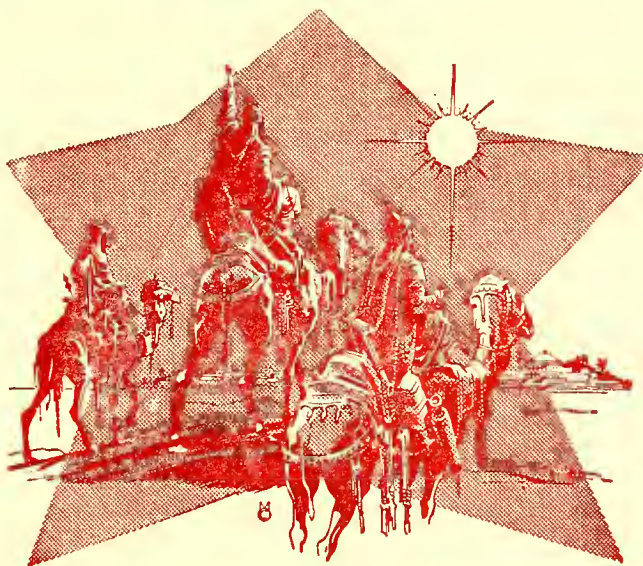
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"THERE CAME WISE  
MEN FROM THE EAST  
TO JERUSALEM, SAY-  
ING, WHERE IS HE THAT  
IS BORN KING OF THE  
JEWS? FOR WE HAVE  
SEEN HIS STAR IN THE  
EAST, AND ARE COME  
TO WORSHIP HIM."

— MATTHEW —



THE STAR THAT GUID-  
ED THE WISE MEN  
STILL SHINES SOME-  
WHERE IN THE SKY.

THE SAVIOUR, THE  
GIFT OF GOD'S LOVE,  
STILL LIVES SOME-  
WHERE AND IS NIGH.

LET US COME TO WOR-  
SHIP HIM THIS CHRIST-  
MAS.

## Christmas Plans In Jefferson Field

The annual Christmas play and pageant will be given at the Jefferson church on Sunday night, December 19 at 7:30. The pageant will be entitled "The Nativity." It will be directed by Mrs. James Colvard. Following the play there will be a Christmas party for the children at which time Santa Claus will be present to give out gifts.

The Christmas pageant at Low Gap will be held on Thursday night, December 23, at 7:30. The play will be entitled, "The Birth of Jesus." The play will be directed by the pastor. Following the play there will be a party for the children.

The annual Christmas play at Big Ridge church will be held on Wednesday night, December 22 at 7:30. The play will be entitled "The Nativity." It will be directed by the pastor. Following the play there will be a Christmas party for the children.

## Guest Speaker At W. J. Church

November 14 the West Jefferson church was privileged to have as guest minister, the Rev. Albrecht Roos, a German ministerial student who is studying at Union Theological Seminary this year on a scholarship from the World Council of churches. Mr. Roos is from Fellbach, Germany, which is near Stuttgart.

He did his college work at Daimder-Oberschule at Fellbach, and his theological work at the University of Tuebingen. He was ordained a Lutheran minister in March, 1954. He speaks English fluently. Later, Mr. Roos spoke informally to the young people. He told them something about the German youth of today. They were delighted with his message.

## Christmas Programs In Glendale Field

The following schedule has been made for our Christmas programs:

Glendale Springs, Sunday, 7 p. m., December 19; Laurel Fork, Monday, 7 p. m., December 20; Bethel, Tuesday, 7 p. m., December 21; Millers, Wednesday, 7 p. m., December 22; Ebenezer, Thursday, 7 p. m., December 23.

The time for Peak Creek's program has been tentatively set for the morning of Thursday, December 23. The hour for the Glendale Springs Christmas tree has not been decided yet.

## Lansing Church Activities Given

By Rev. G. M. Hollenhead

I was away on vacation when the last issue of the Ashe Presbyterian went to press, therefore, I will give a summary of items dating back to the commencement of summer activities.

Revivals and church schools were held in the months of June and July, each indicated marks of success over that of the previous year. Church schools were well attended with record breaking attendance. Revivals were also well attended; several decisions for Christ were made, a baptismal service, and several additions to the church were the fruits of these meetings.

The Women of the Church have met regularly at all stated meetings. Many items of importance have been discussed, issues decided, and essential goals achieved all for the moral, spiritual, and economical well-fare of the church. For instance: not long ago the Women of the Church prepared a large portion of the refreshments used by the Sprague Electrical Company's open-house exercise. This new

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## Youth Program At West Jefferson

A visitation team from our Presbytery made up of four young people and the adult adviser were guests of the Youth Fellowship on Sunday, November 14. They met with the council at 4:30 in the afternoon at the church and at 6 o'clock the youth fellowship entertained them at supper. After supper, the visiting team presented the vesper program.

## I DO NOT LIKE A ROOF TONIGHT

By Grace Noll Crowell

I do not like a roof tonight  
I long to walk a barren field — or lie  
Face upward on a hill and watch the  
sky  
Sparkle with silver — and to know  
That one night, long ago,  
These same stars, with the same hand  
guiding them  
Shone down on Bethlehem.

A roof shuts out the stars — it drugs  
with sleep,  
I wish I were a shepherd of white  
sheep  
Out on the hills, and for their sake  
Must keep awake —  
And I would see the radiance of the  
sky.  
The rapture of the slow stars march-  
ing by.  
The near ones bright — the far ones  
very dim,  
But speaking, everyone, of Him.

I do not like a roof tonight,  
But from the fields, if I should hasten  
down  
Toward the glimmering lights of any  
town,  
I think that I should find the Christ  
Child there  
Under a star somewhere —  
Faith or fancy, call it as you will —  
The stars at Christmas guide me to  
Him still.

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### (EDITORIAL)

## A Christian Meditation

By Rev. J. R. Jackson  
(Pastor of Jefferson Pres. Ch.)

"Behold the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world."

The quiet, little manger the mother, Mary gazing tenderly upon her new born son, the father, Joseph, proudly keeping watch over the two so dear to him, the simple shepherds in humble adoration looking with wonder and amazement. What a beautiful scene this first Christmas is!

But do you really know the wonder and significance of the scene you have just watched? Indeed, what is the real meaning of Christmas? Why is it that today we find atheists, agnostics, Jews, indifferent church-goers, as well as devoted Christians celebrating Christmas? Why is this so? May it not be because we have lost the real significance of Christmas?

To many people the essence of Christmas is Santa Claus, Christmas trees, holly, gift giving, fruits, the bustle of Christmas buying, Christmas cards, and the bulging cash registers from foolish Christmas spenders. Christmas is just a kind, warm feeling inside engendered by snow, a fire in the fireplace, a beautiful Christmas tree, and the feeling of having given something to someone. Christmas has become a day of joy in worldly things, dedicated to a vague idea of general goodness and brotherly love.

How far most of this is from the real essence of Christmas. How foreign this is to the meaning of God in bringing about the first Christmas in a Bethlehem stable. The word Christmas itself means the celebration of the sending of Christ. And that is exactly the essence and significance of Christmas. God sent His Son into the world in the fulness of time to redeem us. All else at Christmas is peripheral.

But what do we really mean by "God sent his Son into the world to redeem mankind?" These words have become so prosaic to most people, including Christians, that they have no

real meaning. They are to most men just pious sounding, may be even beautiful words, but nevertheless void of either meaning or wonder.

1. GOD CAME TO EARTH. "God has appeared once for all at the end of the age to put away our sin by the sacrifice of himself." Wonder of all marvelous wonders! Miracle of all miracles! The very God who created all things in heaven, and in earth came down to our world to become one of us. He became a man, "not counting equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself . . . being born in the likeness of men." How deeply God loves us! He loved us so much that He couldn't forget us. He has to be one of us. He wanted to share our earthly toil, our heartaches, our sorrows, our sin, our tears.

Wonderful, amazing love! Therefore we can draw near to Jesus. He has walked where we walk. He is our sympathetic high priest, "because He himself has suffered and been tempted" like as we are. He was one of us and yet — miracle of all mysteries — the fulness of God was in Him.

2. HE CAME TO SAVE US. Not only did He become one of us, but more important, He came to "deliver us from the dominion of darkness and transfer us to the kingdom of His beloved Son." That is the real joy and blessing of the Christmas scene. God has come to bring us peace by the blood of the cross.

Re-read the Christmas Story. But this time really read it with an understanding heart of faith. Don't read it merely as a pretty, traditional Christmas Story; but read it to see what God did for YOU at Christmas in his Son. Listen to this wonderful news! Christmas is the time when God sent forth his only Son to redeem us so that we might become his Sons! God's sons! We are no longer death's and sin's slaves. We are now God's heirs of eternal life and Jesus' glory. How can we comprehend the fulness of such truth? It is too wonderful and deep for our small minds.

3. HE CAME TO DIE FOR US. The shadow of the cross fell even over Jesus' small crib in Bethlehem. For Jesus had come for only one reason—to die for our sins! "Mary, a sword shall pierce your heart, and yours, also, Jesus!" Other men are born to live. We hate death. We want to live as long as possible. We are glad that our life span is now sixty-five years. But here is a man — No! here is God in man's likeness! — who came not to live but to die. Born to die! Born to die! "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe . . . it was necessary that Christ should suffer all these things."

What is the real beauty of Christmas? A sweet, little babe laid in straw? An angelic Mary with a halo surrounding her head? Beautiful hymns sung by our choirs? No! No! It is the love of God for us shown in its fulness on the cross, and this love came to light in the gloom of Bethlehem's stable.

"Herein God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ (came and) died for us."

John Newton says in a hymn: "The love of Jesus what it is, none but His loved ones know." And it might be paraphrased: "The meaning of Christmas what it is, none but His redeem-



### GOD'S MINORITIES

During the time Noah was building the ark he was very much in the minority — but he won!

When Joseph was sold into Egypt by his brothers he was in a decided minority — but he won.

When Gideon and his three hundred followers, with their broken pitchers and lamps, put the Midianites to flight, they were in an insignificant minority — but they won.

When Elijah prayed down fire from heaven and put the prophets of Baal to shame he was a notable minority — but he won.

When Jesus Christ was crucified by the Roman soldiers He was a conspicuous minority — but He won! — The Alliance Weekly.

### Never too busy to pray

Away with work that hinders prayer,  
'Twere best to lay it down;  
For prayerless work, however good,  
Will fail to win the crown.

ed ones know."  
"O come, all ye faithful (ones),  
Joyful and triumphant;  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem,  
Come and really behold Him."



## Revival Services Held At Jefferson

The Jefferson Presbyterian held a revival the week of November 7 through 14 each night at 7:30. The guest minister was the Rev. Kenneth Pollock, formerly of Cooleemee, N. C. The services were a real spiritual blessing.

### WHAT IS CHARITY?

It's silence when your words would hurt,  
It's patience when your neighbor's curt,  
It's deafness when the scandal flows,  
It's thoughtfulness for another's woes,  
It's promptness when stern duty calls,  
It's courage when misfortune falls.

—Copied  
"Charity suffereth long, and is kind . . . beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." (I Cor. 13:4,7).

### TOO SMALL?

"For who hath despised the day of small things?" (Zech. 4:10).  
Father, where shall I work today?  
And my love flowed warm and free  
Then He pointed me out a tiny spot,  
And said, "Tend that for Me."  
I answered quickly, "Oh, no, not that.  
Why, no one would ever see,  
No matter how well my work was done.  
Not that little place for me."  
And the word He spoke, it was not stern,  
He answered tenderly,  
"Ah, little one, search that heart of thine.  
Art thou working for them or Me?  
Nazareth was a little place,  
And so was Galilee."  
—The Gospel Illustrator

### IMPROVEMENTS MADE ON JEFFERSON CHURCH

The Jefferson Presbyterian church has now begun repairs on their basement floor. They are repairing the floor by putting in rubber tile. The ladies are making new curtains. The men are painting the walls and putting in the tile. They are also putting a window in the bathroom.

### BOY SCOUT COURT OF HONOR IS HELD

At a court of honor at the Bethel church on Sunday, November 21, five scouts received their first class badges. They were James Holloway, Jerry Wyatt, Nile Wingle, Billy Wingle, and James Joins. Jerry was not present but his award will be given him

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### "HIS LAMP AM I"

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And lamps are not for sunny rooms  
Nor for the light of day;  
But for dark places of the earth,  
Where shame and crime and wrong  
have birth;  
Or for the murky twilight gray,  
Where wandering lambs have gone astray;

Or where the light of faith grows dim  
And souls are groping after Him.  
And as sometimes a flame we find,  
Clear, shining through the night,  
So bright we do not see the lamp,  
But only see the light;  
So may I shine — His light the flame;  
That men may glorify His name.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."  
(Matt. 5:16)

### ASHE PRESBYTERIAN EDITORIAL IN PAMPHLET

In the September issue of the Ashe Presbyterian the editorial was entitled "The Spirit of Decision." Rev. F. M. Dick of Blairs, Va. made a donation and requested this editorial be printed in pamphlet form. We have met his request and would be glad

later.

James Holloway and James Joins also received their Swimming Merit Badges.

to send to any one on request. We pray it will do our great Southern Presbyterian church good at this time of decisions.

Editor, J. W. Luke

### LANSING CHURCH ACTIVITIES GIVEN

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electrical plant is located near Lansing, N. C. The open-house program was put on by the Company, and at its exence. By the aid of the Women of the Lansing church, and the prayer meeting group church papers (The Christian Observer) has been placed in almost every church members home in Lansing.

The men of the church have just completed a very fine peace of work. A concrete walk has been made extending from the highway to the entrance of the church, and also another from the main entrance walk to the basement entrance.

We had a Thanksgiving service, Sunday, November 27, at which time we took our regular Thanksgiving offering for the Orphanage at Barium Springs, N. C.

Lansing and Foster Memorial are entering into a program jointly, in the preparation of a Christmas pageant, which will be put on at each of these churches sometime during the Christmas season.

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## Improvements Made In Glendale Field

The churches in the Glendale Springs Field have been making some fall improvements on their buildings.

The Peak Creek church set a day for working on the roof of the church. The following helped in repairing: James Tucker, Vaughn Bowlin, Dympe Bowlin, Mr. Richardson and J. W. Luke. Money is being raised to completely cover the roof of the church which is in very poor condition. On the day set for repair, the flue and roof were patched up until spring when we hope to do an entire job of renovation.

The Laurel Fork church has bought shingles and will cover one side of the building when they can get a clear day. Three dates have been set to complete the job but rain or snow fell at these times. The repair of the roof will be completed as soon as suitable weather makes it possible.

The Glendale Springs church has done considerable work in completing small left undone work around the church, such as completing the hall in the educational building, putting the corner stone in place, putting up new storm windows in the auditorium, and basement. The women have put up new curtains in the large Sunday school room and completely cleaned up the church building. An

## In Memory Of Mrs. Walter Liddle

Bettie Jenkins Liddle, of Wagoner, was born April 3, 1891 and departed this life October 29, 1954 making her stay on earth 63 years, 6 months and 26 days. Funeral service was conducted at Roans Creek Baptist church, by Rev. John W. Luke, Rev. James R. Jackson, Fred Dancy, Archie Bare and Elder Edd Davis.

She bore her sickness with patience. She was a good companion and a kind and loving mother and a friend to all who knew her. When help was needed, mother was always ready to help her family, friends and neighbors. She joined the Low Gap Presbyterian church where she remained a member until death.

In the year of 1911 she was married to Walter Liddle. To this union were born two children; Edna and Everett Liddle. She has seven grandchildren, who loved her dearly. Her mother and father, one brother and one sister preceded her to the grave several years ago. Living are four brothers, Edd, Everett, Dewey and Thomas Jenkins and two sisters, Mrs. Effie Darnell and Mrs. Sallie Mitchell. Servant of God, well done!

Thy glorious warfare's past,  
The battle's fought, the race is won,  
And thou art crowned at last.

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## FOSTER MEMORIAL CHURCH

The women of this church held a Thanksgiving dinner, turkey and dressing, with cranberry sauce, these were the main items of interest, however.

Installation of a stove has been completed that our whole church may be warmer, in both auditorium and Sunday school building.

## IS ALCOHOLISM A DISEASE?

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God . . . nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." (I Cor. 6:9,10).

If alcoholism is a disease, why does it not say that not only thieves, the covetous and drunkards should not enter the Kingdom of God, but the lepers, the tubercular, and the cancerous shall not enter the Kingdom of God?  
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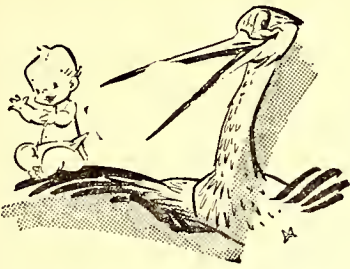
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

On September 29, there was born to Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Jackson of Jefferson, a baby boy. His name is James Roger Jackson, Jr.

A little son, Russell Dow Burns, Jr., was born on Sunday, November 21, to Rev. and Mrs. Russell Burns of West Jefferson.

**Glendale Women's Groups Are Active**

Nov. 19 the Women of the Church from Laurel Fork church visited the Manse at Glendale Springs. Miss Evelyn Acheson taught the Bible lesson for the women at this time.

Refreshments were served and everyone enjoyed the spiritual enrichment and fellowship.

The Women of the Glendale Springs church enjoyed the fellowship of the Women of the Ebenezer church at a joint meeting of the Women of the Church. Mrs. Frank Severt and Mrs. Everett Baker were hostesses to the women of these churches. Miss Evelyn Acheson taught the Bible lesson and it was very inspiring.

Refreshments were served which were enjoyed by everyone.

**In Memory Of**

**MRS. LEE HUNT**

The funeral service for Mrs. Dora Hunt, 74, of Wagoner, who passed away at her home, was held at Ebenezer Presbyterian church with Revs. J. W. Luke and J. K. Parker of Boone officiating. Burial followed in the cemetery near the church.

Mrs. Hunt, who was the widow of Lee Hunt, is survived by five sons, Guy Hunt, of Boone; John Hunt, of West Virginia; Charlie Hunt and Edward and Wilmer, of Wagoner; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Sheets and Miss Georgia Hunt, of the home.

She had been bedfast for several years, but was very patient in all her sickness as an invalid. Mrs. Hunt often expressed her faith in Christ, but not until about six years ago did she and her husband profess publicly their faith and united with the Ebenezer Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Hunt was a good and faithful mother — "Her price is above rubies." She has now gone to her Heavenly Father, where pain and sickness shall not bring distress to her body.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for Thou art with me."

**News Of Young People Of Glendale Field**

Wade Rose is making a fine record at Lees-McRae as a good student and as a good basketball player.

Charles Caudill has been awarded Sears, Roebuck and Company scholarship as one of the top scholars in his class at State College.

Tommy Boyd has just arrived in Germany where he is serving in the United States Army.

Peggy Miller at Montreat College has made the dean's list, and is vice-president of her class.

Shirley Caudill at Montreat College has made the dean's list.

Mary Frances Luke at Montreat College has returned from ten day tour with the college chorus.

Doris Woodie, Betty Ann Atwood, Evon Lyall and Kenny Hunt are having a good year at Glade Valley.

Peggy Saultz of Glendale Springs church has just returned from Memorial hospital in Charlotte.

Jim Roe Tucker is a senior at State College. Don Tucker is in his second year. Both boys are doing well.

**Glendale Manse Has New Stove**

Santa Claus has set his Christmas date up early at the manse at Glendale Springs, for sitting on the front

**Rev. Bill Boyle From Japan At Glendale**

Sunday, December 5, Rev. and Mrs. Bill Boyle and family visited the Glendale Springs community and Mr. Boyle gave us a splendid missionary message featuring Japan. We rejoice that one of our former pastors of Ashe county has gone into this great work for the Lord in our mission field of Japan.

Bill and Ella Banks were very popular young people in our county while Bill served the Jefferson Field of churches about six years ago. Mr. Boyle spoke in the West Jefferson church and also showed slide pictures of Japan at the night service on Dec. 5. The Boyles returned to Rural Retreat where they are visiting during their furlough from Japan, and will go to Mission Court in Richmond to complete their stay in this country, before going back to the mission field next summer. We pray that our Heavenly Father will bless the Boyles richly in the work of our Lord in the foreign field.

porch last week was a great big box, and in that big box was a great big stove, and this was a great big gift from the members of the Glendale Springs church to the preacher and his family. Many, many thanks to each of you. We are not only very thankful for the stove but for the fine, good, and generous Christian people who gave it.

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## Communion Table In Honor Of S. H. Boyd

The family of the late Mr. Samuel Hill Boyd, Sr., made a gracious, and appropriate gift to the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church in the form of a beautiful communion table and two chairs to match.

The communion set of furniture was made of maple wood and finished to blend with the white pine panelling of the walls of the sanctuary. It was made by the Southern Desk Company of Hickory, N. C.

A small bronze plate is attached to the side of the end of the table with these words inscribed upon it.

"To the glory of God and in loving memory of Samuel Hill Boyd, Sr."

The members of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church are very grateful for this lovely and appropriate gift, which adds so much to the worshipfulness of their sanctuary.

## Rev. P. J. Garrison New Executive Sec'y

After the resignation of Rev. W. R. Smith, Jr. as Executive Secretary, the Presbytery of Winston-Salem's Committee on church extension, has secured the services of Rev. P. J. Garrison, who was serving on the assembly's staff of church extension: We are glad to welcome Mr. Garrison, known among us as "Jeff" to this responsible position, and we feel sure his fulfillment of this position will be very acceptable to the men in the home mission fields. Mr. Garrison is no stranger to the Winston-Salem Presbytery as he served in a pastorate for several years, as well as the clerk of our Presbytery. May God bless his efforts for the various causes he promotes.



### EVANGELISTIC PROGRAM

The Assembly of the Presbyterian church is promoting a church wide Simultaneous Campaign for March 7—April 30, 1955. Ample material can be ordered through your chairman of Evangelism of your Presbytery or the Board of Church Extension, Atlanta, Ga.

## In Memory Of ELDER J. C. CRAWFORD

As the material for the Ashe Presbyterian goes to print, we are saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. J. C. Crawford. Mr. Crawford in his latter days made his home in North Wilkesboro, with his daughter, Mrs. Seth Mason.

In his active days, Mr. Crawford was a faithful elder in the Obids Presbyterian church of Ashe county. He was a member of the Ashe County Board of Commissioners for 16 years.

Mr. Crawford was born in Giles county, Va. March 21, 1868 and passed away Dec. 10 — his age being 86 years.

He is survived by six sons and one daughter. His sons are J. M., K. L., J. H. and J. R. Crawford, of North Wilkesboro; C. L. Crawford, of Philadelphia, Pa.; and C. V. Crawford, of Boone; and his daughter is Mrs. S. E. Mason, of North Wilkesboro.

Funeral service were held in the Presbyterian church of North Wilkesboro, at 2 p. m. Saturday, December 11, by Rev. James B. MacLeod. Burial was in the Mount Lawn Memorial Park.

Elder J. C. Crawford was a hard worker, a faithful Christian, and a man of very sincere purpose and sterling character.

"Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things."

## Glendale Community Is Prize Winner

The Glendale Springs community was fortunate in winning one of the \$100.00 prizes in the county of Ashe for having a very marked improvement. This improvement included home, farm, and community improvement as a whole. One of the projects that was joined in wholeheartedly was the progress made in the church grounds and buildings of our community. The various churches consisted of the Missionary Baptist, the Free-will Baptist, the Penticostal, the Presbyterian, the Episcopal, and the Primitive Baptist churches. Each of these churches made an effort to improve their property, such as shrubbery planted, landscaping, new walks, new siding, and improvements on the interior. The community is planning to have a united Christmas service in honor of our Lord's birthday. This will be on Saturday, December 18.

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## Easter Eve

LUKE 23:50-53

"And behold, there was a man named Joseph, a counsellor, and he was a good man, and a just;

This man went unto Pilate, and begged for the body of Jesus.

And he took It down, and wrapped It in linen, and laid It in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid."

## Easter Morn

MT. 28:5-7

"And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay:

And go quickly, and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead; and, behold, He goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see Him: Lo, I have told you."



## Easter Evening And Morning Convictions

In the cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time;

All the light of sacred story, Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'er-take me, Hopes deceive and fears annoy,

Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the cross are sanctified;

Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that thro' all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time;

All the light of sacred story, Gathers round its head sublime.

## Easter Services In Glendale Field

The Easter Season is perhaps the most joyous of the Christian's year. The response of nature to the call of spring is enough to make the heart glad. The power of growing things to push back the brown earth and become green and alive is a wonderful sight for winter tired spirits. At Easter time the Glendale Springs Field have their communion services. The Lord's Supper not only typifies the death of our Lord, but also His power over sin and the grave

The Easter services are planned as follows for the churches in this field:

On April 3 — Bethel church at 11 a. m., Millers church at 1:30 p. m., Glendale Springs church at 7 p. m.

On April 10 — Easter Sunday — Peak Creek at 11 a. m., Ebenezer at 2 p. m., Laurel Fork at 7 p. m.

## Jefferson Church Has Many Activities

The Jefferson Presbyterian Church is now having a study each Wednesday night on "The Beliefs of the Presbyterian Church." The study is being led by the pastor, Rev. Bob Jackson.

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## John W. Luke, Jr., 16, Dies Suddenly

Neighbors, schoolmates and loving friends alike were shocked and deeply touched by the unexpected death of John W. Luke, Jr., sixteen-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. John W. Luke of the Glendale Springs field.

On February 5, Johnny died of a heart attack in Salisbury, while returning with his father and a group of Boy Scouts from a day's outing.

At 9:30 a. m. the following Monday, funeral service was held at the Glendale Springs church. Rev. L. J. Yelanjian of Glendale Springs and Dr. R. H. Stone of Charlotte gave fitting messages of comfort and inspiration.

Interment was at the cemetery near Mrs. Luke's girlhood home at Wagram. Dr. Stone and Mr. Yelanjian each spoke briefly at the beautiful service and Delmer Rose, close friend of the family and Glendale Springs elder, led in prayer.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER OBSERVED AT GLENDALE

The World Day of Prayer, February 25, was observed in a unique way at the Glendale Springs Church. The room at the side of the main sanctuary

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## John W. Luke, Jr. Memorial Planned

A great many friends are asking about the John W. Luke, Jr. Memorial Building. We will try to explain how it all came about.

The son of Rev. J. W. Luke, John W. Luke, Jr., passed away very suddenly on February the 5th while on a days trip with Boy Scouts of Troop 115 of Glendale Springs, N. C. It was apparently a heart attack.

The Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church, of which Johnny Luke was a member, had planned to build an addition to their growing church. This addition was to be a rather moderate, religious educational building with some recreational facilities for boy scouts and the young people of the church. Our small country churches in the Glendale Springs Field, of six churches, have very poor facilities for additional religious educational and recreational space, and the Glendale Springs Church has been the center where young people and boy scouts gather for meetings from different parts of this field.

The idea, conceived from the family of the late John W. Luke, Jr. and members of the Glendale Springs Church, to ask friends who would send flowers, to give contributions to-

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**Gathering Flowers**

From "Christian Observer"

By J. G. Conoly

My beloved is gone down into his garden . . . to gather lilies.—Solomon's Song 6:2.

The beloved, a gardener, is represented as having gone down into his garden to gather lilies. The highly figurative language gives us a beautiful picture. The beloved, the gardener, is Christ, and His garden is in this world. In this garden He is cultivating flowers with which to adorn His home in Heaven. These flowers (or "lilies") are individual Christians. The death of one of God's redeemed here on earth is simply God's plucking a flower from His garden for the great bouquet of Heaven.

1. Let us, keeping the figure in mind, notice the purpose of God in death, or plucking flowers. When a gardener cultivates flowers, it is not that they may remain in the garden, but that they may be gathered for a purpose; and that purpose is that they may beautify our homes, and that we may enjoy their beauty and fragrance. We arrange them in large bouquets, so that by the combination we may get the greatest beauty. Just so, Christ plucks His flowers, not simply for the sake of plucking them, but for the great bouquet which He is forming in Heaven. It is not in order that He may deprive the vine of the flower, but because He has need of the flower Himself, and desires to enjoy its beauty and fragrance. Just as we visit oftenest the vines which we love most, and pluck most frequently their flowers, so the family, or church, that is called upon often to give up its members, should not feel that God has withdrawn His love, but they should feel that He, too, goes to the very vines which He loves, and whose flowers He loves to pluck for His home. Christ's object, then, in plucking flowers is that He may place them in the great bouquet which adorns His home, and that He may enjoy them there forever.

2. Let us notice next His manner of plucking flowers. When we gather

flowers from our gardens, be as careful as we may, the process is somewhat rough to the bush or vine from which we pluck the flower. It leaves a scar on the bush which it takes time to heal. Just so, when God plucks flowers from His great garden, the process—death—is necessarily somewhat rough on the parent stalk. Such a process must necessarily leave a scar. Hence, we say there is a legitimate grief and sorrow when we are called upon to give up our loved ones. There is a scar left, which God alone can heal; but as God heals the scar on the bushes of our gardens so may we expect Him to heal the scars on those of His great garden.

Again, the flower-gatherer does not simply gather those which are full blown, but often plucks buds. The most beautiful bouquet is not composed of full blown roses alone; neither is it composed of buds alone, but there must be a variety. Thus Christ, in gathering flowers for the heavenly bouquet, in order that He may arrange it according to His own perfect ideal, is liable, at any moment, to need a bud or a matured flower.

This suggests the thought that just as our ideal of perfect society here is that in which is to be found not one class alone, but every class, from the infants to the grandparents, so in Heaven are persons of all stages of life. These are all, of course, free from the weaknesses and infirmities of their respective places in this world. How pleasant the thought of the family thus composed with God as the Father, and Christ as the Elder Brother.

3. As we add flower after flower to our bouquet, giving each its proper place, the result is that our bouquet becomes more and more beautiful, and we take more and more delight in it. Just so, as God plucks the choice flowers of earth, and places them in the heavenly bouquet, it grows in beauty, and increases more and more the joy of that happy home. Christ has been gathering flowers and arranging them in this bouquet for many ages, and will continue the process to the end of time, when it shall be completed according to His own perfect ideal.

Another thought in regard to these flowers is that they are preserved alive. Our bouquets fade, but God will preserve the great bouquet of Heaven forever fresh and beautiful in His home. Our bouquets are made for time; God's is made for eternity.

4. Now for a few practical suggestions:

(a) There is a time to look into the garden, and a time to look beyond to see the bouquet. While the flowers are growing in the garden, it is our privilege to look upon them there, and love and enjoy them; when the garden has been stripped of its flowers, let us look beyond the garden, and still look upon the flowers in their far more beautiful surroundings in the bouquet itself. So in death let us not look at the separation alone, but look beyond, and see the reunion in the heavenly family.

(b) When God visits your church or family for a flower, remember that He is honoring you, and that you should consider it a privilege to furnish a flower for that bouquet.

(c) Let every individual consider

the question as to whether he is to be a flower in the bouquet, or to be cast off as a weed.

(d) Let the children remember that God needs buds as well as mature flowers, and that He is liable to call for them any day.

**In Loving Memory Of  
MRS. RICHARD ROYAL**

On Feb. 25, 1955 Mrs. Richard Royal faithful member of Millers church for over 20 years, was called to her Heavenly home. Before becoming a member of the Millers Presbyterian church, she had belonged to the Friendship Baptist church from girlhood.

In her latter life Sister Royal was of poor health. She was a good mother, and a faithful Christian. Her Heavenly Father has called her to her Home in Heaven.

**In Loving Memory Of  
JOHN W. LUKE, JR.**

On Feb. 5, 1955, John W. Luke, Jr. was called to his Heavenly Home. Johnny had been a faithful member of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church since he was eight years old. Our Heavenly Father needed a boy in Heaven to fill some place so he took him into His tender care.

**Appreciation  
For Comfort**

The family of the late John W. Luke, Jr. thank every one who has given us your sympathy and comfort in the time of our deep grief. Whatever form your gesture of comfort has taken — whether it be by card, letter, flowers, memorial gift, or by kind service, it has lightened our burden and sweetened our grief.

God has reconciled us to his kind providence in calling our son to Himself. May each of you have the presence of the Holy Spirit in sad experiences, bringing the peace and love of God, and the assurance of salvation in Jesus Christ, His Son.

"Thanks be to God that giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

John, Mary and Mary Frances Luke.

**Week Of Self Denial  
And World Mission**

The week of self denial and world missions was kept in the Glendale Field by four services in the following churches: Laurel Fork, Feb. 28; Bethel, March 1; Millers, March 2; and Glendale Springs, March 3rd.

At three of these churches the members gathered for an evening supper before the program. The program consisted of appropriate hymns and prayer for the occasion. Film strips on the mission field were shown and a sound film on the distribution of the Word of God was also screened. The title of the film was "Every Man in His Own Tongue." Offerings were received at each of the services for world missions of the Presbyterian Church.

## Hear Sam Patterson At Glade Valley

Every year the students and members of the staff of Glade Valley school are privileged to hear many inspiring and challenging speakers. It is the custom to invite some one to come to our campus for one chapel service each week. This year we have been most fortunate in securing outstanding people who have most graciously given of their time to bring us these messages.

For the week of special services, which were held January 16-21, Sam Patterson, president of French Camp Academy, French Camp, Miss., was our visiting speaker. Those who have heard Mr. Patterson know that he is an excellent preacher, having an original approach which clarifies many spiritual truths and makes a strong appeal to young people.

We feel that we were most fortunate to have Mr. Patterson on our campus both for the messages he brought and the fine service he rendered in counselling individually with many of the boys and girls who asked for a conference with him. In fact, his presence had a marked influence upon all who were privileged to hear and be associated with him for the few days he was here.

There were a large number of the boys and girls who found Christ as their Saviour. On Sunday morning, January 23, Dexter Sheets, Franklin Rash, Billie Rogers Eller and Billy Jim McEwen united with the Glade Valley Presbyterian Church.

### JOHN W. LUKE, JR. MEMORIAL PLANNED

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ward a memorial building for the use of young people. This seemed a very appropriate idea, as the late John W. Luke, Jr. was very active in the youth activities in his church and community.

The suggestion of a small building, grew into plans for a much larger and adequate building for the present and future of the church and the community, and also the surrounding field. As a result of the growing idea, the friends of Rev. John W. Luke organized the following committees to accomplish the project.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE:** John W. Luke, chairman, Glendale Springs; Paul Cashion, North Wilkesboro; Rev. Jeff Garrison, Winston-Salem; Gale B. McMillan, West Jefferson; Mr. Cathy, Myers Park Presbyterian Church,

Charlotte; Robert Woodie, Glendale Springs; R. L. Parrish, West Jefferson.  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Delmer Rose, chairman and treasurer, Glendale Springs; Larry Colvard, Jefferson; Blair Gwyn, North Wilkesboro; Wade Vannoy, Jr., West Jefferson; Guy Hunt, Boone; Kenneth Miller, Glendale Springs.

**LABOR, MATERIALS AND GRADING COMMITTEE:** Arthur Rose, chairman, Glendale Springs; Herbert Bare, Glendale Springs; Everett Baker, Glendale Springs; Otho Wilcox, Glendale Springs; J. E. Whitely, Glendale Springs; Ralph Bare, West Jefferson.

**PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE:** Rev. Louis J. Yelanjian, chairman, Glendale Springs; Tom Boyd, co-chairman, Glendale Springs; Rev. Jeff Garrison, Winston-Salem; J. R. Jackson, Jefferson; Rev. R. C. Jackson, Jefferson; Chester Davis, Winston-Salem; Robert McNeill, Jefferson; Mrs. Ed Anderson, West Jefferson; Rev. R. H. Stone, Charlotte; Rev. Wayne Thompson, Glade Valley; Rev. Harold Dudley, Greensboro; Rev. Claude Pritchard, Atlanta, Ga.; Courtland Baker, Old Hickory Council, B. S. A., Winston-Salem.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** W. B. Austin, chairman, Jefferson; Rev. J. W. Luke, Delmer Rose, Arthur Rose, Rev. Louis Yelanjian, Tom Boyd, Glendale Springs; Paul Cashion, J. R. Jackson, G. B. McMillan, Jeff. Garrison, R. O. Jackson, Mrs. Ed M. Anderson.

As the result of a memorial building, many friends have sent gifts for this purpose. The Senior class, of the

Jefferson high school of which John W. Luke, Jr. was a member, gathered in one day by gifts of their own, and by solicitation over \$500 in cash. The need for such a building, the generous cooperation in which friends have entered into the project, has evisioned a memorial at the estimated cost of about thirty-five to forty thousand dollars.

## Improvements Made In Glendale Field

In the Glendale Field of churches there are several improvements and repairs that are planned for this spring.

The Laurel Fork Church has planned to replace one side of the church roof with new shingles. The Peak Creek Church has planned to repair the whole roof of their church. Ebenezer Church is planning to complete the basement floor of their new church as well as doing some minor finishing jobs. Bethel Church is planning to plant grass on their terraced cemetery. The Millers Church has some minor molding to put up in the auditorium. The manse needs several small jobs to be accomplished on the house. The roof needs repairing, and a basement floor is needed very badly. The well has been deepened on account of the shortage of water. There are always many jobs to be accomplished in a large field of churches.

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## Tentative Schedule For Glendale Field

A tentative schedule for the daily vacation Bible schools and revival services in the Glendale Springs field has been planned. Some changes may have to be made if conflicts arise because of many summer activities. We do pray that these plans will work out successfully and will honor and glorify our Lord in a greater way than ever before.

Laurel Fork — May 26 to June 5.  
Glendale Springs—June 7 to June 17.  
Ebenezer — June 20 to June 28.  
Peak Creek — June 30 to July 8.  
Millers — July 25 to August 2.  
Bethel — August 4 to August 12.

The weeks between Peak Creek and Millers are free in order that the pastor may attend the annual meeting of Synod and the following week take a group of Boy Scouts to camp at Raven Knob, the scout camp for this area.

## JEFFERSON CHURCH HAS MANY ACTIVITIES

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The study book by Dr. Gettys is being used.

The church has now formed an adult choir. The choir meets each Wednesday night following the prayer service. The members are now preparing to purchase robes.

The young people of the Jefferson church are now having a class each Wednesday afternoon at which they are studying and memorizing the Shorter Catechism. When they have finished, they will have a special service at the morning worship at which time they will be rewarded Bibles.

During the last two months, the Jefferson church has had two guest ministers. On January 23, the Rev. J. P. Garrison, our new executive secretary, was our guest speaker and spoke on "The Power of The Gospel." On February 20, Mr. Robert N. Marshall spoke on "The Love of God — The Motive and Message of Missions."

The ladies of the Jefferson Church have been very active the last few months. They have just elected their new officers. They are:

Mrs. James Colvard, president; Mrs. James Badger, vice-president; Mrs. Ross Jones, secretary; Mrs. Martha Badger, treasurer.

Also the ladies are making baby clothes for the White Cross work. They are making drapes for the church basement and have cleaned and wax-

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## Forward With Christ Through Evangelism

The theme of our church this year in Church Extension work is "Forward With Christ." Under the Church Extension Board, the work of evangelism is placed. "Forward With Christ Through Evangelism" is the slogan of the evangelistic effort this year.

The Synod of North Carolina and Virginia have agreed a mutual exchange of pulpits during the Evangelistic emphasis period. On March 20-25 ministers from Virginia are asked to fill assigned pulpits for evangelistic effort in North Carolina. On the dates of April 17-22 ministers from North Carolina are asked to fill assigned pulpits in Virginia.

The editors of the Ashe Presbyterian would suggest that while our ministers are exchanging pulpits, that we have a great season of prayer for the numerous services that are being held consecutively in the above Synods.

ed the new basement floor.

A World Day of Prayer service was held Friday, February 25, at the Jefferson church. It was planned, sponsored and conducted by the ladies of the church. A special offering was taken to go to our Presbyterian, U. S. A. schools in India.

## Dr. James Jones New Seminary Head

When we heard that Dr. James Jones will be the next president of the Seminary, we are sure he is the right man for the place. His place at Myers Park Presbyterian Church will be hard to fill.

Dr. Jones is well balanced, and equipped to head up the Union Theological Seminary. He loves the Lord Jesus Christ, and we feel he has the small and large churches needs at heart.

The Myers Park Presbyterian church, whose pulpit Dr. Jones has filled for the last fifteen years, has done a great deal toward sponsoring and helping the Glendale Field of churches, and we feel very close to the Myers Park church and their good minister. May God bless this church in their search for another minister and may God bless Dr. Jones as he takes up this responsible position.

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## Revival At Glendale Springs March 20-25

During the week of March 20 through 25 Rev. William H. Ramkey will be the exchange evangelist for the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church.

Mr. Ramkey is the pastor of the Bridgewater Presbyterian Church, Bridgewater, Va. and has been assigned to the Glendale Springs Church for revival services during the week of March 20-25.

The pastor of the Glendale Springs Church has been assigned to hold a revival at the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Hampton, Va. during the week of April 17-22.

These revivals are being held in cooperation with the Forward With Christ Evangelistic Effort of the Presbyterian of the South.

## Youth Fellowship Names New Officers

Early in the year, the four Youth Fellowships of the Glendale Springs field elected new officers for 1955. The Council members are as follows at Bethel, Millers, Laurel Fork and Glendale Springs:

President — Linda Shepherd, Vernon Dancy, Charlotte Stutts and Ella Sue Caudill.

Secretary — Shirley Vannoy, Paula Jean Wayne, Jo Ann Pearson and Peggy Bare.

Treasurer — Carol Shepherd, Carolyn Kilby, Rebecca Jean Pearson and Marcellus Bard.

Program Chairman — Eddie Mae Vannoy, Rachel Kilby, Donna Lou Pendry and Peggy Bare.

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Chairman of Christian Fellowship — Jerry Wyatt, Mary Church and Bill Holbrook.

Chairman of Christian Citizenship — Billy Winger, Clark Sheets, Alfred Cox and Bernard Bare.

## Easter

God of the gardens, the fields and the newly running streams, Thou art speaking to our hearts in revelation of Thyself. In the fresh mosses, the soft green leaves clothing naked branches, the myriad buddings breaking from winter's bondage to greet the glad, free songs of countless birds, we hear Thy recreative voice, telling us once more that the world is Thine.

Make us through Thy awakening power to learn of Thy teaching — so clearly written in the sands and upon the broken ices and in the singing silence of the woodlands — that the Christlikeness of our religion must be shown along the road that we travel so that the weak and the faulty, who like Mary of Magdala have lost Thee in the garden of grief may find Thee again!

Free us of the bondage of self. From cold indifference, wrong thinking, unkind speaking. Take everything of our religion that is worn and threadbare. That by the power of Calvary's Cross, the cast-off grave clothes and the empty tomb, we may, dear resurrected Christ, Father of light and life and love, come forth this Easter morning living Gospels of power, peace and praise.

—Evangeline Booth.

## Let Us Be Glad

Let us speak often of the risen Lord; Of the joyful gladness of this Easter Day.

The world is passing through its own dark night  
Of doubt and tumult — But a stone is rolled away  
From a dark sepulchre, and Jesus stands  
Reaching toward us with His healing hands.

Those blessed hands that have the power to hold  
The darkness back from any troubled night!  
Oh, let us face the Easter dawn,  
Our hearts and eyes filled with the morning light,  
With hope new-born, with courage as reward,  
And faith to go to meet the risen Lord.

After the night of grief that we have had,  
Oh, earnest, seeking hearts, let us be glad!

—Grace Noll Crowell.

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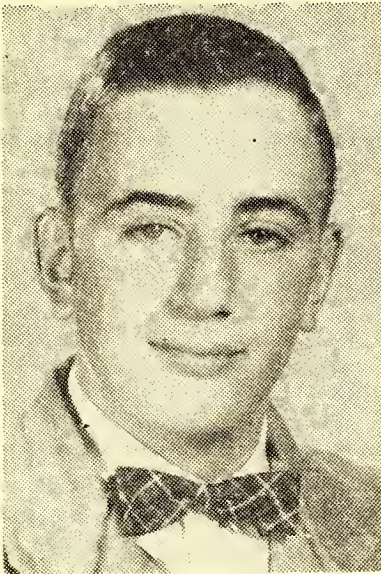
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THE LATE JOHN W. LUKE, JR.

## Tribute To Johnny Luke

(Reprinted from Jefferson high school paper — "The Jefferson Jotter")

Our sincere sympathy goes to Dr. and Mrs. John W. Luke in the loss of their son, John Whelan Luke, Jr.

Johnny was born April 23, 1938. He was a member of the Senior class, president of the Student Council, president of the Spanish Club, member of FFA and a first team member of the basketball team.

The students of Jefferson school will miss Johnny more than mere words could express. The seniors especially feel a keen loss because they so often looked to Johnny for guidance. Above and beyond all this, however, we must put our faith in God, realizing that God has a purpose for all that He does, and we must not question Him. Johnny was a devout member of the Glendale Presbyterian Church. He spent much time working with the young people in the church, as well as Boy Scout Work. We know that Johnny was prepared to leave us and perhaps God needed a fine young lad to carry on his work in Heaven more than we needed him here.

Johnny's memory can never be taken from us. His wonderful and straight

## A Wondrous Plan

How wondrous is the mystery  
Of God's redemptive plan for me,  
By which He would my soul set free  
From sin's domain.

I long had wandered far away  
On paths that led my feet astray,  
While Christ was seeking day by day  
My love to gain.

At last I came His will to own,  
And in my heart Him to enthroned;  
For grace divine at last had shown  
All else was vain.

Now, as I journey on life's way,  
I find my strength is as my day,  
God's promises my hope and stay  
Will e'er remain.  
—Fred Scott Shepard.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER OBSERVED AT GLENDALE

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was arranged with open Bibles with suggested passages to be read and a list of prayer requests. Those who wished to unite their hearts in prayer with Christian brethren around the world came at any time they wished

forward life will always be an inspiration to us wherever we may be and whenever we need confidence in Christianity.

Let us all walk in Johnny's footsteps and those of God. We will remember his nice disposition and the Christian atmosphere that only Johnny could create.

Yes, we shall always keep the memory of Johnny in our hearts, for — "Memory is one gift of God that death cannot destroy." Our lives are definitely richer because they were touched by his. We thank God that we knew Johnny Luke.

from morning until evening. At the close of their time of worship, they wrote their names on a record sheet to witness that they had participated in this day of prayer.

## THE CURSE OF LIQUOR

"I went down to old Lady Bill Penitentiary in Kentucky one afternoon," says Sam Morris, in the Virginia Challenge. "Nine men were in the death cells waiting to be electrocuted in the big old hot chair across the aisle. I put my hand through the bars in one cell, made myself acquainted with the next man, one by one. Eight out of the nine people who were electrocuted from those cells committed their crimes while they were under the influence of liquor."

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## Funds Needed On Luke Memorial Bldg.

The last issue of the Ashe Presbyterian announced the establishment of the Johnny Luke Memorial Fund to be used to erect a Memorial Youth Center and Sunday School Department which will be attached to the Glendale Springs church. This building will cost about \$45,000.

Since the establishment of the fund, in round numbers \$5,000 has been raised with some additional donated work and promise of labor and hauling. A plot of land next to the church has been bought and surveyed for elevations.

The plans for the building are being perfected by the J. N. Pease & Company of Charlotte, N. C. Preliminary plans have been sketched and new ideas incorporated. The preliminary plans and the project have been approved by the committee of church extension of the Winston-Salem Presbytery.

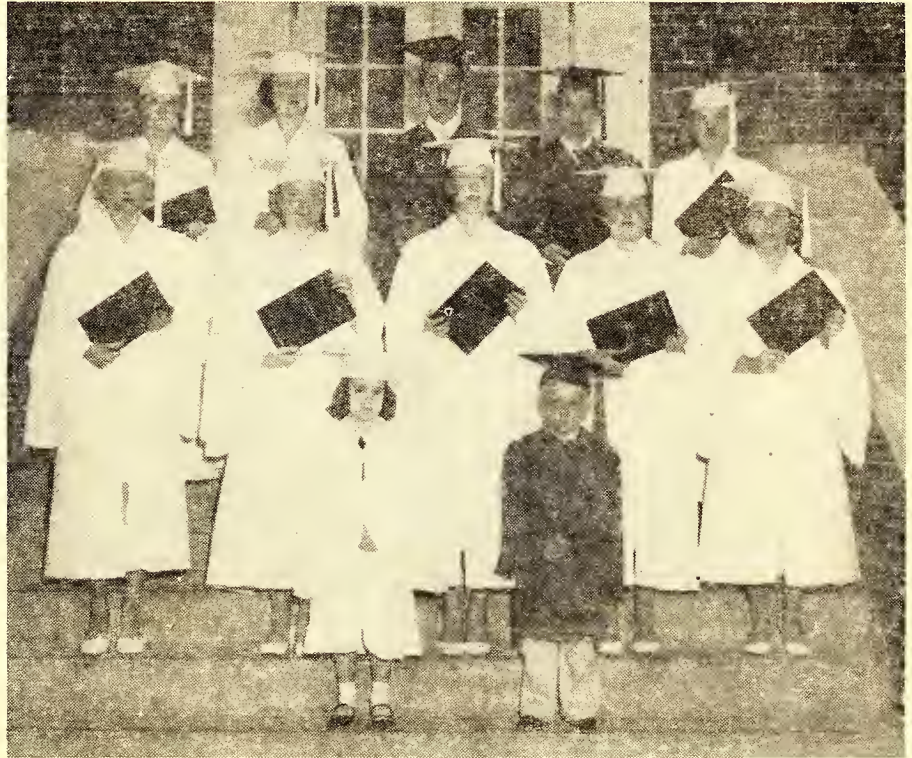
The Executive Committee will meet on June 10 to discuss progress and plans. At this committee meeting, the plans for the building will be discussed, and the treasurers report will be given. Needed funds will be one of the big problems to be discussed at this meeting, as there is great need for increasing the fund before any building or construction can begin.

## Jefferson To Have A Barbecue June 29

The Jefferson church will have a barbecue chicken supper on Wednesday night, June 29th from 5:30 until 8 p. m. The tickets will cost \$1.50 a piece for adults and 75c for children. The menu will consist of barbecued chicken, potatoe salad, slaw, rolls, tea or coffee, and cake. The proceeds of this supper will be used to start building a community play ground for children in the yard beside the church. The play ground will consist of swings, a sand box, and sliding boards. Everyone is invited to make this supper a success.

### BIBLE TIPS TO GRADUATES

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Eccl. 9:10.  
 "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Eccl. 12:1.  
 "I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air." 1 Cor. 9:26.  
 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ." Rom. 1:16.  
 "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Ph. 1:21.  
 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."  
 "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Prov. 3:5-6.



GLADE VALLEY SENIORS receive diplomas. Reading from left to right — Gloria Warden, Frances Arrington, Stacy Coker, Mike Miller, Bonnie Burrow, Jane McCann, Mildred McKinney, Mae Sheets, Lucile Walker, Georgia Eller; mascots, Patsy Hilderbrandt and Richard Greene.

## Russell Burns Is Ordained On Sun.

Rev. Russell Burns, who has been serving in the capacity of Presbyterian pastor in the West Jefferson church for two years, was ordained into the Presbyterian ministry by a commission from the Winston-Salem Presbytery Sunday.

Mr. Burns was examined before the Presbytery in Winston-Salem recently. Charles Davis, a member of the church session, accompanied Mr. Burns to Winston-Salem for the examination.

He was installed as pastor of the West Jefferson church as well as the Obids church where he has been serving as supply pastor.

Mr. Burns was born in Welch, W. Va., and received his education at Davis-Elkins College and the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va. He has been commuting from Richmond in order to fill the pulpit of the West Jefferson church.

He has filled pulpits in Mount Hope, W. Va., Elkins, W. Va., Wilson and Franklin and Zuni, Va. Prior to entering the ministry he was employed by the West Virginia Department of Highways and worked in the West Virginia coal mines. He also acted in the capacity of playground supervisor in his preministerial days.

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## Glade Valley Has 45th Commencement

The forty-fifth annual commencement of the Glade Valley School began its activities with the junior-senior banquet on Monday night, May 9.

The class night exercises were held at eight o'clock on Saturday, May 14, with Stacy Coker, president of the class, presiding. The salutatory was given by Gloria Warden. The following served a class night officers: Mae Sheets, historian; Bonnie Burrows, poet; Stacy Coker, prophet; Frances Arrington, testator. The Valedictory was presented by Jane McCann. The presentation of the class superlatives followed. They were: best-all-around, Frances Arrington; most dependable, Mae Sheets; most studious, Gloria Warden; most athletic boy, Stacy Coker; most athletic girl, Lucile Walker; most original, Bonnie Burrows; wit-tiest, Mike Miller; best personality, Mildred McKinney; friendliest, Jane McCann; most ambitious, George Eller. The class mascots were Patsy Hilderbrandt and Richard Greene.

The Baccalaureate Sermon was delivered in the school chapel at eleven o'clock Sunday morning, May 15. The speaker for the occasion was Dr. R. H. Stone, Executive Secretary for Mecklenburg Presbytery, Charlotte. Dr.

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## EDITORIAL

By J. W. Luke

"For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul." Mark 8:36.

The months of May and June are the months when many graduates will leave their high school or college and launch out into another type of life.

Often at the graduating of a student, he or she is filled with hope, with ambition for great things, with the belief that nothing is impossible. Often our years of study are centered on one thing — how to make a great success in this world. With due respect to the baccalaureate sermon, with due respect for the influence of Christian teachers, how many of our graduates feel their urgent responsibility to serve God in this world?

Dwight L. Moody, the great old evangelist, has said, "A man will sell his soul for profit, pleasure, or preferment (honor).

How many people bow their backs, wrack their heads for the worldly gain of this earth. Every purpose is to make that million, or that thousand and lay back on easy street, but easy street never comes to those who are gripped by the success of gain, for gain begets a spirit of greed. Many a person's soul grew lean while the pocket-book was growing fat. Graduate with great ambition, and hope, seek not to gain the world, but seek to gain a soul.

The second desire that grips man's imagination is his longing for pleasure. Too often the graduate feels his freedom. He has laid the matters of discipline aside, he has become his own master. He seeks a comfortable job, and before many pay days he has pledged a part of his pay check to buying a fancy car. Entertainment, fine foods, music, and revelry soon occupy his full attention. It is not long before, like the prodigal son, he is poverty stricken, he is unhappy, a man with a sad, starved soul.

The third desire of man mentioned above is that of preferment. Preferment means a place of honor. General Patton, the world renowned

leader of the last war said, "Men will storm the gates of Hell for fame." What won't a man do to get his name before the public? Public office is so enticing that a man will sell his own soul to gain the top. Women will sell their own purity to be a movie star, or become popular.

How does a man lose his own soul? He loses it piece by piece, just as the butcher sells his meat. The butcher sells a pound here, and then two pounds there. He sells a little bit at a time until a whole beef has passed over his counter. A man does the same. He sells a piece of his soul here by a crooked act, another piece here by some evil sin of the flesh, he sells another by some selfish act that will bring pleasure to his ego. So a man will sell his soul piece by piece until the whole is in the power of Satan. "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

Shall we graduate into gaining a whole world or to saving and developing a living soul for eternity?

### JOY THAT LASTS

"Happy is the man who can truly exclaim, 'My Saviour!'

The miser may be miserable, though he can say, 'My money.'

The nobleman may be miserable, though he can say, 'My property.'

The king may be wretched, though he can say, 'My kingdom.'

The conquerer may be in a deplorable condition, though he can say, 'My army.'

But the man who can say, 'My Saviour!' has got what neither devil nor man can rob him of, a possession beside which all else sinks into nothingness: he has found something that will satisfy his heart for time and eternity."

"... my Spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior." Lu. 1:47.

"For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Mark 8:36.

(Copied from The Church Militant)

## GLADE VALLEY HAS 45th COMMENCEMENT

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Stone brought a very forceful message for the young people from Daniel 1:8: "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the King's meat, nor with the wine which he drank." The music for the occasion was furnished by the Glade Valley Choir.

The recitation contest was held Thursday Afternoon, May 19. The contestants and the titles of their recitations follow: Frances Arrington: "Creation;" Evon Lyall: "Betty Entertains the Minister;" Lucille Walker: "Makes me Madder Than a Billy Goat;" Gail Melton: "Daddy Doc;" Carolyn Robbins: "Sis Hopkins and Her Beau, Biliious." After careful deliberation the judges awarded the medal to Carolyn Robbins.

The piano pupils of Mrs. Blanche Dunnagan were presented in Glade Valley's annual recital, Thursday evening, May 19. Special features of the program were two selections: "Morning Now Beckons" and "O Soldier, Soldier" sung by the chorus and several duets and trios played by the music class. The manner in which the twenty-three pupils rendered their

various selections showed much training and practice on the part of the instructor and pupils. As the climax of the evening E. B. Eldridge presented the musical medal. This award, given each year to the student making the most satisfactory progress in music, went to Georgia Eller. Georgia was a first year piano student but she has been a faithful alto in the choir since she entered Glade Valley two years ago. For the recital Georgia played "Dance Of The Sunbeams" by Cadman. A reception honoring the music class was held in the library immediately following the recital. The seniors served delicious punch and cookies. Jane McCann and Mae Sheets presided at the punch bowl.

The school year came to a close with the graduation exercises held in the school chapel at eleven o'clock, Friday, May 20. The address for this event was delivered by the Rev. Paul Richards of the Mocksville Presbyterian Church. Directing his remarks more specifically to the members of the graduating class, Mr. Richards likened preparation for life to a ship being made ready for launching upon the high seas. The Glade Valley chorus sang "There is a Balm in Gilead."

The following awards were presented by W. C. Thompson, principal:

The Louise Erwin Memorial Music Medal — Georgia Eller.

Recitation Medal — Carolyn Robbins  
Home Economics Medal — Sally Shepherd.

Scholarship Medal — Doris Woodie.  
Citizenship Medal — Mae Sheets.

Boys receiving a prize for the best kept room were: Gordon Love, Rudolf Garcia, and Julius Romero. Girls receiving the same prize were: Sally Shepherd, Doris Woodie, and Mae Sheets.

Diplomas were presented by E. B. Eldridge, superintendent, to the following graduates: Frances Arrington, Bonnie Burrows, Stacy Coker, Georgia Eller, Jane McCann, Mildred McKinney, Mike Miller, Mae Sheets, Lucille Walker, and Gloria Warden.

In addition to the Glade Valley diploma, a Bible with name, school and class '55 imprinted on the cover was presented to each graduate.

One of the high lights of the commencement program was the announcement of a gift of six violins by the Christian Home Covenant of Jackson, Mississippi, with the request that there be formed the "Edward Carl Johnson Orchestra." This vision and addition for the expansion of the music department has been furnished and launched by a friend of the Glade Valley School.

## P. G. Garrison Conducts Class

At the request of the officers of the Glendale Springs Church, Rev. P. G. Garrison who had recently become the Executive Secretary taught a series of classes on church officers.

Officers from Laurel Fork, Ebenezer, Jefferson, and Glendale Springs attended these meetings. Some of the Sunday School teachers also attended and were taught by Miss Susen Neville and Miss Mildred Mallard. These classes were very interesting, and instructive.

## Johnny Luke, Jr. Exec. Group Meets

The executive committee of the Johnny Luke Memorial met at the Glendale Springs church on June 10 at 7:30 o'clock. Those present were Chairman W. B. Austin, Arthur Rose, Tom Boyd, Delmer Rose, and Revs. L. J. Yelanjian, J. W. Luke. Rev. P. J. Garrison reported he could not be present.

After the committee meeting was opened with prayer, business was discussed. The revised plans drawn by J. N. Pease and Company were approved with minor suggestions. Rev. J. W. Luke was directed to refer the plans again to the Extension Committee of Winston-Salem Presbytery for last approval, also to hasten the final construction drawings.

Treasurer Delmer Rose gave a financial report showing \$5,000 had been donated. Donations of engineering work by L. B. Tyson, hauling, labor, and lumber pledges, a substantial cutting of price on land bought from Robert Woodie, bring the amount of value received upward toward \$6,000. Approximately \$1,500 was paid for land and other expenses.

A discussion for raising the money for the building was held at great length, this being one of the committees big problems.

## Glade Valley Choir Sings At Jefferson

On Sunday night, April 24, we were privileged to have as our guests the Glade Valley school choir. The musical program which they presented was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

## Pew Fund Underway At Glendale Church

For some time the women of the Glendale Springs church have been selling second hand clothing for the purpose of installing permanent pews in the church sanctuary. Members of the church and friends have also donated gifts of single pews in memory of their loved ones. The total amount to date has been increased to about one-third of the cost of the seats. We hope to order the pews as soon as we raise about two-thirds of the total cost. These pews will match the inside panelling of the church in stain and will be made of maple wood.

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## Bible School In Glendale Field

As the Ashe Presbyterian news goes to press, the Glendale Springs Bible School is in full swing with about 85 in attendance, with about 100 enrolled. The revival for Glendale Springs is planned for the fall. A short meeting was held in April in the exchange of pulpits with the Synod of Virginia. Rev. Wm. H. Ramkey of Bridgewater, Va. held a fine meeting for a week. Everyone enjoyed having Mr. Ramkey with us.

The Ebenezer Bible School and revival will continue from June 17 through June 26. Mr. Angus Shaw will preach in this meeting, and the Bible School will be conducted by the Pastor, J. W. Luke, and teachers.

The Peak Creek meeting and Bible School will run from June 28th through July 6th. Rev. Henry Schum will preach during this revival.

Millers Bible School and revival will run through July 25th through August 2nd. Mr. Angus Shaw will conduct this revival.

Bethel Bible School and revival will run through August 4th through Aug-

## Officers Installed In Glendale Church

On October 18, 1953 a congregational meeting having been called the following men were elected to the position of elder, and deacons: Mr. T. S. Boyd, Elder; Mr. Robert Woodie, Kenneth Miller, Herbert Bare, Otto Wilcox and Arthur Rose, Deacons.

On July 3, next month Rev. P. J. Garrison the Executive Secretary of Winston-Salem Presbytery has consented to aid in the installation of these officers. Mr. Garrison will preach at 11 a. m. on this date.

ust 12th. Mr. Angus Shaw is scheduled to hold this meeting also.

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### BURNS ORDAINED AT WEST JEFFERSON

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Visitors attending the ordination from some distance were Dr. Don Brandon, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Welch, W. Va.; Dr. W. C. "Smiley" Williams, former pastor of the Welch church, who is living in Tampa, Fla.; W. R. Keyser, an elder in the Welch church, Dr. Williams is a former head chaplain of the Army Air Force in the Carribean Theatre during World War II and Mr. Keyser is the general manager of the Welch Daily News.

### Mail Clean - Up Is Urged By Leader

"A growing volume of unwanted lewd and obscene matter is being sent through the mails into American homes, and the Post Office Department is intensifying its 'Clean-Up-The-Mails' efforts to stop this offense against common decency," Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield said today.

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## Bible Schools In Jefferson Field

The dates for the Bible schools in the Jefferson Field have been arranged. The Bible School at the Low Gap church was June 6 until 17, the classes begin at 9 a. m. and closing at 11 a. m.

The Bible School at the Big Ridge church was June 6 until 17, the classes began at 2 p. m. and closing at 4 p. m.

The Bible School at Jefferson was held in co-operation with the Jefferson Methodist church the week of June 20 to June 24 at the Jefferson Presbyterian church. The time of the school was from 9 a. m. to 11 a. m. each morning.

mails.

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"In other instances our efforts to keep the mails clean produce an almost inevitable cry of 'censorship' by

## Services Are Held At Laurel Fork

The revival at Laurel Fork began May 24 and ended on June 2. Rev. George Bowman, of McConnell, W. Va. preached in this meeting and the congregations were refreshed and strengthened. Mr. Bowman was very interesting to the children as he is quite a magician as well as a teacher in object lessons. Billy Holbrook who made profession in the meeting united with the church. There were others who also professed Christ during the meeting and Bible School.

The highlight of the Bible School was the object talks of Rev. George Bowman. The teachers in this Bible School were Miss Evelyn Acheson, Beginners; Miss Doris Woodie and Donna Pendry, Primary class; Rev. J. W. Luke, Junior class. Miss Joan Pearson assisted Miss Acheson with the Beginners class. Two girls recited the Child's Catechism — Mary Ruth Wyatt, and Mary Ellen Woodie.

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## Instructor Here For Bible School

Rev. P. J. Garrison, Executive Secretary of Winston-Salem Presbytery announced that the Bible School instructor, Miss Betty Murchison, of Queens college, Charlotte would be here through August.

We have four Bible schools which include Stone Chapel, which was June 6 through 18; Lansing, June 20 through July 1; Foster Memorial, July 4 through July 15, Gillespie, July 18 through July 29.

Some unforeseen event might necessitate some change in this schedule, nevertheless we are planning to reach all of these localities with a Bible school this summer.

## Religion Necessary In Early Childhood

Apparently there are few formal statistics relating to the efficacy of religious training in preventing crime, but let me tell you of the experience of one juvenile court judge who, over a period of eight years, had some 8,000 boys and girls under 17 years of age brought before him for violating the law.

Of these 8,000 delinquent children only 42 regularly attended Sunday school.

Perhaps even more striking is his finding that none of these children had a mother or father who attended Sunday school or church regularly.

(From Edgar Hoover report — you Can Help Stop Juvenile Crime.)

## Church Improvements In Glendale Field

In the Glendale Field the Peak Creek church group have cut timber to use for re-roofing their whole church which is in need of repair. This timber has been sawed into boards by Mr. Hiram Bare and will be used for roofers for the building.

The Laurel Fork church did a nice job of re-roofing one side of their church and clipping and cleaning up the lawn.

Glendale Springs church planted grass on the playground, and ditched the upper end so as to run water away from the grounds.

Bethel Church has planted grass on their terraced graveyard, and is planning to plant the church building.



CONSTRUCTION IS GOING FORWARD on new building for boys at Glade Valley. This will replace the building which was destroyed by fire. (News Photo)

## Seniors Presented Bibles In Memory

The Senior class of the Jefferson high school were presented Bibles in memory of their classmate Johnny Luke, Jr. The Bibles were of blue and white backs to match the colors of the school. The girls of the class received

the white, and the boys the blue Bibles.

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## Building Underway At Glade Valley

Last summer it was announced that the Board of Trustees had decided to build a building which is to be used as living quarters for the teachers at some future date, but that the boys would live here until a new boys' dormitory could be erected. Funds for such a building are not available at this date.

The contract was let and construction got underway last fall. Due to the extremely severe winter we had the building was at a standstill until late spring. Work has been resumed and progress on the building is noticeable every day.

The boys lived in the boys' old dormitory last year. The building was uncomfortably cold, but the boys did not have one case of flu. It was unsightly to behold but the boys were much happier with more space about them than the previous year when they lived barrack-style in a classroom of the Reynolds Building.

The boys will occupy the new building this fall. All plans are being made to this end. It will not be ideal for three or four boys will have to occupy one room, but we do hope they will be happy in their new quarters.

## Presbytery Gives Evangelism Report

The Assembly requested the Chairman on Evangelism to make a survey of evangelistic effort during the period from January through April 1955. This was designated as the special period of evangelistic effort.

The following gives an idea of the report. Out of the 49 churches 29 reported. Out of the 19 active pastors 17 reported. Professions of faith reported during this period 120. Received by certificate 99. Total reported 219. Visitation effort 9 churches. Preaching efforts in evangelism 6 in churches in presbytery. Combination of visitation and preaching evangelism 11. Pastors who had ministers from Virginia Synod or other evangelist 9. Pastors in presbytery who served in Synod of Virginia in exchange of pulpit 7. Out of the 49 churches of course it was not a suitable effort for evangelism and some of these churches were without pastors.

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## Jefferson Church Gets Improvements

We are happy to have to work with us in the Jefferson, Low Gap, and Big Ridge churches this summer, Johnnie Bare. Johnnie is a student at Louisville Theological Seminary and is now finishing his second year there. Johnnie is a member of the Big Ridge church and grew up here in Ashe county. We count it a real privilege to have him here to work with us this summer. Johnnie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bare of Big Ridge.

The men of the Jefferson church are preparing to paint and decorate the inside of the sanctuary. The church roof is leaking and this will also be repaired.

## Pulpit Chair Given Glendale Church

In the December issue, 1954, a writing of appreciation was published in Ashe Presbyterian for the communion table set given by the family of the late S. H. Boyd. Another appropriate piece of furniture to match the communion set was added to the church furniture recently. A large, maple, pulpit chair was also presented to the church in honor of Mr. S. H. Boyd.

## Elect New Officers At Jefferson Church

Recently the Jefferson Church elected two new elders. These new elders are: Robert McNeill and Gene Scott.

The church also elected the following deacons: Millard Fetzter, James Colvard, and James Badger. We pray that God will bless these men as they serve God in these positions.

## Revival Services Held At Lansing

On June 15 we began a series of revival services, the pastor at the meeting carried on till June 19, at which time the Rev. P. J. Garrison, Executive Secretary of Winston-Salem Presbytery preached for us through June 26.

You, who read this, will you please pause for just a moment—, Say a little prayer for the preacher, for the church, and that God blessed His Word to the Salvation of last souls? WE THANK YOU.

This chair is made in the same style as the chairs for the communion set and help to beautify and make more worshipful our beloved little sanctuary.

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## Progress Is Made On Luke Memorial

Many people are asking how the memorial is progressing. There are many encouraging things happening in our efforts.

The plans for the memorial are now complete. The J. N. Pease and Company, of Charlotte, have worked out all plans with details for the construction of the building. They have given more than three months of thought to these plans and they are well worked out.

At the present a well is being bored as the first step toward the construction of the building. Boy Scouts have hauled their first load of sand and are planning to make the pile larger. Others have offered labor and hauling which will come in handy in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bare and family have given a calf toward raising money for the project. This calf is shown in a cut in this paper. The Bare boys, Laurie and Chriss are very proud of the calf which their family is given toward the memorial building. There is much local interest in the effort to build this much needed con-

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## Jefferson Will Get New Furnace

The congregation of the Jefferson church voted on Sunday, August 28, to install a new oil furnace in the church. This new furnace will heat both the main sanctuary and the basement. New outlets will be placed at the side and the back of the church. A one thousand gallon oil tank will be installed.



MR. AND MRS. HERBERT BARE presented this calf to the Johnny Luke Memorial Fund.

## Ashe County Boys Are In Ministry

It was the pleasure of the editor of this paper to serve on the commission to install Mr. Dawes Graybeal as pastor of the Montview Presbyterian church. The service was held at the Montview Presbyterian church on the evening of June 26.

Rev. P. J. Garrison, president; Rev. W. R. Smith charged the pastor; Rev. John W. Luke charged the congregation.

Elders Victor Clark, Walter Osborne and O. K. Foster completed and took part in the commission.

It is a great pleasure to see another  
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## College Students From Glendale Field

The colleges are opening and we, from the Glendale Field of churches, are proud of our young people who have enrolled.

Our best wishes and God's blessings go with the following students: Mae Sheets and Peggy Jo Miller of the Peak Creek church; Shirley Caudill, Martha Rose Miller, Mary Frances Luke, Jean Mash of the Glendale community and church will go to Montreat college.

Wade Rose, and Mary Katherine church of Glendale Springs are at Lees-McRae college. Charles Caudill, of Glendale Springs is at N. C. State in Raleigh. Virginia Long and Marjorie Long of Glendale Springs and Mary June Sheets and Bobby Sheets of Laurel Springs will attend Appalachian Teachers College at Boone.

We understand also that Roy Blain Tolly is coming back from Portland, Me. and will seek entrance at Lees McRae College.

Robert Bare of Ebenezer church now living at Jefferson is at Lees-McRae. Don Tucker of Peak Creek church is at N. C. State.

Ralph Bare of Peak Creek community is at A. T. College.

## Members Received At West Jefferson

The West Jefferson Presbyterian church has added some new members recently. Mr. Robert Fracker from Northminster Presbyterian church in Roanoke, Virginia; Mr. Joe McLean, Waldensian Presbyterian church in Valdese; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Baldwin, Mrs. Baldwin from Creston Methodist church and Mr. Baldwin on profession of faith; Billy Mullis, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Mullis, on profession of his faith; and John Kilby Reeves, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Reeves, on profession of faith.

### Chart of Summer

#### Bible Schools

	Enrollment	Average Attendance
Larsing Field:		
Lansing	85	78
Gillespie	35	26
Foster Memorial	47	40
West Jefferson Field:		
West Jefferson	46	
Jefferson Field:		
Jefferson	78	
Low Gap	42	
Big Ridge	34	
Glendale Springs Field:		
Glendale Springs	111	85
Laurel Fork	45	36
Bethel	48	42
Millers	61	42
Ebenezer	38	30
Peak Creek	96	62



REV. AND MRS. RUSSELL BURNS have a fine young son pictured above.



JAMES ROGER JACKSON, JR., son of Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Jackson, was 6 1-2 months old when picture was taken.

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## "Education Plus"

(Concerning Glade Valley)

A few years ago a little boy looked up at me and said "Mr. Luke, I want to go to your college." For a moment I had to think about to what college he was referring. It dawned upon me he was talking of Glade Valley school which has been and still is being the most important Christian character building institution of Winston-Salem and Orange Presbyteries.

Let me say here, it is not just sentiment that makes many of us loyal to Glade Valley. It is the fact that the school is making such an impact upon the teen agers of today that we realize the great value and importance of her work in this unsettled time of education.

After observing the work of Glade Valley for almost 30 years as a home mission pastor in an adjacent field; after sending approximately 200 students to Glade Valley from my field of six churches; after tracing the influence upon these lives over the years, I can say that this institution is doing a work equal to many of the very largest churches of the assembly, perhaps not in numbers, but in actual Christian character building.

I cannot mention all of the good qualities of the school, but I will try to emphasize some of them.

### I. AN EDUCATION PLUS A CHRISTIAN HOME

The cause of delinquency among the teen-agers today is because we do not have proper communities or homes in which to rear our children. This is such an acknowledged fact today that many social studies point to the fact that the homes are responsible for the crime wave of young people. Delinquent homes and parents make delinquent children.

Besides giving a sound education equal to any high school curriculum, Glade Valley is giving a Christian home to her students. Glade Valley is a crime fighter from this point of view. The social life of many of our small communities is predominated by the sale of liquor, the drinking of

alcoholic drinks, and a young person growing up in such surroundings soon becomes the product of his companions. The laxity of parents does not restrain a young person from falling into this way of living. This valuable institution is not only an educational institution, but it is a Christian home, and a Christian community in which a student can grow in a Christian environment. Do not forget the trustees of Glade Valley are very careful in doing all they can to control the wholesome environment of the community of the school.

There are many other students that come from homes where there is trouble — for let us not forget that the divorce rate today is tremendous, leaving many a teen-ager in a maladjusted situation. Glade Valley has become a substitute Christian home for many a broken home.

We do not mean to say here that all students come from broken homes or unwholesome surroundings, for missionaries' children, and children from fine homes come to the school, because they are assured of a Christian training and environment.

### II. EDUCATION PLUS INSPIRATION

Where ever I find a home where one or both of the parents are Glade Valley graduates, they want their children to go back to the old school and receive that intangible influence, which has made their lives so worth while.

Not just the education, but the vision and inspiration which, like an invisible halo, hang about the soul and character of a person who once received the Christian perspective and vision of life are the things which a little school like Glade Valley can give.

I have sent a great many students to this little school who had no idea of going to college, and had no people in their families who had ever gone to college, yet from the vision and inspiration they received there, they were determined to continue in college training. Not only were many students inspired to go on in college, but a new vision of Christian way of life, and the call and service of God entered into their perspective of the future.

The fact that Glade Valley has given many of our young students a desire for a Christian life, has sent many of her students to our Christian church colleges. Glade Valley is a feeder to our own church institutions. This is very valuable to our own churches.

### III. EDUCATION PLUS CHRIST

About 10 years ago a prominent Methodist layman and educator called me aside and said something like this. "Your church should develop Glade Valley. There is a denomination coming into our south and they are building private, public parochial schools. There are atheistic tendencies dominating our public school philosophy, and the people of America need schools such as this one where Christianity and the Bible can be taught with freedom." I made my first appeal to Presbytery for a campaign for the school right after this talk with this Methodist layman. As the result, an investigation committee was put to work for a year and out of it all, a \$300,000 campaign was held, new buildings

have been erected and future developments are opening up before us in a wonderful way. I do not claim credit for the above, God seem to put it in the hearts of many of us at the same time to see the need of development.

I am trying to say, we saw the need of an institution for teen-agers that taught a certain way — the way of Christ-the Bible — the commitment to Christ. Now-a-days the training of our young people is such, a scattered affair, touched by every philosophy and by man's ideas rather than God given truth. Glade Valley gives education, but it gives a certain way — it gives Christ as revealed through the Bible. I am glad that our little school can teach the Bible freely, and point out to our students that there is one way of life and that is only in Christ. Glade Valley to me means then, 'Education Plus Christ.'

When the Synod of North Carolina voted to follow the recommendations of the Ford Foundation Committee, the trustees of the school realized that the committee did not give Glade Valley a very thorough examination of its worth as a Christian school. They compared it to state high schools and said it was the trend for protestant churches to discontinue this type of schools. They did not at all seem to grasp the valuable Christian training, Glade Valley was rendering to our young people.

Many of the men, who voted had never been to Glade Valley nor were they acquainted with the problems of the mountains, nor the valuable part Glade Valley was rendering the home mission fields of our mountains. I do not think the men who voted realized they were cutting at the very heart of our home mission work, nor the Christian training for teen-agers.

As Dr. Joe Carter plainly said, "The existence of Glade Valley school should have had nothing to do with the merger of institutions of higher education. It is an entirely different institution meeting a different need."

Another matter which we should consider is this. When men voted for the merger of three colleges, their lives flowed on into a larger institution. When men vote to discontinue Glade Valley, they are killing a school. They are killing the heart in our home mission work; they are killing a school that is a power in the lives of young people for Christ; they are undermining a strong dedicated school when the school systems around us are so unsettled; they are cutting the stem of a school that is in full bloom. We are glad the Presbyteries of Orange and Winston-Salem realize the value of Glade Valley and have committees to make a more thorough survey of this valuable institution.

## Ministers Exchange Pulpits In August

Rev. and Mrs. Russell Burns, of West Jefferson exchanged pulpits and manses with Rev. and Mrs. Carl R. McCain of the First Presbyterian church, Brooksville, Florida, August 24 to Sept. 5. The exchange proved very profitable to both ministers.

## Miss Betty Murchison Praised At Lansing

The Lansing field were much pleased with the fine work done by Miss Betty Murchison of Concord. Miss Murchison worked in the Lansing field this summer. She held three Bible schools which were a great success. These Bible schools were held at Lansing, Gillespie, and Foster Memorial.

## U. S. A. Crime Rate Sets New Record

J. Edgar Hoover reports that the crime rate in the United States has been increasing four times faster than the growth of the population. For the seventh consecutive year a new record was established for crime in the United States. The number of crimes committed was five per cent higher in 1954 than in 1953.

The population has grown 7 per cent since 1950, but the crime rate has increased 26.7 per cent. The rate of crimes per capita grew 18.4 between 1950 and 1954. Rural crime is increasing twice as fast as in the cities.

In 1954, juvenile crime increased 2.3 over 1953, as regards youngsters under 17 arrested for serious offenses. Youths 17 and under comprised 57.6 per cent of the car thefts, 49 per cent of the burglaries, and 43.6 per cent of the larceny arrests.

The Church Militant

## An Alcoholic Nation?

Alcoholism, according to a United Press report, is one of the fastest-growing dangers to American survival. Authority for this statement is Dr. Andrew C. Ivy, head of the Department of Clinical Sciences at the University of Illinois. Ivy says 7,000,000 adult Americans are heavy drinkers, addictive drinkers, or chronic alcoholics, and that the number is increasing at the rate of 250,000 annually. "The danger to America is so great," he said, "that congressional committees could do as much for the country by investigating the subject as improving the Communist menace." Total abstinence, he thought, is the only solution to the problems created by alcohol.

"Know yet not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God? Nor drunkards." (I Cor. 6:10).

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## India Clamps Down

According to Evangelical Press, India has announced the following regulations in regard to the use of strong drink:

No alcoholic liquors to be served at state functions.

No liquor advertisements to be accepted by India-owned newspapers.

Elimination of drinking scenes from motion pictures.

No liquor to be served in dining cars and refreshment rooms of railroads.

Official direction that diplomatic representatives abroad substitute fruit juices for cocktails at all official functions.

Provincial co-operation and constructive policies of state prohibition.

One of the strong political parties in India has adopted the rule that "no person who carries on trade in liquor or is addicted shall be eligible for election as a delegate."

— Evangelical Beacon

## Bible Study At Obids Church

We are having a weekly Bible study at the Obids Presbyterian church every Tuesday night at 7:30. We are studying the Gospel of Luke.

## A Home Without A Bible

What is home without a Bible?  
'Tis a home where daily bread  
For the body is provided,  
But the soul is never fed.

What is home without a Bible?  
'Tis a family out at sea,  
Compass lost and rudder broken,  
Drifting, drifting, thoughtlessly.

What is home without a Bible?  
List! and ponder while I speak;  
'Tis a home with Bibles in it,  
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## Glendale Welcomes Its New Members

In the past few months the following people have united with the churches in the Glendale Springs field.

The Glendale Springs church welcomes Mrs. Wade Rose; Laurel Fork church, Mr. Sid Miller and Bill Holbrook; Ebenezer church, Mrs. Wilmer Hunt, Ted Roten, Lenoir Hall and George Bowlin; Millers church, Paula Jean Wayne.

There have been others who have made professions in the meetings but have not officially been received by the churches as members. This we hope will be done later.

New members we welcome you into our fellowship and may you find great satisfaction and peace in your soul as you work in God's Kingdom with us.

## Appreciation To Johnnie Bare

The members of the Jefferson, Big Ridge, and Low Gap churches would like to express their appreciation to Johnnie Bare for working with us this summer. Johnnie who is a native son of Big Ridge, and a third year student at Louisville Theological Seminary, did a fine piece of work this summer in the Jefferson field.

## Without Christ

A missionary has said, "A great without is written in heathenism."

Men and women are without a Bible, without a Sunday, without prayer, and without songs of praise.

They have rulers without peace, marriage without sanctity, young men and women without ideals, little children without purity, mothers without wisdom and self-control.

There is a poverty without relief, illness without skill or care, sorrow without sympathy, sin without a remedy, and death without hope.

All this is wrapped up in the words, "without Christ!"

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"I know the Bible to be inspired because it finds me at greater depths of my being than any other book."

— Coleridge.

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## Baby Daughter Born

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Jackson, pastor of the Jefferson Presbyterian church announce the arrival of Deborah Lynn Jackson at 11 a. m. on September the 7. Her weight was 7 lbs and 14 ounces. Congratulations go to Rev. and Mrs. Jackson.

## Rev. Archie Bare To Preach Sunday

The Rev. Archie Bare, a Baptist preacher from Glen White, West Virginia, will preach at the Low Gap church at a special preaching service on Sunday, September 18 at 2:30. All are cordially invited to attend.

## West Jefferson Gets Repair Work Done

The West Jefferson church has done quite a bit of repair work in recent months. A new drape has been added to the back of the church, behind the pulpit and one along the front of the pulpit. New plaster has been used to mend the cracked places in the ceiling and walls. The study at the church has been remodeled. A new desk and bookcase have been added. The room has also been given a new coat of paint.

## Jefferson To Have Evangelistic Service

There will be held in the Jefferson church beginning Monday, October 3 at 7:30, and continuing each night that week through Sunday night, October 9, a series of evangelistic meetings. The guest minister will be the Rev. Gaston Boyle, pastor of the Pine Hall, Danbury, and Clark Memorial Presbyterian churches. Rev. Mr. Boyle is the father of Rev. William Boyle, former Ashe county pastor and now a missionary to Japan.

## Liquor Licks Up Taxes

"The Voice" say that the next time the community or state begins to discuss the "tremendous" revenue that comes from the sale of alcoholic beverages, this might come in handy: Dr. Lester Breslow, of the State Department of Public Health of California, has said that California's alcoholics cost the state twelve times the total revenue derived from liquor taxes. Breslow puts the lost of alcoholism to California at \$300,000,000 annually. He says this includes hospital, police, and treatment costs, plus loss of income. Liquor revenues provide only \$25,000,000 a year. "At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." (Prov. 23:32).

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## Special Thanks To Summer Workers

The summer revivals were unusually successful this season, and we want to take a little space for thanks to our faithful visiting preachers.

Special thanks and appreciation go to Mr. Angus Shaw, of Huntersville, who preached at Ebenezer, Millers, and Bethel churches.

Special thanks and appreciation go to Rev. George Bowman of McConnell, W. Va., who preached at Laurel Fork.

Special thanks and appreciation go to Rev. Henry Schum of the Hopewell Presbyterian church of Huntersville.

Special thanks and appreciation go to Wayne H. Davis, who spent the summer teaching Bible School and helping in the work among the young people. We are very thankful for the girls who gave of their time in teaching the children in the summer Bible schools.

## Sunday School Clinic Being Planned

On October 10, Miss Ann McMichael will be at the West Jefferson Presbyterian church to conduct a Sunday church school clinic.

## Glendale Group At Glade Valley

The school at Glade Valley opened its new buildings for the coming year on Sept. 29. There are fifteen young people from the Glendale field, who have enrolled and are now attending Glade Valley this year. From Ebenezer church there are the following: Betty Ann Atwood, Pauline Roten, Kenny Hunt, Evon Lyle, and Loueva Hall.

Those from Peak Creek church are Maxine and Lorene Roten. There are five from the Glendale church: Ella Mae Miller, Robert Wade Miller, Doris Woodie, C. J. Hunt, and Billy Fay Combs.

Bethel church has one, Billy Wingler.

We are looking forward to a fine record and good year by these young students as they take up their studies at Glade Valley.

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## G. Valley Alumni Has Annual Meet

The alumni of the Glade Valley school held its annual dinner, and meeting at Glade Valley, Saturday, August 13, at 7 p. m.

The chairman of the meeting was Mr. George Cathey of Statesville, retiring president of the alumni association.

Mr. John Kellenberger, Chairman of the trustees of the board was the guest speaker for the evening. Mrs. Kellenberger was also a guest of the evening. Rev. J. W. Luke also on the board of trustees made a few remarks about the value of the school to the home mission field.

The alumni association went on record unanimously as desiring that Glade Valley be continued as a high school. It further desired that any action on Glade Valley be postponed.

Glade Valley is of utmost importance, not only to the Orange and Winston-Salem Presbyteries, but also to the state, nation, and Christian world at large. The main reason for this is the fact that Glade Valley is one of the very few high schools where the Bible is a required subject.

It is our hopes and prayers that the friends and responsible parties that can, will grant the required time for careful study and examination of this most important problem, (that of continuing and making Glade Valley even of greater value than she has been in the past.)

The meeting was closed after election of the following officers: President, L. W. Bowden, Jr., Raleigh; vice-

## Joint Youth Meeting

The young people of the Low Gap, Big Ridge, and Lansing Presbyterian churches held a joint young people's meeting at the Big Ridge church on Friday, August 12. Folk games were played, followed by refreshments and hymn singing.

## Jefferson Field Has Bible Schools

In the Jefferson field, summer Bible schools were held as follows in the three churches:

Low Gap in the mornings on June 6 to 18, Big Ridge in the afternoons on the same dates, and Jefferson on June 20 to 24.

## Revival At Low Gap

We had a revival at Low Gap church from July 3 to July 9. The guest minister was the Rev. John Crinkley. Three people were won for the Saviour at this meeting. They are: Wanda Bare, Sylvia Allen, and Fields Craven.

president, Howard T. Lyon, High Point; and secretary and treasurer, Miss Ethel Moxley, of Sparta.

The new president, Mr. L. W. Bowden, Jr., of Raleigh asked that all should be much in prayer about the schools future.

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## Laurel Fork Has Election Of Officers

The Laurel Fork Presbyterian church announced an election of officers for appointment on the 14th of August. This date was the regular time for their preaching service.

A congregational meeting was called and the election of one elder and two deacons was conducted.

The two deacons duly elected were Mr. Sam Miller, and Edgar Miller. The elder elected was Mr. Dean Miller. The congregation was much pleased with these men to help lead the congregation, and the church is looking forward to the installation service in the near future.

## BARBECUE SUPPER SERVED

The members of the Jefferson church held a chicken barbecue on Wednesday evening, June 29. Over one hundred - forty people were served. A total of one hundred twenty-five dollars was raised for the benefit of fixing up the lot immediately behind the church with playground equipment for our children.

## PROGRESS BEING MADE ON JOHNNY LUKE MEMORIAL

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struction.

There have been no large donations for this project. Money has been trickling in from this friend and that one in small donations. The largest gifts that have come in are up to \$100. We have the promise of other donations which will boost us greatly.

The plot of land upon which the building will stand has been bought. This property is adjoining the church lot. We shall owe money for the boring of the well which is just about completed. We owe money for the drawing of the plans. After we pay these bills our resources of cash will be depleted to almost nothing. Still we are hoping, praying and making contacts for help in finances. Our greatest need at present is our finance. Our builder has the plans in his hands. If we can secure perhaps half of our needs financially we would begin the actual construction of the memorial this fall. It is estimated the cost of the building will be about \$45,000.

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## Rev. Chas. McNutt To Hold Glendale Meet

After corresponding for a year, Rev. Chas. McNutt has consented to hold a revival at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church, Sept. 26 through Oct. 2.

The usual revival held during the Vacation Bible School was put off for the fall. The date set for the convenience of all is Sept. 26 through Oct. 2.

Rev. Chas. McNutt is a well known

## ASHE COUNTY HAS BOYS NOW STUDYING MINISTRY

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one of our Ashe boys from the Lansing Presbyterian church take up the call of our Lord to the ministry.

Mr. Johnny Bare, of Big Ridge Presbyterian church, returned to Louisville Seminary at Louisville, Ky. to continue his studies as a ministerial student. Johnny aided Rev. Robert Jackson in his work this summer. Johnny is another young man who is doing well at the call of his Lord, and we are proud of his record and are looking forward to a useful life in the service of our God and Saviour

revivalist in West Virginia. Several years ago he held a meeting at the Obids Presbyterian church, and was very successful.

Special prayer meetings are to be held at the Glendale Springs church for God's blessings upon this meeting. We ask the readers of our paper to also remember us in prayer.

## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL HELD

Vacation Church School was held in the West Jefferson Presbyterian church from June 20 to July 1. Our enrollment was forty-six.

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## W. J. Presbyterian Make Christmas Plans

The Presbyterian church in West Jefferson has received as new members of the congregation Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Alexander of Vass Presbyterian church, Eugene Gray of Franklin Presbyterian church; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Woods, Jr., of the Highland Presbyterian church in Winston-Salem.

The Sunday church school has greatly increased and the Board of Deacons has approved the plans for the rooms, which will be built by the Hart and Blevins contractors. The construction is starting on the new rooms.

The Women of the Church have planned a family night supper, and also on the same night a pageant will be presented under the direction of Mrs. Russell Burns, entitled "Prince of Peace."

This pageant was written by Mrs. Henry Poole, the wife of the pastor of the Second Presbyterian church in Lexington.

The jolly old man from the North will make his annual appearance at the family night supper.

## Christmas Play At Low Gap Dec. 23

The Christmas play for this year is entitled, "The Inn at Bethlehem," which will be presented Friday night, December 23, at 7:30 in the Low Gap church. This play will be directed by the pastor.

The first rehearsal was held Friday night.

Following the Christmas program on December 23, there will be a Christmas party for all.

## Glendale Field Has Special Programs

The churches of the Glendale Springs Field are each preparing a different play to be presented at the Christmas season. Each program gives some phase of the Christmas message. We hope that every program will honor the Saviour whose birthday we celebrate. The programs will be given on the following dates unless changes must be made later to better suit the various communities:

Sunday, 7:30 p. m., December 18 — Glendale Springs.

Monday, 7:30 p. m., December 19 — Laurel Fork.

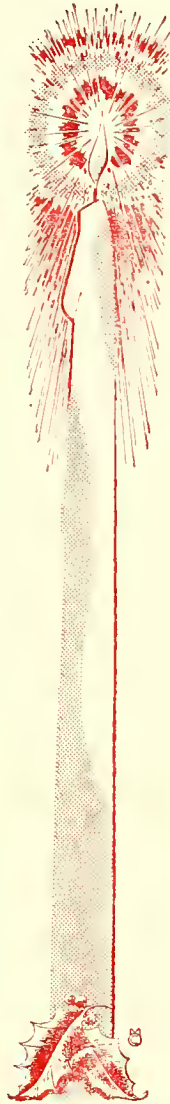
Tuesday, 7:00 p. m., December 20 — Bethel.

Wednesday, 7:00 p. m., December 21 — Millers.

Thursday, 7:00 p. m., December 22 — Ebenezer.

Friday, 7:00 p. m., December 23 — Peak Creek.

The Glendale Springs Christmas tree will be at 2:00 p. m., Thursday, December 22.



"For thou wilt light  
my candle, the Lord  
my God will enlighten  
my darkness."

Ps. 18:28

"The spirit of man  
is the candle of the  
Lord." Prov. 20:27

"Neither do men  
light a candle, and put  
it under a bushel, but  
on a candlestick; and  
it giveth light unto  
all that are in the  
house." Mat. 5:15

"And, lo, the angel  
of the Lord came up-  
on them, and the glory  
of the Lord shone  
round about them."

Lu. 2:9a.

May the Glory of  
the Lord shine round  
about you and out of  
your heart to others  
this birthday of our  
Lord and Saviour.

### A CANDLELIGHT PRAYER

May I be a candle for Thee, O Lord,  
A candle is useless without a wick,  
Give me the wick of Faith

A candle has no light of its own.  
Light me from the flame of Thy love.

A candle burns brighter when all is  
dark —  
When the darkness of trial, affliction  
and sorrow  
Surround me, may my light shine  
brightest

Shield my light from the winds of  
distrust, doubt  
And fear, that it may never flicker  
nor go out.

May I be a candle for Thee, O Lord,  
placed just  
Where my light will serve Thee best.

As a candle is consumed in the burn-  
in, so may I  
Yield myself content, if only by faith  
and love,  
My light may help some others to see  
all the way. Carrie Bell Axon.

## Christmas Play At Jefferson Dec. 21

The Christmas play for this year is entitled, "The Star-Lighted Path." This Christmas pageant will be presented Wednesday night, December 21, at 7:30 in the Jefferson church.

There will be a Christmas party for all the children following the pageant.

The public is cordially invited to attend this play.

## Large Attendance In Lansing Church

The Lansing church is functioning normally relative to its program. Sunday School attendance is running about seventy, preaching service about fifty. You will note an appreciable difference in Sunday School and preaching services. This is due to the fact, many of our young people leave the church after Sunday School, (this I resent). Christ said, "Feed my lambs — Feed my sheep." However, the tragedy is based on the fact: Some of the sheep go away — taking the lambs with them.

Wednesday night prayer meeting is still going, of course, as is true in most cases, carried on by a nucleus of the church. To evaluate with the greatest degree of accuracy the spiritual temperature of the church, one need only to go to prayer meeting on Wednesday night.

## Improvements Made In Jefferson Church

The Jefferson church has just installed a new oil furnace.

The Sunday School Council voted to buy new tables and chairs to fit the size of the children in each of our Sunday School departments. The Council also voted to buy new materials and equipment to help us carry on a more effective teaching program. Millard Fetzer is head of our Sunday School Council.

The women of the church are now in the process of beautifying our church vestibule. They have put up new drapes, painted the walls, and varnished the paneling along the side of the walls. Next they plan to sand and varnish the floors. Mrs. James Colvard is president of the Women of the Church.

Also, the Women of the Church are planning to purchase a new rug for our church sanctuary. They are now selling Christmas cards to help make this possible.

The Board of Deacons has started its program to develop a community playground on the lot behind our church. This playground will include swings, a sandbox, horse-shoe pits, and a softball diamond. Lawrence Tyson and James Badger are co-chairmen of this committee along with James Colvard.

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### SEEKING A HOME FOR PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

#### EDITORIAL

Since the Synod of North Carolina has adopted the policy of consolidating three of their colleges in the eastern part of the state, a committee has been appointed to use their wisdom in selecting a site for the new college.

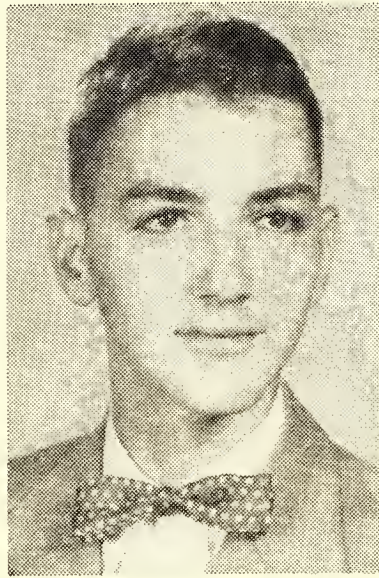
As a result of announcing that a suitable site is now being sought, many towns and cities have thrown their hats in the ring to receive this honor.

Many of the ministers and elders are receiving letters from several towns and cities showing why their town or metropolis should be the logical place for the site of the new college. Diagrams, and arguments, and promises of grounds and money are now being presented as inducements for such a college to be erected in these different localities.

Why are these big inducements promised? A sizeable college in the shrubs of any metropolis will make the town known. It will advertise that town as the home of Presbyterian College. It will bring much development to that place. It will bring money and trade to the merchants of the place chosen.

If I were on the committee to select a site for this new college. I would look behind some of the inducements. I would like to ask what the town can give the youth of this college, besides the dollar that a college will add to a city. I would like to ask of the prevalence of crime in that town. I would like to ask of the temptations of that town, whether bar rooms and whisky joints are open up and down the streets and around the bus and railroad terminals. I would like to ask what kind of amusements are in the city. I would like to ask what the spiritual advantages are in that city.

In my humble opinion the new college does not need the wordly city, the tremendous campus, the huge buildings, the almighty dollar, it needs a home in a wholesome spiritual atmosphere where Christ is honored and praised.



### IN MEMORY OF ROBERT BARE

Robert Clark Bare was born on July 30, 1937 near Wagoner, and was called from this life by a fatal car accident while at college at Lees McRae on Oct. 31, 1955. He was 18 years, 3 months and 1 day old when he departed this life.

In August, 1950, Robert confessed Christ and united with the Ebenezer Presbyterian church. He was a member of the Boy Scout Troop 115 and had attained the rank of 1st class scout. He was Patrol leader of the Wolf Patrol.

Last year Robert graduated at Jefferson high school and was in his first year at Lees McRae college. He was a serious student and had ability in writing. He had a fine personality and made many friends.

Robert is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bare of Jefferson. All of us miss him here, yet we realize God is working out his plans for eternity to those that love the Lord.

Before Robert died in the car wreck, he prayed and told his friend with him, to tell his mother and father he was ready to go and was trusting in Jesus. What a testimony for a young Christian to leave behind him!

I salute you. There is nothing  
I can give you which you have not;  
But there is much that, while I  
Cannot give you, you can take.

No heaven can come to us unless  
our hearts find rest in it today.  
Take Heaven . . .  
No peace lies in the future which  
is not hidden in the present.  
Take Peace . . .

The gloom of the world is but  
a shadow; behind it, yet within our  
reach is joy. Take Joy . . .

And so at this Christmas time I  
greet you, with the prayer that for  
you, now and forever, the day breaks  
and the shadows flee away.

—Fra Giovanni, A. D. 1513



### Leisure

I shall attend to my little errands of  
love  
Early this year,  
So that the brief days before Christ-  
mas may be  
Unhampered and clear  
Of the fever of hurry, The breathless  
rushing that I  
Have known in the past  
Shall not possess me. I shall be calm  
in my soul  
And ready at last  
For Christmas: "The Mass of the  
Christ."  
I shall kneel, and call out His name;  
I shall take time to watch the beau-  
tiful light  
Of a candle's flame;  
I shall have leisure — I shall go out  
alone  
From my roof and my door;  
I shall not miss the silver silence of  
stars  
As I have before;  
And, oh, perhaps — if I stand there  
very still  
And very long —  
I shall hear what the clamor of liv-  
ing has  
Kept from me;  
The angel's song!  
— Grace Noll Crowell.

### Spiritual Emphasis

In making the every member can-  
vass this year we are urged to em-  
phasize the spiritual side of it.

Here is a poem I have had a long  
time tucked away in my Bible and I  
would like to pass it along to you.

#### WHAT IS A BUDGET?

A budget isn't sums to me,  
It's happy school-girls' faces,  
It's weary mothers getting well,  
It's light in gloomy places.

It isn't just long columns full  
Of "headachy" addition;  
It's missionaries sailing out  
To fill a great commission.

It's you and I who'd like to go,  
And send our gifts to prove it;  
How wonderful a budget is!  
It lives and so I love it.

Edith G. Estey.

This year when you are making an  
estimate of what your pledge to your  
Lord will be for the coming year,  
make it on your knees in prayer.

## Repair Churches In Glendale Field

Three of the six churches in the Glendale Field have done some material improvement since the last paper was published

Millers completed moulding around the wall of the inside of the church; also base board was completed. This work was done by these members: Press Miller, Clem Royal, Ray Church and Worth Miller. Some of the young men of the community also came in and helped.

The Bethel church also did a great deal of decorating in the church. The walls, ceiling, and benches were all varnished, and the floor was sanded and varnished. The people of the congregation employed Less Calloway and his sons to do this work and they were much pleased with the work.

The Glendale Springs church has bought new pews for the church. They are made of white pine lumber and made by Darius Severt. Mr. Severt did a nice job on the pews and everyone is pleased with them.

Other improvements are now in the process of being completed.

## Missions School Held In County

The churches of Ashe county and the surrounding fields were delighted to have the School of World Missions held in this county this year. The school was held on November 6, from 4 p. m. through 9 p. m. by Bob Marshall, who is chairman of the Presbytery's Committee on World Missions. We enjoyed having one of our former ministers who is now occupied in Foreign Mission work in Brazil, Rev. E. H. Gartrell, Jr., speak in the interest of mission work and show slides from the field.

A picnic supper was held in the basement of the Jefferson church and everyone enjoyed the fellowship and the food. Much information and literature was distributed among the people who attended. This school was well worth the trouble and effort put into it. Our people need more education on the greatest work of our church — "World Missions." As some of the literature we received expressed it, "Christ is the Only Hope for a troubled world" and "The Mission of the Church is Missions."

## Glendale Women Elect Officers

The Women of the Church at Glendale Springs held an election for their officers and the following were put in office:

Mrs. T. S. Boyd, president; Mrs. Everett Lyle, vice-president; Mrs. Herbert Bare, secretary; Mrs. Robert Woodie, treasurer; Mrs. L. J. Yelanjian, historian.

The new year is before the new of-

## GLENDALE COMMUNITY AWARDED TOP PRIZE

In the contest of communities for Ashe county improvement there were six communities who received the top prizes of \$100. Glendale Springs was awarded one of these prizes as being one of the communities that had very noticeable advancement.

Officers and they are looking forward to a very active program for the next twelve months.

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## P. J. Garrison Is Lansing Speaker

In Nov. 20, members of the church held a pre-Thanksgiving service in the Lansing Presbyterian church. All churches were well represented. A very profitable program was presented and carried out. The program was worshipful, inspirational, and informative. An offering was taken for the Barium Springs Orphanage. The Reverend P. J. Garrison, Executive Secretary on Church Extension, Winston - Salem Presbytery, was with us. Mr. Garrison gave us an address on Church Extension, which he illustrated by Motion pictures. After the program, we assembled in the dining hall, in the basement of the church, where a very delicious and appetizing dinner awaited us, prepared by the women of the various churches of the Lansing parish.

## Christmas Meaning Retold For Us

Christmas is really more than a single day on a calendar. It is a universal fact in history. The gospel of Christmas doesn't depend on any specific date — it is timeless. We may be in danger of missing the true fact of Christmas with all of our Santa Claus trappings and our high pressure commercialism. With all its cheer, gaiety, gladness, the "Christmas Spirit" may become a cheap substitute for the spirit of Christ, which we can keep always — instead of observing on just one day — December 25.

Dismantling the Christmas tree becomes a symbol of what many of us do with Christmas when December 25 has passed. Don't let the Christmas lights of joy, hope, faith, goodwill, kindness, friendship go out this year. Let's observe December 25 as Christmas Day, but let's keep Christmas throughout the year.

### THIS CHRISTMAS

I will forget what I have done and remember what others have done for me.

I will look behind people's faces to their hearts.

I will close my book of complaints against the universe and look around for a chance to sow a few seeds of happiness.

I will realize that the only reason for my existence is what I am giving to, and not what I am getting from

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## Jefferson Women Elect Officers

On Tuesday, November 22, the Women of the Church met at the home of Mrs. Margy Brown. They elected their new officers for the next year.

These officers are: Miss Edna May, president; Mrs. Grace Jackson, vice-president; Mrs. Mary Jones, secretary; Mrs. Martha Badger, treasurer; and Mrs. Cathy Calloway, program chairman.

## GLENDALE TOP IN YOUTH WORK IN COMMUNITIES

The judges who examined the progress in community development named Glendale Springs as the top community in youth work in Ashe county. As winner of the top youth program, Glendale Springs was in a contest with the nine counties in Northwestern North Carolina.

life.

I will put Christ and His way of life first in my plans.

If I can do this even for one day, I may be able to keep Christmas for a year!

—Taken from Extension Miscellaneous Pamphlet No. 158.

## Lansing Women Elect Officers

At their last meeting, met in the Manse, was entertained by Mrs. G. M. Hollenhead, wife of the pastor. For the ensuing year new officers were elected: Mrs. J. O. Blevins, president; Mrs. Claud Gamble, vice president; Mrs. Estella Powers, secretary; Mrs. Walter Osborne, treasurer; and Mrs. Thomas Powers, historian. The Women's Organization consists of twenty-five members, with an average attendance throughout the year eighteen.

## Foster Memorial Has Services

The women of this church have carried on their work very progressively for the past year. This women's organization has contributed very greatly to the economical and spiritual well-being of the church.

The church had a post-Thanksgiving service Sunday at which time an offering was taken for the Presbyterian Orphan's Home, Barium Springs, N. C. There was a fellowship supper served in the basement of the church on Sunday, November 27.

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# Christmas Season Has A Real Meaning

It is the Christmas season again and Christmas is a gay time which appeals to the hearts of all of us. We enjoy hearing the beautiful Christmas carols, the thrill of decorating a tree, the selecting and giving of gifts, the sending and receiving of cards.

But is this the essence of Christmas? It is not. Not good cheer or gladness or snow or holly or gifts or laughter BUT CHRIST. Christ is the meaning of Christmas. The GOOD NEWS which God had to tell in the life and death of Christ is the reason for Christmas. These other things, while pleasant, are superfluous. The Gospel story is the important thing about Christmas.

Christmas reminds us of the wonderful fact of the never ending guest of the living God to draw near to everyone of us. Christmas is the story of God come to earth, God stooping down, and speaking our language so that we might be able to understand unmistakably what he is like. We have a Lord who is not waiting far away in Heaven, keeping a record on us and with fire in his eyes waiting to send us to hell. Rather the child of Bethlehem speaks to us of our God's concern for each one of us, of God's prayerful, seeking, longing love for fellowship with every human creature.

Christ comes to tell us the good news, the wonderful, almost unbelievable news that God forgives all our past. He announces the wonderful news that God in the rounds of our everyday living gives us the power to live victorious free, joyous lives.

Jesus' coming brought bursting into this world a hope for the future as glorious as the song the angels sang the night of his birth. We have in a changing, uncertain world the confidence and assurance of the abiding unchanging presence of Christ with us. We have in Christ the final word spoken about death and sorrow both defeated and its sting gone because of Christ.

Christmas reminds us of our true destiny and purpose. He is the Lord of all nature and of all men. All rebellion against Christ, all indifference to his love, all attempts to live without him, are sins against ultimate reality, against the ultimate nature and purpose of life. We were meant

for Christ.

We were born for God. We were put into this world to find our places in God's plans for the redemption of all salvation. Belief and trust in Christ is not a desirable luxury but the goal and the horizon of ALL HISTORY.

To attain by faith to a measure of the fullness of the character and beauty of the life of Christ is the secret of the ruling principle of this world which God created To walk hand in hand through life with God is to fill our lives with the meaning, the purpose, the peace, the joy for which God intended us.

Do not let this sacred day be destroyed by the commercial and the trivial incidentals of the Christmas season. Ours is not the vague sentimental niceties which cheapen and disfigure the profound significance of heaven invading human history in Christ's birth. Christmas is God coming to offer himself to you and to me in such unmistakable words of love and longing that we cannot miss his invitation to faith, except through our own willfulness.

I know a man who was in a horrible automobile accident. The doctors said that it would be a miracle if he lived. He did live, God performed that miracle in his life, but he never gave God any sign of his appreciation. How many of us do not appreciate God's greatest gift, Jesus. The Shepherds, the wise men Mary were all grateful for what God did for them in Bethlehem's stable. How about us at this Christmas season? Are we grateful for the gift of God himself revealed at Christmas long ago in the silent night in a stable in Palestine?

## BETHEL'S DINNER IS FINANCIAL SUCCESS

The people of the Bethel congregation thank all those who made the chicken supper at the Union Township school a success. The Bethel church in doing their interior decoration needed help badly and the good folks of the Union Township community went in and helped the folks of the church to have a nice chicken supper. It was a fine success and we are all grateful to every one who helped and bought their supper with us that evening.

## THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Most of the Christmas symbols that we love best are of light - starlight, candlelight, firelight. It is fitting that it should be so, for this is the birthday of Christ - "the light of the world."

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined." — Isaiah 9:2.

Christmas Greetings

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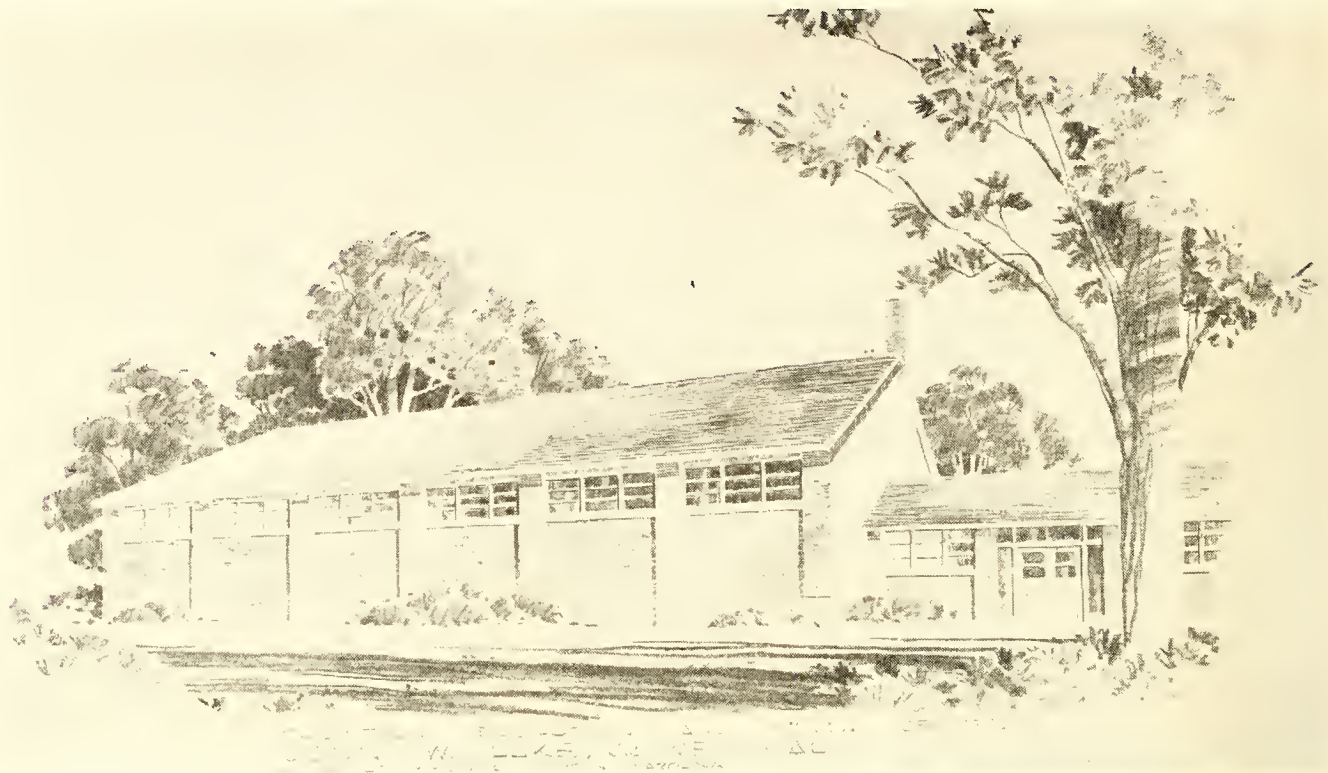
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ARCHITECT'S LATEST DRAWING of the proposed Johnny Luke, Jr. Memorial building at Glendale Springs.

## Much Progress Is Now Being Made On Johnny Luke Jr. Memorial Fund

The progress made on the memorial building may seem slow, but to accomplish the task that is set before us, much planning and time is required.

In the last few months, plans for the building have been completed by the J. N. Peace and Company of Charlotte. These plans are being carefully studied by Bert Dixon, one of our best builders in the county, and the building committee and the prices of material are being broken down so as to present the project to interested parties as well as to plan for buying.

Material progress is the buying of a lot next to the church where the memorial will be constructed. This lot contains 2 acres of land, and will give ample space for parking and building.

A well has been bored about 180 feet deep and yielding 9 gallons of water per minute.

Out of the committees there have been selected a Financial Drive Committee consisting of Rev. P. J. Garrison of Winston-Salem; Tom Boyd, Glendale Springs; Blair Gwynn, North Wilkesboro and others are to be added to this drive list.

The treasurer gives us the follow-

ing report. Delmer Rose has been the faithful and efficient treasurer and is doing a fine job. The report is as follows:

Money received ..... \$7,694.84  
Paid for expense ..... 5,700.38  
Cash on hand ..... 1,994.46

Material needed for the building is as follows and many materials such as nails, steel, etc. are not in this list. Anyone who wishes to donate material of any kind or will donate labor this spring should see Arthur Rose, Glendale Springs.

12,000 — 3x8x16 blocks. 1-3 bonding blocks.  
70,000 — Brick  
500 — Bags of cement  
600 — Bags mortar mix  
7,600 — Decking — 4"x16'  
240 — 2x14x16 ft. joists  
88 — 2x10x10 ft. joists  
25 — 2x10x16 ft. joists  
500 — 1x3 inch lineal ft. Bridging

5,000 — T & G Roofers  
70 — 2x6x16 ft.  
8,800 — ft. Roofing — Asphalt Shingles  
8,800 — ft. 15 lbs. felt  
44 — 16x20 flue lining  
38 — 12x20 flue lining  
38 — 12x12 flue lining  
3,200 — Lineal ft. 4 inch wood nailer  
12,000 — Flooring (Maple or oak)  
50 — Yds. of sand  
100 — Yds. of gravel  
5,000 — Ft. rough scaffold  
2x4, 2x6, Oak siding, etc.

Wishing You Christmas Joy

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## Plan Easter Services For Lansing Church

Easter sunrise service will be held in the Foster Memorial Presbyterian church on Easter Sunday. Service will begin 5:50 a. m. All church members are expected to attend this service. Also the community at large is cordially invited to come to this service. Come before breakfast, if you so desire. The Women of the Church immediately after the service, will serve hot coffee and doughnuts.

### CHURCH TO BE RENOVATED

Renovation will begin on the Lansing Presbyterian church just as soon as the weather conditions will permit. For instance: a cover-all paint job both inside and out, re-plastering walls in side of building, and a celotex job on overhead ceiling.

### BIBLE SCHOOLS AND REVIVALS

We have tentatively planned to begin our Bible schools according to former schedules: June 18, and continue through the month of July.

The Rev. P. J. Garrison, Jr. (Executive Secretary on Church Extension, Winston-Salem Presbytery), will be with us in a series of revival services to be held in the Foster Memorial Presbyterian church. These services will begin July 8, and continue through July 15. We look forward with pleasure, in having Mr. Garrison with us in these services, and pledge him our prayers, and whole-hearted cooperation.

## Jefferson Reports Church Activities

The people of the Jefferson Presbyterian church were happy to have the Rev. Louis Yelanjian as their guest minister on January 1st and February 12th. We appreciate his being with us and taking part and leading in our worship services in our pastor's absence.

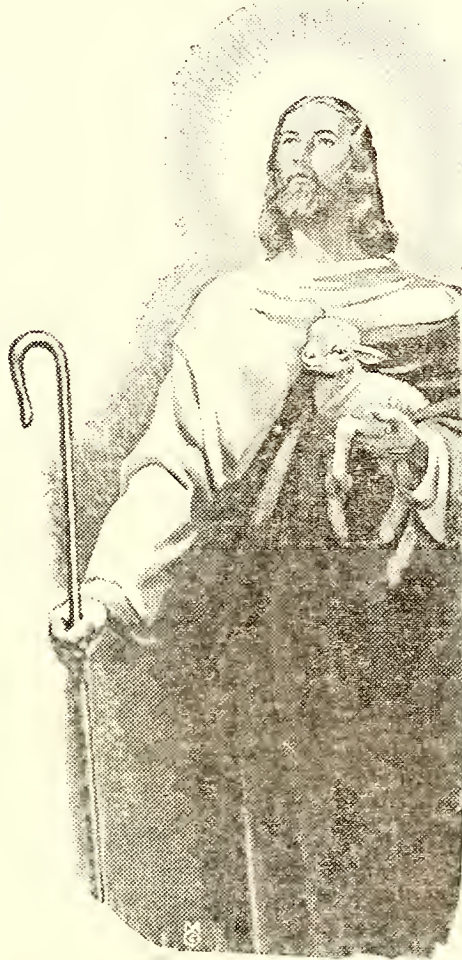
### REV. WILLIAM MOSELEY

Rev. William Mosely one of our Presbyterian Missionaries from Brazil, spoke at the Low Gap church on Saturday night, Feb. 11. He brought a very inspiring message to a large congregation.

### FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

The Jefferson Presbyterian church gave a Fellowship dinner on Wednesday night, February 15 in the church basement in honor of Rev. William Mosely, missionary on vacation from Brazil.

Following the dinner, Mr. Mosely gave a very dynamic address on foreign missions. Mrs. James Colvard and Mrs. Mary Jones were in charge of preparation for the fellowship supper. (Continued on page 3)



### HE LIVES

"He is not here, for He is risen."

"And behold He goeth before you."

"Behold, Jesus met them."

"Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

## Easter Services In Glendale Field

Easter services will be observed in the Glendale Field as the following schedule indicates:

On April 1st the Lord's Supper will be held in Bethel church at 11 a. m., at Millers at 2:00 p. m. and at Glendale Springs at 7 p. m.

On April 8th the Lord's Supper will be held in the Peak Creek church at 11 a. m., Ebenezer church at 2 p. m., and at Laurel Fork church at 7:20 p. m.

## May 1 Set For Ground Breaking For John Luke Jr. Memorial

The John W. Luke, Jr. Memorial Fund has been gaining a little at a time. About \$10,000 has been received for erecting the much needed building.

At the meeting of the executive committee which occurred on Feb. 24 at the Glendale church, the following were present:

Chairman — W. B. Austin, and committeemen, Tom Boyd, Delmer Rose, L. J. Yelanjian, P. J. Garrison, J. W. Luke, Arthur Rose, Frank Hamilton, who is a new citizen in our community was asked to sit as a visitor.

Much business was discussed and plans made. It was decided to make a very active drive that ground might be broken by May 1, if about half of funds could be gathered. This would mean about \$25,000 or \$30,000.

The treasurer gave a report of funds received and paid out. The treasurer is Delmer Rose, Glendale Springs. All gifts should be forwarded to the treasurer.

It was voted to write a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bare, of Jefferson. Thanking them for the gift in honor of their son, Robert Clark Bare, who met with a fatal accident some time ago. A plackard will be placed upon the walls of the building in his memory.

## Glade Valley School Having Best Year

With the three new buildings completed Glade Valley school is having her most successful year. Students have been turned away because there was not room for more. In these unsettled times of education, parents are finding Glade Valley is just the place to send their children for real Christian training.

Many of the young people from the mountain area find Glade Valley an ideal place to go to school. The mountain roads and severe weather hinder students who live in remote sections from attending school regularly. The intense Bible study and Christian training enables the young people to become Christian leaders in their home communities. Glendale Springs Field is glad to say we have 13 who are attending Glade Valley. The majority of these will become faithful helpers in Sunday schools, Bible schools and church work.

Rev. Wm. B. Mosely who visited all sections of the home mission field in this section, was sold on Glade Valley. Mr. Mosely who has 11 schools under his care in Brazil, has the vision to see the great usefulness of the school.

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### EDITORIAL

"April's winds are questioning close beside my window-sill,  
Know you not wild cherry bloom is white upon the hill?  
Plumes of willow, bloodroot stars of snow,  
Lift from bare brown banks where frail-stemmed windflowers blow.  
Swamp azaleas budding pink in the vale,  
Dogwood blossoms pure and white by the upland trail;  
All the hills are blue with haze and green with leaf mist sweet,  
All the trails of all the world lie open to your feet!"

We do not know who wrote the above verse but have not all our hearts thrilled to the awakening of the earth after the silent waiting and chill of winter's days? Suddenly we are aware that the tiny seeds that have lain dormant in the earth have broken their bonds and burst forth in newness of life. Suddenly we find a golden daffodil, that cheery herald of spring, has opened and turned its face toward the sun; a tall cherry tree has become a mass of white glory almost over night; the wild azalea and rhododendron adorn the roadside with their colorful beauty; the chaste loveliness of the dogwood blossoms speaks to our hearts to be as pure and white as these snowy petals. All the beauty of these lovely things cause us to whisper a prayer to God, their Maker and ours, asking that we may be lovely in spirit so that we alone may not mar the beauty of our Lord's creation. The elusive fragrance of living, growing things seems to sweeten even our spirits and make us desire to cast out all that is unlovely. When spring comes, hearts lift in rapturous praise to God just as our little feathered friends lift their tiny hearts in lyric hymns of praise to their Heavenly Father.

Perhaps some will say this is all very trite. Since spring comes every year, is it not quite commonplace? But how can anyone feel that spring is

not a breathtaking miracle? But the wonder of the miracle of the reawakening of life in the earth seems but a symbol of that greatest of all miracles, the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour on that first glad Easter morning. He, too, burst the bonds that held Him — the bonds of death and came forth victorious over death and over all the forces of evil. Our hearts are filled with a wonder that cannot find expression in mere words when we think of what Christ's resurrection means to us! The angel's words, "He is risen!" resound like clear, triumphant tones of a trumpet down through the centuries.

"Fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here, for he is risen, as he said." As He said! There we have the sure, steadfast words of Jesus Christ, the promise-keeping Lord! He also said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

Paul said, "That I may know him and the power of his resurrection." "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept."

And because He is risen in power and glory, Jude said, "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever."

Easter brings us power, victory, and joy! The message of Easter can burst the bonds of sin, doubt, and unbelief and bring us forth to newness of life—eternal life with Him, here and now and throughout all eternity!

"Out of the fever of today's unrest,  
How beautiful to seek the Holy Word  
And find the heart immediately possessed,  
Caught up with loveliness, and deeply stirred  
By a pictured garden and a spoken name,  
And then the breathless, rapturous reply —  
And suddenly the whole world is aflame  
With sunlight bursting from an April sky.

The gentle, "Mary," spoken by our Lord,  
And the startled, glad, "Rabboni," on the air —  
Nothing more poignant in the printed word  
Can the seeker after truth find anywhere.  
O Heart, inclined to doubt through loss and grief,  
Here is healing for your unbelief.  
—Grace Noll Crowell

God sharpens us to serve; but that is not enough — He polishes us to shine in eternity. Let's hold still while He does it.  
— P. A. Penner.

## DO WE REALLY CARE TO PRESERVE FREEDOM

(Wayne H. Davis)

I write this letter out of the concern I feel over the trend of the times in our beloved nation. My concern is especially acute as we enter the year of 1956, after just having observed the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem.

We pay lip service to Christ, but we do not follow in the footsteps of the Master.

We enthusiastically proclaim that the Bible is still the best seller, but we do not read it to discover its Golden Truth.

We swear by our United States Constitution, but we do not acquaint ourselves with what it has to say relative to the powers granted the Congress, the powers DENIED the Congress, and the powers reserved to the several states. We do not understand the relationship of the three branches of government and what is meant by the balance of power.

We toss around the word "democracy" and speak of our rights but ignore our responsibilities. We do not recall that the Founding Fathers established a philosophy of limited democracy for this nation, and we do not know what the term implies.

We blissfully pride ourselves upon being called the most literate people in the world, yet hundreds of thousands of our people are not, in the true academic meaning of the word, literate.

We revel in our so-called "prosperity" yet ignore the fact that it is built upon deficit spending and subsidized by governmental defense contracts and foreign aid programming. We do not worry that we drive around in cars unpaid for and live in homes mortgaged to the hilt.

We live from pay-day to pay-day and sweetly dream that when we reach the age of sixty-five our social security checks will fulfill our material wants.

We watch our quiz shows and our give-away programs and live vicariously in the lives of the screen idols and the hep-cats. We let what few commentators we hear do our thinking for us while we spend our evenings madly twisting the television dial in search of passive entertainment.

We read our comics, our true confessions and our movie magazines while the classics, the histories and the biographies gather dust on our bookshelves. Captain McCutcheon and his recipes; Myrt and her baseball knowledge are common table talk, yet we cannot name the members of the President's cabinet and remain blissfully uninformed and ignorant concerning the crucial issues of the day which are deciding our very existence.

With all our technological advances I sometimes fear, in my more morbid moments, that our true civilization — the culture developed painfully and slowly down through the ages — is slipping through our fingers. We are as sheep, blindly following; we are truly becoming "mass man" through the loss of rugged individualism.

As the ostrich, we hide our heads in  
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**FELLOWSHIP SUPPER  
AT JEFFERSON**

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per. We very much enjoyed Mr. Moseley's visit to our church.

**EDNA MAY INSTALLED**

On Sunday, January 8 at the regular morning worship service, Miss Edna May was installed as the newly elected President of the Women of the Church of the Jefferson Presbyterian church. Mrs. Grace Jackson was installed as the newly elected vice-president of the group.

**MISS HUNT COMING**

We are pleased to learn that Miss Katherine Hunt, who formerly lived and worked in the Jefferson Field is returning this summer to help in the Bible Schools at Big Ridge, Low Gap, Jefferson, and Lansing areas. We are happy to have her with us. She will also work with the young people after the Bible Schools are completed.

**JEFFERSON WOMEN**

The Women of the Church in Jefferson have deposited about \$200 in the bank to be used in the purchase of a new rug for the Jefferson church. We appreciate the women's concern and diligence to make our church more worshipful and beautiful.

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the sands of rationalism and escapism. It is dangerous to think and it is out of line to examine with critical eye the trend of the times. When we do we are said to be reactionary and desirous of holding back the hands of the clock. We are "not progressive." Yet someday we who DO speak out must pay the penalty equally with those who have truly robbed Peter to pay Paul.

December 15, less than one month ago, was "Bill of Rights Day" yet I

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My hopes may fade away,  
But still I'll trust my Lord to lead  
For He doth know the way.

Tho' night be dark and it may seem  
That day will never break;  
I'll pin my faith, my all in Him  
He maketh no mistake.

For by and by the mist will life  
And plain it all He'll make.  
Through all the way, tho' dark to me,  
He made not one mistake.

—A. M. Overton

barely heard mention of the occasion. How many Americans can enumerate these precious rights and historically account for them?

"What price Freedom!" We have inherited it — can we retain it? Are we worthy of it? Will we have it to pass on to our children and our children's children?

**LAUREL FORK SUNDAY SCHOOL  
SHOWING MUCH GROWTH**

The Laurel Fork church has a thriving Sunday School and it is making plans to expand facilities. There is much talk among the members of building an additional Sunday School and young people's room. The Sunday School has been going forward under the leadership of Supt. Edgar Miller and others.

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**LINCOLN AND THE HOLY BIBLE**

A study of the various Bibles known to have figured in the life of Abraham Lincoln has been made for the American Bible Society by Robert S. Barton.

Here are a few notes from that study:

Probably the first Bible that came into Lincoln's life was a rather large volume printed in England in 1799 with notes, translated from French. When and how this Bible came into the family and if the young Lincoln learned to read it himself and by whom he was taught to read, are matters of some dispute, but his name appears inside the front cover; and some are of the opinion that this autograph was written when Lincoln was only 10 years old.

Then there was the Bible given him by Mrs. Lucy Speed in 1841 with the recommendation that "it was the best cure for the blues." Lincoln was very low in spirits at that time and promised to read it regularly. He must have genuinely appreciated the gift, for 20 years later he sent Mrs. Speed a photograph of himself inscribed with her name and a reminder of the fact that she had given him the Bible 20 years earlier. This was an Oxford Bible. The Lincoln family Bible, with "Mary Lincoln" inscribed on the cover, was a "Comprehensive Bible" printed in Philadelphia in 1847. It contained much supplementary matter and was typical of its period. In this Bible was kept the family record. Oddly enough, the Bible used at Lincoln's first inauguration was a very small one, bound in crimson plush, with a metal title-plate and metal edges, again typical style of the times.

There are a number of references to Mr. Lincoln's use of a pocket Testament, but Mr. Barton was not able to locate any copies. There is privately owned a copy of the Psalms in large type, printed by the American Bible Society, on the cover of which is the President's name and the verse Psalms 40:4: "Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies." In the Essex Institute in Salem, Mass., is a Testament, printed also by the American Bible Society, owned by Charles W. Merrill, which during the battle of Chancellorsville stopped a bullet. To replace this, President Lincoln sent its owner a Bible on May 8, 1863, also owned by the institute.

It was his life-long friend Joshua Speed, an avowed skeptic, to whom

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## Death Comes To Rev. E. Wayne Thompson

On January 18, Mr. E. W. Thompson, "Uncle Wayne" as he was generally known, was called to his eternal home! We feel that Glade Valley School has lost one of her best friends. He helped to build the first building on a campus which was a veritable wilderness. He watched the progress of the school through the years. No one was happier to see the new buildings than he. His talks at chapel and his sermons gave words of wisdom which pointed the young people to "higher ground." For years, his beautiful flowers have adorned church services and beautified prac-

Lincoln said in 1864: "You are wrong, Speed. Take all of this book upon reason that you can, and the balance on faith, and you will live and die a happier and better man."

## GLENDALE GIRL WITH MONTREAT COLLEGE SINGERS

The Montreat College choir is on a 19 day tour in the south. Beginning Feb. 23 they will be on tour until March 12. During this tour they will spend much time in singing in churches, schools, clubs and on TV and radio. Mary Frances Luke of Glendale Springs is touring with this group as 1st alto singer. Much of the tour will be spent in Florida, singing in the largest cities in the state.

tically every special occasion and commencement at the school. Only last fall, he invited every student at Glade Valley to come to his house to eat grapes. We shall remember him for his generosity, his noble spirit, his friendship, his interest, and the influence he had on our lives will live on and on.

—From Echoes from Glade Valley

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## Need \$100. More For Peak Creek Roof Fund

Every Sunday during this winter, the people of the Peak Creek congregation have been reminded that their church building needs a new roof. When the rains come or when the snow is melting, puddles of water are found on the floor, or wet spots are found on the carpet up the aisle. On a recent Sunday, some children picked up an armful of shingles that had been blown off by the strong wind on the Saturday the day before.

Last summer the congregation started a roof fund to replace the old wooden shingles. The treasurer of the roof fund, Mr. Vaughn Bowlin, announced that we had on hand \$203.00. Lumber for the roofers have been sawed and await dressing. We shall need about \$100 more to put a new roof on the church. We hope interested friends and members will make further donations to complete the job this early summer.

## Plan Summer Revivals In Glendale Field

Summer is not far away and summer Bible schools and revivals are being planned. The tentative plans are as follows for the Glendale Springs field:

- June 4-13, Bethel.
- June 14-23, Millers.
- July 2-11, Ebenezer.
- July 12-21, Peak Creek.
- July 30-Aug. 8, Glendale Springs.
- Aug. 9-18, Laurel Fork.

There may be some change in the plans but the above schedule will form the frame work for the summer work.

We hope all of our readers will pray for God's greatest blessings on our work this summer.

## In Memory Of Mrs. J. Harry Whitmore

It is with deep sympathy for our faithful and beloved clerk of the Presbytery, Dr. J. Harry Whitmore, that we have heard of the passing of his fine companion of life, his wife. As we were associated with her from time to time, we knew her as one of the most wholesome, devoted, Christian women of our day. It is not possible

## Memorial Gift To Honor Robert Bare

In the last issue of the Ashe Presbyterian the sad news of the death of Robert Clark Bare was given. Robert Clark Bare was in the same high school class that Johnny Luke was. Both of these friends are now enjoying a new fellowship in our Heavenly Father's care.

The parents of Robert Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bare, of Jefferson have made a considerable gift to the John W. Luke, Jr. Memorial Fund in honor and memory of their son. A bronze plaque will be erected in a prominent place upon the walls of the memorial in honor of Robert Clark Bare. It is very fitting that the memorial building will carry the names of two good friends, two good scouts, two of the same high school class.

## Glade Valley Choir Will Sing Here

On the third Sunday in April which will be Sunday 15th, the Glade Valley Choir will sing in three services in the Glendale Springs Field. The chorus is trained and led by Mr. Edward Johnson.

The choir is scheduled to sing at Glendale Springs church at 11 a. m. on the morning of April 15 and at Millers church at 1:30 p. m. and at the Bethel church at 7 p. m. that night.

The communities and churches are looking forward to having these young people in our midst for the above programs.

It is possible to have our loved ones leave us without sorrow, yet, praise God, our sorrow turns to joy, when He who has overcome life and death for her, has ushered her into the courts of her Heavenly Father. Mrs. Whitmore entered Heaven on February 24.

## Couple Celebrates Golden Anniversary

It was with great joy that the staff of the Ashe Presbyterian received the announcement of the 50th wedding anniversary of Dr. E. E. Gillespie and Mrs. Gillespie. The celebration took place on December 28th. Dr. E. E. Gillespie did his first work as a young minister in Ashe county, and established and built the first Presbyterian church in this county — Ebenezer. If the Presbyterians in Ashe would claim a patron saint — it would be Dr. E. E. Gillespie.

We, the staff of the Ashe Presbyterian congratulate Dr. Eugene Gillespie and his lovely wife. We appoint them the married couple of the year of 1955, and may God bless their good example to many young couples of the nation.

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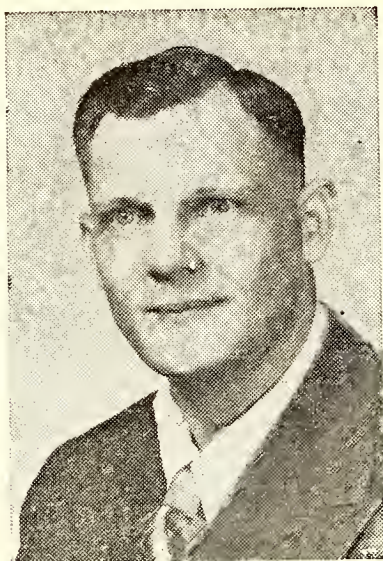
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REV. WILLIAM B. MOSELEY

### Rev. Wm. Moseley In Glendale Field

It was with great interest the people in the Glendale Springs field met and heard Rev. Wm. B. Moseley. Mr. Moseley gave us a much needed enlarged vision of the missionary's work in Brazil. The extent of the mission field (the distance from here to California); the distance across the mouth of the Amazon River (500 miles), the millions of cannibalistic Indians in the jungles; the 10,000 acre farm owned by the Presbyterian church (used for experiment in agriculture), the 25 miles of mahogany fencing, posts placed against post; the 11 schools conducted; the mixture of races; lawlessness and danger where the influence of the gospel is not felt; the carrying of the gospel by aeroplanes; the crowds that throng the church services; the wonderful efficient Christian Characters that have emerged from the mission work. These facts as well as many others inspired our people and enlarged the meaning of our Lord's great commission, "Go Ye into all the World."

Mr. Moseley made two addresses at Glendale Springs, one to the graded school and one at an evening service to the church on Friday, Feb. 10. On Feb. 12th, Sunday, Mr. Moseley gave three addresses in the following

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### Shirley Caudill Is Honored At Montreat

Montreat — Miss Shirley Caudill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Caudill, of Glendale Springs, has been elected Editor of the Dealette, Montreat College's school newspaper. Miss Caudill has previously served as Business Manager of the Sun Dial, the college annual, and chairman of the World Missions group. Miss Caudill, a rising senior, is a Business Education major.

### Students Given Conduct Awards

Four students received special citation and awards for fine conduct during the first semester. The four students did not receive a single demerit during the semester.

The four students are Billy Fay Combs and Ella Mae Miller of Glendale Springs; Billy Winger of Wilbar; and Shirley Mash, also from near Glendale Springs.

We are proud of the young people from our field of Ashe and Wilkes counties.

churches; Bethel, Millers, and Laurel Fork.

The work of Mr. Moseley has been presented to us so well, that it has become a praying matter to us, and may God bless brother Moseley and his family is our prayer.

### Boy Scout Party Held At Glendale

The young people of the Glendale Springs church lead by Miss Evelyn Acheson entertained the Boy Scouts in the Bob White Patrol of Troop 115 at the Union Township School House. After a short devotional in scout fashion, games were played and cookies and drinks were served.

### W. S. Presbytery Will Meet Here

The Presbytery of Winston-Salem has been invited to meet at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church on May 1. The invitation has been accepted and our community is looking forward to having many of the elders and ministers with us in the mountains this spring.

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## Glendale Field Summer Schedule

At present the revival and D. V. B. S. is being held at the Millers church in Wilkes county. The attendance is good and Rev. Gene Gurganasis preaching. The activities began June 14 and will continue through 23.

Ebenezer Revival and D. V. B. S. will be held July 2-11 with Rev. Bob Armistead of Johnson City, Tenn., preaching.

Peak Creek — July 16-25. The revival will be held here with Rev. Wm. D. Lively preaching. The Bible school will be held along with the meeting.

Glendale Springs — July 30-Aug. 8. The Bible School will be held as usual. A team of students from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. have been invited to be with us for the revival and for work with us during the dates.

Laurel Fork — Aug. 9-18. The revival will be held by Dick Shaw, and the Bible School will be held as usual.

## MUCH INTEREST SHOWN AT BETHEL CHURCH

In the last few months the people in the Bethel church have shown a great interest in their church. This is partly due to the leadership of Bill Wyatt who is the newly elected Sunday School Superintendent. Bill has also conducted prayer meetings in a very interesting way, discussing the chapters of the Bible as well as praying for the many needy things of the church. The success of the revival was largely responsible for the prayer meetings. God answers prayer.

## Commencement Held At Glade Valley

The forty-sixth annual commencement at Glade Valley was concluded on Friday, May 18, with the graduating exercises. The Rev. P. J. Garrison, Jr., Executive Secretary of the Winston-Salem Presbytery, gave an inspiring message, especially to the seniors, on the subject of "What Is It To Be Alive?"

Miss Rebecca Glenn, a member of the Glade Valley faculty, presented awards to the following: Room prize, girls: Maxine and Loraine Roten; boys: Billy Hooper, G. C. Pennington, Julius Romero; recitation, Doris Woodie; home economics, Mabel Harris; scholarship, Diana Woodie; citizenship, Ella Mae Miller. The Louise Erwin Memorial Music medal was awarded to Betty Ann Atwood at the music recital the night before.

The Norfleet Bible Award, a check of \$50.00 presented for the first time this year, went to Beth Register. When Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Norfleet of Winston-Salem had their golden anniversary in August, 1954, their children and grandchildren gave them a thousand dollars. They decided they could best use this money by investing it and giving the income as a Bible award to a senior at the Glade Valley School. The requirements for receiving this award not only include the best grade, but participation in class discussions, and living what has been learned.

For the recitation of the Child's  
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## Miss Kathryn Hunt Now At Jefferson

Miss Kathryn Hunt, formerly a worker with Rev. R. H. Stone in Ashe county will be in the county this summer. The Jefferson Presbyterian church is fortunate in having Miss Hunt teach in their Bible School this summer. The school in Jefferson will be held jointly with the Jefferson Methodist church.

## Repair Lansing Church And Manse

Repair on the church and Manse at Lansing is well underway, and we hope to have this work completed in the very near future.

Bible school and revival scheduled for Lansing; Bible school is to begin June 18, and continue through June 29; revival begins June 24, continues through July 1. The Rev. James B. Hollenhead of Knoxville, Tenn., will be doing the preaching.

## Bible School At Foster Memorial

This school will begin July 2, and continue through July 13. Revival to begin July 8, continue through July 15. The Rev. P. J. Garrison, Executive Secretary of Winston-Salem Presbytery, will be doing the preaching.



GLADE VALLEY CHOIR — Reading from left to right: Front row, Brenda Brown, Barbara Reavis, Frances Medley, Velma Newell, Anita Beshears, Martha Brinegar, Dorothy Morris, Beth Register, Wilma Ann Layton; second row, Edward C Johnson, director, Kenneth Pruitt, Mabel Harris, Dexter Sheets, Stacy Coker, Sandra Durham, Marguerite Melton, Doris Smith, Ruby Garcia.

## Lukes Say Thanks!

Elder Delmer Rose announced to the Lukes that a weeks vacation had been paid for at Montreat and they were to leave on May 21 and stay through 28. As this week was the wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Luke, and as Mary Frances Luke graduated at Montreat on the 28 this was a very opportune time to take a rest. An enjoyable time was spent there. Many thanks to all who made this vacation possible.

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Voice of The People:

The more I study the Founding Fathers of this great and beloved nation, the more I come to realize the enduring quality of their wisdom.

How true today are the following quotations from a letter written by that great American patriot and lover of freedom, Jonathan Trumbull (1710-1785) to that greatest of the great in American affairs, George Washington, and the general's answer:

Trumbull to General Washington:

"The fruits of our peace and independence do not at present wear so promising an appearance as I had fondly painted to my mind. The prejudices, the jealousies, and turbulence of the people, at times, almost stagger my confidence in our political establishments; and almost occasion me to think that they will show themselves unworthy of the noble prize for which we have contended, and which, I had pleased myself with the hope, we were so near enjoying. But, again, I check this rising impatience, and console myself under the present prospect with the consideration, that the same beneficent and wise Providence which has done so much for this country, will not eventually leave us to ruin our own happiness, to become the sport of chance, or the scoff of a once admiring world; but that great things are yet in store for this people, which time, and the wisdom of the Great Director will produce in its best season."

General Washington in reply to Trumbull: "... Is it possible after this that it (the Republic) should founder? Will not the all wise and all powerful Director of human events preserve it? I think He will. He may, however, for some wise purpose of His own, suffer in our discretions and folly to place our national character low in the political scale; — and this, unless more

wisdom and less prejudice take the lead in our government, will most certainly happen."

Prophets? Perhaps! Wise, indubitably!

Jonathan Trumbull took a prominent part in the affairs of this nation during its formative years. He was one of the closest and most esteemed friends and confidants of George Washington, who called him "Brother Jonathan." This title became so universal in America and was so identified with patriotic wisdom that for some time the term "Brother Jonathan" was the nickname of the United States — the forerunner of the now world known nickname "Uncle Sam."

I, too, sometimes despair for our beloved land, but as Trumbull and Washington, have faith that a wise and all knowing, all powerful God will see us through, using us as an integral part of his overall masterful Plan for this, His World. However, let us pause intermittently to ponder the utterances of these great Founding Fathers; let us take stock of our heritage; let us love America in the same light as they loved her; let us put America first and foremost, as they, in their divinely given wisdom put America first and foremost in every matter. Let us be remindful that "My Native Country, Thee!" and "For God and Country!" are not antiquated phrases, but rather are as true and binding today as the very day they were first uttered by hearts aglow with patriotism and firm love for America, the noblest experiment yet devised by the hand of free man!

## Progress Of J. W. Luke Jr. Memorial

The Memorial Fund is growing slowly, yet it is growing. Cash in the bank, cash not deposited, and pledges toward the memorial fund will, amount spent for land, etc., will amount an approximate total of \$18,000. Before beginning the building it is hoped to have on hand about half the cost of the building. We should have about \$30,000. Those who wish to aid in this project are asked to contact Mr. Delder Rose, Glendale Springs, N. C. Mr. Rose is the treasurer of the Memorial Fund.

Batter boards have been put up by the builder marking off the site of the memorial building. It is hoped that sufficient donations may be given to begin the building in the late summer.

### WINSTON-SALEM PRESBYTERY AT GLENDALE CHURCH

On May 1 the Presbytery of Winston-Salem met at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church. A delicious dinner was served by the women of the church. The women also appreciated the help of the Laurel Fork Church, and Ebenezer.

Although the weather was a little damp, a well attended church court was held. Much business of the church was completed.

## IN MEMORY OF DEPARTED LOVED ONES

James Shepherd — Dec. 21, 1877  
— May 16, 1956.

Monroe Wyatt — Jan. 9, 1891 —  
— May 30, 1956.

Ambrose Shepherd — Sept. 6,  
1882 — April 7, 1956.

Elmer Filmore Wyatt — Feb. 15,  
1897 — April 6, 1956.

Fidell Benjamin Shepherd —  
Jan. 12, 1913 — May 6, 1956.

Ellis Walter Poole — Sept. 10, 1882  
— Jan. 26, 1956.

"Why do we mourn for dying  
friends,

Or shake at death's alarms?

'Tis but the voice that Jesus  
sends

To call them to his arms."

## Improvements In Churches Made

Bethel Church—The people at Bethel church have improved greatly since the last paper was published in March.

After reworking the church on the inside, the floors were waxed by the members until it was shining like glass. We compliment those who worked so hard to beautify their church.

A Sunday School Register board has been added, which keeps the members informed on attendance and offerings for the Sunday School.

Grass has been sown on the new terrace graveyard and shrubbery set along the edge of the church yard and graveyard. Press Wyatt has been one of the leading spirits in the cemetery and church improvements.

Glendale Springs Church — The Glendale Springs church has done considerable improvement of their property. The church building was painted on the outside, minor repairs made, floor of sanctuary sanded and finished, a new leatherette accordion door installed between the Sunday School Department and auditorium, and a beautiful picture of Christ was hung in the front of the church by Elder Tom S. Boyd. A new lawn mower has been purchased for the church and manse lawn.

## Youth Retreat At Glendale

May 19 a short youth retreat was held with approximately fifty young people present from this field.

Those who furnished the inspiration and recreation were Rev. and Mrs. Henry Schum of Hopewell Presbyterian church. The following young people from the Hopewell church helped in the retreat: Woody Alexander; Roger Morrow, Jimmy Morrow, Martha Woodside, and Phyllis Stuart. There were dedications and confessions of faith during this retreat among the young people.



GLADE VALLEY GRADUATES OF 1956 AND FACULTY. Reading from left to right: First row — Shirley Mash, Christopher White, Elizabeth Register; second row — W. C. Thompson, Mrs. Winchester Coker, Miss Anne Corry; third row — Miss Rebecca Glenn, Mrs. Blanche Dunagan, Edward C. Johnston; fourth row — Parker Hager.

**COMMENCEMENT HELD AT GLADE VALLEY**

(Continued from page 1)  
Catechism Mr. Hilderbrandt, pastor of the Glade Valley church, presented New Testaments and certificates to the following: Martha Brinegar, Mabel Harris, Carolyn Lanier, Christine Puckett, Pauline Roten, and Thelma Wail. Special honors, a diploma and a Bible, went to Billy Faye Combs for the perfect recitation of the Shorter Catechism. In addition to the above awards the Belk Foundation gives one dollar for the recitation of the former and two dollars for the recitation

**REV. J. W. LUKE SPEAKS TO CHRISTIAN ASSOC.**

At the invitation of the cabinet members, Rev. J. W. Luke spoke at the last vesper service of the year to the Christian Association of the Montreat

of the latter.

Mr. E. B. Eldridge, Superintendent, delivered diplomas to the following: Shirley Mash, Jefferson, Elizabeth Register, Oceana, Virginia, and Christopher White, Greensboro.

**WADE ROSE RECEIVES SPECIAL BIBLE AWARD**

The Glendale Springs church was proud of Wade Rose, who graduated at Lees-McRae College. Not only has Wade made an outstanding record in basketball, but received a Bible Award for making the most progress in his Bible classes.

College. The subject of the devotion was, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision."

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## Charles Caudill Is Honored At State

The Glendale Springs church is proud of one of our young people, Charles Caudill, who is attending N. C. State. Charles was one of the ten top students in the Junior Class, and was selected as marshall for the graduating exercises.

### BIBLE SCHOOL AT GILLESPIE AND STONE CHAPEL

This school will begin July 16, and continue through July 27. The revival services will begin July 22, and continue through July 29.

We are very delighted that our Executive Secretary on Church Extension has secured Miss Kathryn Hunt of Bedford, Va. to assist us in all of these schools.

Political and professional fame cannot last forever, but a conscience void of offence before God and man is an inheritance for eternity. Religion, therefore, is a necessary, an indispensable element in any great human character. There is no living without it. Religion is the tie that connects man with his Creator, and holds him to his throne. If that tie is sundered or broken, he floats away a worthless atom in the universe, its proper attractions all gone, its destiny thwarted, and its whole future nothing but darkness, desolation and death. A man with no sense of religious duty is he whom the Scriptures describes in so terse but terrific a manner, as "living without hope and without God in the world." Such a man is out of his proper being, out of the circle of all his duties, out of the circle of all his happiness, and away, far, far away from the purpose of his creation.

—Daniel Webster.



### JOHNNY BARE IS SEMINARY GRADUATE

Congratulations go to Johnny Bare who graduated at Louisville Seminary. Johnny comes from Big Ridge church, graduated at King College, and this year has completed his work at the Seminary. Johnny takes up his first pastorate in Greenville, Tenn.

## Ashe County Wins \$1,000.00 Prize

At a special banquet held at Lansing, on June 12th, the Associate Editor, William Poe, of the Progressive Farmer presented Ashe county a \$1,000.00 prize for being the county that has shown the most improvement in the State of North Carolina, especially in community development. Glendale Springs had a big part in winning this award, as she came out on top in the youth work of all communities in the state participating.

The Baldwin community was third winner in the contest of general community development. Ashe county has had more communities taking part in the development program than any county in the state. Those of us who live in Ashe county know of the fine work that has been done all over the county, led by the County Agent, A. B. Addington, and his helpers.

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## Glade Valley Choir Gives TV Program

One of the best little choirs that has performed in these parts of the country is in my opinion the Glade Valley Choir trained by Mr. Edward C. Johnson.

This choir sang in many churches, at the District Meeting of the Women of the church which met at Jefferson, at the meeting of Winston-Salem Presbytery which met at Glendale Springs Presbyterian church, and the final crowning performance was on May 11 over channel 12 in Winston-Salem.

Many compliments have we heard about the singing of this choir, and much credit goes to Mr. Edward C. Johnson who trained it.

## Bethel Bible School Revival A Success

The Bethel Presbyterian church at Vannoy, N. C. in Wilkes county has completed a very successful meeting. The Bible School enrollment was 54, average attendance 39, and perfect attendance 19.

Rev. Gene Gurganus preached in the revival services held each night and delivered inspiring and soul searching sermons. There were eight profession of faith, and many who renewed their vows in Christ.

Those who taught in Bible School were Rev. Gene Gurganus and Mrs. Gurganus; Shirley Vannoy, Linda Shepherd, Carol Shepherd, Evelyn Acheson, and Rev. J. W. Luke. The Kilby Quartette rendered some nice music at the night meetings.

A watermelon cutting was held at the last day and everyone enjoyed the feast.

### SENIOR SUPPER FOR GLENDALE FIELD GROUP

An interesting supper was planned by Miss Evelyn Acheson for all Seniors in the Glendale churches. The supper was served by some of the kind women of the church at the school building on April 13. Rev. Bob Jackson, Mr. Delmer Rose, and Rev. J. W. Luke made short addresses to the young people.

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## Rev. & Mrs. Jackson Leave Jefferson

It was with deep regret that Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Jackson left the pastorate at Jefferson and took up work in Tampa, Fla. The Jackson family left May 3. A new church is being built there in a growing settlement where there is unlimited opportunity of reaching many people. They write of how much they miss their friends of the Jefferson fields and also of the green grass of the mountains.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO COLLEGE GRADUATES

We are always proud of our young people who have plugged along and have come to that day of triumph when they graduate at college.

We congratulate Sarah Dean Little and Mary June Sheets who graduated this year at Appalachian State Teachers College; also Mary Frances Luke, who graduated at Montreat College, and Wade Rose at Lee-McRae.

## District Conference Met At Jefferson

The Jefferson Presbyterian church was hostess to the District Woman's Conference in April. One of the highlights of the meeting was the singing of the Glade Valley Choir. The conference was very well attended and enjoyed by many women of the churches in the northwestern part of the Presbytery of Winston-Salem.

## Sixteen Pioneers Go To Lexington

May 12 sixteen pioneers from the Glendale Field attended the Conclave at Lexington, N. C. at the First church. Those attending were from Ebenezer, Laurel Fork, Glendale Springs, Bethel and Millers churches.

Rev. J. W. Luke gave a talk and showed slide pictures at the conclave. An inspirational and recreational program was enjoyed.

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EARLY BONSON ELDRIDGE, Supt. of Glade Valley School.

## Mr. Eldridge Of Glade Valley Honored By Davidson College

Every year Davidson College honors a number of the student body and a non-student with the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award. This honor is bestowed upon the recipient for unselfish service and includes a Citation with the background of why the award is given, the services rendered by the individual, and an engraved bronze Medallion.

Donald Houston Stewart, Jr. who was graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree, CUM LAUDE, received the student award this year.

In presenting the award to Mr. Eldridge Dr. John R. Cunningham, president of the college, read the following:

"The 1956 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Non-Student Award: Mr. Early Bonson Eldridge, Superintendent of Glade Valley High School, Glade Valley, North Carolina, has for nearly forty years given help and encouragement to the boys and girls of the mountain counties which the school has served long and well.

In 1917 Mr. Eldridge came to Glade Valley, a Presbyterian Home Mission School under the control of Orange and Winston-Salem Presbyteries lo-

cated near Sparta, North Carolina; since 1919 he has been head of the school and labored for it and for its students with untiring loyalty and self-sacrificing love. Through years beset with financial problems and with difficulties of meagre equipment, he has shown patient devotion and steadfastness in his efforts in behalf of hundreds of young people who have been indebted to him and to Glade Valley. His understanding and sympathy for his students in their problems have made him beloved and regarded as the embodiment of the spirit of service which is found in his school. The Faculty of Davidson College has chosen Mr. Eldridge as the recipient this year of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Non-Student Award, with the accompanying Medallion."

### BIRTHDAY PROGRAM AT JEFFERSON

The Women of the church observed a birthday program May 22 at the Jefferson church. A very inspiring play was presented to a large audience.

## Glendale Group Goes To Glade Valley

The Girls' Clubs from Laurel Fork, Bethel, Miller's, and Glendale Springs visited Glade Valley on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons of the last week of school in the order named. The girls made a tour of the buildings and the campus. They then had supper with the students in the dining room. The Laurel Fork group attended Miss Corry's prayer group. On Tuesday the Bethel group had prayers with all the girls in the lounge. On Wednesday the Miller's group met with Miss Glenn's prayer group. The Glendale Springs girls remained for the music recital and the reception on Thursday night.

Though the rush of commencement preparations prevented their seeing the school under normal conditions and our seeing as much of them as we wanted, it was a pleasure to have them. We are grateful to Miss Acheson for having such a wonderful idea!

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## J. W. Luke, Jr., Memorial Drive Continues; Youth Needs Are Cited

The sketch in this paper of the memorial building was drawn by the J. N. Pease and Company of Charlotte. Along with this sketch were drawn plans for the building we have pictured before us. We were urged to have complete plans drawn before beginning to build and before we solicited funds. Business men of the Myers Park Presbyterian Church who have pledged \$4000 to \$5000 for the building advised us to have these complete plans made. Mayor of North Wilkesboro, Mr. A. A. Cashion, who has supervised the building of the largest churches in North Wilkesboro also advised us to make the plans large enough and to get well developed plans drawn. This we tried to do following the advice of these men of experience. These plans are designed to take care of a growing community, and a section into which industry and tourist are moving very swiftly. 1,000,000 tourist's cars will pass within sight of this building and estimated 4,000,000 tourists.

The drive for funds to build this memorial building have been slowed up this summer by intense work in evangelism and Bible Schools and also given way to the drive for the consolidated college at Laurinburg, N. C. I would like to say here that all of our six churches have accepted their portion in this larger drive for the college in spite of the fact we are involved in raising money for our own project in our own field.

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## Welcome Extended To New Members

A welcome to all who have made profession and united with our Glendale churches during the summer of this year.

Bethel — Jimmie Wyatt, Nancy Vannoy, Alice Fave Vannoy, Jim Wyatt, Mrs. June Wyatt, the following did not unite with the church, Billy Shepherd, Nellie Royal Dancy and W. M. Wyatt.

Millers — Nancy Miller, Barbara Huffman and Dora Lane did not unite with the church.

Phenezer — Avel Blevins.  
Glendale Springs — Danish Bare, Dale Combs, Burl Combs, Linda Caudill, Ann Folley.

Laurel Forks — Barbara Blankenship, Sue Blankenship, Maxine Hart.

Received by letter from the Sparta Methodist church. Mrs. Sam Miller.

The members of our field welcome those whose names appear in the above list. We are praying for you and that you will find a wonderful fellowship as you join with us in our Lord's great work.



"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee." Isaiah 26:3.

## Special Services At Foster Memorial

Bible school and revival was carried on conjunctively at this church, I'm happy to state that we had a record breaking attendance at Bible school. We also had a large attendance at preaching services, the Rev. Jeff Garrison, Jr., doing the preaching. Mr. Garrison, during our Bible school and revival showed slides, representing the wonderful work our Church Extension Committee is doing in Winston-Salem, Presbytery. These pictures were very inspiring and helpful, and also offered a challenge to which our people are responding very favorably.

## Progress Is Made In Lansing Field

Everything is progressing very nicely in the Lansing field. We have had a very progressive summer, our revival was well attended, with an increasing interest throughout. Our Bible school was off some in attendance, due to the fact, there was an epidemic of measles in Lansing. Despite this fact, the average attendance was up to that of prior schools.

Our Young People Organization is functioning very amazingly under the leadership of Miss Hunt, our newly employed DCE instructor.

The Women of The Church have met on each stated meeting, with an increasing attendance for the past three months. The Women's phase of the church work is very appreciable, since it contributes in an over-all manner to the general welfare of the church.

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## Winston-Salem Presbytery Votes To Continue Glade Valley School

The Winston-Salem Presbytery convening at the First Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem voted over two to one to continue the expansion and continuation of the School at Glade Valley. The trustees given instructions to accomplish by a special committee showed conclusively that the directions were explored and that developments had been accomplished were given the go ahead signal to develop the school. The vote was three to one when counting two voters who happened to be out of the assembly when the count was taken.

The Presbytery also approved of the purchase of additional land, 18 acres for development with the campus of Glade Valley to be utilized not only for youth work in the summer conferences but also for improvement of campus of Glade Valley. A lake for summer conferences is planned and

other plans are in the making by the camp committee.

## Bible School And Revivals Are Held

Bible school and revival was carried on jointly. These meetings were very satisfactory attended. The Bible school attendance was much higher this year than any previous year. Approximately seventy, with a good average.

Miss Hunt, who is at this time spending a few days with her mother in Virginia, will I'm sure at the next issue of the Ashe Presbyterian have a more accurate and detailed account of the Women's work, Young People's work, and a complete low-down on her activities in the field.

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### EDITORIAL

#### "AINT IT A SHAME"

A rather portly man with a long extensive cigar protruding from the corner of his mouth, arises from his seat and addresses his board of which he is chairman. "Gentlemen" as he pointed to a well prepared chart, indicating the upward swing of the sale of alcoholic beverages, "Our business has picked up considerably in the eastern district of the state during this last quarter of the year. This line on our graft as you can observe, shows a sharpe incline — this really means sales, and sales means our products are moving, and this means our products are being consumed, and this means money in our pockets! "Gentlemen, we should congratulate ourselves on the good business that is coming our way" . . . and the pep talk went on.

Shall we look at another side of the eastern district during that same period of sales? The police force were much busier than they had been for many a day. Drunken driving increased almost one-third more, there was an increase of fights and altercations between people, there came many calls from housewives for protection from drunken husbands. There was an increase in car accidents. Twice as many people were killed on the highway and many more maimed. Two patrolmen were killed in apprehending a drunken driver. Insurance companies paid out more insurance money for wrecks and accidents. The dockets in the courts of the counties of the eastern district were over crowded. The judges of the courts that were in session within that eastern section made more than one remark about the upward swing of crime and misbehaviour and wondered why.

"Aint it a shame" that no one knew and no one seemed to care that the sharpe incline of the indicator for the consumption of alcoholic drink was also an indicator for accidents, sin, misbehaviour, misery and death.

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth they

bottle to him, and maketh him drunken." Hab. 2:15 a.

"Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes?"

"They that tarry long at the wine; they that got to seek mixed wine." Prov. 23:29-30.

In the old days when the barrooms were open houses, how I remember how they enticed the drinker to come in and drink. Bottles of all colored liquor were set in the window with lights behind them. Sawdust was thrown on the street saturated with Liquor odor. All this was done just to overpower the man that had a liking for whisky. Now this same enticing is used but in a little different way. Liquor and beer are given in free samples to soldiers, many of them boys discouraged away from home. One company tried to get housewives to send for recipes which taught them to use beer as an ingredient—yes, raise the children to have a taste for alcohol. Magazines, poster boards and television make alcoholic drinks very alluring. The younger and prettier they can picture the youth drinking on a poster board, the happier the producers are. The more distinguished and honorable the drinkers are on the picture the producers are that much delighted. The prettier they can picture the drinks, the more beautiful they can make it pour, bubble, and foam, the happier they are. Enticement first, then a booster drink, then a drunken drink, then accidents, babbings, fights, expense, poverty, jail, courts, deaths, divorces, all because someone advertised it and seduced some one. I never see advertisements of alcoholic beverages that I do not think of the verses in Prov. 23:31-32.

"Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At last it biteth like a serpent and stings like an addor."

"Aint it a shame" that advertisers do not have a conscience as well as the sellers. "Aint it a shame" that people will take the advice of enticing "advicement" for drink, and will not take the "advicement" of God.

The real security of Christianity is to be found in its benevolent morality; in its exquisite adaption to the human heart; in the facility with which it accomodates itself to the capacity of every human intellect; in the consolation which it bears to every house of mourning; and in the light with which it brightens the great mystery of the grave. — Macaulay.

The true social reformer is the faithful preacher of Christianity; and the only organization truly potent for the perfection of Society, is the Christian Church. I know of nothing which, as a thought, is more superficial, or which as a feeling, is better entitled to be called hatred of men, than that which disregards the influence of the gospel in its efforts for social good, or attempts to break its hold on mankind by destroying their faith in its living power. — J. H. Seelye.

The way to preserve the peace of the church is to preserve its purity. — M. Henry.

## Appreciation Given To Glendale Workers

The summer work is over and the results of the Bible schools in the Glendale Field can be seen in the Box giving statistics of the summer work.

We in the Glendale Field thank the following preachers for their fine and unselfish service given us in the meetings of the summer. Gene Gurganus and his wife, Gene preached at both Bethel and Millers revivals. Mrs. Gurganus helped in the Bible Schools at these churches. We are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Armistead who did such fine work at Ebenezer. Rev. Wm. D. Lively did a fine job of preaching at Peak Creek. Everyone enjoyed his friendship and fine sermons. At Glendale Springs we had the pleasure of having a Union Theological Seminary Evangelistic team. The following young men gave us a fine week of preaching and helpful work and recreation among the young people - Robert B. Smith, John M. Handley, and Bill Pauley. We were sorry that one of their number could not be with us on account of sickness.

We are especially thankful to Mr. Wayne Davis of Chicago, Ill. who worked in the Glendale Springs Field for part of the summer. Mr. Davis worked with the Boy Scouts, preached and taught Sunday School. He was a great help to our pastor during the busy months of the summer.

We are also thankful for the many other volunteer helpers in each of the six Bible Schools. Especially do we mention the teachers who taught not only in their own church Bible Schools but who went with us to other communities and gave their time and talent in God's work. The following names are those who were voluntary helpers; Shirley Vannoy, Linda Shepherd, Carol Shepherd, Kay Wayne, Mary Retha Atwood, Brenda Miller, Pauline Roten, Peggy Joe Miller, Mary June Sheets, Mrs. Herbert Bare, Mary Frances Luke, Doris Woodie, Peggy Saultz, Marcellus Bard, Charlotte Stutts and Donna Pendrv. We should also mention the untiring service of Miss Evelyn Acheson, who goes far beyond her duty in helping to make the Bible Schools and meetings successful.

We are grateful to all the people who have supplied us with meals and lodging, and especially do we thank the ladies at Laurel Fork for supplying refreshments for the children each day at Bible School.

### SPECIAL PROGRAM

AT GLENDALE OCT. 12

Rev. P. J. Garrison announced there would be a Church Extension Conference at Glendale Springs Church on Oct. 12th from 5:30 p. m. to 7:30 p. m. Representatives from the northwestern churches of Winston-Salem Presbytery will be present. The people of Glendale Springs hope to have a large crowd present and they urge each of the churches to send a large crowd. At this meeting posters will be displayed from each of the Church Extension fields of Winston Presbytery.

## Garrison Speaks At Glendale Picnic

On August the 25th at 6 p. m. people with picnic baskets began to gather on the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church lawn. Pretty soon a large table was covered with food, cake, pies and drinks such as lemonade and iced tea. The ladies from each of the six churches of the Glendale Springs charge had furnished the food and we want to thank each one for their fine food, and plentiful supply.

After the enjoyable meal, the crowd gathered in the church for an inspiring service of worship and talk by Rev. P. J. Garrison on the subject of the larger parish. After the talk questions and discussions about the idea of making Glendale Springs Field a larger parish. Those present were of the opinion that this field could be organized into a larger parish, although the churches had been working together much in the same manner a larger parish work was carried out. It was hoped that more help could be secured for the pastor in a larger parish effort.

The people of the field gave a gift of money in a nice hand-bag to Miss Evelyn Acheson who is leaving the field to work in the Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Virginia.

At the meeting there were 17 people from Ebenezer, 14 from Peak Creek, 21 from Laurel Fork, 15 from Bethel, 8 from Millers and about 60 from Glendale Springs Church. There were several visitors making a total of about 230 present. After the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," the congregation was dismissed.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

To Rev. and Mrs. Russell Burns, the pastor and wife of the West Jefferson Presbyterian Church, a son, George Robert Burns was born on Sept. 1st.

To Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Wade Pose of Glendale Springs, a daughter, Virginia Lynn Rose, was born Sept 1st.

### GLENDALE FIELD FIRST TO GIVE TO COLLEGE

A letter from Gilbert Bush, the professional director of the Synod-wide drive for the new consolidated college, wrote the pastor of the Glendale Field that they had made the first contribution in the Presbytery of Winston-Salem.

Each of the six churches in the Glendale Field accepted their quota given them.

## Johnny Bare Is Ordained August 5

On August 5th John T. Bare of Ashe County and the Big Ridge Church was ordained and installed as a minister in the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. Johnny Bare who just graduated from Louisville Seminary received his first charge in the Doak-Balch Larger Parish near Tusculum College, Tenn.

Rev. J. W. Luke was invited to help ordain and install Johnny Bare and gave the charge to the minister in the service.

Mrs. John Crepps, Mrs. Ferd Bare, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Luke and Miss Kathryn Hunt attended the service at 2 p. m. in the Tusculum College auditorium. A delicious lunch was served before the service. We pray that Johnny Bare will have wonderful ministry.

### COLLEGE STUDENTS LEAVE FOR SCHOOL

The following are the names of those we have knowledge of who are going to college this term and we want to wish you the most successful year and we are praying for you. If there are others we do not have listed here from our field, we wish and pray for you the same.

Wade Rose, Mary Kathryn Church, Martha Rose Miller, Shirley Caudill, Bernard Bare, Charles Caudill, Jean Mash, Tommy Boyd, Margie Long, Peggy Joe Miller, Wanda Woodie, Don Tucker, Ralph Bare, Paula Jean Wayne, Martha Ann Miller.

## MUCH PROGRESS MADE IN THE LANSING FIELD

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In keeping with our custom: The Lansing church is inviting Foster Memorial and Gillespie to unit with it in a Thanksgiving service. This service will feature three phases: Christian fellowship and worship, a Thanksgiving dinner served by the women of all the churches, and the regular Thanksgiving offering for Barium Springs.

### IN MEMORY OF OUR BROTHER A. R. MILLER

Brother A. R. Miller answered his call from his God on Monday, July 2nd at 9 p.m. Mr. Miller united with the Union Baptist Church about 35 years ago. He transferred his membership to the Millers Presbyterian Church on July 31st, 1953.

Brother Miller was a good business man, a man of his word and kind to little children. He had a quiet faith in his Lord, and stated he was ready to go when the Heavenly Father called. He shall be missed by many not only in his own community but in the affairs of Wilkes County.

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## Glade Valley Has Large Enrollment

On Labor Day, Sept. 3rd, the sun came up over the Blue Ridge Mountains and shone upon the campus of Glade Valley School. There was not much movement about the grounds at first except for the farm work and the preparation for the first day of school.

A few hours after the sun cast its first beams upon the roofs of the new buildings, automobiles began to roll in from the highway and around the newly surfaced driveway in front of the administration building. The quietness of the campus began to be broken by the laughter of young people and the shuffle of feet upon the sidewalks. The new term of 1956-57 of Glade Valley had begun.

At the close of the day when the sun lowered itself behind the western hills the enrollment was checked and it was found that the largest enrollment of the history of the school was chalked up. There were 69 students enrolled. Others are on the waiting list and could be registered if space were available. The increasing popularity of just such a little Christian School as Glade Valley shows that God is blessing the work and there is great need to expand the school for even a greater service.

### WE MOURN WITH THEM

Just a few words to express our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Earvin Roten at the death of their baby son who was born Sept. 5, 1956. You shall see your little one again for God has taken him to Heaven.

## Sympathy Extended To Miller Boys

Our prayers go out to Clayton and Payton Miller, two Barium Springs boys who lost their father recently. Kirby Miller, the father of the boys, and who resided at Glendale Springs, was called from this life on August 28th and the funeral service was held in the Presbyterian Church on Sept. 1st. He was buried in the Wyatt and Miller graveyard near Low Gap. May God comfort these boys at the death of their father. Their father was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

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## Shirley Caudill Gets \$900. Scholarship

We are proud of Shirley Caudill of Glendale Springs who has received a \$900 scholarship for her outstanding work in her three years at Montreat College. We understand \$500 of this amount goes to Shirley and the other part is given to the college.

## Evelyn Acheson To Work For Hopewell

Miss Evelyn Acheson who came to the Glendale Springs Field in Dec. 1948 has planned to leave and work in the Hopewell Presbyterian Church. Miss Acheson came from a very long way to work in our field. She came from Albany, Oregon State. Miss Acheson has been a tireless worker in the six churches of the Glendale Springs Field. The women, the young people, and the children of the Sunday Schools have all been helped by her consecrated life.

The six churches of the field gave Miss Acheson a parting gift to show their appreciation of her work among them. None of us in the field know how to thank Miss Acheson for her willing work. It is the prayer of all of the people of the Glendale Springs Field that Miss Acheson will be happy and successful for her Lord in the

!!! THANK YOU !!!

I want to thank my friends in the Glendale Springs Field for their wonderful farewell gift of money, contained in the attractive red pocket-book. I wish I might thank each one of you personally but since that is impossible, I now express my deep gratitude to all of you with all my heart. And even more than the actual money, I appreciate beyond words the love and friendship behind the gift.

Evelyn Acheson

Hopewell Presbyterian Church. This field will miss Miss Acheson tremendously, but we want her to do God's will for her life. We all say God bless you and come to see us when you can.

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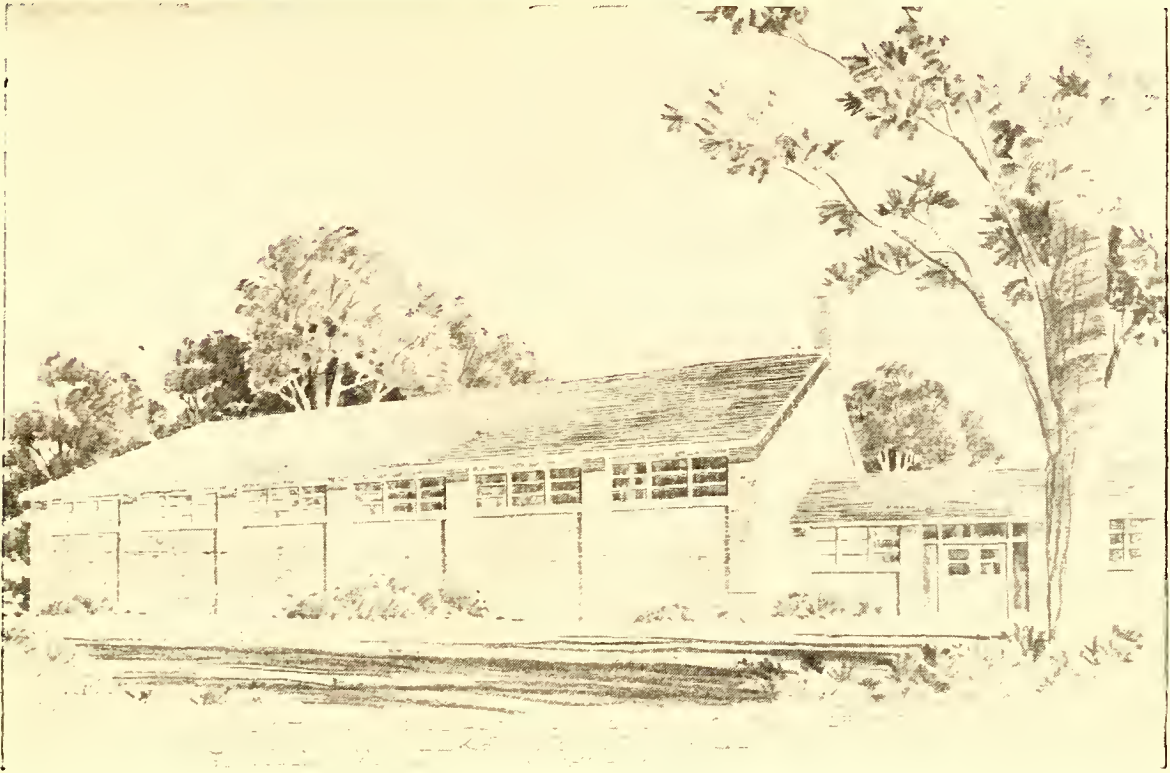
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ARCHITECT'S DRAWING of the proposed Johnny Luke, Jr., Memorial Building at Glendale Springs.

**J. W. LUKE, JR., MEMORIAL DRIVE IS CONTINUED**

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This fall we are still striving for the estimated \$60,000 that will be needed for this building. \$17,000 has already

been donated in cash, and pledges. Out of this amount a lot next to the church has been bought, plans have been developed, and advertising material sent out and a well has been bored.

While the mountains are developing at such a rapid rate, we need to keep pace in the saving and training the youth from our large birth rate of this

section. Our purpose in view is to save souls for Christ, to save lives for Christ, to save talent for Christ among the young life of our wide spread Glendale Springs Field. Any who may seek to know more about our project may drop a line to Delmer Rose, Treas. of Memorial Fund, Glendale Springs, N. C. or you may contact the editor of this paper.

**MAE TUCKER AND BUCK ROBBINS MARRY**

On September the 8th, a beautiful marriage was conducted in the Methodist Church at Boone. Bonnie Mae Tucker, one of our finest young people and Mr. Buck Robbins were united in matrimony. Miss Ann Newton of Roanoke, Va. was the Maid of honor. Miss Mary Frances Luke rendered three solos and Don Tucker was an usher. Mr. and Mrs. James Tucker the parents of the bride with many from the families of the bride and groom attended the ceremony. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and candles. The twilight shades within the church were lighted up by the glow of the yellow candle light. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Buck Robbins the most successful and happy married life.

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MISS KATHRYN HUNT

## Kathryn Hunt To Work In County

We are glad to welcome Miss Kathryn Hunt to Ashe county again. Miss Hunt worked with Rev. R. H. Stone while he was pastor in the county several years ago. Miss Hunt will take up her work in the Lansing field.

## Frances Vannoy Is Given Scholarship

It was just recently learned that Frances Vannoy, formerly of Bethel Church in Wilkes County has been awarded a \$1200 Scholarship by the Travelers Aid Society of Norfolk, Va. Miss Vannoy has been doing social service work as private counselor for six years in the vicinity of Norfolk, Va. The scholarship will aid Miss Vannoy to take work in a Graduate School of Social Service.

While working in the Norfolk vicinity, Frances had her church letter moved to the Grace Covenant Presby-

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### SUMMARY OF DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS IN ASHE FIELD, 1956

Name of Church	Total Enroll.	Avg. Enroll.	Perf Att.
Lansing .....	91	74	40 app.
Gillespie .....	70	50 app.	35 app.
Foster Memorial .....	55	40 app.	25 app.
West Jefferson .....	45	38	30
Jefferson (Methodist and Presbyterian) .....	66	58	30 app.
Low Gap .....	41	31	19
Big Ridge .....	18	10	3
Miller's .....	67	41	22
Ebenezer .....	40	32	19
Peak Creek .....	83	55	32
Glendale Springs .....	106	78	54
Bethel .....	54	39	19
Laurel Fork .....	50	39	27
Grand Total .....	786	585	366

### MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

The manse at Glendale was the scene of the marriage of James Jackie Phipps and Miss Betty Jo Taylor on Saturday, August 25.

The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Luke.

We wish this young couple God's richest blessings upon their new found happiness together.

terian Church near Hampton, Va. She was very useful in this church as a Sunday School teacher for a large young people's class.

It is good for us to think no grace or blessing truly our till we are aware that God has blessed some one else with it through us. — Phillips Brooks.

There will come a time when three words, uttered with charity and meekness, shall receive a far more blessed reward, than three thousand volumes written with disdainful sharpness of wit. But the manner of men's writing must not alienate our hearts from the truth, if it appear they have the truth. — H. Hooker.

Life is made up, not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things, in which smiles, and kindnesses, and small obligations, given habitually, are what win and preserve the heart and secure comfort. — Sir H. Davy.

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## New Picture In Lansing Church

A handsome and very commanding picture, "Sallman's Head of Christ," almost fills one wall in the basement of the Lansing Church, and unconsciously becomes a focal point for all worship there. It was bought with money given by the family of Mrs. Nelson Baldwin at her death and presented by Dr. R. H. Stone in her memory.

### FALL YOUTH

Two hundred eighteen people met in a Presbytery-wide Fall Rally in the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem on Sunday, November 25 from 2:30-7:00. 22 of the 43 churches were represented. Lansing was represented by Mary Anne Campbell, Betty Campbell, Helen Campbell, Ray Testament, Mary Betsy Jones, Dorothy Testament, and Eva Lynch, and Foster Memorial by Allene Vannoy and Ola Ann Graham. The program was one of fine fellowship, information, and inspiration.

## R. L. Berry Returns To Alleghany

"The Rev. R. L. Berry, who served as pastor in the Sparta and Glade Valley Churches some year ago, has returned to resume work in this field." So writes the Echoes from Glade Valley.

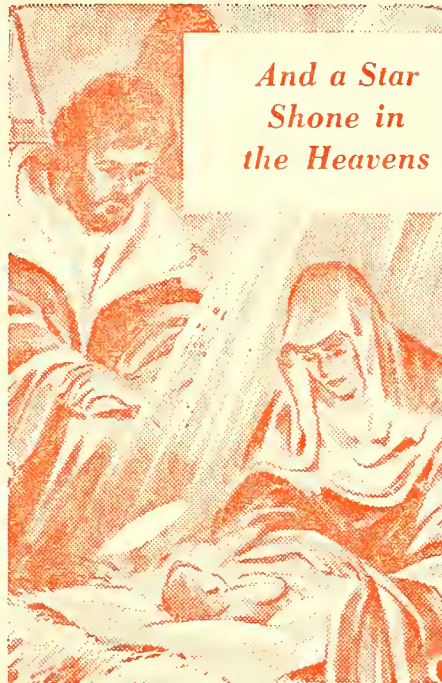
We are glad to hear this good news. Mr. Berry will be welcomed back into the Winston-Salem Presbytery and into the Sparta - Glade Valley Field.

## Lansing Young People Organize

The Lansing Young People have re-organized and elected the following officers: President — Mary Anne Campbell, Secretary-Treasurer — Betty Jo Campbell, and Program chairman, Doris Shepherd. These officers, together the commission chairmen, Faith — Helen Campbell, Witness — Mary Jean Blevins, Outreach — Mary Betsy Jones, Citizenship — Ann Blevins, Fellowship — Dorothy Testament, were installed at a candle-light service in the Church on Sunday, December 9.

The Young People meet every Monday night for fellowship and worship, and every Tuesday night as a choir. Mrs. Gilmore Weatherley, Music teacher in the School, is helping with this choir.

The Lansing young people had a covered dish supper and Thanksgiving program on Monday night, November 19, and invited the young people from Foster Memorial and Gillespie.



*And a Star  
Shone in  
the Heavens*

### A PRAYER FOR PEACE ON EARTH

Our Kind and Holy Heavenly Father, may men of every nation be still and know that Thou art God, and hear the great and glad cry of the angels, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," for it is Thou that maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth.

May all men hear the echo of God's "Good will message" from the sky, pass it on from neighbor to neighbor, until at this birthday of the Prince of Peace, all nations will lay down their arms and shout the glad cry from one to another, "Glory to God in the Highest" and God's Good will toward men, and from man to man, and nation to nation.

On the birthday of the Prince of Peace, and in His name we ask it. Amen.

## Dr. James Carr Speaks To Groups

On December 6 Rev. P. J. Garrison accompanied by Dr. James Carr of Atlanta, Ga., visited the Glendale Springs Field of churches. Dr. Carr is the secretary of Town and Country Church and Sunday School Extension Departments of the Board of Church Extension of the Presbyterian Church.

At 7 p. m. on December 6 Dr. Carr and Rev. P. J. Garrison spoke to the representatives of the Glendale Springs Field of churches also other churches on the Larger Parish plan.

Dr. James Carr is the author of the book — "Bright Future."

## Rev. H. H. Culler Now At Jefferson

Since Rev. J. R. Jackson left the Jefferson field last spring the congregation has been seeking for a pastor. Rev. H. H. Culler who has been filling the pulpit at Rocky Ridge Church in Alleghany county and has filled several pulpits in Stokes county has been called to the Jefferson Church.

Mr. Culler has a family of ten children, four of whom are married. Mr. Culler has one daughter at Montreat College, another at Glade Valley. There are two sons away from home in school, one in High Point College, and another in Hanes high school in Winston-Salem. Two children are at home with Mr. and Mrs. Culler in Jefferson.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Culler into Ashe county and we pray Mr. Culler will have a very fruitful ministry in the Jefferson Field.

## New Members At Glendale Church

The session of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian received three members on the Sunday morning of October 21. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton were received from the Deland Presbyterian Church of Florida. Miss Jean Mash of Glendale Springs, who is a student at Montreat College was received on profession of her faith in Christ.

The congregation of the Glendale church welcomes those who have united with our church and wish them a happy fellowship with us.

## Lansing Honors Miss Betty Tinley

Betty Tinley, our beloved former D C E, who has been for five years witnessing for Christ to the people of Brazil, came back to visit her "first love" on October 25 and the people who love her so devotedly gathered in large numbers to pay tribute to her in a community-church supper in the Lansing Church. About 75 people heard her thrilling story of the miracles Christ is working in Brazil.

## REV. RUSSELL BURNS GOES TO VIRGINIA

After an urgent call from the Floris Presbyterian Church, Herndon, Va. which is in East Hanover Presbytery of the Synod of Virginia, Mr. Burnes accepted the call. Mr. and Mrs. Burnes and family have been dismissed from Winston-Salem Presbytery and are now settled in his new charge. We pray God's blessings for Mr. Burnes as he takes up his new work.

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Christmas

Christmas again! And already there is stealing over us - that feeling - how can we describe it? It is like Christmas Eve. It is warm—like a baby's hand, like a fire in the snow; it is glowing — like candles in the darkness; it is high too — like reaching for the stars, and like all the dreams we've ever known.

It's a little easier to be a little kinder now and somehow our eyes are open a little wider and we can see the other fellow's needs a little clearer, and it's like being on our knees too, feeling so ashamed of all our selfishness and meanness; it's like being near to a goal and almost — almost being what we've always wanted to be deep down in our hearts — the kind of persons we were made to be.

It's mystic — it's magic — it's like being close to something very real; it's like touching the Reallest Thing there is. It's like being at the heart of something — it's like reaching out and touching the Baby Himself, and when He touches you, strength comes into you and gentleness and tranquility.

That's what it is, that is the secret — He touches you. Emmanuel — God with us, God in a baby; hence the warm feeling, the kind and tender touch. How marvelous, how almost unthinkable — that a holy, sinless God could be born into a little Baby — born to be sin for us — born to die for us.

How could anyone love like that? You feel bigger just thinking about such a Love, yet smaller too, for we are the ones who are loved.

God so loved — that He gave! It is overwhelming — pure love in action — selfless love, selfless action. It melts our hearts, and all the poor best within us reaches out in surrender to such love.

Wonderful! — But why can't it last? Most wonderful! — It can. "Emmanuel — God with us." — "Lo, I am with you always." — "All things are possible to him that believeth." — I can

A Remarkable Prayer

The following prayer is made up of phrases or clauses from thirteen well known prayer hymns, woven together in one prayer. This was done by Frank Hamilton, who used this prayer in the prayer meeting at the Glendale Springs Church. The following hymns make up the prayer:

"Draw Me Nearer," "Lead us Heavenly Father," "Fill Me Now," "Come Thou Fount," "Lord Speak To Me," "Holly Ghost With Light," "Breathe On Me," "Love Divine," "Saviour Like A Shepherd," "Lead Kindly Light," "Have Thine Own Way," "Spirit Of God Descend," "Jesus Lover Of My Soul."

When we kneel in prayer with Thee, Oh, God, may we commune as friend with friend.

Thou hast bid us love Thee — all Thine alone, soul, heart, strength, and mind. We do love Thee, Lord, all Thine alone and long to live in faith to Thee. Cast down every idol throne, reign supreme and reign alone.

We loved to choose and see our path, but now, lead Thou us on. Guide our feet. Be the guardian of our way. Seek us when we go astray. We do not ask to see the distant scene — one is enough.

Pride has ruled our way in spite of fears and long has sin without control held dominion o'er our soul. We are all unrighteousness and much we need Thy tender care. We are vile and full of sin while Thou art full of truth and grace; — but Thou knowest our

do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

Prayer — "O God, our hearts are hushed with the mystery and the wonder of the birth of Thy Son, and so we bow in adoring and humble prayer. Touch us with His gentleness and tenderness that all our days may be like Christmas Eve, filled with love and understanding and kindness. In His Holy Name, we pray. Amen."

weakness, Lord, Breathe forgiveness o'er us. What but Thy grace can foil the tempters' power!

Let Thy Spirit descend upon us. Fill us with Thy hallowed Presence. Breathe new life into us until this earthly part of us glows with divine fire. Let our souls look up with steadfast hope and consecrate us to Thy service. For Thou art the potter and we are the clay. Mould us and make us after Thy will.

Teach us to feel that Thou are always near.

Teach us to bear the struggles of the soul.

Teach us the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach us that we may teach — and wing our words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

Spirit of God, descending love, let Thy healing streams abound. Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick and lead the blind. For Thou art all compassion. We ask all this in Jesus name who sought us as strangers wandering away from Thee and interposed his precious blood to rescue us. Amen.

Women Attend Church Meeting

From the Lansing Field, Mrs. Victor Clark, Mrs. Oscar Blevins, Mrs. French Young, and Miss Kathryn Hunt from the Lansing Church and Mrs. James Vannoy and Miss Clarice Wiles from Foster Memorial attended the 32nd annual meeting of the Women-of-the Church of Winston-Salem Presbytery in the First Church of Lexington on November 8.

The total registration was 332 and the offering, \$182.98, went to the Lucy Steele Memorial Fund.

The day was packed with gripping challenge and inspiration.

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SINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS THE LANSING CHILDREN'S CHOIR of the Presbyterian church under the capable direction of Miss Kathryn Hunt is an important part of the worship service. First row, reading from left to right — Judy Powers, Geneva Divens Jones, Linda Campbell, Deanna Barker, Debbie Dickson, Kathy Osborne and Jimmy Blevins; second row — Nancy Campbell, Virginia Lynch, Donna Baldwin, Rita Barker, Kenny Dickson, Mary Sue Lunch, Patsy Hart, Gary Osborne, C. B. Jones and Gail Powers.

## Films Are Shown In Lansing Church

Twice this fall films have been shown in the Lansing Church. On Oct. 11th Dr. R. H. Stone, Executive Secretary of Mecklenburg Presbytery, presented "The Voice in the Wilderness," the film of the historical drama depicting the beginning of Presbyterianism in Mecklenburg Presbytery. This drama was written and presented in Mecklenburg two years ago in observance of their 200th anniversary.

On November 14, Fred Jones, a nephew of Miss Hunt, and his bride from Athens, Greece, visited Lansing on their way home from Germany and showed delightful color slides of European countries they had visited.

Both of these occasions were much appreciated by the Lansing people.

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## Lansing Field Has Christmas Pageants

A blending of two beautiful Christmas pageants, "Once Upon a Christmas Time" and "The Coming of Christ," will be presented in each of the Churches of the Lansing Field on the following dates: Foster Memorial — Friday, December 21, Gillespie — Saturday, Dec. 22, and Lansing, Sunday, December 23, all at 7:00 P. M.

Lovely Christmas music will be rendered by the choirs in each Church

## GLENDALE WOMEN MAKE QUILT FOR ORPHANAGE

The Women of the Church of Glendale Springs have completed a new quilt to be given to Barium Springs Orphanage. Every year for a number of years, the Women of the Glendale Church have made and given a quilt to the orphanage.

and the pageant will close with a candle light service of dedication in which the entire congregation will participate.

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# Luke Memorial Fund Drive Now Underway

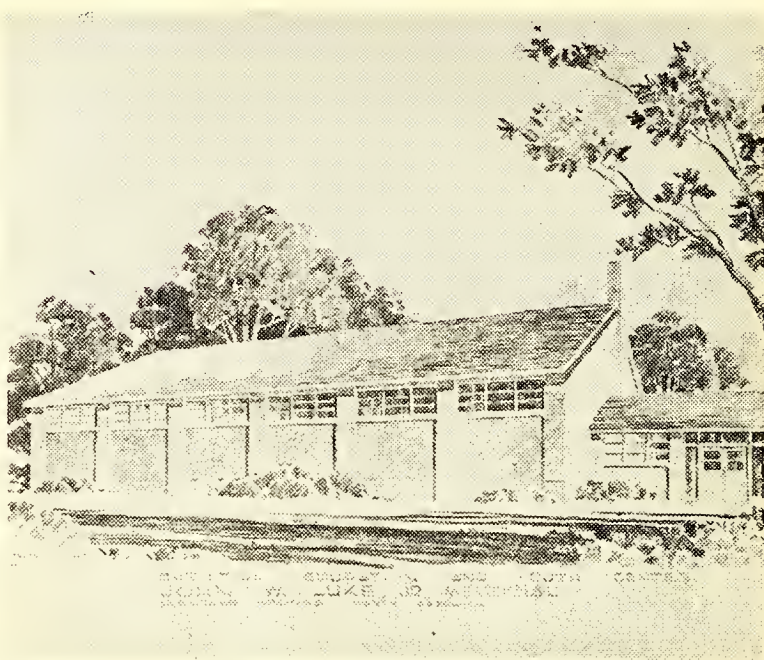
The Memorial Building Fund Drive is now in full swing. A new financial drive committee has been organized with the following men as participants: Robert Woodie, chairman; Tom Boyd, Frank Hamilton, of Glendale Springs; Wade Vannoy, Jr., of West Jefferson; Blair Gwyn and Paul Cashion of North Wilkesboro.

Delmer Rose and Rev. J. W. Luke are ex officio members of the committee. Delmer Rose, of Glendale Springs is the official treasurer of the Memorial fund and has kept an accurate account of all funds received.

The amount at which the committee seeks to raise is \$60,000 which will finance the building of the structure as well as installing a heating and water system.

Approximately \$18,000 has been raised in pledges and cash. Some of the pledges helping to make this gift are \$4,500 promised from the Men of the Myers Park Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, \$2,060 raised by the men of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church, \$1,000 given by Robert Bare, of Jefferson as a memorial gift in honor of his son, Robert C. Bare

Those interested in making donations for this drive are asked to cut out the form which you will find in this paper and send to Delmer Rose, treasurer, Glendale Springs, N. C. with your donation or pledge. If there are those among our readers that care to have one of our financial drive committee make an appointment with them to explain the plans and purpose of this building, they shall be glad to do this and exhibit the fine brochure which has been assembled. It is hoped that the desired amount for the building shall be raised this winter so that construction may begin in the spring.



PROPOSED JOHNNY LUKE MEMORIAL building with construction expected to begin in the Spring.

## Myers Park Men Donate To Fund

The men of the Myers Park Presbyterian church of Charlotte will give \$4,500.00 to the Johnny Luke Memorial fund.

This amount is greatly appreciated and are hoping to have enough by Spring to start the building.

## Glendale Completes Pulpit Furniture

The Glendale Springs members are very thankful to the family of T. S. Boyd for the completion of the pulpit furniture in their church. The last two chairs and two stands that have come from the factory now complete the furnishings for the pulpit and communion service.

This furniture was given in memory of S. H. Boyd, the father of our Elder T. S. Boyd.

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## Hugh Alexander Spoke To Group

The Glendale Springs Community Club had the pleasure of having Congressman Hugh Alexander speak on Saturday night, November 24. His subject was "Christian Service." Mr. Alexander gave us a very inspiring talk. High ideals of a Christian citizen were forcefully demonstrated by his illustrations and quotations from great men.

In spite of the fact that it was a bitter cold night and snow had been falling in squalls throughout the day, we had a fair audience for the even-

### SEEKING MINISTER FOR W. J. CHURCH

The Pulpit Committee of the West Jefferson Presbyterian Church has been very active in seeking a minister to take the place of Mr. Burns.

Several investigations have been made for prospective ministers but no conclusions have been reached yet. The committee is determined to secure a new minister as soon as possible.

### JIM McLaurin PRAISED FOR WORK ON ROOMS

Jim McLaurin of the West Jefferson Presbyterian Church deserves a lot of credit for building new Sunday Schools rooms in the basement of the church. Unused space in the basement was transformed into nice rooms.

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## Mr. Rose Sponsors Young People Now

Since Miss Evelyn Atcheson our worker among our young people has gone to take a position in the Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Delmer Rose has been the sponsor of the young people's group.

Every Sunday evening the Young People meet with Mr. Rose and have a very attractive program. From 20 to 25 young people are taking part in this activity.

## Church Members Help In Meetings

Much credit should be given to Frank Hamilton and Bill Wyatt for their fine work in leading the prayer meetings of their own churches. Frank Hamilton has just been received as a member in the Glendale Springs Church and has been active in leading the Church Extension study as well as leading the prayer meetings in his church. Mr. Hamilton has taught the Adult Class in Sunday School many times.

Bill Wyatt of the Bethel Church has done an outstanding work in leading the prayer meeting of his own church.

## Boy Scout Troop Play Basketball

The Glendale Springs Boy Scout Troop 115 is very active. They have organized a basketball team, and will play in the near future. Troop 115 is one of the largest troops in Old Hickory Council. A good many merit badges have been passed this year, and they hope to have some Eagle Scouts in a few months.

The prayer meeting attendance in the Bethel Church has held up in a wonderful way, and Bill has done much to keep up the interest.

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## Lansing Church Has Redecorated Inside

The Lansing Church has dressed up its sanctuary with a new celotex ceiling and walls of lovely, seafoam green which softens the interior and brings out the delicate shading of green in the windows. People say, "It is prettier than it has been since it was first built."

Downstairs in the children's rooms some work has been done, in the Nursery and Kindergarten - painting, new curtains, and new small tables and chairs. The Women-of-the Church at their December meeting plan a shower of "new toys for the Nursery."

## Gillespie News

The Young People of Gillespie are newly reorganized with the following officers: President, Katherine Miller; secretary-treasurer, Daphne Barr; program chairman, Jo Anne Barr. These officers, together with the commission chairmen, faith, Delphia Greer; witness, Barbara Shepherd; outreach, Mary Jane Miller; citizenship, Ella Mae Greer; fellowship, Wanda Barr, will be installed in a candle light service of dedication on Sunday afternoon, December 9.

This is a loyal group of 25 young people who meet every Saturday night for fun, fellowship, and worship in their church basement.

### YOUNG PEOPLE

Gillespie has added a young people's class to its Sunday School, which class has increased the attendance tremendously. One Sunday, they lacked only 1 of having as many in attendance as the Lansing Sunday School. The church is greatly encouraged by the larger attendance.

### NEW PUMP

This church has a baffling problem in its basement which persisted in filling with water in rainy seasons. At last a water pump has been purchased and installed which pumps the water out. The problem is not solved

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## Churches Add New Attractive Signs

Attractive signs have been erected for the Laurel Fork and Glendale Springs Presbyterian Churches. These signs are so attractive that others are copying and writing to us about how to make similar signs for their churches.

## Peak Creek Church Builds New Roof

There is one thing that the Peak Creek Presbyterian could be thankful for this Thanksgiving, it is a new roof

but is greatly helped by this.

A new grate for the basement fireplace (used constantly by the Young People) has been purchased and is now in use. A new lock for the front door has been installed and the piano is being tuned.

## YELANJIAN PREACHES ON THANKSGIVING

On November 18 Rev. L. J. Yelanjian preached a special Thanksgiving sermon which was of great help to the congregation. Mr. Yelanjian has been filling the pulpit of the West Jefferson Presbyterian Church since Rev. Russell Burns left the charge.

over their heads. The old wooden shingle roof had seen its best days and when it rained, it did not stop with the roof. Mr. Monroe Taylor and his carpenters did a nice job of re-roofing and we are glad of it. We still owe money for roofing which we hope to secure very soon.

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## John W. Luke, Jr Building Underway; More Funds Needed

The actual beginning of the construction of the John W. Luke, Jr. Memorial has begun. Mr. B. H. Green has completed the grading for the building at a very low price as a contribution to the project. Gravel and rock are being hauled each day the weather permits.

About 3,000 feet of lumber on the manse property has been cut, logged, and hauled by free labor. The logs are being sawed by Mr. George Bowers free of charge with French Allen as sawyer.

The Parker Tie and Lumber Company will dress all lumber free of charge. This is the promise of Mr. Rex Morton, one of our good friends and owners of the company.

Mr. Bert Dixon has been secured as director of the construction of the building and will begin work as soon as winter breaks.

Bricks, blocks and steel have been located and will be ordered soon.

We want to thank the following for so graciously giving their time, trucks, chain saws, horses, and tractors in getting out lumber, hauling rock and other details of the work: Claude Mash, Gaither Miller, Harry Mash, John Barnes, Frankie Baker, Fred Colvard, Milt Miller, Spencer Miller, Allen Miller, French Allen, George Bowers, Garvey Barnes, Curtis Mash, Ed Miller, Larry Severt, Robert Severt, Jonse Woodie, George Miller, Jimmy Miller, W. G. Long, Robert Wade Miller, Bill Miller and others whose names we may not have here. We

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## An Easter Prayer

When Mary walked alone at dawn  
She met and knew her Lord.  
Is it because of noisome throngs  
That we don't hear His word?

The two disciples heard Him speak  
Along the Emmaus road,  
But knew Him not until they bade  
He dwell in their abode.

The disciples in the upper room  
In quiet and peaceful prayer,  
Knew not, nor how, but only saw  
That He was standing there.

Again the Easter season comes  
Upon a troubled world  
Of doubt and fear; and everywhere  
Suspicion's flags unfurled.

Oh, God! As even now He lives  
Grant us to hear His voice;  
Open our eyes that we may know  
And bid our hearts rejoice.

— Jessie M. Trout.

## Improvements Are Made At Glendale

There have been several material improvements among the churches in the Glendale Springs Field. Bethel church is continually doing something. Just a few days ago the men of the Bethel church got together and hauled rock which was crushed on the parking area. Now they have a nicely graveled parking area.

The Peak Creek church has also been improved by receiving a deed to the parking area near the church given to them by the heirs of the Hack Miller property.

Laurel Fork church has erected a  
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## Easter Programs Are Being Planned

Last year Foster Memorial started something which they hope will become traditional — an Easter Sunrise service followed by a "Coffee and Doughnut" breakfast in the basement.

This year they hope to add to the program by unveiling and dedicating a large picture of Christ, Sallman's Head of Christ, as a memorial to Mr. Noah Graham, a devoted and faithful elder of this church for 25 years. Special music too is being planned with choirs and solos from churches on the field.

### LANSING

Easter in the Lansing church will be observed in two worship services of special significance — on Good Friday night a community - wide candle-light service and a special communion service, and on Sunday morning at 11:00 an especially lovely service of worship with an Easter message by the pastor and special music by the Youth and Junior Choirs. Mary Betsy Jones will sing, "The Holy City" and "The Stranger of Galilee" and the Choirs will sing, "Jesus Shall Reign," "The Earth is the Lord's," and "Hosanna, Lous Hosanna."

### GILLESPIE

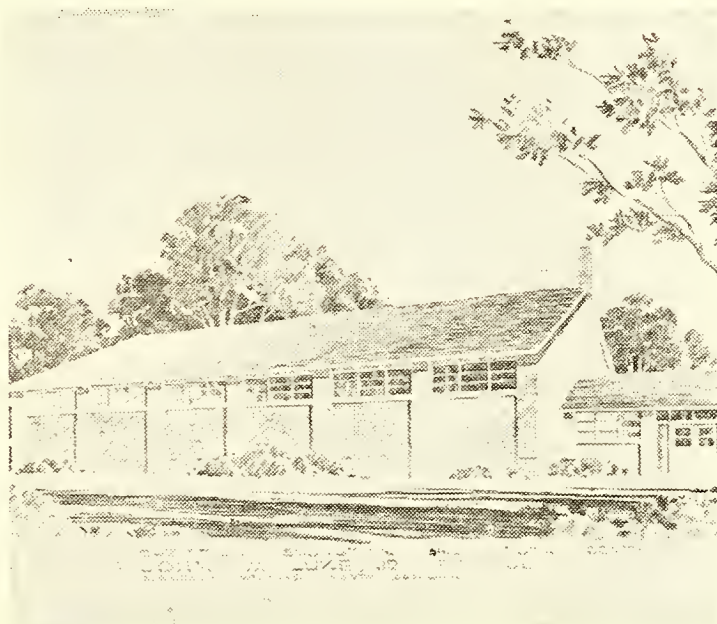
At Gillespie an Easter service in the form of a pageant, "The Risen Lord," is being planned for Easter Sunday night.

## Lansing Will Have Musical Festival

On Sunday, May 19 the Lansing Junior Choir plans to have a Spring Festival of Music in which they will sing all the songs they have learned this year. Awards will be presented at this time for faithful work and attendance during the year. There are 18 members of this Junior choir and their music has contributed tremendously to the spirit of worship in the church.

The choir also plans to have a picnic sometime during the month of May.

EXCAVATION WORK NOW UNDERWAY on the new Johnny Luke, Jr. Memorial building at Glendale Springs. Shown here is the architects drawing of how the building will look when completed. The excavation work has been done and inspite of unfavorable weather, other work is going forward. Many people have made contributions in funds, and materials.



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## "VICTORY WAS BORN ON EASTER"

A great catastrophe has dashed the courage of eleven hopeful men.

Had they not been gathered from every walk of life by Jesus? Had they not given homes, loved ones, occupations and all for their hopes in Jesus the Galilean? Had they not been lifted from drab dull lives of hopeless waiting to a belief that Jesus was the long expected Christ and the Son of God? Had they not dreamed dreams, and seen visions while with Jesus, and now his promises and his kingdom seemed entirely dispelled by his wretched death upon a Roman cross. Had not one of their inner group betrayed Jesus and in despair taken his own life? Had not one of their leaders played the coward, and denied Jesus in the face of danger? Shall we also deny and go home? Shall we too take our lives, or flee the country from the combined cruelty of Jews and Romans who, like blood hounds, were hot upon the trails of Jesus' followers?

These fears as well as many others plagued the hearts and minds of eleven hopeless and disappointed men. They seemed to have forgotten all references of Jesus to three days in the tomb and resurrection, besides who could snatch himself from the power death? The fear of arrest and persecution was constantly a possibility for any of the followers of the Gallilean. The eleven no doubt were being watched, for they were meeting secretly behind locked doors.

This discussion above will probably help us to enter into the danger which the apostles lived and the despondent state of mind which they were in. There were no Easter lillies to brighten the way and give hope, there were no Easter hymns of victory to make it easier to see a loved one die on a cross, there were no New Testament writings to make clear the work of a dying Saviour, and of his resurrection. They had consecrated their all to God's work, were in constant danger, why had God deserted Jesus and themselves as they sought to do His

will?

Out of this dungeon of fear, depression and hopelessness, Easter was born, yet the foundation of Easter was not built upon fear, or hopelessness, or depressed spirits of men. Easter was built upon the positive convictions of men who knew that Jesus had overcome death, of men who saw Jesus, who talked with him, who ate with Him, who touched Him, who knew that He is alive, and is with them to the end of the world, overcoming evil and Satan, building up the Kingdom of God.

See the grief of Mary suddenly turn to gladness at the tomb; see the cowardice of Peter turn to fearlessness and courage; see deserting disciples on the road turn back with fleet steps to Jerusalem; see a doubting Thomas confess his convictions in the resurrected Jesus; see a stubborn Pharisee, Paul, blinded by the dazzling Son of God on the road to Damascus, suffer untold persecution for his sake; see a score of unknown disciples start a world-wide campaign to win souls to a crucified and resurrected Jesus, whom they were convinced was the Son of God the Christ. All this came from the convictions born on the first Easter morn.

Surely the power of this first Easter morn will continue to energize the Christians of today and to the end of the world.

The greatest problems of man are now conquered through the resurrected Christ on that first Easter morning, for the Word of God has declared that Jesus the Christ is with us to the end of the world, and that sin and death are conquered.

"And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Mt. 28:20.

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept." I Cor. 15:20.

"Death is swallowed up in victory, O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." I Cor. 15:54-57.

## WHY THE INCREASE OF CRIME?

No one with common intelligence will deny that crime is increasing at a tremendous exccellaration, yet why this terrific increase and how can it be stopped is the most important question facing our country today.

We can put our finger on the causes for much crime. It is a hidden cause in the wants and purposes our people. Let us enumerate some of the crime factors that are embeded in our American life.

The greed for money is a number one factor for producing crime. Because of money, alcoholic beverages are advertised, are sold, are constantly presented to young people, are interjected into every home. "Arrests for driving while intoxicated have increased 175 per cent in the past 20 years. One expert authority estimates that 50 per cent of the divorces in America are the result of, or related to drunkenness." (The Church Militant)

Recently I attended a court in a

near by county. I was given a court docket. I counted the cases in court which liquor had brought on. There were fifty-eight, and many others which liquor was not stated to be the cause. At least one-half the cases were caused with liquor involved. In the face of facts some liquor loving or liquor selling man will tell you that liquor is not the cause of so much crime.

The increasing exhibition of crime on television and in the theater is undoubtedly a generator of criminal thought in the minds of many uneducated and juvenile brains. Three-fourths of the front pages of newspapers are filled with crime and disorder in the world. Count it up for yourself in some of the daily papers. The power of suggestion is overcoming many weak and tempted people.

The next time you hear and read of some sex crimes, do not put the whole blame upon the criminal, but point your finger of guilt at the sex magazines and those who allow them to be sold in their stores and on their news stands. Point your finger of guilt at the actors who indecently expose themselves and their love scenes for the public eye. These are as guilty as the criminal himself, and these are factors that are causing much sex misbehaviour.

Why are so many people flying off nervously and losing control of their lives and doing so many criminal acts. It is because some are making a RAT RACE of life instead of a God controlled life for His purposes. Many Christians should take time for prayer, Bible reading, memorizing, and meditation. "But not conformed to this world; but be yet transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Rom. 12:2.

## Effects Of Liquor Ban

Upson County, Georgia, reports the following certified figures for the first year under local ban of retail sale of alcoholic beverages:

Only three highway deaths in the first seven months compared with sixteen in the twelve preceding months of legal sale.

Arrests for drunken offenses, including drunken driving, decreased 21 percent.

County health records show a drop of 68 per cent in venereal diseases.

Injuries caused by drunkenness decreased 50 per cent or more.

The area formerly known as Honky Tonk Row was practically cleaned up during the first year.

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## McNeill - Boyd Vows Are Spoken

Friday, February 15, the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church was the scene of a quiet but happy wedding. Miss Doris Ann McNeill and Mr. Thomas Boyd, Jr. were united in marriage at 7:30 p. m. by the Rev. J. W. Luke.

# Bible School Is Being Planned

Bible Schools in the Lansing field will begin with the Gillespie school, June 5-19. Foster Memorial will follow on June 24-July 5, and the Lansing school, July 8-19, will conclude the summer session.

Revival services at night are to be held with each of the Bible Schools, but so far only Lansing has secured a visiting minister. The best news we have had in some time has just come to Lansing. Dr. Sam Glasgow, that Prince of American Preachers, has accepted our invitation to preach in Lansing July 8-19. This should not be just a revival for Lansing. The whole county should share in such a blessing. "You will feel that you have been in the presence of the Master Himself." Nothing is ever the same again — not even your own heart — after you have heard Dr. Sam Glasgow.

## IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN GLENDALE FIELD

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nice sign in front of the church which is outstanding, and rustic in design. The manse at Glendale Springs is receiving some needed improvements such as needed outlets for electric use, two closets, painting two rooms and new supports in the basement, which is needed in place of decaying wooden posts.

## Miss Acheson Will Visit In Glendale

Miss Evelyn Acheson, who is now working in Hopewell, Virginia will visit with the Glendale Springs people on the week before Easter, April 15-22. The people of the Glendale Springs Field are delighted to know of her coming for this week and shall be glad to see her.

## LANSING WOMEN HAS ROTARY CLUB MEET

The women of the Lansing church served a delicious chicken supper to the Rotary club on February 14 and applied the profit of \$51.00 to a refrigerator for Miss Hunt's home.

## JEFFERSON CHURCH IMPROVE GROUNDS

The Jefferson Presbyterian Church are planning to improve the church grounds and to have a play ground and outdoor fire place back of the church. This will enable our members to have many social hours together and especially our youth.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

On March 8, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Miller of Millers Church became the proud parents of a little girl baby, Jo Anne Miller. We rejoice with them at the addition to their family, and wish little Jo Anne many happy days and God's blessings.

## JOHN W. LUKE, JR. BUILDING UNDERWAY

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thank the Boy Scouts and Cubs of Troop 115 for picking up and hauling rock. Some have worked at half price on some jobs for which we are very thankful.

An estimated cost of this work in dollars and cents would amount to about \$384.50.

Since we have finally begun to construct this building, we need to complete our drive for more finances. About \$21,000 has been received for the project. About \$6,000 have been spent for preparing for the construction such as boring well, buying land, advertising the project, and development of plans for the actual building. This leaves in the treasury about \$15,000 in actual cash. Those who are interested in helping us with this useful building for the Glendale Springs Field, may make gifts to Mr. Delmer Rose, treasurer of the J. W. Luke, Jr. Memorial Fund, Glendale Springs, N. C.

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HERE'S PROOF THAT WORK IS GOING FORWARD on the new Johnny Luke Memorial building at Glendale Springs. At the left are some of the logs cut for timber and at right is the bulldozer doing excavation work.



## P. J. Garrison Leaves For Texas

The people of the fields in Ashe county were very sorry to learn that Rev. P. J. Garrison was leaving for a similar position which he held under the Winston-Salem Presbytery. Mr. Garrison or Jeff as he is fondly called, was a progressive church extension executive, and had a great home mission vision. Winston-Salem Presbytery has lost a good man and our home mission fields have lost a real friend. We pray and wish for the Garrison family great success in their new work in Texas. The Garrisons left for Texas on March 1.

## Elder, Deacons Election Held

A congregational meeting was called for the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church for March 3 for the election of one new elder and two or three deacons. It was thought wise to put off the election of deacons until another date, and the election of Hurbert Bare as an elder was completed. Mr. Bare is to be ordained and installed on Sunday 17th at the morning service.

## Rev. Watt Cooper In N. Wilkesboro

The people of North Wilkesboro and the congregation of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church welcome Rev. Watt Cooper back to their city and as their pastor. Watt was a very popular minister in North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church several years ago, but accepted a call to the large Steel Creek Presbyterian church near Char-

lotte. The men of the Winston-Salem Presbytery will be glad to have Mr. Cooper among them again as Watt is a good Presbyterian.

We hear that many of the fishermen of Wilkes county are sharpening their hooks and lengthening their lines, for fishing is a favorite sport of Watts.

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## Lansing Field Has Mission Schools

The Lansing church held a School of World Missions on three Sunday nights — Feb. 24, March 3, and March 10. The three classes, children, taught by Clara Shepherd, Young People, taught by Walter Osborne, and adults, taught by Kathryn Hunt, concentrated on the study of the churches in Southeast Asia. The attendance was excellent, 48 the first night, 45 the second, and 74 the last night. The average attendance was 55, and perfect attendance certificates were awarded to 27.

The closing night Dr. R. H. Stone from Mecklenburg Presbytery showed an excellent film on Africa, "Go Ye Therefore."

## Out In The Fields With God

The little cares that fretted me,  
I lost them yesterday  
Among the fields above the sea,  
Among the winds at play,  
Among the lowing of the birds,  
The rustling of the trees,  
Among the singing of the birds,  
The humming of the bees.  
The foolish fears of what may happen,  
I cast them all away  
Among the clover-scented grass,  
Among the new-mown hay,  
Among the husking of the corn,  
Where drowsy poppies nod,  
Where ill thoughts die and good are born—  
Out in the fields with God.  
—Louise Imogen Guiney

## Gillespie Women Now Reorganized

On Feb. 22 the Gillespie Women met at the church to re-organize their Women-of-the-church group. They elected the following officers to lead them:

Mrs. Clarence Stansberry, president; Mrs. Edgar Barr, vice president; Mrs. Paul Darnell, secretary; Mrs. Vance Miller, treasurer; Mrs. Sam Miller, historian; Mrs. Wade Ham, chairman Spiritual Growth; Mrs. Edgar Stansberry, chairman World Missions; Mrs. Dewitt Stansberry, chairman Church Extension; Mrs. Ellsworth Barr, chair-

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man Christian Education; Mrs. Reuben Ham, chairman Annuities and Relief.

They set the third Friday in the month as the regular meeting date and set up some goals, the first and most essential being to work toward getting the basement dry.

The members of the Gillespie church met together Sunday, March 10, in a

special meeting to discuss ways and means of repairing the basement so the water can be kept out. Vance Miller was appointed treasurer and a campaign is now in progress to raise funds to buy materials and lay new tile under the basement floor. It is hoped that work can begin in the very near future.

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## President Named For New College

Members of the Board of the Trustees of the Consolidated Presbyterian College have selected the president and vice presidents of the new college to be situated at Laurinburg.

Dr. Marshall S. Woodson, who is the present president of Flora McDonald College has been appointed president. Dr. Pressly the present president of Peace College, and Dr. Louis C. LaMoite the president of Maxon Junior College are appointed as vice presidents.

Congratulations to these excellent men who are to take the responsibility of leading and directing the New Consolidated College.

## In Memory DAVID STEWART

It was with grief that all Boy Scouts of Old Hickory Council heard of the death of David Stewart of Winston-Salem. David was a hero and leader of scouts in our council. David was adventurous and while thumbing his way through Panama on his way to South America met with an accident on Dec. 31, 1956.

Memorial services were held in the First Baptist church of Winston-Salem and the large attendance of scouts and scouters bespoke of the high esteem in which David was held. Our deep sympathy goes out to the Stewart family.

## Miss Hunt Is Now In Her New Home

On February 16 Miss Hunt spent the first night in her new home, the little white house on the Ed Eller place, which was formerly used by the England family.

On Sunday, March 10, the Women of the Church and Miss Hunt entertained at an "Open House" in her home from 4 to 6 o'clock. A number of guests called and expressed their delight in the lovely new home. Mrs. Ed Eller received with Miss Hunt and Mrs. Frank James and the Young People of the Church served at the punch bowl. At 5:30 Mrs. Sharpe Shoemaker sang, "Bless This House" and Rev. G. M. Hollenhead led in a prayer of dedication.

## West Jefferson Has Speakers

The West Jefferson Presbyterian church has been without a pastor since October 31, 1956. We have been very fortunate in securing able speakers and have had services most of the time. Among these speakers are Rev. Louis Yelonjian, Rev. George Reeves, Rev. R. A. Horne and Mr. Leo Pritchett. Recently our Young People had charge of our morning worship.

The Sunday School has carried on under the able supervision of Shirley Hamm with the co-operation of our regular teachers, Mrs. Robert Barr, Mrs. Rex Morton, Mrs. Lewey Alexander, Lewey Alexander, Mrs. Eva Elliott, Mrs. Paul Rumble and Mrs. John Reeves.

The Young People's group has about

doubled their attendance and they are doing a good work under the leadership of Mr. Lewey Alexander. They entertained the Jefferson group on March 3.

The Women of The Church have a very active group with Mrs. Robert Barr as president this year, with very good attendance at both of their regular meetings. A memorial fund for an organ has been started in honor of a Charter Member, Mrs. W. J. Price.

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## Appreciation Is Expressed For Building Aid

In the Easter issue of the Ashe Presbyterian a long list of names of people who gave their free labor in preparing materials for the memorial building was listed. We thank them everyone.

Special mention should be made to the Parker Tie Company and the Midway Lumber Company for dressing approximately 20,000 feet of lumber. Many thanks go to George Bowers for the use of his sawmill, John Barnes for the use of his tractor in logging and Claude Mash, Gaither Miller and Gene Dillard for the use of their chain saws.

We appreciate the donation of Hugh Crigler in the moving of an electric line which would have obstructed the building.

The use of Fred Colvard's rock crusher has saved us several hundred dollars. Phoenix Chair Company dry killed all the pine paneling for the building. A pump was given by Phil Yates and Vannoy Hardware of North Wilkesboro, and a water tank by

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ARCHITECT'S LATEST DRAWING of the John Luke Jr. Memorial Building.

## Johnny Luke, Jr. Memorial Building Now Being Started

For two years we have been dreaming of the J. W. Luke, Jr. Memorial Building. Preparation has been going on gradually, but surely. Grading has been completed. Much material was gathered, and about \$15,000 is now in the treasury. To complete this building we will need about \$25,000, which we hope our friends will help us raise. Steel for the structure which is

necessary is on hand. We need in the near future, to make payments on this article. Bricks, blocks, mortar, heating and plumbing will have to be financed right away, before our building is completed. We trust that we shall not have to discontinue the structure until the roof is on this summer, because of lack of funds.

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**"EXCEPT THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE, THEY LABOUR IN VAIN THAT BUILD IT: EXCEPT THE LORD KEEP THE CITY, THE WATCHMAN WAKETH BUT IN VAIN."**  
Ps. 127:1  
**"JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF BEING THE CHIEF CORNER STONE."**  
Eph. 2:20b



WORK UNDERWAY ON MEMORIAL BUILDING. Here two youngsters show their willingness by hauling rocks. At right is the construction crew of Bert Dixon, building contractor.

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**EDITORIAL**

By Shirley Caudill

Education — a Christian education is the key to an abundant life. It is making probable the realization of happiness.

John Ruskin has well said: "Education does not mean teaching people to know what they do not know. It means teaching people to behave as they do not behave. It is not teaching youth the shapes of letters and the tricks of numbers, and then leaving them to turn their arithmetic to rogues and their literature to lust. It means, on the contrary, training them into the perfect exercise and kingly continuence of their bodies and souls. It is a painful, continual and difficult work to be done by kindness, and by watching, by warning, by precept, and by praise, but above all, by example."

Words and lectures may oftentimes be misinterpreted or misunderstood, but there's no misunderstanding in the example — the way one acts and lives. Behavior is learned. It is constantly being changed. And it's not what one says, but what one does that will influence the changes. Personal contact and direct interest in the individual student by an instructor of lofty character is the main thing in a Christian education.

Education is never a finished process. It is a continuous process of becoming — a process of growth and development throughout ones entire life.

The Duke of Wellington has said, "Educate men without religion and you make of them but clever devils." There is a very real and vital part of education contained in Christianity — the abundant life.

A Christian education should give to individuals the ability to enjoy quietness and worship, people, work, and leisure time — the things of which life is made.

"Manhood, not scholarship, is the real purpose of education." This presents to our Christian institutions of learning a real challenge. These institutions must hitch their wagon to

a star. They must hope, aspire, struggle. And though failure seems sometimes inevitable they must recall that failure comes only when there is no progress made.

A Christian education is the hope of the world and of democracy. It results in "round pegs in round holes." It "makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave." The education of its youth is the foundation of every democracy.

Considering these things that have been said about a Christian education presents a challenge to Christian institutions which must be grasped. Hindrances serve only to enlarge the opportunities of education.

A Christian education for all her people would be America's noblest contribution to civilization.

**APPRECIATION IS GIVEN TO HELPERS**

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Wayne Bare, Robert Woodie and Wayne Bare installed the pump and tank free. Thanks also to many other willing hands that have helped us and whose names are mentioned in previous paper.

**JOHNNY LUKE BLDG. UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

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Mr. Bert Dixon and his men are doing a wonderful job in pouring the footers and the foundation walls, and we trust we can carry the building of the memorial straight through the summer without hindrance because of lack of funds and materials. The citizens of our county and our community have donated approximately \$2,000 or more in labor for the preparation of this building and much more labor is offered as we continue the building. The offer of help has been wonderful in many ways by individuals and firms.

Large and small donations must be made before we will be able to complete this building and we are dependent upon our friends to help us

**Glendale Youth Given Honors**

Dr. John Luke's area was well recognized at the Glade Valley Graduation exercises, held Friday morning at 11:00 o'clock, May 24, 1957.

Lloyd Harless, eighth grader from Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church, was awarded "The Louise Ervin Memorial Medal" which goes to that student who makes the most satisfactory progress in music (piano) for the full nine-months course.

Billy Winger, sophomore from Bethel Presbyterian Church in Wilkes county, received "The Scholarship Award" which goes to that student who maintains the highest scholastic average for the year.

Doris Woodie, of Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church, was valedictorian of the graduating class, and delivered a very stirring address at the exercises.

At the opening of school next fall Loyd will be a freshman, Billy a junior, and Doris will be matriculating at Appalachian State Teachers College.

in this time of completion. One of our immediate, present needs is the payments on the steel which has just been shipped to us, the cost of which will be approximately \$10,000. Any donations will be welcome by our financial committee.

You will find a form below this appeal which can be used with any donation you may graciously see fit to help us. We trust that you can help us construct this building for the development of our youth and the Kingdom of God.

Thanking you for your prayerful consideration of our appeal, we are:

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## Janet Carter Is Given Certificate

Janet Carter, daughter of William Carter, of the Foster Memorial Sunday School, was presented with a certificate and New Testament from the Board of Christian Education and a one dollar bill from the W. H. Belk Catechism Fund for reciting perfectly the Introduction to the Shorter Catechism. This was one result of the weekly Bible Class held all year in the Graham School by Miss Kathryn Hunt. The lessons were centered this year in the Life of Christ. Several others are working on the catechism.

## Youth Is Active In Lansing Field

The Youth activities in the Lansing Field are receiving a spiritual uplift with the presence of the Bible School teachers. Kathy Hooks is teaching a Sunday School class for Young People in the Foster Memorial Church. The Fellowship meetings are attended by one or all of the teachers and the spirit of the fellowship is greatly enriched by their attractive Christian personalities.

## Revivals Being Held In Churches

Bethel Bible School and revival has been completed from June 3-12. Rev. F. M. Dick of Brookneal, Virginia, preached for the nightly services. A real revival of consecrations took place.

Twenty-five years ago Mr. Dick preached in a tent in the Bethel community in which 25 united with the church. The people were delighted to have him with them again.

About 45 were enrolled in the Bible School, led by Miss Mary Frances Luke, Billy Wingler, Shirley Vannov and Kathryn Shepherd were the teachers, all from their home church at Bethel. We were proud of the good job these young people did.

The schedule is as follows:  
Millers, June 14-23; Bible School, meeting in the fall.

Glendale Springs, July 1-10; Bible School, revival, Rev. Daniel D. Sulc, preacher.

Ebenezer, July 14-24; Bible School,

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## Young People To Attend Workshop

The week of April 23-May 3 was an interesting one for three Lansing young people — Betty Jo Campbell, Mary Betsy Jones and Nancy Paisley. They attended the Vacation Bible School Workshop in Charlotte in the Belmont Park Methodist Church. While in Charlotte they visited the Municipal Airport, Presbyterian Hospital, Queens College, W. H. Belk Church, First Presbyterian Church, WBTB station, Camp Steward, and the new Coliseum. They stayed in the homes of the R. H. Stones, E. W.

revival, Rev. W. Denver Lively, preacher.

Peak Creek and Laurel Fork, July 2-August 7; Bible school together at Laurel Fork Church; Peak Creek revival in the fall.

Laurel Fork Revival, August 18-23, Rev. Gene Gurganus, preacher.

## SHIRLEY CAUDILL ASSISTS IN ASHE PRESBYTERIAN

The editor wishes to thank Miss Caudill for the fine and efficient work done on this issue of the Ashe Presbyterian. Miss Caudill recently graduated from Montreat College and is home on vacation. She was editor of the school paper, the "Dialecte," during her senior year at Montreat.

Miss Mary Frances Luke also assisted in the editing of this issue.

Flowers, and the H. P. Gammons. They received certificates of credit acknowledging satisfactory work in methods of teaching in Vacation Bible Schools.

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## College Students Are Congratulated

Miss Shirley Caudill of the Glendale Springs church graduated from Montreat college on May 27 with a Bachelor of Science degree in business education. During her four years at Montreat she was very active on campus as a leader, both on the Student Government Association and on the staff of Student Publications.

Don Tucker of the Laurel Springs community and Peak Creek Church was graduated from North Carolina State College on May 26 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Industry.

Charles E. Caudill of the Glendale Church was also graduated from North Carolina State with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics. Charles graduated with honors. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U. S. Army Reserve. He was elected to the honorary society, Phi Kappa Phi — the highest scholastic honor to be received at N. C. State College. He was also elected to the honor society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta, in recognition of his scholarship and services to agricultural science.

We are proud of these young people and congratulate them on their fine records.

## Gillespie Has Bible School

The Gillespie Bible School started Wednesday morning with cars going in four directions to bring the 47 children attending. The second day 60 came and the third, 65. Before the school is over the enrollment is expected to reach 80.

An excellent faculty is working and planning each day for more effective methods of teaching and more worthwhile activities. Peggy Barnes from Charlotte is teaching the Kindergarten class; Nancy Hargett from Charlotte is teaching the Primary class; Kathy Hooks from Kenley, N. C. the Juniors, and Miss Kathryn Hunt, the Young People.

Prayer Meetings led by the faculty in preparation for the revival were held the first 2 nights. Special services with Rev. G. M. Hollenhead preaching are scheduled for the second week. Kathy Hooks, a music major in Queens College and a Senior next year, is en-

riching all these services with her superb playing.

The Lansing Junior Choir sang several special numbers during one of the meetings.

The Bible School plans a picnic for Wednesday the closing day and a commencement program that night to which the community is invited. Certificates for perfect attendance will be awarded.

The Women of the Church are giving perfect cooperation in entertaining the faculty and preparing the daily refreshments.

One night during the services the Foster Memorial Young People came up the other Horse Creek, had a weiner roast on Big Spring Mountain, and then attended the service at Gillespie. Twenty-five young people came in a truck with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Little.

The Young People's class in the Bible School are busy making improvements in their church. The girls have made curtains for the basement windows and the boys are making blocks for the Beginners' Class and picture racks for the other classes.

## Mary Luke Aiding In Bible Schools

Without any reward for her work, Mary Frances Luke has taken up for the summer many of the responsibilities of her father in order to relieve him of a little of his load. She is directing all the Bible schools in the Glendale field, having completed one very successful Bible school at Bethel Church.

We appreciate what she is doing. Are we, as Christians, doing our share of the work in building God's Kingdom?

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## Bible Schools Scheduled For Lansing Church

The Foster Memorial church will begin a Bible School on Monday, June 25 and continue through July 5.

The Lansing church has scheduled its Bible school for July 8-19. The Rev. William Franklin Mitchell, pastor since 1954 of the Sunset Hills Presbyterian church in Charlotte, will preach during the last week of the Lansing revival.

Mr. Mitchell was ordained by the A. R. P. church from 1942-1954 and has held pastorates in New Sterling, New Amity, and Stony Point, N. C. He distinguished himself as a chaplain in the U. S. Army from 44-45.

Under his leadership, the church has had a good growth at Sunset Hills. His is a soul-winning church. He is in great demand as a speaker.

## Lansing Choir Gives Festival

On May 19 the Lansing Junior Choir presented a Festival of Music for the Sunday Evening Service. In this they sang all the numbers they have learned this year. Mary Betsy Jones, soloist, sang several numbers. The choir members were awarded pins for faithful attendance during the year. During the summer the choir will be directed by Allene Powers Dove and Kathy Hooks. They are planning a picnic for later in the summer.

## New Sign For Bethel Church

The Bethel Presbyterian Church has adopted the same model used at Glendale for their church sign. This is a beautiful rustic sign hung from locust posts. The people of the Bethel Congregation should be congratulated in their good taste.

### CAUDILL'S CELEBRATE THEIR ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, June 2, Mr. and Mrs. George Caudill celebrated their seventy-second wedding anniversary. Many relatives and friends were present to extend best wishes to this old couple. We congratulate them on their

## Father And Son Baptized At Ebenezer

Eugene Miller, Sr. and his son Eugene, Jr., who had made a profession of faith in Christ, were baptized at the Sunday evening service at the Ebenezer Church. Eugene Miller, Sr. will be a member of the Peak Creek Presbyterian Church. Eugene Miller, Jr. will be a member of the Thomasboro Presbyterian Church of Charlotte.

example of many years of faithfulness to each other, and pray God's richest blessings on them.

## Caudill-Dixon Vows Exchanged

On Saturday afternoon, June 1, at 4:30 p. m. Charles E. Caudill, a member of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church, and Miss Betty Lou Dixon of Jefferson were united in holy matrimony at the Friendship Baptist Church. The Rev. G. C. Burkett performed the double ring ceremony.

We wish these two fine young people much joy and happiness in their life together.

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# Rev. J. W. Luke Praised For Work By Rev. F. M. Dick

The meeting under the tent at what is now the site of Bethel church back in 1932 has remained a wonderful and inspiring memory for a quarter of a century. The opportunity to return to the site of this great revival near Vannoy P. O. in Wilkes county, and to hold a meeting for Dr. John W. Luke in the beautiful stone church known as Bethel, will probably be the most pleasant experience of my ministry in 1957.

One must see and know a community as I knew that one in 1932 to appreciate the changes for the better that can take place in twenty-five years. The roads and homes have improved 100 per cent. But the greatest changes cannot be measured in physical terms. By the Grace of God the people have changed. Men and boys, under the impact of the consecrated Christian life and ministry of Dr. John Luke, have turned from darkness to light and from sin to God. Many of them no longer live in violation of the laws of God and man, but can be counted on the side of God and righteousness every day in the week and they are leaders in Bethel church.

Another thing that was a revelation and inspiration was the number of young people Dr. Luke has encouraged to go out to Glade Valley High School and on to Montreat College and other colleges. I understood there were over 200 such young people sent out to school during the thirty years Dr. Luke has served his people of the Blue Ridge Mountain section. These young people settle in other communities where there are opportunities in business and the professions, and are lost to Dr. Luke's work, but he is reconciled to operating recruiting stations for town and city churches and thus contributing to the larger and greater interest of the Kingdom of God.

Only God knows all the good work this man sent from God named "John" has done over the span of the thirty years he has served in his beloved mountains. Only eternity can reveal it.

However, there was something quite evident to me after a lapse of 25 years since I had work with John Luke. He has worn himself out. He is now serving six churches without any help except that of his daughter, Miss Mary Frances, who gave up a position for

the summer in Montreat to assist her father and try to conserve his strength in this time of need.

Those in a position to help John Luke bear his burdens should realize he is not indestructible. He can be killed by over-work. As a matter of fact he is even now a sick man, badly in need of a rest for three months.

My son, Dr. Fred W. Dick of Statesville, N. C., attended the morning worship service at Bethel Church Sunday morning, June 9. He told me aft-

erward that Dr. Luke needed three months of rest and he had better take it and soon if he expected to regain his health.

I have written this article without any suggestion, or foreknowledge of it, by any of the Luke family and I hope it will be printed in the Ashe Presbyterian and will result in some relief for a tried and true, but tired "soldier of the cross."

F. Marion Dick.

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HALF WAY MARK IS REACHED on the Johnny Luke, Jr. Memorial building, where more funds are needed.

## Memorial Building At Half-Way Mark: Funds Needed To Complete

The idea of a much needed Christian Education and Youth Center had filled the minds of our people for some time. To make this dream come true, the people of our community and the firms of the county have done about \$3,000 worth of free labor in preparation, and raised what funds they could.

On June 10th Bert Dixon and his crew of men began to lay the foundation. By July 25th the roughest part of the building had been completed — the foundation and the first floor built in the side of a hill. The steel girders of the floor are in place, roof trusses, metal windows, lumber, some brick and blocks to continue the erection of the building are on the ground.

Work was discontinued at the half-way mark on construction because of the lack of funds. We had hoped to put the building under roof before winter, but the building committee thought it wise, unless considerable funds were secured, to halt the work until more money could be raised. We decided to build as we could pay for it, and not to go too deeply in debt. The cut below shows how the building stands today at the half-way mark.

The building could be put under roof before winter with about \$15,000, but to complete the project the following estimate is given.

To balance debt (steel and brick), \$1,168.92; Brick to complete building, \$2,500.00; Blocks to complete the building \$900.00; Heating, plumbing, etc., \$7,000.00; Roof (decking, shingles), \$3,500.00; Construction work, \$10,-

000.00; Total estimate, \$25,068.92.

During the last week in August our treasurer, Delmer Rose, received over \$500 from small and large gifts. We hope this fall and winter to be able to raise the rest of the funds with which to complete the Christian Education and Youth Center as pictured

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## Homecoming Oct. 20 At Gillespie With Week Of Revival

Twenty-five years ago this fall a young and energetic preacher, "Ham" Stone, was hard at work building and raising money to build the Gillespie Church on Little Horse Creek. On Christmas Day the first service was held in the church. A week's meeting leading to the organization of the church was held in the White Oak School by Dr. E. E. Gillespie.

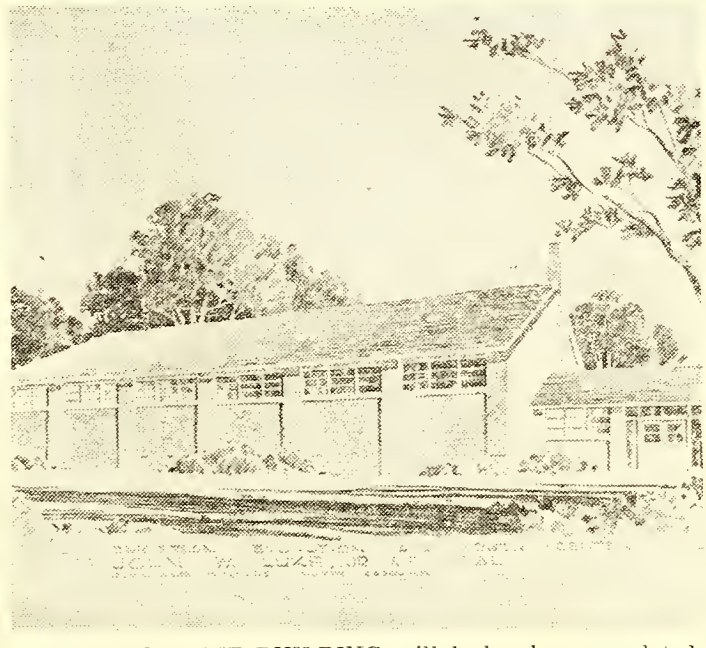
This year the Gillespie church plans a week's revival and home-coming day, Oct. 13-20. It was hoped that Dr. Gillespie for whom this church was named could attend this home-coming, but his health will not permit it.

Former pastors, Dr. R. H. Stone, Rev. Carl H. Stark, and Rev. J. H. Johnson have been invited to share in these services. Rev. Denver Blevins, pastor of the Neuse Forest church in New Bern, a boy who grew up in this church and heard the call to preach there, will also have a part on Sunday, October 20.

All members and friends of this church will join in a great day of re-joining, praise, and rededication on Sunday, October 20.

**"THE FRUIT OF THE RIGHTEOUS IS A TREE OF LIFE; AND HE THAT WINNETH SOULS IS WISE." Proverbs 11:30.**

**"AND THEY THAT BE WISE SHALL SHINE AS THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE FIRMAMENT; AND THEY THAT TURN MANY TO RIGHTEOUSNESS, AS THE STARS FOR EVER AND EVER." Dan. 12:3.**



THIS IS HOW THE BUILDING will look when completed.

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**Autumn**

By Evelyn Acheson

Autumn days are with us again! Autumn with the sky a Wedgewood bowl overturned above the earth; with the golden sun bringing out the elusive fragrance of ripening fruit and sun-warmed earth; with the soft hues of the trees as the light finger of frost first touches them; with the rhythmical blending of the myriad voices of little creatures hidden in the tall grasses; with the cry of the wild geese as they cleave the sky in their wedge formation winging their sure way to a warmer winter home.

Then suddenly autumn bursts forth in all her glory with the hillsides robed in flaming scarlet, deep wine, rich gold, and burnished copper. Softly the multi-colored leaves drift down to carpet the forested hills and ravines. Such beauty stirs the human heart with an almost unbearable joy like the singing, triumphant notes of martial music. One's heart leaps up with a wild surge of ecstasy at the sight of all this glory that the Master Artist has cast over His creation.

Yet there are some who cling to summer and whose hearts do not thrill to this glory of autumn for to them it is but a forerunner of winter's death. Instead of joy over this lavish display of beauty, a dread seizes their hearts for they are conscious only that soon the leaves with their warm flaming colors will be withered and dead.

In the same way, human hearts face the autumn and winter of their lives with these two attitudes. But should not every individual whose soul has been surrendered to Christ the Saviour be able to say as one of our poets has said, "Grow old along with me, the best is yet to be!" God's Word tells us that "the path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." So should not each year of a Christian's life bring

# Bible Schools In Glendale Field Held With Revivals During Summer

The Daily Vacation Bible schools in the Glendale Springs Field were directed by Mary Frances Luke. Young people from each church made up the teaching staff. The first Bible School was mentioned in the last paper. This was Bethel, held June 2 through 10.

At Bethel Mary Frances Luke, Billy Wingler, Shirley Vannoy and Kathryn Shepherd were the staff. Enrollment went up to 51, the average attendance was 29.

Each night the revival at Bethel went on simultaneously, with Rev. Marion Dick of Brookneal, Va. preaching. Mr. Dick's preaching was enjoyed greatly, and the Bible School was a great success. There was one profession. The ladies served drinks and cake at the close of Bible School to the enjoyment of the children.

Millers Bible School was held June 14 through 22nd, with the following staff of young people teaching. Mary F. Luke, Billy Wingler, Mary Shaw, and Paula Wayne. The total enrollment was 44 and the average attendance was 29. Refreshments were served which the children enjoyed.

Glendale Springs Bible School and revival were held simultaneously, July 1 through 10th. The total enrollment of this Bible School was 100 and an average attendance of 70 was attained. The teaching staff consisted of Marcellus Bard, Doris Woodie, Mrs. Herbert Bare, Ella Sue Caudill, Shirley Caudill, Wayne Davis and Mary Frances Luke. The large playground behind the church afforded space for games and plenty of recreation which was enjoyed to the fullest by all of the children. The school closed with a

a more radiant joy to the heart because he is that much nearer to that perfect day when he will be forever in the presence of Christ? In the "Autumn season" of our lives, we can feel an ecstatic surge of joy to know that we are drawing close to our entrance into the unspeakable glory of Heaven where our hunger and thirst to be clothed with the beauty and holiness of Christ shall be fully satisfied.

Mr. Delmer Rose, Treas. of the J. W. Luke, Jr. Memorial, Glendale Springs, N. C.

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The revival was held each night with Rev. Daniel D. Sulc preaching. Mr. Sulc's preaching was enjoyed by all united with the church during the all and drew good crowds. The following revival: Dennis Miller, David Church, Jerry Caudill, Roy Bare, Charlie Combs and David Combs.

Other Bible schools held in the field which were very successful included Ebenezer, Laurel Fork and Peak Creek and revival services at Laurel Fork church.

On the last evening of the revival the ladies served a picnic supper and the baptism of Fred Hart, Jr. was held at the spring near the church.

## College Students Given Good Wishes

We wish God's blessing and guidance for the young people who are members of the churches of the Glendale Springs fields and those in the communities who have been associated with our churches in various ways, who are in college this fall. They are as follows:

Montreat College: Peggy Jo Miller, Martha Rose Miller, Jean Mash, Paula Jean Wayne, Martha Ann Miller, and Sally Shepherd.

Catawba College: Wade Rose.  
Lees-McRae College: Bernard Bare.  
Wake Forest College: Tommy Boyd.  
Appalachian State Teachers College: Doris Woodie, Peggy Saultz, and Bobby Sheets.

## MEMORIAL BUILDING AT HALF WAY MARK

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by the architect's drawing below.  
On June 10 we began the construction; on July 25 the building was half done; the new date of completion will depend upon the funds we can raise in the near future.

## Progress Made On Gillespie Church

With the help of Presbytery's Committee on church extension and sacrificial gifts from the members, money was at last made available to start repairing and redecorating the Gillespie Church. A new ditch was dug by Vanve Phillips through his meadow to the creek and new tile laid which drained the water from the basement. Then Sam Mullis and Mr. Hollenhead cut out the rotting foundations in the basement partition and replaced them with concrete block. All the walls were covered with a water proof paint and walls and ceiling all repainted.

Upstairs the women took over the sanctuary. They hired Paul Key to paint the ceiling and windows, and they themselves painted the walls an attractive two-tone job of everest green and shoot green.

The men then came in to help with the floors. Sanders were borrowed from Rex Morton and in a short while they were gleaming with varnish and wax.

Clarence Stansberry gave assistance in a number of ways, welding and erecting the bell which had not been in use for some time, putting up the sign and helping with the sanding.

One night was spent in scrubbing chairs which had been damaged by the waters in the basement. Mrs. Sam Miller graciously lent her help in that effort. The spark plug in most of this undertaking was the president of the women-of-the-church, Mrs. Clarence Stansberry, assisted by the hardest worker in the church, Mrs. Vance Miller.

## Enrollment High In Bible School

In order to get the bean pickers into Bible School, Gillespie had the choice of dates — the first Bible School in the summer, June 5-19.

In their beautiful new surroundings they had an excellent two weeks of worship, learning, and fellowship. The enrollment was 92, average daily attendance 59, and perfect attendance 31. Teaching in this school were Kathy Hooks, senior at Queens College, Nancy Hargett, and Peggy Barnes from Charlotte. Each of these girls did an outstanding job throughout the summer and will long be remembered by the children and young people of the Lansing field. We are greatly indebted to them for their fine contribution to the Religious Education program of the summer.

The children too contributed much to the newly-decorated building. Their offerings bought 15 new Bibles for use

## Miss Acheson Now At Glendale Springs

Miss Evelyn Acheson is now back in her apartment. All though Miss Acheson is not officially working in this field yet she has her fingers in a lot of voluntary doings around the churches. We are glad to have her back as it seems very natural for the lights to be shining in her apartment and see her tan colored carry-all spinning along the roads.

## Rally Day Is Set For September 29

The fifth Sunday in September which is the 29th has been designated as Rally Day. The percentage of children in our southland who do not go to church and Sunday School is very alarming. May we make the text "Luke 14:23" a reality this Rally Day. "And the Lord said unto the servant, go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

in the Sunday School; the older girls made curtains for the basement windows; the boys painted the sign posts, made picture racks, blocks for the nursery class, offering plates, trash baskets, and supply boxes for the class rooms, and a Sunday School record board.

## YOUNG PEOPLE ATTEND SENIOR CONFERENCE

Mary Anne Campbell from Lansing and Allen Vannoy from Foster Memorial attended the Senior Youth Conference at Glade Valley the week of June 9-15. They are both presidents of their Church's Youth organizations.

## DR. STAMPER FILLS PASTOR'S VACANCY

Dr. Robert Stamper, vice president of Columbia Seminary, has most graciously served the Lansing church as Sunday morning preacher during most of the time during July and August when the pastor, Rev. G. M. Hollenhead, was sick and out of town. We are deeply grateful to Dr. Stamper for this great service.

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## Appreciation Given By Luke Family

At the doctor's orders Rev. J. W. Luke was directed to take a rest and a vacation this summer. During this time of rest Mr. Luke wishes to thank the following men for filling appointments for the months of July and August. Mr. Wayne Davis, teacher at Glade Valley, filled appointments during July; Mr. Edward C. Johnson also a teacher of Glade Valley for filling appointments at Peak Creek and Laurel Fork Churches. Rev. H. H. Culler of the Jefferson Pastorate was so kind as to fill in at Ebenezer and Glendale Springs Churches, and Rev. James Monroe of the Wilkesboro Presbyterian church for preaching at Bethel, Miller and Glendale Springs.

The members of the various churches in the Glendale Springs Field as well as other friends were very kind in making contributions for comfort of the vacation. The many gifts from kind friends were like tonic to our bodies.

Appreciation goes out to the many leaders in our six churches who in the absence of their pastor, took the leadership and filled in the gap where it was needed. Not only do we thank the adult leadership, but the young people from each church that taught in the Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

May God bless each one who has been so helpful during this summer, and richly reward you with His special blessings, is the deep heartfelt wish of the Lukes.

## Shirley Caudill Now Teaching

Miss Shirley Caudill who graduated at Montreat College last June is now filling a position at the Kearnevsville High School as Commercial Teacher.

Shirley was very helpful at home this summer in Sunday School and as a Bible teacher. In the last edition of the Ashe Presbyterian you will notice that Shirley did much of the work as editor of the June issue.

## Stone Is Now In Orange Presbytery

No preacher is loved more in Ashe County than Rev. R. H. Stone. Dr. Stone started his ministry as a student in Ashe County. At this time there was no Winston-Salem Presbytery as it had not been cut off from Orange. Dr. Stone was ordained in Orange Presbytery in 1923 and served as pastor in Winston-Salem Presbytery until 1940. In 1940 Dr. Stone was called to be the

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## Judge Hayes Speaks At Special Service

On Monday, August 12, Rev. J. W. Luke was surprised by a visit from Bid Williams of North Wilkesboro, Mr. Williams has been managing the Shatley Springs Summer resort each season. On Sunday morning distinguished ministers or guests were asked to hold the Sunday service at the Springs. Mr. Williams was bringing the offering received at the Sunday Service to be used for the J. W. Luke, Jr. Memorial Building. Judge Johnson J. Hayes, one of our greatest Christian judges had been the preacher at the service. Our people felt very grateful for this gift.

Executive Secretary of Mecklenburg Presbytery in which work he has done an outstanding service which has not been equaled by any in the General Assembly.

Dr. R. H. Stone gave the Presbyterian Church its progressive start in Ashe County. He was the originator of the "Ashe Presbyterian," the paper which you are now reading if you read this article. He was one of the pioneers to start a home mission paper in the assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

We are glad Orange Presbytery has secured Dr. R. H. Stone as their executive. We know they will profit much by their choice. We are glad Dr. Stone is living next door to our Presbytery of Winston-Salem.

## Jefferson Holds Daily Bible School

The Daily Vacation Bible School at Jefferson Church was held. The Director was Miss Gladys Culler with the following teachers:

Kindergarten — Mrs. Retha Badger and Linda Cook.

Primary — Patsy Eller.

Junior — Mrs. Bill Calloway and Violet Culler.

The total enrollment was 32 and the average attendance was 28.

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## Bible School At Lansing Profitable

The Lansing Bible school was the last of the season in this field, July 8-19. A large staff of teachers including Kathy Hooks, Peggy Barnes, Mrs. Tom Powers, Betty Jo Campbell, Mary Betsy Jones, Helen Campbell, Ann Blevins, Barbara Clark, Mary Ann Campbell, Nancy Paisley, and Shirley Blevins assisted Miss Hunt who taught the Nursery class and directed the school.

The enrollment was 102, the average daily attendance 90, and 51 came every day.

These numbers included the Young People who came at night. Their theme was "Discovering God in the Beautiful" with most of their sessions out of doors sprayed with magnificent moonlight. The first night was a cook-out on the mountain; one morning they cooked breakfast on the mountain and watched the sunrise; one night Dr. and Mrs. Robert Stamper entertained the group of 30 for a picnic hamburger supper. Visiting speakers brought messages each night; Rev. Louis Yelangian, Dr. Robert Stamper, Mr. Wayne Davis, and Miss Janet Robinson being among them.

Miss Janet Robinson, Bible teacher in a Charlotte High School, spoke on her trip to the Holy land and showed slides to the whole church.

The offering from this school bought 20 n w Bibles for the church.

## Big Enrollment At Foster Bible School

On June 24 Bible school began at Foster Memorial with 61 present. The enrollment climbed steadily to a total of 79 with an average daily of 61 and a perfect attendance of 32.

Due to illness, Mr. Hollenhead could not hold the revival as he had planned, but the church was eager for a revival, so we appealed to Rev. H. H. Culler of Jefferson and he very graciously came to our assistance, preaching each night of the last week. The people responded to his sincere, heart-felt Gospel messages, and the last night four young people accepted the invitation to follow Christ and join His Church. Nell Davis, Fred Carter, Ann Davis, and Brenda Little. Later, all of these and Mrs. Bina Davis, were

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## Reiff In Charge Of Jefferson Revival

A very interesting revival was held at the Jefferson Presbyterian Church. Rev. Jerold Reiff of the Pilot Mountain Presbyterian church was the evangelist. Nightly services were held from June 23rd through the 29th. The Pastor Rev. H. H. Culler presided and the services were marked by special music by the Culler family. Two persons united with the Jefferson Presbyterian Church.

The Jefferson Presbyterian Church has become interested in building additional Sunday School rooms to their church. On the evening of August 31st a barbecue supper was served and many people ate with the Presbyterians at the Jefferson Church. The last report on the money raised was \$177.00.

received in to the church.

Here too the children attending the Bible school bought Bibles, ten of them, and made things for the church, pictures racks and a Sunday school record board.

Teaching in the Bible school were Kathy Hooks, Peggy Barnes, Nancy Hargett, Nancy Paisley, and Miss Kathryn Hunt.

## In Loving Memory Of Claude Sheets

Brother Claude Sheets was born into this world on Nov. 14th, 1891. He was born into the Kingdom of God by profession of his faith in June 1940. At that time he united with the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church.

Claude was a carpenter like his master, Jesus of Galilee. On August 6th, 1957, Jesus Christ the Lord said, "In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you." "Come and occupy your mansion in your Father's house."

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## Glade Valley Now In 48th Session

The Glade Valley school has opened its 48th session. The boys and girls arrived on the campus on Monday, September 2, to register, receive their room assignments, and get their rooms in order.

Both dormitories are full to capacity. Applications for the 1957-1958 session were heavy. Many boys and girls had to be turned away because of lack of space.

The following will serve as members of the faculty and staff: E. B. Eldridge, superintendent; W. C. Thompson, principal and science teacher; Edward C. Johnson, choir director and Bible teacher; David Smiley, dean of boys and history teacher; Winchester Coker, supervisor of buildings and grounds; Fred Pruitt, farm and dairy manager; Lloyd White, assistant farm manager; Mrs. Lucy Houck, typing teacher and general assistant; Mrs. Planche Dunnagan, piano teacher; Mrs. Winchester Coker, dietitian and home economics teacher; Betty Jean Futrell, English teacher; Mrs. Lois Cheek, assistant dietitian; Anne Corry, dean of girls and math and French teacher.

Violet Culler, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Culler, of Jefferson, has resumed her studies at Glade Valley.

Young people from the churches and communities of the Glendale Springs field who are attending Glade Valley are as follows: Billy Wingler, Lloyd Harless, Tom Miller, Douglas Pearson, Ella Mae Miller, Billie Faye Combs, Patsy Combs, Burl Combs, Lorane Roten, Maxine Roten, Pauline Roten, Billy Salmons, Gilbert Sheets, and Connie Lee Senter. We are indeed glad that so large a number of our young people are enjoying the advantages of a Christian education at Glade Valley School.

## POSTAL EMPLOYEE GIVES MEMORIAL DONATIONS

For the second time L. M. McDonald of Chicago, Ill. makes a gift to the Memorial. Year before last Mr. McDonald gave \$150. \$100 was used in the memorial, and this year this generous donator gave another \$100 for the memorial. Here is a man that is bringing his gifts from afar because he is interested in this youth project. How many of our immediate people are as interested as Mr. McDonald?

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## Lansing People Attend Workshop

The last week in April three Lansing young people, Betty Campbell, Nancy Paisley, and Mary Betsy Jones, with Miss Hunt attended the Queens-Charlotte Vacation Bible School Workshop in Charlotte. They were royally entertained by the R. H. Stones, the E. W. Flowers, and the H. P. Garmons.

It was a week of learning new things and seeing new sights and they returned much better equipped to serve in the summer Bible Schools.

Miss Kathryn Hunt taught a group in the pioneer camp held at Camp Grier, four miles from Old Fort, the week of July 22-27. This camp was for our young people 12-14 years.

## Mary Frances Luke At Danville First

Mary Frances Luke who directed the Bible Schools in the Glendale Springs field of churches, and worked with Shirley Caudill in editing the June issue of the Ashe Presbyterian, is working as Director of Christian Education in the First Presbyterian church of Danville, Va.

## Pulpit Given In Memory Of Bowlin

A beautiful oak pulpit has been constructed for the Peak Creek Presbyterian Church. This pulpit is given by the family of the late Elder George Bowlin in loving memory of him, who was so faithful to his Lord and his church.

This pulpit will help to beautify the interior of the Peak Creek Church which has never had a full size pulpit. The Peak Creek congregation is very thankful for this new pulpit, and may the true Gospel message be ever preached from it.

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## Homecoming, Revival At Gillespie Proves To Be Successful

The Gillespie Homecoming Day and the Revival Week preceeding it was almost all that we prayed for it to be. Mr. Stark's presence in our homes, his children's stories, and sermons each evening, and the assurance of his genuine love for us meant much to the whole church. Three young people, Wanda Barr, Shirley Barr, and Becky Ham, made decisions for Christ, were baptized and received into the church at the close of the week.

Homecoming Day was the glorious climax of a wonderful week. Only the presence of Dr. Gillespie was lacking, but from the Gillespies there came a gift to the church presented by Mr. Stone and unveiled by Conley Thompson, the first elected elder of the church — a beautifully framed pic-  
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AND HIS NAME SHALL  
BE CALLED WONDERFUL

## Memorial Fund Needs \$14,000.; Friend Will Donate Next \$1,000.

The J. W. Luke, Jr. Memorial Building, which will be a youth center and Christian Educational addition to the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church is now at half-way completion. This halt in the construction was called by the building committee on account of lack of funds and anticipated winter weather.

### \$15,000 NEEDED

To roof the building and put it in use, the builder estimated it will cost \$15,000. This figure is also thought a correct estimate by the building committee.

### \$1,000 CHALLENGE GIFT

A friend who has already made a liberal donation to the building fund in its early stages has offered a challenge gift of \$1,000 when we have secured \$14,000 in the treasury. We are working for this amount this winter, and hope to have it by spring.

### DETAIL COMPLETION

For detail completion of the building,

the following round number estimate is given: \$25,000. This would include a corridor which was planned and two small rooms off the corridor, and some extra details that are not needed to put the building in use.

When the September issue of the Ashe Presbyterian was printed, we were \$1,168.92 in debt for material we had bought. We have now paid this debt and have over \$1,000 in the bank.

### MATERIAL ON HAND

Building materials on the ground are awaiting until spring and enough money to complete the building. The masonry work completed thus far is protected by roofing and boards to keep out rain and snow. This work was done by faithful Boy Scouts who undertook the task.

Material on hand consists of steel trusses for the roof, aluminum window frames, floor sleepers, sub-flooring, 300  
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## C. M. Norfleet, Sr., Friend Of Glade Valley School Dies

Since our last issue of the Ashe Presbyterian, the Presbytery of Winston-Salem has lost a most useful and consecrated Churchman, Charles M. Norfleet, Sr.

Mr. Norfleet has filled many places of importance in the business world, and in the life of his church. One of the positions in which he will be missed most is that of one of the guiding trustees of Glade Valley school. Mr. Norfleet was soul and body for the advancement of our little school, and many a boy or girl went out into the world with a new light in his soul, because we had great Christian men like "Mr. Charlie" backing up Glade Valley with his wisdom, finances, and prayers.

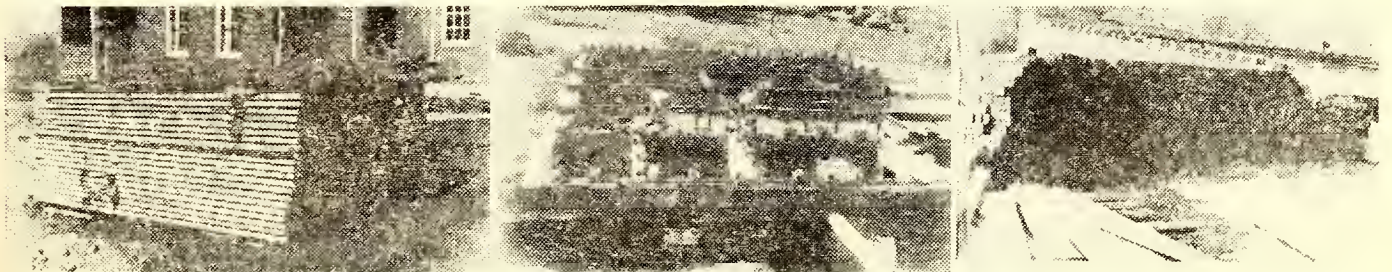
Mr. Norfleet saw the great possibilities of Glade Valley. Through much of the wise leadership of this interested gentleman the school rose from the old out-moted buildings into the modern dormitories that now stand.

He is missed by all of us but God be praised, he has entered into the Glory of his Heavenly Father.

## Women Give \$314. To Memorial Fund

A letter was received today from Mrs. Jack Cely Childers, who presented the cause of the Memorial Fund to the Women of the Winston-Salem Presbyterian. Mrs. Childers stated that the total gift received was \$314.00.

Thanks from the people of the Glendale Springs Field go out to the good women of the Winston-Salem Presbyterian for considering the memorial fund as the object of their gift this year. We also greatly appreciate Mrs. Childers' interest in the fund and from what we have heard the splendid presentation of the cause. We say from our hearts many thanks and may God bless the good women of our Presbytery.



AT THE HALF WAY MARK IS THE JOHNNY LUKE, JR. MEMORIAL building. Here may be seen Boy Scouts on the job and at the left some material on hand. More funds are needed.

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**Just Suppose!**

(EDITORIAL)

Just suppose there had never been any Christmas! Just suppose —

— that there was no shining wonder in little children's eyes;

— that there was no warm glow of candlelight;

— that there was no forest - fresh fragrance of evergreen trees in our homes;

— that there was no thrill of joyous wonder in the star-filled silence of a winter night when we look up at the same stars that shone over Bethlehem long ago;

— that we lived in a world that had never known the Christ;

— that there was no spirit of love that desires to give;

— that there had never been a manger cradling a tiny baby — a holy Child sent from Heaven to be our Redeemer;

— that there had never been a glorious angel song proclaiming glad tidings to sad, weary, earthbound people;

— that there had never been a warm invitation to simple unlearned men, shepherds, to come to worship the Heavenly King;

— that learned rich men would have had no Saviour before whom they could bow in humility;

— that when we see a soft white blanket of snow covering our earth with pure beauty, there would be no assurance that we have a Saviour who can cleanse us from sin and make us white as snow.

Just suppose there had never been any Christmas! But let's not "just suppose" any more lest our hearts be crushed under a burden of cold fear and utter despair. Let us empty our hearts of fear and anxiety, of petty selfishness, and of the ugliness of any sin that may be hidden there and may we let them be filled and overflowing that there IS a Christmas — the birthday of a King!

A familiar hymn gives us the admonition to "take time to be holy" which is splendid advice at any time

**Thomas Smith To  
Serve W. J. Church**

The West Jefferson Presbyterian church has issued a call to Rev. Thomas I. Smith of Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Smith has accepted the call and will take up his active duties as pastor about the middle of December.

The manse is being redecorated before the arrival of the Smith family. The West Jefferson church is indeed grateful to have a regular pastor once more and the members are anticipating going forward with Christ under this new leadership.

**Thanksgiving Service  
In Lansing Field**

Thanksgiving services were held in each of the churches in the Lansing field on Sunday, November 24. At each of these services an offering was received for Barium Springs.

**College Student Fills  
W. J. Church Pulpit**

The West Jefferson Youth Fellowship has been meeting regularly each Sunday through the summer and fall months with Gene Gray as adult adviser.

Through the past summer, the church was privileged to have a student from High Point College, Oscar Culler, to fill the pulpit every other Sunday. Oscar plans to study for the ministry. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Culler, who is serving as pastor of the Jefferson church.

**REVIVAL AT GILLESPIE  
WAS SUCCESSFUL**

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ture of our beloved Dr. Gillespie.

An over-flowing church joined in the worship and rejoicing of the day and welcomed back to the pulpit Dr. R. H. Stone and Rev. Denver Blevins, both of whom brought challenging and inspiring messages. The unanimous thought was, "Let's do it every year."

but let us, at this particular season, take time to consider what Christmas means to each one of us personally. Let us take time to give fervent unceasing thanks to God for the gift of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through our personal acceptance of Him, we have power to live lives of peace and joy in this age of strife among nations and of man-made satellites striving to conquer the great space out beyond our present human knowledge. Through Him, we have power to live lives of victory over sin and death. Through Him, we have the assurance that we will share as joint heirs in God's marvelous glory for all eternity.

So let us give thanks for Christmas now and always!

**Young People Visit  
In Lansing Field**

Nancy Hargett, who taught in our Bible Schools last summer, and whose home church is the historic Steele Creek church in Charlotte, told such glowing stories of her summer's work with us that the Young People in her church wanted to come and spend a day with us.

On Saturday, November 2 they came -- 22 young people and 4 adults. The Lansing young people met them, drove them up the creek to see Gillespie, then rode with them on the train to West Jefferson, and then up on the Negro Mountain for a picnic dinner. They walked down the mountain and drove to the Lansing school gym for two hours of games and folk dances. The day closed with a hymn sing in the basement of the Lansing church.

Both groups thought it a most worth-while day of fun, fellowship, and friendship making. There are plans in the future for a visit to Charlotte. We are grateful to Nancy Hargett for this idea!

**Boy Scouts Hold  
Court Of Honor**

On October 6 at the regular evening service of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church, a Court of Honor was held for the scouts of Troop 115.

The following merit badges and one second class scout card were presented: Citizenship, Woodcarving, Basketball, Scholarship, and Home Repairing. Boys who received these awards were Billy Wingler, Robert Joines, James Joines, Garland Lankford, Jimmy Dale Severt, Jerry Colvard, and David Church.

After the court of honor the pastor, Rev. J. W. Luke preached on the text Deut. 6:7 — "Teaching the Youth."

**Nursery Care Is  
Provided At Lansing**

Each Sunday morning at the 11:00 o'clock service nursery care is provided for the small children whose parents want to attend church.

An attractive new carpet is making the nursery floor warmer and more beautiful. It is a gift from Mrs. Ike Stuart in memory of her husband.

**Glendale Women  
Give To Orphanage**

On Nov. 8 the women of the Glendale Springs church met in the large Sunday School room and quilted a nice piece of work for the orphanage. This is an annual affair. The following ladies worked hard to complete the work:

Messrs. Ed Woodie, Otto Wilcox, Olie Severt, Ray Baker, Frank Severt, Everett Lyle, Arthur Rose, Herbert Bare, Ed Tollev, Ruth Bare, Mary Luke and Danish Bare.

## Many Marriages Are Performed By Pastor

Several marriages have taken place since the last paper was published. Marriages that were held by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Luke of the Glendale Field were the following.

Fred Hart, Jr. was married to Maxine Neaves at the Laurel Fork Presbyterian church on the evening of Oct. 5. A delicious supper was served in the apartment over Mr. Hart's service station after the wedding.

Dennis Miller and Ella Sue Caudill were married in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church on Sept. 14 at 5:30 p. m. An open Bible with candles formed the center of the decoration.

Clem Roval of the Millers church was married to Mrs. Hattie Love at her home on Rt. 3, North Wilkesboro. A delicious supper was served after the service. This was held on Oct. 26.

Frankie Baker was married to Marcellus Bard at the home of the pastor on evening of Nov. 16, at 8 p. m.

Others who were married were Jerry Wyatt, who married Dellis Shepherd on Nov. 11 in North Wilkesboro.

Betty Shepherd was married to Sanford Barnett on Nov. 11 in North Wilkesboro. These young people were from Bethel church and Vannoy community.

Barbara Jane Miller of Laurel Fork Presbyterian church was united in marriage to Roger Hendrix in Allegheny county on October 19.

Joan Miller of the Laurel Fork church was united in marriage in Ashe county to Don Kilby on Nov. 23.

## Glade Valley Has Week Of Revival

The religious emphasis week at Glade Valley began on Nov. 11 with Rev. W. C. Cooper of Arden, preaching. After their holding the services a few days, Mr. Cooper became ill and was sent to the Sparta hospital.

Rev. R. L. Berrv, the pastor of the Glade Valley and Sparta churches continued the services through Friday night.

Ten young people accepted Christ as their Savior and are expected to unite with the church.

More news was received later of Mr. Cooper. He has improved greatly in the Sparta hospital and will be able to return home soon.

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## J. R. Smith Now Director For Work

Since Rev. Jeff Garrison our church extension executive was called to Texas, we have been without a director for the church extension work except for the Rev. Graham McChestney the chairman of the committee who served for a few months.

Rev. J. R. Smith came to this position from the pastorate of the West Shore Presbyterian church of Dallas, Texas. He was a native of Statesville, and graduated at Davidson College, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. and has done postgraduate work at the Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas. With his duties as executive he will be stated clerk and treasurer of the Winston-Salem Presbytery. Mr. Smith's office is at the Highland Presbyterian church, Winston-Salem.

## Thanksgiving Services In Glendale Field

A special Thanksgiving service was held at the Glendale Springs church on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, at 7 p. m.

Special thanks services were held at the other churches in the field on Sunday, November 24 at Ebenezer, Peak Creek, and Laurel Fork. On Sunday, December 1, the Thanksgiving theme was used at Bethel and Millers churches.

Offerings for the Barium Springs Orphanage will be received.

Special book marks printed by the American Bible Society have been distributed at the Thanksgiving services which give scripture references to be read from Thanksgiving until December 31.

## Schedule Given For Christmas Programs

This year the Glendale churches will have a somewhat different program for Christmas. In addition to recitations of the Sunday School children, a moving picture, "The Child of Bethlehem" will be shown at the programs.

The schedule for Christmas programs in the field has been arranged as follows: Bethel, Dec. 18; Millers, Dec. 19; Laurel Fork, Dec. 20; Ebenezer, Dec. 21; Glendale Springs, Dec. 22; Peak Creek, Dec. 23. These services will begin about 7 p. m. unless the churches request earlier time.

## Rev. & Mrs. Gardner Visit At Glendale

It was of real inspiration to have Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Gardner to visit the Glendale Field on Oct. 27. The Gardners were entertained at the Manse, and Mr. Gardner made three fine inspirational talks as well as information about the work among the Indians in Oklahoma. Mr. Gardner has been the Superintendent of the Goodland Indian Orphanage for a number of years. The three services at which Mr. Gardner spoke were united services of the six churches in this field.

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## Youth Attended Fall Youth Rally

The Fall Youth Rally in the Southminister Presbyterian church in Winston-Salem on Nov. 10 was attended by Mary Sue Vannoy and Ann Davis from Foster Memorial, Mary Jane Miller from Gillespie, and Mary Ann Campbell and Ann Blevins from the Lansing church. The outstanding message by Balbino from Brazil made this rally exceedingly worth while.

## In Memory Of Mrs. Charlie Vannoy

Mrs. Charlie Vannoy who was a faithful member at Bethel Presbyterian church was called to her heavenly home on Oct. 3. Services were held at Bethel Presbyterian church on Sat., Oct. 5.

Our prayers go out for the Vannoy family for the presence of the Holy Spirit to comfort and sustain in the time of sorrow.

## New Members In Jefferson Church

The Jefferson Presbyterian church is rejoicing that Christ's Kingdom has been extended in Jefferson for ten new members have been received into the church this year.

The Jefferson Women of the church are carrying on their usual activities. The November meeting was held at the manse with Mrs. H. H. Culler as hostess.

### BE THANKFUL

Life is too short to be sad in,  
To carry a grudge or be mad in,  
It is made to be glad in,  
So let us rejoice and be thankful.

Friends are too dear to be sore at,  
To glare, to begrudge and to rage at,  
They're made to be loved and not  
"swore at,"  
So let us love them and be thankful.

For love is the store we should lay in,  
Love is the coin we should pay in,  
Love is the language to pray in,  
So fill up with love and be thankful.  
(Selected)

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## Lansing Praised For Community Work

Congratulations to Lansing for winning the place of "Top Community" and the \$100.00 prize in the community Development Contest!

Every two weeks the community organization sponsors a teen-age recreation program in the American Legion building.

### THANKSGIVING SERVICE HELD AT JEFFERSON

Wednesday evening, November 27, there was a Thanksgiving service at the Jefferson Presbyterian church with the Methodist and Presbyterian churches uniting to express their thanks for His many blessings. Rev. W. E. Fitzgerald, pastor of the Methodist church, brought the message.

### ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY AT LANSING

A three-month church attendance campaign, beginning with world-wide Communion Day, is in process in Lansing, Gillespie, and Foster Memorial. Attendance each Sunday is marked by each member in an effort to make the honor roll of perfect attendance.

### MONTREAT COLLEGE HAS DONATED TO MEMORIAL

To the surprise of our treasurer, Mr. Delmer Rose, he received a gift of \$100 to be applied to the Memorial Building at Glendale Springs. This gift came from the Montreat College Christian Association and is greatly appreciated by the people of the Glendale Springs field.

Thanks you Young People and may God bless you richly.

## World Missions Workshops Held

By the time this paper is printed the three workshop for learning more about World Missions will have begun. The program will consist of a guest missionary as speaker, visual aid, and discussions on how to get World Missions across to our churches.

The three meetings will be held in different locations in the presbytery so that workshops will be convenient to churches in every section. If you desire information write R. N. Marshall, Winston-Salem, N. C. Go to the one you choose for convenience.

Dates and places are as follows—3:45 to 8:00 p. m.:

Sunday, Nov. 24, Glade Valley; Sunday, Dec. 1, North Wilkesboro; Sunday, Dec. 8, Reynolda Pres. Church.

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## His Name Shall Be Called Wonderful

"His name shall be called Wonderful."  
 This Babe for whom  
 Even in village inn, there was no  
 room?  
 The lowing of cattle was His lullaby,  
 Though caroling angels were throng-  
 ing the sky.  
 "His name shall be called Wonderful."  
 This little lad,  
 Living so simply, and so plainly clad  
 "His name shall be called Wonderful."  
 This Carpenter,  
 Known from His childhood by each  
 villager?  
 "His name shall be called Wonderful."  
 Spat upon, shamed,  
 Tortured and crucified, how is He  
 named  
 Wonderful, Counsellor, Almighty God,  
 He who one dark day Golgotha's road  
 trod?  
 His name shall be Wonderful—Jesus,  
 God's Son!  
 His Word has promised and it shall  
 be done.  
 Not meek and lowly, despised among  
 men;  
 This same Lord Jesus is coming again.  
 With clouds and great glory, to reign  
 here below,  
 And all men shall praise Him and all  
 knees shall bow.  
 From ocean to ocean His name shall  
 be heard,  
 Wonderful name of our wonderful  
 Lord!

-Martha Snell Nicholson

### WONDERFUL PRAYER

At the Women of the Church meet-  
 ing of the Glendale Springs church,  
 Mrs. Frank Severt made this wonder-  
 ful prayer which she stated she had  
 found in a book. We trust each one  
 will make this their sincere prayer,  
 as the women did in the October  
 gathering.

"O God the Father of our Lord  
 Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the  
 Prince of Peace: give us grace serious-  
 ly to lay to heart the great danger we  
 are in by our unhappy divisions. Take  
 away all hatred and prejudice, and  
 what-so-ever else may hinder us from  
 Godly union and concord: that is there  
 is but one body, and one Spirit, and  
 one hope of our calling, the Lord, one  
 Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father  
 of us all, so we may be all of one  
 heart and of one soul, united in one  
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 and charity, and may with one mind

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## Greed, Cruelty Are Most Sinful

Sputnik I and Sputnik II fly high  
 and have great power. They are note-  
 worthy achievements. However, what  
 the world really needs is a power  
 which can lift human life from its  
 selfishness, sin, greed, cruelty, and  
 wickedness into magnanimity, right-  
 eousness, generosity, mercy, and jus-  
 tice. If Communism really wants to  
 impress the world, let it produce some  
 men with great characters, men like  
 Washington, Lee, Lincoln, or Wood-  
 row Wilson. We can't find much to  
 admire in the characters of Carl Marx,  
 Lenin, Trotsky, Stalin, nor Kruschev.  
 What the world sorely needs is de-  
 liverance from its sin, and the Holy  
 Spirit, in the heart of one who has  
 sincerely turned to God, is the great-  
 est power to make home sapiens into  
 a new man.

The trouble with rocket-launchers  
 is that they do not aim high enough.  
 They only shoot a dog into the upper  
 atmosphere or seek to blast an atomic  
 warhead on the moon. They should  
 seek to lift themselves to a higher  
 way of life. The way to lift themselves

and one mouth glorify Thee: through  
 Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

is to rest upon the power of God and  
 let Him lift them. Paul the Apostle  
 pointed that way when he wrote "For  
 this cause I bow my knees unto the  
 Father, from whom every family in  
 heaven and on earth is named, that  
 he would grant you, according to the  
 riches of his glory, that ye may be  
 strengthened with power through his  
 Spirit in the inward man; that Christ  
 may dwell in your hearts through  
 faith; to the end that ye, being rooted  
 and grounded in love, may be strong  
 to apprehend with all the saints what  
 is the breadth and length and height  
 and depth, and to know the love of  
 Christ which passeth knowledge, that  
 ye may be filled unto all the fulness  
 of God." (Ephesians 3:14-21)

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blocks, about 10,000 brick, and 1,000 feet of pine panneling. A low estimate on this material would be about \$8,000.

**DRIVE FOR \$15,000**

The Financial Drive Committee is now striving to raise the \$15,000 which is needed to put the building in use. Let us not forget that when we raise \$14,000, a friend will give us \$1,000. We hope that interested friends will help us raise the desired amount so that we may be able to go to work this spring.

We thank every one who has been so interested and kind as to make donations either large or small.

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Put Christ on the throne at Christmas time,  
Let Him be the guest supreme, sublime,  
Of every heart and of every home  
In this our land and o'er oceans' foam.

Bringing our gifts on this gladsome day  
To those we love and for whom we pray,  
May we not leave out the chief of all  
But give to Christ our best at His call.

Let nothing be said or thought or done  
That would cloud the brow of God's own son,  
But seek for the glory and the grace  
Of Christ our Lord and see His face.

Put Christ at the center of each joy  
Which earthly things can never more cloy;  
Let Him be the solace of sorrow  
And herald a gladder tomorrow.

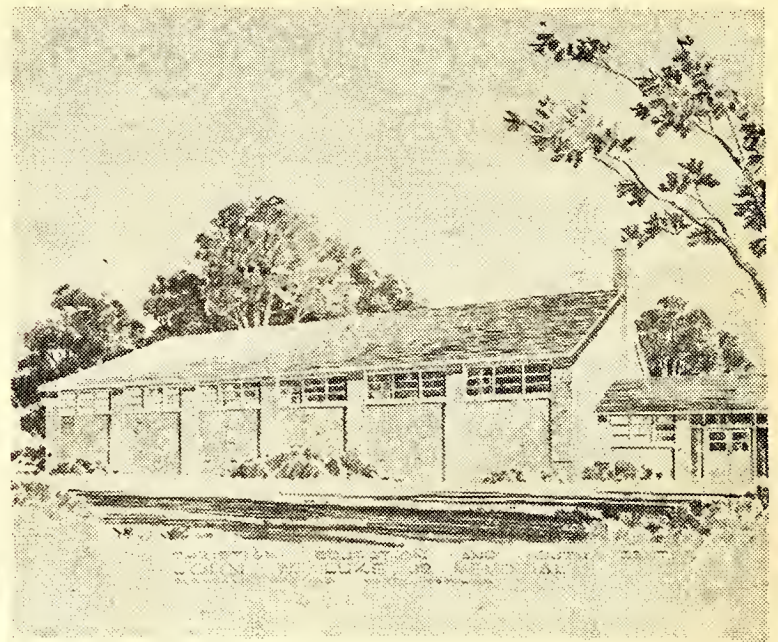
**GLENDALE GROUP HEARS  
MR. BALBINO AT RALLY**

The following from the Glendale Springs field attended the rally: Paul Pare of Peak Creek church, Peggy Severt, Joyce Dancy, Grace Caudill, Lewis Allen Miller of Glendale Springs church and Rev. J. W. Luke the pastor of the field. A wonderful message by Mr. Balbino was delivered of his remarkable conversion from a life as bandit.

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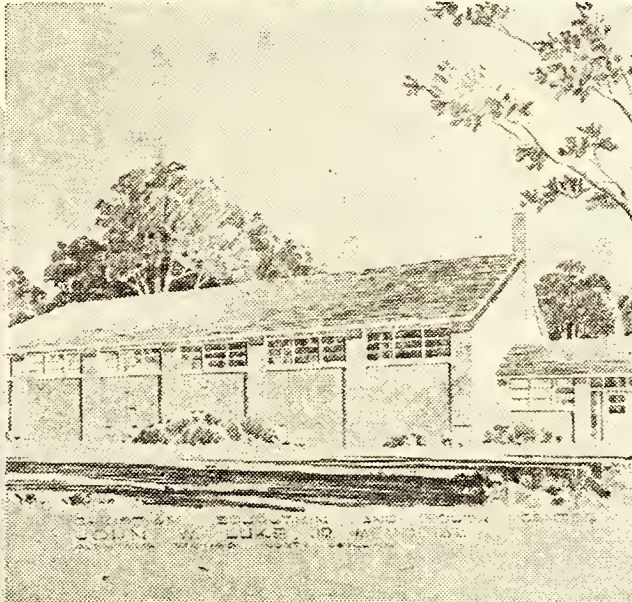
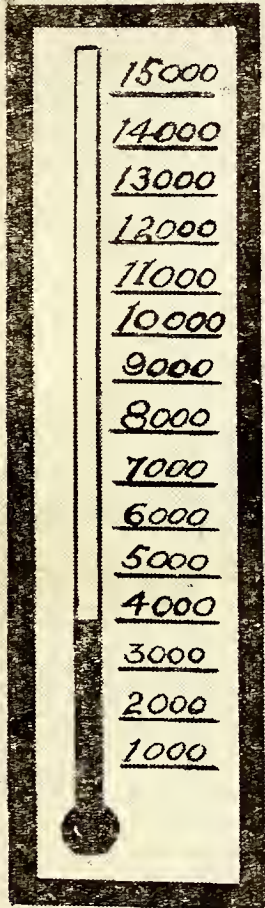
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## Thanks To All, Let's Finish It This Spring

Architects drawing of the J. W. Luke, Jr. Christian Education and Youth Center.



The picture at the top of the column is the architects drawing of the Christian Education and Youth Center when it is completed.

The thermometer above shows just how far we have advanced in securing funds to complete the remaining construction of this building. As you can see by the indicator on the thermometer we have \$4,000 in the treasury. When our thermometer reaches the \$14,000 mark a friend will give us \$1,000.00.

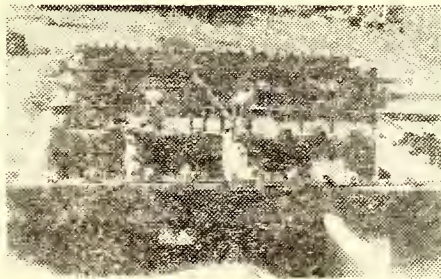
On account of lack of funds and anticipated winter weather the work on the building was discontinued until spring. We hope to have the finances by spring to complete the building.

We thank every one who has and is making this building possible.

## Improvements Made In Churches Here

Ebenezer Presbyterian church has been the scene of the beginning of some improvements. The incompleting job of spouting for the Ebenezer church has now been finished. Mr. Kensey Bare did a nice job of putting the spouting on the building for us.

The entire basement has been cleared of rubbish and old benches by the Atwood brothers, Will Farrington and others, so that in the near future we can pour a cement floor. The weather however has been so bad that it has been impossible to do the job at this time. Sand and gravel has been hauled for the cement work. A nice light has been ordered for the front porch which will not only give us light for steps but will be a very attractive fixture.



BUILDING as it now stands, half completed.

## Offering Taken For World Missions

On February 9 a World Mission film, "In the Face of Jeopardy," was shown in the Lansing church, also slides of Japan. An offering was received for World Missions at this time.

## Raising Money At Laurel Fork

The people in the Laurel Fork church are raising money for the purpose of building new Sunday School rooms. A second-hand clothing shop is being operated by the women and the proceeds are put in the treasury for the new Sunday School.

At present it is very hard to get to the Laurel Fork church as a new road is being constructed by the highway department directly in front of the church. This operation is re-locating and straightening highway No. 18 upon which Laurel Fork church is built. After the road work is completed we hope to build the Sunday School rooms in connection with the church if the accumulation of funds is sufficient to construct the building.

## L. W. Moore Is Glendale Speaker

Rev. Lardner W. Moore and his wife spoke on World Missions. They have been invited to speak at the Glendale Springs grade school on Friday, February 21, and in the afternoon at the Women of the Church meeting in the Glendale Springs church. Every one looked forward to having the Moores with us. The Moores are missionaries from Japan and are situated in the Shikoku Christian College of Zentsuji, Kagawa Ken, Japan.

## Bible Schools Being Planned

Tentative plans are being made for Vacation Bible Schools in the Lansing Field. The following dates have been selected:

Gillespie — June 9-20; Foster Memorial — June 23-July 4; Lansing — July 7-18.

### WORLD MISSION EMPHASIS

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FOR WE ARE PROMISED

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AND

Lo. I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

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## EDITORIAL

### THE BEGINNING OF WORLD MISSION

Customs and sympathies of a nation are extremely hard to change so it must have been equally hard for Christ to change the customs and sympathies of his newly taught disciples who were steeped in the prejudices of the Jewish race.

The protection that God had thrown about the Jewish Race had become a stumbling block to them. Because of extreme selfishness and sin, the Jew had built up the ego of his race until he believed all other races were as dogs in his sight; that other races did not have the favor of God and only a Jew was chosen and saved.

This snobbishness of the Jew was reflected in the personalities of Christ's disciples and the nut shell of custom and egotism of their race had to be cracked before they could become world wide preachers with sympathy for all races.

Where did this poor boy of Galilee get the vision so far above his race? Born in a stable, of such poor parentage that they could not command a house for the birth of their son, patiently using the crude implements of the poor of his day, having never traveled this world's roads more than 60 miles from his birth places, except perhaps when his life was saved when he was hid in Egypt, this secluded Son of Poverty dreamed of races yet unborn, of nations existing unto the end of the world.

Jesus passed this new vision on to his followers when on the top of a Galilean Mountain just before he ascended into the heavens. He spoke this world wide command and challenge, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

The new vision of all nations required a new love and a new sympathy for the races of the world.

John the apostle evidently caught this new sympathy for the world per-

haps better than some of the rest of those who followed Jesus, for he so well expressed it in John 3:16, when he wrote:

"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."

What did this new love mean to a Jew? It meant they must throw away their prejudices, their pride, their hatreds and love the despised races of the world outside of their own Jewish family.

What! Must a Jew love those half-breed Samaritans?

What! Must a Jew love those Assyrians who took his ancestors prisoners for almost a century?

What! Must a Jew love and forgive those burly, domineering Roman soldiers who stalked their streets, and struck men with their broad swords, and laid burdens on men's backs, and compelled them to pay taxes at the point of the dagger?

What! Must a Jew love those slave driving Egyptians who held the children of Israel in bondage for many a year?

What! Must a Jew love those idol carving and idol worshipping Greeks?

What! Must a Jew love those loathsome, dirty creatures of Africa who ate each others flesh, and lived in the trees of the forest?

Yes, Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

The Japanese Captain Fuchida now goes about speaking for Christ and telling of forgiveness and love. Once he hated the people of the United States, and led 360 great Japanese bombers against Pearl Harbor in a mighty stroke of destruction. Fuchida hated the United States then, but he learned forgiveness and love when he heard how an American girl forgave the Japanese, who had beheaded her missionary parents, and did kind deeds for Japanese prisoners in the United States. Captain Fuchida's hatred was changed to a new outlook upon life, when he found the story of Jesus and his love in the Bible. Just so the disciples of Jesus received a new spirit of love for all people when Jesus showed and taught them.

With this new world wide vision and world wide love that Christ had given his disciples, what could eleven discouraged men do with this mighty challenge to go unto the whole world and carry this message!

Caesar had world wide visions, yes, but he had the power of a mighty empire and a mighty army to carry out his conquest.

Wealthy oil companies and tobacco companies today have world wide desires of putting their product in every nation on the globe, yet they have their multi-millions, and all the conveniences of the modern world such as the air lane, television, steamer lines, and a host of other space conquering inventions as power behind their visions.

With what power could these hunted, persecuted, despised eleven men conquer a world; one of their number a traitor and men having seen their Christ publically crucified on a cross?

What could eleven men who had no standing or money do to publish the message of Christ to the end of the world?

Where could these men get the courage and the power of spirit to meet the challenge to go unto all the world and preach the message of Christ to all creatures?

The new power that sent these men on their world conquest was not a money power, it was not an army power, it was not an empire power — it was a power that the world knew not of — the power of the Holy Spirit. Just as Jesus promised, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses — unto the uttermost parts of the world," and then he said again according to Matthew, "And lo, I am with you to the end of the world," and He still is with us in spite of all that the Devils of Hell can throw against us, "for the gates of Hell shall not prevail against Christ's church."

## World Missions In Glendale Field

Although the weather has been almost zero in the mountains the churches in the Glendale Springs Field have been trying to give the proper emphasis to World Missions in its season.

The picture "The Younger Brother" was procured through the Committee of World Missions in our Presbytery, and shown in the Glendale Springs church on February 2 at the night service, at Laurel Fork church on February 4, and at Bethel church on February 5. Ebenezer was invited to attend the showing of the picture at Glendale Springs; Peak Creek was invited to see the picture at Laurel Fork, and Millers at Bethel church. Offerings were received at each of these services for World Missions.

## In Memory Of Dr. Gillespie

As the paper goes to press we hear the sad news of Dr. E. E. Gillespie's passing, and yet his passing is an entering into the glory of His Lord and to his reward. Dr. Gillespie died at the age of 88 years. He and Mrs. Gillespie made their home in Greensboro, N. C.

It is of note to Ashe County, that Dr. Gillespie founded and built the first organized Presbyterian in this county. The church he founded is the Ebenezer Presbyterian church founded in 1897 and built in '97 and '98. The church building was rebuilt a few years ago. Dr. Gillespie has held many important places of leadership in the Synod of North Carolina. Men like Dr. Gillespie with vision, courage, faith and devotion to his Lord and Saviour are hard to find.

Prayer was held this morning at the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church for the family of Dr. Gillespie. The funeral service was held at the First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, N. C., Sunday, February 23rd, at 4 p. m.

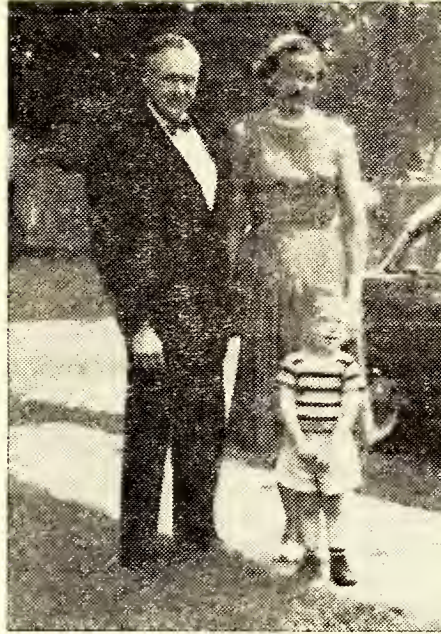
## T. I. Smith Is New Pastor Of W. J. Church

On Sunday evening, March 2, the Reverend Thomas I. Smith is to be installed as pastor of the West Jefferson Presbyterian church. Those appointed as the Commission of Presbytery for the Installation are the Reverend Watt M. Cooper of North Wilkesboro to preside, the Reverend James H. Monroe of Wilkesboro to preach the Installation sermon, Dr. John W. Luke of Glendale Springs to give the charge to the new pastor, and Herbert Culler of Jefferson to give the charge to the congregation. Elder John Reeves of the West Jefferson church will offer the evening prayer. At the service of installation and just preceding the formal induction of the new minister, 8-month old Thomas Jonathan, the youngest son of Reverend and Mrs. Smith, will be baptized by Reverend Cooper. The couple — Mrs. Smith being the former Miss Mildred Ann Harrell of Bakersville — have another son, Hugh David, 4-years of age.

The new minister was received into the Winston-Salem Presbytery the 21 of January, having come to North Carolina from Baltimore at the beginning of the year. Born in West Virginia, he spent his boyhood in central Ohio. Educated at Washington and Jefferson College, Harvard Law School, and Princeton Theological Seminary, Mr. Smith served during the 2nd World War as an artillery officer and saw service in the Philippines and in Japan. On return to the states, having worked out his Master's degree in theology in 1947 at Princeton, Mr. Smith was ordained that year; and has had pastorates at Frankford and Ocean View churches, Delaware (1947-1950); and at the Light Street Presbyterian church of Baltimore (1950-1957).

### ACTIVITIES

The West Jefferson church, without a pastor for over a year, has now begun a worship-hour nursery (Sunday mornings); services for the Junior Young People on Sunday afternoons;



NEW PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER,  
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas I. Smith and  
oldest son, Hugh David.

and a Communicants' class which meets every Friday. A regular weekly systematic-Bible-study group will be begun in March. In addition to these newer services, regular Sunday worship continues at 11 a. m.; Sunday

## Pulpit Donated To Peak Creek

A nice oak pulpit has been furnished for the Peak Creek church by the family of the late Elder George Bowlin. This pulpit is a light stained beautiful oak, and is given in memory of our most faithful Elder George W. Bowlin. This is a welcome gift to the church as only a small pulpit stand has been used for a number of years.

School at 10 a. m.; with the Senior Young People meeting Sunday evenings at 7:00. The women of the church also meet twice a month for Bible and mission study. Mr. Smith also hopes to organize regular Sunday afternoon services at Obids.

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## Danish Bare Weds Harry Bare Recently

On February 10 Danish Bare and Harry Bare were united in matrimony at the manse at Glendale Springs. The marriage ceremony took place at 2 p. m. with the Rev. J. W. Luke officiating.

Thomas Johnson, Mrs. J. W. Luke and Miss Mary Frances Luke were witnesses at this wedding. The bride and groom will make their home near Laurel Springs. We wish God's blessings upon this marriage.

## Miss Arnold And Bernard Lyle Wed

The Manse at Glendale Springs was the scene of a marriage ceremony on January 3 at 7:30 p. m. Bernard Lyle of Glendale Springs and Miss Imogene Arnold of West Jefferson were united in a double ring ceremony by Rev. J. W. Luke.

Mrs. Ruth Yates, Clay Miller and Mrs. J. W. Luke were witnesses at this wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Lyle will make their home on Buffalo in Ashe county. We wish this young couple God's richest blessings for their home.

## News Briefs

Miss Kathryn Hunt and Mary Anne Campbell plan to attend the Assembly Recreation Workshop in Camp Ne-Ca-Me, near Centerville, Tenn. April 28-May 2.

Miss Kathryn Hunt plans to attend the D. C. E. Retreat in Charlotte March 3-5. The retreat coincides with the opening of the new Presbyterian Book store in Charlotte.

The Gillespie church planned a school of World Missions in February, but the unusually severe weather has made them postpone it until March.

The Foster Memorial church plans to have their traditional Easter Sunrise Service followed by breakfast on Sunday morning, April 6.

The Young People of Lansing are making plans to accept an invitation from the Young People of the Steele Creek church in Charlotte to visit them for a weekend this spring.

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## Mrs. Jim Colvard Is Buried Recently

Funeral service was held for Mrs. James P. Colvard at the Jefferson Presbyterian church on Monday, February 10. Dr. R. H. Stone of Greensboro, Dr. J. W. Luke of Glendale Springs and her pastor, Rev. H. H. Culler, all participated in the service.

Mrs. Colvard was a devoted Christian and an active and faithful mem-

ber of the Jefferson church. She will be greatly missed but we can rejoice in knowing that she has already heard the words of her Saviour, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; — enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

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## Evangelistic Meet Planned For April

We are looking forward to a great evangelistic meeting at the Glendale Springs church in April with Rev. F. M. Dick, of Brookneal, Virginia, as preacher. The dates for the meeting are: Monday, April 7, through Friday, April 18.

Rev. Roger P. Melton of Montgomery, West Virginia, will hold an evangelistic service at Laurel Fork church beginning Monday, April 21, and continuing through Friday, May 2.

The revival meeting at Bethel will be conducted by Rev. James H. Monroe of Wilkesboro. The time set for this meeting is: Monday, May 19, through Friday, May 30.

Other special services in the summer and fall for the remaining churches in the Glendale Springs field will be announced in the June issue.

We do ask that our Christian friends who read this paper will join with us in earnest prayer for these services. It is our deep desire that these meetings shall bring about true revival among believers and shall be the means of bringing many souls to Christ.

## Prayer Meetings In Glendale Field

Since October 1, 1957, there have been three prayer service meetings regularly in the Glendale Springs Field. However, weather conditions recently have made it necessary to cancel several meetings. We are pleased and encouraged by the increase in interest and faithfulness of those who are attending. The service consists of a time of prayer and a Bible study. So far, the groups have studied the subject of prayer, requirements for church membership, and the Bible motive for world missions.

Bethel prayer meeting is held at 7 p. m., Wednesday; Glendale Springs at 7:30 p. m.; Thursday; and Laurel Fork at 7:30 p. m., Friday.

It is our earnest prayer that many more members in these churches will feel the urgent need for prayer both as individuals and church groups and will join with us in these services. We feel that nothing is more vital to the spiritual growth of our churches, than fervent and unceasing prayer.



ASHE GIRLS MAKE DEAN'S LIST AT MONTREAT COLLEGE. Left to right, top — Gladys Culler, Martha Ann Miller; bottom — Martha R. Miller and Jean Mash.

### CHURCH WOMEN HAVE ELECTED PRESIDENTS

The Women of the Church of Jefferson have recently elected Mrs. Ross

Jones as president. Mrs. Herbert Bare was elected the President of the Women of Church of Glendale Springs.

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# Foremans Write Letter From Korea; They Enjoy The Ashe Presbyterian

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December 31, 1957

Dear Friends and Loved Ones,

Christmas is a happy memory and the New Year begins to peep over the horizon. Candles of the Old Year are burning lower. There is a touch of sadness. Can it be that all that is left of the old year are these rivers of wax run out upon the table?

But new candles are standing in readiness. There is the red candle of Hope and the green candle of Faith, and shining out over all is the golden candle of Love.

And here — there is yet another candle. The candle of Past Experience . . . a little uneven, showing palm prints here and there, but standing steady on a widespreading base. Look! it is all interwoven in gold and in red and in green. For we must not waste or lose the days of our yesteryears, but carefully gather up the many-colored wax from each passing year's table and mold from it a new taper for the coming year.

As we think back over 1957, out here on the edge of the free world, for the children it has been a busy time with a new location for their school — across town at Yonsei University temporarily. New families have meant new friends. Sam is a Cub Scout (Mother! this is the night we go with Father to Park Meeting!) and has a perfect attendance in the 4th grade. He guards it like a hawk. Frances has nursed along what seems like thousands of pets month by month and you should see the affection between 3-year-old Joseph and her blue-eyed Siamese kitten from a neighbor with a perpetual grouch (the kitten, that is.)

Kenneth is glad to be completely over the hepatitis and he has been spending long days and nights down in the South District of Presbytery where with four pastors and half a dozen lay evangelists he shares the responsibility over a rugged mountain-and-rice-paddy territory for reaching the 95 per cent of the Korean people who are still outside the freedom of a new life in Christ. Then in January and February he will be teaching

Exodus and Luke — in Korean — at the winter term of Pierson Memorial Bible Institute here in Seoul. Pray for him that the young men and women who have come in for intensive training to put to use in their home churches and villages will be able to go back with glad hearts and with minds better ready to serve our Master.

As the mother in this family I have been hanging on to the three-ring circus any of you who are mothers know about from first-hand experience, and this year in addition to teaching 240 girls at Chungsin School I have taken on the job of superintendent for our 130-member Seoul Foreign Church Sunday School. Our foreign community needs to study God's Word regularly too!

Your cards, notes, remembrances and packages have meant a great deal to us as the candles have marked off the months that are now behind. God bless you and sustain you steadily through all the days that you will be meeting one by one as we serve, through our church, our Redeemer and

## Congratulations To Rose Couple

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rose on their Golden Wedding Anniversary on December 14. Mr. and Mrs. Rose have been married fifty years on that date.

Many friends and relatives offered their gifts of congratulations for this momentous occasion.

King.

Sincerely yours,  
(Mrs. K. J. Foreman, Jr.)

P. S. We enjoyed the last issue of the Ashe Presbyterian.

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## Nello Teer Gives Cows To Memorial



COWS FOR THE JOHN LUKE, JR. MEMORIAL building were given by Nello Teer from his prize herd at Woodside Terrace Farm, near Durham. Money raised from the sale of these cows will help bring the total toward the top when the challenge gift will be donated.

## Cows Are From Famous Quail Roost Farm Of Finest Guernsey Quality

Typical of the wide-spread interest and the many ways being used to raise funds for the John Luke, Jr. Memorial building is the recent gift of five registered Guernsey cows which were transported to Ashe county from the Woodside Terrace Farm of Nello Teer of Durham, N. C.

Nello Teer as many know is one of the foremost road contractors in the United States. His farm is on the edge of the City of Durham, N. C. and is known as the home of a fine herd of registered Guernsey cows.

The basic stock of this herd is from the Quail Roost Farm of the finest quality dairy cows. This fine strand of cows has been kept up to standard at the Woodside Terrace Farm of which Mr. Teer is owner.

Mr. Teer having visited Glendale Springs quite often during the grading of the Blue Ridge Parkway, became interested in the John Luke, Jr. Memorial and gave these cows from his select herd to be sold as a contribution toward the erection of this structure.

These fine Guernsey cows will be an asset to any dairy farmer Mr. Teer stated and pointed out he was happy to make this contribution.

## Jefferson Church Now Improved

The basement of the Jefferson Presbyterian church has been improved lately. In the basement there is a small kitchen and dining room. The women of the church agreed to paint the walls of the basement if the men would paint the ceiling. This has been accomplished and the kitchen and dining room have a new look. The people of the church are proud of their job.

The Women of the church are planning to also improve the sanctuary of the church. The floor is to be sanded and polished.

Preparations are underway for the Vacation Bible school this summer. We are hoping to have the best Bible school we have ever had.

H. H. Culler the pastor of the Jefferson church is a very busy man these days as three of his family are graduating at schools. One son is graduating at High Point College, a daughter at Montreat, and a daughter graduating at Glade Valley school.

## E. E. Gillespie Scholarship Now Being Organized

Greensboro, N. C. — It has been announced here today that the family and friends of the late Rev. E. E. Gillespie, D. D., have been contributing to the E. E. Gillespie Scholarship Fund, which is to be administered by the Consolidated Presbyterian College of Laurinburg. The late Home Mission executive was always interested in Home Missions and Home Mission pastors and was sympathetic with their problems. It is considered eminently fitting that one of the many ways in which he will be remembered and his fame perpetuated is through a scholarship to be given to candidates for the ministry or religious workers looking forward to service in the Home Mission areas of the Church or to children of Home Mission workers.

The memorials given to the scholarship according to C. E. Beman, treasurer of the college, will be invested and the income added to the principal until such a time as scholarships will be given. Only the income will be used for scholarships once it becomes operative.

It is the desire of the family that a living memorial be established for Dr. Gillespie because he had such a great faith in youth and in their future.

Those desiring to add to this scholarship (Continued on page 3)

## Funds Needed For Challenge Gift

In our last issue of the Ashe Presbyterian, you may have noticed our thermometer indicated we had \$4,000 in the treasury. Since then the gift of the Nello Teer Cows should at the least bring in \$1,000. This is a very moderate estimate. About \$225 in cash has been contributed. So our resources at present should stand at about \$5225.00.

We still need \$8,775 to secure our challenge fund of \$1,000 which stands at the top of our thermometer. If each one who reads our little paper would make only \$1.00 contribution we could run our thermometer up perhaps \$2,000 more dollar steps. We are still working and praying we shall reach our \$15,000 before long so we can begin work again.

### GLADNESS OF WORSHIP

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" . . . Ps. 122:1.

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is" . . . Heb. 10.

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**THE UNIVERSAL PRESSURE OF GOD'S PRESENCE**

(Rev. T. I. Smith)

"God giveth to all life, and breath, and all things," said St. Paul to the philosophers of Athens, "and hath made of one blood all nations of men . . . that they should seek God in the hope that they might feel after him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us." That is, all men being made the same, and God himself being their author, God brings a pressure of his presence to bear upon every soul born into this world — he is not far from each human creature. Paul's language is the more striking because he is speaking to heathen.

The question naturally rises: Do men find God by reason of this common pressure of his presence upon their lives? You immediately ask: What pressure of his presence is there that I should be feeling if he brings it to bear even upon the heathen? The answer is that men everywhere all over the globe are in constant contact with God without knowing it. This is what our fathers called "Common Grace" — God's ceaseless moving in upon the creature fashioned in his image because he loves that creature, man.

Note some examples. Everywhere the Bible recognizes God as Truth — the glorious ultimate reality. Christ, who said, "I and my Father are one," said also, "I am the way, the truth!" And he also said, "For this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the Truth." God is Truth. Now everyone knows (at least where there has not been the searing of vicious practice) how uncomfortable it is to be telling a lie, and how one gets no peace until he has gone and corrected it. Nor is this merely because of social custom; for underlying that is society's full apprehension that Truth is the very condition of continuance — Truth is apprehended here as

the essence of reality.

And certainly there would be no such earnestness in scientific men — earnestness that makes them feel that loyalty to truth is a matter of absolute obligation — if there were not an ultimate Reality behind all phenomena having the power to intrust itself in a personal way into the mind of man; an ultimate Reality which makes us want to know the purpose of man's life, and his Creator, as well as truth about the universe.

Beauty also bears a striking testimony. It is the beautiful (not the ugly) that exhilarates, and that man is pressured to create as having permanent and absolute value. And man, in his creative action, follows this affinity to the enriching of the world in music, poetry, or painting; or in the product of fine handiwork. Thus one sees again: Man the creator-animal pressured by his great Kin — the Absolute Creator — who gives the sense (as Wordsworth testifies) "of something far more deeply interfused" in the beautiful —

"Whose dwelling is the light of setting suns,  
And the round ocean and the living air,  
And the blue sky, and in the mind of man."

And there is the pressure of moral obligation among mankind — witnessed to everywhere by words for right and wrong in every language, words that are recognized opposites and whether the acts involved are convenient or inconvenient. Truly conscience, a universal phenomenon wherever man exists, bespeaks man's great Original, and tells us of a concerned Someone whose existence means the great difference between right and wrong. life and death; and thus pressures man to seek the One he cannot see, yet feels so much about him.

Common Grace — it is the universal pressure of God's presence upon men's lives; and active where the sear of untruth and perversion have not entered. It accounts for whatever restraint-from-evil there is in natural man. It accounts also for the various religions which have arisen throughout the world — showing men feeling and groping after God as a result of sensing the mysterious pressure in their lives.

Yet, when we ask the question of our early paragraph: Do men find God by reason of the common pressure of his presence upon their lives? — the answer must needs be given: "After

**"THE FOOLISHNESS OF MAN"**

Prepared by Department of Bible  
Presbyterian Junior College  
Maxton, North Carolina

In Edgewater Park, New Jersey, we read in a paper, there is a controversy as to whether or not elementary school children can say a blessing before lunch. The state attorney general held that an interval of silence understood by the children to be for grace would be a religious exercise and therefore illegal. He said the silence period could be observed without any understanding grace was to be repeated by the children to themselves.

The principal is reported to have said, "I would say 98 per cent of our people are in favor of their children saying grace. Our legislators have incorporated 'one nation under God' in the salute to the flag but apparently we cannot mention God in prayer."

The New Jersey law requires the reading of at least five verses from the Old Testament, without comment, in each classroom to start the school day. The state Supreme Court has ruled that the Lord's Prayer and the Old Testament are nonsectarian. It has been suggested that five verses from Psalm 103, a prayer of thanksgiving, be read before lunch.

Maybe we need some fresh air in the murky thinking of some of our legal minds. The first amendment to the constitution says "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press—"

that the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God . . . to send his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as sin-bearer (sin-offering) . . . that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life; . . . and as many as receive him, to them gives he power to become the sons of God."

It is fellowship with God which betokens eternal life, and fellowship means commitment, with Christ calling the signals. Hence, as we go out amidst the beauty of God's creation this summer season, let us joy in it and feel with new understanding the pressure of God's presence in it; but let us be very aware that God's Word is where we encounter the God who acts and in acting speaks!

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## Commencement Held At Glade Valley

On May 23 the forty-eighth annual commencement exercises climaxed the year of 1958 at Glade Valley school.

The music recital was held on the preceding night with many students participating.

Rev. Watt Cooper of North Wilkesboro, N. C. gave a wonderful address as Baccalaureate speaker.

The following seniors graduated: Becky Arrington, Martha Brinegar, Violet Culler, Donna Eldridge, Rudy Garcia, Dorothy Morris, Pauline Roten, Rosemary Sherrill, Doris Smith.

The awards were presented by Prof. W. C. Thompson as follows:

Room prize for girls — Billy Fay Combs and Ella Mae Miller.

Room prize for boys — Burl Combs, Loyd Harless, and Rudy Garcia.

Declamation medals — Boy, Cleve Maus; girl, Pauline Roten.

Louise Ervin Memorial Music Medal — Becky Williams.

Scholarship Medal — Bobby Oliver. Haltwanger citizen award — Violet Culler.

Bible prizes for each class — Martha Bringer, senior; Billy Fay Combs, junior; Nancy Jolly, sophomore; Loyd Harless, ninth; Patsy Combs, eighth.

The salutatory address was given by Donna Eldridge and the valedictory by Violet Culler.

Bibles were presented to each graduate. Rev. R. L. Berry of Sparta, made the presentation.

Supt. E. B. Eldridge presented the diplomas and congratulated each senior.

Under the direction of their leader, E. C. Johnson, the choir rendered two beautiful anthems.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Charlton D. Hutton.

After the exercises many visitors enjoyed a wonderful lunch in the dining hall with the students.

## Young People Are Weekend Guests

The Lansing young people spent a most wonderful weekend as guests of the young people of Steele Creek Church May 17-18. Saturday they spent sight-seeing, picnicing, and partying and Sunday they enjoyed the rare experience of worshipping together in that wonderful 200 year old church.

It is an experience long to be remembered and cherished. They who went were Mary Anne Campbell, Betty Campbell, Helen Campbell, Pat Fastridge, Nancy Paisley, Earl Paisley, Wavne Elliott, Richard Gentry, Jason Ring, Floyd Richardson, and Miss Kathryn Hunt.

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## Road Work Cuts Off Laurel Fork

The Laurel Fork church has had a hard time this winter and spring. The reconstruction of Highway 18 which passes in front of the church has made it impossible all winter to hold services in the church building. The constant rain kept the newly graded road in a sea of mud.

Those who were not cut off by the road have been attending a united church service with the Peak Creek Presbyterian Church. It is hoped that summer weather and completion of the grade work will soon open up the road and the Laurel Fork congregation will be able to get back into their church building again.

## Monroe Preaching Now At Bethel

The earliest revival of the Glendale Field was held at the Bethel Church in Wilkes County. This revival began on May 19th and was completed on May 30th. Rev. James Monroe of the Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church preached fine sermons for this series of services. Mr. and Mrs. Rud Wyatt were received into the Bethel Church. Mrs. Wyatt came from the Baptist church and Mr. Wyatt was reclaimed, having united as a boy. Many have indicated reconsecrations during the meeting.

## MILLERS CHURCH ELECTS ROYAL AS NEW ELDER

Millers Presbyterian church elected a new elder on May 4 at the afternoon service.

Monroe Royal was elected as the new elder. The installation was held at a later date.

## Juniors Organize Club In Lansing

A large and interested group of juniors has been clamoring for a youth group of their own. It was organized and had its first meeting on Sunday, May 11 with the following officers:

President, Gary Osborne; secretary and treasurer, Eddie Paisley.

The next two afternoons this group spent the whole afternoon cleaning up the church yard. They have great plans for beautifying it with outdoor seats and picnic tables. For this, they are saving their money, now 79 cents.

Six of this group are eligible to go to Pioneer Camp this year and all plan to raise the money by working in the community — raking, cutting grass, washing windows, etc. Their enthusiasm and energy is boundless. You will hear from this group again.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR MEMORIAL

(Continued from page 1)  
ship fund may send it, according to informed sources, to C. E. Beman, Treasurer, Laurinburg, N. C. and mark it for "The E. E. Gillespie Scholarship Fund." Gifts will be personally acknowledged by the college president — Dr. Marshall Scott Woodson.

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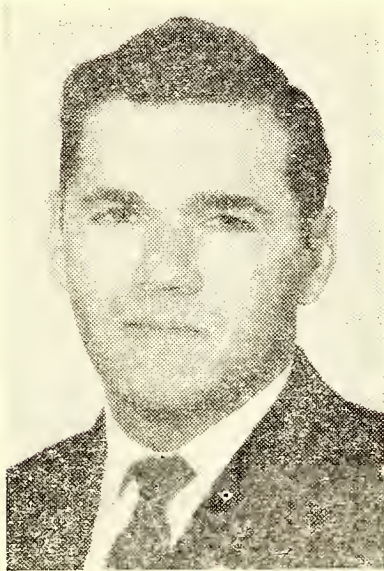
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GLADYS RACHEL CULLER

Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Culler, of Jefferson, had three children to graduate from schools and universities this Spring. Oscar Leighton from High Point college, Violet Gay from Glade Valley and Gladys Rachel from Montreat.

## Students Attend Montreat Program

Five members of the senior class from West High school in Wilkes county, Carol Shepherd, Linda Shepherd, Nancy Norman, Kay Wayne, and Betty Sheets, and a former Montreat student, Mrs. John Allen Whittington, had the pleasure of attending the May Day program at Montreat College. After enjoying the program on the beautiful campus, the girls were guests at the delicious supper served at Assembly Inn.

## Lansing Attends Annual Workshop

Miss Kathryn Hunt and Mary Anne Campbell attended the Assembly's Fifth Annual Recreation Workshop in Camp MaCoMee, Pleasantville, Tenn., April 23 - May 2. They recommend this as one of the best and fullest weeks of training ever experienced. They urge other Churches to consider sending delegates next year.

The Gillespie women are continuing to improve their church. Now they are having doors made for the rooms leading off from the pulpit.

## Lansing Citizens Attend Meetings

The Spring Rally of the Senior High Fellowship meeting in North Wilkesboro on April 13 was attended by: Kathryn Miller, Dayna and Helen Elliott, Mrs. Ray Elliott, and Sue Eldreth from Gillespie, Mary Anne and Betty Jo Campbell, Helen Campbell, Mary Betsy Jones, Earl Paisley, Wayne Elliott, and Kathryn Hunt from Lansing.

The North Wilkesboro district of the Winston-Salem Women of the Church met in North Wilkesboro on April 17 and was attended by Mrs. Victor Clark, Mrs. French Young, Mrs. L. B. Ham,

and Miss Kathryn Hunt from Lansing; Mrs. Howard Little, and Mrs. N. W. Graham from Foster Memorial, and Mrs. Clarence Stansberry from Gillespie. Rev. G. M. Hollenhead chauffeured one group.

Mary Anne Campbell from the Lansing church plans to work at Pinacle Inn this summer and enter Lees-McRae this fall.

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## Bible Study Hour At W. J. Church

The "Bible Study Hour," begun in March and held every Wednesday evening, is proving to be a time of stimulating discussion and search — in interesting accord with Christ's word: "Explore the Scriptures . . . they are they which declare me." The starter: What does God want to say to us here and now through this passage (or event) of Scripture?

Daily Vacation Bible School will be in session during the two weeks of June 16-27. The response on the part of all has been gratifying and the staff consists of: Mrs. Ralph Campbell, Mrs. Shirly Ham, Mrs. Rex Morton, Mrs. Paul Rumble, Mrs. T. I. Smith, Miss Nancy Barr, Miss Mary Mullis, and Rev. T. I. Smith.

Home from college again, then off to work or summer school, are: Wilson Barr, Miss Sara Henry McLaurin, and Miss Linda Reeves. Graduating from high school are our two instrumentalists: Messrs. Wiliard and Willis Blevins.

Sunday, May 25, the West Jefferson church — along with 17 other churches in Ashe county — welcomed a speaker from the Gideons, the internationally known body of Christian business and traveling men who seek to place Bibles in every wayfarer's lodging quarters in the land, also in every hospital room; and who — as widely as possible — give graduating high school students and young people entering the military service a pocket copy of the "New Testament and Psalms and Proverbs."

## Hubbard Award To Carol Wayne

Miss Carol Kay Wayne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wayne of the Vanoy community, has been selected as one of two girls to share equally the Dr. Frederick C. Hubbard scholarship award by the Wilkes General Hospital Auxiliary.

Kay is a faithful member of Millers Church and we do rejoice that this well-deserved honor has come to her. This scholarship will enable her to carry out her ambition of training for the nursing profession.

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## A MURDERED SON, A PLEA FOR MERCY

(Laurinburg Exchange)

The wanton and brutal murder of a Korean student at the University of Pennsylvania, and the arrest and impending trial of eleven Negro youths on charges of first degree murder, developed an unusual angle last week when the parents of the slain youth sent from their home in Korea a plea for mercy and "the most lenient treatment within the laws of your government." The letters were addressed to the Mayor of Philadelphia, the president of the University, and the Red Cross.

According to reports the circumstances surrounding the murder of Oh In Ho, 26-year-old graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania, were of a most aggravated nature. He was set upon when he was about to mail a letter near the university campus and was beaten to death with a blackjack and pop bottles. But his parents not only have asked for leniency and mercy, but they have said they would set up a fund to be used for the religious, educational, vocational, and social guidance of the boys when they are released.

And a little background on these grieving parents who want mercy for the slayers of their son tells us that they are Christians and Presbyterians, and the father is a successful business man and manufacturer. They have suffered much but they are willing to forgive much.

## Bible Schools In Lansing Planned

Plans are well underway for three of the best Vacation Bible schools ever held in the Lansing, Gillespie, and Foster Memorial churches with dates as follows:

Gillespie — June 9-20; Foster Memorial — June 23-July 4; Lansing — July 7-18.

That little ball of fire, Nancy Hargett, will be back for all the schools this summer and Frances Pegram, another young person with personality plus, who will enter Lees-McRae this fall will be with us all summer. In the Lansing school, Louise Stark, daughter of Rev. Carl Stark, one of our former pastors, will teach. A great summer is in store for us.

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## Graduates Are Congratulated

Our sincere congratulations and a wish for God's richest blessings in their future lives go to our 1958 college and high school graduates in the Glendale Springs Field. Some of these young people are members of our churches and others have been associated at some time with the youth work and other activities in our various churches.

Those graduating from college are: Peggy Jo Miller, Montreat College; Wade Rose, Catawba College; Bernard Bare, Lees-McRae College.

The high school graduates are: Pauline Roten, Glade Valley school; Paul Bare, Sparta high school in Alleghany county; Carol Shepherd, Linda Shepherd, Nile Wingle, Nancy Norman, Kay Wayne, and Elaine Staley, West high school in Wilkes county.

Two of our Glendale Springs girls were chosen for responsible positions at Montreat College this spring. Martha Rose Miller was elected president of the Student Christian Association on the campus and Jean Mash was elected editor of the Sundial, the college annual.

Paula Jean Wayne of Vannoy was elected as a member of the Student Athletic Board.

We are indeed happy and proud to know of the recognition that has come to these fine young women from their fellow students.

## Ten Day Revival At Glendale

The people of Glendale Springs had enjoyed hearing Rev. Marion Dick preach in one service. This spring Mr. Dick came back and preached in a ten day revival meeting from April 7 through April 16. During the revival and since, many enthusiastic remarks have been made about Mr. Dick's preaching. There were reconsecrations and four united with the church on profession of faith in Christ.

The following were welcomed into the Glendale Springs Presbyterian church and were baptised: Patsy Jane Bare, Jo Anna Harless, Judy Carol Sheets, and Vivian DeBose.

The people enjoyed having Mrs. Dick also with Mr. Dick.

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## Rev. Roger Melton Holds Revival

Rev. Roger Melton of the Montgomery Presbyterian Church of W. Va., held a five day spiritual enrichment meeting at the Bethel Presbyterian Church. The services lasted from April 21 through the 26. Mr. Melton is a very inspiring speaker and large crowds came to the services. There were many reconsecrations among the Christians during the meeting. The Bethel church was greatly blessed by this meeting.

## Elder Fred Long Gives Testimony

At the evening service on Sunday, April 20 the Glendale Springs church had quite a unique and attractive speaker. Elder Fred Long of Lenoir, gave his testimony on his experiences in Stewardship. Mr. Long is a lumber dealer in Lenoir and is very active in church work. He is in much demand as a speaker on stewardship and has spoken in many churches throughout the south.

Elder Long's testimony was that if you have absolute faith in God and

## Glendale Bible Schools Planned

Preparation for summer Bible schools is being made in the Glendale Springs Field. June 9 through June 20 are the dates for the Glendale Springs school; Ebenezer's school will be held the following two weeks; a combined school for Bethel and Millers is scheduled at Bethel for July 7 through 18, and Laurel Fork and Peak Creek will have a combined school July 28 through August 8.

We are fortunate in having secured David Smiley, an instructor at Glade Valley school and Miss Peggy Jo Miller, who graduated from Montreat College in May and who is from our own field, to assist in the summer work. We feel these young people will be a real blessing in the Lord's service in this field.

Rev. W. D. Lively will hold revival services at Ebenezer and Rev. Charles W. Solomon at Peak Creek during approximately the same period of time as the Bible schools are being conducted in those communities.

obey him, He will do wonders for you in experiences of stewardship and will spiritually bless your life.

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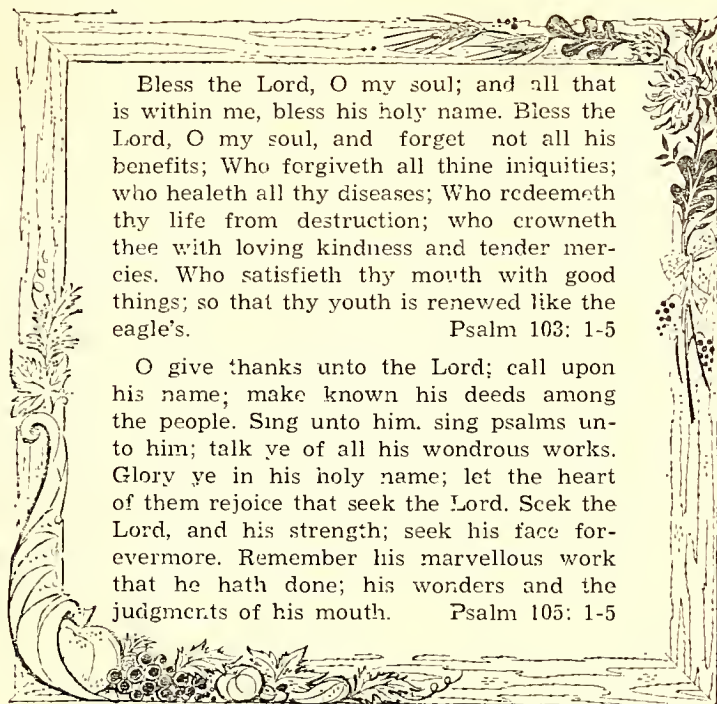
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Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits; Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies. Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. Psalm 103: 1-5

O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him. sing psalms unto him; talk ye of all his wondrous works. Glory ye in his holy name; let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord. Seek the Lord, and his strength; seek his face forevermore. Remember his marvellous work that he hath done; his wonders and the judgments of his mouth. Psalm 105: 1-5

## Funds Are Donated Toward Johnny Luke, Jr. Memorial

Though there has been no actual construction work done on the John W. Luke Memorial building this summer, the contributions continue to come in steadily from loyal, interested friends. Since the June issue of the Ashe Presbyterian, \$1,655.00 has been donated. We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to each contributor for his gift whether large or small.

In a period of two months, we are happy to announce that the three youth groups in the Glendale Springs Field raised \$160.67 through offerings and special projects for the John W. Luke Memorial building. We are indeed proud of the young people's zeal and interest and we feel that they have set a fine example of giving for the adults.

### John R. Smith Lansing Speaker

On Sept. 7, Rev. John R. Smith, Executive Secretary of Winston-Salem Presbytery, preached in the Lansing church at 11:00 o'clock, and immediately following the service met with the officers of the three churches to discuss plans for the future. This meeting proved to be very informative to all present. Plans were discussed for some projects.

### Dr. and Mrs. Luke Vacationing With Relatives Now

As this paper goes to press, Dr. and Mrs. John W. Luke are vacationing in West Virginia at the home of his sister. Though they are greatly missed, we rejoice that they may have this opportunity for rest and refreshment both physically and spiritually.

Due to ill health, Dr. Luke has not been active in his field for the past few months. We earnestly pray for a rapid and complete recovery for this dedicated servant of the Lord.

### Dr. Stamper Is Extended Thanks

As usual we are indebted to Dr. R. L. Stamper for his generous help during the summer. He has spoken to young people and preached and taught many times and has given a new outside paint job to the Lansing church. We are indeed grateful to him and consider him among our best friends.

## Money From Sale Of Teer Cattle In Building Fund

In the last issue of the Ashe Presbyterian, we told of the gift of five, fine registered Guernsey cows from Mr. Nello Terr, well-known contractor of Durham, to the building fund of the John W. Luke, Jr. Memorial building.

Since that time, the cows have been sold to local dairymen in Ashe county and the proceeds from the sale have been added to the building fund. Those purchasing the cows were P. T. McNeill, John Gentry, W. G. Long, and Everett Baker.

We wish to express our sincere thanks and deepest appreciation to Mr. Teer for this generous donation.

## West Jefferson Church Active

On the Sundays of the vacation month of August, the West Jefferson church welcomed to its pulpit, Leo K. Pritchett of the Appalachian State Teachers' College of Boone. Professor Pritchett, under whose instruction a number of our people sat during their college days, is well known to all the congregation, having filled the pulpit on a number of previous occasions.

On September 3, a picnic supper for the senior young people of the church was held on the manse lawn. With five of our young people leaving for college or other work, it was a last chance to get together before the holidays at Christmastime.

Leaving for the Appalachian State Teachers' College were: Miss Linda Reeves, and Willard and Willis Blevins. Wilson Barr was booked up for Lees McRae College, and Miss Sara Henry McLaurin for nurses' training in the Lowrance hospital of Mooresville. The Lord who can be "here, there, and everywhere for good," go with and bless the young people.

Our Bible study hour of Wednesday evenings resumed on September 10, having been suspended during August, and with it the regular fellowship suppers (preceding our study) on the last Wednesday of each month. We look forward to a year of interesting activity.

## Many Attend The Prayer Meetings

We are grateful for the continued interest and faithful attendance of the Bethel prayer meeting group which meets on Wednesday night.

We are now studying the subject of stewardship based on a study book by Mrs. S. H. Askew.

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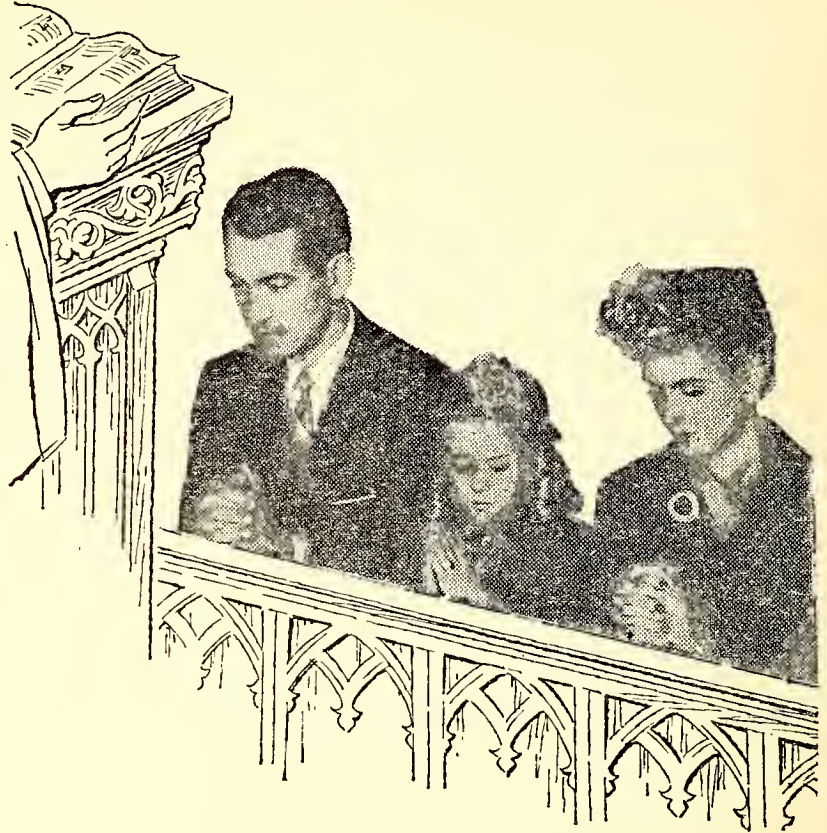
**GRATITUDE**

Webster tells us that "gratitude is the state of being grateful; appreciation of favors received; thankfulness." Someone with poetry in his soul has said, "Gratitude is the music of the heart when its chords are swept by the breezes of kindness."

This season of harvest when we gather in the fruits of our summer labor, seems a special time for counting our manifold blessings and giving thanks to God for His limitless goodness. And the spirit of gratitude itself brings such blessing to our lives. What room will there be in our hearts for jealousy, envy, and petty strife if our hearts are singing with gratitude? When our hearts are filled with gratitude, those fretting cares and annoyances of the daily routine fade away and seem scarcely worth a thought. The music of gratitude in our hearts erases the anxious frown from our faces and puts a serene smile in its place.

Why are we grateful? What favors have we received that we so deeply appreciate? All around us are our material blessings - the bounty of garden, orchard, and field is captured and stored away in gleaming jars upon our shelves - for this we are grateful. The rich beauty of our mountains and valleys lays a feeling of peace and well - being upon our hearts - for this we are grateful. There are cherished friendships which enrich our lives - for this we are grateful. There is our rich heritage of Christian freedom - for this we are grateful.

For the fruits of the Spirit, love, joy, and peace, our hearts are filled with gratitude; for the precious unchanging promises of God's Word, our hearts give thanks; and last of all, there are no words of great enough magnificence or deep enough significance to express our gratitude for the Friend who is closer to us than breathing, our Saviour and our Lord. Words known to the human tongue fail us and our gratitude is expressed in the music of the heart which will find an outlet in deeds of Christ-inspired kindness.

**Difficult Things To Do**

A thoughtful person said (so I have read) it isn't easy to apologize, it isn't easy when all hope has fled to keep on going, but it's very wise.

It isn't easy to admit you're wrong; to swallow insult and to face a sneer; it isn't easy to sing loud and long when you're in the clutch of deadly fear. It isn't easy, friend, to try again when you have "come a cropper" — but it's best. To scorn a failure and to laugh at pain is but to prove that you have stood life's test.

It isn't easy when hot temper flares to subjugate it to sweet reason's sway. When fretted by a horde of pressing cares, it's hard to keep on smiling through the day. When clouds are black and hanging very low, it's hard to see the silver lining, friend. None of these things are easy, this we know, but aren't they worth the struggle in the end?

— Wilhelmina Stitch

**The Prayer Of St. Francis**

Lord, make me an instrument of peace! Let me sow love that hate may cease; let me plant faith where there is doubt; roots of despair let me pull out; let me sow hope where there is fear — Lord, be you ever standing near.

Where it is dark, I would bring light, where there is grief, joy's lantern bright. Lord, hear this faulty Francis speak. Teach me that I must never seek to be consoled, but to console and to make another sufferer

whole. Nor strive that I be understood (this would not work another's good), but teach me, Lord, that I may stretch a helping hand; not to be loved but love bestow on everyone where'er I go.

It is in giving we receive, and hearts that serve need never grieve. Let me bring peace where'er there is strife, in dying is eternal life — Lord, make this heart of mine your lyre, for it would echo your desire.

## Bible School Is Held At Gillespie

Three splendid Vacation Bible Schools were held in the Lansing, Foster Memorial, and Gillespie churches with the following numerical results:

Two fine Christian girls from Charlotte, Nancy Hargett from the Steele Creek church and Frances Pegrum from Camp Greene church, spent the summer in this field and gave their time as teachers in the Bible school and helpers in Youth Work, the Sunday School and wherever they were needed. They were a great asset to our summer program and our churches are indebted to them.

Our minister taught in two schools and some of our own young people too helped in the Bible School program: Katherine Miller from Gillespie, Mary Anne Campbell, Betty Campbell, Helen Campbell, Betsy Jones, and Anne Blewins from Lansing, and Brenda Little from Foster Memorial.

## Meetings Planned At Glendale Springs

Three series of services which hold promise of bringing great spiritual blessing for Glendale Springs Field are scheduled for this fall.

Rev. James Monroe will give a five day series of spiritual growth messages at the Glendale Springs church, September 15 through 19.

Rev. Charles McNutt will hold an evangelistic meeting at Millers church October 20 through 26.

Rev. Roger Melton will conduct services for five days at Laurel Fork church, October 27 through 31.

We covet the prayers of God's people in behalf of these services that they may renew dedication in the hearts and lives of the people of these churches and the surrounding communities.

## Highway Improved At Laurel Fork

The Laurel Fork congregation is thankful that the construction work on the highway in front of Laurel Fork church is nearing completion. This work has made the services at the church uncertain but the people have been very faithful and have traveled the road under very difficult conditions.

Now that there is gravel on the road, it will be possible to resume the weekly prayer meetings on Friday night.

# Bible Schools Are Most Successful During Year

Another season of vacation Bible schools has been completed in the Glendale Springs Field. Looking back over the summer in memory we can see carryalls with loads of as many as twenty-eight passengers; happy-faced children joyfully singing praises to the Lord; boys and girls with heads bent over colorful workbooks or reverently bowed in prayer; young people playing volley-ball; little children playing happy games; pupils diligently memorizing God's Word or listening eagerly to Bible stories. We pray that the seed of God's Word planted in the hearts of these boys and girls may bear fruit in their daily lives.

Now here are some Bible school facts:

Glendale Springs - enrollment: 103  
Average attendance: 77  
Perfect attendance: 48

Teachers: Martha Rose Miller, Grace Caudill, Peggy Saultz, Ella Mae Miller, Peggy Jo Miller, Billie Faye Combs, Doris Woodie, Mrs. Herbert Bare, Bill Wingler, and Dave Smiley.  
Director: Evelyn Acheson.  
Ebenezer - enrollment: 43  
Average attendance: 32  
Perfect attendance: 20

Teachers: Peggy Jo Miller, Pauline Roten, Ella Mae McNeill, Nancy Atwood, Mary Etta Miller, Dave Smiley.  
Director: Dave Smiley.  
Bethel and Millers combined (at Bethel) - enrollment: 51

Average attendance: 34  
Perfect attendance: 21

Teachers: Paula Wayne, Peggy Jo Miller, Carol Shepherd, Kathern Shepherd, Linda Shepherd, Bill Wingler, and Dave Smiley. Director: Evelyn Acheson.

Laurel Fork and Peak Creek combined (at Peak Creek) - enrollment: 79  
Average attendance: 51  
Perfect attendance: 38

Teachers: Martha Rose Miller, Marv Ruth Wyatt, Peggy Jo Miller, Bill Wingler, Dave Smiley. Director: Evelyn Acheson.

## Louise Stark Helps In Bible School

It was a real joy to have two visits from Rev. Carl Stark during the summer and to have his daughter, Louise, help in the Lansing Vacation Bible School.

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## Lansing Group Attends Camp

The Lansing field was well-represented at the Pioneer camp and senior conference this year.

To the Pioneer camp five young people from Lansing went: Steve Hart, Gary Osborne, Bryan Stamper, Virginia Lynch, and Donna Baldwin.

To the senior conference at Glade Valley four young people went from Lansing — Pat Eastridge, Helen Campbell, Betty Campbell, and Jason Ring, and two young people from Foster Memorial — Mary Sue Vannoy and Anne Davis.

At this conference Jason Ring made his first great decision to follow Christ and upon his return home was received into the membership of the Lansing church.

Another significant event in the Lansing church has been the profession of faith of Tom Goss and his reception into the membership of the church.

## Jesus On Earth

One little beginner seemed not to be enthusiastic about his first session at Sunday School. The teachers were nice, the room was lovely, they had played with blocks and looked at pictures for half an hour, "But," said the little four year old, "Jesus wasn't there."

That was the point stressed in a recent convention: We MUST bring the children into personal relation with God. Even the nursery class can be something more than sanctified baby-sitting.

— The Church Militant

Away with work that hinders prayer;  
'Twere best to lay it down;  
For prayerless work, however good,  
Will fail to win the crown.

— The Church Militant

## Lansing Field Loses Pastor

Rev. G. M. Hollenhead has resigned from his position as pastor of the Lansing, Foster Memorial and Gillespie churches to become the pastor of two churches near Augusta, Ga. His resignation was effective Sept. 1.

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## Wealth On Earth Not All Taxable

A tax collector one day came to a poor minister in order to assess the value of his property and to determine the amount of his taxes.

"I am a rich man," said the minister.

The official quickly sharpened his pencil and asked intently, "Well, what do you own?"

The pastor replied, "I am the possessor of a Saviour who earned for me everlasting life and who has prepared a place for me in the Eternal City."

"What else?"

"I have a brave, pious wife, and Solomon says, 'Who can find a virtuous woman?' — for her price is far above rubies."

"What else?"

"Healthy and obedient children."

"What else?"

"A merry heart which enables me to pass through life joyfully."

"What else?"

"That is all," replied the minister.

The official closed his book, took his hat, and said, "You are indeed a rich man, sir, but your property is not subject to taxation."

— The Newsletter,  
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nation was effective Sept. 1.

Mr. Hollenhead has lived in the manse at Lansing for 8 years and served as pastor of the three churches in that field.

A farewell fellowship supper was given him and his family by the three churches on Wednesday night, August 20. As a parting gift, the Lansing church gave him a new suit.

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## Ashe Students Now At Montreat

Ashe county students are now at Montreat College where many of them are making excellent records for themselves and the county.

Jean Mash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Mash, of Glendale Springs, arrived at Montreat last week to participate in the student government association retreat at Montreat College. She is editor of the Sun Dial of the Student Government Association and is a member of the senior class.

Miss Martha Rose Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Miller, of Glendale Springs, is participating in the Student Christian Association retreat at Montreat. She is president of the student Christian Association and is a member of the senior class.

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## Thanks Extended To Many Workers

We wish to express our sincere thanks to each volunteer teacher in the Bible schools of Glendale Springs field for their willing service. All of these teachers, whose names are listed in the article on Bible schools, performed a real labor of love in teaching the boys and girls and their sincere effort to make the Bible schools a real success is deeply appreciated.

A special word of thanks goes to Bill Wingler, Glade Valley senior from Bethel church, who gave his fine, willing service in three schools and to Martha Rose Miller, Montreat senior from Glendale Springs church, who so capably taught in two schools.

We wish to express our thanks to the workers we have had in the Glendale Springs Field this summer. Their service helped in a splendid way in making the summer activities a real success and in furthering the work of Christ's kingdom in this field. Dave Smiley, a Glade Valley teacher, filled two preaching appointments each week, worked actively with three youth groups, and taught the young people's class in each of the four Bible schools. Oscar Culler, a graduate of High Point College who will enter the teaching profession this fall, filled three preaching appointments each week. Peggy Jo Miller, a Montreat graduate from our Peak Creek church who will teach near Winston-Salem this fall, taught a class and served as pianist in all of our Bible schools.

We deeply appreciate each hour of service given by these young people and wish God's richest blessings on their future lives.

## Youth Groups Meet Regular

Under the leadership of Dave Smiley, youth groups met regularly during June and July at Ebenezer, Glendale Springs, and Bethel with Millers and Bethel young people joining together.

Those groups meeting on week nights had much fun and fellowship playing volleyball with a fine devotional service following this recreational period.

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## Family Altars

If every home in every land had altars  
Where families worship daily and  
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Is lifted up, and God's dear Word held  
sacred,  
With Christ a welcome guest beside  
them there,  
The nations would not need to reas-  
semble  
In further parley over future peace,  
For enmity and strife would be for-  
gotten  
And wars with their wild rumors all  
would cease.  
The love of God is born at family  
altars,  
Peace and goodwill to all mankind is  
part  
Of any praying group's sincere de-  
votion —  
God, God, may every household take  
to heart  
The old earth's deepest need, and rear  
their altars  
Close by their own fireside; and peace,  
long sought,  
Will lave the earth because of man-  
kind heeding  
The vital lessons that the Master  
taught.

— Grace Noll Crowell

I saw tomorrow marching by  
On little children's feet;  
Within their forms and faces read  
Her prophecy complete.  
I saw tomorrow look at me  
From little children's eyes,  
And thought, how carefully we'd teach  
If we were wise.

## Jefferson Makes Bldg. Improvements

The Jefferson Women of the church are very busy improving the church. The last project was to have the floor sanded and polished.

Now they are looking forward to carpeting the sanctuary. The men of the church are meeting more often and are planning things to do that will be of value to the church both spiritually and materially.

Miss Gladys Cuiler, a '58 graduate of Montreat College, was in charge of the vacation Bible school at the Jefferson church. This school was held in June. There was an average attendance of thirty-four.

Lord, lay some soul upon my heart  
And love that soul through me;  
And may I humbly do my part  
To win that soul for Thee.

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## Glade Valley School Opens

The Glade Valley school opened her forty-ninth session: September 2. The Reverend R. L. Berry, pastor of the Sparta and the Glade Valley Presbyterian churches led the devotional.

The boys and the girls arrived on the campus on Monday, the first, in time to register, receive their room assignment, and get their rooms in order before six o'clock. The first convocation was at seven thirty in the chapel of the Reynold's Administration building. W. C. Thompson, the principal, presided, making introductions and announcements. This part of the program was followed by some get acquainted games led by Miss Jean Futrell.

Both dormitories are full to capacity. Miss Anne Corry, the registrar, announces that she has accepted four more girls than she ever has before. This was made possible by using the apartment formerly occupied by the Johnsons who during the summer moved into an attractive home built by the Board of Trustees. Many applicants had to be turned away because of a lack of space.

The following are serving as members of the faculty and staff: F. B. Eldridge, superintendent; W. C. Thompson, principal and science teacher; E. C. Johnson, choir director and Bible teacher; David Smiley, dean of boys and history teacher; Winchester Coker, supervisor of buildings and grounds; Fred Pruitt, farm and dairy manager; Lloyd White, assistant farm manager; Mrs. Winchester Coker, dietitian and home economics teacher; Mrs. Lois Cheek, assistant dietitian; Mrs. Lucy Houck, typing teacher and general assistant; Mrs. Tom Folger, housemother; Mrs. Blanche Dunnagan, piano teacher; Bette Jean Futrell, English teacher; Anne Corry, dean of girls and math and French teacher.

## Young People Plan To Hear Graham

Plans for the fall include a weekend trip to Charlotte to hear Billy Graham. This is planned for the first week end of October and it is hoped that young people from the three churches can go from Lansing

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## Mountain Peace

Out of the valley, away from the plain, breathing the air of the mountains again; away from the city, its noise and its grime, its hustle and bustle and swift race with time. Into the quietness, up, up to a peak where beauty is seen and silence can speak, and bells ring out clearly from a distant church steeple, "The mountains, the mountains bring peace to the people."

Out of the valley of grief and despair, away from the presence of sorrow and care. Up, up to the mountains, the peaks of the soul where minds find their healing and hearts are made whole.

Eyes blinded with fear, now look ye above and gaze on God's mountain, the peak of His love. The peaks of the soul are the heights we must seek. Here beauty is seen and the still voice may speak, and bells ring out clearly from steeple to steeple, "The mountains, the mountains bring peace to the people."

## Autumn Hill

God, that my giving thanks to Thee might be  
As beautiful as this — an autumn hill.  
Serene at summer's end and confident  
At winter's start; so eloquently still;  
Yet praising Thee in colors vivid —  
deep  
And tender for the mercy Thou hast shown  
In hiding every broken, fallen branch  
With trees that braved all weathers  
and have grown!  
God, that my giving thanks to Thee might be  
Touched by the glory of the day that is done —  
Sensing past every frost, a dawn in spring —  
Even as this hillside in the autumn sun!

Oh, fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,  
Until my very heart o'erflow  
In kindling thought and glowing word,  
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show,  
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## Rev. James Monroe Conducts Special Services In Ashe

Rev. James Monroe of Winston-Salem, conducted a series of five services at the Glendale Springs church on September 15 through 19. His messages were on spiritual growth and described the steps toward a stronger Christian life in a splendid way.

Rev. Charles McNutt of Charleston, West Virginia, preached at an evangelistic meeting at Millers church October 20 through 26. There was a fine attendance and, though there were conversions, the powerful, Spirit-filled messages were of great benefit to Christians and unsaved alike. Bethel church co-operated in these services in a fine way.

Rev. Roger Melton of Montgomery, West Virginia, held a revival at Laurel Fork church October 27 through 31. Though it was a short meeting there was a wonderful spirit of interest shown. Mrs. Ed Miller, who confessed Christ as Saviour in her student days at Glade Valley school, came forward expressing her desire to receive baptism and to unite with the church and Bryan Upchurch professed his faith in Jesus Christ. We do rejoice over these two coming into Christ's Kingdom.

We wish to express our deep appreciation to each of these ministers for giving their time and talent to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ in such a clear, understandable way here in our Glendale Springs field.

## Christ Is Enough

In Christ Christmas and New Year's have eternal meaning. For Christmas means that my Saviour came into this world for me. And each new day as it dawns brings me the two-fold realization that my Saviour lives triumphant for me over all of sin and death, and that this new year and each new day is to be lived for Him and with Him.

—From log of the Good Ship Grace, Haven of Rest.

## Lansing Kitchen Is Re-Decorated

The Lansing women have been working on their kitchen. A new double sink replaces the old one; new cabinet covering, a new gas range, and new hot water heater have been added; the floor has been covered with new vinyl, and the walls and ceiling painted a lovely lemon yellow. Other improvements are in their minds when the treasury grows a little.



And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this

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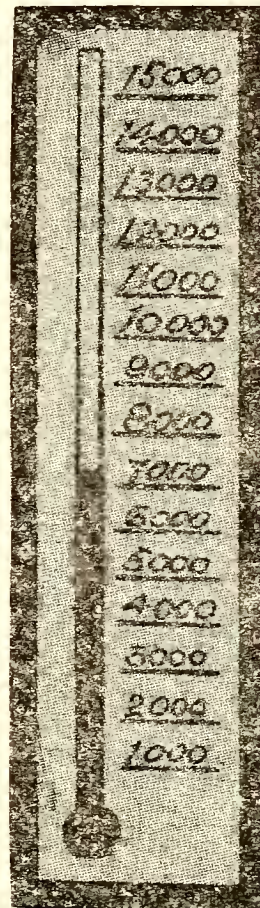
## Former Worker In Ashe Churches Dies In Alabama

Funeral service for Miss Myrtle Williamson, 56, who died in a Tuscaloosa hospital in Alabama after an extended illness, was held Saturday in the Steele Creek Presbyterian church. Taking part in the service was Rev. John R. McAlpine, III, pastor of the church, assisted by Dr. Samuel Burney Hay, president Stillman College and the Rev. Lawrence W. Bottoms, secretary of the Department of Negro Work for the Presbyterian church. Burial was in the family plot on the church ground.

Miss Williamson came to Ashe county in 1926 from the Assembly's Training school in Richmond, Virginia, as the first Presbyterian youth worker in the county.

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## \$7,700.00 Is Needed To Begin Work On Johnny Luke Memorial



The thermometer to the left shows just how far we have advanced in securing funds to complete the remaining construction of this building. As you can see by the indicator on the thermometer, we have about \$7,300.00 in the treasury. The indicator also shows that we need \$7,700.00 to complete the work. A friend has offered \$1,000 when we reach \$14,000.

### PAY AS YOU GO PLAN

The basement and foundation have been completed. As we lacked funds, we discontinued work when the construction work was in such a condition that it could not be harmed by the weather. All masonry work was covered by strips of roofing to protect it from the winter weather. We had to adopt the plan of "Pay as you go."

### MATERIAL ON HAND

We have no debts and we have on hand an estimated \$3,000 worth of material, brick, blocks, windows, steel trusses and lumber for the floor.

We are hoping and praying to resume work in the summer of 1959. We are very thankful to each of our friends who have made gifts to help us toward our goal.

### ROOF IS REPAIRED ON LOW GAP CHURCH

The men of Low Gap church have been busy repairing their church building. Roof, doors, and windows have been replaced. They also plan to paint the interior soon.

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**Christmas Meditation**

Who was this who was born on that far off Christmas Day? What manner of child was this whose first bed was a rude, dusty manger? Did anyone know?

Yes, Mary knew. Her soul was exalted beyond our imagining as she listened to the announcement of the angel, "That holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God! The heart of Joseph came in time to know. The wise men knew, drawn from the far corners of the earth as by a magnet. The angels knew, and all the wide golden streets of Heaven were crowded with them, their faces shining with joy, and their chorus of rejoicing rising again and again, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good will toward men! "Even the stars knew and one of the number was appointed to hang in luminous beauty over the spot where the young child lay.

But the world, the one most concerned,—the world, then as now, went blindly on its way.

But thank God, as you and I not only know, but incredibly wonder, we have a personal relationship with that Perfect One who left His ivory palaces and the glory which He had with God before the earth was, and walked here awhile in humiliation.

We know that God Himself spoke from Heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased! "Son of God, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords! Creator of the Universe, for without Him was nothing made that was made. Our great High Priest, ever living to make intercession for us. Sin-bearer, and yet future Judge, for all judgment is committed unto the Son. The Captain of our salvation, the Author and Finisher of our faith. The bright and morning star, the Resurrection and the Life!

Mary called Him by the little human name of Jesus, but His name was also Wonderful, Counsellor. Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of

**Christmas Spirit**

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day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Lord, now lettest thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

St. Luke 2: 8-20, 29-32.

**FORMER CHURCH WORKER IS DEAD**

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From the files of the Ashe Presbyterian the following was written about her when she came:

"At the assembly's Training School she was student body president and had a prominent part in writing the commencement pageant." When she

Peace.

No room for Him at the inn! Could any inn contain the Lord of Glory?

**Laurel Fork To Build Addition**

The members of Laurel Fork church have, for some time, felt a definite need for additional space for Sunday School classes. Five classes are meeting in the church sanctuary so everyone is eager to see an addition built with an adequate number of rooms as soon as possible. The building fund has been steadily growing and has now reached \$845.00.

**In Memoriam**

In loving memory and with deepest sympathy to their loved ones, we dedicate this column:

Hort Miller — Beloved elder of Laurel Fork church.

Paul Wyatt — Member since childhood of Bethel church.

John Osborne — Faithful member of Laurel Fork church.

Mrs. Everett Little — Faithful member of Jefferson church.

Everett Shepherd — Member of Bethel church.

came to Ashe county along with her came the remarks, "she is the finest of the training school."

Five years later the Synod of Texas claimed her as promotional worker and again from the Ashe Presbyterian was printed "They were indeed five fruitful years of incessant activity. Her life, her words, and her work beautifully blended in leading many to Christ."

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. George Leeper, of Parkton, Mrs. D. A. Huffines of Sanford, and a brother, the Rev. D. Lee Williamson, of Brazil

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## Sing, Bethlehem!

Sing, Bethlehem!  
 Upon you is a glory;  
 The thunder of the worlds is stilled,  
 The star swings silent in the waiting sky.  
 And wings of angels brush  
 The pathways of the spheres.  
 Sing, Bethlehem!  
 For shepherds plod the dusty road,  
 And kings ride from the wine-gold East.  
 The years may march in endless pomp  
 Adown the sounding corridors of time;  
 Kings, emperors, and nations rise,  
 Casting their mighty shadows on the stars.  
 And — sink to dust!  
 Your fame is sure,  
 Your name is written  
 Mid the imperishables.  
 The King of Kings is in your midst—  
 The Lord of Lord sleeps in a manger!  
 And angels hover over Bethlehem!  
 The skies are opened as a scroll,  
 The sea is silent and the wind are still,  
 His glory is upon the land!  
 Sing, Bethlehem!  
 For God has smiled.  
 It is good to build you a temple,  
 With the love of God your goal;  
 But to win the smile of the Father  
 I would rather build a soul.

## Church Papers Now In Homes

Among the real achievements of the year, we feel, is the fact that every family in these two churches now has this wonderful church paper coming into their home every month. This is going to make a big difference in our knowledge of the work of the church. Lansing hopes to follow very soon.

## Lansing News

Four women from the Lansing church attended Presbyterial at the Lee-Memorial church in Winston-Salem on Oct. 30.

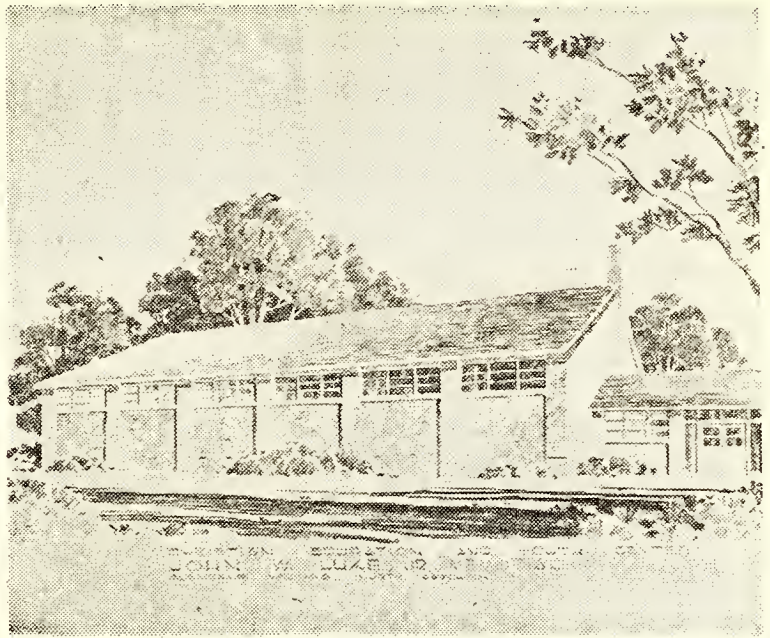
Five women from the Lansing church visited the Fall Presbytery when Dawes Graybeal was moderator, among them the mother of the moderator.

Two of the Lansing elders attended Presbytery and met with the committee on church extension to discuss the

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ARCHITECTS DRAWING of Johnny Luke, Jr. Memorial building when it is completed. More funds are needed before work can be resumed.

Holy, humble, penitent, believing, earnest, persevering prayer is never lost; it always prevails to the accomplishment of the thing sought, or that with which the suppliant will be better satisfied in the end, according to the superior wisdom of his heavenly father, in which he trusts. — Weeks.

God's way of answering the Christian's prayer for more patience, experience, hope, and love, often is to put him into the furnace of affliction. — Cecu.

need for a pastor in the Lansing field.

The Gillespie women have been studying Luke in a two-hour session each week and then having lunch together in the homes of the members. This has been a most enjoyable and profitable experience for them.

Open thy heart to God, if he be there, the outspread world will be thy book of prayer. — Tholuck.

As my greatest business is for God, to serve him, so my daily business is with God, to ask him for strength to do it.

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## Christmas

There are some things which never  
can be shaken,  
In spite of wars and rumored threats  
of wars;  
A star, a baby small, and Wise Men  
kneeling,  
While angels sing that small babe to  
adore.

And so I wish you on this Christmas  
morning,  
Above the din and hurt of war and  
strife,  
To hear through storm His voice which  
bids you, "Fear not,"  
And take from Him the gift of steadied  
life.

There are some things which never  
can be shaken,  
True since the star-lit night of Jesus'  
birth;  
"Good tidings of great joy" is still  
God's message  
To every tired heart upon the earth.

Therefore upon this hallowed Christ-  
mas morning,  
Despite the shaking earth's deep hurt  
and moan,  
I wish you faith in things which are  
unshaken,  
And peace and joy which come  
through Christ alone.

—Ruth Winant Wheeler, from Heart  
to Heart Talk, Gospel Broadcasting  
Association.

## Purchase Stove At Ebenezer

The Young People of Ebenezer church  
have decided that it is time for a  
new and better stove to heat the  
building. They have made up enough  
money to buy a very nice one which  
they hope to have installed soon. We  
are proud of this effort and interest  
on the part of the young people.

## Christmas Programs Are Being Planned

Lansing, Foster Memorial, and Gil-  
lespie plan to observe the Christmas  
season with carol singing, Nativity  
pageants, and Christmas movies.

Lansing plans a Christmas drama  
on Sunday, December 21. Foster Mem-  
orial is having a movie, "Child of  
Bethlehem" on Monday night, Dec. 22.  
Gillespie will have a Christmas ser-  
vice either on Dec. 20 or Dec. 23.

The community of Lansing is plan-  
ning a Nativity scene on the lawn of  
the Presbyterian church with tower  
chimes as a musical background.

Joyous Holiday Greetings

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## Christmas Wonder

The wonder is that the walls of that  
small stable did not part and stretch  
far, far away to the ends of the uni-  
verse in a vain effort to make a  
dwelling place vast enough to house  
infinity!

Yet this same sinless, incomparable  
One suffered indescribable tortures for  
love of you and me! For long dread-  
ful hours He hung upon the cross,  
bearing the guilt and shame of my  
sins and the sins of all the world. He  
conquered death and hell for me. He  
walks the earth with me. He has given  
Heaven to me.

It is too much. I cannot grasp such  
amazing depths of love. I can only re-  
move the shoes from off my feet and  
bow in silent adoration at the door of  
that little stable in Bethlehem!

—Martha Snel! Nickolson, from  
Heart to Heart Talk, Gospel Broad-  
casting Association.

## Churches Hold Union Service

The Presbyterian and Methodist  
churches are meeting in the Baptist  
church for a union Thanksgiving ser-  
vice.

A Presbyterian Youth Fellowship  
has been organized with Mrs. Donna  
Neal as adult adviser. We are pleased  
at the evident interest of the young  
people which was shown by an at-  
tendance of seventeen on a recent  
Sunday night.

The Women of the Church hope to  
have a new rug on the floor of the  
sanctuary by Christmas.

## Programs Held On Thanksgiving

As the paper went to press, plans  
were being made to give recognition  
to the Thanksgiving season at Laurel  
Fork and Bethel churches. Program  
plans were not completed but Rev.  
James Monroe of Winston-Salem and  
Miss Janet Robinson of Charlotte was  
expected to bring special Thanksgiving  
messages at these churches.

## Gillespie Has Worship Service

A wonderful occasion in the Gil-  
lespie Church in September was a boun-  
tiful church supper in the basement  
followed by a worship service in the  
sanctuary in which Rev. Tom I. Smith,  
pastor of the West Jefferson church,  
spoke on The Nature and Mission of  
the church.

## Elois Wells Is Lansing Visitor

On Oct. 10 Miss Eloise Wells came  
to Lansing and spent three days with  
us and conducted a clinic in the Lan-  
sing church school, observing the  
teaching in each class, counseling  
with each teacher, and suggesting im-  
provements. Her report on the clinic  
is now in the hands of the teachers  
and is to be studied and discussed in  
a meeting this week. This has and will  
continue to be a real help in our ef-  
fort to teach the Christian Faith to  
our youth.

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## West Jefferson Church Growing

It has been good to see our Sunday School grow since the program was instituted of letting the children and young people have charge of the service three or four times a year. The fall work was gotten off to a good start at the Rally Day service under the leadership of Mrs. Rex Morton.

Since vacation time we have had two Fellowship Suppers the last Wednesdays of the month. The special feature following the supper in September was a delightful program of piano music by Richard Luke. And the special feature of the October meeting was the presentation of the renewed charter of the Explorer Scout unit in this district — West Jefferson Presbyterian church being the sponsoring church. Scout Executive, Cecil Crayton of Elkin, made the presentation.

The Wednesday evening services of Bible Study are proving of increasing interest and value as discussion mounts and the "witness of experience" is found to be a reality today as vital as when Scripture was written.

West Jefferson church, considering the meaning of Thanksgiving Day in our nation, has sought this year that it shall have more significance to all in the community. Reflecting that in our land (where the separation of church and state rightly prevails) the day of Thanksgiving is the only day in the entire year when the nation as a political entity enters into an act of worship, the official boards have felt it right that a significant service should be held on Thanksgiving Day; permitting each to do what we can to signify that this is a believing nation — earnest that God's guidance and blessing shall continue to be vouchsafed to us; permitting all — on the day set apart by the nation — to come and to give thanks together.

## Fellowship Meals Held In Churches

Foster Memorial has had two Fellowship Suppers this fall — one in September when every member of the church was present, discussed the church problems, and reorganized the Sunday School. That was the first step upward and since then the attendance has been on the up-grade.

The other Fellowship supper on Nov. 22 gave us an opportunity to enjoy Rev. Tom Smith and his family and to hear him speak on Stewardship and Thanksgiving. At this time our Thanksgiving offering for Barium Springs was received.

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## Churches To Hold Union Programs

Laurel Fork and Peak Creek churches will have their combined Christmas program on Monday, December 22, at 7:30. Bethel and Millers will have their combined program at 7 o'clock on Tuesday, December 23. Program plans are under way and it is hoped these celebrations of our Lord's birthday will bring glory to his name.

## Emmanuel

They shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Matthew 1:23.

Though bells peal out this Christmas time  
As gaily as before,  
They greet a weary, restless world—  
Bewildered, stricken, sore.

A mighty name still rings above  
The conflict and the din;  
It breathes a calm through all the earth—  
It whispers peace within.

While nations surge like troubled seas,  
No words can ever tell  
How strangely sweet, this Christmas time,  
Thy name — Emmanuel!

—From Heart to Heart Talk, Gospel Broadcasting Association.

## The New Year

God gives to you another year,  
A year of hours and days;  
And as you face its unseen tasks  
And face its unknown ways,  
Lo, every hour some treasure holds,  
And every day new joy unfolds.

A fragment of eternity  
In which to gain and give;  
So many days and weeks and months  
To love and laugh and live.  
What shall these minted moments buy?  
How will you spend them as they fly?

They come all wrapped in silver morns  
That shade to golden noons,  
Tied round with strings of jeweled stars,  
Or sealed with mellow moons;  
If one brings cloudy skies and rain,  
A rainbow follows in its train.

So all that comes of seeming ill,  
And all that you deem good  
Are but God's precious thoughts of love  
When rightly understood.  
Another year all fresh and new —  
This is His lovely gift to you.

—Annie Johnson Flint, from log of the Good Ship Grace, Haven of Rest.

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# Glade Valley School Is Of Great Value To Students

It is the purpose of the writer to give a short, concise statement on the great value of Glade Valley school (a Christian high school situated in Alleghany county near Sparta, N. C.)

### 1. A Winner of Souls—

Consistently, for many years, Glade Valley School has been a winner of souls. Each year twelve to twenty young people are won to Christ by Christian surroundings and evangelistic effort.

### 2. A Producer of Christian Workers—

Those who have had the experience of living in the home mission fields served by Glade Valley, know of her value as a producer of church workers. Many of our church officers, both past and present, in our smaller churches in our mountain area are graduates of Glade Valley. The school has been a constant producer of Sunday School teachers, vacation Bible school workers and many musicians for our smaller churches. The Church Extension Committee will never know the extent of work done by volunteer teachers who have received their Bible training and inspiration from this Christian school. There has been a constant stream of Directors of Christian Education and some ministers of the Gospel who have come from Glade Valley graduates.

### 3. A Maker of Christian Homes—

What of Christian homes? Many homes are established because of the ideals and training that students have received at this little school. This fall in a revival a housewife reconsecrated her life and united with one of our Presbyterian churches. She stated that while at Glade Valley about thirty years ago she had made her profession of Christ.

### 4. A Feeder of Christian Colleges—

Much emphasis is put on the building of colleges these days. If the Southern Presbyterian church wants students for her colleges she should have high schools that will be in sympathy with the Christian college. Glade Valley is just this type of school. There has been a constant stream from her graduates who have attended Christian colleges. The writer knows personally of a number of students who have been channeled to Flora Mac-

Donald, Montreat, and King College. At present there are a number of seniors who have expressed their desire to go to a Christian college. If the Presbyterian church expects to fill her colleges, she needs to be Christian high school wise.

A few years ago a Methodist layman of Ashe county who has served prominently in her educational system expressed himself about the importance of Glade Valley school. He said he hoped the Presbyterian church would realize the importance of Glade Valley school as the Protestant denominations face the establishment of many parochial schools of another denomination and also the atheistic tendencies of the public schools. This man is wise and farsighted for he saw the great value of Glade Valley school and her impact for the future upon students of high school age.

## Young People Lead Worship

Since their minister left, the Young People of Lansing have led the Sunday morning Worship service following the Sunday School classes. They

## Lansing Youth Hear B. Graham

On Oct. 5 two cars of Young People from Lansing dropped down the mountain to Charlotte and spent the weekend at Mecklenburg's Camp Stewart. On Saturday night and Sunday afternoon they mingled with and marvelled at the great multitudes surging into the auditorium to hear the Gospel preached by the world's most famous evangelist, Billy Graham.

They were thrilled and inspired by the crowds and the singing, by the man and the message, but most of all by the stirring sight of the thousands responding to the simple invitation to come — to Christ. This was an experience these young people can never forget.

Those who went: Mary Anne Campbell, Betty Campbell, Betsy Jones, Pat Eastridge, Nancy Paisley, Earl Paisley, Richard Gentry, Floyd Richardson and Miss Kathryn Hunt.

have led the congregation in thinking of our Presbyterian beliefs.

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