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Why Seek Ye The Living Among The Dead?

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Mount Jefferson Church News

With Christmas coming, in 1966, upon a Sunday, it more or less made all the Sundays of the month — Christmas Sundays — in order to get all the activities in. The first Sunday, Dec. 4, the Ashe County Music Club did a superb job in presenting the Cantata "Legends of the Madonna" at a union service. The following Sunday, our young Crusaders sang carols in the evening for the old folk at the Grandview Rest Home. Then on Dec. 18, the radio broadcast in the morning was upon the text: "Thou shalt call his name Jesus"; while the evening service was of singing by the audience, specials by the choir, the picture "The Other Wise Man", and the Christmas party for the children. Christmas was the happy season that it always has been.

January of '67 gave us our first real taste of low temperatures during the current winter, but even at that we had open weather in the mountains. Winter Communion was observed, January 15; and the last day of January, Mr. John Reeves, our Clerk of Session, represented the Mt. Jefferson Church (along with the minister) at the Presbytery at Mocksville. The meeting was out in time to arrive home just as the Cub Scouts and parents set down to a covered dish supper at the church.

February 2 witnessed the Punxsutawney rodent see his shadow, for it was a bright sunshiny day. (The fable from Pennsylvania, however, worketh not in Carolina, since "sunshine or overcast", we get our six weeks winter
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Special Prayer For Assembly

Atlanta — Dr. James A. Millard Jr., stated clerk of the General Assembly, has called attention to an Assembly request asking churches to offer special prayer for the meeting of the Assembly.

The request comes from a recommendation dating back to the 1863 Assembly which asks all churches "to offer special prayer during the devotions of the Sabbath preceding the meeting of the General Assembly in each year, that God would of great mercy so give the Assembly the wisdom that cometh from above, and so direct all its plans, discussions and decisions, as to promote His own glory, and advance the Kingdom of Jesus in the earth."

The 1967 General Assembly of Presbyterian Church in the U. S. will convene June 8 at Bristol, Tenn.



Memorial Building Is Popular Place For Activities

The Memorial Building through the winter months has been one of the most active spots in eastern Ashe county. Boys from surrounding communities come on Tuesday and Friday nights to play basketball, ping pong and roller skating in the basement. Recently a very interesting game was played by a team from the Phenix Chair Company and Sprague Electric Company. Phenix Chair Company team won by a good margin. Boys from Ebenezer, Laurel Springs, and Glendale participate in many games during the winter months.

The young people from the Laurel Fork Church also enjoy playing basketball on an occasional Thursday night.

The Women of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church have their monthly circle meetings in the basement around the big fire place, the kitchen being used to make coffee and enjoy other delicacies that need warming or cooking at the stoves.

The young people of the Glendale Church enjoy popcorn, weiner roasts, and marshmallow toasting around the fire. The building is constantly used for social gatherings of the Glendale community; such as showers, demonstration meetings, and wedding receptions. Although the building is not complete in many details, yet it is proving to be a most useful building in the activities of the Glendale Springs Field.

Bobby Richardson To Speak In May At Glendale Springs

Bobby Richardson, the Yankee second baseman will speak in the Memorial Building at Glendale Springs on May 1 at 7 p. m. Bobby, who has retired from baseball this year has been throughout his career an outstanding baseball player, a consistent hitter, and the holder of several records in baseball.

It is with pleasure we can secure a nationally known Christian athlete to speak in Ashe county. All the high school athletes of the county are especially invited to attend the service in which Bobby will speak. The public is also cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Richardson is an ardent worker for Christ, and makes many talks in witnessing for his master. Bobby makes his home in Sumpter, S. C. and is in constant demand as a Christian speaker for young people, as well as to adults.

The Ashe Presbyterian gives Bobby a most cordial welcome to our county, and many will be glad to hear him speak on May 1.

Ashe Ministers Oppose Whiskey

The Ashe County Ministerial Association at their regular meeting on February 14 took action to go on record as opposing "liquor by the drink" and brown bagging. The Association, moreover, would encourage and urge individuals to express themselves to their representatives against these two ways of making whiskey flow freely in our state. The meeting was composed of ministers of the following denominations: Baptists, Methodists, and Presbyterians. Other churches are usually represented at the meetings but were not present at this meeting.

It is a proven fact that the more liquor that is turned loose in the country the more crime is committed, the more crime we have the more taxes we will have to pay. It is also a proven fact that liquor is causing a tremendous
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Walkie Bare Is At Lehigh University

Walkie Bare, son of Don Bare, of the Ebenezer community is taking graduate work at Lehigh University. Walkie is sent there by the Western Electric Company. Marsha Elane Bare his daughter is registered at Glade Valley School for the 1966-67.

He Is Not Here But Is Risen



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EDITORIAL

Easter

By Janet Robinsen

Sometime ago I remember reading the story of an artist who had just completed a picture of the Crucifixion. He was interested in knowing what the people thought of his work and chose a rather certain way of finding out. He mingled with the people who came to see the painting and listened so that he might hear their comments. Among those who came there was a little boy, and the artist, interested in knowing if the child really understood the message of the painting, stooped down and asked him what the picture was about. "Don't you know?" was the surprised answer of the little fellow. "That's Jesus." The artist looked at the painting with a puzzled expression on his face, pretending not to understand, and questioned the boy again, "Why is He on the Cross?" "Because of our sins," was the reply. "He died that we might be forgiven." The artist was greatly impressed with the child's answer and after lingering a moment passed on into another part of the art gallery. But a few moments later he found the boy who had run after him standing breathlessly at his side. "Please, sir," he said, "there's a bit more. He didn't stay dead."

"He didn't stay dead!" After all, I wonder if that isn't the message of Easter. He was crucified. They placed His body in a tomb and securely sealed that tomb by rolling a great stone across its entrance. Soldiers were even stationed on guard to prevent anyone's coming and removing the body. But "He didn't stay dead!" As that first glorious Easter morning dawned, the soldiers had fled in fear, the stone had been rolled away, the grave itself was empty. Something very wonderful had happened — a most unheard of thing. An angel of the Lord, with the appearance of lightning and with raiment white as snow, had descended gloriously from Heaven and with ease had rolled away the great stone. But that

In Memory Of Loved Ones

DR. PRICE H. GWYN

Dr. Price Gwyn, 74, was called unto his eternal life on Friday, February 10. Dr. Gwyn was born in Crozet, Va., and during his life held many prominent positions as educator and Presbyterian minister.

Dr. Gwyn served as superintendent of the Reidsville school system, the first dean of St. Andrews College, Laurenburg. Dean of the Flora Macdonald College, member of the Davidson College faculty, and retired president of the Glade Valley School, near Sparta. While president of Glade Valley School, Dr. Gwyn was a member of the Winston-Salem Presbytery. Recently his membership was moved to Fayetteville Presbytery in whose bounds he had retired at Southern

was not all. He who was dead had come forth — alive. "He didn't stay dead." That is what Easter means.

Loving women coming to the tomb that Easter morning with spices to complete the anointing of Jesus had been troubled as to just how they could get into the tomb. They had been saying among themselves, "Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the tomb?" But as they approached the tomb they discovered with wonder that the stone had been removed and the body was no longer there. "Why seek ye the living among the dead?" angels had asked them. "He is not here, but is risen." That glorious message is our message today. "He didn't stay dead."

I suppose one would say that the night after the Crucifixion was the darkest night in the history of the world. No enterprise that had ever been attempted in the world seemed more completely at an end than did that of Jesus. "Christianity died with Christ and was laid with Him in the sepulcher" — so men thought. There was no one who believed that He would rise again, though more than once He had clearly said that that would happen. His enemies seemed masters of the situation. The career of this young man who had troubled them so was at an end. His disciples were scattered like sheep. The man who betrayed Him had committed suicide. Jesus was dead. He was in a grave, and the hope of the world lay buried in that tomb. For the grave had closed its mouth upon the Master who claimed to be the Life of the World. It was a dark, dark picture indeed.

"But He didn't stay dead!" He was stronger than death. The Cross was not the end but the beginning. When things seemed darkest, they were really brightest. The message of Easter is that though the sun goes down, the dawn will come again. It means that those who accept the Christ of Calvary can cry victoriously, "O death, where is thy sting, and where, O grave, is thy victory?" Its message is the message of angels, and there message is the triumphant cry, "He is risen. He is not here." God still lives. He loves. He reigns. The last word is not defeat but victory. He lives — and I shall never die.

Pines, N. C.

Funeral service was held at the Steele Presbyterian Church and burial was in the church cemetery.

Dr. Gwyn was a man of many talents and one of the church's most dedicated men. "Well done thou good and faithful servant" is well spoken of him.

JESSIE G. BARE

Funeral service was held at the Peak Creek Brethren Church on January 13 for Jessie Bare, who was 89 years old. Mr. Bare had been a farmer in Ashe county most of his life. He lived in the Peak Creek community while active and at his death was living with his daughter, Mrs. Rosa Love, of North Wilkesboro, N. C. Rev. P. C. Parks, the pastor of the family, stated Mr. Bare had professed his faith in Christ to him at various times. He was looked upon as one of the most dependable and honest citizen of Ashe county. Another good man has gone to his reward.

LINZIE G. WOODIE

Mr. Linzie G. Woodie was born May 2, 1881 and was called from this life on January 23, 1967 making his age 85 years, 8 months and 24 days.

Mr. Woodie spent most of his life as a farmer in Wilkes county and was the father of Mr. Jones Woodie, a member of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church. Linzie Woodie was a professing Christian, and was a long standing member of the Baptist Church.

Services were held in the Boiling Springs Baptist Church and he was laid to rest in the church cemetery beside his wife who had preceded him in death just 8 months before his passing. He has gone to his reward and is now gathered to his loved ones who have gone before. May God bless and comfort his family who mourn his passing.

COLVARD LEE MILLER

Funeral service for Colvard Lee Miller, 77 years, of Jefferson, N. C. was held in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church on February 11. Mr. Miller passed away on February 9 at his home. He was a well known citizen and farmer of Ashe county. Those surviving are his wife, Mrs. Isabella Severt Miller, two daughters: Mrs. Ella Mae Woodie and Mrs. Tisha Cox, of Jefferson, N. C. There are two sons, Avery and Henry Miller, of Roseville, Ohio, also, who mourn their father's passing. Others who survive are 10 grandsons, 1 granddaughter, and 1 step-granddaughter.

Mr. Miller made a profession of his faith when he was a young man at the Orion Methodist Church. In his latter years he witnessed that he was ready to go when God called him. When Mr. Miller lived across the river, it was a familiar sight to see him poling his boat to the other side. Now he has crossed the last river of life, and is now resting on that eternal shore. May those who mourn, hear the courageous words of Jesus as He said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

Ruth E. Bowlin Called To God

Dr. Ruth Elizabeth Bowlin, 56, of the Peak Creek community was called from this life on January 29 while she was a patient in the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

Miss Bowlin was the daughter of Mr. G. W. Bowlin and Nancy Jane Woodie Bowlin. Surviving Dr. Bowlin are four brothers, Harrison, Bruce, Vaughn, Dympe, of Laurel Springs, N. C. and three sisters, Mrs. W. H. Sheets, of Quarrville, Pa., Mrs. W. M. West of Salisbury, N. C. and Miss Darrell Bowlin of Laurel Springs, N. C.

Dr. Bowlin was an honor student and graduate of Glade Valley School, also of Appalachian State Teachers College. She continued her education at the Biblical Theological Seminary in New York where she received her M. A. degree in religious education in 1945. She received her Doctorate in 1958 as the first woman to receive this degree from Vanderbilt in religious education. She taught in the schools of North Carolina and taught Bible in the schools of Florida.

Not only was Dr. Bowlin a person of fine talents, but was a dedicated Christian. She served as pianist and Sunday School teacher in her own church at Peak Creek and also was a leading spirit in Ebenezer and Low Gap Presbyterian Churches.

Funeral services were held at the Peak Creek Presbyterian Church on February 1 and she was laid to rest in the near by cemetery.

Her soul has fled from the pains of this life and has put on immortality. "A glad sound comes with the setting sun, 'Well done, well done!'"

Plan Summer Reading Class At Glade Valley

This summer Glade Valley School plans to have a summer school program known as the Blue Ridge Reading Clinic. The program will be in operation from June 10 until July 15. It is planned to accept students in grades 5 through 12.

Tuition for the five week period for boarding students will be \$250 and for day students \$150. This will include books, supplies, recreational activities, accident insurance and laundry for the boarding student. The same applies to day students, except they will receive one meal and laundry will be excluded.

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RECENT SLEET which fell throughout Northwest North Carolina made a pretty picture at Glendale Springs.

MOUNT JEFFERSON CHURCH NEWS

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following the advent of February (anyhow).

Having begun it this winter season, the Senior Young People, on Sunday night, February 5, had their monthly study of Catechism questions and answers. Then on Friday of that week, our church was represented at the union service for the World Day of Prayer at the Big Laurel Mennonite Church. A new troop of Scouts has been chartered this month, with the Mt. Jefferson Presbyterian Church as

sponsor. On Saturday, Feb. 25 the community awoke to 8-degree-below-zero weather.

Quotation for the month, attributed to the Christian soldier, Charles Gordon, whose death was dramatized in the picture, "Khartoum".

ASHE MINISTERS OPPOSE WHISKEY

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Young People At Glendale Active

The young people at Glendale have been very active this winter. On February the 5th which was Youth Sunday, the superintendent of the Sunday School, Mr. Oscar Elliott, requested the young people to conduct the devotional, which they did with much praise and credit. Mark Miller led the service. The other youth of the group cooperated nicely with a special hymn, scripture, poems and prayers.

The Young People have agreed to conduct one devotional a month for the Sunday School, the first Sunday in each month being their choice.

Towel calendars were sold before Christmas by the youth to make some special money for their activities.

Bibles for church use have been bought by the young people in memory of Jerry Caudill who lost his life by accident in camp in Alabama.

A World Day of Prayer Program was the topic of the Y. P. on Sunday, February 5, after which popcorn and a marshmallow roast was enjoyed around the big fire place in the Memorial Building.

Dr. Foreman, Sr. Dies At Age 75

Dr. Kenneth J. Foreman, Sr., passes from this life at the age of 75 years. Dr. Foreman was a brilliant writer and teacher. He was the associate editor of the Presbyterian outlook, had taught German and Bible at Davidson College, and was on the faculty of Louisville Presbyterian Seminary in Kentucky. Dr. Foreman made his home with Kenneth Foreman, Jr., at Montreat in his last days.

Many of us in this county remember Dr. Foreman's son, Rev. Kenneth Foreman, who was pastor in the Lansing Field in Ashe. Kenneth was one of the editors of the "Ashe Presbyterian" while he was in this field, before going to China in world mission work. We offer our sympathy to the family, and our encouragement in faith, that a great man of God has been received into the Land of Glory.

Edgar Miller Is Killed In Accident

Funeral service was held for Edgar Miller, of Glendale Springs, on January 23 at the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Miller lost his life by an accident while cutting timber for a saw mill. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ham Miller of Ashe county. Edgar Miller was over 68 years when he was called from this life.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his

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Dr. James Sydnor On U. T. S. Faculty

The Acting President of the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., has announced that Dr. James R. Sydnor has been elected to the faculty of the Seminary and will teach in the area of music and worship.

Some of the members of the Presbyterian Church in Ashe county will perhaps remember when Dr. Sydnor worked in the summer Bible Schools and Evangelistic Services in the county. In those days Dr. Sydnor was a young man in his teens and served as tent boy and song leader. We wish him God's blessings as he serves as instructor in worship and music.

Resolution

"Oh, what a happy soul am I
Although I cannot see.
I am resolved that in this world
Contented I will be.

How many blessings I enjoy
That other people don't —
To weep and sigh because I'm blind
I cannot and I won't!"

(Written by Fanny Crosby at
Eight Years of Age)

wife, Mrs. Zeta Miller, and their two daughters, Reta and Anita. There were also two older daughters by a former marriage, Mrs. Myrtle Lambert and Mrs. Vesta Ray Greer. Also surviving Mr. Miller are two sisters and four brothers.

Edgar Miller was a hard worker at his age of life. We offer our deep sympathy and prayer, that God will comfort his family.

Our Lost Sense Of Sin

"We live in a day in which all manner of advance and risk has led us into confusion. New fields have opened up and we are still in the jelly stage as to how to handle them. New scientific discoveries seem larger than our human ability to handle. To combat all forms of totalitarianism we have stretched our liberties till the strong alloy of responsibility is no longer in them. Good taste is no longer a warning hand. The allurements to youth and older seem unlimited and unrestrained. Arnold Toynbee says that, "Western man is industriously purging the sense of sin from his spiritual heritage." . . . "This lack of the sense of sin has produced endless indulgences in its wake: a premium on the books of immoral suggestion and thus a pathway for budding authors to walk, a movie censorship as flexible as half set jelly, liquor and sex delicately and persuasively available to all, homes without parents, and children without homes."

With the fading of the sense of sin has come also the loss of a sense of repentance and forgiveness."

--Kenneth Clinton, Shrines of God
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Birth Announced

A daughter was born to Rev. and Mrs. Angus Shaw the first week in March. Angus, as many of our Ashe county folks remember, held revivals for us in the Glendale Springs Field.

Angus has been married about two years and is now pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Marion, Va. May God bless the Shaw family with the happy addition.

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A time less forlorn, maybe in December.
But before that birth, whence did you come?
An eternal soul, would that have done.

With bodily features, yet you spring,
To exist or live the time tunnel you bring.
Now curls around you those earthly pleasures,
To tempt you and try you and see what the measure.

Life's road grows dim, earth's body grows old,
And soon you will leave; your story may have been bold.
Now you shall enter, if all things are right.
A place yet forbidden to creepers at night.

No human being can be sure what goes on from there.
But I will venture and give you my share.

The air is but incense; the sky purest blue;
The morning is springtime, yet there is no dew.
The master walks among his numerous friends,
No need for protection, no wickedness within.

The birds sing gaily and do aspire,
The beautiful songs of the angelic choir.
No shadows of trouble; all time is well spent.
No suffering, no hardship; there is no torment.

By David Sheets

Defects In Survey For Presbytery

I would say that the person that wrote up the suggestions in the survey does not know very much about mountain terrain, mountain roads and weather in the mountains. We have to remember people have pride in their communities. A community takes pride in their church also. If a church is moved off very far from communities that are interested in their church, you will have an empty church and it would not be long before all the windows are knocked out, for there must be some interested families around a church if you expect it to be taken care of. In the Ebenezer Field of



REMINDER OF PIONEER DAYS Lee Miller, of Glendale Springs, uses a yoke of oxen and a sled to travel over the ice covered roads.

churches contrary to the statements in the survey, Ebenezer is a very substantial church that has beautiful new pews and pulpit furniture. An old cemetery by the side of the church is well kept up. Laurel Fork Church is well situated on one of the main highways, Hwy. 18, that leads to Ashe and Alleghany counties. It is very much alive with a good group of young people growing into the church life. The

reason that some churches do not seem to grow is that they are constantly sending out people to other churches. They are winning souls into the Kingdom but constantly sending these members to city and town churches where they move to get work. Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church and Glendale Springs Church are like two fortresses commanding the two
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Letter From Jerry Hamby Is Written From Vietnam

Dear John and Mary (Luke)

How is everything there on your side of the world? Things could be a lot worse here. We've been working extra long hours and all day last Sunday. We will be allowed to go to church this Sunday. We have a nice church and a good chaplain of the Protestant Faith. There is also a Catholic Chaplain. It seems that one tends to slack off in his duties to the Lord during times of prosperity but during times of danger or sickness we tend to grow humble and revert.

I remember you teaching me that a Boy Scout is "Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent." It seems this also applies to a soldier.

I remember some of the pictures the Presbyterian Missionaries presented of poverty of foreign nations. For some reason it didn't get to me much then. Today two other guys and myself drew our weapons and went off post to dump some trash and garbage. Entering the dump I saw about 100 people aging from 5 to 50 years. I was instructed to keep them off the truck. They were like ants invading a lump of sugar. I yelled, "Get off, scram, and so on," but they "No savy English." We had a case of spoiled oranges. They fought over them. They ate all the good and part of the bad. Some wore shoes four sizes too large. I've never seen poverty in the U. S. — not really.

Well, its getting late so I better sign out for now.

Always, Jerry

Villard Blevins Now In Conover

The Ashe Presbyterian is always interested in the young men who have gone out from the county, and their advancement.

Villard C. Blevins the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Blevins is now living in Conover. "Villard" as the community of Peak Creek knows him, is doing fine work as superintendent of Welfare of Catawba county. Villard attended the Sunday School and Presbyterian Church at Peak Creek from boyhood days. Not only is Villard directing the welfare work but is very active in Presbyterian Church work in Catawba county.

Easter Greetings

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Miss Lois Calhoun Visits Glendale Field

The Glendale Field of Churches were delighted to have Miss Lois Calhoun visit our field on the weekend of February 5. Miss Calhoun is now working for the Board of Extension for the Presbyterian Church. Her special work is making surveys in growing areas in the south. At the time of her visit she had a special assignment of surveying suburban developments around Winston-Salem.

The churches of Glendale and Laurel Fork enjoyed the visit and we hope Miss Calhoun will return to spend more time with us. As many of our people know, Miss Calhoun spent several years working in this field of churches. She has helped to organize several new churches in the Assembly and is doing a very efficient work. We pray God's continued blessing on her work.

Richard Luke Is Given Tribute

Before Richard Luke passed away a recording of his original compositions was made and the radio station WKBC broadcast this music with a tribute to him. This music and tribute has been put on a record. The Ashe County Music Club which Mr. Luke organized will have these records for sale to those who are interested. Any proceeds gained by the sale will be used as a music scholarship for worthy young musicians. We are indebted to Mr. James O. Hartman of the Hartman Music Store of West Jefferson, N. C. who recorded this music. We are also indebted to the WKBC radio station for helping to arrange the music and tribute.

Grandmother

Grandmother on a winter day
Milked the cows and fed them hay
Slopped the hogs and saddled the mule
And got the children off to school.
Did a washing, scrubbed the floors
And did a dozen other chores,
Chopped some wood and brought it in
Enough to fill the kitchen bin.
Stewed a bowl of apple fruit
And pressed her husband's Sunday suit.
Cooked a supper that was delicious
Afterwards washed up all the dishes,
Fed the cat and sprinkled the clothes
And mended a basket full of hose,
Then sat down to the organ
And started to play
"When You Come to the End of a
Perfect Day."

—Selected.

Beard And Hall Vows Exchanged

The marriage ceremony of Linda Kay Beard and Marvin Worth Hall was conducted on the evening of February 11, at the home of Mrs. Albert Fugh in the Ebenezer community. Miss Beard is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Beard, of Lenoir, N. C., and Marvin is the son of late Mr. Walter Hall and Mrs. Hall, of Ashe county. Neighbors and relatives were present to celebrate the marriage and to enjoy the wedding cake and refreshments.

Rev. J. W. Luke, former pastor of the Ebenezer Church performed the nuptials. May God bless these young people as they establish their home.

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Prayer

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Pray for my soul. More things are wrought by prayer Than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice Rise like a fountain for me night and day. For what are men better than sheep or goats That nourish a blind life within the brain, If knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer For so the whole round earth is every way Bound by fold chains about the feet of God.

World Day Of Prayer Observed

The World Day of Prayer was observed in Ashe county at different points. The Church of the Minnonites in the northern part of the county was asked to be the church to gather for prayer on this day.

At Glendale Springs one room of the Presbyterian Church was opened all day and Bibles and prayer program was placed upon the table that people could drop in for prayer at any time. Prayer was held at basketball practice in the Memorial Building. Prayer was held in 125 nations. The whole world needs to pray — Did you pray for peace and forgiveness on the World Day of Prayer?

Mount Rogers Being Developed

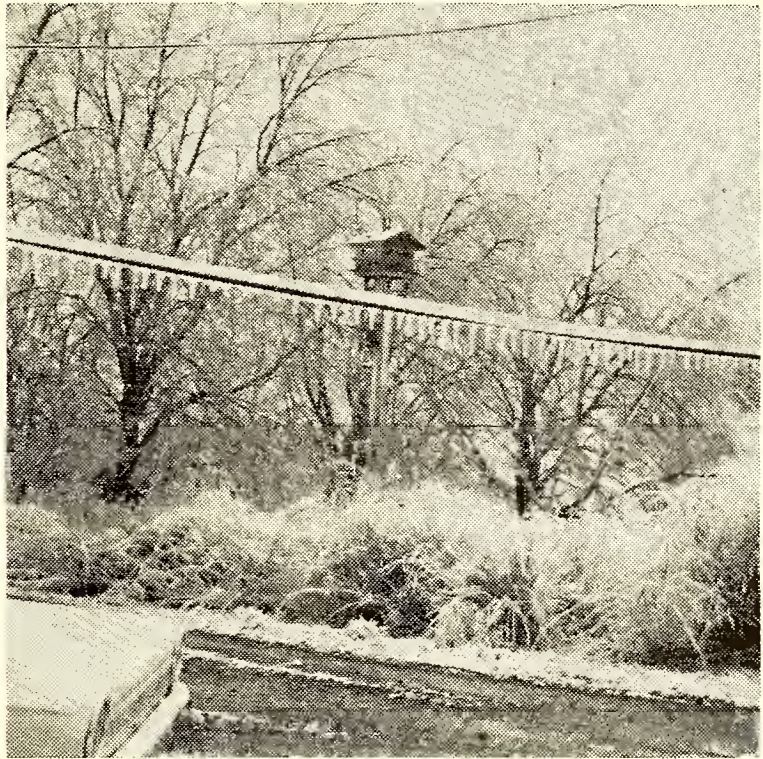
To the north east of Ashe county across the Virginia line, there is a beautiful Mountain called Mt. Rogers, whose foothills extend into the northern part of Ashe county. The town of Damascus, Va. with the cooperation of the Council of the Southern Mountains, Inc. Berea, Ky., are planning to develop Mt. Rogers with an expenditure of \$25,000,000. The effect of this development will be felt by the adjacent counties to the mountain. Among the counties that will be gateways to

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this development are the following: The County, N. C., Johnson County, Tenn., and Grayson and Washington Counties, Va.

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CLINTON SHEPHERD, a member of the Bethel church is now in service as a M. P. in Korea.

Following Our Boys In Service

We have the following names of boys in service from our churches or from our young people who attended our churches: (There may be others whose names we do not have)

Glendale Springs — Jerry Hamby, Vietnam; Donald Miller, Thailand.

Laurel Forks — Willie McGrady, Okinawa; Johnny Roten, Vietnam. Bethel — Clinton Shepherd, Korea; Rodney Wyatt, (Brenda Wayne's husband), Guam.

Peak Creek — Marion Bare, (back in U. S. from Vietnam).

Defects In Survey For Presbytery

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main roads to Ashe county. Laurel Fork is on the main Highway 18 to the east and Glendale Springs is well situated to main highway 16, twelve miles to the west. Through these two highways most of the traffic from counties below the mountains feed into Ashe. Highway 18 is also one of the main roads into Alleghany county.

The Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church is situated in a very stragetic position. It is located 12 miles to the

west of Laurel Fork and is on one of the main roads into Ashe County — Highway 16. Glendale Springs is located in a little settlement with four country roads feeding into it, and another leading to the Blue Ridge Parkway, only about 1000 feet away. Glendale is becoming a favorite place for summer homes. About 12 such homes have been built in the last three years within 2 miles of Glendale.

There are very few churches close to the Blue Ridge Parkway, and we are fortunately situated within sight of one mililon and a half tourists who travel the parkway in a summer season. The Presbyterian Church U. S. should be proud of a church with such a unique position, where millions of travelers from all over the United States can get a glimpse of one of their church buildings. The Northwest Trading Post is also at Glendale Springs. About 70,000 a season stop there and shop. Once in a while tourists come down to the church and worship with us. The Trading Post was brought about by the Men of the Glendale Church who got together and tried to improve their community. The Northwestern Development Association saw the need and backed it up and now we have a real tourist attraction, The Trading Post is where travelers can buy mountain hand work and products. The Glendale Church is also on a wonderful recreational program. The Memorial Building, with its fine gymnasium has proved a great blessing to

the activities of the Glendale Church and Field. This building was mentioned in the survey as a community building. It is not a community building, it is a church activity building. Every Tuesday and Friday night the young people gather for basketball, and in the basement, roller skating and ping pong are carired on.

A beautiful kitchen has been developed by the Women of the Glendale Church, and a nice dining room has been completed with a beautiful fireplace. The Women meet around this fireplace for their meetings.

The Boy Scouts of Laurel Springs practice and play basketball also in the gym. The young people of Laurel Fork Church also have some of their meetings and recreation in the memorial building.

This building is used for our church suppers, the young people have weiner roasts and programs and it is in constant use when the Daily Vacation Bible School is held. County wide affairs have been held here also. The Woman's Demonstration club of the county have used the building for large groups. In July the Rotary Club of Elkin, N. C. will be entertained by the Women's Demonstration Clubs of the county. Wedding receptions and many showers for newly weds are also held in the building.

The Presbyterian Manse has been established at Glendale Springs because it is very convenient to many parts of the Glendale Field.

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Frank Johnson Is Here For Summer

Frank Johnson, a student from Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C., has been highly recommended by Miss Margaret McQuilkin and Chris Lubkemann as a good worker for the summer. We are looking forward to having Frank with us starting June 10. The room in the Memorial Building occupied by Chris will be furnished for Frank. We are interested in knowing that Frank is a native of North Carolina, his home being at East Bend.

Frank will help in the three Bible Schools, teach in Sunday Schools, work with Young People and preach once in a while.

Glendale Women Attend Meeting

On April 21 a group of the Women of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church attended the Presbytery of Winston-Salem at the Highland Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem. Mrs. Lenna Ray Stanley, Juanita Dancy, and Mrs. J. W. Luke enjoyed the meeting, and the splendid lunch serv-

ed afterward.

The group, with the pastor, J. W. Luke, visited two young people from Glendale Springs in the Baptist Hospital, Angie Stroud and Judy Miller.



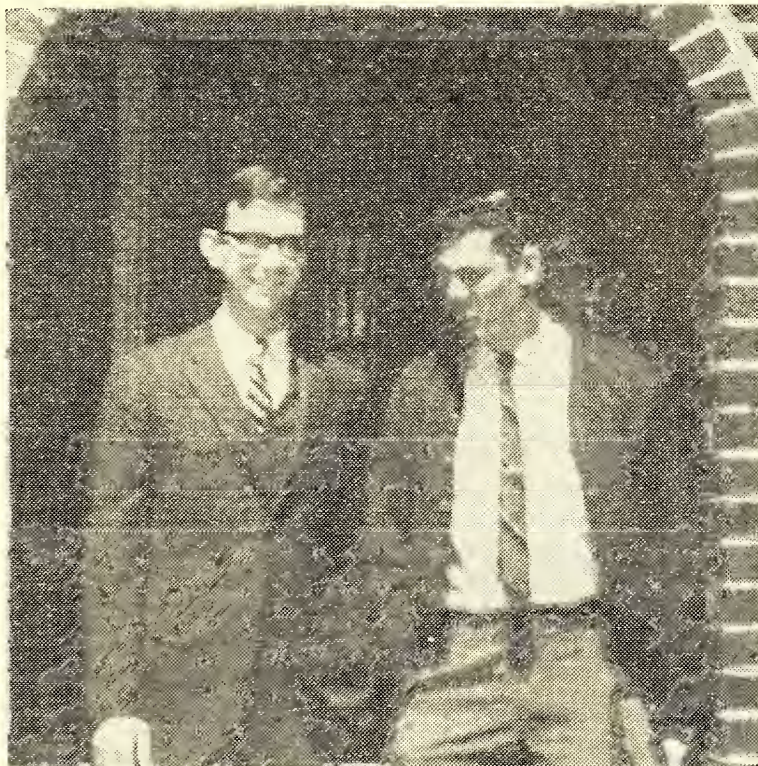
FRANK JOHNSON

News From Mount Jefferson Church

The spring months of March, April, and May, having reversed the usual order, have given us rain at the end rather than at the beginning. This has meant some cancelling of outdoor activity for the young people in May, but action has gone on. Back in March, the Crusaders gave a song service for the old folk at Rest Home No. 2. The church provided preaching services also on Palm Sunday and on Easter at Rest Homes No. 1 and 2 respectively.

On Palm Sunday, the Mt. Jefferson Church observed Communion; and on Friday of Holy Week there was the annual half-hour union service at noon, with Rev. Russell Young, of the Methodist Church bringing the message — found in the second word from the cross. Sunrise Service on Easter, with the men's "ham and egg breakfast" following, was well attended; as was also the regular worship service when the message of Christ's Last Beatitude — "blessed are they that have

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OSCAR ELLIOTT, superintendent of the Glendale Springs Sunday School took a snapshot of two visitors, Joe Carroll and Larry Whitney from Columbia Bible College. Larry and Joe came up with Chris Lubkemann for the weekend. Both Joe and Larry made short talks at Sunday School as their witness for Christ.



BOBBY RICHARDSON

Bobby Richardson Is Against Liquor

Bobby Richardson, champion second baseman of the New York Yankees, has always stood against the use of liquor and alcoholic drinks. In his ten years with the Yankees, Bobby stood out against the use of alcoholic drinks. He will not allow his name to be associated with strong drink in advertisement on TV nor the use of tobacco.

We hope all young athletes who strive to get to the top will take notice of the clean cut example of Bobby Richardson.

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EDITORIAL**God Needs You!**

By Rev. Gene Gurganus
Missionary To Pakistan

God needs you! This may be a new thought for some. Surely we need God, but some may hesitate to accept the statement "God needs us". An anecdote I once heard illustrates this truth.

After Christ had ascended to Heaven, an angel came to Him and inquired, "Lord, now that you have finished the work of providing salvation for all men when are you going to send us angels to bear the Good News (Gospel) to every land?"

"Never!" Christ replied.
The angel exclaimed, "But, Lord, how will they hear?"

"My disciples will take the Gospel to every land", answered the Lord.

Shocked and stunned, the angel stammered, "No, Lord, No!, Peter has already denied you three times; James and John are hotheads. Remember the time they asked you to call down fire from heaven and burn up a village that would not receive you? Lord, what if they fail?"

"I have no other plan", Christ replied.

God chose to need us. For the outworking of his divine redemptive plan, He delegated to His followers an integral part. Sorry to say, but the vast majority of Christians have never entered the great conflict, the holy endeavor, being co-workers with God.

Three great enemies rob many Christians of the joy of serving Christ and their fellowmen. Enemy number one — an unyielded body. "Brethren, make a decisive dedication of your bodies, i. e., all your members and faculties . . . to God." Enemy number two — an unprepared mind. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed . . ." Enemy number three — an unresolved heart. "Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself . . .", i. e., to do the

**Frances Foreman
To Wed This Month**

We recently received an invitation to the wedding of the daughter of Rev. Kenneth Foreman, who served as pastor in the Lansing Field of Presbyterian Churches.

Frances Ogden was born in Ashe county as many in the Lansing Field remember. Frances will be married to Paul Leslie Garber Jr. Saturday, June 10 in the Gaither Chapel, at Montreat, N. C.

Many in Ashe county remember Rev. and Mrs. Foreman as they served in the Lansing field. The people of Lansing will recall Frances as the little one who was in the home. May God give his richest blessings upon the marriage of Frances and Paul.

**Angie Stroud Is
Now At Home**

We are glad to know Angie Stroud is at home and doing well. Angie was in a wreck a few weeks ago and stayed in the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem for some time.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Marion Stallworth Stone, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Stone (Bobby Stone), of Davidson, was born May 30 in the Memorial hospital in Charlotte. "Bobby" Stone, the father is the son of Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Stone, of Ashe county. Dr. Stone is circulating manager of the Ashe Presbyterian. We congratulate the Stones as grandparents again.

**Walter Farrington
Is Visiting Here**

J. Walter Farrington, who was one of the original elders of Big Ridge Presbyterian Church, is visiting the county. Mr. Farrington now makes his home in Roseville, Ohio.

**Hall Absher
Goes To College**

Hall Absher of Wythville, Va., grandson of well known builder, Bert Dixon of Ashe county, has received a basketball scholarship to Hampton-Sidney College.

will of God no matter what it cost or where it led.

God needs you. But don't feel over-important because your failure will not defeat or frustrate the purposes of God. To you is given the privilege of working with God and letting God work through you. If you fail to present your body, prepare your mind, and purpose in your heart to do God's will, be assured that God will find faithful men and women to accomplish His purposes.

**Rev. Plummer Smith
Is Visitor Here**

Rev. Plummer Smith who is a retired veteran missionary from Africa made us a surprise visit at Glendale Springs. Mr. Smith, with others of his family had a reunion meal at the Bluff Park Restaurant and made a short visit to the manse at Glendale Springs.

**Dates Are Set
For Bible School**

Dates for the Daily Vacation Bible Schools in the Glendale Springs Field have been set as follows: If there is no reason for change, we will follow this schedule. We hope to have a week for Y. P. Bible Study which has not been set.

Glendale Springs, June 12-17.
Laurel Fork, June 19-24.
Bethel, July 3-8.

In Memoriam

The Ashe Presbyterian offers their sympathy to the family of Judy Miller, who passed away on May 12. Judy had been ill for over two months, and had been removed from the Baptist Hospital to the sanatorium at Black Mountain. God plucks the roses of this life to adorn Heaven.

In Memoriam

E. M. (Bud) Dancy passed away March 12, 1967 at the Wilkes General hospital. Mr. Dancy lived in the Millers community and on the Wilbar Route 1. He leaves his wife, three sons, and two daughters to mourn his passing. "Bud" as Mr. Dancy was called by his friends, was over 82 years of age.

Some years ago Mr. Dancy united with the Miller's Presbyterian Church and was elected an elder. He was a faithful Christian member and served his church as long as he was able.

Funeral service was held in the New Light Baptist Church by Rev. Muncie Absher, Gwyn Kilby, and J. W. Luke.

May God bless and comfort the family as Mr. Dancy has been called to his eternal home.

"Well done thou good and faithful servant."

In Memoriam

Mrs. Beulah Ruth Craven passed away April 14, 1967 at her home Route 1, Jefferson, N. C. She is survived by her husband Fields Craven, three sisters, Mrs. Hiram Bare, of Laurel Springs, N. C.; Mrs. A. M. Baily, of Covington, Ky.; and Mrs. Arvol Bare, of Kingsport, Tenn. Three nieces, five nephews, and four step-daughters also mourn her passing.

Mrs. Craven professed faith in Christ and was baptized in the summer of 1945 when she united with the Low Gap Presbyterian Church.

After a long illness, which she bore bravely and patiently, she was called to her home in Heaven.

Large Crowd Hears Bobby Richardson

Outstanding Christian athlete, Bobby Richardson, spoke to a large crowd in the Memorial Building at Glendale Springs on May 1 at 7:30 p. m. The Young People and the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church sponsored the meeting.

Bobby Richardson is the well known second basemen of the New York Yankee ball team. Bobby, who has several world series records, also holds the Sports Magazine Corvette Award as an outstanding ball player in the history of baseball.

Mr. Richardson is an active member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes which consists of the outstanding Christian champions of all sports.

Not only has Bobby made hits on the baseball diamond, but he made a great hit with the people of Ashe county.

All the high schools in Ashe county were given special invitations to attend the service, and were well represented by the schools of Ashe as well as by some schools from Wilkes and Alleghany counties.

A dozen baseballs, autographed and Bible referenced by Bobby Richardson were given to all schools represented. The Bible reference: Rom. 1:12 "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek", was the most used reference that Bobby wrote on the baseballs.

To take care of the meeting, a neat little platform was constructed in one end of the Memorial gymnasium, a public speaking system was lent by Jack Miller, of Jefferson, N. C. and chairs were borrowed from the Beaver Creek High School and the two funeral homes of the county.

The deacons of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church took care of the parking, and the Young People acted as ushers.

The highlight of the service was the talk of Bobby Richardson. After an interesting discussion on baseball questions asked by the congregation, Bobby gave an inspiring and clear cut Christian message.

After the benediction, many of the young people and boys crowded around Bobby with baseball gloves, and papers for an autograph.

We hope Bobby will come again to Ashe county and make us a longer visit. We pray God's blessings on Bobby's appearances as he witnesses for Christ throughout our country.

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Miss Hart Weds Michael Tribble

Miss Patsy Ann Hart, of Lansing, and Michael Tribble, of West Jefferson, were married in the Lansing Church Sunday afternoon, May 28.

Patsy and her grandmother, Mrs. L. B. Ham, are members of the Lansing Church. Michael is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Tribble. They are members of the First Baptist Church, West Jefferson.

A reception was held in the church basement following the wedding, and the couple departed for Texas, where Michael will be serving in the Air Force.

NEWS FROM MOUNT JEFFERSON CHURCH

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not seen, yet have believed" — was delivered.

On Wednesday, March 29, the church held its first Fellowship Supper of the year — supper being followed by an extraordinarily fine program arranged by the Women-of-the-Church. The guest speaker was Jule Christian Spach, a missionary from Brazil, and his message was upon "God's Master Plan". The congregation is indebted

to the ladies for this happy and profitable evening.

April, being a warm and dry month, the young Crusaders had their first outdoor supper at the Manse on Sunday evening, April 9 — the meal being followed by the evening study. And as for study, the Winston-Salem Presbytery met at the Parkway Church on the days of April 14-15 for a study of the meaning of Creeds in the church. On April 21-22, Presbyterian met at the Highland Church, and seven of our ladies attended. Then on April 26, the Choir gave a party at the home of the new family in our midst, the Van Ness's, — at which time a token of appreciation was given to Mr. Van Ness for his work of instruction with the choir since the beginning of the year.

In May, the church was represented at the stated meeting of Presbytery at Pine Hall by Elder Robert McNeill and the minister. On Mother's Day, the message noted the mother of David, mentioned only once in the record, I Sam 22:3, and once in a memorial, Psalm 86:16. May brought a new little man to the home of John Kilby and Sally Reeves — a little fellow bearing the title of Benjamin — "son of the right hand (that is, of happiness)". We all enter into the happiness of the parents, and thank God also for the five new members who have united with the church during the spring quarter.

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New Team Heads Glade Valley

June 1 finds a new administrative team at Glade Valley School. The school is quite fortunate in having an able educator, Robert E. Chilton, to assume the duties of president, June 1. The new business manager for Glade Valley School will be Bill Edward Calaway. Miss Anne Corry will continue in her capacity as Academic Dean. David Thrift who joined the staff in January, is a member of this team and will direct the developmental and summer programs on the campus.

Mr. Chilton was born in Winston-Salem. His undergraduate work was done at Appalachian State Teachers College, while he received his Masters in Education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mr. Chilton has completed most of his work for an Ed. D. at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has had a rich background of educational experiences and is now serving as Academic Dean for Surry Community College at Dobson, North Carolina.

Mr. Calaway was educated in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and received his A. B. Degree in Business Administration from Duke University. Mr. Calaway is presently located in Missouri. He comes to Glade Valley with a most vivid background of business responsibilities. In addition to the business operation of the school, Mr. Calaway will be promotions and development officer.

Miss Anne Corry, who has so ably served Glade Valley for years, will continue her able service as the Academic Dean and Mathematics teacher.

Miss Corry was born and reared in Georgia, receiving her undergraduate degree from Flora Macdonald College and Master's from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mr. Thrift, although new to the staff, will find his place in developmental and summer programs. Mr. Thrift was born and reared in North Carolina. He received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from East Carolina College.

Revival At Laurel Fork

Rev. Gene Gurganus, who many of the people in the Glendale Springs Field need no introduction has promised to preach at Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church on June 26 through July 1.

Gene as many of us call him, has spent nine years in East Pakistan in Mission work. He has helped to lay the foundation work of a mission field. Mr. Gurganus works under the As-

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Young People Attend Rally

A senior group of young people from Glendale Springs and Laurel Fork Presbyterian Churches attended the Senior Rally at Camp Susan Barbara Jones on the evening of April 16. The rally lasted from 3 p. m. to 7 p. m. A large number of young people from various churches attended.

The young people enjoyed attending and seeing the camp for the first time.

Chris Lubkeman Visits Here

On the weekend of May 5 through 7 Chris Lubkeman made us a visit. Chris brought two of his friends with him — Larry Whitney and Joe Carroll. Chris went to Bethel Church and made a short talk during the service. Larry and Joe gave short witnessing talks at the Glendale Springs Sunday School. Chris will graduate at the Columbia Bible College this spring.

sociation of Baptist for World Evangelism. The Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church is looking forward to having Gene with us. Let us pray for God's richest blessings on the week of revival preaching. Gene says that he will be with us unless providentially hindered.

Pakistan Missionary Speaks At Glendale

Rev. Gene Gurganus, of Rocky Mt., N. C., now a veteran missionary of 9 years in Pakistan, gave us challenging messages in the Glendale Field.

Gene, as many of us know him, showed a wonderful sound film on the life of Pakistan and the mission work in which he is engaged. Very fine slides of the work were also shown. Work among the primitive tribes of the mountains, the Moslems, the Buddhists, the Hindus have been developed since Gene has worked in Pakistan. A hospital has been built and a staff of doctors and nurses has been established where there were no doctors among several millions of people. In the city of Chittagong, headquarters have been established for correspondence Bible courses which have brought forth much fruit.

Gene Gurganus works under the Association of Baptist for World Evangelism whose headquarters is at Philadelphia, Pa. He is now itinerating during his year of furlow in the interest of missions in Pakistan. Inspiring messages were given during the week of May 15 through 19 at Glendale Springs, Bethel, and Laurel Fork Churches.

God willing, Gene will be back with us for the week of July 2 through 7 at Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church with evangelistic messages. We ask our Christian friends to pray for us for this meeting. Let us pray for Rev. Gene Gurganus and the work God is doing in the country of Pakistan.

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3 Bible Schools In Lansing Field

The session of the Lansing church has scheduled Daily Vacation Church Schools to be held in Lansing and in the Gillespie and Foster Memorial Chapels in June.

The Lansing school will be held June 12-16, from 2:00 to 4:30 in the afternoon.

The Gillespie school will be held June 19-23; and Foster Memorial, June 26-30. Both of these will be from 2:30 to 5:00 in the afternoon.

Union Service For Lansing

The Lansing church field will hold its fourth "Fifth Sunday Union Service" in the Lansing church on Sunday, July 30. Members of the Gillespie and Foster Memorial Chapels are being urged to attend this union service. A guest minister will preach, since Mr. Murrell will be on vacation.

Union services have been held in each of the three locations in the field since Presbytery voted in September to make Gillespie and Foster Memorial chapels of the Lansing church: October 30 at Lansing, January 29 at Gillespie, and April 30 at Foster Memorial. The last union service was followed by a picnic lunch which was prepared by the ladies of the Foster Memorial Chapel.

Ashe Presbyterian Salutes Graduates

The editors of the Ashe Presbyterian have received many nice invitations from graduates of the high schools of the county and near by counties. We pray God's blessing and indwelling peace as you take up new duties in life. A couple of texts that you should remember — "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.

"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Mt. 28:20.

Col. Joe Long Is In Vietnam

Col. Joe Long, the son of George Long, is a jet pilot in Vietnam. Joe was raised at Ebenezer community, and many of the citizens of Ashe county know Mr. George Long's family. Mr. Long is about 90 years of age and lives with his daughter, Mrs. Ruby Segraves, of Jefferson.

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Mrs. Ivan Miller Active In Synodical

Mrs. H. Lacy Godwin, former President of the Women of the Synod, is recuperating from a recent illness which will temporarily necessitate her withdrawal from some church activities. Mrs. Goodwin is currently director of the North Carolina Synodical Training School, set for June 12-16.

Mrs. Ivan Miller, of Ashe county, who is active in the Woman's Work has been asked to replace Mrs. Goodwin temporarily. Mrs. Miller's address is Mrs. J. Ivan Miller, P. O. 108, West Jefferson, N. C.

Young People Give Bibles

The Young People of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church voted to give Bibles for the pews in memory of Jerry Caudill. These Bibles are now in use and have added to the worship of the church as well as useful in the youth meetings.

Commencement At Glade Valley

The Glade Valley School Commencement exercises were held recently beginning with class night on Saturday, May 20, at 8:00 P. M. The baccalaureate service was at 11:00 A. M. Sunday, May 21. Dr. E. Perry Mobley, pastor of the Reynolda Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, delivered the sermon, and the Glade Valley School Choir presented the music.

During most of the previous week students were occupied with examinations. The annual piano recital was held in the school auditorium at 8:00 P. M. on May 25. There were fifteen participants, ranging from the freshman to the senior class. A public reception was held in the school library following the recital. Mr. Henry Thorne, piano instructor, invited the relatives and friends of the piano students to the reception.

Judge L. Richardson Preyer, a Trustee of the Glade Valley School gave the commencement address at 11:00 A. M. Friday, May 26, in Snow-Armen-trout Auditorium.

Special awards and diplomas were presented to the twenty-seven seniors.

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Bernard Bare To Work At Harvard

Bernard Bare the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bare is invited to take an active part in the Harvard Physics Project. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bare make their home on Rt. 2, West Jefferson, N. C. Bernard was an active Boy Scout and young person in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church before he began teaching in the Southeast High School in Greensboro, N. C. Bernard graduated from Jefferson High School in 1965 and completed his college education at Lees-McRae and Appalachian State Teachers College.

The Harvard Physics Project, as we understand it, is to emphasize and develop a new course on the cultural and humanistic values of science.

Bernard married Miss Rebecca Nichols, of Millers Creek, and for the last few years have made their home near Greensboro, where they have been teaching. We wish the very best for Bernard as he takes part in this nationally known project work.

Dr. Fred Stair President Of UTS

Dr. Fred Rogers Stair, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga. has been elected president of Union Theological Seminary in Va. The announcement of his election was made by the chairman of the board of Trustees, Thornton H. Brooks, at the commencement exercises held earlier.

Dr. Stair comes to his new post from the pastorate of the Central Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. He fills the vacancy created by the death of Dr. James A. Jones on Nov. 17, 1966. Dr. Stair is a native of Knoxville, Tenn., and has much experience in many fields of life as well as the pastorate. May God bless Dr. Stair in this most important position of our church.

Barbecue At Glendale Springs

At the time of the printing of this issue, a chicken bar-b-que supper is planned to be held on Saturday evening, June 10, 5 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Johnse Woodie will take charge of the process of preparing the chicken. The women of the church donate food and wait upon these who attend. Tickets are now on sale at \$1.50 and 75c.

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Revival Begins At Glendale

Rev. Wayne Good from Hopewell, Va. will preach in a revival for a week at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church. The date set for this meeting, God willing, is July 16-21.

Last year Wayne held a splendid revival at the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church and many of the Laurel Fork people will be interested in seeing Wayne at Glendale Springs.

Hart-Ross Vows Heard

On March 25 at 3 p. m. Roger Dale Hart and Barbara Lou Ross were married in the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church. Roger Dale is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hart, of Laurel Springs and Miss Ross is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ross, of Laurel Springs.

G. Valley Choir Gives Service

On April 2 at 7 p. m. the Glade Valley Choir, directed by Prof. Edward Johnson and consisting of about 35 students, gave a worshipful service at the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church.

The service was well attended and the singing of the well trained choir was very uplifting.

Light refreshments were served the choir and young people after the service.

The man who bows the lowest in the presence of God, stands the straightest in the presence of sin.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Recently an announcement of the birth of James Christopher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hatch, was received. The baby was born on May 16. We wish God's blessings on the family of Jim and Jan Hatch and the new addition to the family.

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2 Memorial Services In Ebenezer Field

Two of the largest attended decoration services were held in the Ebenezer field of churches. On August 12 the people gathered from many areas to decorate the large cemetery adjacent to the church. Many beautiful flowers were brought and placed on the graves of loved ones. Dinner was served on the grounds and a appropriate service was held in the church. An offering was received for the upkeep of the beautiful cemetery. Rev. H. el Boyce preached at the memorial service. Mr. Boyce as many recognize, married Miss Euraline Farrington, of the Ebenezer community.

On August 27 a second memorial and decoration service was held at the Peak Creek Church. This was one of the most successful and well attended service that has been held at Peak Creek. The large cemetery was well kept and beautiful flowers were laid on the many graves of loved ones. A memorial service was held in the Peak Creek Presbyterian Church. The following ministers participated in the service — Rev. Clate Brown, Rex Sheets, Bert Richardson, and J. W. Luke. Mr. Vaughn Bowlin was elected by vote to take the place of Miss Ruth Bowlin as treasurer of the cemetery fund. A permanent fund of \$2,000 is the goal which is set, the interest from which fund will be used as a steady income to maintain the cemetery. This goal has almost been reached and if there are persons interested, please make your donation to Mr. Vaughn Bowlin, Laurel Springs, N. C.

An offering was received for the temporary expenses of the cemetery.

These decoration services are like a homecoming for many people, as well as a memorial service in honor of their loved ones.

Dave Smiley Leaves For Charlotte

Mr. Dave Smiley who has taught at Glade Valley for a number of years has resigned and taken a position in the public schools of Charlotte, N. C. Mr. Smiley has been supplying the Ebenezer Field of Churches in Ashe County, which consist of Peak Creek, Ebenezer and Low Gap Churches.

Many of the people of these churches have expressed their regret that Mr. Smiley had to discontinue supplying these churches on account of moving to Charlotte. The congregations express their appreciation of the faithfulness of Mr. Smiley's supply work for them and wish Mr. Smiley God's blessings as he moves from our area.

picnic dinner was held at the Ebenezer Church grounds in honor of Mr. Smiley, and many people who had learned to love the Smiley family were present to wish them God's speed, and blessing.

MOST IMPORTANT VICTORY FOR U.S.



"LORD BE MERCIFUL UNTO
ME A SINNER"

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 wars 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.

Young People Active In Glendale Field

The young people in this field have been very active this summer. We have two young people's organizations in this field — one at Laurel Fork and one at Glendale. Frank Johnson was a great inspiration to the young people this summer. His Bible studies at

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Mount Jefferson Church Is Active

With all the youngsters back in school again, the activities of the summer — the camp-outs and swims, carnivals and recitals, picnics and vacation trips — are once again only things of happy memory. June, July, and August for '67 have now sped, but glancing back over them, we note that in June the Mt. Jefferson Church had its DVBS with the significant feature of former pupils now responsibly serving on the teaching staff. On June 5 the Crusaders — traveling in three cars — went by invitation to the Barium Springs Home, where they gave the children of the home a "Jam and Jelly Shower", and in turn were served luncheon. June 6 saw our representation leaving for Synod, but on Sunday, June 11 the Mt. Jefferson Church had as visitors three ministers who had come from the General Assembly. A week later, Hugh Smith went to the Pioneer Camp of the Presbytery, representing Mt. Jefferson for '67. The congregation was saddened when the Van Ness family moved — Charles' work calling him elsewhere; and by the death of Mr. Bill Davis in an automobile accident, in June.

The first Sunday in July, the Lord's Supper was observed, as well as the Sacrament of Infant Baptism — with little Benjamin Graham Reeves being baptised. July also had its sadness with the passing of Mr. Charlie Ross Jackson at 92, and the loss of the Howletts when Mr. Howlett's work necessitated the family's moving to Wytheville, Va. On Sunday, July 9, the Church and Sunday School Picnic was held in the locust grove of the new church site, and we were glad to welcome visitors, who had worshipped with us in the church service, to break bread with us also. The Cub Scouts of Den 1, Pack 273, held their second camp-out of the year, the night of July 14.

August witnessed our women canning goods, as usual, for the winter, and otherwise about the things of harvest. At the same time, the things of the Lord's harvest went forward also, with the pulpit being ably filled — during the minister's vacation — by Mr. John Leland (Sgt-Maj, Salvation Army), Dr. R. H. Stone, and Dr. James Rhodes. And now, the Women of the Church have planned the first Fellowship Supper of the fall — the one that honors our young people going off to school or other work.

the Sunday night and Thursday night meetings were very instructive and down to the Bible. Frank was not only a good Bible teacher but a good athlete and musician. His guitar music was enjoyed by all and many new choruses were learned to guitar music.

Volley ball and basketball was enjoyed at the week day meetings, and a Monday night rally was held at Glendale Springs each week. A visit

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Prayer Can Save A Nation

EDITORIAL

The last weeks of July in the United States were marred by shameful dis-behaviour of mobs in Detroit. People led by rabble leaders reverted to their savage natures to kill innocent people, to destroy stores, steal what they wanted and to set fires to property belonging to others, and to disobey and defy the laws of our country which is anarchy. Shall we not respect the rights of others? These riots reminded me so much of the mobs of Jews that cried out for the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

As the riots were put down, the President of the United States, censured those who had broken the laws of our country in such a shameful way, and showed willingness to go the second mile in helping those in need.

This is not a political paper, but what I wish to do is stress and discuss the request for prayer proclaimed by the President of the United States. The people of our country were asked to unite in a day of prayer and dedication for better relations among all people. This day was the following Sunday, July the 30. I was glad to hear that the president's wife flew from Texas to attend church with her husband on that Sunday — setting an example of prayer before the nation.

The next day after the address by the President of the United States over the television asking the people to pray and proclaiming a day of prayer and dedication, the newspapers did not seem to give prominence to this most important request of the President. I looked in vain for some newspapers that would print this request on the front pages, but I did not find it. If there were some I would like to have known it.

What was stressed in the newspapers was the pictures of those who led the riots with many insulting and besmerking remarks about the request for prayer. Many people who believed in



ELLA GAY WAGONER, who was bitten by a copperhead snake and had to be hospitalized.

prayer were shocked by the shallow way the request for prayer was dealt with. Many people were shocked to see our papers play up the irreverence of mob leaders against law and order, and fer irreverence for a sincere request for prayer to God. Have our papers lost their souls? I am reminded of the saying of Jerimiah as he lamented over his people when he said, "Hath a nation changed their God's which are yet no Gods". Jer. 2:11

Those who would and have treated with insult request for prayer are repudiating the faith of our fathers. They are mocking the prayers of the Father of our Country, George Washington who prayed—

"Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large.

And, finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that eharity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation.

Grant our supplications, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Those who would treat with irreverence a request for prayer are repudiating the faith of a Benjamin Franklin one of the great leaders who helped to establish this country of ours — Franklin as he sat with the Continental Congress said these words. I am quoting a part of what he said:

"In the beginning of the contest with Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayers in this room for the Divine protection! Our prayers, Sir, were heard; and they were graciously answered . . .

"I therefore beg leave to move, 'That henceforth prayers, imploring the as-

Lewis - Stephens

On July 1 at 11:30 a. m. Miss Carolyn Christian Lewis, of West Jefferson, N. C., and Mr. Thomas Earl Stephens, of Creston, N. C., were united in marriage at the Manse in Glendale Springs. May God give a happy home and a Christian one to this couple.

sistance of Heaven and its blessing on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business."

Again I say those who treat a call to prayer lightly are repudiating the faith of an Abraham Lincoln. A friend who was visiting President Lincoln tells this story. "I saw a sight which I have never forgotten. It was the President, kneeling before an open Bible . . . his back was toward me. I shall never forget the prayer.

"Oh, thou God, that heard Solomon in the night when he prayed and cried for wisdom, hear me. I cannot lead these people, I cannot guide the affairs of this nation without Thy help . . . O God, hear me and save this nation."

Again during World War II a call went up for our people to pray. The people responded to this call, and it was the turning point of the war. Dare a nation treat lightly prayer and God?

A wise King many years ago said, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Prov. 14:34.

I am glad to say many citizens of all races, of all parties, of all faiths, united in prayer to God on Sunday, July 30 as a day of prayer and dedication to God.

God spoke to Solomon many years ago when he dedicated the temple and he said —

"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 Chron. 7:14.

Blue Ridge Wagon Train Rolls Again

The Blue Ridge Wagon Train rolled again on Aug. 8 through 12. The Wagon Train as many know is the acting out again the travel by covered wagons and horseback riders as in the days of the pioneers. Some 90 covered wagons and 350 horseback riders took an old trail across the Blue Ridge Mountains from Wilkes county into Ashe and camping along the way. A final grand parade rolled through Jefferson and West Jefferson to a final camp at Beaver Creek. Among the many horse and mule drawn wagons there was one ox team wagon, the team of Lee Miller, of Glendale Springs pictured above. This was the largest Wagon Train that has recently crossed over the Blue Ridge, and said to be the largest that has ever assembled. Thousands of people viewed this great sight this year.

Rev., Mrs. Armistead Are Now In Mexico

Many of our churches remember Rev. and Mrs. Armistead who helped in three revivals in the Glendale Springs Field.

The new address of the Armisteads is now in Mexico where they are Missionaries. The Armisteads have five children and all are with their parents in the interior of Mexico. The address is: Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Armistead, Apartado 105, Chilpancingo, Guerrero, Mexico.

May God bless them in this great work in Mexico as they seek to preach the gospel message on the far flung battle line.

Miller - Blevins

Miss Rita Miller, the daughter of the late Edgar Miller and Mrs. Zeta Miller was united in marriage to Mr. Carl Blevins, of Lansing, N. C. on July 29 in the home of Mrs. King. The friends and neighbors of Rita from Glendale Springs wish the newly married couple a happy and a Christian home.

YOUNG PEOPLE ACTIVE IN GLENDALE FIELD

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to the student ministry at the camping ground at Doughton Park was of special interest on one Sunday night. Numerous hot dog suppers and cook-outs were held by each group. Young People from each of these churches were useful in conducting Bible Schools. We want to congratulate our young people for being of such service for their Lord. In all we have had a happy and active summer. Two of the Young People from Laurel Fork attended camp at the Barbara Jones Retreat, and a large group of seniors attended the rally one Sunday evening at the camp and retreat center.



LEE MILLER AND HIS YOKE OF OXEN attracted much attention in the Wagon Train.

Miss Acheson Back At Work In Hopewell

Miss Evelyn Acheson who spends her summers at Glendale Springs goes back to her teaching position in the West End Presbyterian Church at Hopewell, Va. Miss Acheson will go on Aug. 25. Miss Acheson is a splendid help in Bible Schools and Sunday

Schools in the Glendale Springs Field. She is a splendid Bible teacher and was of great inspiration in teaching the Women of the Church the monthly Bible study from time to time.

We pray God will bless Miss Acheson as she teaches this winter in the Christian School of the West End Hopewell Church. The people in this field miss her presence and fine spirit as she works with us here.

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Chicken Barbecue Is Well Attended

A chicken barbecue supper was served by the Glendale Springs Field of Churches. On August 5, Glendale, Bethel, and Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church cooperated in one of the most successful suppers held in the Memorial Building.

The men and women of each church showed fine cooperation as they cooked, contributed cooked vegetables, cakes and pies. About 300 plates were served at this supper. Johnse Woodie as usual supervised the barbecue process over the pit back of the church. Each piece of chicken was carefully cooked over the charcoal until it was completely done.

The supper was held that money could be made for the repair of the Manse, which needs painting and other improvement. A total of \$235.73 was cleared for this purpose.

In Memory Of

MRS. EULALAH SHEETS

Mrs. Eulalah Sheets, the widow of Lemeul N. Sheets, was born Feb. 22, 1886 and was called into Heaven July 19, 1967.

Mrs. Sheets was loved by many friends as well as her immediate family. She professed her hope in Christ at the Peak Creek Presbyterian Church several years ago and was ever a faithful Christian. Her children live to call her blessed and to testify to the training of a Christian mother. Funeral services were held on July 22, 1967 in the Brethren Church and interment was in the Peak Creek cemetery.

ROBERT CARL VIERS

Robert Carl Viers, born in Ashe county, passed away at the VA hospital in Salisbury, N. C. His parents were Everette and Clella Miller Viers. Surviving are his step-father, S. B. LaPratt and his mother, Mrs. LaPratt. Two half sisters also survive, of Winston-Salem.

Funeral services were held in the Brethren Church and interment was in the Peak Creek Cemetery. He had many friends who mourned his passing. May God bless and comfort each one.

MARTIN PHARR BARE

Martin Pharr Bare, who lived in the Glendale Springs vicinity, was born Aug. 1, 1898 and passed away June 15, 1967. Funeral services were held in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church on June 17 at 2:00 p. m. by Revs. Tommy Salmon and J. W. Luke. The final resting place was in the Bare family cemetery near his home.

Surviving are his wife, four daughters and four sons. Many neighbors and friends mourn Mr. Bare's passing. He was a believer in his Lord.

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THE CHICKEN BARBECUE SUPPER at Glendale was tasty and enjoyed by many.

Hall - Lubkemann

The churches of the Glendale Springs Field received last month, wedding invitation for Miss Diana Sherill Hall and Chris Lubkemann, Jr. marriage on August 25 at 7 p. m. in Darby, Pennsylvania.

Chris as the people of the Glendale Springs Field know was our summer helper last summer, who did a wonderful work in this field. He is a graduate of Columbia Bible College and in his

younger years lived with his parents in missionary work among the Indians of Peru, S. America

"Sherrie" as the young people recognize, is the girl whose picture adorned Chris' desk. She is also a graduate of Columbia Bible College, and makes her home in Darby, Pennsylvania with her mother.

We wish the Lubkemanns happiness and pray God's richest blessings for their lives. The people of the Glendale Field send their best wishes for a happy life in Christ.

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Oscar Elliott Is Glendale Supt.

One of the most faithful workers in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church is the Superintendent of the Sunday School, Mr. Oscar Elliott. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott drive about 9 miles each Sunday morning and are on time to open up the devotion of the Glendale Sunday School.

Recently some very unique facts were told the pastor of Mr. Elliott's early life, which are very interesting to all of us.

Mr. Elliott was the son of Mr. R. K. Elliott who was the Register of Deeds of Ashe County. The Elliots lived across from Mr. Eliahue McNell's home in Jefferson. While Mr. R. K. Elliott was register of deeds during the year of 1904, the court house of Ashe county was constructed at Jefferson. There is much talk of building a new court house today.

Mrs. R. K. Elliott, the mother of Mr. Oscar Elliott was one of the charter members of the Jefferson Presbyterian Church. Her maiden name was Miss Elmira Smithdeal.

As a boy Mr. Oscar Elliott attended the Jefferson Presbyterian Sunday School and was paid \$1.00 per month to act as janitor of the church. He was then 12 years of age. Mr. Elliott tells of driving the cows in from the fields east of Jefferson which at present is fast becoming a residential section of Jefferson. One of the jobs of the janitor was to ring the bell of the Jefferson Church each Sunday morning.

Mr. Elliott has been a faithful Christian from youth. He gives his testimony that when in his teens he came up in an evangelistic meeting to make a pro-

Death Claims Wife Of Former Pastor

Mrs. R. Fredrick Brown, wife of Rev. R. F. Brown, who had served as pastor for the Jefferson Presbyterian passed away on Aug. 10. Rev. and Mrs. Brown resided in Asheville, N. C. after his retirement. While returning from a preaching appointment from Saluda Presbyterian Church, a tractor and trailer swerved on the road and Mrs. Brown received an injury from which she did not recover. Mrs. Brown was employed before retirement by Ivey's Store at Asheville, N. C. She was a fine Christian woman, a wonderful wife and mother. Most of all she loved her church and above all her Lord.

The people of the Jeffersons remember the ministry of Rev. R. F. Brown as pastor of the Jefferson Presbyterian Church, and their prayers and sympathy go out to Mr. Brown, whose wife has been called to her home in glory.

fession in Christ. He was sent back to his seat two or three times because he was considered too young to know what he was doing. The boy, Oscar, kept coming back until they acknowledged his sincere profession in Christ. He has been a faithful Christian since that time. Mr. Elliott gives this advice, "Never doubt a child's faith in Christ no matter how young."

Mr. Elliott has been a faithful worker for Christ — having taught Sunday School classes for many years in Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday Schools adjacent to where he lived.

Mr. Elliott is an Elder in the Glendale Presbyterian Church and is a faithful Sunday School Superintendent.

Rev. Henry Schum At Bethel Church

As we write up the news for the September issue of the Ashe Presbyterian, we have just heard. Rev. Henry Schum, who was guest speaker at the Bethel Presbyterian Church for revival services. Mr. Schum has served as pastor for some time, a TV speaker and is now in full time evangelistic work. We enjoyed having Mr. Schum with us for the week of Sept. 3 through 10. May our Christian brothers in Christ be praying for us.

Hardy - Jenkins

The marriage of Kathleen Barker Hardy, of Grassy Creek, N. C. and Benjamin Edward Jenkins, of Rt. 1, Jefferson, N. C. was held in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church on June 24 at 6 p. m. We wish and pray a happy and Christian home for these recently married young people.

Women Of Glendale Church Are Active

The Women of the Glendale Church have been active throughout the summer. Each month they meet in the dining room of the Memorial Building.

On June 30 a good crowd of the women heard Mrs. Gene Gurganus speak on mission work in Pakistan. Refreshments were served.

On Aug. 25 Miss Evelyn Acheson taught the Bible Study for the month and gifts were brought as a shower to Mrs. Juanita Dancy.

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Vacation Bible Schools At Glendale

Three well attended Vacation Bible Schools were held in the Glendale Springs Field this summer. The title of the courses taught in each class was "Walking With Jesus". In the Bible Schools recreation consisted in Volley ball basketball, pingpong, dodge ball, soft ball, and ring games and sand boxes for the little ones. Each school was climaxed by a special program given by the classes and watermelon feasts for the enjoyment of all.

GLENDALE SPRINGS BIBLE SCHOOL was held on June 12 through the 17. The teachers were: Mrs. Betty Furr and Mrs. Mazie Miller in the Beginners Class. The Primary class was conducted by Miss Evelyn Acheson and Jackie Miller as helper. The Junior class was taught by Frank Johnson. Mrs. J. W. Luke was the pianist, and Rev. J. W. Luke directed the school. At the close of the school, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Yelanjian invited the teachers to a dinner at the Cherry Hill Restaurant.

LAUREL FORK BIBLE SCHOOL was held June 19 through the 25, and the following served as teachers: The beginners were taught by Jane Miller and Kay Miller. The Primary class was conducted by Miss Evelyn Acheson and Anne Hart. The Junior class was conducted by Frank Johnson. Anne Hart was the pianist.

BETHEL BIBLE SCHOOL was held July 3 through 8 and the following served as teachers. The beginners were taught by Jane Miller and Kay Miller. Anne Hart taught the Primary class and Frank Johnson the Junior class. Anne Hart served as pianist.

ATTENDANCE WAS AS FOLLOWS

Glendale Springs	78
Laurel Fork	54
Bethel	46
Total	178

Miss Janet Robinson Speaks At Glendale

We were delighted to have Miss Janet Robinson visit Glendale Springs and speak at the three churches.

Miss Robinson arrived on Friday, August 4 and spoke at Bethel Presbyterian Church at 7 p. m. on Saturday she enjoyed barbecue at the chicken supper in the Memorial Building. On Sunday Miss Janet spoke to the Sunday School at Glendale Springs at 11 a. m. and at Laurel Fork Church at 7 p. m. Every one was glad to see Miss Robinson and were greatly inspired by the wonderful Bible studies given by her. We are always glad to see Miss Robinson and trust she will visit us again very soon.

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Glade Valley News

By Robert E. Chilton, President

The largest student body in the history of Glade Valley School registered for the 1967-68 school year on August 28. One hundred and thirty-eight students and their parents flooded the campus on a bright, sun-filled August day. The registration lines formed at eight o'clock and ten hours later the student body was officially enrolled.

Eighty-four new students registered during the morning hours outnumbering the fifty-four returning students from last years rolls who registered during the afternoon hours.

The student body is made up of young men and women from all walks of life and representing several states and foreign countries.

Following a full day of registration activities, an "ice-breaker" party was held in the gymnasium when several games were played and orientation discussions were presented. The returning cheerleaders led the student body in several cheers.

The first full day of classes was on Tuesday. Students were busily involved in planning schedules, meeting the instructors and becoming oriented to



REV. GENE GURGANUS and family, Pakistan Missionary, was heard at Laurel Fork.

Copperhead Bites

Ella Gay Wagoner

One of the Bible School girls of Laurel Fork was bitten by a copperhead snake while picking strawberries. Ella Gay was picking wild strawberries near her father's home and was bitten on her right arm. Her sister happened to be near with her car, and rushed her to the Sparta hospital. After two of three days in the hospital Ella Gay returned home. She came to Bible School the last days with her arm in a sling. We are glad she recovered nicely from the bite.

In Memoriam

Mr. Charlie Ross Jackson, 91, fifty-one years a Christian, fifty years a Presbyterian Elder, was laid to rest on July 5, following a service in the Mt. Jefferson Presbyterian Church, in the West Jefferson Cemetery.

He and his family had been outstanding members of the Obids Presbyterian Church and community. Mr. Jackson was a song leader and Bible teacher in the Obids Church and later in the Jefferson Presbyterian Church. What he undertook, he did well. During his Christian pilgrimage he made many friends who shared the loss with his splendid family and cherish fond memories of him.

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the particular subject areas.

The first assembly was held on Tuesday morning. Rev. John McQueen opened the service with prayer and President Robert Chilton discussed campus regulations and issued a challenge to all students to have the best

year of their lives.

Mr. McQueen, the spiritual advisor to the students, spoke to the group on Wednesday. The first week of the new school year came to a close with a formal reception in the Snow-Armen-trout Auditorium on Saturday night.

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Present Memorial For Coach Wade Rose

One of the finest honors that Ashe county has been proud of was the winning of the 2-A Basketball Championship of the State of N. C. for the season of 1965. This championship was won by the high school team of Ashe Central. The coach that led this team to victory in the state was Coach Wade Rose, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Rose of Glendale Springs, N. C. Not only was Wade an excellent coach but he was also a leader for Christ. He was a member of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church and one to influence many of our youth to live a Christian Life. Wade was also a deacon in his church.

The Ashe Central Senior class of 1967 gave the money to set up a memorial to Coach Wade Rose. This Memorial is located upon the trophy shelf of the Ashe Central Gymnasium. It is enclosed with glass and consists of the following — A large colored portrait of Coach Rose is in the center and on either side are the baskets and nets in place. In each basket there is a basketball. These are the actual items that were acquired by the team when they won the last game at Winston-Salem in the state tournament. The other items on the shelf around the portrait are the trophies won by the championship team of 1965. We are sure to set up a memorial such as this, is one of the finest projects that a class could select. As the people of Ashe county know, Coach Wade Rose was called to his Home two days after his team won the state championship. Although he received many trophies here, now he has received the greatest prize of all, the crown of eternal life. We congratulate the class of 1967 for their choice to sponsor this fine memorial to Coach Wade Rose.

Frank Johnson Has Gone Back Home

Sunday, August 20 Frank Johnson, who has been such a faithful and efficient summer worker returned home. Frank will sing in his fellow school mate, Chris Lubkemann's wedding at Darby, Pennsylvania on Aug. 25. Frank will return to his home in East Bend, N. C. and from there to the wedding. He will return to the Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C. to complete his senior year.

Frank has made many friends among each of our churches, and strengthen-

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COACH WADE ROSE has fitting memorial of his leadership.

ed the faith of many by his sound and clear Bible Studies which he conducted among the young people as well as fine messages and Sunday School lessons. He was a good athlete, and the young people enjoyed many games of volley and basketball in which Frank participated. We trust he

will return to see us whenever he can make a trip to our field. The welcome hand will be out to receive him.

We pray that God will richly bless Frank in his senior year at college, and he will return to see us again. Frank aspires to be a missionary as his life's calling.

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Two Million Dollar Hospital To Be Built In Ashe County Soon

Ashe County made an extensive campaign for the purpose of adding to the old hospital, but to receive government funds a new hospital was suggested. The county raised about \$500,000 for the purpose of improving the present hospital. It is now learned that the government will supplement the funds raised so that a much larger hospital can be built.

The hospital will cost \$2,000,000 and will contain 75 modern rooms, and equipment.

Land has already been allocated for the purpose of building this hospital east of Jefferson on Highway 221 toward Glendale Springs.

News Heard From Mount Jefferson

We are told that our American Indians reckoned the full moon before the Equinox to be the Harvest moon, and the one after to be the Hunter's moon. This year September's full moon was a Harvest moon. We think of September as the month of return to school; and on Wednesday, Sept. 6, the Mt. Jefferson congregation had its first Fellowship Supper of the fall — the one honoring our young people who are going off to school or to work. Sunday, Sept. 24, Rally Day with its promotions was observed; and on the following Tuesday, the church was represented at the fall session of Presbytery, held at Glade Valley, by Elder Charles Davis and the minister.

October opened with a Sabbath Day this year, and therefore with Christian folk the world over sitting down at the Lord's Table together. And for our observance of World Wide Communion, Oct. 1, the Jefferson ladies of our congregation, along with Mother Barr, provided a beautiful new set of Communion service.

On Oct. 12, one of the charter members of the old West Jefferson Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Thomas Bowie, was called home by the Lord; and the following Sunday, Oct. 15, two adults united with the church on profession of faith, while other two united by church letter. The last Sunday of October, at a Court of Honor held in the evening, four of the lads in the Scout troop sponsored by the Mt. Jefferson Church, moved up to receive their Second Class Scout awards.

November saw another who has been very close to the church here, though living in Florida, namely, Mrs. (Continued on page 3)



Glendale Pastor Visits Top Of Mount Rogers; 6,000 Feet

Recently at the invitation of Mr. Geo. West, of Crumpler, who lives in the northern part of Ashe county, the editor of this paper visited the top of Mt. Rogers. Mt. Rogers is just north of the Ashe county and Virginia line. It is the highest mountain in the State of Virginia, and aspires to the height of Mt. Mitchel although it is not that high. The approximate altitude of Mt. Rogers is 6,000 feet above sea level.

This mountain is full of second growth balsam and red spruce trees. It is above the tree line of oaks and other leaf trees except the Mountain Ashe which is full of red berries.

The foot hills of this mountain extend into the edges of Ashe county. The United States Government is planning to make a national park of this mountain having set aside \$22,000,000. to develop for the future. A picture of the top of this mountain can be seen in this paper. Mr. West (Continued on page 3)

Mrs. Smith Is Recuperating

We are glad to hear Mrs. Tom Smith is now at home and recuperating from hospitalization. We pray that God will lay his healing hand upon Mrs. Smith and she shall soon be fully recovered.

Thanksgiving Services Are Held At Lansing Church

A special Union Thanksgiving Service was held in the Lansing Church on Wednesday night, November 22. Members of all three congregations were invited to attend this service. The worship included "A Litany of Thanksgiving" from the Book of Common Worship, Provisional Services. This book was published by the Joint Committee on Worship of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., and the United Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

Lansing members also participated in a union "home-coming" at Lansing on the Sunday following Thanksgiving. Activities of the day included regular Sunday School and Worship on Sunday morning, followed by a covered-dish fellowship dinner in the church basement. In the afternoon those present participated in a hymn-sing. During this time the congregation learned several new hymns from the Presbyterian Hymnal.

Following the hymn sing, the denomination's award-winning motion picture, "DECISION", was shown. This was followed by a "talk-back" session with the minister. Members asked questions and made comments about the movie and about the sermon of the morning, which was entitled, "Living Stones".

Stewardship Film Is Shown, Here

At the recommendation of the Stewardship Committee of Winston-Salem Presbytery, the film, "Decision" was shown in the three churches of the Glendale Springs Field. This film brought a splendid message, and stressed the need of supporting the missionary work of our church and those who need the gospel of Christ.

Special Programs Are Planned For The Holidays

Many of the dates and plans for the celebration of Christ's birth have not been completed in our churches, so we do not give dates at this time. Pageantry and candle lighting services have been in the making of the Glendale Springs Field. Other services in honor of Jesus Christ's birth are being worked out in each field in Ashe.

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EDITORIAL

"Christmas Gifts On The Way"

Mrs. John W. McQueen

Christmas gifts are on the way! Already packages are being wrapped in gaily colored paper and delectable bows, almost too pretty to open. When the time comes, though, eager fingers will remove the paper and tinsel with expectancy. Some presents may prove to be less attractive inside than outside, but most will reveal evidence of careful planning and loving thoughtfulness. So it was with the Greatest Gift of all, given to the world on that first Christmas Day. Do you recall the beautiful word in which it was wrapped? It is one that has the very sound of bells: Emmanuel. It was spoken by God's messenger and he opened its meaning and revealed God's eternal love in his interpretation: God-with-us. The Baby to be born, he said, was God's gift of His presence. Born of a woman, the eldest son in a family of boys and girls living in a small village, one who knew the labors of earning a living with his hands, He was given to show the world the love of God at work in the every-day things of life. In Jesus Christ, God lived among men to heal their bodies and minds and open doors to abundant life both then and forever. More, He was given to save His people from their sins and reveal to the world the depths of God's love, even to the overcoming of death itself.

Jesus opened up new dimensions of God's gift when His work on earth was nearly done. To those who received Him as the Son of God he said, "I am not going to leave you alone in the world — I am coming to you" (John 14:18 Phillips Translation). God-with-us was to become God-in-us! He promised that in the person of the Holy Spirit He would dwell in all who accept Him. No one who opens his heart to the Holy Spirit will ever have to face life alone. He stands by to coun-

Letter To The Editor

Mr. John W. Luke, Editor
The Ashe Presbyterian
Jefferson, N. C.
Dear Mr. Luke:

I have received the September copy of "The Ashe Presbyterian" and feel you have an excellent and most worthwhile publication. It is a real pleasure to be on your mailing list and I look forward to future editions.

I accepted the position of President here in mid-summer and arrived on the campus in early September. Let me extend a cordial welcome to you, the members of your staff, or the members of your Presbytery, to visit with us here on campus at anytime possible.

I solicit your interest and your prayers.

Yours sincerely,
H. C. Evans, Jr., President

In Memory

Robert Lee Stanley was called of God from this life on Oct. 13, 1967 at the age of 83 years. Mr. Stanley was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver and Harriet Miller Stanley.

Surviving is his wife, Ida Black Stanley, of Jefferson, N. C., Mrs. Venie Wood, Pulaskie, Va., Mrs. Ada Duffin, Aberdeen, Md., Mrs. Zora Miller, Jefferson, Mrs. May Smith, Jefferson, Mrs. Ruth Lockhart of North Wilkesboro, and Bobby and Gene Stanley, of Jefferson, N. C.; one sister and three brothers, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive Mr. Stanley. Mr. Stanley was a good neighbor and had expressed his sincere faith in the Lord.

sel and comfort. He never ceases from His desire to help. His presence with and within believers is to be recognized by what He does in their lives, by the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, fidelity, tolerance and self-control. Is this the kind of person you would be? The glory of the Christian faith is that no one need stay as he is. It is possible to become what God meant His own to be, and the Spirit stands by as the source of supply. All His gifts are freely offered to those who will receive them.

Not many presents are guaranteed to last forever, but this one is. The first Christmas gift is endless in the revelation of new depths and values. "Remember that I am with you always, even to the end of the world", said Jesus. (Matthew 28:20 Phillips Translation) Believers can be sure that nothing in this world or in the world to come will be able to separate them from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Such a conviction is too wonderful to keep to one's self. Jesus reminded His listeners in His last words before the ascension that they had an obligation to share the gift of God's presence and His plan for saving the world. He knew that the more that gift is shared, the more precious it becomes and the greater is the joy of the sharer. So may this be for you a truly Merry Christmas as you receive more fully and tell more gladly the Good News of the Greatest Gift of all!

Sally McQueen (Mrs. John W.)

In Memory

Joe Caudill was called of God from this life on Oct. 5, 1967 at the age of 19 years. Joe was the son of Mr. Robert G. and Jean Long Caudill, of Star Route, Sparta, N. C.

Funeral services were held at the Low Gap Presbyterian Church and the final resting place is in the Ashelawn Memorial Gardens.

"The power who pities man has shown
A blessing for the eyes that weep,
For God hath marked each sorrowing
day,
And numbered every secret tear,
And Heaven's long age of bliss shall
pay
For all His children suffer here."

—Bryant

In Memory

Mrs. T. C. Bowie, Sr. (nee Miss Gene Davis), of West Jefferson died on October 12 and her funeral was conducted in her palatial residence on the 13 by her pastor, Rev. W. T. Farnyrough, who was assisted by Rev. R. H. Stone. Interment was in the Bowie mausoleum in the West Jefferson cemetery.

Mrs. Bowie was a long-time member of the historic Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church in the suburbs of Charlotte. She came as a bride to Jefferson. When the West Jefferson Presbyterian Church was constituted she was one of five ladies constituting its membership. Later she became a communicant member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

She is survived by Mrs. Elizabeth Bowie Redd, of Atlanta, and Thomas C. Bowie, Jr., of West Jefferson, a grandson, Mr. Carter Redd, Jr., of Columbia, S. C., and three sisters.

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The above is a true statement as far as we are able to render.

John W. Luke, (Rev.) Signed.

The Psalms And Today's Problems

In Psalm 144 the 14th and 15th verses we hear of how to meet the problems of our days crimes and dissatisfaction. Read the verses 14 and 15 of the above Psalm and you will see that the Psalmist, David who was a king and head of the Jewish nation can tell us about how to handle the problems of a nation.

The verses we should read are following:

"That our oxen may be strong to labour;
That there be no breaking in, nor going out,
That there be no complaining in our streets.

"Happy is that people, that is in such a case;
Yea, happy is that; people, whose God is the Lord."

How modern these grievances sound: **BREAKING IN**, (Robberies) **GOING OUT**, (This means to war), **COMPLAINING IN OUR STREETS**, (Dem-onstraitons and Mobs).

These things will not happen nor be prevalent if people turn to God. "Happy is that people, that is in such case: yea happy is that people, whose God is the Lord." Vs. 15. **CAN AMERICA LEARN THIS LESSON TODAY?**

Extension Meet At Yadkinville

On Oct. 8 at 3:30 p. m. the Church Extension Committee, of Winston-Salem Presbytery invited key men from each non self-supporting congregations to meet at the Yadkinville Presbyterian Church. The meeting was well attended and the discussion of the minimum salary basis was the main topic of the evening.

The following from the Glendale Field attended: Guy Sheets from Bethel, Johnse Woodie from the Glendale Springs, and Edgar Miller from the Laurel Fork Church. A delicious dinner was served at the Williamson Restaurant.

Stewardship In Ashe County

At this time of the year the Stewardship efforts are being completed in all fields in Ashe county fields of churches.

Pre-Stewardship literature has been sent out the motion picture "Decision" has been shown in many of our churches pledge cards have been given out and sent out and budgets have been presented before congregations for 1968. If there are those within the churches of our county who have not been contacted for your own church for 1968, we hope you will get in touch with your treasurer or every-member canvass committee and send in your estimate of your pledge for 1968.

We hope each one will give and plan to give as God has prospered



GEORGE WEST is pictured on top of Mt. Rogers. This mountain, which is to be developed by the U. S. Government, is the highest mountain in the state of Virginia.

GLENDALE PASTOR VISITS MT. ROGERS

(Continued from page 1)

cuts greenery for Christmas, such as Christmas trees, and balsam tips which are woven into evergreen roping which is used to decorate the streets of many of our cities for the Yule tide. Mt. West's who owns some acreage on the top of this mountain is in the picture.

you. "Bring ye the tithes into the storehouse of the Lord."

NEWS HEARD FROM MOUNT JEFFERSON

(Continued from page 1)

Bruce Porter, called home by the Lord. The funeral was from the church on Friday, Nov. 10. On Wednesday, Nov. 15, the men of the congregation had a get-together and covered-dish supper. And on Thursday, Nov. 23, the day set apart by the nation — this year for penitence as well as thanksgiving — the congregation met at 8:30 in the morning, at the church, for prayer and praise and service.

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Millers Have Golden Wedding

On Nov. 12 it was a delight to attend the Golden Anniversary which is the 50th year of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller of Laurel Springs, N. C. The reception given by the children of the family began at 2 p. m. and friends were greeted throughout the evening. The house was decorated with golden flowers, and a beautiful wedding cake with golden bells on the top layer reigned as the predominant touch to the anniversary. Refreshments were served as cordial greetings and congratulations were exchanged by relatives and friends.

As we felt the gladness of the evening and the faithfulness to the marriage vow of these good people, we would say what an example to the married couples of our country, who are not faithful to their promises. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller many happy years and with God's blessings they shall have them.

In Memory

Thomas I. Goss, born in Ashe county on January 8, 1913, died in Baptist Hospital Winston-Salem, on September 15, 1967.

Funeral services were held in the Lansing Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon, September 17, by Dr. R. H. Stone, Dr. Robert Stamper, and the Reverend Tom Murrell.

Mr. Goss was survived by his wife, Estella Powers Goss, two daughters, two step-daughters and one step-son. Also surviving are his mother, two brothers and one sister.

Mr. Goss was a loyal member and a deacon of the Lansing Presbyterian Church, and a hard-working and respected citizen. He served for several years as the Chief of the Lansing Volunteer Fire Department and as chairman of the Lansing School Commission.

In Memory

Dexter Philmore Wyatt, 46, passed away Nov. 14 at the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mr. Wyatt was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dolphus Philmore and Iva Bumgarner Wyatt, of McGrady, N. C.

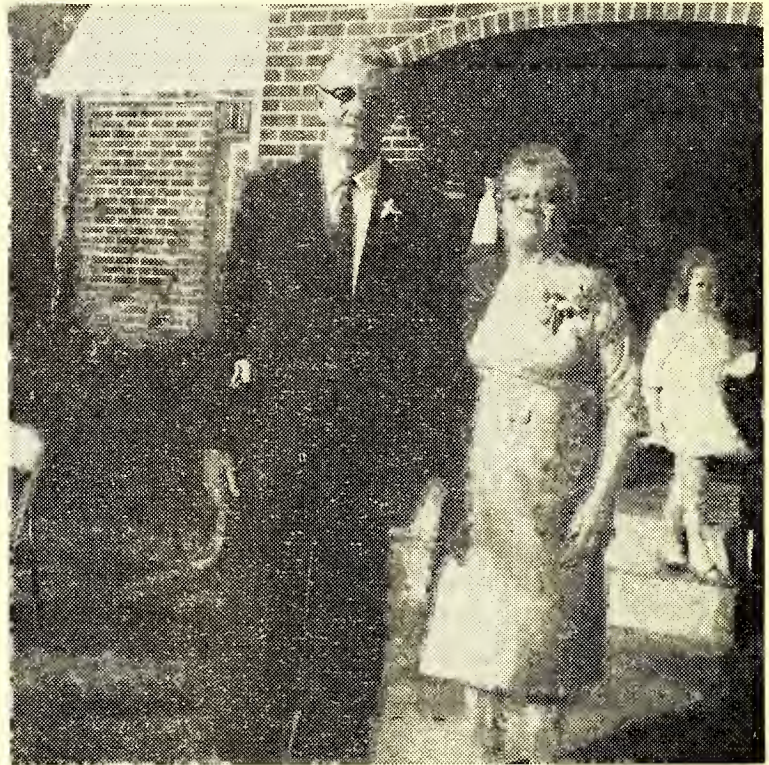
He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Billings Wyatt, one son, Dennis, and a daughter, Vanessa Wyatt.

Dexter was a believer in Christ and leaves his testimony as a Christian, to brighten the lives of those who survive him.

Funeral services were held at the Christian Fellowship Mission at McGrady, and entombment was in the Perry Cemetery.

Birth Announcement

A baby boy, Tracy Terrell Hall, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall on October 1, in the Ashe Memorial Hospital, Jefferson, N. C. The Halls now have four boys. We congratulate Robert and Shirley.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller, of Laurel Springs, who recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Thanksgiving Day

By Lola S. Morgan

The earth is quiet now, her fruit and grain
Relinquished to our hands. Her voice is still,
The gold and crimson gone from every hill,
The cold, frost-whiteness blanketing each lane.
We take the golden grain, the sun-

warmed fruit,
The captured taste and smell of summer days;

We offer our thanksgiving and our praise
For life that fed the flower and the root.
Since we are free to speak and think and feel,
To fill our tables and our minds, then let
No foolish pride absorb us, nor forget
How small we are, how humbly we should kneel.

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Wake Up Americans

(By David Sheets — One of the young people in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church. David is first year student at Lees-McRae College.)

Religion and life are drifting,
So very far apart
The roots of sin are diggin' in
At every American heart.

Oh pray, dear Christian and sinner,
For the "old religion" again;
A good old fashion revival to break
Loose the roots of sin.

The Evangelists and Missionaries
Are doing their best.
At home and abroad, where war
And poverty are the major pests.

The church meetings are held
But few attend
Just another sign to show
That the world is nearing its end.

"Peace loving People" used to
Be the expression
Can this still be said in spite
Of all the aggression.

It's time for serious prayer
Upon us a nation.
It's time to give some thought
To a sinner's salvation.

It's up to you Americans,
Each and every one
For there will be no peace
Until God's work is done.

—David Sheets

McCarty Preaches At Ebenezer

The Field of churches consisting of Ebenezer, Low Gap and Peak Creek were glad to have Rev. Sidney McCarty preach for them on Sunday, Nov. 12 at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. Mr. McCarty, who is retired as pastor of the Mt. Airy Presbyterian Church is now doing supply work in churches where he can be of assistance.

Since Mr. David Smiley left Glade Valley, the Ebenezer Field of Churches has had no regular preaching services.

In Memory

The congregation of the Bethel Presbyterian Church were saddened by the passing of Mr. A. S. Cassel, of Moravian Falls, N. C. Mr. Cassel had served as druggist in many capacities for 53 years. He was an ardent Christian and ever ready to speak a word for his Lord. He taught Sunday School and made many Christian talks at request in Wilkes county. The people of Bethel Church had enjoyed many occasions when Mr. Cassell taught Sunday School or gave a splendid Christian talk at their church.

Mr. Cassel was a member of the First Methodist Church of North Wilkesboro, N. C. He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

We know God has blessed him in his eternal home, as he was a faithful servant of his Lord and Saviour.



WINTER TIME SCENE at the Manse at Glendale Springs, depicting what is soon to come.

Miss Miller Weds Mr. McCauley

The marriage ceremony of Mike Miller the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Miller, of Laurel Springs, N. C. to Miss Deann Marie McCauley, of Greenville, S. C. was officiated in the Earle St. Baptist Church, Greenville, on

Sept. 23.

Miss McCauley graduated from Ferman, S. C. and received her Master's Degree in Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller are at present living in Wise, Va. where Mrs. Miller is teaching in the Clinch Valley College, and Mr. Miller is employed in the Wise Machine Company. We wish these young people a Christian Home and a happy marriage life.

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County Youths Are Attending College

We always miss our young people who go off to college, but we rejoice in their aspirations to go on in their training.

The following are at college this year from our field of Glendale Springs Churches.

David Sheets and Mark Miller are in their first year at Lees McRae College, Banner Elk, N. C. Marsha Stanley is at A. S. U. College at Boone, N. C. for her second year. These young people are from the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church.

Sherry McGrady from the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church is in her first year at Montreat College.

Bill Walker of the Bethel Church is at the University of N. C. at Chapel Hill, N. C.

As these young people learn in their academic training, we pray they shall also develop in the wisdom of God in Christ. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom", Prov. 1:7

Vaught - Sheets Vows Are Heard

Miss Loretta Margo Sheets, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greer Sheets, of Peak Creek community, Ashe county, was united in matrimony to Mr. Jackie Vaught, of Crumpler, N. C. the wedding was officiated by Rev. J. W. Luke in the Peak Creek Church of the Brethren on Sept. 9, 1967.

Christian ABC'S

- Act instead of Argue
- Build instead of Bragg
- Climb instead of Criticize
- Dig instead of Depreciate
- Encourage instead of Envy
- Fight instead of Faint
- Give instead of Grumble
- Help instead of Harm
- Invite instead of Ignore
- Join instead of Jeer
- Kneel instead of Kick
- Love instead of Lampoon
- Move instead of Mold
- Nurture instead of Obstruct
- Pray instead of Pout
- Quicken instead of Quit
- Rescue instead of Ridicule
- Shout instead of Shrink
- Try instead of Tremble
- Undergird instead of Underman
- Vindicate instead of Vilify
- Witness instead of Wilt
- EXterminate instead of EXcuse
- Yield instead of Yell
- Zip instead of Zigzag

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REV. HENRY SCHUM

Rev. Henry Schum Holds Revival

In the last paper we mentioned the coming of Rev. Henry Schum, of the Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship to hold a special evangelistic meeting at Bethel Church. Mr. Schum preached each night from Sept. 3 through the 10.

Good crowds attended the meeting and there were many who reconsecrated their lives to Christ. Two united with the Bethel Presbyterian Church by profession of faith — Mr. Gaither Huffman and Russell Wayne.

Mr. Schum who is talented in many ways illustrated his sermons with charcoal drawings, and also gave us inspiring music on the accordion. The meeting was very successful and God bless it. The picture in this paper is of Rev. Henry Schum as we visited the top of Mt. Jefferson.

In Memory

Mr. Wiley Robert Lyall, of R. F. D. Jefferson, died in the Ashe Memorial Hospital on November 15 and following his funeral service on the 19th he was buried in the cemetery at Big Ridge. The service for him was conducted in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church by Rev. John W. Luke and Rev. R. H. Stone.

On August 17, 1938 he was received into the membership of the Big Ridge Presbyterian Church upon his confession of faith in Christ and baptism. He was by profession a blacksmith. He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Edna Privett, three sons, six daughters, a sister and a brother, and twenty-five grandchildren.

Holiday Dinner At Glendale

A united fellowship and Thanksgiving Dinner was held at the Memorial Building on Sunday evening at 6 p. m. on Nov. 26.

The churches of Laurel Fork, Bethel and Glendale Springs united in fellowship around the Thanksgiving Table at this time, at Glendale Springs, N. C.

After the dinner an appropriate Thanksgiving worship service was observed. Slide pictures sent home from Thailand by Donald Miller, one of the young people in service was shown. An offering for the Orphan's Home at Barium Springs was received amounting to \$52.00.

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Lansing Field Holds Services

A Fifth Sunday Union Worship Service for all three congregations in the Lansing Field was held at the Gillespie Chapel on Sunday, October 29. Mr. Tom Murrell conducted the service, and Mr. Vance Miller was installed as a Ruling Elder in the combined church.

This was the fifth union service held in the field, one on each fifth Sunday since Presbytery voted in September 1966 to dissolve the Gillespie and Foster Memorial Churches and to designate them as chapels of the Lansing Church. The union services are held in each of the three buildings in rotation.

Mr. Vance Miller was a Ruling Elder in the Gillespie Church and had been elected to represent the Gillespie Chapel on the Session of the Lansing Church.

Ruling Elder Fred Carter and Deacons A. L. Carter and James Vannoy of the Foster Memorial Church had also been elected as Elder and Deacons in the combined church, and had been installed in a union service held at the Foster Memorial Chapel earlier this year.

Former Lansing Pastor Is In Va.

Rev. John B. Stanley, former Lansing Field pastor has gone to the Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church in Lexington Presbytery in the Synod of Virginia. Stanley served the Lansing Field in Ashe county from Sept. 1959 to June 1963, and since that time has been the pastor of the Pendleton Presbyterian Church in Pendleton, S. C.

Mr. Stanley's address will be Rt. 5, Lexington, Va. We pray God's blessing upon John as he takes up his new work.

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Of a yard all wide, and blossom-
starred,
Where the children played at will.
And when the night at last came down,
Hushing the merry din:
Mother would look around and ask,
"Are all the children in?"

Would you take Jesus with you every-
where you'd planned to go?
Or would you maybe change your
plans for just a day or so?
Would you be glad to have Him meet
your very closest friends?
Or would you hope they'd stay away
until His visit ends?
Would you be glad to have Him stay
forever on and on?
Or would you sigh with great relief
when He at last was gone?
It might be interesting to know the
things that you would do,
If Jesus came in person to spend some
time with you.

NOTE: The above poem appears in the January, 1966 issue of "Guidenotes", and is considered the most popular short feature ever to appear in that little magazine.

'Tis many and many a year since then,
And the old house on the hill
And the yard is still, so still.
No longer echoes to childish feet,
But I see it all as the shadows creep,
And though many the years have been
Since then, I can hear mother ask,
"Are all the children in?"

I wonder if, when the shadows fall,
On the last short earthly day:
When we say goodbye to the world
outside

All tired with our childish play;
When we meet the lover of boys and
girls

Who died to save them from sin,
Will we hear Him ask as mother did,
"Are all the children in?"

—Author Unknown

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News From Mt. Jefferson

Milton says: "It was the winter wild (when came) the Heaven-born child"; and December — the month of our Lord's birth, whose coming as a babe has sanctified all life from cradle to grave — December of 1967 saw two little ones born into our midst. There was the little girl, Billy Tara Callo-way, born on Dec. 8; and on Dec. 13 just two months after little Scarlett Leigh Baldwin of October 13 — young Russell Wilson Barr saluted the last month of the year. Thus, we have three precious new little Cradle-Rollers.

On Sunday evening, December 17, the Christmas party for church and church-school was held at 5:30. There was singing of carols, and the picture "Why The Chimes Rang", and finally the entrance of Kriss Kringle and the distribution of gifts. Later that evening the Ashe County Music Club, of which a number of our singers are members, presented the Cantata: "Love Transcending". A week later, on Christmas Sunday, the Nativity theme was taken up under the subject of "The House of Bread (Beth-Lehem)".

In 1967 we had open weather right through Christmas. December 21 read 58 degrees at bed time; and it was not until December 28 that the first covering snow of the year fell — a snow of 3 inches. There was the loss of a dear friend in mid-December, when Dr. Bruce Porter passed away just a month and three days after Mrs. Porter. The funeral was held from the church.

January 1968 soon brought stormy and wintry weather. High winds on the 4th blew down a porch post at the Manse; and on the 8th the local radio station announced that the thermometer had hit zero. On the 13th, snow was knee-deep everywhere and piled high down the center of West Jefferson's main thoroughfare as the men kept the two lanes of traffic open.

On Sunday, January 14, deep snow off the main track made parking impossible; so the ministers of the West Jefferson Baptist and Presbyterian Churches put together a radio service for their snow-bound flocks, and gave
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Book Shelves Are Installed In Church

The small room adjoining the pulpit can be used for a small library for the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church. The room has been fitted out with book shelves and we hope to have some good books for the readers of the congregation.



WHAT CAN I DO FOR MY COUNTRY AND THE WORLD?

1. Confess your sins to God and repent.
2. Attend Church and worship Him.
3. Pray without ceasing.

"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 Chr. 7:14.

Rev. Bob McQuilkin Named President

Rev. Robertson McQuilkin, a missionary in Japan and son of the first president of Columbia Bible College, has been named president of the interdenominational four-year institution. He is expected to assume the new duties in mid-July when he leaves his overseas assignment with the Evangelical Alliance Mission.

Rev. Robertson McQuilkin, as many of us in Ashe county knew him as "Bob" McQuilkin, worked in the Glendale Springs Field of Churches in the summer season while he was a student. Bob was a favorite with the people in this field and did an excellent work among the young people. We pray that Bob will be blessed as he assumes the new position as President of Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C.

Improvements At Laurel Fork Church

For some time the Sunday School Building at Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church has not had proper electric heating as planned for the building on account of shortness of funds. Arrangements have been made to buy four 2500 W. baseboard electric heaters for two of the rooms. We hope to make the rooms more comfortable for the children's classes.

Another improvement needed badly is the repair of the floor in the sanctuary. The floor joists have rotted out at one end and the floor is sinking on that side of the church. We hope to make this repair at once and use the large room in the Sunday School Building for church services until the repair is completed.

Missionary Visits At Lansing Church

In February, as a part of the church's emphasis on the season of witness, the Reverend Malcolm Bullock, a missionary to Taiwan, spoke at the Lansing Church.

Mr. Bullock joined the congregation at a fellowship supper, and then met with the children and taught them some Taiwanese songs.

The congregation then assembled to hear Mr. Bullock describe the situation and the work in Taiwan, and to see some slides of that country and its people.

Cold weather, a make-up basketball game, and sickness, combined to keep attendance down, but all who attended enjoyed Mr. Bullock's presentation.

Mission School Held At Lansing

Several members of the Lansing Church and their children, have been enjoying a series of classes on Sunday nights on this year's Witness Season theme, "Christ and the Faiths of Men."

The adults, led by the pastor, Mr. Thomas Murrell, have been studying the book, "The Bible and the Faiths of Men", which talks about the Christian faith in relation to the other religions of the world.

Mrs. Pearl Osborne has been teaching the children, using a story book entitled, "The Mysterious Mr. Cobb."

The Sunday night classes are continuing into March, but the emphasis is on action — on person to person evangelism — with filmstrips to demonstrate the idea of witnessing for Christ through sincere friendship.

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EDITORIAL**Too Good To Be True**

By Rev. Tom Murrell

"And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, 'Why do you seek the living among the dead?'" (Luke 24:5).

And why did they seek the living among the dead? Because they did not know that he was alive. They went to the tomb, where a dead body should be, because they did not know that he had risen and was alive again. Actually, they were not seeking the living at all. They were seeking the dead body of Jesus, because they did not know that he was alive.

And why did they not know that Jesus was alive? He had told them that he would be. But perhaps the good news was too good to be true — too much for them to believe.

Five or six women went to the tomb on that cool, misty Sunday morning to anoint the body of Jesus — to prepare it for its final rest. They knew that Jesus had died on the cross. They had followed and they had seen his body laid in the tomb. They expected it still to be there. For Jesus to be alive after all he had suffered — and after they had seen him dead — was too good to be true. It was too much for them to hope for.

The whole story of Jesus of Nazareth, and about God loving the world so much that he sent his only Son, is almost too good to be true. Most of us have heard the story all our lives, and we say we believe it. In a way we do believe it, and still it is too good to believe. Do you believe it? Do you really believe it — so much that it has really made a difference in your life? Has it caused you to commit yourself to Christ, so that your main concern in life is, really, to do the will of God?

When I was a child I somehow got the idea that the story of Jesus — in fact, the whole story of the Bible — was a kind of make-believe. Until after I was grown, I felt that the Bible was a book of stories about people and

**Miss Darnell Joins
Glendale Church**

Miss Juanita Darnell was received in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church on profession of her faith in Christ. Juanita is a graduate of the deaf school at Morganton, N. C. The congregation of the Glendale Springs Church gives Juanita a hearty welcome into their Christian fellowship.

events that may or may not have happened, and no one could prove whether they really happened or not. But a Christian was supposed to believe that they happened, because the Bible said so. It was a little like the Queen of Hearts in the story of Alice in Wonderland when she said, "and I always believe six impossible things before breakfast." I had the idea that Christians were supposed to believe these "impossible" things that the Bible tells about.

Actually, the history that is in the Bible can be taken for fact, and not simply because it is the Bible either. There is no other book that records so much about the period from Abraham to Paul as the Bible. And the other records that do exist verify the Bible and confirm its history at many points. The Bible can be believed, in general, because it is a reliable account, and not simply because it is the Bible, or because a Christian is supposed to believe it.

Still, the message of the Bible is almost too good to be true, and it cannot be proved in any scientific way. The basic message is that God loves you and me — that he loves you and me so much that he sent Jesus into the world in order that our sins might be forgiven and we be reconciled with God. And, like the fact that Jesus Christ is alive, it is almost unbelievable; and once it gets through to us, the rest of the Bible story — the miracles, the prophecies, the "impossible" things — the rest is relatively unimportant, and completely possible.

It is almost too good to be true. Do you drink too much? God still loves you. Do you curse when the preacher is not around? God hears you anyway, and he still loves you. Do you hate someone? Do you doubt that Jesus Christ is alive? Do you always seek to get what you want, even in the church? Do you refuse to see a person in need because you do not have the time to help or do not want to spend your own money on him? God knows your selfishness, and still he loves you.

Do you put off committing yourself to Christ, because you think you will not be able to carry through — and because you are not really sure that the Holy Spirit will help? Even so, God loves you. It is almost too good to be true, and some people — perhaps some of you — go through life unwilling to seek the living Christ, unwilling to accept God's forgiving love, because it is too good to be true.

But it is true. Jesus Christ has risen. He is alive. And he can and will make a difference in your life, if you will accept him and turn your life over to him. He loves you, but you must decide whether or not to accept his love. The decision is yours.

**In Memory Of
NICK DARNELL**

The week after Christmas, Nick Darnell of the Vannoy community passed away on the road leading up the east fork of the Reddies River.

Mr. Darnell evidently fell from the road upon which he was walking and he was not found for three days.

We shall miss Nick as he walked up and down the river road to his home. May God bless and comfort his loved ones.

**1968 Motto For
Glendale Field**

The motto and purpose for the churches in the Glendale Field is "MAKE OUR CHURCH A SHINING LIGHT". It is illustrated by a torch with four flames sending forth their light. The four flames stand for the following efforts that the members are asked to observe diligently. (1) Attend the worship services regularly, (2) Make a diligent effort to win souls for Christ, (3) To teach and develop the children as in Sunday School, (4) To be a good stewardship, and give generously and regularly. Jesus said to his followers, "YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD". If we are the lights of the world, we should let our light shine through the church and make it shine by our united effort. Jesus is the great Light of the world, and He will shine through us and His church if we will let Him. Let us uphold our torch by sincere prayer.



Winter Weather Closes Schools

Winter in the mountains came in with much snow and ice, much of which still lays on the fields in spots, along the roads, and on the high mountains around us.

For two weeks during January, schools closed and churches could not hold services. Many other activities were also cancelled.

Twenty inches and more spread over the Blue Ridge Mountain counties of North Carolina. Since this deep snow, a number of smaller wind snows have fallen, and the thermometer has consistently remained far below freezing. As I write this article, zero weather and below is reported in Ashe county. After the deep snow a short thaw came and school buses plowed through and stuck in the mud of the back roads.

The ground hog is the great weather prophet in our county and he did not see his shadow very clearly, so we are hoping for clearer weather for the future — even the ground hog makes mistakes.

Basketball In Memorial Bldg.

Recreation facilities in the Memorial Building at Glendale Springs are in constant use all winter. Basketball is the chief sport in the building. Several teams from the county use the building each week. The teams that use the building are the Sprague Electric, Phenix Chair Company, Laurel Springs, and Glendale Springs. Other teams from the county are also using the gym, as they play games with the above organizations.

The Glendale Springs teams played basketball at Glade Valley School on Monday, February 26. The second team won and the first team of Glendale lost. We are hoping Glade Valley will play a return game at our Memorial Building in the future.

The Memorial Building is not only used by four or five dozen boys each week for basketball, pingpong and other games, but it is used for the women of the church, wedding showers and receptions, Barbeque and fellowship suppers for the Glendale Church and Field.

There are parts of the interior of this building that are not finished, such as painting, completion of toilets and other details, yet our work goes on and the usefulness of the building has gone far beyond our expectation.

Appalachian Council Meets In Bristol

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian Appalachian Council was held in Bristol during the last week in November.

The P. A. C. consists of representatives from Presbyteries, Synods, and classes of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the Reformed Church in America, and the United Presbyterian



BANKS OF ICE formed during the cold January weather, when the temperature dropped to sub-zero.

Church, U. S. A. The Reverend Messrs. James Monroe and Tom Murrell represented Winston-Salem Presbytery at the annual meeting, and the Reverend John MacQueen, of Sparta, also attended the pastors conference which followed.

P. A. C. is concerned about co-ordinating the work of the several denominations in the Appalachian region, and about finding ways in which the whole Church can witness more effectively among the mountain people.

Members have experimented with radio broadcasts, compiled a booklet on the ten Presbyterian Colleges in Appalachia, held seminars for pastors new to the area, and urged our Boards of Education to consider the need for special curriculum materials for Sunday Schools and Bible Schools in the Appalachian region.

NEWS HEARD FROM MT. JEFFERSON CHURCH

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the service from the Baptist Church with its installed radio facilities. The sermon which went out over the county that day was upon the subject of "God's Strange Providences". Sunday, January 21, winter Communion was observed, and after the final hymn, all remained for a season of united prayer for the sick — a service that was a blessing to all.

February has been a month of full hospitals, with one elderly person in the Ashe County Hospital coming over the old Scotch saying: "A green Christmas makes a fat kirk-yard". Yet, with the hymn-writer whose life of trial was nevertheless a close walk with God, may we too "trace the rainbow through the rain, and know the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be".

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Highway 16 is one of the main entrances into Ashe county. It enters Ashe county at the county line and passes under and connects the Blue Ridge Parkway with the country in the most northwestern section of North Carolina as well as western Virginia.

A program has been initiated, and money has been secured to help the citizens beautify the above highway, from the Blue Ridge Parkway through Glendale Springs to Jefferson, the county seat of Ashe county. Beautification of this highway will consist of planting trees and shrubbery, grassing bare spots. A certain amount of money is provided to help in the above activities. It is hoped that all citizens along the highway will cooperate by fixing up fences, removing old cars and painting up old buildings as well as removing unsightly rubbish. This program lies largely upon the citizens along the highway who will take pride in making this highway into our county a beautiful place to travel. This project is the first of its kind to be initiated in the state.

Weddings

McINERMY AND SEVERT

On November 25 Dorothy Pearl McInermy, of Ashe county, was married to Mr. Carl Severt, of Roseville, Ohio. The nuptials were performed in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church.

SEVERT AND JONES

Karen Elane Severt, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Severt, of Glendale Springs, N. C. was married to Thomas Edgar Jones, of Warrensville, N. C. in the Presbyterian Church. The nuptials were performed on December 8 at 5:00 p. m.

SPEAKS AND MILLER

Jackie Kay Speaks, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Boyd Speaks, of Crumpler, N. C. was united in marriage

Curtis Miller Is Now In Air Force

Curtis Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Miller, of Laurel Fork Church is in the Air Force and has been located in Texas. Curtis has completed his basic training and was at home for a short time.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

A baby boy was born to the Harts of Laurel Springs, N. C. on February 3. The little son is named Jeffrey Fred Hart.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gwyn Sheets of the Peak Creek community on January 2. He was named Bain Ellis Sheets.



GLENDALE SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is shown during the snow in January.

to Stewart Clay Miller, of Glendale Springs, N. C. The ceremony was performed in the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church on January 12.

BARE AND SHEETS

Martha Bare, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bare, of Wilbar, N. C. was united in marriage to Paul Sheets, of Wilbar, N. C. on February 17 at the manse at Glendale Springs, N. C.

DANCY AND RHYNE

Miss Jo Ann Dancy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Dancy, of Glendale Springs was married to Phillip Eugene Rhyne, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford L. Rhyne, of Rural Hall, N. C. The service was conducted at 2:30 p. m. on February 25 at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church.

We pray and wish these young couples God's blessings — May they each establish a Christian home.

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Johnsons Retire In Ashe County

Rev. and Mrs. John S. Johnson and family have moved to Ashe county from Statesville where they have been living for several years. Mr. Johnson in the 1940's was for a time minister to the Lansing, Foster Memorial, and Gillespie Churches. He is a native of Cades, S. C. and is a graduate of Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary. He has had a wide field of service. After a term of service in West Virginia he has served the rest of his ministry up to date, beginning at Lansing and followed by pastorates at Dan River, Asbury, Collinstown, and Hills in Stokes county, followed by ones at Crossnore and Hughes in Avery county; then in Landis, Conley Memorial, Bessemer City, Long Creek, Fifth Creek, Bethesda, Beattie Memorial, Setzer's Gap, Whitnell, which was combined with Beattie to form the United Presbyterian Church in the Lenoir area.

Mrs. Johnson is one of Ashe county's own of whom the Presbyterians and others are justly proud. She is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Ross Weaver, of Lansing, and is a founder of the Lansing Church. She is a graduate of Glade Valley School, King College, and has an M. A. degree in Christian Education from the General Assembly's Training School. She has served as Director of Christian Education in the Glendale Springs group of churches assisting Dr. John W. Luke; in The First Presbyterian Church, of Danville, Va.; and in the Presbyterian Church of Ware Shoals, S. C. She has recently had the honor and the privilege of serving as President of the Women of the Church of

Lansing Church Has New Members

The Lansing Church received three new members during the past year, and welcomes them into its fellowship.

In September Mr. Lee Huff was received by transfer of letter from the Faggs Manor Presbyterian Church in Cochranville, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Huff, formerly Mrs. Maude Goss, of Lansing, was restored to the active roll.

In December Mrs. Grace Carter Paisley united with the Church by profession of faith and baptism. Three of her children and a sister were already members.

In January the Session examined and received, pending baptism, Mrs. Karen Davis Osborne. Karen is the wife of Pfc. Gary Osborne who is stationed at Fort Bragg.

The Lansing Church welcomes these members and looks forward to years of fellowship and service with them in the name of Jesus Christ.

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THE JOHNSON FAMILY, who have moved to Ashe county to retire.

Concord Presbytery. In various capacities she is at work in the Mt. Jefferson Presbyterian Church, where she has her membership.

The Johnsons have three children -- Miss Barbara Virginia, who is teaching music in the Wilmington School system; Miss Lydia Fuller, a Sophomore in St. Andrews College, specializing in Church music, which she expects to teach; and John Witherspoon, a student in Ashe Central.

The family has built a lovely brick home in the Friendship section near the Ashe Central School. The location is on the ancestral home-farm of Mrs. Johnson's mother.

Mr. Johnson has his membership in Concord Presbytery, of which he has been a member for twenty years. Currently he is ministering to the Clio and New Salem Presbyterian Churches. When not in service there he will be available for supply work in the county.

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Whither Bound?

By Rev. Gene Gurganus,
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One never knows what a day may bring forth and especially in Pakistan where it seems we meet a new crisis every day. One morning as I went to the office at the Bible Information Central, Khoka, chief clerk of our Correspondence School, said, "Captain Dick is dead". Captain Dick as we affectionately called him was my barber for ten years in the city of Chittagong. With a bag containing barber tools slung over his shoulder he made his rounds among the foreigners.

Five years ago Captain Dick asked the Lord to save him and showed some evidences of Salvation. Having a Hindu background and being an old man he never would consent to follow the Lord in baptism. Failing in this obligation robbed Captain Dick of much blessing even though it would not rob him of his Salvation.

I asked Khoka, "Are we going to give Captain Dick a Christian funeral or not?"

Several of our believers who had followed in baptism and had suffered persecution were present in the office that morning. As we discussed the matter it was their decision that we should not have a Christian funeral. Though he had professed to believe he had never really declared openly he was a follower of Christ which is the real meaning of baptism.

A group of us left the office and went to Captain Dick's little humble bamboo house in the village. His two daughters, ages 10 and 12, ran to me for comfort. Weeping and wailing, heathen style, drowned out the normal din and noise in the village. There on the straw mat on the cold mud floor lay the body of my deceased friend. On his face there was a look of peace and contentment. His wife told me that with his last breath around 3 o'clock in the morning he was calling for Mr. Gurganus and wanted to be baptised.

Out in the front yard some men from the village were making a bamboo stretcher. Other villagers were preparing to dispose of the body according to Hindu tradition — cremation. Had the villagers actually seen a testimony in the life of this one now gone on into eternity, they would not lift a finger to do anything.

The men of our missionary staff here in Chittagong went along with the group for the cremation ceremonies. Captain Dick's wife bathed the dead body and helped wrap him in a white cloth. On a steel frame over a shallow pit several layers of logs were carefully placed. Then the body was laid over the wood face down, with several more logs placed on top. A total of 480 pounds of wood was used. The Brahmin (Hindu priest) lit a bundle of bamboo sticks and handed it to the

In Memory Of MRS. ALVIE DANCY

Mrs. Alvie Wyatt Dancy was born October 28, 1872 daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wyatt, of Wilkes county, and passed away on February 5, 1968 at the age of 95 years, 3 months and 8 days.

Mrs. Dancy is survived by 3 sons, 4 daughters, 24 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Dancy was the wife of Mr. William Smith Dancy who preceded her in death.

All of her married life Mrs. Dancy lived in the Miller's community. She was known by all as a fine Christian mother, and was looked up to by all in the time of trouble.

"Well done thou good and faithful

wife. She circled the body, repeated some verses from a Hindu holy book, and thrust the torch into the face of her dead husband. This exercise is done three times with the hope of setting the deceased spirit free to go to Heaven. A bag of rice is tied to the body which is to be eaten for strength on the journey. The flaming torch is thrown to the pyre and in short notice a roaring fire begins consuming the body. Five hours later only the ashes remain.

As we stood there listening to the crackling of the flames our hearts burned within us. Was Captain Dick really saved? Only eternity will reveal that.

What can we learn and how can we profit from this experience? Let us be all out for Christ in faith and obedience so that when we pass into eternity our friends will not be plagued with doubts concerning whether we were saved or not. Let us so live that this text may be used at our funeral "To live is Christ, but to die is gain".

Willie McGrady Returns From Guam

Willie McGrady returned from Guam in December where he had been stationed for about 2 years. Willie is from the Laurel Fork community.

In Memory Of BRICE McGRADY

Bryce McGrady was born July 9, 1924 and passed away on December 31, 1967 at the age of 43. Mr. McGrady was a member of the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Retha Brooks McGrady, one daughter, Sherry and two sons, William and Stanley. Bryce is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William McGrady, of Laurel Springs, N. C. We pray God's comfort at the sudden call of Bryce into his eternal home.

In Memory Of WHEELER UPTAIN

Wheeler Leslie Uptain was born February 7, 1967 and God called him on February 20, 1968, his age being 1 year and 13 days upon this earth.

He is survived by his mother and father, Mr. Gerald and Mrs. Danish Combs Uptain of Birmingham, Ala. He is survived also by 1 sister, and a brother, 2 half-sisters and 2 half-brothers.

We offer our deepest sympathy to the Uptain family, as our Heavenly Father calls this little one to his care in Heaven.

servant" will well fit the life of Alvie Dancy. May God comfort her many friends and survivors.

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Airport Planned For Ashe County

In this era of Ashe county progress an airport is being planned by the Ashe County Airport Authority. A campaign is well underway for the county's part of a facility to cost \$428,000.00. Ample acreage is under option for a runway to be 4500 feet in length and 95 feet wide — paved and lighted with a right of way of 600 feet. Any twin engine plane or small jet can land or take off from it.

The facility will be a great addition to the county and is expected to be a great boost to progress. The officers are expecting to have the county's quota completed during April. The success of the venture is contingent on \$107,000.00 being given by the Appalachian Regional Development Commission and \$214,000.00 by the Federal Aviation Authority. The location is near the Ashe Central School, east of Jefferson. The planes owned by citizens of the county are based in or near North Wilkesboro.

Glendale Home Is Robbed By Men

On Thursday, February 8 at 7:30 p. m. the home of Mr. William G. Long was robbed by three men.

A car pulled up along the road near a ham house owned by the Longs. A pretended call from the car to buy a ham was given by one of the robbers. When Mrs. Long went to the porch, she was seized by two men and was beaten over the head with a pistol. After pushing Mrs. Long in the house at the point of a pistol, two others in the house were tied up with tape and wire. Mrs. Long was compelled to show the robbers where a small safe was located also other trunks and boxes which the robbers wished to rob. Mrs. Long was then tied up as the others. While one man held a pistol on the three who were bound, the other man beat the small safe open with a sledge hammer. The contents were put in a pillow case and a sheet from the bed and taken to the car. About \$4 000 and a valuable coin collection belonging to a neighbor was stolen. After about two hours Mrs. Long got loose and walked to a neighbor for help. Mr. Long who was away came back about a half hour after the robbery. Warrants for two men have been issued and a third suspect is still at large.

LYNDA BIRD WEDS PRESBYTERIAN

Lynda Bird Johnson, daughter of President and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, was married in the White House December 9 by Canon Gerald N. McAllister of the Episcopal Diocese of West

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Prayer Will Conquer Sin

(Thought from "Choice Gleanings")
"Pray without ceasing" I Thess. 5:17.

"Prayer will make a man cease from sin, or sin will entice a man to cease from prayer. Pray often; for prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge to Satan". John Bunyan.

"And He spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint". Luke 18:1.

"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak". Mt. 26:41.

"Some tell us that prayer is all in the mind,

That the only result is the solace we find;

That God does not answer, nor hear when we call;

We commune with our own hearts in prayer; that is all!

But we who have knelt with our burden and care,

And have made all our problems a matter of prayer,

Have seen God reach down from His Heaven above,

Move mountains, touch hearts, in His infinite love;

We know that God works in a wonderful way

On behalf of His children who trust Him and pray.

Barbara C. Ryberg."

Texas, to Captain Charles Robb, U. S. Marine Corps, who is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Jerry Hamby Is Home From Vietnam

Jerry Hamby, of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church returned home from Vietnam in January. All were glad to see Jerry. He is now at Fort Knox in Kentucky.

Clinton Shepherd Returns From Korea

Clinton Shepherd, a member of the Bethel Presbyterian Church in Wilkes county, has returned from South Korea where he had been serving as an M. P. in the Army.

In Memory Of JOHN ED WHITELEY

John E. Whiteley was born in Alleghany county of Levi and Sarah Vannoy Whiteley June 24, 1889. He was called of God on March 8, 1968 His age at death being 78 years, 8 months and 14 days.

Mr. Whiteley taught school for a number of years in Ashe county and retired in his home at Glendale Springs, N. C. In the last few years of his life he lived at the Grand View Rest Home at Jefferson, N. C. He was a veteran of World War I. After being a member of the Baptist Church for a number of years he united with the Presbyterian Church at Glendale Springs where he made his residence. Mr. Whiteley was one of the original members of the church at Glendale Springs.

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Grant us to conquer in the strife,
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Prohibition Ordered To Curb Riots

In discussing measures he used to control the Newark riots, Gov. Richard J. Hughes of New Jersey was quoted in U. S. News and World Report:

"I closed all the bars for one thing, all the taverns, all the package stores, all the places that sell liquor, not only in Newark but in surrounding communities — in an effort to dry out this town, because obviously drinking and dissipation have much to do with setting off violence."

Other cities followed suit — Plainfield, N. J., Cario, Ill. and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gov. George Romney banned liquor sales in Detroit but many Negroes were well supplied at home from liquor stores looted during the day. The outbreak there began early Sunday morning after police arrested 73 persons in a raid on an illegal drinking spot.

If drinking is not a major cause of these riots, it does appear to be an ever present factor. Unquestionably prohibition is one of the first steps toward ending the violence.

The situation of the unemployed and underprivileged of any race in any city in our nation would be greatly improved if beer, wine and whiskey were never available.

EASTER CHORUS FROM FAUST

Christ is arisen,
Joy to thee, mortal!
Out of His prison,
Forth from its portal!
Christ is not sleeping,
Seek Him no longer;
Strong was His keeping,
Jesus was stronger.

Christ is arisen,
Seek Him not here;
Lonely His prison,
Empty His bier;
Vain His entombing,
Spices and lawn,
Vain the perfuming,
Jesus is gone.

Christ is arisen.
Joy to thee, mortal!
Empty His prison,
Broken its portal!
Rising, He giveth
His shroud to the sod;
Risen, He liveth,
And liveth to God.

(By Johann Von Goethe)

Easter Greetings

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Witnessing Season Is Promoted

The Witnessing Season was promoted by the distribution of the Prayer Guide for the eight day period of self denial and prayer in the Glendale Springs Field. The members were asked to use these Guides in their devotions.

The moving picture film, "The Unbelievers" was shown in two churches. At Glendale Springs the film was shown in the Memorial Building before basketball games on February 27. This picture was also shown at Bethel Presbyterian Church on February 28. A snow storm prevented the showing at Laurel Fork Church.

"I SAW GOD WASH THE WORLD"

I saw God wash the world last night
With his sweet showers on high,
And then, when morning came, I saw
Him hang it out to dry.

He washed each tiny blade of grass
And every trembling tree;
And swept the billowing sea.

I saw God wash the world last night,
Ah, would He had washed me
As clean of all my dust and dirt
As that old white birch tree.

William L. Stidger, 1885

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(By Wiseman)

Easter must be redeemed
From revelry that marks the end of
Lent,
And worshippers who yearly are content

To journey to God's house, and then
forget

That Christ still lives when Easter's
sun has set.

The vision fades, the power soon is lost
If Easter does not lead to Pentecost.

Easter must be reclaimed.
Too long the world has missed the
Easter glow,

Claimed by the glitter of a fashion
show;

A dress parade; a gala holiday,

With church-bound manikins upon display.

The faith of Easter never will be
caught

By making Christ a fleeting after-
thought.

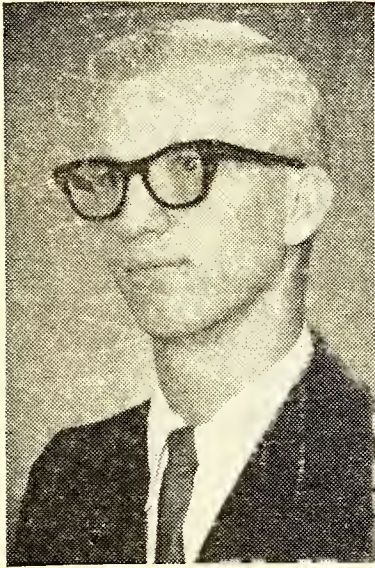
BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

A baby boy was born to Mr. and
Mrs. Dean Bare of the Ore Knob com-
munity on December 24. The name of
this little one is Marty Davis Bare.

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MIKE JOHNSON

Mike Johnson To Work In Glendale

It has been the custom in the Glendale Springs Field to have a worker for the summer. Mike Johnson who is a student at the Columbia Bible College has been contacted to work this summer. Mike will be on a choir tour for the college the first part of June and will begin his stay with us about the 26th of June. Mike is a Junior at College and makes his home at Winston-Salem.

Lansing Youth Plan For Teen Center

The young people of the Lansing Church will sponsor a teen age dance in Lansing Friday, June 14, featuring a group of young local musicians. A small admission fee will be charged, and proceeds will be used to "fix up" the Lansing Community Building so that it can serve as a teen center as well as a community center.

Youth and adults have already spent several hours tearing out partitions and cleaning out the north end of the former Lansing depot. The Lansing Fire Department and the Community Organization added brick veneer and garage doors to the building last year, and the fire station is in the south end now.

The group recently elected Mack Powers as President, Diana Murrell as Vice President, and Patsy Shepherd as Secretary-Treasurer. It is sponsored by the Lansing Church, but is not limited to Presbyterians. The young people decided to take as a project the fixing up of the community center so that it can be used by all young people of the

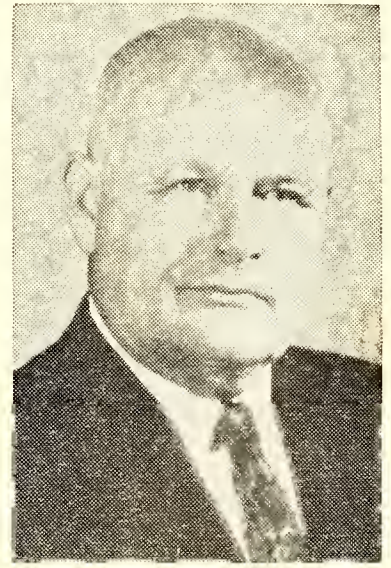
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Much Activity At Mount Jefferson

This issue of our paper looks at the three spring months — March, April, and May. March saw, with the coming of Lent, the beginning of our annual Communicants Class sessions. It saw also the pruning of the apple trees, and reminded (while in the process) of the words of the old Civil War poem: "The blossoms on the apple boughs with each new spring appear". Often, however, those who warmed to them only a year ago are no longer with us: and with sorrow, we lost Mr. Kent Dickson whose funeral was on March 4.

The first Sunday in April, Communion Sunday, brought the strong reminder that the people of God are ever to know themselves a pilgrim people moving on to the Land of Promise (Exodus 12:11). We, too partake of our paschal Lamb (I Cor. 5:7). And at the

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REV. P. O. SARTELLE

Barbecue Super At Memorial Building

Another good barbecue supper was served at the Memorial Building at Glendale Springs. In spite of the wind the chicken was cooked on the pit back of the church. It was slow but a tasty barbecue came out on top. Johnse Woodey was the chief cook with the help of others. The women of the church provided home cooked additions to the meal and did a lot of work as well as served the supper.

The supper was held to raise additional expense money badly needed by the church. It also increased the cooperative fellowship of many. The supper was well planned and many enjoyed the delicious evening meal. Thanks to all who ate with us, and all who gave so freely of their time and food to make the supper a success.

Sartelle Coming To Laurel Fork

Rev. Preston Orr Sartelle has been secured by God's guidance to hold the evangelistic services at the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church, June 9-14. Mr. Sartelle works with the Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship and is a splendid preacher. He is a former pastor of several Presbyterian churches in the south, and served as chaplain in the U. S. Navy and attached to the Marine Corps.

Mr. Sartelle graduated at Hampden-Sidney College having attended V. M. I. previously. He received his degree at Dallas Theological Seminary and other degrees from Union Seminary at Richmond, Va. He has been awarded a D. D. Degree by King College, Bristol, Va.

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Are We Letting God In On The Deal?

"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 CHRON. 7:14

"THE LORD IS WITH YOU WHILE YE BE WITH HIM; AND IF YE SEEK HIM, HE WILL BE FOUND OF YOU; BUT IF YE FORSAKE HIM HE WILL FORSAKE YOU." II CHRON. 15:2b

"HE (GOD) MAKETH WARS TO CEASE UNTO THE END OF THE EARTH." PS. 46:9a

"WHEN A MAN'S WAYS PLEASE THE LORD, HE MAKETH EVEN HIS ENEMIES TO BE AT PEACE WITH HIM." PROV. 16:7

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"Be not deceived, God is not mocked for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Gal. 6:7

(EDITORIAL)

Not only do individuals reap what they have sown in the past, but whatsoever men in the past have sown that shall they also reap and God is not mocked.

SINS OF THE BLACK AND WHITE MEN

Today we are much concern with the unrest of the Negro race in our country. You ask why this unrest. Of course most every one realizes that the Negro race has been a kind of underdog as the saying is in the economic and social life of America. Where did this position of the colored race begin? It was inherited through slavery from the time when men were bought and sold into America.

Slavery is a process that degrades the buyer, the seller and especially the human being that is sold for gain.

Let us study for a few paragraphs the history of slavery. Slavery is almost as old as the human race. People of all races have been made slaves. White slaves were sold into America along with the black slaves from Africa.

Slavery was practiced by the Arabians for many centuries. They secured the Africans on the east coast of the continent of Africa and sold them to the near east countries. The European slave traders began much later. Spanish and Portuguese brought Negro slaves into South America and the West Indies a century before North American colonies developed their cotton, and tobacco plantations. Dutch, French and English then began to trade in slaves.

How were the slaves made prisoners in Africa? The slave traders made a practice of capturing Africans, but the black man caught literally thousands of his own race and sold them to the white man. In a history of slavery entitled, "Human Livestock" by D'Anvergne the writer tells of how tribes raided each other and took vast

numbers for slave sales to the white men. The writer states — I quote —

"The bricks of Liverpool and Bristol may indeed have been cemented with the Negro's blood and the fields of America fertilized with his sweat, but it was the black man, like the sons of Jacob who sold his brother to the stranger."

Slavery promoted many sins besides taking a man's soul and body and selling for gain. It produced immorality, stealing people, treachery, and even murder. Today we are reaping the sins that have been sown by both black and white men of the past. Since the forefather's of all of us have sowed the seeds of sin it is up to all races today to work together as brothers in righting the wrongs and overcoming the results of the seed that have been sown in the past. It is up to us both white and black to sow seeds that the future generations shall reap the good harvest we shall sow today. Let not the black say to the white, "you are the sinner." Let not the white say to the black, "You are the sinner." Let them both get on their knees and confess their sins to gather and sow seeds for a better future.

THE SIN OF NEGLECTING GOD AND HIS WORD

Today we are reaping the sins of rebellion, lawlessness, irreverence of our younger generation. We are just beginning to reap the crop because we have neglected to teach Reverence to God, his Word, and his moral laws.

The Supreme Court of America made a decided mistake when it disregarded the heritage of the United States which was born in prayer and reliance upon God's Word. Because of its decision against any religious training, and moral teachings, thousands of young people of America are growing up without moral training, without reverence toward God and the laws of our country. The Word of God teaches respect toward rulers and the laws of every country. The civil rights leaders should emphasize what Jesus said — "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" and the second is like unto it, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." To steal and destroy property is neither loving God or your neighbor. To emphasize Jesus words will do more for the colored race and America, than many of the programs to get rights. The Negro race of the south is naturally a God fearing race of people. There is a lot of good sound faith among the colored people of the south. May they not allow subversive powers that are trying to destroy our nation work through them. Every evidence shows that the assassinator of Rev. Martin Luther King was from the north, and a hired disturber of the country.

Today every school child in our country should be taught the basic foundations of all laws, "The Ten Commandments." The Jew, the Roman Catholic, the Orthodox Catholic, the Protestant all believe and teach the ten commandments. I do not believe any of these churches would object to the teaching the ten commandments to the school children of America. Only the Atheist, the Communist would object to these laws, and they did not build this country or its government or fight for its freedom.

How Long Will The War Last?

I have heard people say, 'Oh! Who will the war come to an end?'

Yet these same people are doing nothing to stop the war — that is to seek and reverence God?

I have actually known parents who have sons in the army and yet they refuse to go to church and pray for their own boys.

"He (God) maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth." Ps. 64:9a.

"When a man's ways please the Lord, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." Prov. 16:7.

The War Will Cease When ---

You turn to God in whom we say we trust.

You repent of your sins. You reverence God and Honor Him.

You go to church and worship God. You once more believe and read God's Word.

You bring and teach your children in Sunday School.

You put God before money. You put God before pleasure.

You put God before work. You put God before property.

You put God before your home. You pray to God always and without ceasing.

You forgive others and pray for them. You keep the Sabbath Day Holy and for Worship.

You turn your back on sin — Impure sins of literature, TV and the movie.

"The Lord is with you while ye be with him;

And if ye seek Him, He will be found of you;

But if ye forsake Him, He will forsake you." II Chron. 15:2b

We are told by good authority that 85 percent of the impure, dirty, vulgar literature that is published in the United States is done so by communists, because they wish to destroy a nation. The method is not new. The wicked prophet Balaam advised the heathen king Balak to destroy Israel by tempting them with the heathen women of the tribes around them.

In the place of sowing the Word of God and moral laws, our country is faced with the sowing of the seed of indecent sex literature made available to the young people of our country. Every book store that handles indecent literature should be boycotted by decent people who love their children and America. Every citizen who loves America should report to the postal authorities the indecent literature that is found in the mail of the United States, and should see that the publishers or senders are prosecuted.

Daniel Webster said, "The Holy Bible is the bulwark of the republic." Are we making it the bulwark today? Are you making it the bulwark today?

Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a citizen soweth, that shall our country and our generation reap.

Tentative Bible School Dates - Glendale Field

Dates for the Daily Vacation Bible Schools are set tentatively as follows. These dates are for the Glendale Springs Field of Churches
 June 17-22 — Glendale Springs Church
 July 1-6 — Bethel Church
 July 15-20 — Laurel Fork Church

If there is no serious conflicts or reasons for changes we will follow the above schedule.

Rev. John Johnson At Ebenezer, Now

Rev. John S. Johnson who is a retired Presbyterian Minister and at one time was pastor in the Lansing field is preaching in the Ebenezer field of churches, Ebenezer, Low Gap and Peak Creek Presbyterian Churches have combined services. Rev. John Johnson is married to Miss Maxie Weaver from Lansing.

MUCH ACTIVITY AT MT. JEFFERSON CHURCH

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Communion service, six young people made their profession of faith in the Lord Christ, while another young man who had already done this, came into the membership of our congregation by letter. At the close of the Communion service, there was a session of united prayer for the sick.

The Good Friday half-hour service was held as usual this year during the noon lunch hour — with the meditation on the Third Word from the cross being given by Rev. Robert Walters, pastor of the West Jefferson Methodist Church.

Easter dawned with beauty in our mountain country, and the Sunrise service was held at 6:30 a. m., followed by the ham-and-egg breakfast that the men provided for all the early worshippers. At the Sunday School hour (10 a. m.), award Bibles were presented to seven of our young people who had maintained a record of perfect attendance for the past year. Then at the regular worship service — where the message on the Easter theme — little Michelle Phillips was baptized.

Before April was out, another of our little ones was dedicated by his parents to the Lord, so that on April 28, Russell Wilson Barr III was baptized. St. Paul says to count the little ones amongst the congregation of God even though only one parent is a believer (I Cor. 7:14); and these presentations of infants to God in baptism are to the joy and edification of the whole congregation.

The month of May has moved quickly, but worthy of notice it is, that the Mount Jefferson Church gave the radio devotions each morning of the first full week of the month. And now we are preparing for the Daily Vacation Bible School, with Mildred — though in the hospital — having secured the staff of teachers and ordered the necessary materials. The Lord's work goes forward.

In Memory Of Loved Ones Called Of God

MRS. IDA SABRA STANLEY

Mrs. Ida Sabra Stanley, the widow of the late Robert Lee Stanley, passed away on April 4 at the age of 80 years. Mrs. Stanley is survived by five daughters, two sons and two sisters as well as grandchildren. She was a fine Christian Mother and wife. "May God bless and comfort her survivors as she goes to loved ones in Heaven."

MRS. ADA BARE SEVERT

Mrs. Ada Bare Severt, the widow of William A. Severt passed away on May 16 at the age of 82 years. Mrs. Severt was a member of the Episcopal Church from an early age. She is survived by one daughter and three sons, also a number of grandchildren. "She was not afraid to walk through the valley of the shadow for she feared no evil."

RICHARD ALLEN LYLE

Richard Allen Lyle, the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Tam Lyle, of Laurel Springs, was called from this life at the age of 14 days on May 18. God has called another little one to his kindergardens of Heaven. Jesus said, "Suffer the little ones to come unto me for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

FRED EDGAR BARE

Mr. Fred Edgar Bare, of the Peak Creek Community was called from this life on March 31, 1968 at the age of 62 years. He is survived by his widow and children. He made a profession in Christ some years ago. "God hath given and God hath taken away."

ROBERT ROY MILLER

Robert Miller was called from this life on the 5th of May at the age of 39 years. He is survived by his widow,

Trip To Lees-McRae By Young People

A wonderful trip was taken on Saturday, May 11 by a group of young people from the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church and David Sheets, a student at college from Glendale Springs. The following young people who are interested in prospective colleges made the trip: Jane Miller, Brenda Miller, Kay Miller, Larry Cox, and Mike Blevins. David Sheets from Glendale who is a student at the college served as guide around the campus of Lees-McRae, at Banner Elk, N. C.

Mr. Homer Rouse, the chief ranger in this section of the Blue Ridge Parkway was so kind as to take the group of young people on this trip. Mr. Rouse took a side trip to the top of Beech Mountain Ski Resort and returned home by the Cone Park. This part of the trip was enjoyed by all thanks to Mr. Rouse.

Lunch was enjoyed by all in the college dining room at the courtesy of the school.

two sons and one daughter. Robert was a good neighbor and Christian who made his home in the Glendale Springs community. He was a member of the Baptist Church. "God has called his own to himself that we may follow."

"MY PRESENCE SHALL GO WITH THEE" Ex. 33:14

In Thy presence we are happy; in Thy presence we're secure;
 In Thy presence all afflictions we can easily endure;
 In Thy presence we can conquer, we can suffer, we can die;
 Straying from Thee we are feeble; O Lord Jesus, keep us nigh.

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Mr. And Mrs. Ola Long Have Golden Wedding

On Sunday evening March 3, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Ola Long of Laurel Springs, N. C. gave a golden wedding party to their parents. Children and grand children came with presents to commemorate the event. Many friends and neighbors also were present. Many golden presents were given to the Longs. A beautiful wedding cake and refreshments were served. The event was held in the Laurel Springs School Building. Every one wish and pray Ola and Minnie many more wedding celebrations. May God bless them as they have blessed many others by their lives.

Congratulations Thomas And Fishel

Congratulations go out to Miss Carol Saxon Thomas and Rev. James L. Fishel on the announcement of their marriage on June 8 at the Grassy Creek Methodist Church. Mr. Fishel is the Bible instructor at Glade Valley School and is doing an outstanding work as Bible teacher. May God bless this marriage is our prayer and wish.

Many Graduate From High School

Graduation Day is here for high schools and we send congratulations to many who are receiving their diplomas this year. We also remember each one in prayer for a successful life in Christ.

We have received the following invitations for graduations. There will be others perhaps we have not heard from. These young people are either members of our churches or connected by parents.

Darrell Lee Miller, Sparta High School, Sparta; Dale Wayne, West Wilkes High School, Millers Creek; Jo Ann Caudill, Ashe Central High School, Jefferson; Virginia Faye Roten, Ashe Central High School, Jefferson; Dena Kay Rice, Glade Valley High School, Glade Valley; Chris Ralph Bare, Darien High School, Darien, Ga.; Patsy Louise Hunt, Ashe Central High School, Jefferson; Joyce Elaine Miller, West Wilkes High School, Millers Creek; Sharon Lynn Hayes, Wilkes Central High School, North Wilkesboro; Zan Sheets, Ashe Central, Jefferson.

A thought for graduates from a Christian leader in a Christian School. Here is a paragraph which is a good expression of what our Christian seniors will face in life.

"Our seniors are counting the hours moving slowly toward commencement. What a world they must conquer. They enter a society that has not only rejected Christian values and virtues but has tended to glorify their opposites. It is an aimless civilization loosed from the moorings of Biblical absolutes, drifting on a stormy sea without pilot, compass or rudder."



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Graduating Exercises At Glade Valley

The baccalaureate service of the 53th annual commencement of Glade Valley School was held May 19 at 7:40 p. m. in the Snow-Armentrout Auditorium. A very inspiring and worshipful service was held, consisting of the following.

Rev. John McQueen the local pastor of Glade Valley and Sparta, gave the invocation and prayer and President Robert E. Chilton made some very important announcements. The school choir led by Professor E. C. Johnson rendered a special anthem.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. M. Bland Dudley of Winston-Salem, N. C. on the subject, "This Day is for Remembering", the scripture read was Ps. 119:41-56.

The graduating exercises were held on May 24th at 11 a. m., and twenty-eight seniors received their diplomas.

A processional headed by the administration staff and the faculty led the graduates to the exercises.

The valedictorian was Lee Fowlkes and the salutatorian was James Trimble. Dr. A. Craig Phillips, Executive Vice-President of the Richardson Foundation gave the commencement address.

Rev. James Fishel, the Bible Instructor, presented Bibles to each senior.

Rev. Robert E. Chilton presented diplomas to the 28 graduates as follows: Rev. John W. McQueen closing the exercises with the Benediction.

Jackson Thacker Barham, Statesville; Charlotte Marsena Boes, Southern Pines; Ann Marie Bowles, Kannapolis; Eddie William Carpenter, Ennice; Myra Carter, Alexandria, Virginia.

Taylor Haywood Clark, High Point; Mary Susan Cleek, Warm Springs, Virginia; David Spressard Cook, Jr., Tarboro; Ellen Gayle Crouse, Sparta; Charles Grey Dillard, Birmingham, Alabama; Judy Jean Divers, Canberra, Australia; Harry Lee Fowlkes, Jr., Baltimore, Maryland.

Josephine Frances Huffman, Winston-Salem; Edwin Richard McCoy, Jr., Statesville; Richard Gerald McDade, Lenoir; Kathleen Williams Mays, Martinsville, Virginia; Joan Rebecca Nabors, Statesville; William Macon Pearson, Morganton.

Kenneth Wayne Perry, Charlotte; Lindsay Shephard Plymake, Raleigh; Mary Margaret Rice, Statesville; Dena Kay Rice, Jefferson; Kathryn Paula Sigmon, Greensboro; Charles Timothy Smith, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Jane

Presbytery Camp Opens On June 16

The third summer camp at Winston-Salem Presbytery's own camp and retreat center will begin Sunday, June 16.

Several Ashe county folks will be participating in the camp program, and it is hoped that others will enroll soon.

During the week of June 30-July 6, Benny and Linda Campbell Brown will serve as counselors in the 9 and 10 grade camp. The following week Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murrell will be counselors during two camps, one for 5 and 6 graders and one for 7 and 8 graders.

There will also be camps at other times for 5 through 10 graders, and two weekend retreats for senior highs.

Those who are interested in camping activities are urged to contact their pastors immediately.

All who have not yet fulfilled their pledges to the Susan Barbour Jones Camp and Retreat Center are urged to do so before the end of June. Presbytery has had to borrow money to pay for the buildings, and the pledges are needed to pay off the loans.

Faire Stimpson, Morehead City; James Decatur Trimble, Hot Springs, Virginia; Janet Katherine Waldo, Raleigh; Valorie Sue Warr, Hamlet.

Sharpe Saunders Shoemaker Dies

Sharpe Saunders Shoemaker passed away on June 1 in the Ashe Memorial Hospital at the age of 57.

Mr. Shoemaker is survived by his wife, Evelvn Brown Shoemaker, one daughter, Mrs. Anne McGuire, of Winston-Salem, two sons, Steven of Ft. Belvoir, Va. and David Shoemaker of West Jefferson, N. C.

Sharpe Shoemaker has been the manager of the Belk's Store in West Jefferson since it was established here. He was a member of the West Jefferson Methodist Church and one of our fine Christian business men of Ashe county. He was known and loved by all of Ashe county's citizens. Funeral service was held in the West Jefferson Methodist Church at 4 p. m. on June 3. God has called, we must say, "Thy will be done."

LANSING YOUTH PLAN FOR TEEN CENTER

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greater Lansing area.

The group listed several activities that might be provided in the teen center, such as ping pong, pool, snacks, and dances. Some expressed the need for a place where teen-agers could gather, "when there is nothing else to do."

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Population Of Ashe County Shows Gain

Contrary to a widely published survey, a few years ago which predicted the northwest counties would continue to show a drop in population, Ashe county along with others in this area has shown a slight gain in the past seven years.

Gov. Dan Moore has reported that North Carolina's estimated population had risen from 4,556,155 to 5,023,613 between April 1, 1960 and July 1, 1967.

Population estimates compiled by the Budget Division of the State Department of Administration and the Carolina Population Center at Chapel Hill showed North Carolina's population increased 10.3 percent during the seven-year period, exactly the same as the national increase for the same period.

According to the report, 17 counties lost population during the period when out-migration exceeded natural increase.

The population estimates, compiled with technical assistance from the U. S. Bureau of the Census, are used for economic and social planning and for determining budgetary needs of state agencies.

This is encouraging since there were some surveys made which predicted a decline in population of this section.

Synod Men's Conf. At Montreat, Now

"One Lord — One Faith" will be the theme of the annual men's conference for the men of the Synod of North Carolina, June 14, 15, 16, 1968.

The idea is to explore the meaning of unity and union in the light of the basic mission of the church. God's mission to the world is a single mission however the churches may be divided.

Speakers for the weekend conference will be Dr. John Edwin Swylie, President of Queens College; Dr. Leighton Ford, a Presbyterian member of the Billy Graham evangelistic team; Dr. John Anderson, Executive Secretary of our Board of National Ministries; and Albert A. Long, U. N. C.'s last four-letter man and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

FRANK JOHNSON GRADUATES AND GETS MARRIED

Frank Johnson who worked in our field last summer will graduate from the Columbia Bible College on June 3. In the afternoon at 4 o'clock he will be married to Miss Phyllis Anne Candal in the Shortess Chapel at Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C.

We congratulate Frank on graduating, and best wishes to Frank and Phyllis Anne.



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Whose aching heart or burning brow
Thy soothing hand may press.
Thy neighbor? 'Tis the fainting poor
Whose eye with want is dim.
Oh, enter thou his humble door
With aid and peace for him.
Thy neighbor? He who drinks the cup

When sorrow drowns the brim;
With words of high sustaining hope
Go thou and comfort him.
Thy neighbor? 'Tis the weary slave,
Fettered in mind and limb;
He hath no hope this side the grave,
Go thou and ransom him.
Thy neighbor? Pass no mourner by;
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A breaking heart from misery,
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—Author Unknown

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Hatch Graduates From Seminary

Jim Hatch sent an invitation to the churches of the Glendale Springs field to his graduation at the Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. Jim is married and has one little one, is serving as pastor to a church, and has been completing his studies for the ministry or mission field at the Covenant Seminary.

We send our best wishes, congratulations, and offer our prayers for Jim as he has completed his Seminary work.

Thanks To God

By David Sheets, Glendale Springs

From this window I watched the spring come in,
Slowly, slowly with a maternal grin.
The buds bursting forth with life
And the brooks running wild in their strife.

Raining, pouring, til the earth is gratified;
Cloudy, and dark, nature is satisfied.
Colors glistening as never before,
Springtime is opening up a new door.

The wind comes in softly and the clouds disappear

I'm alone in my room with nothing to fear.

The sun peeps through and warms the earth

The birds sing loudly with distinction and mirth.

Then I look to the sky and my eyes I close

For it's my love for God that grows and grows.

I feel the tears but do not care,
I want to thank God for I know he is there.

Thanks to God that I can see the trees
And see the birds and twigs and leaves,

That I can see the hills so fair
And know it's God's blessings that I bear.

Thanks to God that I can hear the rain

And have its rhythm calm my troubled brain.

That I can hear the birds that sing
And know that it's God who is my king.

Thanks to God that I can feel of softness very fine

Of satin, of silk, of texture so divine.
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James Wilborn Cox Died At Age 79

James Wilborn Cox passed away in the Alleghany Memorial Hospital on Saturday, June 1 at the age of 79 years. Mr. Cox is survived in his immediate family by his wife, Mrs. Zora Woodie Cox, a daughter, Mrs. Elaine Cox Caudill of Asheboro; six sons, Paul, Byron, and Alfred of Laurel Springs, Wilford Cox of Lenoir, Woody Cox of Las Angeles, Calif., and Hubert Cox of Newark, Del. There are also three sisters and one brother surviving.

Mr. Cox was a member of the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church, and was faithful to his church until sickness hindered him. He became a member of the church on March 15, 1964.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Improvement On Glendale Manse

The manse at Glendale Springs for this field of churches has been improved with money made by the field of three churches. Last fall Glendale, Laurel Fork and Bethel Churches combined in an effort to raise funds for improvement of the Manse. A success-

weak.
The truth I can tell others with pride
And have nothing within me to hide.

The above poem is the second one written by David Sheets who is a student at Lees-McRae College from Glendale Springs Church.

Prayer Group Meeting In Lansing Field

A small but loyal group of adult members of the Lansing Church have been meeting for prayer on Wednesday nights at the Lansing Church building.

From 10 to 12 people have been attending, and several have stated that these meetings have been a real help to them in getting closer to God, and in finding answers to some of the problems of daily living.

The meetings are informal, with the group seated in a circle. They have included Bible study, silent prayer, and prayers by individuals.

Everyone is invited to attend these meetings — Wednesday night at 8:00 — and to claim the promise that Jesus made when he said, "Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you receive it, and you will."

ful barbecue supper was held by the cooperation of the three churches and money was raised to paint and improve the manse. As winter was coming on and a painter could not be secured at that time, the painting of the outside of the house was accomplished this spring. Ward Black did an excellent job of painting and the house looks one-hundred percent better as well as being well preserved. A storm window was also put in and the hearth at the fireplace was built over. We are very thankful for the improvement fund raised by the churches

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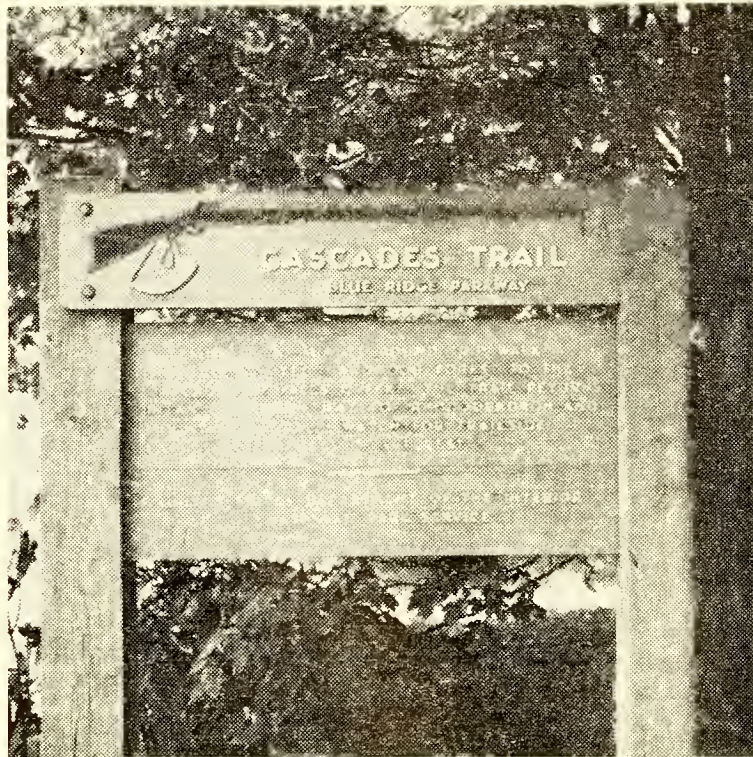
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THE CASCADE, WHERE THE DEDICATION OF E. B. JEFFRESS PARK will take place next Thursday, June 27.

Dedication Of Jeffress Park W. Of Glendale

Several thousand acres of Parkway land west of Glendale Springs will be dedicated in honor of the late Mr. Edwin Bedford Jeffress. The park area will be named for Mr. Edwin Jeffress and consist of Parkway land from the Cascades toward Deep Gap on the Ashe and Watauga line. Mr. Jeffress was an ardent supporter of the Blue Ridge Parkway, and did much dedicated and unknown work behind the scenes of this magnificent project. The park dedicated to Mr. Jeffress will be improved and developed to accommodate and meet the needs of the increasing stream of tourists that travel the Blue Ridge Parkway.

An appropriate dedication service will be held on June 27 at 2 p. m. at the parking area of the Cascades — mile post 272.

Those who will participate in the ceremonies will be Governor of North Carolina, Dan K. Moore; N. C. Highway Chairman, Joseph M. Hunt, Jr., Superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway, Granville B Liles, and members of the N. C. Highway Department. Also expected to take part is the director of the National Park Service, Mr. Carl O. Jeffress, the son of the late Edwin Bedford Jeffress, and others of the family will also be present. Rev. J. W. Luke, of Glendale Springs will give the invocation and Benediction.

Power Co. Plans Dams To Cover Much Land In Ashe County

The commissioners of Alleghany and Ashe counties were informed by the representatives of the Appalachian Power Company that the proposal for a Blue Ridge Pumped Storage and Hydroelectric Project on the New River in Virginia was accepted.

This will consist of a 2 dam project in Grayson county, Va. and will back water up through Alleghany and Ashe counties. The lake will cover much land in North East Ashe county. Water will be backed up to the bridge on Highway 16 between Glendale Springs and Jefferson, however it is not expected to cover the road. Many farms, the Mouth of Wilson, and roads will be covered with water in North East Ashe county.

The project will cost about \$275 million dollars and the 2 dams will cause water to cover about 40,500 acres in Va. and N. C. with a combined shore line for the two lakes of 755 miles.

It is estimated that 400 or more farms and homes will be covered with water. The counties involved are now seeking industries and home sites to keep the inhabitants in their areas.

SARTELLE COMING TO LAUREL FORK CHURCH

(Continued from page 1)

The Laurel Fork Church is having special prayer meetings each week on Thursdays for God's blessings on the meeting. We trust all our readers will be praying for us.

Women Of Glendale Hold Birthday Meet

The Women of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church had a very successful birthday meeting on May 20 in the Memorial building around the fire place in the basement

Covered dishes were brought and a

nice lunch was enjoyed.

The birthday objective was studied. TRAV was explained by the pastor. Mrs. L. J. Yelanjian taught the Bible Lesson.

A get well card was signed by all who were present and sent to Mrs. Arthur Rose who was recovering in the hospital.

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REV. PRESTON SARTELLE

Preston Sartelle To Hold Revival

Plans are being made for Revival services at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church on September 26 through October 2.

Rev. Preston Sartelle, who is with the Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship has been invited to preach in the evangelistic meeting.

Plans are being made for the meeting by cottage prayer meetings in the homes of the members. Visitation is also planned as the meeting approaches. Announcements will be put on the radio and in the newspaper of the county. We ask the prayers of Christians everywhere for the salvation of souls.

Dr. Stone On Way To Alaska, Now

At the time of this writing Dr. R. H. Stone is perhaps headed toward home in Ashe county from a trip to the west coast and to Alaska. Dr. Stone drove to Chicago, Ill., where he attended a wedding of a relative. From Chicago he drove to the coast and took a plane from Seattle, Wash. to Juano, Alaska.

On the way, Dr. Stone has seen many of the wonderful sights of the west, and has visited capitals of the northwestern states. There is a hobby involved in this trip, for Dr. Stone is making a collection of slide pictures of all the capital's of the states in the United States. His trip to Juano was chiefly to get his own personal slide picture of the capital building of

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Day Of Fasting And Prayer, Oct. 27

A day of fasting and prayer has been called by Dr. P. D. Miller, Moderator of the Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S.

Paragraphs from a letter sent to pastors and sessions reads as follows:

"The 1968 General Assembly has called upon individuals and courts of the Church to set aside special occasions for prayer and fasting in accord with Chapter 13 of the Directory for Worship."

"The Assembly also specified that Reformation Sunday, Oct. 27, 1968, be a particular occasion for such prayer and fasting throughout the General Assembly."

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Mount Jefferson Church Is Active

For news, since the end of May (the 28th) when Presbytery met at Pilot Mountain and the Mt. Jefferson Church was represented by Elder Robert McNeill and the minister, we have, for the month of June, the story of our DVBS This ran for the two weeks of June 3-14, and although small, the school was a good one. Young people, who in previous years had been pupils, now took part on the teaching staff — always a gratifying thing to see. June also saw the representatives of the Mt. Jefferson Church go off to the Presbytery Pioneer Camp — the sessions of June 16-22 and June 30-July 6.

The first Sunday in July, the summer communion was observed; and the second Sunday, June 14, little Billy Tara Calloway was baptized. On the same day, at the close of the service, the Church and Sunday School picnic took place at the beautiful locust grove which is the site of the new church building. On July 21, the President of Presbytery's "Men of the Church", Mr. C. W. Butner and his wife visited in West Jefferson.

During the vacation period, the Mt. Jefferson pulpit was filled — July 28 by Mr. John Leland, Sergeant-Major in the Salvation Army and in the Personnel Office at the Sprague Electric Company; August 4 by Rev. Kenneth Pollock, formerly of the Winston-Salem Presbytery, who not only brought the message of the day, but baptized his little granddaughter, Michael Barr at the service; and August 11 by Dr. James Rhodes, well known and active local churchman.

On Saturday, August 17, Miss Rose Ann Ballard of our church was married to Mr. Jerald K. Leaberry of Alexandria, Va. in a beautiful service at the church, with Miss Gwynita Yates as organist, and Mrs. Sarah Henry Duncan as soloist.

S. S. Picnic Held At Glendale Springs

At the time of the writing this article, the children of the Glendale Springs Sunday School are looking forward to a big picnic.

Sunday, Sept. 8 is the day appointed for the Sunday School picnic and it will be held at the Memorial Building after Sunday School and church service. The Sunday School was challenged to raise their attendance to 60 and a picnic would be forthcoming. The attendance went over the top, and the superintendent, Oscar Elliott, announced we would have the picnic.

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Editorial**ENTHUSIASM IS A
SPIRITUAL THING**

By Mrs. J. Ivan Miller

A person can awaken in himself one of the greatest qualities a human being can possess — enthusiasm. When "God created us in His own image," he built enthusiasm into us too. He filled us full of it. If it has leaked out of us, we are lacking in a vital life force. The word itself means "God in us," or "full of God," derived from two little Greek words, "en" and "theos." "Theos" is the Greek word for God.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, one of the wisest Americans who ever lived, said "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." Just look around us. The people who really live effectively are people with enthusiasm.

How can we increase enthusiasm daily? By self-discipline and a determined consistency in our lives: physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

Physically. Have periodic medical check-ups. Develop a daily routine of exercises which stimulate the body into a feeling of well-being. Not only will we feel better, but think better. "My body is the temple of God." (I Cor. 6:19). "In Him we live, and move and have our being." (Acts 17:28).

Mentally. A planned program of reading to increase our knowledge. Basically we are what we think. Marcus Aurelius Antoninus, Roman emperor and philosopher, said, "The world in which we live is determined by our thoughts." Emerson told us, "A man is what he thinks about all day long."

Emotionally. The controlled, self-disciplined person is a powerful person. He who keeps his head will, indeed, get ahead. And that is more than a play on words. When we begin to "emote" rather than to think, let us stop and ask, "What would Jesus do?" Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. (Phillipians 2:5).

Spiritually. Always start the day with Bible reading and prayer. Even



BETHEL BIBLE SCHOOL, which is typical of the schools held this summer in the county.

The Wagon Train Rides Again Singing And Preaching At Train

There are two wagon trains that pull the Blue Ridge Mountain each summer, The Daniel Boone Train, which ends up in Boone, N. C. and the Blue Ridge Wagon Train that ends up in Ashe county — namely at West Jefferson and Jefferson.

The Blue Ridge Wagon Train rode this summer, Aug. 13 through 17. There were 1,025 people that rode horse back and drove and rode in covered wagons as of the days of the pioneers who traveled the roads west. The train paraded in North Wilkesboro and camped the first night on the fair grounds at Wilkesboro, N. C. The next day they traveled to Parsonsville at the foot of the Blue Ridge and camped. On Thursday the 15th of Aug. they rulled up the Blue Ridge Mountain on a dirt road and crossed the Blue

ridge if we do not have time, do so anyway. It is that important to begin the day with thoughts of God and His love and care, and the thought of our responsibility for serving Him. Count our blessings; name them one by one. This will nullify our complaints, cancel our criticisms, and produce enthusiasm.

It is important how we begin and continue enthusiastically through the day, so it is equally important how we end the day. Begin it right, live it right, end it right in Bible reading and prayer. Commit our souls to His care and keeping. Look to the dawn of a new day of enthusiasm.

Ridge Parkway near Bengie Gap, and settled on a muddy camp ground near Idlewild. One Friday they broke camp and pulled in to Jefferson, camping on the Blackburn farm at East Jefferson. The next day, Saturday a parade was staged in the Jeffersons and the train broke up on that day.

Each night of the camps, Gospel singing, entertainment, preaching and square dancing made up the program from 7 to 11 p. m.

Rev. J. W. Luke was asked to act as chaplain and brought two messages to the Wagon Train. The last night of the program an estimated 4,000 people were on hand for the program and the messages.

The success of the Blue Ridge Wagon Train is attributed to the efficient leadership of James Badger of Ashe county and his helpers in organizing and conducting the difficult task. The wagon train experience is a wholesome, outdoor experience, that in these days of comfort, reminds us of the hardships of our forefathers who crossed the mountains and prairies of our beloved America.

Glade Valley School Has Good Opening

R. L. Chilton, President of Glade Valley reports a fine opening of Glade Valley School this year. It is expected an enrollment this year about 150 students.

In Memoriam

ARCHIE FARRINGTON

Archie Farrington was born Nov. 22, 1905 and passed away on July 12, 1968. He was the son of George and Victoria Bare Farrington of Wagoner, N. C. Funeral services were held in the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church and interment was in the adjoining cemetery. May God comfort the mourning family.

LOCKIE M. HANDY

Mrs. Jack Handy was born on July 2, 1921 and God called her on June 15, 1968. Lockie was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Miller of Wilbar, N. C. She had many days of sickness and God called her out of her suffering into her eternal home.

Funeral services were held in the Rock Springs Baptist Church on June 17 at 2:00 p. m. Interment was in the adjoining cemetery. May God bless and comfort her mother, brother and sister.

MRS. BRYANT WYATT

Mrs. Wyatt, who was known in her community as Arvilla, was born to Nathan and Annie Dancy Miller in Wilkes County in 1881 and passed away July 5, 1968. Services were held in the New Light Baptist Church on July 7 at 1:00 p. m. Interment was in the Wyatt Family Cemetery. She has gone to be at home with her husband who had preceded her in Heaven. Mrs. Wyatt was a member of the Millers Presbyterian Church until her passing.

ALVERDA MILLER

Alverda Miller was the widow of Jones Miller of Nathan's Creek. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hack Miller of the Peak Creek Community in Ashe County. She was a member of the Peak Creek Presbyterian Church before she was married and moved to the Methodist Church of Nathan's Creek. Mrs. Miller was born May 5, 1909 and passed away on Aug. 7, 1968. The final resting place was in the Senter Cemetery. She was faithful to her Lord. May God, who is rich in peace, comfort her family.

MRS. R. W. GWYN

A good Christian friend was called of God July 27, 1968. Mrs. Gwyn was the widow of the late R. W. Gwyn, who preceded her in death. Mrs. Gwyn was a charter member of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church. Her parents were E. S. and Sarah Finley Blair. Services were held by Rev. Watt Cooper and Rev. McDonald in the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church. The final resting place was in the Mt. Lawn Cemetery. A Christian Pilgrim has made her journey of life, and has found her home waiting for her in her Father's House.

Mike Johnson To Go Back To School

Mike Johnson will leave Glendale Springs Field Friday, Sept. 30 for his home in Winston-Salem. From there he will return to Columbia College, Columbia, S. C.

Mike has had a very successful work with us in the Glendale Springs Field this summer. After returning from a choir tour in the New England states, he began his work with us on June 26. Since then Mike has preached, led singing, taught in Bible Schools, led



VISITING GLENDALE FIELD THIS SUMMER were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Butner.

the young people in their programs and done many other chores in the field. We have also enjoyed having Mike's family who camped at Raccoon Holler and attended services at Laurel Fork Church. Mike's younger brother, Keith was of great service and inspiration to the young people during the week he was with us.

We shall miss Mike when he goes back to college, and pray God's blessings on him for a great year.

The Frank Johnsons Pay Visit To Area

Frank Johnson, who was married to Miss Phyllis Anne Candal on June 3, spent a honeymoon at Doughton Park. Frank worked in the Glendale Springs Field of Churches last summer and was welcomed by all, especially the young people for a service at Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church.

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Ashe County Booming 1883 Prophecy True

In a book entitled, "Industries of North Carolina" published in 1883 by P. M. Hale Publishers, N. Y. there is a geological report by Drs. Emmons and Kerr in a section called "In the Coal and Iron Counties of North Carolina."

Drs. Emmons and Kerr who made this survey wrote the following prophecy in their report about the mountain plateau section of Ashe and surrounding counties. The paragraph is copied from the geological report as follows:

"The summer climate of this remarkable plateau is unmatched for equability and salubriety, the noon temperature never passing 80 degrees. There is no locality east of the Mississippi so inviting to the tourist from the plains of the south and east and southwest; the highlands of New York are not to be compared with it. This will be the summer resort of a dozen states, as soon as opened by the railroad, and the goal of an immense summer travel from all directions."

The only part of the prophecy that did not come true was the development of the railroads. The geologists did not dream of the development of the automobile and the hard surface roads that would ribbon the mountains.

Let us mention developments and future developments.

(1) Already the travel on the Blue Ridge Parkway has not only attracted people from just a dozen states, but from all over the United States and Canada. The tourists that will travel the Blue Ridge Parkway will go up in the millions this summer.

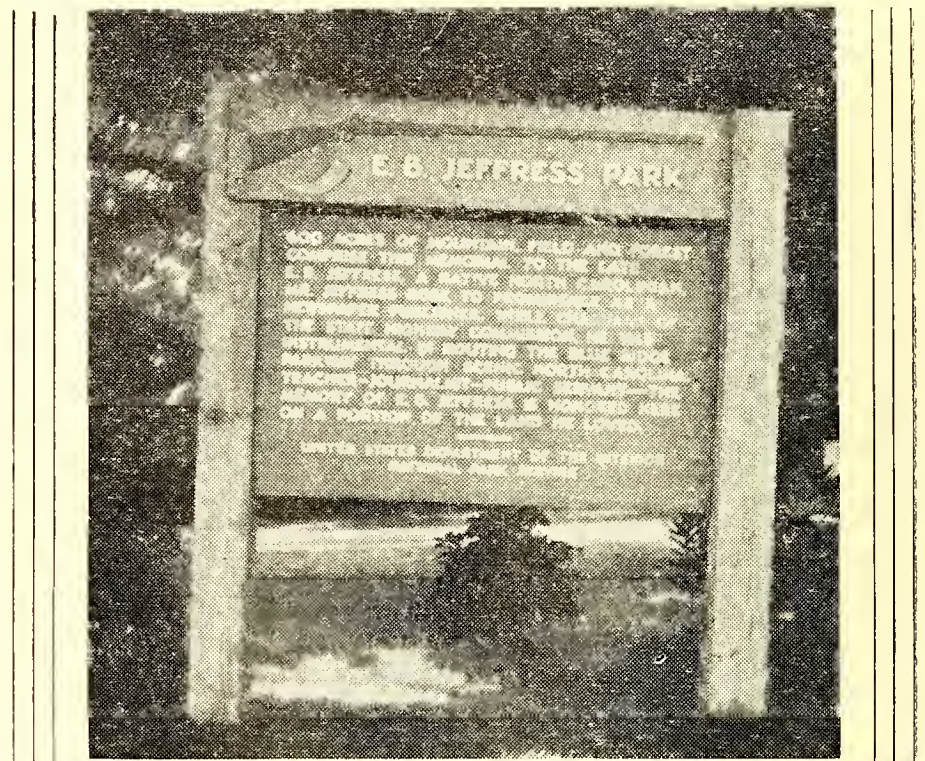
(2) On June 27th a new area known as the Jeffress Park was dedicated and will be improved much as the Doughton Park for the tourist accommodations. This part is a few miles from Glendale Springs extending toward Deep Gap.

(3) The development of Mt. Rogers Mountain, whose foot hills are in Ashe county, will bring millions into this section.

Congress established a 154,000 acre recreational area on Mt. Rogers to be completed in 1972. This has been held up some because of budget squeeze, yet it has the assurance of being completed. Camp sights, lakes and a new road equal to the Blue Ridge Parkway will run along the tops of the mountain range. This development will bring millions of additional tourists into western Virginia and northwestern North Carolina. Ashe county is just across the state line from Mt. Rogers, which is the highest mountain in Virginia. Developments have already started.

(4) The Appalachian Power Company is planning two large lakes at a cost of \$276 million. These lakes will straddle the Virginia and North Carolina line. One lake will cover 26,000 acres and have a shore line of 425 miles. This lake will be in Grayson county, Va., Alleghany and Ashe counties in N. C. This lake will be directly south of the Mt. Rogers Development.

(5) People are moving back to the mountains. A few days ago at a fami-



MARKER AT E. B. JEFFRESS PARK tells an interesting story.

ly reunion a young man told me he had just moved back from Maryland. He said he had work in Maryland and that riots and unsettled conditions were not a good place to raise his family. Since industries had started up in Ashe county he secured a good job and moved back to Ashe county. This is beginning to happen and will continue from now on. There are many new summer homes being built in Ashe county. Ashe county is a quiet county

and does not seek to attract tourist by putting in show places. It makes a quiet place for people to enjoy their homes in the summer and many are finding this out. With developments as new sewerage systems for the towns, new water supplies, a new million dollar hospital and other developments, Ashe county will certainly increase in population contrary to the estimates given a few years ago. Population esti-
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Mr., Mrs. C. W. Butner Glendale Visitors

The Glendale Field of Churches was delighted to have as visitors on the weekend of July 28 Mr. and Mrs. Butner who enjoyed the immediate sights of the Glendale area, some good meals at Shatley Springs, and services at Glendale Springs and Laurel Fork Presbyterian Churches.

Mr. Butner is the President of the Men of the Church of the Winston-Salem Presbytery and very active and popular among the men. In the past Mr. Butner was a traveling salesman in the north western part of North Carolina and has visited many of the stores and traveled many of the roads in Ashe County.

We hope the Butners will come back again when they can stay longer. We pray God will bless Mr. Butner's active leadership for the men of the Presbytery. The Butners make their home in Winston-Salem, N. C.

Lansing Field To Consolidate In Oct.

The Session of the Lansing Presbyterian Church has decided to consolidate the Gillespie and Foster Memorial Sunday Schools with the Lansing Sunday School at Lansing, and to discontinue worship services at the Chapels beginning October first, in order to minister more effectively to the people of Northwest Ashe county.

The action came after a long and prayerful struggle to determine how the Presbyterian Church can best serve the needs of the three communities, Horse Creek, Nella, and Lansing. Declining population, especially of children and young adults, has forced the church officers to seek new ways of using available leadership more effectively. The Session was convinced that the leaders and members of the three congregations, working together from one location, could serve the needs of the entire area better than three separate, struggling, little groups.

Both of the smaller congregations have served their communities well during four decades. The Foster Memorial Presbyterian Church was organized in 1931 by the Reverend R. H. Stone, and has played an important part in the life of the Nella Community. It is one of four churches in the community, and in recent years the active membership has dwindled to 18, only 14 of whom still live in the community.

The Gillespie Presbyterian Church was organized in 1932 by Dr. Stone, and has been a great influence in the Horse Creek community. It is one of five churches in the area, and now has an active membership of 12, six of whom still live in the Horse Creek area.

Effective the first of 1967, both Churches were dissolved and designated as chapels by Winston-Salem Presbytery. Efforts have continued since that time to maintain Sunday Schools and twice-a-month worship services at both chapels. Chapel members have resisted efforts to consolidate, because of a natural desire to preserve their



ENJOYING THE VIEW on top of Mt. Jefferson are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, newlyweds.

own churches in their own communities.

The consolidated Presbyterian Church at Lansing will have more than 100 members on the roll, and about 85 of these live within seven miles of the Lansing Church. The potential for enrollment in the consoli-

dated Sunday School is estimated at between 75 and 100.

The Session is hoping and praying that all Presbyterians will co-operate in this effort to make the Church more effective in its worship and work, and to be better witnesses and servants of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Juniors Attend Barbara Jones Camp

On Sunday, July 7, six juniors started off to camp for the week. The names of these campers were Russell Wayne, Keith Wayne, and Randy Sheets from Bethel Church. Lennea Miller and Reba Hart went from Laurel Fork Church. The young people reported a nice time and enjoyed their stay and camping experience. These campers went from the Glendale Springs Field of Churches.

MRS. IVAN MILLER FINISHES WORK FOR SYNODICAL

Mrs. Ivan Miller, a member of the Mt. Jefferson Presbyterian Church has completed a very efficient service in the work of the Women of the Church for the Presbyterial of Winston-Salem and the Synodical of North Carolina. Her last position held was Director of the Synodical Training. Many women of the Synod have expressed their appreciation for the splendid work that Mrs. Miller has rendered during her years of service.

Mrs. Miller wrote the editorial for the "Ashe Presbyterian" for this issue, entitled, "Enthusiasm".

Announce Weddings

DANCY AND EVERHARDT

Miss Katheryn Dancy became the bride of Michael Perry Everhardt at the home of her parents in the Wilbar Community on June 30 at 3 p. m.

Miss Dancy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dancy of Wilbar, in Wilkes county. Rev. J. W. Luke performed the double ring ceremony. The wedding cake and refreshments were enjoyed by all after the nuptials.

SHEPHERD AND DARNELL

Maggie June Shepherd, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Lee Shepherd of Laurel Springs became the bride of Gary Darnell on June 9 at 2 p. m. The marriage ceremony was held in the Transou Methodist Church by Rev. J.

ASHE COUNTY BOOMING 1883 PROPHECY TRUE

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mates compiled by the Budget Division of the State Department of Administration and the Carolina Population Center at Chapel Hill showed Ashe county has gained in the last seven years and is continuing at a faster rate than before.

The population increase has begun in Ashe, and with the many developments that will be coming forth there is no doubt that in the next few years there shall be a remarkable booming of this mountain county.

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A GROUP WHO WENT TO BARBARA JONES CAMP included Reba Hart, Russell Wayne, Randy Sheets, Keith Wayne, and Lenna Miller.

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SIDES AND McNEILL

Miss Mary Alice Sides, the daughter of Mrs. John C. Sides of Hickory, N. C. became the bride of Robert D. McNeill of Jefferson, N. C. on Aug 25 at 4 p. m.

The nuptial service was held in the St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod in Hickory, N. C. Robert's many friends in Ashe county wish for the bride and groom many happy years of God's blessings.

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Deacons Elected At Lansing Church

In June, the Session of the Lansing Church decided to eliminate the Board of Deacons and to suggest to the congregation that the present Deacons be elected to the Session. On Sunday, June 30, the congregation did elect Deacons James Vannoy, E. C. Campbell, and J. W. Campbell to be Ruling Elders.

The three elders elect are now meeting with the minister, Tom Murrell, in a series of classes for instruction in the meaning and the duties of the office of Elder, in preparation for their examination by the Session.

The examination is scheduled for Thursday, September 26, and plans are to ordain and install the new elders at a special joint service at the Lansing Church on Sunday, September 29

Rally Day Planned At Lansing Church

Rally Day, Sunday, September 29, will mark the beginning of a new era in the life of the Lansing Presbyterian Church. Three new Elders will be ordained and installed, new Sunday

Births Announced

On July 14 a baby girl, Leigh Ann Wyatt, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Wyatt of Millers Creek, N. C. We rejoice with these young people in that God has blessed them with a little daughter.

On Aug. 12 a baby girl, Angela Elizabeth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gragg. Mrs. Gragg was the former Miss Kay Wayne of the Miller and Bethel Church. She is serving as nurse at the Wilkes General Hospital, and resides at Millers Creek.

On July 16, Melissa Ann was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Sheets of Glendale Springs, N. C. Mrs. Sheets is the former Roxie Miller, the daughter of George Miller of Glendale Springs.

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GEORGE WEST is pictured on top of Mt. Rogers. This mountain, which is to be developed by the U. S. Government, is the highest mountain in the state of Virginia.

School teachers will be recognized, and full consolidation of the Gillespie and Foster Memorial Chapels and the Lansing Church will begin.

Plans are being made for special services on Rally Day to open the way to a new beginning for the Church year which starts October 1. The Rally Day theme is "In a Grand and Awful

Time," recognizing that the church has a job to do for Christ in a day marked by both tensions and opportunities which truly make this both an exciting and a threatening time.

Consideration is being given to combining the Sunday School and the worship service into one service to be followed by a picnic on Rally Day.

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Miss Anne Corry Leaves Glade Valley

Miss Anne Corry, who has been a teacher and dean of girls for a number of years is leaving for her home state, Georgia. Miss Corry's address will be 725 S. Pine St., Pinebrook Apts, 20, Conyers, Ga. 30207. She will continue teaching in a near by High School.

Not only the school but Miss Corry's many friends will miss her presence in this section. Miss Corry has been not only a teacher of math and French, but has taught Bible Schools in Ashe county in the summer season, and has been a willing worker for her Lord in Sunday Schools and church work. Miss Corry has always been a spiritual force in the Glade Valley School, and a great inspiration to hundreds of young people who asked her advice and were given an incentive to continue their education in college.

As Miss Corry goes to her native state, we trust she will not forget us in the Blue Ridge Mountains. We pray God's blessings for her, for we know she will be a witness and a force for Christ where ever she teaches and lives.

Good Bible Schools In Glendale Field

The three Churches in the Glendale Springs Field had excellent Daily Vacation Bible Schools this summer.

The Bible Schools started at Glendale Springs on June 17 and each one had 6 days of attendance for a two and a half hour period. Glendale Springs and Laurel Fork Schools were held in the morning, while Bethel School was held from 5 p. m. to 7:30 p. m.

Recreation for the schools were varied. Volley ball, basketball, soft ball, ring games, and sand piles for little ones, were the main amusements.

Lemonade and cookies were served each day and a watermelon feast to climax the Bible Schools

Teachers who served in the Bible Schools were: Miss Evelyn Acheson, Mrs. Clay Miller, Lena Rae Lyall, Jackie Miller, Jane Miller, Kay Miller, Ann Hart, Jo Anne Caudill, Mrs. Luke, and Mike Johnson. Gale Young and Debbie Miller were also a great help in the Beginners.

The enrollment was as follows:
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July 15-20: L. Fork 40
 (Not counting Y. P. at night.)

Total 139

A remarkable high in perfect attendance was chalked up this year.

A remarkable successful summer has been completed in Bible School, and we

thank all who worked so patiently in making the schools a success.

One of our young people who is married and living at Danville, Ky., Mrs. George Rogers, also attended Bible School with her children. Mrs. Rogers was June Crepps, who is loved and known to many in our church.

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Mount Jefferson Church Is Active

The fall months — Sept., Oct., and Nov. — have been with promise of early winter; we scraped ice from the windshield the morning of Sept. 13. But, as Shakespeare says: "Time and the hour run thro' the roughest day"; and so does the Lord's on-going purpose. On Sunday, Sept. 8, in view of the Assembly's appointment of Oct. 27 as a day of fasting and prayer, the sermon was on "A Time Of Fasting" (Luke 5:35). This matter was kept before our people every Sunday until the day itself. At the quarterly joint meeting of the Session and Board of Deacons on Sept. 27, the Church Treasurer could announce that the total pledge, \$1,907, made by the Church to the Retreat Center of Presbytery was now paid in full.

In October, a new Sunday School class was organized for the Young Adults to make provision for young married couples, our college people, and those of that age who are employed. Mr. and Mrs. J. Ivan Miller are the teachers or moderators of this group (on Nov. 10 it was the largest class of the Church School that day). October 13 was the Sunday of the county's Fall Train Ride, but our numbers fell not at all, and in the afternoon there was a beautiful rainbow — always particularly noticeable when in unusual season.

On Oct. 25, Mildred — just out of the hospital from gall-bladder operation — received the "remnants" that she had requested from our Hanes Company; and so the dress-making for the little leper children continues. Our grateful thanks to Hanes Company. Next day, the 26, word came concerning the auto accident in which Mrs. John Johnson was thrown from the car she was in; but by the Lord's providence. (Continued on page 3)

Glendale Springs Has Thanksgiving

"Come let us give thanks to the Lord".

Thanksgiving comes on Thursday, Nov. 27, but to avoid conflicts that come up on that day, the Glendale Springs Field of churches will meet on Sunday night, Nov. 24 at 6 p. m. in the dining room of the Memorial Building for a united Thanksgiving supper and service. The congregations of the Glendale, Laurel Fork and Bethel Churches will meet for this time of fellowship and Thanksgiving to God.

Offering at this time will be for the Barium Springs Orphanage and Benevolence.



Christmas Spirit Felt In Churches

In the church fields of Ashe county Christmas spirit is beginning to shine through.

Each field is planning pageantry or programs in honor of the birth of the Lord Jesus, the Begotten Son of God, Born of the Virgin Mary.

Glendale Springs Church is planning to have a unique play called "No Room in The Inn". Laurel Fork Church is planning a program entitled, "The Star that Still Shines". Bethel Church also has an attractive program for Christians.

Low Gap, Peak Creek And Ebenezer Join

The three congregations of Low Gap, Peak Creek and Ebenezer are for a time worshipping together at the Ebenezer Church, this building being somewhat more centrally located.

Church services are on the first and third Sundays of each month at 11:00 a. m. This is the normal hour unless at times changed to 2:30 p. m. due to necessary circumstances involving the supplying minister. However, in such event the minister will make announcement of this on the preceding Sunday that he is present with the Church.

The Churches are being supplied by J. S. Johnson, a retired minister with membership in Concord Presbytery, but living near Jefferson. He reports evidence of a sincere loyalty on the part of the people to the work of the Church, and at the services a sustained interest that approaches a longing for the deeper meanings of the Christian way.

Holiday Greenery On The Move Now

At this time of the year the greenery of the mountains is on the move. When you see Christmas trees for sale on the corner of the towns and cities, these little trees bring you the fresh breezes and Christmas Spirit of the clear cold air of the mountains. When you see fresh green trimmings (not artificial) strung across our city streets, you know it came from the mountains. These green trimmings are made in the mountains mainly. Each household has a little hand turned machine which makes this green roping as it is called in our area. Each piece of roping is made of tips from the pine or other evergreen trees, and is woven patiently with twine and wire by the little hand made machine in the home. Each piece of roping is 25 feet long and thousands of pounds of this is sold in the mountains before Christmas.

Repairs At Laurel Fork Church Made

The Laurel Fork Church floor has begun to sag and sink. For some time the congregation has been planning to repair the floor. Finally work has begun. In tearing up the floor, we have discovered termites and rot have badly damaged the sleepers. The whole floor will have to be repaired. It will be quite an expense, but it must be completed as soon as possible. The congregation is meeting in the largest Sunday School Room for their services. We are thankful for this building which we constructed years ago.

Revival Services At Glendale Springs

Rev. Preston Sartelle who is with the Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship preached for the revival at Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church on Sept. 26 through Oct. 2. Dr. Sartelle is a firm believer in God's Word and preached powerful sermons. This was the second meeting Dr. Sartelle held in the Glendale Field, the first being at Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church earlier in the summer.

There were ten young people including smaller juniors who made professions of their faith in the meeting. Three young people were received into the church and their request were baptised in the New River. Six younger children were taken under the care of the church to be instructed in what it means to be a Christian, and a church

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EDITORIAL**IS JESUS STILL IN THE STABLE?**
Rev. J. S. Johnson

With the use of a little imagination it is not too difficult to see again the little town of Bethlehem, on that never-to-be-forgotten night. While we cannot reconstruct all the minor details we can be pretty sure of the main mood.

We see the little town covered with darkness. Tired groups of people keep drifting in, bumping against one another, pressing ahead of each other, each seeking a room for the night, in an already over crowded town. A Roman law had just been issued to a captive people requiring all to register for a census taking. Due to Mary's condition they too are late, coming in wearily to the end of a long road. They find no vacancy in the rude village motel. They are lucky to be offered a corner in an empty stable, where at least there will be some straw and some rest.

But this scene is more than a heart-tugging incident in ancient history. It is an eternal parable of the human soul. Was it really necessary for Jesus to stay in the stable that night? The motel manager was not a mean man. In fact it was out of the kindness of his heart that he thought of the stable. While every room was already taken, and he couldn't turn out those who had already been received, yet he did think of the stable, and graciously offered all he had left.

If Joseph and Mary had come earlier they would have been received without question. It was just an unfortunate situation. These two from Nazareth had come a long way, under distressing conditions, had arrived late, all the rooms were taken, so they just had to be left out.

In fairness to the manager we must remember that he was so worn out himself, with all the extra excitement and confusion of that day, and so keyed up with getting all the other guests settled, that he simply had no time or patience to look after any more people. Not by any ill will, not by any



WEST JEFFERSON'S NEWLY COMPLETED POST OFFICE was brought into use in December.

**“So We Want Peace!”
Is The Cry Of Many**

To have peace is in the heart of many people today, yet many Christians do not really mean it. How can we expect harmony and peace between heathen and worldly nations WHEN

intention, not by any rudeness, but by a combination of pressures of the moment, a conglomeration of little “necessary” things, in the hectic rush of goings on, the Heart of Humanity was sent to a stable

True the manager of the motel did not know what he was doing. He did not know who Mary's child would be. If he had known he would have found a way to welcome him. If he had known that about to be, was One by whose name every little town and place and person he would touch would be made significant forever — why then, he would have worked something out. He could have explained to the guests, and someone would have been glad to give up their room, and sit in the lobby all night. Or, the manager could have given up his own room, so that Mary, the mother of the Master might come in. But he did not know what was going on.

He just didn't know, so how can we blame him! But he knew a little. He knew that it was dark, he knew that here was a woman who was very tired. He must have known that she was in deep distress. “I was hungry and ye gave me food . . . I was a stranger and ye took me in . . . I was sick,” and you gave me a room — or could have.

I pity this poor man, for he is so much myself — caught in the hectic whirl of so many little things, in the very presence of greatness, but too tiny to touch it, in the living room of Life, but so unaware. But there's still the star!

**Snow Falls Early
In Mountain Areas**

There is a saying in the mountains that where the wooley worm has black hair on his body that indicates the hard weather spells in the winter. It proved right this year. The wooley worm had black at his beginning and black at his other end. The little wooley prophet was right for two snows have covered the ground.

The last one was from 6 to 16 inches in our section of the mountains. Blizzard winds and for 2 or three days piled the drifts high. Do not try to travel the Parkway as there is one drift 300 feet long and high as your car. There may be others in places. So the wise little wooley worm has spoken.

MEMBERS OF A CHURCH ARE FUEDING AND FIGHTING. How can we expect wars to cease when Christians in our denomination cannot live with one another? How can we expect wars to cease when liberals are not willing to recognize the reverence for God's Word that many of our faithful believing Christians have learned by years of experience, and the presence of the Holy Spirit? How can we expect wars to cease when we have very fundamental Christians who do not love those who are more liberal.

James said in Chapter 4:1 “From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?”

The reason we are divided Christians today is because of sin — the sin of pride, hatred, selfishness, lust, refusal to accept the truth, refusal to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and King of our lives, refusal to reverence God and His Word, refusal to trust God and our fellow Christians, refusal to trust rather than to fear.

If we expect worldly powers to have peace, then Christians should set the example. In Jesus Christ we can.

Revival Is Held At Bethel Church

The revival at Bethel Presbyterian Church is late this year due to unseen events that came up in the fall.

Nov. 17 through the 22nd has been set for a special week of evangelistic preaching at this church. Rev. Bert Edwards of Bristol, Va. has been asked to bring the messages for this meeting. Mr. Edwards is the pastor of two Presbyterian Churches in the Bristol area: King Memorial and Lippincott Churches.

Mr. Edwards has never been in our field of churches and we welcome him to Bethel Presbyterian Church.

Cottage prayer meetings are being held in the homes of members in the preceding weeks before the revival.

In Memory Of M. W. Norfleet

Rev. M. W. Norfleet was called of God on Nov. 19, in Jacksonville, Fla. Mr. Norfleet has served in the Administration office of the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. for a number of years. Some of the older people in Ashe county will remember M. W., as he was called, as he worked with Rev. R. H. Stone in Bible Schools. Our hearts go out in sympathy to the loved ones. A good and faithful Christian has gone to his great reward in his Father's House.

REVIVAL SERVICES AT GLENDALE

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member.

The meeting was well attended and the force of Dr. Sartell's strong messages are not forgotten. We pray for many other revivals in which he will preach in the service as an evangelist.

MOUNT JEFFERSON HAS ACTIVE PROGRAM

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ence none involved was critically hurt, and we pray that in full recovery there be no ill effects remaining. She is back teaching the Adult Bible Class in the Church.

Reformation Day Sunday, Oct. 27, the day of the Church Fast, the sermon was on "Fasting As Christians", and stress was laid upon the fact that whereas all other faiths say "Sacrifice that you may win God's favor", Christianity alone says "Win God's favor that you may sacrifice" — have His fellowship so palpably and vivaciously that little thought need be wasted upon what one is "going-without" as he gets-on in the Lord's comradery and work and the doing of the Golden Rule: one needs such company in order to practice the Golden Rule.

November stayed fairly fair until after election week; and then the snows came, and the winds blew, and beat upon the houses, and — being full of



REV. BERT EDWARDS who was the evangelist for the Bethel Revival is from Bristol, Va.

children since school was cancelled — happily they fell not; but let all be certain that they are "founded upon the Rock". Nov. 6 the churches of this area heard Mr. Ed Miller concerning the promotion at St. Andrews College.

Armistice Day, the Mt. Jefferson minister gave the brief memorial (see editorial page); and now the church looks forward to the Thanksgiving Day Service — we have much to be thankful for.

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In Memoriam

ZOLA JANE BRYANT

Mrs. Zola Bryant was the daughter of late Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Perry of Wilkes county. She was born April 27, 1908 and passed away on Oct. 2, 1968. She passed away in the Wilkes Hospital after being hit by a car on the street. Funeral service were held in the Warren Miller Funeral Home and interment in the Peak Creek Cemetery in Ashe county. She was a member of the Peak Creek Presbyterian Church.

ROBIN AND MRS. BETTY ROTEN

A fatal fire took the life of Mrs. Ralph Roten and her little child, Robin. The family awoke in the night and Mrs. Roten and her little girl, Robin did not escape with the rest of the family. The Rotens lived in the Miller's community in Wilkes county. The husband and father, Ralph Roten and two other children mourn the passing of the wife and little Robin. Funeral services were held in the New Light Baptist Church and interment was in the Miller Cemetery. May God comfort the grand parents as well as the family of Betty and Robin.

ELDER DON C. BARE

Elder Don C. Bare was born Jan. 8, 1883 to Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Bare and passed away October 30, 1968, his life here being 85 years.

Mr. Bare was one of the older members of the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. When much younger he helped build the Ebenezer Church building founded in 1897-98.

Don Bare united with the church August 10, 1919 and became an Elder one year after he had been received into the church.

At the age of 26, Don Bare married Miss Ada Jane Severt. To this union six children were born. Two have passed away and his wife Ada. Four remain to mourn their father's passing—Mrs. Robert Woodie, Mrs. Clyde Wiley, Wayne Bare and Walter Bare.

Elder Bare was always an industrious man, and friendly to everyone. He was a faithful Christian and member of his church as long as his health permitted.

We know his Heavenly Father knew it was best to call him, yet we shall miss him with us here. Let us say — "Well done thou Good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

ARTHUR HARE

Arthur Hare was born December 29, 1903 and called of God October 31, 1968. Funeral services were held in the Transou Methodist Church on Oct. 15. He leaves one sister, Mrs. Todd Woodie and one brother, Claude Hare. There are also one half sister, and four half brothers who mourn his passing. Arthur was a likeable fellow and he made his peace with God and was not afraid to receive his passport from this life into the heavenly.

MRS. MARCEL LOLA CAMPBELL

Mrs. Marcel Lola Campbell was born August 10, 1899 and passed away Oct. 24, 1968.

Mrs. Campbell was the mother of Mrs. T. G. Murrell and the mother-in-law of Rev. T. G. Murrell, the pastor of the Lansing Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Campbell was spoken of very highly by many of the ladies of the Lansing Community. She was not well in her last days of her life as she made her home with her daughter. Services

were held in the Lansing Presbyterian Church by Rev. Robert L. Stamper on Oct. 26. Interment was in the Lansing Cemetery.

May our Heavenly Father give peace and comfort to the loved ones of Mrs. Campbell.

WILLIE E. JOHNSON

Willie Johnson was born Dec. 26, 1919 and was called of God from this life Sept. 12, 1968. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ern Johnson of Laurel Springs community. Willie used to attend the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church when a boy and made a profession of faith during his boyhood days. Willie Johnson became a successful business man and developed the Mid-Way Lumber Company at Jefferson and West Jefferson. Willie Johnson was a fine Christian citizen and carried out his faith in a practical way being helpful to those in need. He united with the Methodist Church at Smethport where he attended regularly. He leaves his wife, one son, and his mother and three brothers to mourn his passing. May God comfort his loved ones with the thought that Willie knew his Savior and lived for Him in this life. We are sure he shall not be found wanting in the heavenly life.

GEORGE E. LONG

George Long was born June 10, 1876 and passed away Sept. 23, 1968 at the ripe age of 92 years. Mr. Long was the son of Mr. Matthew Long and Mrs. Lynda Miller Long who lived in the Laurel Springs community. After marrying Miss Flora Goodman, he moved to the Ebenezer community and raised

a family of 12 children. Mr. Long was the oldest living member of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church being a member for several years. Mrs. Long preceded Mr. Long in death but all of his children are living and have become prominent citizens throughout the county and the country.

During the last days of Mr. Long's life he lived at the home of Mrs. Ruby Segraves of Jefferson.

His favorite prayer in his old age was "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep." On Sept. 28 he lay his soul down to sleep, and God took it to himself where he is keeping it for eternity.

HANCIL WINGLER

Funeral services were held for Hancil Wingler, son of Mrs. Cora Wingler and the late Joe Wingler. He was born in Wilkes county Feb. 20, 1922 and departed this life Nov. 11, 1968 at the age of 45 years. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Royal Wingler also five sons and three daughters. One grandchild, one brother and five sisters also mourn his passing. Hancil made his home in Flint, Michigan. The services were held at Bethel Church and interment in the Perry Cemetery. We are glad to know that Hancil trusted in Christ which is the testimony of his family.

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Armistice Day

By T. I. Smith

I can well remember the original Armistice Day 50-years-ago. There had been a false alarm three days earlier on the 8th of November (a Friday), and the bells of the town churches had begun to ring at 4 o'clock in the morning. Thinking that ours should not be silent, I — a little brat not old enough to be a Scout — had climbed with my brother to the bell room of our church, and together we kept the bell ringing along with the others.

There was no school on that false-alarm-day, so that when the real day of Armistice came — on the following Monday (the 11th) — the Principle was slow to let us out, waiting until the new report could be substantiated. But when the news was certain, there was a parade in the afternoon.

And oh, what rejoicing there was "nationwide" that 11th of November, and afterward. The war was over! — and so complete was the allied victory that things could be set right among the nations, making the future a prospect of all earth free of war. It hasn't turned out that way. And after a second World War, and the Korean War, we are now in the midst of war in Vietnam.

It was Churchill who said that if you don't fight when you should, you will find that — when it's finally forced on you — you'll be fighting against heavy odds and with slim chance of victory; or even with no chance for victory but only the consciousness that death is better than what you would receive at the hands of the enemy. And when in 1940, Churchill's nation was fighting alone against Hitler, and he sought American war equipment — only to be pressed by some of our isolationists to define his "war aims", his answer was that growl: "If we should stop fighting, people would know soon enough what we are fighting for." This is certainly an answer for those who vacuously ask: Why are WE fighting in Vietnam?

Our people may well know that the conflict that is everywhere abroad in the earth today is a conflict between "two moralities", and either one of them lives only by the other's dying. It is as serious at that; and the awful hazard is that our people will not realize it in time. As for the present conflict, we are THERE in fulfillment of treaty obligations; and any who would bring about question as to the United States fulfilling its pledged word in our mutual security treaties, would subject this nation to mortal danger. All honor to our fighting men in Vietnam. One only would that they were not forced to fight with one hand tied behind them.

In this short talk, we would like to conclude with something to turn over in mind. The ideal (and the happiness) of humanity is peace; but where atheistic aggression has taken this from the earth, then war can be as ruinous to evade as any other form of suffering. We owe something to those coming on. Yes, and to the One who — in His providence — has given US the blessing of a Christian heritage.

All this is said with the full acknowledgement that the deepest foundations

Weddings

SHEETES - MILLER

Shirley June Sheets, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sheets of Laurel Springs, N. C. became the bride of James Wayne Miller of Glendale Springs, at the Presbyterian Manse on October 11. We wish God's richest blessings to these young people.

HART-PERRY

Miss Ann Hart, the daughter of June Hart of Laurel Springs became the bride of Denny Perry of Sparta, at the Transou Methodist Church at 4 p. m., Oct. 13.

Denny, who is in the armed service of the United States will be sent to South Korea. Ann is planning to make her home with her husband's family and complete her senior year in high school.

Ann was one of the most useful and consecrated young people of the Laurel

of real power are not armies and navies, but "that something" which is hidden within — that relationship between one and his Maker. THIS is what our nation has neglected, and what we must revive and cherish.

Fork Church. Our blessings on these young people is our prayer.

BIRTH ANNOUNCED

Born to Jim and Shirley Caudill Walker of Kernersville, N. C. a baby boy, Samuel Franklin. Mrs. Walker, as many know was Shirley Caudill, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Caudill of Glendale Springs, and a member of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church. We congratulate this fine young couple as God has blessed them with this fine little boy.

INFANT BAPTISED

At the morning service at Bethel Presbyterian Church, the parents of Leigh Anne Wyatt brought their baby for baptism. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Wyatt presented Leigh Ann, and Elder Bill Wyatt the grandfather held the baptismal bowl. After the promises were answered, the pastor, Rev. J. W. Luke baptised Leigh Ann.

FILM ON STEWARDSHIP

The film strip on Stewardship was shown in the Laurel Fork Church on Thursday, Oct. 30. The service was attended by the Young People and some of the congregation.

PRESIDENT CALLS FOR THANKSGIVING TO GOD ON NOV. 28

President Johnson cites many blessings for which we should be thankful to God in the past year. The president said, quote:

"In this season, let us offer more than words of Thanksgiving to God. Let us resolve to offer Him the best that is within us: tolerance, respect for life, faith in the destiny of all men to live in peace."

The President proclaimed Thursday, Nov. 28 as Thanksgiving Day.

Let us truly make this a day of prayer and Thanksgiving to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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He is one of nine seniors receiving this distinction, which is one of the highest honors an undergraduate student can achieve. Election into the fraternity recognizes "eminence in five phases of campus life—scholarship; athletics; social and religious activities; publications; and forensic, dramatics, music, and other cultural activities."

Orsbon, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Orsbon, is an English major, a member of Phi Delta Theta social fraternity, he is vice president of the "D" Club, a member of the basketball and track teams, and a participant in several dramatics productions.

We have also learned that Tony has been elected as Commanding Officer of the R. O. T. C. in Davidson College. The Vannoy Community and Bethel Church congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Orsbon for the achievement of their son Tony. Richard and Ruby as we know the parents are from the Vannoy Community and Bethel Church.



BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SEASON is over. Here is a group of boys at the Glendale Springs ball field.

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The people of the world and especially the citizens of the United States watched with eager interest the election returns as broadcasted on the T. V. and radios of our country.

As the race emerged toward the last two men ran neck and neck in the returns. These two men as we know were Nixon and Humphrey. These two men represented the two major parties of our nation.

Before the election there was a hard fought campaign. Many appearances on television, many speeches on radios, many pictures and words printed in the daily papers, any appeals to political caucuses of the different states, many appeals to organizations, many approaches to various sections, many appeals to different interests, many jestures to all races, sometimes very harsh criticisms of the other candidates, and multitudes of promises and ideas were scattered abroad for the digestion of the voters of our nation.

On Nov. 5 the precincts were opened and the battle of the voters began. The returns began to be broadcast that night and continued until the wee hours of the morning of the 6th. Two candidates emerged at the front of the race. Nixon and Humphrey ran neck and neck for some time. Finally the tired commentators announced the required electoral votes of 278 had been won by Mr. Nixon and the race was over. Mr. Nixon was the president elect of the United States of America.

When the president elect, Mr. Nixon, was called upon to make his acknowledgement to the victory. He stood with his good wife and children — a wholesome, clean family, to accept and make his speech of victory. It was not one of boasting or crowing over the other party or contestant, but one of complements for his opponent and an appeal for a much needed unity of our nation.

Likewise we heard the conceding speech of Mr. Humphrey who lost the election. He stood with his good wife and others, without bitterness, expressed himself in a most gentlemanly way, congratulating his victorious opponent, and wishing him success, and offering his cooperation for the unification of the great nation.

It made me glad to hear two Americans in the hottest political contest of American History to concede the loss and acknowledge a victory in gentlemanly, and manly way in which they behaved.

I thought of many other countries in the world, where strife and a coup or bloodshed is necessary when government changes take place. When I saw and heard the gentlemen with their clean cut, wholesome families around them give their gallant concessions and



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acknowledgements and promises to proud to be an American. Is it not fitting to take up the cry and prayer of country, it made me glad, and I was Old England, "God save the President."

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This summer and fall boys and girls in the Glendale Field had much wholesome fun playing outdoor games. Volley ball was enjoyed at Laurel Fork on every Thursday night before Young People's meeting. At Glendale Springs, base ball soft ball and a few tag football games were enjoyed by the boys.

Basketball now reigns at the Memorial Building two or three nights in the week. On Tuesday and Friday are the regular nights for the building to open. On these nights 3 or 4 dozen boys will take turns in playing and practicing basketball. Down stairs in the building, ping pong tables will be busy. The Memorial Building is not only a center for the Glendale Field but independent teams make engagements for the use of the building during the season.

The gym basketball floor has been cleaned and re-varnished this fall. A fine, new freshly varnished floor now is enjoyed by the players. Only those who have basketball shoes are allowed to play on the floor.

Day Of Prayer And Fasting Held

The congregation of the Glendale, Laurel Fork and Bethel Churches were asked to observe the 27th of October as a day of fasting and prayer as was called for by the moderator of the General Assembly. It was suggested that each family either abstain from eating or eat very lightly during the day. It was also suggested that we pray at least 10 minutes every hour of the day. A sermon on "Fasting and Prayer" was preached at Glendale Springs and Laurel Fork Churches. The services were given to much prayer.

We believe the church is on the right track for renewal when it recognizes the power of God to accomplish the task. It is said in the last days of the world, that men shall deny the power of God. May our beloved church not deny the power of the Living God to stir, to move, to convict sinners to put new life in the souls of our people.

St. Andrews College Has Fund Campaign

A relatively new institution, established by the Synod of North Carolina, St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, N. C., is in the midst of a capital funds campaign with an immediate goal of \$5,000,000. Mr. Robert D. McNeill, of West Jefferson, and the Reverend Thomas G. Murrell, of Lansing, have been appointed co-chairmen for the campaign in Ashe county.

The St. Andrews Forward Campaign recently passed the \$2,000,000 mark with the receipt of a grant of \$100,000 from Burlington Industries Foundation, payable over four years.

Charles F. Myers, Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive of Burlington Industries, Inc., noted the grant was "in



A GROUP OF BEGINNERS starting the basketball season in the John Luke Memorial building at Glendale Springs.

recognition of the accomplishments to date of St. Andrews College, and is to encourage its continued growth and development in providing higher education for the citizens of our State."

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Plans Of Lansing Field Churches

Under the inspiration of Dr. Robert Lansing Stamper plans are being formulated for the rejuvenation and outreach of the Lansing Presbyterian Church. The Board of National Ministries in Atlanta, of which Dr. Stamper is a member, and the Presbytery of Winston-Salem are cooperating with the Lansing Church in this forward movement. The plan calls for a pastor and an assistant, either a minister or a Director of Christian Education, a preaching program, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, and Young People's Work will be resumed in the Foster Memorial and Gillespie Churches, now operated as a Sunday School with the rating of chapels. An additional chapel is expected to be opened at White Top.

A mobile, self-contained dental unit has been secured. It has its own power system operated by electricity. Scheduled stops will be made on week days at various chapels and churches. Another feature is that there will be clothing for the needy. Yet another service will be the giving of assistance to young people who want to enter college; and to help families or individuals with their problems. The program is expected to be in operation in May. The preaching of the Gospel, according to Dr. Stamper, is to have top priority.

Dr. Stamper is a native of Ashe county and has many relatives here. He has risen high in Presbyterian circles — having been vice-president of King College, vice-president in charge of development of Columbia Seminary, and president of the Biblical Seminary in New York City. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him in 1955 by his alma mater — King College. He was chaplain in the United States Navy in 1943-1953. He is blessed with an unbounding love for his native county and her people.

Rev. T. G. Murrell Leaves Lansing

On a Sunday prior to Thanksgiving Rev. Thomas Murrell in a surprise move announced to his Lansing congregation that this would be his last sermon in that pulpit. In a congregational meeting he asked the church to concur with him in a request to Winston-Salem Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship, which was subsequently done. He was granted permission to labor without the bounds of the Presbytery for one year in order to make up his mind as to whether
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Mount Jefferson Church Is Busy

It doesn't seem that three months have passed since — on Thanksgiving Day morning — we went to the church early and found it full of smoke. Fortunately, by the time of service, the sanctuary was aired-out, the flue was drawing, and we had the largest attendance for this national day observance that we have ever had.

December of 1968 will be remembered by reason of the magnificent Christmas Eve greetings from the moon; but other things happened also. On Saturday, Dec. 14 (the date having been set forward a week when orders for Vietnam came), one of our young men in uniform, Mr. Duane Pennington, was married to Miss Janice Goss in a church wedding at which Mr. Pennington's brother, Clay (also in uniform), served as best man.

Sadness came, too, in December, for Mr. Tee Ballard died Dec. 15, apparently "in full strength"; and two weeks later the mother of Mr. HYTE Blevins passed away. How grandly comes the inspired and authoritative word home to our human hearts — with its definiteness and its emphasis — "flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom."
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My Task

"There's holy high vocation,
Needing workers everywhere;
'Tis the highest form of service,
'Tis the ministry of prayer.

No one need stand idly longing
For a place in which to share
Active service for the Master;
There is always room for prayer."

—Author Unknown

Low Gap, Peak Creek And Ebenezer To Begin Services Soon

By Rev. John Johnson

These three congregations have not been having services during the early months of this year, due to road conditions and church heating difficulties. However, we plan to begin again soon.

As before Christmas, the three groups will meet at the Ebenezer Church, this building being somewhat more centrally located. Services will begin in April, on the first and third Sundays of each month at 11:00 a. m. This is the normal hour unless at times changed to 2:30 p. m. due to necessary circumstances involving the supplying minister, notification being given in advance.

In the fall, at the time of the campaign in behalf of St. Andrews Presbyterian College, at Laurinburg, when the Synod of North Carolina was seeking the cooperation of each Church, however small, in the task of Christian Education; Low Gap, Peak Creek and Ebenezer each, of their own accord made a small pledge for this valued enterprise. The pledges were made merely as a goal to strive toward, leaving it entirely to each individual as to what he or she may feel they want to do, or able to do.

It has been a privilege to me, J. S. Johnson, to have had the opportunity of being with these people, the months of May through December of last year. Their interest in the church and in seeking to grasp more fully the meanings of their faith, is a source of gratitude, together with their cordial fellowship on meeting with one another, and always their friendly welcome to their supplying minister. At the last service before Christmas, the three groups presented him and his family
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What Easter Means To Me

By Randy Sheets, age 12 in the seventh grade, Fairplanes School, Wilkes co. Member of Bethel Presbyterian Church

I think April 6 is the day Christ will come into many people's hearts. To me, as with every Christian all over the world, it is a day of joy and happiness. It's the day that Christ showed man his power to have victory over death.

Although the crucifixion was sorrowful and mournful, I think that the resurrection of Christ gave every man a promise of new life.

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What Easter Meant To Paul

(EDITORIAL)

"THAT I MAY KNOW HIM AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION."

These words were written by Paul in Phil. 3:10, and we pray that at this Easter season, the presence of the living Christ and the power of his resurrection shall be revealed to you, just as it was to Paul the converted.

At one time Paul was Saul the unbeliever. He did not believe that Christ was the Messiah, the Son of God, and he did not believe that Jesus Christ arose from the dead and was living.

So many of the Jews were defecting to the faith in Jesus Christ, the resurrected Lord, that the Jewish Christians were being hunted down, and severely persecuted. Saul the unbeliever's greatest zeal was to kill this movement by persecution, imprisonment, and even killing all who believed in the Living Christ and who followed Him.

In the midst of his cruel campaign to stamp out the Christians, Saul himself met face to face the resurrected Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus, as he witnessed, "And last of all, He was seen of me." Saul the unbeliever became the great Paul, "One born out of due time."

About thirty years before Paul's conversion, Jesus Christ was seized and crucified to his death. His dead mutilated body was buried in a stone tomb in the side of a hill, and a great stone sealed the entrance to the tomb. When the followers of Christ saw how cruel men overcame their leader, they were astounded that their powerful Christ could be overcome by the hand of man. Their bright hope that had been built within them was put out, their spirits were crushed. They had given all to follow Him, now all was disappointment and black was the future. In fear they asked, "Who will be the next to die on a cross?"

Gloom settled over the cowering

disciples of Jesus, but hope equal to the sunlight that shown into an open and empty tomb came on the third day. The power of the resurrection came into their lives as they realized that the dead one was alive again. The fear and trembling was stilled, as he greeted them with those words, "Peace be unto you." How exulting his greeting, "All Hail!" as his voice echoed over the old hills when he met them on the road. The power of the Living Christ made new men of the bewildered lot.

Now thirty years later the power of the Living Christ had made a new man out of a persecuting and hating Saul. When Saul came face to face with the resurrected Lord, his experience burned out the hate, and made Saul, the great Paul the apostle who threw away pride, power, preeminence, to serve the Living Christ, that he might know Him and the power of his resurrection.

Before Christ ascension out of the sight of the apostles, He promised them this, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth," and they were urged to use this power to witness for Him unto the ends of the earth. Paul had been fighting this power before he met the Living Christ on the road to Damascus. It is not known whether Paul ever saw Christ before while He was in the flesh and walked upon the hills of Judea, for Paul spent his boyhood days in Tarsus of Asia Minor several hundred miles from the home of Jesus. It is certain that Paul did see Jesus, the Living One, face to face, and he came to know the power that Jesus had spoken about when he said to his first disciples, "All Powers is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

This Easter season will mean nothing to us, unless we once again like Paul, meet the living Master face to face, and go out in his power.

Today men are devising all kinds of schemes to make the churches grow, but their plans are failing! failing! failing!

Today many spend their time politicking in the church to get their way.

Today many are trying to make a world wide church organization and think it will make the church grow. They make this their god. This was tried many years ago when the Roman Catholic Church ruled the world, and it became selfish and corrupt and failed. Why should men want to try it over again?

Today denominations are trying to close and consolidate many small active churches for they say we have a scarcity of ministers. Why do we not try the Power of the Living Christ who said, "Pray ye the Lord of the Harvest that He will send laborers into the fields that are white to the harvest."

Some say we need better organization and administrations, and more investigations are carried out, and more questionnaires are created, and red tape takes the place of red blooded work with living people.

Some say lets give more freedom to our people. Let them have more liquor if they want it, and crimes increase, deaths on the highways multiply, taxes go up to take care of alcoholics, and the liquor dealers are made millionaires.

Some say let us have a new mo-

He Called Me Out

He called me out, the Man with garments dyed,
I knew His voice — my Lord the crucified;
He showed Himself, and Oh, I could not stay,
I had to follow Him — had to obey.

It cast me out — the world when once it found,
That I within this rebel heart had crowned,
The Man it had rejected, spurned and slain,
Whom God in wondrous power had raised to reign.

—Author Unknown

Plan Evangelistic Conference In July

An Evangelistic Conference will be held at Montreat on July 11-16. This conference will be sponsored by the Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship. There will be Bible hours, seminars, revival singing, and nightly messages by the fellowship evangelists.

There will be abundant facilities for recreation for youth and children plus special programs for them.

rality and free love, and according to statistics, venereal diseases are increasing in a terrific rate, and illegitimate children are born throughout the nation.

The Easter season is upon us, the season of the resurrection of Jesus Christ the Living Lord. Shall we leave our beautiful Easter services and all we have to think about is what a beautiful hat so-and-so had on, or what a wonderful "hair do" some one had, or what a beautiful dress some one wore, or what beautiful flowers adorned the altar! or what a wonderful sermon it was! or shall we leave with the power of a Living Christ at our sides, and the power of His resurrection, as Paul found it?

In conclusion of this plea for the power of the Living Christ at this Easter season, I would like to suggest the following:

(1) Dare to believe in the actual presence of the living Christ with you. This is faith. He said "I will be with you."

(2) Dare to exult the name of Jesus Christ and you shall have power of the Holy Spirit. "All hail the power of Jesus Name."

(3) Dare to study the scriptures of the Old and New Testament without prejudice, depending upon the Holy Spirit to reveal new truth.

(4) Dare when you are tempted to command the Devil, "Get thee behind me Satan in the name of Jesus Christ."

(5) Dare to believe in prayer, no matter how great the problem is.

(6) Dare to introduce the Living Christ to others who know Him not.

"If you want your life to be fruitful, exalt Christ. If you want the fullness in your testimony and triumph over sin in your life, exalt Christ."

(Anonymous quotation)

Thank You Letters To Board For Joy Gift

The Board of Annuities of the Presbyterian Church receive grateful letters for help from the Christmas Joy Gift offerings received from a minister's widow who is 82 years of age comes this letter of thanks.

"You have done so much for me and continue to do so — I am so deeply grateful —

The many years my husband and I remembered to do our very best for the Joy Gift — seems to be coming back to me — how can one say the right word of gratitude. I will be 82 years old this year and I really can get about the same as when I was 60!

Walking still with our Lord — giving Him the praise . . ."

Easter

By Jane Miller,
Senior at Alleghany High School

In the modern era one can often have the wrong meaning of Easter. We can think of Easter as a flamboyant time for exhibiting new clothes to his friends and making an unfrequent visit to church.

To children, Easter often is symbolized by the "Easter Bunny", candy, and perhaps new clothing.

The real meaning of Easter must not be forgotten. The happenings leading up to Easter were the arrest of Jesus after being betrayed by Judas, his delivery by Pilate to the Jews to be crucified, his certain death on a cruel cross, while the soldiers cast lots for his garments. While on the cross Jesus made provision for his mother's life. After our Saviour said "I thirst" He received vinegar to satisfy his thirst. Just before he died, He cried out, "It is finished" and passed away. Jesus was taken from the cross and buried in a sealed tomb. On the third day, which is Easter, He overcame death, arose from the dead and appeared before his disciples. This gave them the courage to carry on His work. After forty days among his followers he ascended into Heaven and has promised to return at the end of the world.

Jesus died for us at Golgotha, and arose again on Easter, that we might believe that He is the Christ the Son of God, and that believing we might have eternal life through His name. This is Easter.

Bobby Richardson To Speak At Montreat

We are glad to receive the announcement that Bobby Richardson, the well known ex-second baseman of the Yankey baseball team will speak at



MR. OSCAR ELLIOTT has presented us with a picture of Timmie Miller the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Miller, of Glendale Springs, N. C. in the act of preaching. He certainly has the appearance of a real preacher. He is a regular attendant of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church Sunday School. Mr. Elliott points out that Timmie says some remarkable things for his age.

the annual conference for men at Montreat this summer — June 6, 7, 8.

Bobby's presence at the conference should be one of the highlights at Montreat for the summer, and will draw many men to the conference.

Bobby spoke in Ashe county in the Memorial Building at Glendale Springs on May 1, 1967.

We read also that Bobby Richardson was elected the Man of the Year by his own denomination, the Baptist Church. We congratulate Bobby for this honor and he has the esteem of not only of his own denomination but the Christians every where who admire a man for standing up and witnessing for Christ.

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Laurel Fork Church Improved, Repaired

Termites started it all, that is termites and rot were taking the floor from under us at the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church. The floor of the church had been sinking gradually and we all knew there would come a day when we would have to get to work and repair.

The floor was taken up and we found floor sills, and even the studding of the church eaten up by termites and rot. In consideration what to do in the most efficient and lasting way, the men decided to fill up the foundation with earth and put in a cement floor. The men of the church with the help of machinery soon had the filling complete, and the cement poured. The studding was repaired and new wainscoting put in with insulation. The sheet rock was repaired and new platform for the pulpit was built. New painting job for the sheet-rock and wood work was completed. The ladies of the church insisted we put down in door and out door carpeting on the cement to make the cement comfortable, which we will try to do. As the church has been a cold building in the winter we agreed to try bottled gas for heating. Before this we had used a wood stove.

The pews now must match the woodwork, so the men got to work and sanded them and with the women they painted them to match the walnut siding. As the church has never had any regular pulpit furniture, it was decided to put memorial money into a communion table, and new pulpit chairs for the present. One of the chairs will be given in memory of Mrs. Bettie Woodie, who recently passed away in California. The credit for the work on the church goes to everyone for subscribing about \$1500 in round numbers, and for the hard work of the men of the church, especially Sam Miller, Junior Hart, Homer Rouse, Edgar Miller, and Ola Long. We thank others who have helped out in many ways. We should give credit to the ladies who kept after the men and did a lot of painting. We appreciate the constant work of Homer Rouse, Chief Ranger on Blue Ridge Parkway, who has done much work in finishing the furniture of the church.

CHURCHES BEGIN SERVICES SOON

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with the generous and appetizing gift of two fine country hams.

We look forward to seeing every member or friend of the church, who is able to be with us, on the first Sunday in April, seeking to do your part in encouraging this that can mean so much to everyone who will let it.

In the meantime we trust you have used every opportunity available to

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do not go to a church. Rather the church sometimes goes to a building, a meeting place. And all the time remembering that when not in any special building, or church house, we are still the church, ever showing by our daily witness that the church is ever "holding service", ever active, ever alive. "See you in church!" No, rather "See the church in you!"

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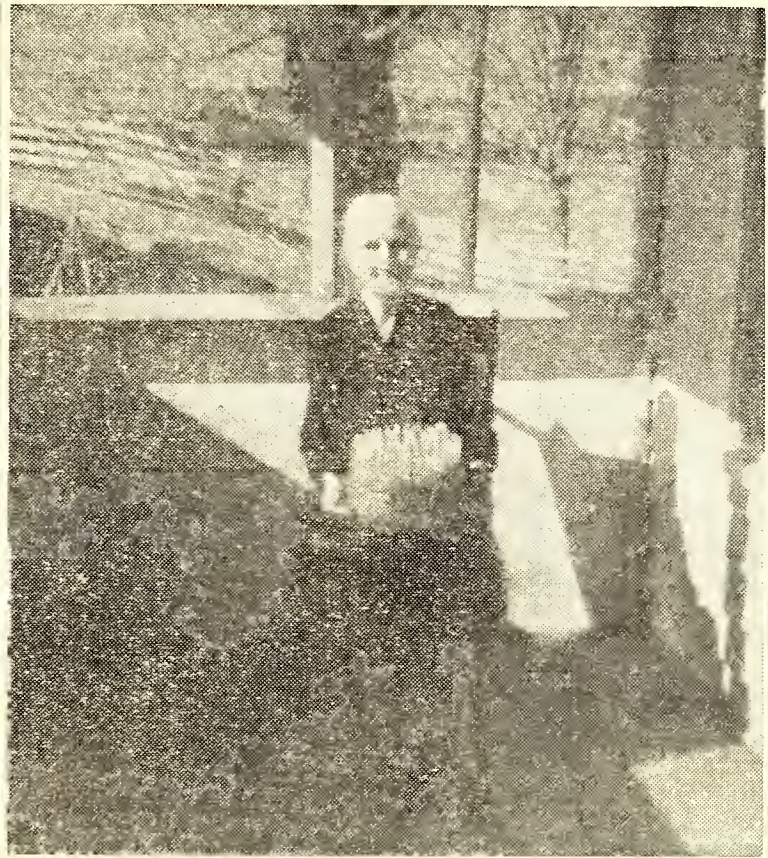
Despite sub-freezing weather enormous dirt moving machines are moving mountain size hills and boulders to make way for an improvement of a section of Highways Nos. 221 and 88, making a four-lane highway to the eastern town limit of Jefferson. Awaiting warmer weather are man sections of pipe for the completion of water and sewer systems of Jefferson.

The February NEWS LETTER of the Ashe County Chamber of Commerce reports that it has a membership of 250 members and it is increasing. According to the NEWS LETTER there are eleven industries in the County. As of the weekend of January 13th there were two leads on industrial possibilities. The Phenix Chair Company is now using their expanded facilities and 330 people are employed. The Sprague Electric Company is employing 20 per cent more people than they were last Fall. The Knitwear Division of the Hanes Corporation in Jefferson is presently employing about 450 people. The Greensboro Manufacturing Co. is expecting to increase its employment beyond the present 120 as they plan to begin producing disposable goods such as hospital gowns. Industrial Plastics is running full blast and plan to enlarge their building. Jefferson Wood Products, employing 85 people, has within a year enjoyed a 30 per cent increase in business. Oak Flooring Company is working full time, 55 men are employed. The Knox Knitting Co. of Creston reported a good year in 1968 "and things look good for 1969". The Weaver Manufacturing Co. is now producing in their new plant which replaced their burned plant. The increase in employment is 74 per cent.

Last year The Chamber presented 6000 copies of the Ashe County brochure. This year the request is for 18,500 brochures which will be distributed along the Blue Ridge Parkway from Asheville to Roanoke.

Ashe County will be affected by the Appalachian Power Dam. The Chamber of Commerce and the County Commissioners are working with the Ashe County Airport Authority to secure an airport to serve this and adjoining counties. There has been pledged or paid locally for this achievement \$74,000.00.

The February 15th issue of THE STATE states, "The second phase of construction of a ski complex on Three Top Mountain . . . is to begin in March. So far, two access roads and two trout lakes have been built for about \$100,000. The two slopes are to be graded — \$250,000, and a Swiss chalet ski lodge is also planned. The three-year, three phase project will run an estimated \$1 million. The third phase will be an 18-hole golf course and the tying together of the total project' a spokesman said."



MRS. ELLIE SEVERT honored on her 93rd birthday.

Household Shower For Holbrooks

A household shower was given to Mr. and Mrs. Britt Holbrook by Mrs. Rudolph Johnson, Mrs. Edgar Miller, and Mrs. Bryce McGrady, of Laurel Fork community. A few months ago

the Holbrooks lost their house by fire and a new house has been constructed, which is very commodious and convenient.

The shower was held on Sunday evening, January 19. Many neighbors and friends rejoiced with the Holbrooks by giving the shower and visiting. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Pauline Miller.

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Name Frank Shook 1968 Truck Driver

Frank E. Shook, of Salisbury, who delivers Esso gas to Ashe county, and stops at Glendale Springs and delivers gas at Rose's Grocery every two or three weeks was the truck driver of the year of 1968.

Frank, as we know him drives for the Swain Transportation Company, and has handled a big gasoline tanker for 32 years. In 32 years he has driven 2 million 900,000 thousand miles hauling Esso gasoline. Frank said he had driven more miles than this as he had driven for another trucking company previously.

When asked what the state could do for him he answered, "Fix the Jumping Off Place on Highway 16 at the entrance to Ashe county." This place on the highway is the most dangerous place on a mountain road. A tremendous cliff overhangs the road and rocks and slides constantly fall into the road, especially when thawing season comes in. Travelers have escaped within an inch of their lives from falling rock. Several tons of rock have fallen into the road at intervals, and traffic has been cut off many times. The request by Frank Shook was a most reasonable one, and when he requested that the Jumping Off Cliff be made safe, he was thinking of the safety of others who travel this main road into Ashe county and passing over into Virginia. So far the request has not been carried through by the state. The Jumping Off Cliff is within a few hundred yards from the Blue Ridge Parkway, and tourists as well as local travelers are in great danger when traveling the road.

Frank Shook is a fine responsible Christian, and sets a fine example to all drivers for safe driving on the roads.

"Our Artist God"

By Mrs. Herbert Bare,
Member of Glendale Church

Heavenly blue the sky, dappled is the morn,
Where the day's dark green shadows,
awaken with the dawn,
Rich blacks and browns the earth, as
it's tumbled by the plows,
Fleecy whites, grays and tans, of
gamboling lambs, and patient cows,
Multi-hued the plants and flowers,
painted by our Creator's hand,
Golden sun sifting through rainbowed
showers, watering our "Promised
Land",
Pastel dawns to brilliant sunsets, dark-
ened vales where men have trod,
From purple mountains to smallest
violets, all painted by our artist God.

— By Emmie Bare

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Lansing, N. C.



FRANK E. SHOOK, TRUCK DRIVER OF THE YEAR, is an Esso trailer driver into Ashe county.

REV. MURRELL LEAVES LANSING

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er or not the Lord had called him into the ministry.

Mr. Murrell had prepared his congregation for the proposed merger with the Reformed Presbyterian Church in America by ordaining all of the Deacons, who consented to ordination, as Elders. And the Session became a Consistory.

A few days before Christmas Rev.

and Mrs. Murrell and their three children, Diana Lee, John Thomas, and Lola Anne left for Virginia Beach, Va. where their street address is 613 Pine Tree Drive, 23452.

Before entering the Seminary in Richmond he was a practicing architect and it is understood here that he is now connected with an architectural firm.

Following his graduation from Union Seminary in 1965 he came to Lansing to become pastor of the Lansing, Foster Memorial, and Gillespie Presbyterian Churches.

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In Memory Of Miss Jennie Cox

Miss Eliza Virginia Cox passed away Saturday, March 1, 1969. She was born August 23, 1876 the daughter of John and Mary Cox, in Russell County, Va. Her stay in this life was 92 years. Miss Cox had made her home with her niece, Miss Ada Cox in the Beaver Creek community.

She is survived by her two nieces, Miss Ada Cox, of Rt. 2, West Jefferson, and Mrs. George Miller, of Glendale Springs, also one nephew, Bart Cox, of Fleetwood, Ashe county.

Miss Jennie united with the Presbyterian Church at Glendale Springs some years ago, and had been a faithful Christian and member. She was a kind and lovely Christian and has at last found her home in Heaven. May our Heavenly Father comfort her loved ones.

BIRTH ANNOUNCED

Rebecca Lynn was born Dec. 18 at the Alexander Memorial Hospital in Taylorsville. Rebecca Lynn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Reeves. As many who know, Mrs. Reeves was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Upchurch and a member of the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church. We pray that God will bless this little one born in the Reeves home.

MOUNT JEFFERSON CHURCH BUSY

dom of God, neither doth corruption inherit incorruption, so . . . this corruptible MUST put on incorruption, and this mortal MUST put on immortality" (I Cor 15:50, 53). Death, for the Christian, is an expected metamorphosis.

Our formal Christmas celebration for 1968 all took place on Christmas Sunday, Dec. 22, due to illnesses, and since the Ashe County Music Club has set apart Dec. 15 for its Cantata.

In January of the New Year, the first week and the last week saw loved ones called home, when Mr. Ivan Miller's father passed away January 7, and Mr. Harold Stringer's father January 25. A passage in Joshua comes to mind, which could be for any of us as well as these who have anteceded us: "They did eat of the fruit of the Land of Canaan that year" (Josh 5:12), a beautiful thought since Canaan is taken in scripture as a type of Heaven.

Winter Communion was observed Sunday, January 12, since the first Sunday of the year (the usual date for Communion) was radio Sunday. And at the winter session of Presbytery.

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ROCKS THAT FALL INTO THE ROAD at the Jumping Off Place on the main road, No. 16 that comes into Ashe county.

January 23, the church was represented by Mr. John F. Reeves, clerk of session, and the minister.

February 9, the fact of Scout Week was taken note of in the sermon on "Making Your Life Count." That Sunday, at family altar in the Manse, we finished — for our devotional reading — the splendid allegory of John Bunyan, "The Pilgrim's Progress." This book can now be had in modern

English, and is commended to you.

February 13, at 7:30 in the morning, the minister saw five young men off to the army (— the ministers of the county take turns doing this and presenting the young men with "New Testament and Psalms" which the churches of the county provide). And Friday, February 28, our annual Lenten Communicants Class began — it being that near to Easter!

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In Memory Of Many Loved Ones

CLARENCE STONE

T. Clarence Stone passed away on January 16 at the hospital at Chapel Hill.

Mr. Stone was the son of Robert Tyler and Mary Hamlin Stone of Stoneville, N. C. He served in the General Assembly for 20 years, and his last office was Senate President.

Clarence Stone fought the influence of Communism in the State and stood for what he thought was right. When he resigned as Senate President he said, "After this, I'm not running for anything but the Kingdom of Heaven." He was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church of Stoneville.

Clarence Stone was the brother of Dr. R. H. Stone, whom the people of Ashe county know and love. We offer our sympathy but are comforted by knowing that Clarence has won his election into the Kingdom of God.

FRANK FARRINGTON

Frank Farrington, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Will Farrington of Ebenezer community lost his life in a fire which started in the old Farrington home where Frank lived. Frank was 54 years of age, and leaves two sisters and six brothers who mourn his loss as well as many other relatives and friends. Burial services were held in the Ebenezer Church and interment in the adjacent cemetery. We pray God's comforting peace to those who lost their loved one.

MRS. WILEY CHURCH

Mrs. Myrtle McNeill Church, 83 years of age and the wife of Mr. Wiley Church passed away on January 17. Mrs Church was of the McNeill family of Obids and a faithful Christian and member of the church. Mrs. Church is survived by her husband, a sister, two daughters and five sons. The funeral services were held in the Pine Swamp Baptist Church, of Idlewild, and interment in the local cemetery. She has gone to her reward, for she served her Heavenly Father for many years.

ARNOLD FORD

The funeral of Arnold Ford was held in the Obids Presbyterian Church on December 20 and interment was in the Obids cemetery.

WILLIAM EDD SHEETS

William Edd Sheets, well known citizen of the Peak Creek community, passed away on January 31 at the age of 79 years. The funeral service was held at the Peak Creek Church of the

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Marriages

The following marriage announcements will be of interest to our church family:

STROUD-REEDY

On the afternoon of Dec. 22 the Manse at Glendale Springs was the scene of the marriage of Angie Faye Stroud and Wiley Ray Reedy. Angie is the daughter of Mrs. Thelmer Stroud, of Glendale Springs and Wiley is from Crumpler, of Ashe county.

We wish and pray much happiness for these young people.

IRELAND-JENSEN

The Bethel Presbyterian Church was the scene of the marriage of Mrs. Eula Ireland and Mr. Richard Jensen. Mrs. Ireland is the daughter of the late Sanford and Mrs. Myra Osborne, of Vannoy community, Wilkes County. Her present home was in Greensboro, N. C. Mr. Richard Jensen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jensen, of Well-lesley, Mass.

The nuptial ceremony was held at 2:00 p. m. on Saturday, February 15. The officiating clergyman was the pastor of Bethel Church, J. W. Luke

After the ceremony refreshments were served by the bride's sisters. May many happy years bless this union.

Brethren on Sunday, February 2 at 2:30 p. m. Interment was in the local Peak Creek cemetery.

Easter What Is It To You?

By Jackie Miller.

Senior at Ashe Central
Member of Glendale Springs
Presbyterian Church

Easter may hold different meaning for many people. For many it could mean a new beginning. Easter could be thought of as a door that opens in the spring to let in new life. It comes at a time of the year when everything is new, a time of nature's awakening after a long winter season. In this season, God's presence seems more visible than in any other. Easter is a holy, happy time of the year.

To Christians it has a deep and holy meaning. It is resurrection time with joyous thoughts of the Saviour who gave his life for others. This is the greatest and most important sacrifice that has ever been; a sacrifice of love. This Saviour of extraordinary beauty and divinity loved his people so much that He willingly gave his life to save the lives of others.

Does Easter bring these thoughts to you? This Easter, will you be giving joyfully and thankfully extra special worship and praise to Christ? On this Easter morn renew your faith and greet our Living Lord.

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Daily Vacation Bible School In Glendale Area

Already the children of the Glendale Field are asking when will Daily Bible School begin. The attendance at our Bible Schools is growing in each church. The children all look forward to the joyous days we spent together in Bible Study, singing and playing.

The schedule has been tentatively as follows:

Laurel Fork, June 9-14; Glendale Springs, June 16-21; Bethel, June 23-28.

We are looking forward to having Miss Evelyn Acheson to teach with us again and Mike Johnson is planning to be with us again.

Ebenezer, Low Gap Peak Creek News

By Rev. John S. Johnson

Our three churches at present are worshipping together at the Ebenezer building, on the last and 3rd Sundays.

Temporarily the hour is at 2:00 p. m. rather than at 11:00 due to a conflict with the supply minister's schedule supplying churches in Concord Presbytery. Thus the service at Ebenezer for the 1st Sunday in June will be at 2:00, June 1st.

The supplying minister regrets that there will not be any service at Ebenezer on the 3rd Sunday in June, due to his having to be away that Sunday.

It is expected that his temporary supply service in Concord Presbytery will soon be finished, at which time he will be free to resume Ebenezer services at 11:00 again, or with such arrangement for schedule with the three churches, as may be mutually desired. When this is possible, announcement will be made at a regular worship service, or through the local newspaper.

In the meantime every member of our three beloved churches is taking action, according to our profession of faith vows, and under our present church working project — each one of us, with the supply minister is taking
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BOBBY RICHARDSON

Richardson Heads Up Teen-Crusades

A recent notice from Bobby Richardson, former second baseman for the Yankee ball team, states that he will be heading up a newly formed group called "Teen-Crusade."

Rev. Sam Anderson, a Presbyterian Minister, will give full time to this work with Mr. Richardson.

Bobby Richardson asks your prayers and your help in making known the effort of this new group "Teen-Crusade" known to others.

The Ashe Presbyterian prays God's blessings on this splendid effort and our prayers are with the "Teen-Crusade" and Bobby in this effort.

Youth To Work In Lansing Field

The dream of Dr. Robert L. Stamper for the spiritual uplift of areas of Ashe county began on June 1. He has some young people who will assist the congregations of Lansing, Foster Memorial and Gillespie in their programs of preaching, Sunday School, Young People's work, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, and visitation. An abandoned Lutheran Church at Whiteton, Virginia, has been purchased and after reconditioning a church program will be effective there. A pastor is being sought for the work, who will have an assistant.

The young people secured for the summer program are Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Stamper of Avondale Estates, Georgia, and Miss Judith Powers, of Lansing.

Mr. Stamper says, "Although a Georgian most of my life, I spent the
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Mount Jefferson Presbyterian Church

As we take note here of activities during the months of March, April, and May, we are reminded that the Roman year of earliest times began with March. This explains why Sept., Oct., Nov., and December were months 7, 8, 9, and 10 — as the names indicate — whereas for us they are 9, 10, 11, and 12. January was the early Roman's eleventh month, and February (the month of "purification" ere the new year began) was the twelfth. This all changed in 450 BC, when January became the first month in the Roman calendar, as it is in ours.

During March, the Mt. Jefferson Church gathered its offering ("beforehand" as Paul says in II Cor. 9:5) for the Easter Great Hour of Sharing. The Communicants Class, begun in February, also continued through-out March. And on Sunday, March 23, there was held in the evening the first Fellowship Supper of the year, with Rev. and Mrs. Bill Boyle the guests of honor. After supper, Bill gave an interesting and enlightening talk about present day Japan, answering interjected questions as he went along. The following Sunday, Mar. 30, we observed our Easter season Communion.

April's first church service was the Good Friday half-hour service at noon, with the meditation this year on the 4th word — "the cry of dereliction" — from the cross. Then came Easter Sunday, bright and fair, with the Sunrise Service at 6:30 well attended, followed by the traditional breakfast of ham and eggs, served by the men, to all the early worshippers. Easter was, as it
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Former Policeman Ordained At Lansing

The Lansing congregation realized that they did not have a resident Deacon and proceeded to elect and ordain Mr. Lee Huff to the office of Deacon. Mr. Huff was born in Albany, Ga. in 1895; attended The Berry School; spent four years in the Army with the First Division. Following his discharge in 1922 he joined the Police Force of New York City and spent twenty years in its service. He had a traffic post at or near the Holland Tunnel at Canal and Sixth Avenue.

To the question, "Who was the most noted person to whom he had given a ticket?", he replied that he had given twenty-one summons in twenty years. On a occasion he saw at a car parked near his post a pair of gloves, car keys and a wallet. Looking into the wallet to find an identification he discovered that it belonged to Ed Sullivan — the famous television star. He tried to get the officer to accept a gift which he declined, for it was his duty to return found articles. A good friend
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Mrs. Smith Dies

Mrs. Mildred Harrell Smith, wife of Rev. Thomas I. Smith, died on Thursday morning, June 12. Funeral service was conducted in The Mount Jefferson Presbyterian Church on Saturday. Interment followed in the West Jefferson cemetery.

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White Power, Black Power, Christ Power

WHITE POWER

White power, if such a term may be coined as opposite to the phrase black power is the over-powring influence, social and economical of the white races.

This power rested in the white races of America, as it was these races that did the pioneering and settling work of the American continent. It was these races that banded themselves together to form a free democratic government by the people and fought for its freedom. When the settlers became established, slave traders began to sell slaves in America. Some of these slaves were white men from England, many more were of the negro races from Africa. Many of these slaves from Africa were sold by their own negro tribes to the traders who in turn brought them to the shores of South and North America.

Although the white power of the settlers was often used in a cruel and selfish way over the slaves, yet many white settlers used their power in a kind way as the following facts reveal.

The first people to turn against slave trade was the English Government. Laws were made in England to abolish the trade and men of war were sent out by the British Navy to capture slave traders and punish them.

Another instance of kindness of the white power was that at the Jamestown settlement. It was decreed that when a slave became a baptised Christian he was to have his freedom. This was practiced according to the historical annals of the colony in Virginia.

An instance in the history of my own family also shows that white power was good to the slave. My own great aunt and her husband freed all of their slaves and moved west. The slaves who were set free loved their former master and mistress so much that they followed them to their new home.

Enough has been said of white power. It was both cruel and selfish, and it was many times kind and considerate.

BLACK POWER

The term "Black Power" is used today for the influence of the colored race to gain more rights in the social and economic life in the United States.

In the 17th and 18th centuries, black power was used in Africa by powerful tribes who took advantage of weaker tribes. These stronger tribes captured thousands of prisoners and sold them as slaves to the slave traders at the coasts of Africa. I have wondered why the negro race of America does not recognize the fact that the black power of Africa is responsible for slave trade as well as the white trader.

The use of the so called black power in the United States, when used in an orderly manner may have helped the negro race to gain rights which were just and they did not have. Black power used in an disorderly manner brings about undesired results—causing distrust and opposition to the civil rights cause.

It has been discovered that subversive powers have been trying to infiltrate whatever power they can get a foothold — whether it is white or black. This has been done to embarrass and even overthrow the United States Government.

Let us not forget when power whether black or white is used in a selfish, cruel or sinful way, a just God will punish for it.

"Be sure your sin will find you out", No 32:23.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Ga. 6:7.

From this discussion of black and white power, let us turn to another power that will not turn the world upside-down as the heathern Greeks said, but will turn the world right-side-up.

CHRIST POWER

There is only one that has lived in this world that did not use His power for greed and to exploit others weaker than He, rather His power was used to serve, and to lift up others out of discouragement, sin and hatred, to a life of peace and love.

This one is Jesus Christ. He is God, who divested himself of his power willingly that He might transform the life of men whatever race they might be.

Jesus had more power than the soldiers who took Him for did He not say to Peter? "Put up again thy sword . . . thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and He shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels." Mt. 26:52-53. Jesus had more power than the cold blooded power of the Jewish leaders who plotted his death. He had more power than the demonstrators who were paid to cry out for his death, He had more power that Pilot who tried him as the Scripture reads: "Then said Pilate . . . knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above." John 19:10-11. Jesus had more power than the Romans who crucified Him, He had more power than the sin that was laid upon him on the cross; He had more power than death that

Birthday Meeting In Glendale

The Women of the Glendale Spring Church met in the Memorial Building and had their birthday meeting. Each lady brought a covered dish and lunch was enjoyed by all.

The main part of the program was the showing of the film strip on the birthday objectives.

The film strips gave a splendid review of the project in Portugal of the protestant Conference grounds to be constructed, now partly completed. The medical work in the Congo was well covered, and the great need for a hospital at Tshikaji near the medical school which has been organized about five years ago. The medical school and new hospital will undertake to train the Congalese to furnish doctors and nurses to take care of the great need for medical work in the Congo. The great need for doctors is shown by the fact of only one doctor to 64,000 people.

laid him in the tomb, but Jesus Christ the Son of God divested Himself of his power of Heaven and became humble to lift up man and save him as Phil. 2:5-8 reads —

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

Men whether black or white may brag of his power and try to use it for his rights and to make the world better, but not until man learns humbly to accept the power of a little babe born in Bethlehem's manger will the world be any better or will man be lifted out of his prisons of sin, injustice, and hate. In Jesus own words He said:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised . . ." Luke 5:18.

Paul sums up this wonderful eternal power of Jesus Christ in the 13th Chapter of 1st Corinthians when he writes these words. I will quote from the Moffatt translation which is so clear in our present day language—

"Love is very patient, very kind. Love knows no jealousy; love makes no parade, gives itself no airs, is never rude, never selfish, never irritated, never resentful; love is never glad when others go wrong, love is gladdened by goodness, always slow to expose, always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient. Love never disappears . . . Thus faith and hope and love last on, these three, but the greatest of all is love."

It is neither White power nor Black power that will change the world, but only those who let the power of Jesus Christ into their hearts can the world be changed. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

Miss Evelyn Acheson Back On 7th Of June

Miss Evelyn Acheson who teaches in the school of the West End Presbyterian Church of Hopewell, Va. in the winter, will be back with us this summer. Miss Acheson volunteers her work in Bible School and Sunday School. We shall be glad to welcome her return, as Miss Acheson is of great spiritual help in our churches for the summer.

"IN THE BEGINNING GOD" SHOWN ON NEW STAMP

"In the beginning God created the Heavens and the earth" these and a portion of the creation chapter, Genesis 1, was read to the planet earth when Apollo 9 made the first trip man has made out of the orbit of the earth.

When men like the three astronauts see for the first time creation that man has never set eyes on, and realized they are experiencing a new gravitation and are looking at the earth from a vantage point that had not been used before, then man begin to realize his infinite smallness in the presence of what God has created.

How fitting to read the grand, mystical, and worshipful creation narrative from the centuries old records of the Holy Scriptures. How trite and inappropriate to have read some theory of creation in the present day science.

The reading of the creation story, acknowledging God as the creator of all they were beholding reminds us of the inventor Samuel Morse who invented the telegraph. In 1843 Mr. Morse completed an experimental telegraph line from Baltimore to Washington. The first words that were sent over the line were "What Hath God Wrought!" showing his reverence for God who had created the electric power he had learned to use.

Let us say here that some of the greatest scientific men today are acknowledging more and more the outlines of Genesis, the creation narrative, as the true guiding lines for the creation of this great and unfathomable universe. The evolutionary theory is becoming an outmoded explanation of the universe in many minds of great scientific men.

We are glad to know of the faith in God of these three brave astronauts who read their convictions from outer space. Nothing could have been more fitting.

To commemorate the feat of Apollo 9 a stamp was issued by the Post Office Department, and upon the stamp the words are printed, "In The Beginning God" This stamp came out on May 5. A few atheists found fault with the astronauts for reading the Bible, but thousands upon thousands of people have sent in letters of approval of what was done.

Men's Rally - Glendale Springs

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HYMN — 232 (Hymnal)

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PRAYER & BENEDECTION Dr. R. H. Stone

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*Dr. R. E. Lewis is medical doctor, and surgeon in the Wilkes Memorial Hospital, Elder in North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church.

God Bless Our High School Graduates

We congratulate the many high school graduates this year and would like to mention those from our churches and communities.

We do not have details of honors bestowed upon each one.

Congratulations Russell Sheets of Glendale Springs who has completed his work at Ashe Central High School.

Congratulations to Jackie Miller graduating from Ashe Central High School, an honor student, a member of Bata Club, editor of the "Hilltopper", and on staff of the annual, Glendale Springs.

Congratulation to Leona Kay Mash of Glendale graduating at the Ashe Central School.

We congratulate Mrs. D. S. Perry (Ann Hart Perry) who graduates at the Alleghany High School. Ann married about a year ago and her husband is in Vietnam.

band is in Vietnam.

Congratulation to Jane Miller who graduates at the Alleghany High School. Jane is the valedictorian of her class. A short write up of Jane is in this paper.

Congratulations to Ben Osborn of Millers Creek, who graduated at the West Wilkes High School. Ben is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Osborn who use to reside in Bethel community, but now living at Millers Creek.

Congratulation to Donald Bare, of Mocksville, N. C. Donald Bare is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kensey Bare who moved from the Glendale Springs community a few years ago. Many will remember his family. Donald will graduate at the Davie County High School.

We do not have details of honors that many of these students have won by their faithful labors during their years of high school, but we congratulate them and pray for Christ's presence with you as you journey on in the experiences and accomplishments of life. "In all thy ways acknowledge

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LEE HUFF who has been ordained at Lansing Presbyterian Church.

FORMER POLICEMAN ORDAINED AT LANSING

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ship developed. Mr. Huff's appraisal of him — "He is really a good fellow . . . he never smoked or drank." At his post Mr. Huff made friends with John D. Rockefeller, Sr., and John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

At The Berry School he united with the Congregational Church. Rev. Frank Hunger, pastor of the Spring Street Presbyterian Church in New York invited him to a church supper. The outcome was that he united with that congregation

Completing his service in the big city he removed to Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, where he lived from 1942 to 1967. In 1950 he and Mrs. Maude Sturgill Goss were married. While a resident in Pennsylvania he was a member of the Faggs Manor Presbyterian Church. After coming to Lansing he united with the Lansing Presbyterian Church. While an officer, a farmer in the Keystone State, and a resident of Ashe, like his Master, "He went about doing good."

Mrs. Huff was an Ashe County Presbyterian before her removal to Pennsylvania and the Lansing Church welcomed her return.

MOUNT JEFFERSON CHURCH IS ACTIVE

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should be, a happy occasion this year, — and at the regular worship service, little Angelia Barr Severt received the Sacrament of Infant Baptism.

On April 13, the congregation heard read the fine letter of Duane Pennington, who wrote us from Vietnam. And that evening the Ashe County Music Club gave a fine rendition of Handel's

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EBENEZER, LOW GAP, PEAK CREEK

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action, on these seven passages of Scripture: Psalm 84:4; Psalm 84:10; Luke 4:16; Hebrews 10:25; Matthew 10:37; John 14:23; Acts 10:28.

Whatever action each member takes on this Project, we are confident that 3rd John, vs. 4, may be a source of great encouragement to many church people.

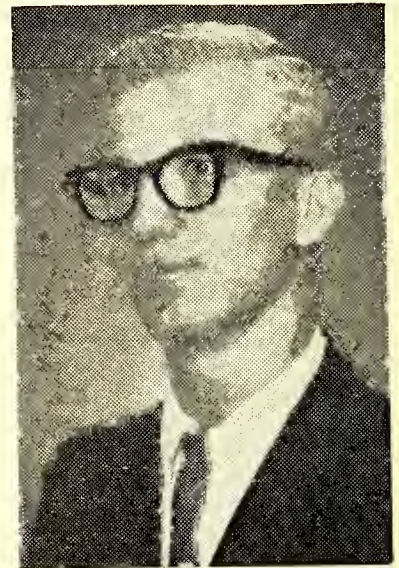
Jackie Miller Is Outstanding Graduate

Congratulations to Jackie Elaine Miller of Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church who graduates at Ashe Central on June 3.

Jackie has made an outstanding record at High School. She is an honor graduate, office assistant, editor of the "Hilltopper", member of the annual staff. Activities in clubs are as follows: FHA, Beta Club, French Club, and member of the Student Council Jackie

"Messiah" at a union service in the Baptist Church, Easter Monday, with no school, found boys of "that age" fishing — the Manse being replanished with a 10-inch trout as the result of the endeavor. Scout overnight sleep-outs began in April, as well as the hour of less sleep, April 27, when DST came in.

May has included Mt Jefferson's responsibility for morning radio devotions the week of 12-16; it has seen the beginning of re-registration for voting in civil affairs; and the Daily Vacation Bible School has been organized and is ready to begin June 9. And the blossom time of May has brought celebration of weddings: Miss Martha M. Laurin to Mr. William Hendrix (Mar. 25) in Columbia, S. C., but back this month for a visit; and Miss Jane Barr to Mr. Lennie Ring whose wedding was in the Mt. Jefferson Church on May 24.



MIKE JOHNSON again working in field, in county.

Mike Johnson With Us At Glendale

We are glad that Mike Johnson will be with us to help in our church work this summer. As all remember Mike from last summer, we will be glad to see his return. Mike will graduate at Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C. on June 2. We congratulate him as he completes his work.

We are looking for Mike on June 8. He will spend a few days with his family in Winston-Salem and then come up to Glendale Springs on Sunday evening of June 8. We welcome Mike back with us.

has been active in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and young people's group in church.

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Dr. R. H. Stone Is Given Honor

Members of the Jefferson Community Club honored their president and one of its leading citizens, Dr. R. H. Stone at a surprise dinner at the Jefferson United Methodist Church social hall.

Dr. Stone, since his return to Ashe county, has led an active campaign to beautify and improve the town of Jefferson. In the annual spring clean-up when property owners have not cleaned their own lots, it was not surprising to see Dr. Stone with scythe in hand diligently doing the work for them.

One "eyesore" which is becoming a beauty spot can be seen approaching Jefferson directly below the Jefferson Drug and Luncheonette.

Native shrubs and flowers greet travelers as they drive into town. The Homemakers Club is cooperating by helping furnish flowers for this area. Tulips have already bloomed; geraniums have been set and soon petunias will be blooming.

During the meeting a resolution commending Dr. Stone for his untiring efforts was read to the group by Ira T. Johnston. It was presented to the honoree by Mrs. W. G. Little, club beautification chairman and vice president of the group. Mrs. Little was asked to frame the resolution in order to preserve it and that a copy be published in The Skyland Post.



DR. R. H. STONE is presented citation from Jefferson club. Mrs. Glenn Little makes the presentation.

Dr. K. J. Foreman Visits The Stones

Dr. and Mrs. K. J. Foreman and family from Montreat, N. C. were visitors over night at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Stones on the night of May 31. On Sunday, June 1 Dr. Foreman preached in the Lansing Field where he had been pastor some time ago.

Dr. Foreman is now professor at the Montreat College, Montreat, N. C. He served as missionary in China and was prisoner to the Communists for a season.

He has been selected as the Curator of the Presbyterian Historical Foundation at Montreat in the position held by Dr. Spence who has retired.

Glade Valley School News

Dr. W. Kirk Allen, Jr., minister of the First Presbyterian Church of High Point, N. C., was the guest speaker at the 59th annual Baccalaureate Service of Glade Valley School, in a service

held on Sunday, May 18, 1969, in the school auditorium.

Dr. Allen spoke to 32 graduating seniors on the topic, "God Believes In You." Parents, friends, and faculty honored the seniors on this occasion.

The Rev. John W. McQueen assisted President Robert E. Chilton with the service. The Glade Valley School Choir

under the direction of Mr. Henry Thorne, sang Psalm 23.

Commencement exercises were held on May 23 in the school auditorium. Dr. W. Amos Abrams, Assistant Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Education Association was the featured speaker. President Chilton presented diplomas to the graduates.

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J. W. Luke, Jr. Memorial Plaque Will Be Unveiled

On the evening of July 30th at the close of the Men's Rally at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church there will be an unveiling of a Bronze plaque. This plaque will bear the name of the building — "The John W. Luke, Jr. Memorial Building."

The plaque will also bear the names of two other young men; Delmer Wade Rose and Robert Clark Bare. Memorials to these two young men are on the plaque also, as they were all school mates, scouts, buddies and close friends. Delmer Wade Rose and John Luke, Jr. were two boys who helped to conceive the idea of the Memorial Building where the extensive work among the young people could be carried on. Delmer Wade Rose was the coach that led the Ashe Central Basketball team to State victor.

Each one of these young men were Christians and belonged to the Presbyterian Church. Delmer Wade and Johnny Luke were members of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church and Robert Bare was a member of the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, and an outstanding Boy Scout. God saw fit to call these three friends to their heavenly home, yet their Christian lives speak to us who are still in this life. The unveiling will take place about 5 p. m.

Pictures Of The Birthday Objectives Shown Each Church

The film strip which depicted the two Birthday Objectives of the Women of the Church for 1969 were so revealing, that they were shown to each church in the Glendale Springs Field.

Much interest came from the showing of these pictures and offerings were given to World Missions from each church.

It was with great interest that some from our churches heard Dr. Rule speak at the First Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem.

Dr. Rule has developed a wonderful medical school in Tshikaji in the midst of the Congo. In this school he is training doctors and nurses to take care of the sick among their own people. There are about 1 doctor for 64,000 people, so there is a great need for training of doctors and nurses. A hospital is desperately needed near the hospital for the sick as well as a place



MISS JUDITH POWERS who will work in the Lansing Field.



MR. AND MRS. BYRON STAMPER

YOUTH TO WORK IN LANSING FIELD

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summers of my childhood on the Teaberry between Lansing and Warrensville. I attended the Lansing Presbyterian Church and participated in its Vacation Bible School each summer. In addition to my acquaintances and friends in the area, many of my relatives on my father's and mother's side are from Ashe county. My wife Dorothy is originally from Birmingham, Alabama. We have one child, Bryan, who is now nine months old."

to do practical training by the doctors and nurses developed at the medical school.

Following his graduation from Atlanta's Emory University, where his major was in religion, he entered Columbia Theological Seminary, at Decatur, Georgia. He has just completed his first year there. During his year in the Seminary he has been working five days a week in the Atlanta Union Mission where his duties have been to manage and counsel the men who stay there. He is also assistant to the pastor of the Central Congregational Church and is chiefly concerned with the youth of the church.

Miss Judith Powers is also on the staff for the summer. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Staley Powers, of Lansing. In 1967 she was graduated from Northwest Ashe High School and is now a rising junior at the Appalachian State University at Boone, where she is specializing in Elementary Education.

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Laurel Fork Church Is Now Improved

The Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church has a new look on the inside. In the last Ashe Presbyterian we told the story of how the termites just about ate the bottom of the church from under us. Now we have a concrete floor and it is covered with in and outdoor carpet. The pews are all stained, the pulpit has an appropriate stain to match the walnut woodwork. The members of the church did a great deal of this work and made contributions to bear the expense.

New pieces of furniture have been purchased also. Mrs. Edna Stone of Asheboro, N. C. has purchased a pulpit chair in memory of Mrs. Betty Woodie, her aunt. A communion table has also been added to the furniture in memory of John W. Luke, Jr. A new gas stove has also been installed and the church has been much more comfortable during the winter months.

Jane Miller Is Valedictorian

Edna Jane Miller the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Miller, of Laurel Springs, should receive special mention. Jane is the Valedictorian of the Senior Class in the Alleghany High School.

She has been very active also in the extracurriculum of her school, as well as being a good student. She is president of the Beta Club, is a member of the French Club, the Four H Club and has served as co-editor of the high school annual and is in the high school band. Jane is a member of the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church and very active in youth work, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, and Sunday School. Next year she is planning to go to the Greensboro Woman's College.

Congratulations To College Graduates

Congratulations to Richard Anthony Osborne who will graduate at Davidson College on June 8. Tony will receive his B. A. Degree. The ROTC Ability Leadership Medal from Fort Bragg will be presented to him. Tony has been awarded the Patrick Wilson Scholarship for the Vanderbilt University Law School which is a \$9,000 scholarship. Tony was on the basketball squad and



JUNIORS MEET at Glendale Springs and study the catechism.

played in some of the Davidson games. He is the son of Richard and Ruby Wyatt Osborne of Millers Creek. Richard and Ruby were from the Bethel community and the Bethel Presbyterian Church.

Congratulations to Russell Dancy the son of Mr. Tuny and Agnes Shepherd Dancy of North Wilkesboro who will graduate with a B. A. Degree at Wake Forest. Russell is graduating among the top students of his class

and will continue in graduate work. Mr. and Mrs. Tunny Dancy came from the Bethel community and the Bethel Presbyterian Church.

Congratulations to Mark Miller of Glendale Presbyterian Church as he graduates from Lees-McRae Jr. College, Banner Elk, N. C.

Our congratulations also go to David Sheets, of Glendale Presbyterian Church who graduates at the Lees-McRae Jr. College.

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ANDREW M. JONES was born March 2, 1924 and passed away in Columbia, S. C. on May 14, 1969. Services were held at Badger's Funeral Home on May 17 and the final resting place is in the West Jefferson Cemetery. A. M. as he was known was a member of the Baptist Church.

BARRY JAMES HALL was born February 8, 1958 and lost his life in a bicycle accident on April 24, 1969. Services were held in the Cranberry Primitive Baptist Church on April 27. The final resting place is in the Cranberry Church Cemetery.

GWYN AMBROSE LONG was born June 1, 1917 and passed away on May 1, 1969. Gwyn spent several years in the armed service of his country. Funeral services were held in the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home at North Wilkesboro, N. C. and the final resting place was in the Long Cemetery, Millers Community in Wilkes county.

SGT. JOHN WOODROW OSBORNE was born April 30, 1947 and lost his life in the service of his country in Vietnam on April 30. Funeral services

NEW MEMBERS AT GLENDALE WELCOME

Since the last issue of the Ashe Presbyterian, the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Louis Allen Miller into the membership of their church. May God bless them in their new found fellowship with our church.

Southerner Named

The only Southerner named to serve in President Richard M. Nixon's cabinet is a Presbyterian. Mr. Winston M. Blount, a deacon in the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Montgomery, Alabama will become postmaster general.

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WOMEN OF GLENDALE SPRINGS plant the church flower bed.

were held in the Gordon Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro, N. C. on May 3. John Osborne was a member of the Gordon Baptist Church since a boy. The final resting place was in the Methodist Cemetery at Cricket, N. C.

JOHN JONES HUNT was born June 16, 1908 and departed this life on April

17, 1969. John was born in the Ebenezer community and attended the Ebenezer Sunday School and church as a boy. John Hunt passed away in Kannapolis, N. C. after a long spell of illness. Services were held at the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church and the final resting place was in the church cemetery.

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Ebenezer, Peak Creek, And Low Gap News

By Rev. John Johnson

These three churches are having joint worship services at the Ebenezer Building, on the first and third Sunday mornings at 11:00, unless otherwise announced.

Some minor repairs have already been made on the heating system, in preparation for the cool mornings so soon now to come. But regardless of the weather outside, the hearts of the people always remain warm and cordial toward everyone, and too, reveal a warm response toward ideas to think about, and Christian understanding.

A special Bible Course, on "The Standards of Jesus" is now being conducted, before each worship service, beginning at 10:30 a. m. An effort is being made to look again, and more deeply, into the qualities that made up the Saviour's daily life, trusting that we too as the Apostle reminds us, may "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus".

The real interest on the part of the people, in dealing with questions relating to their own personal commitment, was recently evidenced, in eighteen people, after the service was over and the supply minister had stepped outside to greet the congregation. (Continued on page 5)

Lansing Field News Reflects Interest

During this past summer the activities of the Lansing church field have revolved around our revivals and Vacation Bible Schools. During the month of June a new Presbyterian Church opened its doors to the people of White Top, Virginia. The Bible School at this church was attended and enjoyed by 65 children from the ages of three years old and up. Our revival was also enjoyed by all, particularly the covered dish supper and the music provided by Boyd Stuart and The Virginia Carolina Boys. The Rev. Mr. Denver Blevins delivered the message each night. Worship services are continuing in the White Top Church, being held each Sunday evening at 7:30. The revival and Bible School at Foster Memorial, total enrollment of 70, and at Lansing, total enrollment of 88, were enjoyed by all. As a result of the Lansing Bible School, youth meetings for preteens and teenagers were held each Saturday and Sunday evening under the direction of Miss Judy Powers. The Rev. Mr. Ralph Underwood presented the Gospel at Lansing while the Rev. Mr. Denver Blevins returned to preach at Foster Memorial. The Bible School at Gillespie was perhaps received most enthusiastically of all with a daily attendance reaching

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Mt. Jefferson Church Has Busy Summer

Before the month of May was out (the 21st), two of our young people, Mr. Lennie Ring and Miss Jane Barr, were married at the church. A few days later the couple set out for San Antonio, Texas, where Air Force man Ring has an assignment of duty.

The month of June came in on a Sunday, and because of the McEwen family reunion that day, we had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Leon Reece (Mary Katherine's husband) sing the offeratory solo. In the evening the Beaver Creek High School had its Baccalaureate. On the morning of June 5, the minister saw another group of men off to the training camps and gave them the New Testaments provided for this purpose by the churches of the county.

On June 7, our Miss Sheila Badger was married at the church to Mr. Richard Beaudry. June 9 the Daily Vacation Bible School opened — organized and the materials secured (as in the case of last year) by Mildred in May while in the hospital. This year she also sent postals to the children. Mid-time of the school she was called home by the Father in heaven.

At Presbytery's camps for the young
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Hold Dedication Of Memorial Bldg.

In this paper you will see the Bronze plaque giving the name of the Memorial Building — as the "Johnny Luke Memorial Building." This was the name given to the building when friends and the members of our church decided to build such a building for the activities of our church field.

Dr. R. H. Stone gave the explanation of the plaque and a history of each young man whose name was inscribed upon the plaque. The three young men were John W. Luke, Jr. for whom the building was named and Delmer Wade Rose and Robert Clark Bare who had much to do with the idea and starting of the building.

Recognition of several people took place — Mr. William B. Austin, who served as chairman of the committee to raise funds, Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Rose, Mrs. Wade Rose and her three children, Mary Evelyn, Jennie, and John. The parents of Robert Clark Bare, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Bare were also recognized. Others present were: Mrs. Mary F. Luke Whitmer with her two children, Billy and Johnny.

The unveiling of the bronze plaque was done by John Rose and Billy Whitmer. Johnny Whitmer is seen standing with the other boys after the unveiling in the picture.

After a dedication prayer — everyone was invited to have light refreshments in the dining room of the Memorial Building.



THE UNVEILING OF THE PLAQUE for the Johnny Luke Memorial Building. Shown here are John Rose, John Whitmer, Billy Whitmer. Relatives of the young men who were honored.

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EDITORIAL**The Bible****THE LABORATORY BOOK
OF LIFE**

(A Story Including Experiences
of Young College Students)

A young man was brought up in a small church where the minister preached the gospel message from the Bible and where the Bible was revered in church and in Sunday School.

The time came when this young man graduated from high school and must seek a college education. A fairly large college accepted him as a student.

Every thing went fairly well except some of the students with whom he was associated drank beer and alcoholic drinks and some seemed to be rather promiscuous in their sexual lives. Yet this young man found many steady Christians who went to church and Sunday School, believed in Christ and took part in Christian Fellowship in the churches.

The professors seemed a learned lot of people, not very practical, and to him a little bit peculiar. Some were his favorites and seemed very normal and friendly. One professor who knew a lot and taught science did not stick to his subject all the time, but often made cunning slaps at the Bible. He seemed to want to take advantage of the young students in his classes who had faith in the Bible and yet they were green in the ways of the world. This professor really did not know much about the Bible, yet he seemed to think his position as a professor gave him the authority to criticize it and to cast out many doubtful statements about a book he did not know much about.

The professor found out on occasions when he made it a point to criticize the Bible that this young man stood up for it and defended it.

One day while in the laboratory work which went along with the scientific course which this professor taught, the young man came in personal conversation with the professor who taught the course. He of course recognized this young man as the pupil who stood up for the Bible. After talking awhile he mentioned that science had outmoted the Bible and the Bible had become an old fashioned book. He tried to tell the young man that science had proved the Bible untrue and he would have to pin his faith on other things. He indicated that the laboratory book which he held in his hand and with which he was working out experiments, problems, etc. gave him the truth about the world and he could pin his faith on science.

The young man did not know whether to defend his position or not. It might mean he would flunk his course, but with God's help he decided to talk back. Professor, he said, the scientific books we study are only a few years old, and they deal with study of the material things that God has made. The Bible, the young man said, is thousands of years old, and is the great Laboratory Book of Life. Its outline for creation of the world is being recognized by unprejudice science, its wisdom is the greatest that man has found, its ancient history has been verified by archaeology, its prophecies are being fulfilled in the history of today, it teaches man to know God and how to live with God and man. The Bible is my "Laboratory Book of Life", and Jesus Christ is my professor. I will not cast away the great Laboratory Book of Life, because someone casts slurs and doubts at it. The young man probably did not pass his course, under the professor, but he passed his test under God.



BETHEL BIBLE SCHOOL, Wilkes county (Glendale Field)
held June 23-28.

**Bible Schools
Well Attended**

Several Vacation Bible Schools were held in Ashe and Wilkes counties this summer.

Those in the Glendale Springs Field had the largest enrollments for the last four or five years. Children from every nook and corner come to our Bible Schools when we put them on in the summer months.

The Vacation Bible Schools in the Glendale Field were the following:

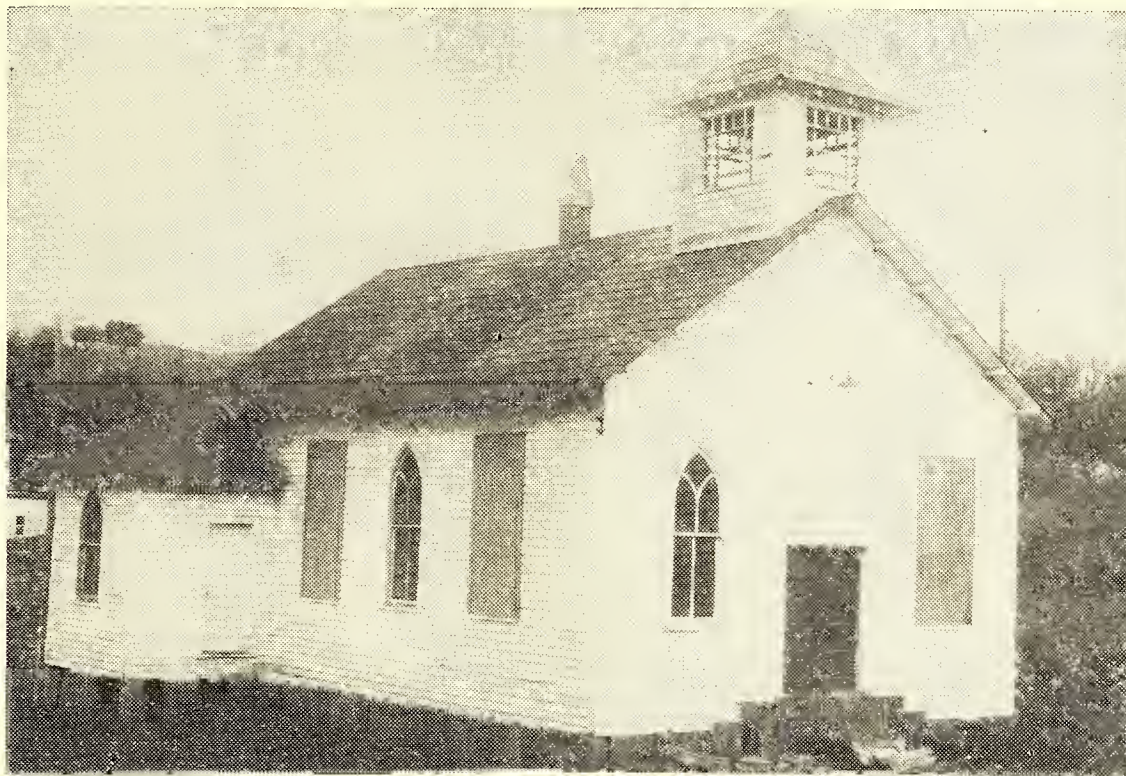
Laurel Fork Church, June 8-13 had 50 enrolled; Glendale Springs Church, June 16-21 had 85 enrolled; and Bethel Church (Wilkes county), June 23-28 had 65 enrolled, making total for field 200.

We are grateful for the teachers and helpers who looked after the children at these Bible Schools. Without them we could not have had such successful schools.

One of the Bible Schools is pictured in this paper — this is Bethel in Wilkes county which is in the Glendale Field.

**Miss Evelyn Acheson
Returns To Her Home**

Miss Evelyn Acheson who has spent her vacation at Glendale Springs and has been a worker in Bible School, Sunday School and other work of this field has returned to her teaching position in the West End Christian School connected with the West End Presbyterian Church. We shall miss Miss Acheson as she returns to her position as school teaching.



PREBYTERIAN BUILDING AT WHITE TOP, VIRGINIA, formerly owned by the Luthern Church. This building was bought by the Presbyterian Church and is being used as an active Presbyterian Church at this time.

Letter To Editor From Saigon Area

Just received a letter from Stewart Miller, the son of Allen Miller, of Glendale Springs, N. C.

Stewart is situated in Saigon and works at night on switch boards and equipment. He is getting along well and states he prays and is going to church. He wrote, a letter is welcome when we have time to write. Stewart send his best wishes to all around home. His address is: PFC. Stewart C. Miller, 241-80-5684, Sig. Spt. Co. C9th Sig. Bn., Octopus Site, APO, San Francisco, Calif. 96307.

In Memory Of Mrs. Tom Smith

After the copy for the June issue of "The Ashe Presbyterian" had been delivered to the printer the wife of Rev. Thomas Irvine Smith died and only a notice was crowded into its columns. She was formerly Miss Mildred Anne Harrell, a native of Bakersville, Mitchell County, N. C. She was a graduate of Lees-McRae College and of the Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone. While at Lees-McRae she assisted one summer in the Daily Vacation Bible Schools of this county. She was a Director of Christian Education in the Faith Presbyterian Church in Baltimore. While in this position the romance began and was consummated between her and Mr. Smith and they were married in Baltimore on July 28, 1952. Mr. Smith was received into Winston-Salem Presbytery on January

21, 1958.

Upon their removal to the county she was a great pillar and source of comfort, faith, inspiration and accomplishment in the West Jefferson Presbyterian Church. She was deeply involved in many of the programs and activities of the church: — teacher of a class, worker with the Young People, the Women of the Church, a planner for Rally Day and Christmas programs, a planner and moving spirit in the Daily Vacation Bible Schools — even had planned for and ordered the materials for the 1969 school.

She was possessed with a gracious, winsome personality, a Bible-centered, rock-like faith, a will to work for accomplishment, a love for people, the church and God. She was loved by all who knew her. Her going, though a blessing to her, was a tremendous loss to the community and especially to her church and her home. Her patience, trust, and hope were so evident in a long, drawn out illness. She is survived by her husband, two sons, Hugh David and Thomas Jonathan, a sister, Mrs Shirley Ham, and other relatives in her native county.

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Wedding Anniversary

On August 16 the dining room was filled with well wishes and the family of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bare on their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Many gifts wrapped in golden paper were presented and the Bares had much fun in unravelling ribbons and wrappings, and opening the surprised gifts. Refreshments were served with delicious punch. We pray God's blessings upon Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bare on their golden wedding anniversary.

Memorials

MARGARET KRANKOSKIE

Margaret Krankoskie, of Dayton, Ohio was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Girtman, of Transou, Ashe county. Mrs. Krankoskie passed away at the age of 82 years. Services were held in the Transou Methodist Church and interment was in the church cemetery.

MRS. LILLIE JONES BARE

Mrs. Lillie Jones Bare, of Statesville, N. C. passed away at the age of 83 years. Mrs. Bare was the widow of Grover C. Bare, of Laurel Springs, N. C. The funeral service was held at the Peak Creek Brethren Church on August 21 at 4 p. m. Interment was in the Bare Cemetery.

A. A. (DICK) CASHION

The funeral services for A. A. Cashion (Dick Cashion) well known business man of North Wilkesboro, N. C. was held on July 26 at the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church. Burial was in the North Wilkesboro Cemetery. Mr. Cashion had served in many public offices for the city of North Wilkesboro. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church and a faithful Christian. Mr. Cashion was a fine friend to the church work in Ashe county, and a faithful worker in his own church. We pray God's blessings for the family and His wonderful comfort. We can say with the parable — "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

SID MILLER

J. Sidney Miller passed away Sept. 10th in the Alleghany Memorial Hospital at Sparta, N. C. Mr. Miller had been ill for several years. He was a member of the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church having united by profession of his faith on June 12, 1955. He bore his illness patiently and was a faithful Christian until God called him to his eternal home. He leaves his wife and three children as well as many other relatives and friends to mourn his passing. Burial will be in the Meadow Fork Cemetery.

Joann Caudill Given Honor

Miss Joann Caudill the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Caudill of Glendale Springs recently graduated from Juliet Gibson Career School of Washington, D. C. She was chosen to represent her school as Miss Juliet Gibson for the year 1968-'69, this is an honor extended by the faculty to a student who upholds the highest ideals of the school academically and socially. Joann graduated with splendid grades and will take a position in Winston-Salem, N. C. in the near future. We congratulate her on her good work and for the honor bestowed upon her.



MR. AND MRS. FRED BARE, shown here with gifts they received when they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on August 16.

Plan Revival At Glendale Springs

The dates for the revival at Glendale Springs has been set for Nov. 2 through 7. The Rev. Kennedy Smartt, of Hopewell, Va. has accepted the invitation to preach through the above dates. The first service will begin on Sunday morning. We are praying for the outpouring of God's blessings on

this date. The Women of the Church have banded themselves to pray each morning for this meeting. We hope many others will join them in their private prayers every morning.

CREPPS REUNION

A Crepps reunion was held in the Memorial Building at Glendale Springs on August 17. A large crowd attended and the tables were overflowing with delicious food. The reunion was held after church at Glendale Springs.

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MT. JEFFERSON CHURCH HAS BUSY SUMMER

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people, our church was represented in June by Tommy Smith, and in July by Hugh Smith. This was the season of unusual heat for the mountains, the thermometer reaching 101 on June 19, and 104 the next day. It had fallen 10 days later to 85 in the shade, when on June 29 we had the church and Sunday School picnic.

July 6, Communion — with prayers for the sick was observed. And on July 20 the day of the landing of men on the moon — Presbytery's Men of the Church held a rally and dedication service at Glendale Springs. The following Sunday, July 27, our Mr. Fred Carter lost his appendix — we're glad to have him well again and back in our midst.

August, vacation month, the minister and his boys were seeing historic spots in Ohio. There was Ft. Stevenson, where in 1813 160 men successfully held off 1300 British and Indians. There was Put in Bay, outside of which was the scene of Perry's victory on Lake Erie. And among other places, there was "the Blue Hole" at Castalia, an unsounded artesian spring discovered in 1761 by the famous Major Rogers and his Rangers.

During the vacation month, our pulpit was ably filled by Mr. John Leland, Dr. James Rhodes and Rev. John S. Johnson. And the last Sunday of August, a special gift offering was received for relieving human suffering in connection with the hurricane "Camille".

LANSING FIELD NEWS REFLECTS INTEREST

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70 children and a total enrollment of 90. Like each of the other Bible Schools this one was followed by a party for the teenagers and a trip to the swimming pool in Jefferson. The revival was held jointly by Dr. R. H. Stone and Mr. Bryan Stamper with music from the youth choir directed by Mrs. Dorothy Stamper. The Gillespie revival was highlighted by a youth night, which included a softball game and picnic prior to the worship service. On Friday night following the covered dish supper Dr. Stone baptised and received three new members into the church on profession of faith, Patricia Ham, Roger Ham, and Diane Roland. The previous Sunday Miss Judy Powers was received into the Lansing church.

EBENEZER, PEAK CREEK, AND LOW GAP NEWS

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gation coming out; this number of their own accord remaining inside long enough to step to the pulpit table up front to pick up the study questions sheet, in order to make their own personal study of the Bible lesson under consideration.

A number of visitors have met with us this summer, and the Church always is encouraged and strengthened by their presence.

Each of the three churches has made a goal to strive towards in the present St. Andrews Presbyterian College campaign, and a number of contributions have already been made.



WOMEN OF GLENDALE shown at the July meeting. Each month the women meet in the Memorial Building and after Bible Study and business a covered dish lunch is served.

Students Entering Colleges This Year

Jackie Miller, of Glendale Springs, will attend Alexandria Computer College, Alexandria, Va.

Jane Miller, of Laurel Fork, will attend the University of N. C. at Greensboro.

David Sheets, Mark Miller, Chris Bare, and Kathy Sheets, of the Glendale Springs community will attend Appalachian State University at Boone.

Darrell Miller, of Laurel Fork, will go to Wyngate College, Wyngate.

Kenny Miller, of Laurel Fork, will go to Warren Wilson College.

We pray that God will refreshen the lives and souls of these young people as they enter into their college training.

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Barbecue Suppers Held At Glendale

One of the most successful barbecue suppers was held by the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church on July 26. The chicken was cooked on our pit over a charcoal fire for about three or four hours before supper from 5 until 8 p. m. Johnse Woodie was the chief chef at the pit and did his usual good job in seeing that every piece of chicken was well done and well seasoned. We appreciate the help from Junior Hart from Laurel Fork Church who helped the entire time.

The women of the church furnished the trimmings to the barbecue chicken and many fine cakes and pies for desert.

All of the plates were sold and the supper was very successful. The proceeds gained were to help in the church expenses.

Elder Oscar Elliott was the photographer who took a good picture of the supper.

Robert G. Barr Is New Commissioner

A large group from Ashe county was joined by two car loads from Alleghany going to Raleigh for the swearing-in ceremony of Robert G. Barr, making him highway commissioner from this area.

The appointment was announced last week by Governor Robert Scott.

Ashe county was established by an act of the legislature in 1799 and this is the first time the county has ever had a highway commissioner.

The 11th Division, district 3, composed of Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin, Surry, and Avery counties.

Robert Barr is the son of the late Mr. Bob Barr and Mrs. Barr, of West Jefferson, and is a member of the Mount Jefferson Presbyterian Church.

Many Attended Men's Summer Rally

In the afternoon of Sunday, July 20 a men's rally was called together by Mr. Watson Butner, President of the men of Winston-Salem Presbytery. We were glad to have a good delegation from the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church with their pastor, Rev. Watt Cooper.

The theme of the rally was "Christ in the Crisis."

Mr. Butner presided at the rally. The general program was as follows:

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BARBECUE SUPPER AT GLENDALE SPRINGS held there July 26 in the Johnny Luke Memorial Building.

group.

Special music was rendered by Mike and Keith Johnson, also by David and Patricia LaPratt.

Rev. L. J. Yelanjan introduced Dr. R. E. Lewis of North Wilkesboro as the first address.

Elder Whit East introduced Rev. Bland Dudley, assistant pastor of the First Pres. Church of Winston-Salem, for the second address.

The addresses by Dr. R. E. Lewis and Rev. Bland Dudley were out-

standing — and uplifting.

After the closing hymn and prayer — the men adjourned to the front of the Memorial Building for the unveiling of the bronze plaque and dedication of the Memorial Building.

At the close of the unveiling ceremony, light refreshments were served by the ladies in the basement of the Memorial building.

Mr. Butner announced a rally for the men of the whole Presbytery at the First Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem on the afternoon of Sept. 28.

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Raccoon "Holler" Has Many Campers

Raccoon "Holler" in the second year of its activity has become a very attractive camping ground for travelers and vacationers. The "Holler" is situated near a clear fresh water lake. Boating, fishing and swimming are the attractions as well as the beautiful natural mountain scenery.

The "Holler" is about one-half mile from Glendale Springs, N. C. which is the post office for service to all campers. The land is owned by Allen Miller who developed the facilities. The helpful manager is Mr. Browning who makes reservations keeps everything in order. The picture in this paper is a view of the lake, beach, and camping ground.

Lightning Strikes Memorial Building

The evening before the dedication of the Memorial Building, a terrific electrical storm struck Glendale Springs. During this storm the top of a flue in one end of the building was struck by lightning. The building was set on fire and burned about one half hour before it was put out by Mike Johnson, Mark Miller and Casey Miller. We thank the many people that rushed to our aid and carried water. We are thankful for the Jefferson Fire Company for coming and their aid. We are thankful to God for directing the extinguishing work. We had a prayer the first thing and God directed our action. After the fire was put out, a prayer of thanks was also given. We are thankful that the building was not injured any more than it was. Repair work will be done in a few days on the flue and roof.

Bobby Richardson Lent Us This Writing

Bobby Richardson, the ex-second baseman of the Yankee baseball team lent us this writing sent to him by a young man. It is entitled "Slow Me Down". We thank Bobby for this contribution to our paper.

SLOW ME DOWN

Slow me down, Lord! Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind.

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Revival Is Held At Laurel Fork

On Sunday, August 17, special revival services started at the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church. Rev. Bert Edwards of Bristol, Va., who serves two churches in that area was the visiting evangelist. Mike Johnson lead the singing and rendered special music in services.

Mr. Edwards was used of God to bring us some wonderful messages. On Thursday night his message was especially directed to the young people for a youth night.

There was a steady attendance at the meeting and a great deal of interest. There were many who expressed their desire to live a better and closer life to Jesus Christ. Christine Cox and Gail Hart expressed their desire to come to the Lord and were ex-

muscles with the realization of Thy Presence for Thou hast said, "My Presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." Teach me to relax and know that Thou art God. Teach me the art of resting in Thee . . . of slowing down to look at a flower, to chat with and pray for a friend, to pet a dog, to read a few lines from thy Holy Word.

Remind me each day that life is a vapor. Here today but gone tomorrow; that life does not consist of the abundance of things possessed; that thou dost give thy very best to those who wait upon Thee. Let me know that the Babe of Bethlehem is also the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world; that thou, Lord Jesus, died for me and that Thou hast numbered even the hairs of my head.

Slow me down, Lord and inspire me to worship Thee and to serve others. That I may grow toward the statue of the fullness of life which Thou hast planned for me. Slow me down, Lord . . . Slow me down.

Hold Revival At Bethel In September

On September 2 special revival services were opened at Bethel Presbyterian Church in Wilkes county. Rev. Frank Johnson who spent one summer, two years ago, on the field as helper to the pastor, J. W. Luke, has been asked to preach for this meeting. Prayer meetings are being held in homes of the members to prepare for the special meetings from Sept. 2 to Sept. 7. A homecoming dinner was set at the last meeting. We ask the prayers of others for the meeting.

Airstream Club Visits Raccoon Holler

The Carolinas Unit of WBCCI (Airstream Travel Trailer Club in N. C.) had a weekend rally at Raccoon "Holler". Many prominent citizens of N. C., S. C., Tenn., and Va. took part in the rally. At the close of the rally the Worship Committee makes provisions for a religious service. Mr. Austin Burke, Jr., of Winston-Salem, N. C. made provision for the service of worship on Sunday morning, August 3. Rev. J. W. Luke preached in this service at 9 a. m. About 150 or 200 worshipers took part in the service at the edge of the lake.

amined by the session. They were received and baptised. Mrs. Martha McDonald who had been a member of the church for some time but had been living in Texas asked to become an active member again. Mrs. John Carpenter was converted in the meeting and made an open confession of her faith on Sunday.

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Mr. Tom Cockerham, administrator, says that the new hospital will have additional features: a recovery room, a chapel, a canteen, more rooms (30 private, 46 semi-private), two X-ray rooms, more office rooms. There will be a basement and three floors above ground — the second and third floors will be used exclusively for patient care. There will be approximately 65,000 feet of floor space. The general contractor is expected to begin on October 1.

Marriages

MASH AND BAIRD

Miss Juanita Clyde Mash, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Mash, of Jefferson, was united in marriage to David Marshall Baird, of Boone, N. C. in the Glendale Presbyterian Church on June 28 at 3 p. m.

The Memorial Building adjoining the church was the scene of a happy reception after the ceremony. We pray God's blessings upon this new formed home.

MILLER AND LAMBERT

Miss Betty Lou Miller, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Miller, was married to Hurshel Lambert, of West Jefferson, N. C. at the manse at Glendale Springs on the evening of August 16. The bride was attended by her father and mother. We pray for God's blessing upon this couple.

Birthday Celebration Held For Mrs. Wyatt

On Sunday afternoon of August 3 a birthday celebration was given to Mrs. Mary Ann Wyatt at the home of Mrs. Troy Gragg her granddaughter, of Millers Creek, N. C.

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Monroe Wyatt, of Wilkes county. The children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought ample food for a most abundant dinner under the carport of the home.

There are 5 children, fourteen grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren who helped to celebrate Mrs. Wyatt's

birthday. Many of these were present to enjoy the feast. Mrs. Wyatt has two sisters, Mrs. Mertie Roten and Mrs. Pete Ashley. Mrs. Roten was present at the occasion.

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Bethel Church Has Revival

At the printing of the last paper the revival at Bethel Presbyterian Church was just beginning. This revival began on Sept. 2 and continued through Sept. 7. Frank Johnson, who was our summer assistant in 1967 was the preacher for these special services.

Phyllis, Frank's wife accompanied him and was a great inspiration to the meeting. Phyllis sang duets with Frank and told a story each night to the children which all enjoyed.

A well attended home — coming service was held on Sunday the 7th a delicious picnic dinner following the morning service.

The services were well attended and many reconsecrations were expressed as well as some confessions of faith in Christ.

We were greatly enriched by the revival and rejoice that Frank is developing into a very spiritual and effective preacher. May God bless Frank and Phyllis as they are guided in God's work for the future.

Special Report From Lansing Area

Two pre-schools, one at Apple Grove and one at Foster Memorial, will be in operation by January 1, 1970. Mrs. Bennie Barker and Mrs. Bob Davis have conducted surveys in the two communities and are completing plans and gathering supplies for the opening of the two kindergarten centers.

Miss Joann Gentry, a visiting nurse on the Lansing Presbyterian staff, will assist with the two schools as well as coordinate youth work on the Field and establish a Sunday School at White Top. Miss Gentry, a native of Lansing and a graduate of the Nursing School at Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, has served as a youth director in Charlotte and as a missionary under the Sudan Interior Mission Board with headquarters in New York City.

A dental clinic is to be established at Foster Memorial for indigent children and older people in the area. Facilities are now being prepared for the installation of dental equipment in the immediate future.

Miss Gentry has plans for a Bible Study one evening each week at White Top and is also assisting a Sunday School already started in the area.

Mr. John Powers at Lansing, assisted by David Mikeal — quarterback on the Northwest football team — are youth counselors at Gillespie on Sunday evenings and at White Top on Monday evening. Miss Judy Powers, a junior at Appalachian State, also serves as a youth counselor.



Christmas Cheer

News From Ebenezer, Peak Creek, Low Gap

These churches for some time now have been having worship services regularly on the first and third Sundays each month, meeting at the Ebenezer building, at 11:00 a. m. The Bible Study class has been meeting at 10:30, preceding the worship service. Due to uncertainty of road conditions during part of the winter months it has been the custom to discontinue services for a time, but at this writing no decision about this has been made as yet for the approaching winter.

The Bible Study Class is being conducted around the theme, "The Standards of Jesus", with those participating constantly encouraged to seek a deeper understanding for ourselves. It is our conviction that no matter how long one has studied the life of Christ, there are meanings in his mastery of living that have escaped us, and yet are an essential part of his way. We feel that his Way is THE way for our social relationships, our national problems, the intricate complexities of all our larger communications. Too, it is the way for wholeness of personal life, for the handling of situations, for the discovery of self, for victory over tininess, for faith over frustration, for conquering of sin, sin not even seen as sin until one becomes more aware of the wonder of waiting for a larger incoming of his mind into our minds. But we take it that this is an impossibility, without knowing what that mind is. This course is at least an effort in that direction.

Each of these three churches set a goal to strive toward last Fall, for the St. Andrews Presbyterian College Forward Campaign. This was done, not

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Active Season At Mt. Jefferson Church

As we review the three fall months of 1969, we note that three good friends received their final summons in September: Mr. Letcher May's brother, Ronda, whose funeral was Sept. 1; Mr. Ross Jones' father who died Sept. 30; and Miss Madeline Hatch, whose funeral was Sept. 22. Miss Hatch had come among us from Burlington upon her retirement, and on her coming she immediately fell in love with the land of high meadows, and became active in the Mt. Jefferson Church — singing in the choir. At the time of her funeral we were enriched in meeting her family — as is the case with any family for whom "Christians never meet 'for the last time'". Good it is to always look forward to what we shall have, as well as what we have, in Christ.

The fall session of Presbytery met at Mt. Airy, Sept. 23, and Mt. Jefferson was represented by elder Robert McNeill and the minister. Then before the month was out, little Kimberly Jean Davis, daughter of Mr. James and Jeanie Davis, gladdened the hearts of all on her birthday, Sept. 27. "Every arrival of a new little soul in the world is a mystery and an unopened casket of possibilities."

October's first Sunday, Mt. Jefferson observed World Wide Communion, and had the pleasure of welcoming quite a number of visitors at the service. Two Sundays later, the minister addressed the Methodist Men's Breakfast, 7:30 A. M. at Smethport. And Monday, Oct. 20, little Barbara Baldwin lost her tonsils. At the Scout Supper for Ashe County, Oct. 29, the troop sponsored by the Mt. Jefferson Church was represented by Keith Hartzog, Danny South, and the Smith brothers, Hugh and Tommy.

November gave us our first — altho light — covering snow on the 5. The minister, as Presbytery's representative to the Appalachian Conference, left for the three-day session in Tennessee — in snow flurries; but the following week had sunshiny weather for the Veterans Day ceremony, surrounded by the county's veterans and the Beaver Creek unit of the ROTC trained by Major Burge.

On Nov. 17, the Mt. Jefferson Church served as host church when Presbytery's Committee on "Witness" held a workshop for Presbyterians in the western end of the Presbytery. Its theme was "Reconciliation in a Broken World." The meeting was well attended, with the churches of Sparta, Glendale Springs, Bethel, Laurel Fork, Ebenezer, and Mt. Jefferson represented. Rev. David Garrison of the South-

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A SAVIOUR, WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD

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Christmas**SCENE I — "The Seekers"**

The night winds tingle the faces of three tired but eager travelers.

The steady crunching of their camels' broad feet upon the sand is incessant.

The brilliant stars hung low over the pathway of the travelers. One star led on as a lantern in the hand of an invisible guide.

SCENE II — "The Watchers"

The scene changes to fields near Bethlehem — The round shadowy forms of sleeping sheep in the darkness are seen on a hill side — all is quiet.

A watching shepherd throws a few fagots upon a small fire. The leaping blaze casts a flickering light upon the forms of his sleeping companions.

SCENE III — "Peace"

Silent, munching cattle with wide, watching eyes stand in a circle of light streaming from their accustomed shed.

A figure moves quietly about on the inside casting changing shadows from the yellow light of a torch.

Occasionally the light falls upon the quiet form of a woman whose golden hair mingles with the straw upon which she lies.

An indistinguishable bundle of white lics in a nest behind the crude slats of a manger — Peace reigns.

SCENE IV — "Our Scene"

These were scenes of the first Christmas, but Christmas Scenes should never cease as long as the world stands.

The wise men are still on their exciting quest today. You are among them — at the church — by the side of the sick, with a helping hand to the poor, at the prison bars, with a message of God's love for the sinner and those that dwell in darkness. "When saw we?" they said. He answered, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these."

The shepherds are still watching today. You are one of them, among the crowds, in the speeding traffic, near the factory's spinning wheels, in the quiet countryside. You are watching for a new return of angelic hosts, and

**Thanksgiving And
Christmas Teach
Good Stewardship**

In many of our churches at this time of the year, an appeal is made for good stewardship — to make our estimate pledge for 1970. Every member cards are given to each member and they are asked to state what they will give for 1970. We hope each member will take this very seriously and dedicate your pledge to our Lord.

In thinking of giving to our Lord, it occurred to me how Thanksgiving teaches us to give. Not only should we give thanks to the Lord, but we should give something valuable in material way to the Heavenly Father from whom all blessings flow.

Thanksgiving services did not originate in America, they began with God's people far back in the beginning of the history of man. The people of God were given instructions to worship God with their gifts in the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost. Dedication of the first fruits were presented to the Lord with thanksgiving. The special attention to making gifts to the poor was stressed also. So we can see that man was taught to express their gratitude by making material gifts to God.

Christmas also teaches us to give. When the baby Jesus was born in a lowly manger of very poor people, who can forget the lordly wise men of the east who brought expensive gifts to the little King. In Matthew's account we read these words in the second chapter, "there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying where is He that is born King of the Jews? . . . And when they had come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrr."

Have you today brought your firsts fruits of Thanksgiving? Have you today brought your gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Jesus your Saviour as expression of gratitude to honor your Saviour and King?

Diverse Diseases

The old preacher stood up to preach. He read his text Matthew 4:24 ". . . they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers disease . . ."

The preacher said: "Now, the doctors can scrutinize you, analyze you, and sometimes cure your ills, but when you have divers diseases, then only the Lord can cure. And brethren, there is a regular epidemic of divers diseases among us."

"Some dive for the door after Sunday School is over. Some dive for the TV set during the evening services.

the crowning of the King of Kings. "Watch therefore."

You, who are seeking and watching today, shall truly at this Christmas time, find Peace, as it streams with the light from a torch lit stable.

**Wishing for you the inspiration
of Jesus the Christ.**

I Saw A Moon Rock

In a visit in Washington area, our son-in-law took us to the Smithsonian Institute where one of the rocks from the moon was on exhibit. There in this large exhibit room were space modules, space suits space rockets, and models also of the equipment used to land on the moon.

In the center of the room circled by rails there was a glass case that was revolving slowly so that spectators could see the moon rock that was there for exhibit. The rock was about as large as my hand, of dark brown and grey color, and apparently of volcanic origin. It apparently was somewhat flat like a strata rock. so we saw a piece of the moon close up.

When I saw this rock, I thought of how much it cost to get it, at the distance it had come, at the courage and calculation it had taken to get this piece of rock from the moon upon which man had never trodden before. Even though this rock had been brought a third of a million miles from the moon, I thought of how tremendous space is and that scientists tell us that man would have to travel at the speed of light for 200 years to even get to the North Star. Isaiah has said, "Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and meted (measured) out heaven with a span?" How wonderful to think at this Christmas time — how God led the wisemen of the east by a wonderful star in the sky to find the lowly baby Jesus. I would have rather followed that star to the Christ Child at Bethlehem than to set foot on the moon or any star in the sky. You have that great privilege this Christmas time — of comin' to the Saviour.

**Miss Lois Calhoun
Visits Glendale**

We were delighted to have had Miss Lois Calhoun stay in the Glendale Springs Field for a few weeks and do some extensive visiting while she was with us. Miss Calhoun visited in the three churches of this field. While Miss Calhoun was here, she was the guest of Mrs. Ruth Bare.

Miss Calhoun who had worked in Ashe county some years ago found a hearty welcome by many of her former friends. Besides visiting many of her acquaintances she did extensive surveying of the people in the fields. Many people have expressed their delight at having Miss Calhoun with us, and appreciate her visiting program while she was here. We pray God will bless her richly as she goes to Norfolk, Va. for survey work.

Some dive into a list of excuses about not working for the Lord. Others dive for the car and take a trip over the weekend. Some dive for their nickels and dimes to put in the offering, instead of paying their tithe. Some dive for the door as soon as the minister gives the appeal to pray at the altar at the close of the service. Yes, it takes the Lord and the love for the church to cure DIVERS DISEASES."

—Sel from "Church Militant"

Brazilian Speaks At Two Churches

Sunday, Nov. 23, the Glendale Springs Field was delighted to have Rev. David Lehman and his family visit us and make two fine talks on the mission work in Brazil. Rev. David Lehman is the president of Gammon Institute, which is our oldest mission school in South America and Brazil.

Mr. Lehman spoke at Glendale Springs at the 10 a. m. service and at Laurel Fork at 11:15 a. m. It was a great experience to have a live missionary and his family visit us and hear of the mission work at first hand. We hope the delightful Lehman family will visit us again before going back to Brazil and we pray for great success in the itinary work while they are in this country

Take Time To Think And Pray

Billy Graham

"My wife was born and reared of missionary parents in China. In the village where she lived the old bearded Chinese gentlemen used to go out into the fields with a lantern at sunset. They went out to think Amazing! We have very few people today who take time to think. Radio, television, or the films keep us company. We are afraid to be alone and think about ourselves, afraid to look in the mirror.

"Meditate upon these things; give

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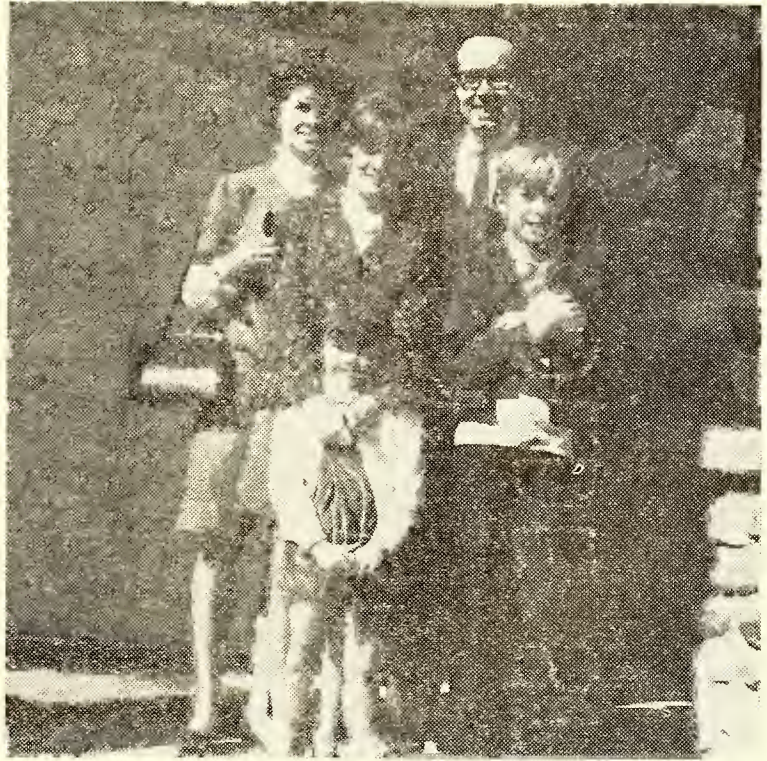
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John W. Luke, (Rev.) Signed



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I Dare Not Desert This Book -- (Bible)

1. For it is the compass that guides pilgrims on the road of life.
2. For it is the torch (flashlight) that illumines my foot path.
3. For it is my traffic light that tells

thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all." I Timothy 4:15.
—Decision

- me to stop or go.
4. For it is my headlight that points out the next curve in the road way of life.
5. For it is the bouy light that warns of the hidden rocks.
6. For it is my search light that blazes the way to the portals of Heaven and reflecting its brilliance up the streets of gold to the very throne of God.

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tiers?
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bird seed than on all British Missions
put together.
—The Evangelical Magazine

Christ Is Coming

When I see the thronging millions
Christ has bid us each to win
How my heart is filled with longing
That they might be freed from sin.

Christian, what a debt we owe them
We who hold the Word of Life.
To acquaint them with our Saviour
Give them peace in place of strife

Thousands die in sin each moment
Multitudes have never heard
Of the One who died to save them
As revealed in God's own Word.

Shame a thousand times upon me
When I have this peace within
That I do not share with others
All the joy of canceled sin.

He is coming back to take me
To be with Him where He is.
Will I meet Him empty handed
And His blessed "Well done" miss?

—K. Darrah

My Advocate

By Martha Snell Nicholson

I sinned. And straightway, posthaste,
Satan flew
Before the presence of the most High
God.
And made a railing accusation there.
He said, "This soul, this thing of clay
and sod,
Has sinned. 'Tis true that he has nam-
ed Thy Name,
But I demand his death, for Thou
hast said,
'The soul that sinneth, it shall die.'
Shall not
Thy sentence be fulfilled? Is justice
dead?
Send now this wretchd sinner to his
doom.
What other thing can righteous ruler
do?"
And thus he did accuse me day and
night,
And every word he spoke, oh God,
was true!
Then quickly One rose up from God's
right hand
Before whose glory angels veiled their
eyes,
He spoke, "Each jot and tittle of the
law
Must be fulfilled; the guilty sinner
dies!
But wait — suppose his guilt were all



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Sermons We See

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one
any day,
I'd rather one would walk with me

transferred
TO ME, and that I paid the penalty!
Behold My hands, My side, My feet!
One day
I was made sin for him, and died
that he
Might be presented faultless, at thy
throne!"

And Satan fled away. Full well he
knew
That he could not prevail against such
love,
For every word my dear Lord spoke
was true!

than merely show the way.
The eye is a better pupil, and more
willing than the ear,

Fine counsel is confusion, but ex-
ample is always clear.
And the best of all the preachers are
the men who live their creed,
For to see the good in action is what
everybody needs.

I can soon learn how to do it if you
let me see it done,

I can watch your hands in action but
your tongue too fast may run,
And the lectures you deliver may be
very wise and true,
But I'd rather get your lesson by ob-
serving what you do.

For I may misunderstand you and the
high advice you give,
But there's no misunderstanding how
you act or how you live.

—Author Unknown

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Active Season At Mount Jefferson

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minister Church, Presbytery's representative, conducted the workshop; Mrs. Witherspoon of the Lexington Church and recently back from Africa presented materials and ideas for local congregations; and Rev. David Lehman, a missionary from Brazil, gave a magnificent address on the Church's missionary work in Brazil. The ladies of the Mt. Jefferson Church served refreshments at the 10-minute break and were complimented by our guest from Brazil on the coffee and doughnuts, but particularly on the hot apple juice with sliced lemon-float and cloves. Though the workshop ran three hours, it was a happy occasion.

On Sunday, Nov. 1st the whole congregation was moved with concern on learning that Mr. John Leland — a man immensely active in the church and in the community — had been struck with a heart attack the preceding evening; and as this goes to press, he is in the Forsyth Hospital (room 906) in Winston-Salem. What glory it is to know our Creator-Father who has said: "If my people . . . pray . . . then will I hear from heaven"; also to hearken to the Lord's words: "Bring him to me"

Thanksgiving Day Nov. 27, the Mt. Jefferson Church will hold its service of thanks and gratitude to the great Giver-of-life and of every good and perfect gift. And — afternoon of Thanksgiving Day — there will be the wedding of our Miss Jane Miller to Md Billy Burkett; followed next day by the wedding of our Miss Kathy Fetzer to Mr. Thomas Kent.

NEWS FROM PEAK CREEK, LOW GAP

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through the Church as a whole but through interested individuals wishing to have a part in the cause of Christian Education, and taking the initiative on their own free will. No pledges were made, no offerings taken. Individuals of their own accord, wishing to do this sought out the supply minister letting him know to which Church credit should be given. We are happy to say that the pledge or goal from each of the three churches has already been met in full and sent in to the College Forward Campaign office. The Churches just now are receiving their annual offering for the Barium Springs Home for Children, always a special interest at the Thanksgiving season.

Some, because of frailty of health are not able to be present in person for the work of the Church, and yet we still are enriched by their presence in heart, and in their love for their church and what it stands for. The faithfulness of those who believe in

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Bible Reading Reference Book Marks put out by the American Bible Society. These book marks will have references to be used each day — especially to be read from Thanksgiving until Christmas. We hope each one will get one of these book marks and read the references for this period as well as throughout the year. If you do not get one of these book marks, we hope you will be a consistent and steady Bible reader, and that your spiritual life will be strengthened and enriched.

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In Memory Of Loved Ones

MRS. ARTHUR ROSE

Mrs. Rosa Rupard Rose, the daughter of William and Mary Powers Rupard of Ashe county passed away on Nov. 13 at her home at Glendale Springs, N. C. Mrs. Rose was born in Ashe county on April 24, 1892, making her journey on this earth 77 years.

Surviving are her husband, Mr. Arthur Rose; five daughters and one son. The following are the names of the daughters and son: Mrs. Dale Blevins, of White Top, Va.; Mrs. Ted Caudill and Mrs. Carl Miller, of Glendale Springs, N. C.; and Mrs. Dewey Dolinger and Mrs. Kenneth Miller, of Sparta, N. C.; the son is Mr. Delmer Rose of Glendale Springs, N. C. Besides her immediate family, four sisters, four brothers and grand and great-grandchildren also survive. Many friends and neighbors shall miss Mrs. Rose.

Mrs. Rose was a charter member of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church since its organization in 1939. She was a woman of great faith and her sustaining trust in God and her Saviour was a strength to her family and her church. She was faithful in attendance at her church and the Women of the Church as long as her health allowed. As the Scripture says, her unfeigned faith lives in her children that survive. With Paul we say, "for her to live was Christ and to die is gain."

ELIJAH WINGLER

Mr. Elijah Wingler was called from this life on Nov. 1. Mr. Wingler had not been well for some time and passed away in the hospital in Kannapolis, N. C. Mr. Wingler united with the Presbyterian Church several years ago during a revival at the Wagoner School House in Wilkes County. Interment was in the Royal Grave Yard in Wilkes County on Nov. 3 after services were held in Kannapolis, N. C. Mr. Wingler is survived by his wife and a large family. He was a big hearted Christian and God has called him to his reward in his Heavenly Home.

J. SIDNEY MILLER

Mr. J. Sidney Miller the son of the late John S. and Belle Carr Miller passed away at the age of 78 years in the Alleghany Memorial Hospital on Sept. 10.

Mr. Miller was a retired farmer having farmed for several years in the Laurel Springs Community. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Blanche Miller, three daughters, Mrs. Charles Robinson, Mrs. Clay Joins, and Mrs. Arnold Mitchell, two sisters, Mrs. Freel Johnson and Mrs. Paul Church, Sr., one brother, Mr. Fred Miller. Grand and great-grandchildren also survive.

For several years Mr. Miller was an active farmer, but in his late life he became an invalid for a number of years.

On June 12, 1955 Mr. Miller united with the Presbyterian Church, of Laurel Fork and remained a faithful Christian though on account of ill health he was not able to attend church.

In knowing Mr. Sid Miller you would have found a hard working man of patience, with an uncomplaining and



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sweet spirit.

His Heavenly Father has now rescued him from his illness and the cares of this life and has given him a place in his Heavenly home.

GEORGE ROTEN

Mr. George Roten, the son of the late Lewis and Sarah Roten, of Wilkes county passed away Nov. 15 at the age of 65 years. He lived most of his life on a farm in the Ebenezer community.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ethel Mae Darnell Roten, five daughters: Mrs. Athalee Wingler, Mrs. Margie Shaw, Mrs. Johnsie Little, Maxine Arnold, Mrs. Lorraine Hunt; three sons, Lewis Roten, Ervin Roten, and Johnny Roten.

Five sisters survive: Mrs. Jane Greer, Mrs. Alpha Wyatt, Mrs. Oma Atwood, Mrs. Cleo Burnett, and Mrs. Rosa Stur-

gill. Ten brothers also mourn their brother's passing: Millard, Burt, Mont, Rudy, Ashley, Paff, Dave, Bunk, Don, and Ron Roten.

On Sept. 10 Mr. Roten confessed his faith in Jesus Christ as his saviour, and requested baptism at his home. He was known as a good neighbor, a quiet, hard working farmer. Funeral services were held in the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church and interment in the adjacent cemetery.

George Roten's conviction were expressed in a clear statement of his faith in Christ, and we believe that Jesus came to meet him and took him to his Father's home.

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 When darkness was all that I knew
 He said to me "never be afraid
 For I will see you through."
 I didn't ask for riches
 He gave me wealth untold
 The moon, the stars, the sun, the sky,
 And gave me eyes to behold.
 I thank the Lord for everything
 And I count my blessings each day
 He came to me when I needed Him
 I only had to pray.
 And He'll come to you if you ask Him
 to
 He's only a prayer away.

United Service On Thanksgiving

As the Ashe Presbyterian goes to press our Thanksgiving Service will be past news.

The Memorial Building dining room will be the setting for the United Thanksgiving Service and Dinner for the Glendale Springs Field on Nov. 23 at 6:00 p. m. Glendale Springs, Bethel and Laurel Fork Presbyterian Churches will unite in this service and dinner.

The families of the three churches will furnish food for the dinner at 6 p. m. After the Thanksgiving Dinner a Thanksgiving Service of worship will be held.

Of great interest to all will be the showing of the film strip, "Who Cares" by Mr. Meredith White who is a deacon in Little Joes Church at Barium Springs. The film strip will depict the work and life at Barium Springs Home for Children. As usual we shall receive the offering for the Barium Springs Home for Children.



VISITING GLENDALE SPRINGS WAS Rev. G. P. Whitley, the new executive secretary for Winston-Salem Presbytery.

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1 THESS. 5:18

"In everything give thanks".
 My God, is this Thy will?
 Give thanks for disappointments felt,
 For prayers unanswered still;
 Give thanks for mercies often given
 Unnoticed oft by me;
 Give thanks for sins forgiven,
 Known only, Lord to Thee.
 —Selected.

Mary

(Rose Trumbull)

Mary, when that little child
 Lay upon your heart at rest,
 Did the thorns, Maid-mother mild,
 Pierce your breast?

Mary, when that little child
 Softly kissed your cheek benign,
 Did you know, O Mary mild,
 Judas' sign?

Mary, when that little child
 Coed and prattled at your knee,
 Did you see with heartbeat wild,
 Calvary?

The Bible

An old Professor of Biology used to hold a little brown seed in his hand. "I know just exactly the composition of this seed. It has in it nitrogen, hydrogen, and carbon. I know the exact proportions. I can make a seed that will look exactly like it. But if I plant my seed it will come to naught; its elements will simply be absorbed in the soil. If I plant the seed God made, it will become a plant, because it contains the mysterious principle which we call the life principle." This Bible looks like other books. We cannot understand altogether its marvellous power. Planted in good ground, it shows that it has the life principle in itself; it brings forth spiritual life; it bears fruitage.

—The Evangel

Dead Weight

"I've been a dead weight many years
 Around the church's neck
 I've let the others carry me
 And always pay the check
 I've had my name upon the rolls
 For years and years gone by
 I've criticized and grumbled too;
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Improvements In Lansing Field

Call it a revival, a renaissance, a resurrection, or whatever. Something marvelous has taken place in the Lansing group — Foster Memorial, Gillespie, and White Top in Virginia. At Foster Memorial the lovely rock veneered building has had a roof repair. The oak flooring has been refinished and a lovely red carpet has been placed down the aisle and a vinyl tile now covers the concrete floor in the bowerment. The walls and ceilings have been painted in the Sunday School rooms and in the sanctuary. A well has been dug and water is pumped into the ground floor furnishing water for the new kitchen and newly installed toilets. One of the rooms on the lower floor has been remodelled to house the dental clinic, which is equipped with modern equipment — a gift of the friends of the church. The clinic will be opened very soon and will be under the supervision of Dr. Kenneth Phillips, an elder in the Reynolda Presbyterian Church. He will be assisted by other dentists who will volunteer their services on weekends. The dentists will be assisted by a nurse — Miss Joan Gentry, who is already at work in the field. The materials used will be paid for as the work progresses out of the church budget. The dental clinic is planned to serve the children and the elderly poor residing in the northwestern section of the county and in the White Top area. Those living at a distance will be transported to the clinic in the new fifteen passenger Ford bus. There will be no charge for the work that is done. It is understood that in the area served 90 per cent of the children starting to school have never been under the care of a dentist. There is a widespread interest in a clinic of this type.

The forms have been waiting for
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Robert T. Stone Outstanding Young Man Of America

The editor, M. W. Davis, of the book "Outstanding Young Men of America" has written Davidson College that one of their alumni, Robert T. Stone, is included as one of the outstanding young men of America. This young man is "Bobby" Stone the son of Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Stone now retired at Jefferson, N. C., Ashe county. We congratulate Rev. and Mrs. Stone for the outstanding honor their son has received.



Ebenezer, Peak Creek, Low Gap

These Churches, though small, are to be congratulated on seeking to maintain services of worship for most of the year, except during the main winter season, due to weather and road conditions. It is encouraging that there are those who can say, "O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker," and "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

We are told that more than 320,000 churches dot our country sides, our town streets and city suburbs. Whether it be the little stone church struggling for survival on a lonely hillside or a more or less prosperous church in some growing county seat or in the \$500,000 palace on the outskirts of a thriving industrial complex, they all remind us of one thing — man's recognition of the need of a place to help him learn of himself and of the something more than himself.

Truly God is anywhere, in a field, down by the river, up on the hilltop, in a store, in the mill, in a car, at a ball game, name it. Truly also, we sometimes make it quite difficult to find God in a church. Yet He is even
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In Loving Memory

Mr. Thomas J. Powers
Miss Edna May
Miss Alice Elizabeth Clark

Mount Jefferson Church Is Active

The three winter months — December, January, and February — have given us a taste of real winter this time, with deep snow coming on Christmas Day, and holding — because of the cold — till the middle of January. On Sunday evening, Dec. 14, the ladies had the Joy Gift Supper with husbands invited and with a fine program afterward; at which time Mrs. John Johnson, President of the Women of the Church, was able to announce the largest contribution ever received by the women for the Board of Annuities.

On Christmas Sunday, the 21st, the morning service was broadcast; and in the evening the Sunday School had its program and party, with a showing of "The Other Wise Man" as part of the service.

As Christmas gifts to the senior young people's class, the ladies who are the teachers secured New Testaments, known as "Good News for Modern Man" (Today's English Version). Concerning his copy of this translation, one of our soldiers wrote from Vietnam: "I have read it through once and I'm starting on my second time now; — it is one of the best publications I've ever seen." (A fruitful suggestion to teachers of young people: the books are three for a dollar; and the whole Bible in this translation will be out in 1975).

January of 1970 came in with very cold weather, but on Communion Sunday, Jan. 11, five new members united with the church. On Tuesday, Jan. 27, Presbytery convened at the Reynolda Presbyterian Church, and Mt. Jefferson was represented by the minister.

February of 1970 was a month of epidemic, with hundreds out of
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Men Of Presbytery Plan Spring Meet

The Springs Rally will be held —
PLACE — Highland Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem.

DATE — April 5, 1970.

TIME — 3:30 P. M.

The Synod Conference for men of N. C.

PLACE — Montreat, N. C.

DATES — June 12-14, 1970.

Those who will speak at the Montreat Conference are Dr. Bryan Kirkland, pastor of 5th Ave. Presbyterian Church, New York, N. Y. Dr. William Kadel, Ex. Sect'y of Board of Christian Education and Mr. Bill Wade, member of Board of Directors of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

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EDITORIAL**MANY INFALLIBLE PROOFS
AND MANY UNFATHOMABLE
BLESSINGS**

Easter is a season of conquering hope. Out of the dark earth of sorrow, the beautiful flower of hope springs forth.

INFALLIBLE PROOFS — HE DIED

"He shewed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs being seen of them forty days."
Acts 1:3

When Jesus Christ hung on the cruel cross, his taunters cried at Him — "If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross." Mt. 27:40. Christ did not choose to come down from the cross as He was fulfilling the place of a sacrifice for our sins, so His dead body was taken from the cross by friends and buried in a stone tomb. They cried for Him to come down from the cross, but they were not ready to cry unto Him to come out of the tomb, yet He did. He did them one better — He conquered the cross and the tomb.

It is the height of unbelieving prejudice to say that Jesus Christ only swooned and then came to life again. There are many unfallible proofs of his death.

Was He not stabbed to death by a cruel spear in his heart? Was he not pronounced dead by his tormentors? Did not the governor demand for a certainty that He was dead? Did not His friends as well as His enemies consider Him dead? Was He not wrapped head and foot in the shrouds of the dead, and sealed in the tomb by His enemies? Were not his closest friends afraid to come near the tomb, and only the women dared to bring spices to place upon his dead body? The priests themselves acknowledged his death by hiring the guards to lie and say, "His disciples came by night and stole his body away."

There is no doubt in all the narration of Christ's crucifixion — His enemies as well as friends knew He

was dead — By all infallible proofs Jesus Christ's body was dead.

**INFALLIBLE PROOFS — HE LIVES
THE PROOF OF THE EMPTY TOMB**

When the women who had prepared spices to lay on the dead body of Christ came to the tomb early in the morning, they had no use for them. The great stone at the mouth of the tomb was rolled back, the place where Jesus lay was vacant, the shrouds lay folded and empty, the sunlight shown into the empty cave — there was no death there.

The Romans and the Jews never did try to find the dead body of Jesus — they lied about it and that was all they could do. The only one who sought the body of Jesus was Mary Magdalene, who asked, "Where have you laid Him?"

PROOF OF THE LIVING CHRIST

The enemies of Jesus never could produce His dead body, all they had was the empty tomb and the deserted grave clothes, and a lie in their mouths that his body was stolen, but the friends of Jesus did produce his body, because they met Him alive again. So during the forty days of his physical presence before his ascension, He appeared again, and again, and again to His friends. By many infallible proofs He was alive. Luke declares Christ's living presence in Acts 10:40-41 when he wrote:

"Him God raised up the 3rd day, and showed Him openly, not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us"

Many instances of appearance are recorded. Mary Magdalene met Him at the tomb, two disciples walked with Him on the road to Emmaus and broke bread with Him at the inn, the women met Him on the path to Jerusalem, the ten saw him behind closed doors in their midst, Peter talked with Him, the doubting Thomas was assured it was the Christ by his touch to the crucifixion wounds, His appearance at the sea shore, and Paul says, "After that He was seen of above 500 at once." I Cor. 15:6. Paul also states that the living Christ appeared to him on the road to Damascus, and this appearance changed his whole life. The presence of the living Christ is not a theory, it is based upon many infallible facts.

"Three men were walking on a wall, feeling, faith and fact. When feeling took an awful fall, faith was taken back.

So close was faith to feeling that faith fell down as well;

Fact stood strong, and pulled faith up, and faith brought feeling too."

THE PROOF OF NEW COURAGE

The new courage and conviction manifested by the sorrowing and dispondent disciples of Jesus, is one of the most certain proofs of the resurrected Christ.

How could the apostles go out and proclaim a living Christ when they knew He was dead? They had neither the courage or the faith to do such a thing. The friends of Jesus Christ had actually experienced His living presence and this is what had made them bold as lions.

These friends of Jesus had tested His presence with all their senses. They had heard Him with their ears, they had seen Him with their eyes, they

**Impressive Union
Christmas Service**

Dr. Stamper conceived the idea of bringing together for a union Christmas service the groups from Gillespie, Foster Memorial, and Whitetop to meet in the Lansing Church. Every pew was filled to capacity to such an extent that when the usher had seated the people he had to sit on the window sill.

Mrs. Bruner Davis touchingly told the Christmas story in such a manner that the audience was deeply impressed.

In the Sunday School assembly room there was a Santa Claus with gifts and treats for the children. The like of this had never before been undertaken nor experienced in Lansing.

**Evolution Theory
To Be In Textbooks**

California's State Board of Education has overruled the state Advisory Committee on Science Education in a hotly contested battle to have evolution taught as a theory, not a fact, in school textbooks. California students will have the Genesis account of Creation in their textbooks according to a recent decision of the state's school board. They hold that the creation story of Genesis is just as authentic as an evolution theory.

This decision could have a far-reaching effect. Since California buys about 10 percent of all published textbooks sold in the United States.

In the light of recent scientific discoveries, much of the evolution theory is becoming antiquated in the minds of some scientists.

**MOUNT JEFFERSON
CHURCH IS ACTIVE**

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county schools by reason of the flu. The church was saddened by the loss of Miss Edna May, whose funeral was Sunday afternoon, Feb. 8. And other close loved-ones of our members have been called home this winter season: Mr. T. J. Powers, the father of Mrs. Wilmer Dove, at the end of January; and Mr. Frank Elliott, the brother of Mr. Walter Elliott, whose funeral was Feb. 11.

Our Junior Choir began its practicing for the Easter season on Feb. 4. And the annual Communicants Class, held each year during Lent, began Feb. 13. As the season quickens toward the time when "flowers appear on the earth and the time of the singing of birds shall be come," it is exhilarating to know that the first robin of the year, in the Manse area, was seen Feb. 19.

had shared with Him their food, they had smelled the presence of a living being and there was no odors of the tomb left about Him.

The living freshness of the personality of the risen Christ was so exhilarating that the apostles of Jesus had to make it known to all the world. This is why they faced death and

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Announce Marriages

MILLER AND ROSE

The marriage ceremony of Brinda Jean Miller and Eddie Lee Rose was held in the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church on Jan. 31, 1970 at 4:00 p. m.

Brinda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Miller, of Laurel Springs, N. C. Eddie Rose is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Greek Thomas Rose, of Statesville, N. C. The father of the bride presented Brinda at the altar of marriage.

A reception with the cutting of the wedding cake took place in the Sunday School room adjoining the church. May God bless this young couple as they start life together.

NICHOLS AND SEXTON

On December 24, 1969 Betty Lou Nichols, of North Wilkesboro, N. C. and Jackie Dale Sexton were married at the Manse of Glendale Springs, N. C. May God bless this couple as they make a new home.

HUFFMAN AND SHEETS

On Dec. 21, 1969 Betty Lou Huffman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gaither Huffman, of the Vannoy Community, was married to Bill Lloyd Sheets, of Mocksville, N. C.

The ceremony was held in the home of the bride in the Vannoy Community in Wilkes county. The home was decorated with appropriate flowers and candles.

A reception was held at the home with the cutting of a beautiful wedding cake. Besides the family, friends from the community attended the ceremony.

Blessings upon this young couple as they establish a home together.

FINK AND BLACK

On December 23, 1969 the wedding ceremony was conducted for Ola Dare Fink and Bobby Ray Black, both of Kannapolis, N. C. The vows were spoken at the Manse of Glendale Springs N. C. May God's blessings be upon this couple.

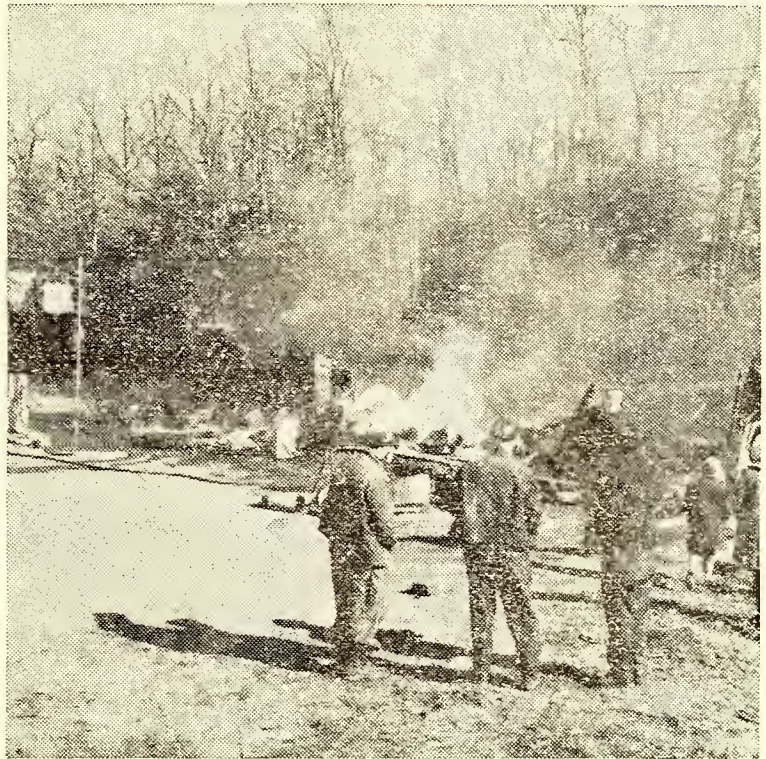
The Easter season is a time to rejoice over resurrection of Christ.

Flowers have long been a symbol of spring and Easter.

Explorers To Dig Out Noah's Ark

Plans for a \$1 million expedition to recover the timbers believed to be the remains of Noah's Ark from a frozen glacier on Mt. Ararat in Turkey were announced by a team of scientists and explorers.

Ralph E. Crawford, president of Seach Foundation, Inc. of Washington, D. C. said pieces of rough carved timbers have been found on the 14,000 ft. level in ice on the side of the 17,070 ft. mountain. A French explorer in 1955 discovered a large hulk of timbers imbedded in an ice glacier. He hacked out pieces of timber of this frame. Navarra the explorer said he had seen at least 50 tons of hewed timber imbedded in the ice glacier. Others have made statements of seeing this hulk



MILLER'S SERVICE STATION BURNS — Feb. 11 Fred Miller's filling station caught on fire about 10 a. m. The wind was from the west and perhaps saved the gas tanks from catching on fire. The whole building was a loss. Fred's station was a very popular filling station and store of Glendale Springs. We regret the loss of this property for a good citizen of Glendale Springs.

of timber as they flew over it in airplanes. In 1840 explorers reported seeing one end of a ship jutting out of an ice glacier on the mountain.

If archeologist can blast this hulk of a ship out of the ice from the top of Mt. Ararat it would be a very re-

markable discovery and prove to many who discredit the Bible narrative, that the Bible is accurate in relating the events of the past. The exploration on Mt. Ararat will be one of great interest to watch as we have news from the archeological discoveries there.

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MRS. VIRGINIA DARE M. JONES

Mrs. Virginia Jones, of Beaver Creek Community was called by her Heavenly Father from this life to her home in Heaven on Wednesday, Feb. 11. She was born July 5, 1932 to Mr. and Mrs. Pressley Miller, of West Jefferson, N. C.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, two daughters, her sister, parents and many friends and relatives. Virginia had been a Christian for a number of years, and was not afraid to go to her heavenly home. "But when the sun in all his state

Illumed the easter skies
She passed through glory's morning gate,

And walked in Paradise."

JOE TODD CAUDILL

Joe Todd Caudill, of Glendale Springs passed away Feb. 8 in the Davis Hospital in Statesville, N. C. Mr. Caudill was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Caudill, of Glendale Springs, N. C. Todd is survived by four daughters, three sons, one sister, five brothers and a number of grandchildren. Many friends and relatives also mourn his passing.

Todd was baptised several years ago in the Primitive Baptist Church. Todd was born Oct. 5, 1890 and his life on this earth was 79 years.

Services were held in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church on Feb. 10. We pray God's comfort to those who mourn the passing of Todd Caudill into the presence of his Lord.

CARL FRANKLIN MILLER

Carl Franklin Miller, of Glendale Springs, N. C. passed away Dec. 23 in the Ashe Memorial Hospital, Jefferson, N. C. Carl was born to the late Samuel and Adelaide Phillips Miller, of Glendale Springs, on Dec. 1, 1913. His life on this earth was 56 years and 25 days.

Those surviving Carl, are his widow, Mrs. Rett Rose Miller, one daughter, Mrs. Mary Joe Young of Greensboro, two sons, Steve and Mark Miller of Glendale Springs, and two brothers, Paul and Pressley Miller of West Jefferson, also four grandchildren.

Carl was the postmaster of the Glendale Springs Post Office, and a very useful citizen and accommodating neighbor. He had made his profession of his Lord some years ago and attended church regularly. Funeral services were held on Dec. 29 in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church.

Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.

TONY GARLAND BAKER

Tony Garland Baker the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker, of Glendale Springs passed away Jan. 7 at the Wilkes Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held in the Obids Presbyterian Church and burial in the Baker cemetery adjacent to the church.

God has called this little one to his own nursery in Heaven. May God comfort those who mourn his passing from this life, and be glad that Jesus said, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Interesting Christmas In Glendale Field

The interests of Christmas were varied and exciting. The three churches of the Glendale Springs Field had successful pageants in each church. This year Mike Johnson directed the programs, and pageants and Christmas trees were a grand celebration.

The young people of Glendale Springs held a candle light service for the rest home. Candy and oranges were distributed, and Christmas hymns were sung. The people of the rest home were very responsive and expressed their hearty thanks for being with them.

About three dozen young people

ROMULUS CARL VANNOY

Funeral services were conducted for Mr. Romulus Carl Vannoy of Kannapolis, N. C. Romulus was raised in the Vannoy Community of Wilkes county and had been living in Kannapolis for some time. He was the son of Rufus and Annic Yates Vannoy, of Wilkes county.

Romulus Vannoy was born March 13, 1910 and passed away on Dec. 27, 1969. He was 59 years of age. He is survived by his wife, one daughter and many friends and relatives. From testimony of those who knew him — his faith was his Lord.

Funeral services were held in the Reins Sturdivant Funeral Home in North Wilkesboro, and interment in the Mountlawn Memorial Park.

went carolling one night and after singing in the Glendale Springs and Laurel Fork Communities had refreshments at the Sam Miller home in the Laurel Fork Community.

In Wartime

Lord, I will pause and pray;
There is no other way.
The clouds of war loom thick;
Nerves fail and hearts grow sick.
Only the children play;
Lord, I will pause and pray.

Lord, I will talk to Thee,
Else I will silent be.
Tempers are quick and ill;
Tongues are bitter and shrill
And all men disagree.
Lord, I will talk to Thee.

Lord, I will look to Thee —
To Thee, whose name is Love.
The outward glance brings grief,
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Inward? — no peace or love;
Lord, I will look above.

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**IMPROVEMENTS IN
LANSING FIELD**

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cement pouring weather so that the approach to the sanctuary will not be so steep. A kindergarten is conducted en alternate weeks for two and three days. The nearby community building has also come under the plans for improvement. Water from the new well has been piped into it and is available for kitchen and toilet use. This building will serve the youth work, which is being organized, and the activities of the community.

The attendance at the services has been greatly enlarged. This new activity has already added four new members — Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brooks and their two sons, Keith and Jeff.

In the area served there has been a counselling service with high school students in regard to their plans for college or vocational training. Throughout the area 1200 pieces of clothing have been distributed.

This rejuvenation and burst of interest is the result of God's blessing upon the dream, enthusiasm, and devotion of a native son of Ashe county — Dr. Robert L. Stamper and his wife, Mrs. Cola Barr Jackson Stamper. He saw the need for a dynamic work to be undertaken — and he undertook its accomplishment. He saw that a service should be rendered to the whole man — body, mind, and spirit, with the prime effort on evangelism. The accomplishment within a few months has been phenomenal.

The progress story continues from Gillespie, where the roof has undergone repair. New front steps are underway. Worshippers have been enjoying the warmth from a new oil heating furnace. The structure has been painted throughout. A kindergarten is in operation there for two and three days on alternate weeks.

The people of this area will share in the services of the dental clinic Dr. Stamper says that if there is sufficient need another clinic will be provided.

At White Top, just over the State line in Virginia, the Sunday School has been organized and meets at 10:00 A. M. A service of worship is conducted beginning at 7:00 P. M., and the youth activities are conducted on Mondays. There is an excellent interest in this point where the Presbyterian Church in pioneering.

The Lansing manse has undergone a thorough renovation including a new roof, a lengthening of the chimney, a new front walk, inside and out the woodwork has been painted; the ceilings are new; floors have been sanded and refinished; the front porch and approaching steps have been repaired; there are new gutters and a better water drainage; the damage done by the termites to the understructure has been repaired. What else? You name it, and in all probability it, too, has been accomplished.

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**EBENEZER, PEAK
CREEK, LOW GAP**

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there too. And it is possible that we can help to make the Church a place — a place where God becomes more real, where people become more aware of their real value, and where their real purpose for living becomes more sure and more satisfying.

But suppose we do not make the church, this kind of place, a place where God becomes real, and where man becomes unreal — until he finds his place in the Church, and the Church finds its place in him. Then it becomes difficult to defend.

On the other hand, when its people, even though small in numbers, put the Church first in their lives, support its every worthy undertaking to the best of their ability, determine to go to Church not just to see the neighbors, not just to console conscience, but to deliberately search for God, and to be found of God — then, attending Church becomes, not just a gathering, but a happening, an experience. And when the Service of Worship is over, the service of man has begun.

It has been pointed out that in the

The mother church, Lansing, also needed some going over. The plans call for a paint job throughout; the basement walls are being repaired; the lovely art windows are being re-leaded. The roof is being repaired and the gutters are being lowered.

And best of all — Mrs. Staley Powers and her daughter, Miss Judy, have united with the church.

Mr. Bryan Stamper, who served so acceptably last summer and now a second year student in Columbia Theological Seminary at Decatur, Georgia, has been making monthly trips to assist his father, Dr. Stamper. With his lovely, helpful wife, Dorothy and their little Bryan III, he will return to the field for another summer of intense activity.

**Earthquake Felt
In Mountains**

On Wednesday, Nov. 19 at about 8 p. m. the manse began to shake, articles on a table rocked, the wall seemed to move. We all got up out of our seats and wondered what was the cause of this noise and shaking. It turned out to be an earthquake that was felt from Ohio to Georgia. The telephone lines were jammed, so that no one could get the line. We finally were told on T. V. that a quake had shaken the western part of N. C. as well as other states from W. Va. to Georgia. In March 1938 we understand there was a previous quake in the western part of N. C. We are reminded of the prophecy of Christ who said, toward the end of the world, "There would be earthquakes in diverse places. Scientists tell us that the earth's crust is shrinking in its old age, and that perhaps there will be more movements of the earth's surface. We see here that Christ's knowledge of science and the future is marvelous

last 40 years, more than 30,000 churches have died in our nation. Some of these did right by dying in order that a larger, more effective living might begin. Others died because they had no program. In some cases there was program a-plenty, but what for? In other cases the sickness, before death, started with too-infrequent worship services. Sometimes this couldn't be helped. But when a church is doing the best it can in spite of its limitations, when every member of the church wants to do his or her part to make the church a place where God becomes real — then we can truly say, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

There are people at Ebenezer, Peak Creek, Low Gap who are trying to say this. Let us thank God for them.

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Developing Surely In Ashe County

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The new Ashe County Memorial Hospital is now under construction, and is scheduled to be completed in early 1971. Water and sewer facilities for the town of Jefferson are almost complete. New gymnasiums at West Jefferson and Northwest schools have been built, costing \$510,580. The Ashe County Airport Authority and the Ashe County Chamber of Commerce have raised \$74,000 towards construction of an airport. Total cost is estimated to run around \$450,000.

Southern Devices has recently purchased the Peerless Hosiery building and plans to enlarge it and work about 200 people. In addition, the company has optioned a 13 acre tract of land, and plans to build a 25,000 sq. ft. assembly plant.

Greensboro Manufacturing Co. has increased employment from 60 to 290, and plans to hire about 45 more. Industrial Plastics, Inc. has recently completed a new building, and will increase employment from 85 to 160. Sprague Electric Co. is in full production; has about 900 employees as compared to 750 one year ago. Hanes Corporation, Knitwear Division, is now operating 5 days per week, employing about 450 people.

Phenix Chair Co., subsidiary of Thomasville Industries, is employing 350 people and grading is already underway for a new \$6 million, 300,000 sq. ft. plant, to employ initially about 250 people, primarily men. Weaver Manufacturing Co. has doubled its employment this year. Jefferson Wood Products has added 15,000 sq. ft. to its plant.

The William R. Drach Co., a Philadelphia concern, plans to build a 25,000 sq. ft. plant to manufacture blanking and forming dies, and metal stampings. Highway improvements include a

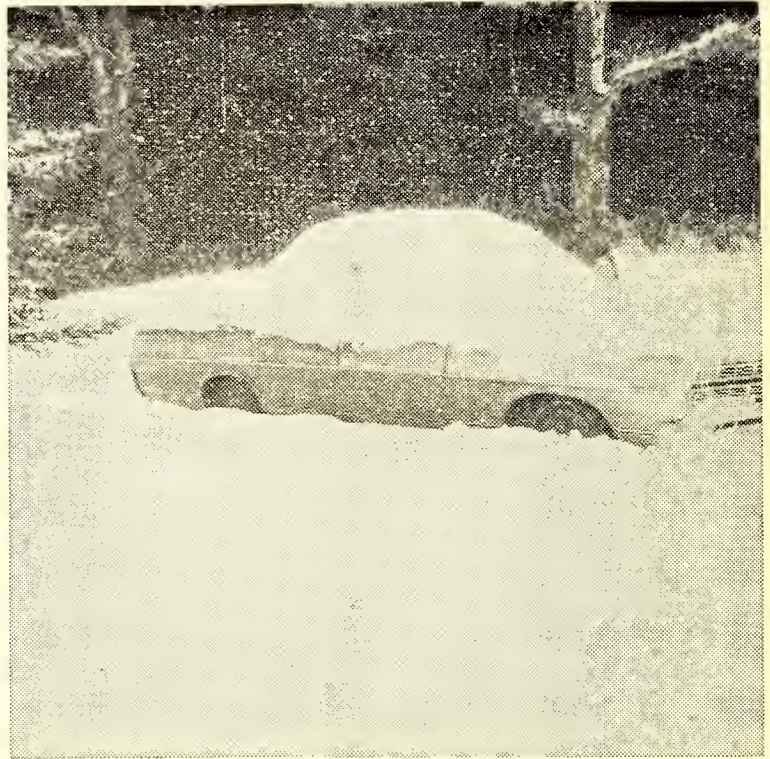
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WINTER HAS BEEN ROUGH IN ASHE — Christmas day a deep snow began to fall. The depth of snow in Ashe county varied from 16 to 20 inches. A terrific wind whipped the snow into drifts 3 to 6 feet high. Some places it was even deeper than this. The roads were full of snow which shut down all schools for three or four days. All church services could not be held for people could not get through the country roads. Only the main highway was kept open for a few days. For three days we had zero and sub zero weather. Twelve and fifteen below zero was recorder in the county. Some people who have counted the snows record 13 snows already. This includes some snows which were not deep and hardly covered the ground.

new 4-lane road between Jefferson and the intersection of US 221 and NC 16. A new road from Jefferson to Baldwin is planned. A number of secondary roads have also been paved this year.

The tourist season this last year was the best yet. The Blue Ridge Wagon Train had over 100 wagons and 500 horseback riders. The Autumn Leaf Train Excursion had more than 700 people.

Finally, one of the most ambitious

projects ever to be started in Ashe county is now underway, a drive to develop a countywide recreation park. When completed the park will include: camping areas, horseback riding trails, lighted softball field, ski slope, ice skating rink, recreation building, swimming pool, tennis, volley ball and basketball courts, show ground and bleachers, picnic areas and children's playground. A 72-acre site has been purchased.

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had touched Him with their hands, persecution that they might witness to this good and glad news.

**MANY UNFATHOMABLE
BLESSINGS**

With the certainty of the resurrected Christ come unfathomable blessings. We shall discuss only three of these wonderful blessings.

**THE FIRST —
VICTORY OVER DEATH**

Let us say here that the Easter message leaves no place for the crazy and negative philosophy of "God is dead." The glad cry at Easter is, "He lives."

Jesus always showed his power over death. At the death of Lazarus, Jesus assured Martha He had power over life and death when He said,

"I am the resurrection and the life, He that believeth in me though he Were dead, yet shall he live."

John 11:25

By raising Lazarus from the tomb, Christ showed He had power over death in others, and could bring them to life at His command.

Jesus proved his power over death by overcoming the tomb Himself. As we said before his enemies did not cry unto Him, "Save thyself from the tomb," but He did. Paul has said so well —

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruit of them that slept." 1 Cor. 15:20

"For He must reign, 'till He hath put all enemies under his feet, The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." 1 Cor. 15:26.

Jesus Christ promised victory over death for all who believe in him, and He proved it by becoming the victor over the dark domain. He became alive and promised us the same great blessing.

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15:57.

**THE SECOND — HIS PRAYING
PRESENCE AT THE THRONE**

The second blessing which we mention is the presence of Christ at the throne of God. Paul wrote in Col. 4:1,

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God."

Jesus Christ is our High Priest. He has made Himself the sacrifice, the Lamb of God, upon the altar, the cross for our sins. He also as the living Christ and priest, praying for us at the throne of God. The writer of Hebrews expresses it in Heb. 7:25.

"He is able also to save them to

the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them."

**THE THIRD — HIS LIVING
PRESENCE WITH US**

The empty tomb was all that the enemies of Christ had, but the friends of Jesus Christ had his dynamic living presence with them. The sight of Jesus presence among his friends was never forgotten, nor His promise to be with them to the end of the world. How could Mary Magdalene forget his voice who called her name? How could the two disciples forget his breaking of bread with them? How could the disciples forget the touch of the wounds of the cross? How could the women forget his fresh and hearty call to them on that dewy road to Jerusalem? How could the fishing disciple forget His presence at the seashore? How could these friends of Jesus forget how he had lifted them out of despondency and fear, to great courage, purpose and certainty?

The presence of Jesus Christ is promised to those who can trust Him to be with them. It is almost incredible that this Great Friend will be with us in our trials, or temptations, in

our sorrow and all experiences of life. He has not gone away to Heaven on a vacation until He comes again at the day of the Lord, He has promised to be with us if we will take Him into our confidence, believing, receiving, and inviting His real presence with us in this life. This is one of the great blessings of the resurrected Jesus Christ. John has written one of the most beautiful and meaningful verses of all scripture when he said:

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with me." Rev. 3:20

World Day Of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer will be observed by continuous prayers and prayer meeting at the Mount Jefferson Presbyterian Church of West Jefferson, N. C.

Prayers will also be held at the beginning of basketball practice at the Memorial Building on the night of March 6.

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Missionary Prayer In Taylor Letter

At the end of the missionary letter from Rev. and Mrs. Taylor from Zentsuji-Shi, Japan we have this wonderful prayer which we would like to reprint for your reading. Rev. and Mrs. Arch Taylor are Missionaries in Japan and members of Winston-Salem Presbytery.

"Our Heavenly Father, who in thy wisdom hast made thy children not in one mold, but in many, and with but one common likeness, which is thine own; Take away from us, we beseech thee, the pride of heart which strives to impress our image on other men, and give us the desire only to see in them the reflection of thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. May we all know and share peace and love in the decade ahead."

Basketball In Memorial Bldg.

Twice a week basketball is in full swing in the Memorial Building at Glendale Springs. Two or four dozen boys gather at the building on Tuesday and Friday nights to take part in games. While some are playing basketball, those down stairs are playing ping pong, and shuffle board. The young people of our county have enjoyed many nights of recreation in the memorial building.

Meaning Of Easter

Had Christ not risen from the dead
There'd be no spirit birth;
No Gospel sermons that could spread
Glad tidings through the earth;
No choirs could sing sweet Gospel songs

To cheer our drooping hearts;
No one could lead us from the wrongs
That sting like piercing darts.

Had Christ not risen from the dead
The world would be in gloom;
Our souls with grace could not be fed.
Nor rise above the tomb;
But hallelujah! He rose up
In triumph o'er the grave,
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GIBSON MANN to work in Glendale Springs Field, this summer.

Gibson Mann Is In Glendale Field, Now

Gibson Mann arrived in Glendale Springs and will work in this field of churches this summer with the pastor, Rev. J. W. Luke.

Mr. Mann comes from St. Simons Island off the southeastern coast of Georgia. He graduated at the Prairie Bible Institute in Alberta, Canada and has just completed Columbia Bible College, in Columbia, S. C. He plans to take further training in gospel singing.

Gib Mann is a friendly person and we feel sure he will receive a hearty welcome in the Glendale Springs Field of Churches as well as in Ashe County. We pray God will use him in a wonderful way while he is with us.

Presbytery To Meet At Glendale In Sept.

The Glendale Springs Field of Churches, which consists of Glendale Springs, Laurel Fork and Bethel Presbyterian Churches authorized the pastor, Rev. J. W. Luke to invite the Presbytery of Winston-Salem to meet with them in the fall. The meeting will be on Sept. 29th at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church. Lunch will be served in the Memorial dining room by the ladies of all three churches. At this meeting about 100 men will be present which will be made up of elders and ministers from the churches of the area called the Winston-Salem Presbytery. The women from the three churches are planning to serve the lunch.

Many Activities At Mount Jefferson

The Spring months of March, April, and May had — as an auspicious beginning here in the mountains — a rainbow on March 4. And the Mt. Jefferson Church was glad to serve as the host church for the county-wide Day-of-Prayer service on March 6, when Rev. John Johnson brought the message. Sunday, March 15, was our first Fellowship Supper of the year; and after supper Mrs. James W. Witherspoon gave an enlightening address concerning Africa, having recently returned from that continent.

Communicants classes began February 13; and at our Easter season Communion, March 22, two adults made their profession of faith and were baptized. Evening of that day, the Ashe County Music Club gave a Cantata at the local Baptist Church, based on Handel's "Messiah". The following Friday, the usual Good Friday half-hour service was held at the noon hour, with the meditation being upon the 5th word from the cross, "I thirst".

Easter dawned clear and cool, and we had a well attended Sunrise Service at 6:30; after which all present were served a ham-and-egg breakfast by the men of the church — an annual occasion for the men. The Sunday School hour was given to a program put on by the different classes
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Low Gap, Peak Creek, Ebenezer, Active

By Rev. John Johnson

Early in the springtime these churches began meeting for worship, using the Ebenezer location as the meeting place. We have Church Service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11:00 a. m. unless otherwise made necessary. An interesting project now is the raising of money to buy a Communion Service Set. The former Set was lost in a most unfortunate fire last year in the home of some of the members. Mr. and Mrs. Arel Blevins are receiving gifts from members and friends to purchase this needed help in worship.

The members are enjoying the coming of the Springtime, not only for renewed opportunities for gathering for worship and giving serious thought to the significant relevance of the gospel, but also for the glories of the growing world about us, the green carpets of the hillsides, the colorful adorning of yards and gardens.

It reminds us of that pregnant passage in Genesis 13 where the Lord spoke through a man saying, "At the appointed time I will return to you in the Spring." Here God is saying something new. Up until this time people had looked upon God mostly as one who manifested himself in the destructive forces of nature, the one
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THORNTON PERRY, of Charles Town, W. Va., drove a Mack truck into Sparta in 1920.

Perry Drove Truck To Sparta In 1919-20

Thornton Perry of Charles Town, W. Va. is standing in front of his museum in which he has many antiques and old articles from past history.

Mr. Perry stated that after World War I, he drove a Mack, chain drive truck up the mountain from Elkin into Sparta, N. C. He supposed it was about the first truck that was driven into the town of Sparta. The Mack Truck Company asked him to demonstrate to buyers that the truck could pull the mountain. The road was rough in those days and narrow. He said a gang of men gathered on horseback with rifles on their shoulders and he asked what they were doing. Someone told him they thought he was a revenuer. Some of the men asked if he had any guns on him. It was interesting to Rev. J. W. Luke, to find a man from his home town that had driven into the area of the mountains where he is preaching.

Start Fund In Memory Of The Late Mrs. Cynthia Wilcox

After the passing of Mrs. Cynthia Wilcox, money was given in memory of Mrs. Wilcox. As the Glendale Springs Church is in great need of painting the memorial gift was the start of a memorial fund in honor of Mrs. Wilcox. We hope this fund will grow this summer until we can do a good job of not only painting the church but also do some other necessary work on the church also.

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EDITORIAL THE WORLD PROVES THEY CAN PRAY TOGETHER

"Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." Mat. 18:19.

"Around the World Prayers Are Offered" were the headlines in a thousand newspapers on the Thursday morning, April 16.

Once in a life time the sympathy of a nation and a world had become one in the concern for the three astronauts in a limping and uncertain space ship.

All who believed in God, prayed and were called to pray by their leaders. Roman Catholics were called to prayer by their Pope, Jews were called to prayer by their leaders. There were prayers even at the wailing wall at the old temple in Jerusalem. Protestants were called to prayer in every country. Men in high places prayed such as Governors, Mayors, Men at the controls directing the space ship, the father of astronaut Swigert spoke of his earnest prayers for his son, and no doubt the families of the others were in prayer. The president of the United States, President Nixon led in prayer in the White House. On the Sunday following the safe landing of the astronauts, the President asked that we have a day of thanksgiving and prayer to God in His mercy and goodness to us.

There are a few observations I would like to make about the wonderful way that not only two or three agreed before God but millions as never before agreed on a common interest — the lives of the astronauts in space.

1st. This is one project that atheist were left out. I would to God that some came to a belief in God at this critical moment when all around them were calling upon our God.

2nd. The world had a common interest. If the world could agree upon a common interest today such as peace among all nations and pray God

about it, there would be peace. Perhaps the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ would have come to the answer of the request, and all men would bow before Him.

3rd. If churches that are split and there is ill feeling among parties that are pulling the churches apart could agree and love one another in Christ, there would be a welding together and a new surge forward in building the Kingdom of God in Christ.

4th. If the world can pray about the safety of the astronauts, and I am not belittling that most worthy cause, why cannot people pray, for their many boys and husbands as soldiers in the battle field? Why should we not get together and also pray for the suffering of those who call themselves our enemies?

5th. If those who are using so much time and effort in demonstrating and trying to embarrass the government and colleges, etc., could really try to right things by demonstrations to God in prayer they would accomplish mighty things for the good of their country and the world.

6th. Another observation — I have known parents and loved ones who prayed for this worthy cause of the safety of the astronauts, who will not go out to churches and prayer meeting and pray for their own sons and friends in combat in the fighting forces of their country. Why?

7th. God heard our prayers for the astronauts, I believe — for many went to God in real prayer. Can't we muster a mighty army of praying people today — even as many are in the field with rifles upon their shoulders — and have an army of repentant, humble, and praying people that will agree on the great problems of the world today?

8th. If we can be so concerned with a space ship with three men in orbit and in trouble, cannot we pray for another space sphere that is in orbit, filled with millions of people in trouble — the planet earth and her people?

"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 Chronicles 7:14.

Jesus said, "Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree . . . and shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."

MANY ACTIVITIES AT MT. JEFFERSON

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of young people; and the 11:00 o'clock worship service again showed how the fact of our Lord's Resurrection never ceases to be a star of hope to the human soul.

April was the month to "break up the fallow ground" as both Hosea and Jeremiah bid gardeners do; and presently the lovely sight of turned soil could be seen everywhere. On Sunday, April 12, Mrs. John Johnson, speaking on behalf of the Women-of-the-Church and the Young People, made the presentation of an altar cross with candlesticks, as a memorial to Mrs. Mildred Smith. Mildred's mother and brother were present at

THE VOICE OF ONE WHO KNOWS PERSECUTION AT FIRST HAND IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY

To Winston-Salem Journal
Satisfied American
By L. J. Yelanjian

Two facts that are most sickening are abroad—and the news media must largely be blamed for it.

The minority rights point: No minority is deprived of its rights if they behave right and work like the rest of us. I have been in the United States since 1913, and I have not a single complaint to make against my America. I am perfectly satisfied with the treatments I have received — "my cup runneth over."

Ask the Jews, the Greeks and the Italians in Forsyth county and see if they have complaints. If they have, then they ought to go back to their country.

The black minority perhaps has some right to complain and that needs to be looked into and remedies found for their complaints.

Peaceful dissent: How anybody can call it peaceful when 2,000 students at Kent University are loaded with rocks and molotov cocktails? Some folks must be out of their minds to believe that Kent University students were peaceful!

I am an Armenian and lost my mother, two brothers, one sister and grandfather and grandmother in World War I to the cruel Turks. I know what it means.

President Nixon is right in his Vietnam policy as well as his Cambodian program. We have pussyfooted long enough. It's time for action and victory! Chapel Hill is supported by taxpayers and we ought not to let 2,000 outsiders disrupt classes. A voice must speak. Gov. Scott where are you?

I hope 10,000 letters will go out of Winston-Salem to Washington, D. C. pledging support to President Nixon. This family writes him every time he speaks to us.

the service.

April, which speaks so much of new life to us all, saw loved-ones called to the Land where all things are made new (Rev. 21:5). Mr. Carl Jackson left us on April 3; Mrs. Esther Neumann on April 13; and Mr. John Leiland's mother on April 25.

The month of May found us making preparation for the DVBS, which is to open this year the week after public school closes. Pentecost Sunday, May 17, was a day of well-attended services, with the sermon on the early church theme. "Faithful Unto Death". Evening of Pentecost Sabbath, many many paid last respects to Mrs. Kermit Green's father, Mr. H. H. Lemly, well known and honored throughout the county. And the day following, Mr. George Hartzog's brother, Guy, was called home.

The spring session of the Winston-Salem Presbytery was held at the Flat Rock Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, May 26 — at which meeting the Mt. Jefferson Church was represented by Elder Charles Davis and the minister. High school Baccalaureates involving our young people were held the last two Sundays of May; and our college graduate this year is Miss Cindy McNeill.

Bland Dudley To Study In Scotland Scholarship Award

At the June meeting of Winston-Salem Presbytery, Rev. Bland Dudley, the popular Assistant Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Winston-Salem asked to work outside of the Presbytery. Mr. Dudley is resigning as Assistant Pastor at the church to receive a scholarship which will allow him to study at Trinity College of the University of Glasgow, Scotland. At Trinity College, Mr. Dudley will study under the leading New Testament scholar of the English speaking world, Dr. William Barclay.

Dr. Burr, the pastor, and an elder spoke of the fine work that Bland Dudley was doing at the church and regrets he must resign to have this wonderful advantage in study. Some ministers advised him not to come back with a "burr" in his voice, mini kilts over his knees, and a bag pipe on his shoulder.

JACKIE MILLER GRADUATES

Mrs. Jackie Miller Tilley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Casey Miller of Glendale Springs, and a graduate of Ashe Central High School has completed her work and graduated at the School of IBM Computer Programming at Virginia Computer College, Alexandria, Va. on April 5. We congratulate Jackie for the fine record made at this college.

WE CAN HAVE A REVIVAL IF . . .

- All the sleeping folk will wake up
- All the lukewarm folk will fire up
- All the dishonest folk will confess up
- All the disgruntled folk will sweeten up
- All the discouraged folk will cheer up
- All the depressed folk will look up
- All the estranged folk will make up
- All the gossipers will — shut up!
- All the dry bones will shake up
- All the non-tithers will pay up
- All the church members will pray up

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DR. BLAND DUDLEY, resigns as assistant pastor at First Street Church, Winston-Salem, to study in Scotland.

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We are informed that the Glendale Springs Post Office will be raised to a third class post office the first of July. The raising of the rating of this post office was talked about before the former postmaster, Carl Miller passed away. Increase of mail has warranted this rating. Tourist and camper's mail have increased the volume of mail in the summer season, as well as the sale of stamps.

The new postmaster, Mrs. Janet Miller, (Mrs. Louis Allen Miller) has become the postmistress following the late Carl Miller.

Forward Movements In Lansing Field

Under the direction of Dr. Robert Stamper an outstanding record of service has been rendered in the Lansing field. Two kindergartens were conducted this summer — one at Foster Memorial, the other at Gillespie. They were under the direction of Mrs. Shirley Stamper Barker until her death. The work was continued under the direction of Mrs. Allene Vannoy Davis and Miss Joan Gentry. The church bus was used to gather the children who lived beyond walking distance. On the closing days a commencement was held following a covered dish supper. The parents expressed appreciation for the school as they saw and heard their children perform. The schools were well attended and were highly successful.

The dental clinic was opened in the Foster Memorial Building with splendid equipment, including an X-ray machine. The work is done on Saturday by dedicated dentists. Mrs. Irene Wilds serves as secretary assistant.

WHITE TOP

A heartening work has been underway in the White Top community. A Sunday School and preaching service is conducted each Sunday, and on a weekday there is a work for the young people. This is a new work which was initiated last summer and has been continued by Miss Joan Gentry, Miss Judy Powers and Mr. John Powers.

A new roof has been put on the community building near the Foster Memorial Church. Water has been piped into the kitchen. Attention has been given to improving the appearance of the area.

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berry section and has recently acquired some property where a house was located, which has been enlarged and reconditioned. This was done for the visiting professionals who assist in the work on weekends.

A camping area has been built mainly for the use of young people. The property is well lighter, a barbecue pit has been built, and the water of a branch has been impounded for

a lake. The shelter for camping will accommodate thirty or forty people.

THE LANSING CHURCH

The sanctuary of the Lansing Church has been given a new coat of paint. A lovely red carpet covers the aisles and pulpit area, and the choir rail and curtain have been replaced with an attractive wooden shield. The magnificent stained glass art window has

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Charles Kline Makes Gift Of New Lawn Mower To Glendale

The Glendale Springs Church is a "do it yourself church". They do a great deal of their work on the church to keep expenses down. The women of the church take a month at a time and are responsible for cleaning the church and supplying flowers for the services. The men sign up for summer grass cutting on the lawn. Mr. Charles Kline, who has built a home in our community, heard the the church was buying a new mower, and generously gave a nice mower to the church. Everyone appreciates this nice gift from the Klimes. The mower in picture is not the gift mower from the Klimes.

Glendale Springs Has Reward Supper

The Glendale Springs Sunday School set a goal of 65 in enrollment before a hot dog supper would be held. On Easter Sunday the attendance went up to 75. On the evening of April 23 a good crowd gathered and enjoyed fellowship and a hot dog with other refreshments. All who attended enjoyed it so much that there was a demand to duplicate the affair in the near future.

Mem. Hymn Books Are Given Church

At the joint Easter Service at Laurel Fork Church, in which the Baptist Church of Laurel Springs and the Laurel Fork Church united in worship there was a shortage of hymn books for the large crowd. The Don Kilby's noticed the shortage, offered to give 25 books in memory of Mrs. Kilby's father, the late Elder Hort Miller. The books have been secured and we are very thankful to Don and Joan for this memorial gift.

Glade Valley News

By Dr. R. E. Chilton

Thirty-nine seniors graduated from Glade Valley School on Tuesday morning, May 26, in the school auditorium.

The featured speaker for the occasion was the Lt. Governor Pat Taylor. Awards were presented by Headmaster Harry Howard to students during the exercises. The Reverend John W. McQueen gave the invocation and benediction.

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GENE STANLEY is shown taking his turn at cutting the grass at Glendale Church.

Rev. Gurney P. Whiteley, Executive Secretary of the Winston-Salem Presbytery, was the speaker for the 60th Baccalaureate service held on Sunday,

May 24.

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F. F. A. Names Two Honorary Members

On May 7, Ashe Central F. F. A. had a cookout in which delicious hamburgers were served with other food and drinks. The F. F. A. at Ashe Central is co-sponsored by the agriculture teachers Kent Poe and Bill Henson.

At this cook out two men of Ashe county were honored by presentation of honorary memberships of the F. F. A., Mr. Dayne Gambill, of Crumpler and Rev. J. W. Luke, of Glendale Springs, N. C. Honorary plaques were presented by Stanley Douglas, the President of the F. F. A.

In Memory Of Loved Ones

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27.

MRS. CYNTHIA VIOLA H. WILCOX

Dec. 13, 1892—March 22, 1970. A Christian from early girlhood in the Transou Methodist, and in latter years in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church. A member of the Women of the Church at Glendale Springs, and a faithful attendant until illness came in her latter life. She has gone into the peace of her Lord Jesus Christ.

MR. GLENN WYATT

Glenn Wyatt was one of the original members of Bethel Presbyterian Church, and served as an officer. He passed away in Danville, Va. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wyatt, Sr. He has entered into the joy of his Lord.

DOLPHUS FILMORE WYATT

March 13, 1891—March 20, 1970. Funeral services were held at the Bethel Presbyterian Church, Md. Dolphus Wyatt often gave his testimony of his faith in his Lord. He read his Bible constantly. May God give comfort to his family as he goes into the peace of his Lord.

MR. TAD LINCOLN BARE

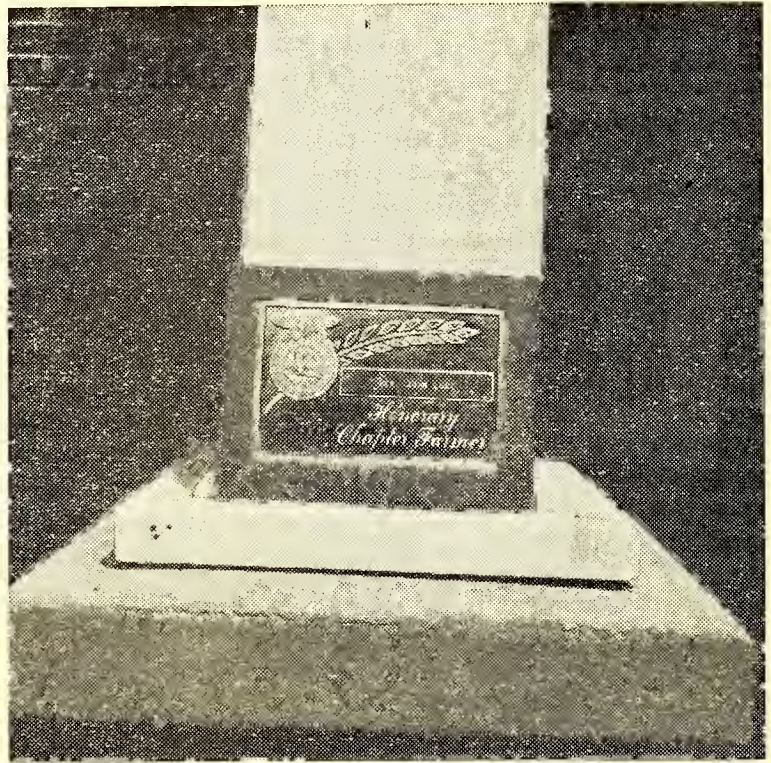
Was born in Ashe county to Mr. and Mrs. Albert T. Bare and passed away in Hudson, N. C. Funeral services were concluded at the Big Ridge Cemetery near Glendale Springs, N. C. Glen was a very useful man and loved by many. Peace to his loved ones.

MR. ROBERT SHEPHERD

"Bobby" passed away suddenly in an automobile wreck on highway 18 near North Wilkesboro, N. C. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Shepherd who have preceeded him in death. When he lived in the Bethel community he used to attend the Bethel Sunday School and church services. Funeral services were held on March 3rd at the Bethel Church and interment in the church cemetery. Peace and comfort is offered to his brothers and sisters.

MRS. BENNIE BARKER

Mrs. Barker was Miss Shirley Stampler before marriage to Mr. Bennie Barker. She came from a large family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Grover Stampler of Lansing, N. C. Shirley passed away on April 24th in the Ashe Memorial Hospital, after a sudden illness. She was an ardent and zealous



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worker for her Lord, and taught the Presbyterian week day kindergarten in the Lansing field. Her example and footsteps lead to heaven for those who follow her. Funeral services were held in the Lansing Presbyterian Church.

MR. GUY S. HARTZOG

Mr. Hartzog of Glendale Springs, N. C. passed away on May 17th in the Wilkes General Hospital at the age of 59 years. He was the son of John and Sally Bedford Hartzog of Ashe county. Mr. Hartzog was one of the most skilful carpenters in this area. He was a member of the Oldfield Baptist Church, where services were held for his burial. Interment was in the church cemetery. He leaves a large family by his first wife who preceeded him in death, and his second wife, Louise Harless Hartzog, of Glendale Springs, N. C. Our consolation and

prayers are for the comfort of his family.

MR. WINT HARDIN SNYDER

Oct. 31, 1911—May 10, 1970 of Wilbar, N. C. Funeral services were held in the Old Reddies River Primitive Baptist Church on May 12, 1970. Interment was in the church cemetery. We offer consolation to his family.

MRS. ROSCOE H. LONG

Mrs. Long was born December 27, 1911 and passed away on April 15, 1970 in the Wilkes General Hospital. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Kilby and was born in Wilkes Community. She was married to Herman Long of the Millers Community where she lived most of her life. Services were held in the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home and interment was in the Long family cemetery April 13th.

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Basketball Activities In Luke Mem. Bldg.

Basketball games led the activities all winter in the Memorial Building at Glendale Springs. Every Tuesday and Friday the gym was opened for games. Other games for entertainment in the memorial building were volley ball, ping pong, shuffle board, and roller skating. Roller skating, shuffle board and ping pong are activities in the basement, while basketball and volley ball are played on the gym floor upstairs.

In the large dining room many receptions, showers, home coming and church dinners are served. The Winston-Salem Presbytery will be served in the dining room on September 29 this fall.

LOW GAP, PEAK CREEK, EBENEZER, ACTIVE

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who sent the thunders and the storms, the fires and the earthquakes. Most of all he was a god of war, who helped his people win battles when they served him — let them be defeated when they forgot him.

But here at Hebron God is revealing a new truth. Here they had stopped roaming around, have settled down. They have much better land, good farms, vineyards, pasture lands. They are learning to watch growing things, living lands. For the first time, God is seen — not only in the storm, the fire, the earthquake, war — but in the creative powers of nature — the power which makes things grow, which in turn gives increase to the flocks and herds — even quickening the barren womb.

Those people, so long ago, were beginning to hear a new word from God, though still new to unknown numbers now — in our own Springtime, so rapidly spreading into summer. Our mountain miracle, first beholding the barrenness of winter, has now known nature springing into newness, with its riot of color, amid the musical singing of birdly winged reminders. Nature has changed from a barren existence into an awakened expression, a radiant revealing, in response to the warmth of God's sunshine, the touch of His Son. And even all through the winter when nothing seemed to be happening. He was at work in His underworld, preparing the womb for the building of Spring-



GLENDALE SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, which will be the scene of the Winston-Salem Presbytery in September.

time. So our people rejoice, not only in a new springtime of worship and wonder in God's House, but in the unfolding of living and loveliness in God's Field. As the man with the divine message said to Abraham, "At the appointed time, I will return to you in the Spring."

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Miller - Lilley

March 28 at 8 p. m. the wedding ceremony uniting Jackie Elaine Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Casey Miller, of Glendale Springs and James David Lilley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Lilley, of Williamston, N. C. was performed by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Luke.

The nuptials were held with a background of beautiful greenery and potted flowers in the light of soft candle light. The bride's father presented his daughter for marriage. Many friends and relatives greeted and congratulated the bride and groom in an appropriate reception in the Memorial Building.

The newly weds make their home in North Wilkesboro, N. C. where Mrs. Lilley has a position with the Reins-Sturdivant Insurance Company, and Mr. Lilley has a position at Lowe's Building Supply Company. May God bless this young couple with success and a happy Christian home.

Bert Edwards Family Visit In Glendale

On Saturday, May 30th we had the pleasure of a visit from Rev. Bert Edwards, Mrs. Edwards and their two daughters. The people at Laurel Fork and Bethel Church remember Mr. Edwards as he held very successful evangelistic services in these two churches. We hope he will come back this fall and preach at Glendale for a week's revival. The Edwards are from Bristol, Va. where Mr. Edwards holds the pastorate in two churches.

FORWARD MOVEMENTS IN LANSING FIELD

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been reworked.

During the quarter funerals were conducted in the Lansing Church for Miss Alice Miller, Mr. Lemmond Lee Francis and Mr. Roey G. Hart.

In a wedding ceremony Miss Kathy Faw Osborne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Osborne, and Mr. Ted Vance Roten were united in holy wedlock. The young couple will make their first home in Lithonia, Georgia.

MR. AND MRS. BRYAN STAMPER TO RETURN

Mr. Bryan Stamper, a rising senior in Columbia Theological Seminary, who did splendid work last year, and has been making a trip each month from Atlanta, is expected to



SOME OF THE BASKETBALL GROUP who played in the Memorial Building this winter.

begin work on the second Sunday in June. Mrs. Dorothy Stamper, his wife, will assist him in the work. The program for the summer called for a preaching service at each of the points each Sunday.

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Presbytery To Hold Meeting At Glendale Church

Winston-Salem Presbytery has been invited to meet with the churches of the Glendale Springs Field on Sept. 29. The Presbytery will meet at Glendale Springs where it will be entertained by Laurel Fork, Glendale Springs, and Bethel Churches of this field.

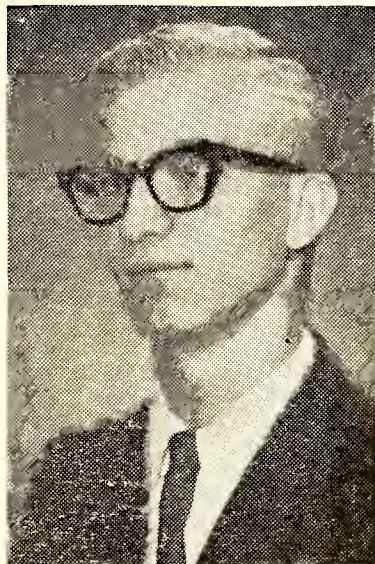
Lunch will be served in the dining room of the Memorial Building. The women of each of the churches in the Glendale Field will be the group who prepares the lunch and serves.

Revival Services At Glendale In Nov.

Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church had planned revival services for the latter part of September with Rev. Bert Edwards, of Bristol, Va. preaching.

On account of sickness in Mr. Edwards family he had to cancel his engagement with us, but will be able, if God is willing, to be with us November 1st through the 6th. We are praying

for Bert's brother-in-law and Bert's mother, who will have had operations by the time this article comes out in the paper. We trust you will pray for the special services for November.



Peak Creek, Low Gap, Ebenezer Churches Report

By Rev. John Johnson

These three churches are meeting as one group at the Ebenezer building, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11:00 a. m. There has been a good response to the effort to secure gifts for a Communion Service. In addition to \$55.00 raised in cash, an unexpected gift of a service, formerly having been used by the Mt. Jefferson Church was much appreciated. Some of the money given is now being used to purchase the needed linens, napkins, etc. for the Service. The remainder, with added gifts from members of the churches, will be used to purchase some other needed equipment soon to be determined by the churches. Our sincere thanks goes to all members and friends for what has already been done. We believe it tokens a sincere interest in the work that is being attempted in this locality.

The fellowship and worship together
(Continued on page 4.)

News From Mt. Jefferson Church

The pastor, Rev. Tom Smith is on a tour to the Holy Land, during the month of August. We wish Tom many blessings as he travels the land of the Lord.

Tom sends a few greetings home from his trip. The following is one from one of his letters.

Greetings from Israel. If the schedule is kept as drawn up, we will be seeing — today — the city by the sea where Peter resided with Simon the Tanner. The city's name in Bible times was Joppa, but it is known now as Jaffa. It was the port city where the cedar wood (from Lebanon) was brought into the country for the building of Solomon's Temple. It was the port from which Jonah sailed (but changed his mode of transportation ere the trip was over). It is now part of the capital city of Tel Aviv. The Crusaders under Richard the Lion-hearted took Joppa in the 12th century, as did the French under Napoleon in 1799 From Caesarea (last Sun.) the

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GLENDALE SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH where Winston-Salem Presbytery will meet September 29.

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"More Power In Prayer"

(EDITORIAL)

"But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to ministering of the word." Acts 6:4

As one who has been given the job of special emphasis on prayer in our Presbytery, I am writing this short article that we should be reminded of the power of prayer. Not only in our own Presbytery, but how revitalizing to our whole church if all of our Presbyteries could melt into very effective prayer meetings.

In Acts 5:42, Luke writes, "And daily in the temple and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."

This was spoken of the apostles after they had been seized, imprisoned, and rebuked for their zealous preaching in the name of Jesus Christ in the city of Jerusalem.

Shortly after this there was some dissatisfaction among the converts of how the needy were being cared for. The apostles then saw the practical need of men to attend the physical and charity needs of the church, so they elected deacons to do this work, while the apostles were given more time for prayer and preaching the word. Their decision is expressed in Acts 6:4 —

"But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word."

The power of the Holy Spirit was realized by the early church by those who —

- (1) Magnified the Living Christ.
- (2) Preached the word.
- (3) Prayed continually.

Hence we see the wonderful energizing power that came into the early Christian Church.

In this short editorial, I would like us to think of the revitalizing power of prayer in our presbytery. Too often after Presbytery meets, I have seen Presbyters leave the session looking as if they were beaten and worn out. Were they carrying refreshing spirit-

ual strength home? The presence of vital prayer in the sessions of our meetings should refresh, and give new strength to all of us. In making a real prayer meeting out of Presbytery, we shall work together more smoothly, we shall have less discord, we shall plan more creatively and go out with power to preach and do God's work. I have attended many meetings of Presbytery, and where prayer is eminent and stressed in the orders of the day, those meetings seemed to have worked smoother, and the fellowship in Jesus Christ was dearer.

In the meetings of Winston-Salem Presbytery we have practiced the habit of leaving petitions at the desk to be used in a special period of prayer during the order of the day. This has proved very effective and I wish more commissioners would bring in petitions, and we would take more time for this wonderful period of sharing our requests to our Heavenly Father.

Several years ago the area now designated as Winston-Salem Presbytery was in Orange Presbytery. Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, the mother Presbyterian Church in Ashe County was organized and built under Orange Presbytery in 1897-98 by the arduous work of Dr. E. E. Gillespie. About the time of the organization of this church, a tall, rawboned mountain man gave his heart to Christ and united with the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. This man was John Burgess. He is said to be about the first man baptized by the Presbyterians in Ashe County. Presbyterians were scarce in Ashe County in those days, but John Burgess followed his convictions and united. Some local people "Allowed that the Presbyterian Church would break up John Burgess and his family." John Burgess was never broken up, but this man of simple and sincere faith became the superintendent and teacher in the Sunday School and finally an elder in his church.

Elder Vail, who has been called to glory, tells this story of John Burgess as they were on the way to Presbytery. The commissioners to attend the session boarded the train in North Wilkesboro and arrived at a town where they had to spend the night to take another train to the town where Presbytery would meet. The night was spent in a hotel near the rail road station. After supper at the hotel, the men were sitting around the lobby of the hotel, cracking jokes, and talking. There was one man missing among them. Some one asked, "where is John Burgess?" No one knew, but they heard the sounds of clumping feet in the room above them. Some of the men went up stairs to see what was taking place with John Burgess. There he was down on his knees, his big country shoes knocking the floor as he prayed earnestly for God to make him worthy to attend Presbytery.

John Burgess, the humble, praying elder was given the strength to live as a true Christian, ever faithful to his church, his Saviour, and his God until one day he was called to his home in glory.

Today we need to give special attention to prayer in our homes, in our churches and we should set the example by real pray in our Presbyteries. Let us resolve like the apostles, "We will give ourselves continually to prayer, and the ministry of the word."

In Memory Of Loved Ones

MRS. MAUDE STRINGER BLEDSOE

Mrs. Maude Stringer Bledsoe passed away June 16, 1970 at the age of 87 years. She was born June 16, 1883, to John and Amanda Bare Stringer. Mrs. Bledsoe was the widow of Jesse Bledsoe. She was a member of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Bledsoe leaves many relatives and friends to mourn her passing. Her long journey as a pilgrim of this life is over and she is now in the presence of her Heavenly Father.

MRS. CORDELIA MILLER WEST

Mrs. Cordelia Miller West passed away July 3, 1970 at the age of 84. Mrs. West was the daughter of Caleb and Elizabeth Bare Miller of Glendale Springs, N. C. Mrs. West was a member of the Glendale Springs Episcopal Church in its active days. Services were held in the Presbyterian Church at Glendale Springs. Cordie West will be remembered by her friends and for all her hospitality. Her Heavenly Father called her home to one of the mansions prepared for her.

SALLY COX MILLER

Sally Cox Miller passed away on June 24, 1970 at the age of 72 years. She was born to James Monroe Cox and Adalee Severt in Glendale Springs, Ashe County. Mrs. Miller married Geo. Miller, of Glendale Springs. She was a faithful member of the Baptist Church since a very young age.

Mrs. Miller was a wonderful mother, a trustworthy wife, a solid friend, a good neighbor and a woman of great Christian faith.

Funeral services were held in the Baptist Church on June 26 and interment was in the family cemetery. She has gone to rest by still waters and green pastures of her Shepherd.

ROBERT LEE CRAWFORD

Robert Lee Crawford passed away August 16, 1970 and was born April 11, 1900, making his age 73 years. He was born to Joseph and Emma Latham Crawford and lived many of his years in Ashe County in the Obids community. He moved to Wilkes County where he was employed for a number of years as a car salesman for Gaddy Motor Co.

Bob Crawford was a member of the Obids Presbyterian Church having been baptised as an infant in the Methodist Church. He was one of the most friendly persons you have ever met, and people had great confidence in Bob Crawford. God has called him to his eternal home. We pray our Heavenly Father's blessings of comfort for his family.

WILLIAM JAMES REEVES

William James Reeves, baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Reeves passed away on Aug. 9 at the age of 2 days. This little one was an angel who stayed with us just a short time, but our Heavenly Father needed a little lamb in his flock in Heaven. We pray God's great blessings of comfort for his parents, Dennis and Phyllis. A graveside service was held in the Laurel Springs Baptist Cemetery August 11.

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Bible School At Glendale Field

Bethel — July 6-11, 33 intermediates, 20 primary, 4 nursery, 6 teachers for a total of 63.

Glendale Springs — July 13-18, 9 intermediates, 18 juniors, 17 primary, 12 nursery, 12 teachers for a total of 68

Laurel Fork — July 20-25, 9 intermediates, 4 juniors, 13 primary, 7 nursery, 10 teachers for a total of 43.

Total Bible Schools — 174.

Young people Bible School, Laurel Fork and Glendale Springs nights, August 3-6, 50.

Total Young People Bible School and others 224.

The D. V. B. Schools for the summer were a delightful experience for both teachers and children. Games played were Volley Ball, Basketball, Soft Ball, and games for the small children.

The teachers for the Schools were as follows: For Bethel Bible School — Gibson Mann, Evelyn Acheson, Mrs. J. W. Luke.

The teachers at Glendale Springs were: Gibson Mann, Evelyn Acheson, Mrs. Juanita Dancy, Mrs. Hope Crepps and Jane Miller. Helpers in the Bible School were Gale Young, Mary Evelyn Rose, Debbie Miller and Virginia Rose.

The teachers at Laurel Fork were: Gibson Mann, Evelyn Acheson, Mrs. Bob Schwander and Jane Miller.

The Pastor of the churches, Rev. J. W. Luke, was the director and Mrs. Luke was the musician at each school.

Successful Barbeque Held At Glendale

On Aug. 8th the women and men of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church hustled from dawn to dusk preparing and serving a chicken barbeque supper.

Jonse Woody headed up the work at the Barbeque pit with his usual skill at directing and cooking the chicken.

The women of the church contributed the other contents of the plates and many pies and cakes, and served the crowd from 5 p. m. to 8 p. m.

The Airstream Trailer Club was camping at the nearby "Raccoon Holler" and about 200 campers came and ate with us. The supper was a sell out, and many enjoyed the fellowship as well as the delicious supper.

The supper netted the church about \$490 which will be used to treat the church for termites and painting.

MT. JEFFERSON CHURCH ACTIVE IN MANY FIELDS

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trip has gone north, then east, then south, then N. — TIS.

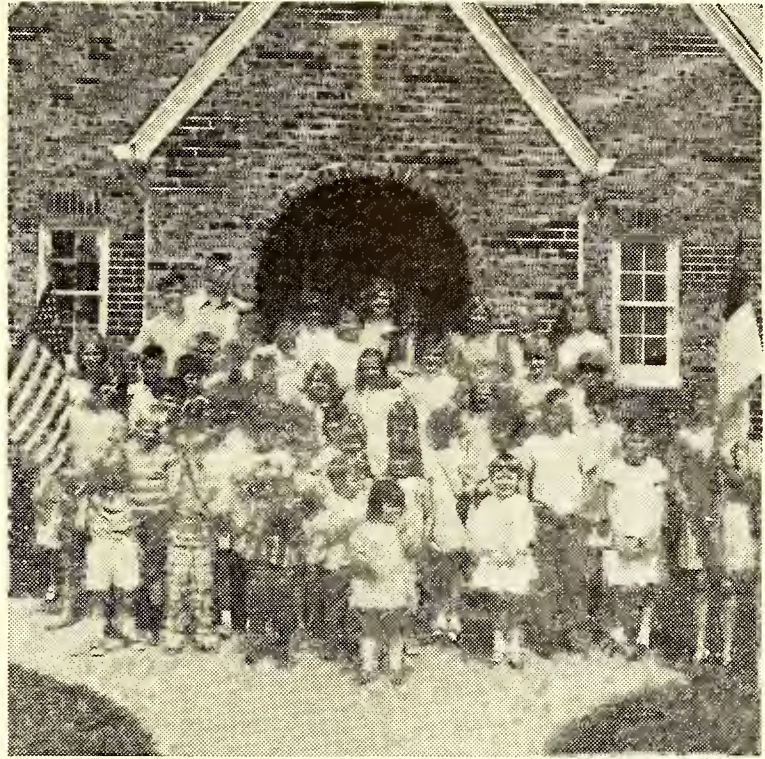
The following ministers are serving the Mt. Jefferson Church during the absence of their pastor.

Mr. Leo K. Pritchett, Professor at Appalachian State University.

The Rev. J. S. Johnson, retired Presbyterian Minister.

Dr. R. H. Stone, retired Presbyterian Minister.

The Rev. W. A. Kerr, retired Methodist Minister.



DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at Glendale Springs had a record attendance this summer.

Worship Held For Air Stream Club

The Air Stream Club, which is made up of people who own this particular type of trailer, always holds a religious service when they camp. The service is held out doors at the camp ground with a local minister as guest preacher.

On account of rain the club met in the memorial building at the Presbyterian Church and Rev. J. W. Luke was the guest speaker. The worship and fellowship was enjoyed by all. The fire in the large fireplace in the building made the atmosphere very cheerful as many came in from a rainy camp ground.

On a previous Sunday — July 5th a smaller group of the club members had open air service at the camp ground.

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Rally Is Held By Young People

The Young People had a rally of their own on Aug. 3 through 6. This rally was what we called a young people's Bible School at night.

On the first night the Y. P. from Laurel Fork and Glendale met in the Memorial Building at Glendale Springs. An interesting game of volley ball caused much interest and competition. Gib Mann led with his guitar in choruses, and the pastor J. W. Luke gave a Bible Study. Refreshments were served afterwards.

The next two nights the combined youth groups met at the Laurel Fork Church. Volley ball, songs and Bible study made an interesting program again.

On the last night after games Miss Janet Robinson, who is a teacher in Bible in the Charlotte Schools, gave a most spiritual and inspiring talk. Miss Robinson's talk was a fine climax to our youth rally.

Gib Mann sang a beautiful, appropriate hymn at the close.

PEAK CREEK, LOW GAP CHURCHES REPORT

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of some from all the three churches, seems so natural and mutual that we scarcely think of it being three groups, but just one congregation, like one family. Indeed, there can be something divine about such a spirit, just as in Bible days the number three itself was considered a divine number. In those days, when there was so much danger surrounding people, from outside enemies, from natural sickness and disaster, a God-fearing home was considered the divinest thing in life. It was the one place where a person could be most safe, and the love in the home pointed toward God. First there would be just the two in the home. Then, with the beginning of the family would be the three. There would be the love of father for mother and child, the three. There would be the love of mother for father and child, the three. There would be the love of child for the two parents, the three in the one family.

So the number three became to many people a divine number, and was much in the thinking of the people, as seen in its frequent use in the New Testament. For instance, "three days" is mentioned over fifty times in the Bible. "Three times" is mentioned many times. Peter denied his Lord three times, and was given an opportunity for confession three times. In Peter's vision he saw a sheet let down from above three times, teaching him that mankind is not three or more but one, with one God over all. Paul speaks of the three great words, "faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

This spirit of sharing, of learning, of thinking, of worshipping together, these three churches, as one body in Christ, surely there can be something divine about it if we will it so. There can be something divine about this number three in these three churches, seeking to combine as one family in this spirit of oneness and worship, together in His service.



WHITE TOP GIRLS' CHOIR SINGS FOR CHURCHES, left to right, Ocille Roupe, Linda Stamper, Rita Pennington, Tammy Richardson, Kitty Greer, Phyliss Taylor, Margaret Serber, Deborah Price, Pam Dolinger, June Blevins, (not pictured) Lisa Sheets.

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Improvements At Glendale And Laurel Fork

The Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church Building had been in the need of paint for some time. The deacons decided to paint what they could and we secured Don McGuire to help complete the job. Gene Stanley and Will Bare did their share of painting on the lower parts of the building, and Don McGuire completed the work with his tall ladders. In the cut you can see Don painting the steeple.

Laurel Fork Church also needed painting very badly and also roofing on one side and the steeple. The church secured the services of Mr. McGuire to do the job, which was done well. Mr. McGuire also caulked windows and cracks that needed repairing.

In Memoriam

MRS. STELLA JONES BARR

Funeral services for Mrs. Stella Barr, who passed away at the age of 67 years was held in the Lansing Presbyterian Church on August 25.

Mrs. Barr was a popular school teacher in the Lansing area. She was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church. One daughter and four sons survive Mrs. Barr. "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

RICHARD ALLEN BADGER

Richard Allen Badger passed away on September 2 in a motorcycle and car collision in Raleigh, N. C. Richard was 26 years old and born in Ashe County of Mr. and Mrs. Guy T. Badger, Jr., well known citizens of this county. Richard was a member of the Mount Jefferson Presbyterian Church and leaves a widow, two children and many of the family to mourn his passing. May our Heavenly Father by his grace give comfort to those who mourn his passing.

Marriages

BARE—ALLEN

The wedding vows of Patsy Bare and James Allen were spoken on July 25th in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church. The service was held by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Luke in the candle light of a beautifully decorated church.

Patsy Jane Bare is the daughter of the late Ernest Bare and Mrs. Ernest Bare of Glendale Springs. James Clif-

Lansing Church Field Revivals

Four revival meetings were held in the Lansing field this summer. Messages were brought to the four churches by several invited guests including Dr. John Luke, Dr. Ham Stone, Rev. Tom Smith, Rev. Dawes Graybeal, Dr. R. L. Stamper, and Bryan Stamper who pastored the field this summer. Rev. Lester Sheppard from Westfield, N. C. spent a week in the community holding the revival at Foster Memorial. After these weeks of inspiring sermons, special music, delicious dinners on the ground, and good fellowship, it may be said that these churches were truly revived.

ACTIVITIES OF YOUTH & CHILDREN

Vacation Bible School was held at all four churches with a total enrollment of 250. Each Bible School ended its session with a picnic including watermelon and special prizes for per-

ton Allen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frances Clifton Allen, Jefferson, N. C. The Allens will make their home in Ashe County. We pray God's refreshing blessings for the home of these young people.

DILLARD—COX

Donna Ruth Dillard and Fred Cox were united in marriage in the Obids Baptist Church. Rev. J. W. Luke officiated at the wedding. The Church was beautifully decorated and organ music was rendered by Mrs. Dixon. The service took place on July 11th at 4 p. m. by candle light.

Donna is the daughter of the late Gene Dillard and Mrs. Dillard, of Obids. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bart Cox, of Fleetwood, N. C. Our prayers and best wishes follow these young people as they make a home in Ashe County.

fect attendants.

Regular youth fellowship meetings were held at each church during the summer. Sunday evenings the youth at Lansing played volleyball in the church yard and then enjoyed a snack supper furnished by mothers in the group. Recently Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brooks have been helping with the leadership of this group. Monday evenings at White Top 30-35 young people played softball on the church ground. A Bible quiz is a regular feature of all the meetings with prizes for the winning team. Gillespe and Foster Memorial met on Wednesdays and Fridays respectively. The regular meetings will continue through the winter months.

The church softball league brought as many as 100 young people to the church's large rented field in the Nella community. Four game diamonds were cut and maintained by the men and boys. Although the regular games were played on each Saturday afternoon, the field was frequently used during the week by members of the community. Teams were drawn from each church in the field and divided into groups of men and boys, girls, young teens, and children. Free refreshments of lemonade and soft drinks were provided during the games.

Among the many other outings and activities for teenagers included three mornings at the swimming pool, a movie at the Parkway Theatre courtesy of Mr. Dale Baldwin followed by an ice cream party at the Stamper's home, and an evening at the carnival. Saturday night parties were often held at Gillespe and the Nella Community Building and chaperoned by Mr. Ben Brooks, Miss JoAnn Gentry, the pastor and his wife, and various parents. Music was provided by the Paper Dragon who were guests at two of the parties.

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Libraries Opened In Lansing Field

Community lending libraries have been opened in three of the churches in the Lansing Field. Books are furnished by donations from members and friends of the church and serviced monthly by bookmobile. The Lansing Church Library is open on Tuesdays and Sundays, Foster Memorial on Saturdays and Sundays. Both of these libraries are serviced by the Ashe County Public Library in Jefferson. White Top library is open on Sundays and Wednesdays and is serviced by the Grayson Regional Library in Independence. A reading encouragement program, the Rocket Reading Club is offered for children and young people.



MISS JEANETTE VENITA PAISLEY is granted a fellowship.

Lansing Girl Get High Honors

Miss Jeanette Venita Paisley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Paisley, a member of the Lansing Presbyterian Church with an eleven-year perfect attendance record in Sunday School, a graduate of the Northwest High School, and a rising senior in Appalachian University is majoring in English. She has been granted a fellowship there to get her Master's degree. During the study for her advanced degree she will be teaching freshman English. She has been invited to participate in something new in the new University — an English honors program. She will do Honors teaching in the Watauga High School in Boone. She has been chosen to be in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. On The Appalachian — the University newspaper, she is the feature editor. Other honors accorded her are: president of the English Majors Club, a member of the Alpha Chi National Scholarship, and the Kappa Delta Pi Educational Honor Society.



DR. STONE VISITS LANSING LIBRARY. Penny Poe and Joyce Blevins show Dr. Stone the Lansing Church library room.

Prizes for achievement in reading during the summer are to be awarded soon. Each participant in the program will receive a copy of Good News For

Modern Man with the top readers receiving a special prize. The libraries are the project of the youth of the church and Mrs. Bryan C. Stamper.

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How "Jumping Off" Place Was Named

The "Jumping Off Place" or the "Jump Off Place" as some call it is under special focus of interest. The Jumping Off Ridge Parkway, on Highway 16 just before you come under the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Above the road cut at the bottom of a cliff there is a wall of rock about 200 feet high which was very dangerous from falling rocks. The highway department is blasting the rock back to make it safe for travelers. Below the road there is a 1000 foot cliff that drops almost perpendicular to a valley below.

Some time ago, we do not know the date, West George Baker was walking along the road that was cut at the bottom of the cliff. Mr. Baker was called "West" George as he had been west for some time. Well, anyway Mr. Baker had been imbibing too heavily. As he walked along the road the wind lifted his hat from his head and it hurled down the 1000 ft. cliff below the road. Mr. Baker gave a running jump off the cliff after his hat. He fell in the trees below with a broken arm, I do not know if he got his hat. The piece of road where he jumped off was called the "Jumping Off Place". Others who went off the cliff was Mr. Ellis Bare and his covered wagon and two mules. They turned summerset in the air. Mr. Bare caught on a snag and one mule was killed, the other lived to be led out of the hollow below.

Some one told this story — A plug of tobacco dropped out of Mr. Bare's supply of groceries he had in his wagon. It slid to the bottom of the 1000 ft. cliff, and it had slid so far it was thin as a piece of paper. The end of our story.

New Members In Lansing Field

The Lansing church field welcomes these new members who have united with the church this summer:

White Top, Va. — Mrs Ruth Johnson, Mrs. Coleen Richardson, Mrs Hassie Stamper, Mrs. Peggv Blevins, Miss Rita Pennington, Miss Deborah Price, Miss Georgia June Blevins, Miss Linda Faye Stamper, Arthur Stanley Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Roger McCready, Mrs. Edna Taylor, Margaret Serber, Mrs. Carl Carter, Mr. Ted V. Roten.

Lansing — David Lee Goss, Craig Blevins, Geoff Powers, Miss Betty Worley, Miss Penny Poe, Miss Sandra Leigh Goss, Miss Carol Joyce Blevins, Steve Segraves, Miss Nancy Lynch, Johnny Childers, Kenny Lynch.

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Lansing Field

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the field was climaxed Aug. 14-16 with a week end camp retreat. Seventy-five teenagers and chaperones enjoyed the camp site on Teaberry Road near Lansing built by Dr. R. L. Stampfer for church outings. The outdoor camping facilities include a large covered pavillion with enclosed sleeping area, picnic tables, bar-b-que grill, and a fishing and swimming pond. The group went to Elk Shoals on Saturday where swimming, volleyball and picnic lunch filled the day. Saturday night a feast of bar-b-que'd chicken was served. Delicious homemade food was prepared and donated by women and friends from all of the church groups. Chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Stamper, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brooks, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Stamper, Mr. and Mrs. Roger McCready, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Key, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goss, Miss Judy Powers and Lance Corporal Warren Campbell, of Marines.

GOSPEL MUSIC REVIVED

Inspiring gospel music was revived in the Lansing field under the leadership of members and guests in the churches. Each week of revival meeting closed with an evening of special music and gospel singing. The Brooks family, Ben, Coleen, Keith, and Geof-

Gregg Ashley, Mrs. Janet Little Ashley, Mrs. Adelle Carter, Miss Edith Jane Carter, Miss Barbara Jean Carter, Miss Etta Victoria Carter, Miss Betty Evelyn Carter, Rex Little, Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Little, Miss Janie Sheets, Miss Norma Jean Miller, Miss Patty Osborne, Ora Jones.

Lansing Field Women's Projects

Projects of the Women of the Church in the Lansing field this summer have included the preparation and serving of dinners on the ground. After the most recent dinner held at Foster Memorial, Rev. Kyle, guest from Concord, N. C. presented his interesting films and commentary on the Holy Land for all of the church groups. The women have also taken as their new projects contributions to two Nigerian students sponsored by Miss JoAnn Gentry, refreshments for the Vacation Bible Schools and Bibles for the new members.

fry, who are members of our church at Foster Memorial, presented a beautiful program at each church. The Johnnie Roten family were guests at two of the churches to share their music. Russell Sturgill and his family took friends and instruments to White Top for an evening of dinner and inspiring performance. Mr. Otis Reeder from Charlotte sang and spoke for the congregations at White Top and Gillespe. In addition to the guest singing groups, all of the churches enjoyed the music of the White Top Girls' Choir under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Stamper. An old familiar songbook containing the favorite hymns requested by the members has been compiled for use along with the standard hymnal. Accompaniment for singing and service in the churches has been faithfully provided by Mrs. Marie Blevins, Mrs. Coleen Brooks, Mrs. Tom Powers and Mrs. Dorothy Stampfer.

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Gib Mann Speaks To Football Squad

At the invitation of the coach, Gib Mann spoke to the football squad at the Beaver Creek High School. Gib witnessed for Christ and several of the squad gave evidence that they will give their allegiance to Jesus Christ.

Gib Mann Back Home From School

After the summer work with us in the Glendale Springs Field Gib Mann returned to his home Saturday, 29th. Gib lives on St. Simon Island, Ga. Gib graduated at Columbia Bible College, was of great inspiration to young people. We shall miss his music, his work with young people, and his personal work among the young people. He has left a deep impression on many in our field. We shall not forget Gib and pray God will use him in a mighty way as he serves.

Big Wagon Train Rolls Along Again

The interesting Blue Ridge Wagon Train drove its way up the Blue Ridge Mountain again. This occurrence started on Aug. 10th on which date it assembled on the outskirts of Wilkesboro. The incessant rain made the Yadkin River overflow the camping area so the Train Campers had to move to higher ground — they moved early to Parsonsville near the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountain from whence they started their trek the next day up the Blue Ridge. The Wagon Train traveled for four days and finally camped near Jefferson, N. C. in Ashe County. There were many fine riding horses and ponies who were in the train—about 190 riders and about 75 vehicles, mostly the old time covered wagons pulled by mules or horses. On the night of Aug. 14 at the camp ground an interesting program was held. Many visitors came to the camp ground which swelled the crowd to about 2000 estimated. A memorial service was held by Rev. J. W. Luke, and special features such as a song by Miss Ashe County, who is Miss Nancy Calloway, and the singing dog with Ben Blackburn delighted the crowd. Wayne Johnson and his string band entertained with many numbers and



LANSING SOFTBALL TEAM included a large number of young people this summer and was greatly enjoyed.

square dancing followed.

Rain has been the hardship of the train. Last year it rained incessantly during the closing days but this year a flood came at the beginning of the

trip up the mountain. Many farmers and their families and lovers of horses enjoyed the enactment of the days of the pioneers during the week of Aug. 10th through the 15th.

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Special Christmas Event At Lansing

A live Nativity Scene will be presented on the lawn of the Lansing Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening Dec. 20 and Monday evening Dec. 21 from 7:30 until 8 o'clock. The public is invited to drive by and see the animals and beautiful costumes which truly make Christ event come to life.

A Christmas play "The Shepards and the Wise Men" written and directed by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brooks will be presented at Foster Memorial on Saturday, Dec. 19. A party for the children will follow.

The Christmas service for all the churches in the field will be held at 11 o'clock Dec. 20 at Lansing. Special music directed by Mrs. Marie Blevins will be presented at this service. There will also be Christmas services at each church this year.

News From Ebenezer, Low Gap, Peak Creek

By Rev. John Johnson

We are pleased to announce that each member of each of our three churches could be able to take an interesting trip this Christmas. It may not be a trip by bus or a pleasure plane trip, yet truly a trip. Did not the shepherds out in the field say, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened." Surely it is not the shepherds alone who can have this happening.

But there must first be the craving for what Bethlehem believes. In the ancient Hebrew language the name Bethlehem meant, "house of bread". At that time this was a relatively fertile region and stood in contrast to much nearby barren land. Wheat and figs and olives grew. But to us it can be more than just a "house of bread", for from it has come the Bread of Life.

We admit that the trip to Bethlehem today is expensive and some may not be able to make it. It costs to want what Bethlehem has. The very happening of it is now being commemorated mostly by materialism. Santa Claus has become Jesus. The decision to rise up and go over to Bethlehem to see what has happened will cost you something.

We have come close to keeping Jesus an angelic baby. It costs more to buy trousers for a man than diapers for a baby. If he should drop in to any of our worship services around Christmas time he might find it difficult to recognize himself. We sing

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DON MCGUIRE is painting the star on the steeple in Glendale Springs.

Painting The Star At Glendale Springs

In the photo in this paper you will see Don McGuire painting the star on the steeple of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church.

The men of the church painted much of the lower part of the church building at Glendale Springs and Mr. Don McGuire and his assistant did much of the high painting. In the picture you see Mr. McGuire painting the Star of Bethlehem which is emblem at the top of the Glendale Springs Church steeple. Here is a poem written about the star on our steeple when we were considering a proper embling to adorn it.

We pondered long while building
The tow'r at Glendale Springs,
For proper emblem fitting
The Mighty King of Kings.

While gazing at God's wonderous sky,
One dark and crystal night;
The stars like diamonds up on high,
Were sparkling clear and bright.

While slept the world and people,
We plucked a royal gem,
And placed it on the steeple,
The Star of Bethlehem.

Glendale Christmas Program Planned

As the paper goes to the press the Glendale Springs field of churches are planning their Christmas programs.

The play-pantomime is entitled "More than a Dream" and from Thanksgiving until Christmas the Y. People and Juniors will be practicing for Christmas.

The times set for these Christmas celebrations are as follows:

Bethel Church will be on Sunday, December 20 at 11 a. m.

Glendale Springs is scheduled for December 20 at 6 p. m.

Laurel Fork is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 6 p. m.

The young folk are looking forward to the celebration of Christmas, and let us make Christ paramount in all our efforts.

Mount Jefferson Church Is Busy

The wonderful autumn season has come and gone again, yet its lesson lingers. For Nature, as the long sleep approaches, dresses not in black, but in royal garments of scarlet and gold; and with habiliments of beauty she moves toward death glowing and glorious. It is a worthy parable given us by our Creator, who also gave his Son that our eyes should be lifted toward the future. St. Paul saw things this way — 1 Thessalonians 4:13.

True, when loved-ones are called home, emptiness remains; yet on ahead there will be reunion. We think on these things as we mention the death of Richard Badger, whose funeral was on Sept. 4. Another of our young men, Jimmy May, was severely injured with a neck fracture in September, but Jimmy is able now to carry-on. The end of September found Ashe County's Dr. R. H. Stone in the hospital for an appendectomy, but Dr. Stone is out and about again.

At the Presbytery meeting, Sept. 29, at Glendale Springs, the Mt. Jefferson congregation was represented by Mr. Robert D. McNeill. Finally, as to September, all who saw it will remember the pear tree at the south end of the town — the tree hanging full of ripe pears and also full of new blossom.

October was a bright and open month this year; and on Sunday, Oct. 4, World-Wide Communion was observed — with the service being taken out to shut-ins in the afternoon. Mr. Wilmer Dove was in and out of the hospital early in October. At the Manse, the Deacons had the downstairs repainted and the porch inclosed — adding in reality a beautiful and

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Out Of The Manger Came Forth Power

(EDITORIAL)

If you would know about the birth of babies you should consult a physician. Fortunately when we consider the birth of our Lord Jesus, the begotten Son of God, we have a doctor who investigated his birth very minutely. Luke, the physician, said in the beginning of his gospel —

"... it seemed good to me also having followed all things accurately . . . that you may know the truth concerning the thing of which you have been informed." Lu 1:3-4 R. S. V.

Here Dr. Luke, the open minded scientist, has stated his accurate investigation of the birth of Jesus Christ. I would that we had more scientific men today with open minds and open hearts for the miracles of God.

Not only did Luke investigate the birth of Jesus but also his predecessor, John the Baptist, who was born also in a wonderful way to very old people. Zaeharias, the father of John, was probably the first to know of the immediate coming of the Messiah, for Gabriel spoke to him before he came to the Virgin Mary.

HUMAN IN BIRTH

Not only Luke makes it plain that Jesus was human in birth, but Paul states it this way; "... and was made in the likeness of men and being found in fashion as a man." Phil. 2:7-8

The Son of God takes upon himself the form of a little man child. He takes the human blood stream from Adam as it flows through the great Jewish King David. We can see the human hardships that Mary the mother went through as she traveled the long trip, perhaps by donkey, to Bethlehem, the town of her great ancestor David. At Bethlehem Mary suffered the pangs of child birth and her first born son came into the world. This was quite an occasion for any family, as it was prophesied that the first born of any Jewish family might be the expected Messiah.

How humanly the little one was handled. His helpless little form was perhaps looked after by a midwife for the poor, and wrapped in swaddling clothes which means in a strip of cloth to protect his little body. He did not have the pretty little baby things that a wealthy child would have, only the bare necessities. He was nurtured at his mother's breast, and people fondled him as any other little new born child. We read when he was dedicated in the temple at Jerusalem, the old Godly man, Simon took the babe in his arms, as Luke says. "Then took he Him up in his arms and blessed God." Luke 2:28

HUMBLE IN BIRTH

When God sent his Son to dwell among men, He sent him to be one of the humble people of the earth. As Paul wrote—

"But He made Himself of no reputation,

He took upon Him the form of a servant,

He . . . humbled himself, and became obedient unto death" . . . Ph. 2:7-8

An immortal takes on mortality, quite a reverse from a Christian when he dies as Paul said, "then will mortality take on immortality."

When Jesus was born, God selected a humble, poor and devout virgin, whose name was Mary to be his mother. She was an unknown person to the world, yet within her veins flowed the blood of the great King David. She was of the backwoods country, as we might express it. She was of the province of Galilee. The birth place of Jesus was Bethlehem, a little insignificant town of Judea, the home of David. A humble carpenter, Joseph, became the protector for this child. Before the nativity, a long tiresome journey was probably made on a beast of burden of the poor, the donkey. There was no room among the inns of Bethlehem, for more important people had engaged them, so a stable was secured for shelter. The child Jesus was evidently born upon a bed of hay, and laid in a manger as his first cradle. The roof of the cattle shed was His first roof. God sent humble men of the country, the shepherds, to worship Him first. When He was presented at the temple in Jerusalem at the proper time, the sacrifice of the poor, two doves were used. To sum it all up, we would say that Jesus was poorest among the poor, and humblest among the humble.

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Many kings' sons were born in pomp and power, but Jesus born in an humble manger has outstripped them all.

At Christmas time the whole world will feel to some extent the birthday of this humble child. Oh! how we wish that the world was as humble as He!

The power of the impact of this Child has been and will be felt unto the end of the world, even at this Christmas time of 1970.

His birth has become the focal point of great historians, the dating point of all our letters and documents today, for when 1971 comes, it will be from the birth of our humble Christ.

The Christ Child has become the inspiration of many of the greatest poets, musicians, sculptors and artists of all times.

Today His followers worship Him

Presbytery Honors Dr. And Mrs. Stone

The Orange Presbytery met on Oct. 20, 1970 at the Hawfield Presbyterian Church to celebrate the Bi-Centennial of that Presbytery.

Elder Ralph H. Scott was the moderator of this historical occasion. The Presbytery at this meeting sought to bestow honor upon whom honor is due. Dr. R. H. Stone, who is the circulating manager of the Ashe Presbyterian, and originator of it, was honored for his faithfulness and unselfish labor for the church. Dr. Stone served as minister, Stated Clerk for Winston-Salem Presbytery, Executive Secretary for Mecklenburg and Orange Presbytery. At a critical time of the Glade Valley School Dr. Stone acted as president for a few years.

One of the most useful services Dr. Stone has rendered to the church is the writing of the 'History of Orange Presbytery' a book of 430 pages. The book covered the years from 1770 through 1970.

Dr. Stone was presented the Distinguished Service Certificate in appreciation of his most useful service to the Presbyterian Church.

The Hawfield Presbyterian Church presented a walnut gavel to recognize the faithful service Dr. Stone had rendered to the church.

We are glad that Orange Presbytery has rightly honored a man of God to whom honor is due.

Lansing Youth Are Active

The fall months have been especially active with the formation of new groups at Foster Memorial under the leadership of Ben Brooks and Irene Wiles. Ben has kept the Seniors busy with ball games, cook-outs, movies and a cave exploring field trip. They also helped with improvements on the Nella Community building. The Juniors had a camp out and wiener roast as highlights of their activities. Irene also planned a community Halloween party for all children in the area. Coleen Brooks has directed her music-

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around the world in the millions of churches and temples of the earth.

When He died upon the cross, He lifted it from the terrible implement of death to an emblem of sacrifice and honor, until it adorns our highest steeples, and is worn as a badge of devotion.

In the days of Christ in the flesh upon the earth, some men tried to down-grade His precious name. Today we have men trying to do the same.

Let us read the lessons of history, no person, no church, no nation, that does not magnify the name of Jesus Christ, the Babe of Bethlehem, shall stand, nor have the power of God.

As Christians we should ask ourselves this question: Are we casting shadows upon his name or are we magnifying glasses for the Son of God?

Paul said: "So now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life or by death." Phil. 1:20

New Members Are Given Bibles

Mrs. Bina Davis and Mrs. Ola Graham presented Bibles to the new members of the church at Foster Memorial on behalf of the Women of the Church. The Bibles are special extra large print editions in The Good News For Modern Man and The King James New Testament. Several other young people who have made professions of faith also received gifts from the church.

Marriages

WINE—HENRY

Candy Jo Wine of the Blue Ridge Manor, West Jefferson, N. C. was married to William David Henry, of West Jefferson, N. C. at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church at 2 p. m. on Nov. 7, 1970.

The bride's and groom's families attended the ceremony conducted by Rev. J. W. Luke.

WYATT—SEVERT

Mrs. Barbara Wyatt, of Laurel Springs, N. C. was united in marriage to Larry Dennis Severt, of Glendale Springs, N. C. on Nov. 14, 1970. The service was held at the manse at 5 p. m.



SEVERAL NEW MEMBERS RECEIVE BIBLES at Foster Memorial.

Wreck Fatal To Raccoon Holler Mgr.

It was sad news for the Glendale Springs community to hear of the passing of Mr. Leonard Browning, of Winston-Salem, N. C. His death was caused by an automobile accident. Mr. Browning had gained many friends in the Glendale area as he managed the Raccoon Holler Camping area. We understand that Mrs. Browning has been in serious condition and is in the Forsyth Hospital. The people at Glendale Springs are remembering Mrs. Browning in prayer and offer our heartfelt sympathy at the sudden passing of our good friend, Mr. Browning.

New Members In Lansing Field

The Lansing Field of Churches have received five new members as follows: Mrs. Margaret Ruania Stansberry, Foster Memorial; Gale Maie Stansberry, Foster Memorial; Deborah Lynn Stansberry, Foster Memorial; Mrs. Joyce Key, Lansing; Mrs. Lisa Sheets, White Top.

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MOUNT JEFFERSON CHURCH IS BUSY

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On the evening of Oct. 10, there was the beautiful candlelight wedding of our "Cindy" McNeill and Mr. Ronald Grant; and on Oct. 18, Mr. Louis Burge and Miss Shirley Ann Wyrick were married. October also brought the announcement that Sgt. and Mrs. Duane Pennington (still with the Air Force) had been blessed with the advent of little Christy Michelle.

November's Church Calendar began with Presbytery's seminar on "Mission", held at Glade Valley, Nov. 2, and attended by Mrs. John Johnson representing our ladies. Two days later, the county had its first covering snow. Mt. Jefferson's turn for the Rest Homes' ministry, as well as one of the periods of Moments-of-Meditation, came up in November. Mrs. Grace May was for a time in the local hospital; and the annual Thanksgiving service was held the morning of Thanksgiving Day. All attention is now upon Christmas — the birthday of our Lord.

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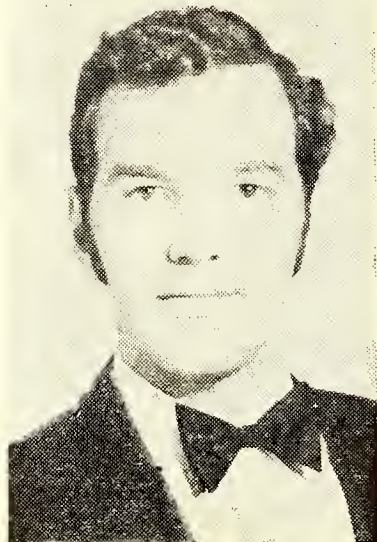
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MARK MILLER

Mark Miller Is Superintendent

Since Mr. Elliott retired as superintendent of the Glendale Sunday School, we looked for another active member to take his place. We found a superintendent in Mark Miller, one of the young men of the church. Mark is doing a fine job, and gives original and interesting devotions at the opening period of the school. Mark is a student at Appalachian College at Boone, N. C. and travels back and forth each day for classes.

The assistant for Mark, when he cannot be present, is Mrs. Jimmy Lum Dancy who is always at Sunday School. Juanita is one of the most liked young people in the Glendale Springs Community, and conducts a very spiritual opening for the school. We are very fortunate in having two consecrated young people like Mark and Juanita. May God bless them as they work for Him in the Glendale Sunday School.

In Memory Of Loved Ones

CHARLES REX COX

Charles Rex Cox the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cox, of Baltimore, Md., was born April 24, 1948 and passed away Nov. 9, 1970. After funeral services in the Reins-Sturdivant Chapel, interment was in the Mountlawn Memorial Park, North Wilkesboro, N. C. Charles was not well from his youth — but God takes note of every sparrow that falls, how much more He cares for a soul.

MRS. MAJOR N. MARSH

Mrs. Minda Hattie Marsh, the widow of Major N. Marsh was born Oct. 1, 1880 and passed away on Oct. 4, 1970, making her age 90 years in this life. Mrs. Marsh was a Christian from early life and belonged to the Baptist Church. She leaves to mourn her passing 5 daughters and two sons, and a

sister and brother. Services were held in the Obids Baptist Church and interment in the church cemetery. "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

MRS. MINNIE CROWSON JOHNSON

Mrs. Minnie Johnson passed away Sept. 7, 1970 and was born March 11, 1890, making her life here over 80 years. Mrs. Johnson united with the Obids Presbyterian Church in her younger days where she remained a member until her passing. She is survived by one son, John Crowson, of West Jefferson, N. C. Funeral services were conducted in the Beaver Creek Baptist Church and interment in the Calloway Cemetery.

MRS. THEO WOODIE

The funeral for Mrs. Mattie Blevins Woodie, of Landis, N. C. was held in the Peak Creek Presbyterian Church on Nov. 15 at 3 p. m. Mrs. Woodie was 92 years in age when she passed away. She was a member of the Peak Creek Presbyterian Church. She was a faithful Christian in the Peak Creek Presbyterian Church.

MRS. IDA V. BELCHER MILLER

On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, the funeral of Mrs. C. M. Miller was conducted in the Badger Funeral Home. Mrs. Miller was 83 years of age. At an early age she professed Christ and was a member of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Miller was born in Coledale, W. Va. on Nov. 28, 1886, and passed away Nov. 24. She is survived by 5 daughters, one son, a sister and brother and

several half-sisters. Also surviving are 29 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Miller has been called of her Lord to her home in her Father's house. May God comfort the large family with his love and compassion. Interment was in the old Miller cemetery.

MRS. LEE SHEETS

On Nov. 11 funeral services were held for Mrs. Lee Sheets at the Badger Funeral Home. Mrs. Sheets was a member of the Lansing Presbyterian Church and a native of Jefferson, N. C. She resided at Millers Creek in Wilkes County, and at her passing was seventy-five years of age. Interment was in the Friendship Church Cemetery. Sympathy and comfort to those who mourn the passing of Mrs. Sheets.

MR. W. E. VAN LLOYD

Recently God called Mr. Van Lloyd to his Heavenly home. Mr. Van Lloyd was a retired Scout Executive of Hickory Council, and was one of the most loved men in scouting of this area. His affectionate and pet name was "Skipper" — yes, Skipper Van Lloyd.

He was one of the most zealous scouters I have ever known. He loved the youth of the Council and expended his energy in a mighty way for them. God has called "Skipper" to his Heavenly home, and I have no doubt that the Great Scout Executive of Heaven will give him a job of working among the scouts of Heaven.

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Glendale Women Are Very Active

The Women of the Glendale Springs Church are steadily active. Miss Ada Cox was elected President of the Women for this year in the place of Mrs. Ralph Bare, the retiring President. Each month the women have met in the Memorial Building at 11 a. m. bringing a covered dish. A delicious dinner is then enjoyed. Mrs. L. J. Yelanjian has a very interesting Bible lesson and sometimes Mrs. J. W. Luke is Bible teacher.

The women of this church should be given credit for the many helpful services they render in the Glendale Church. The Glendale Church is a do-it-yourself church. The men do all the lawn work, while the women are divided into pairs that share the responsibility of cleaning the church each month and putting flowers on the table. The flowers around the church are the responsibility of the women also, and they have a beautiful flower bed each summer.

Our women of this church are very thrifty. They furnished and cooked the rolls, the vegetables, and the deserts and served 350 plates at the barbecue supper. The men cooked the chicken on the charcoal pit which is back of our church. We had a sell out supper and made needed money for painting, repairing, and exterminating the church building. Two other Fellowship suppers have also been served by them this year. When the Presbytery of Winston-Salem met with us this fall, Sept. 29, a delicious home cooked dinner was served, and the women enjoyed doing this for the Presbyters.

Activities of the church at large are participated in such as the White Cross work and other services in which they are asked to help. We do not think there is a lazy bone in these women, and we could not get along without them — God bless the women.

25th Anniversary

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Upchurch as they celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday evening, November 22. It was a happy occasion for Lucille and Bryan as many friends and relatives visited them. Delicious refreshments were served, and many beautiful silver presents were received by the couple. We wish them many more happy years with God's blessings.

Many At Service For Thanksgiving

One of the best attended Thanksgiving services we have had for years was held in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Nov. 22,



WOMEN OF GLENDALE SPRINGS Presbyterian Church have an active year.

at 11 a. m.

The churches in the Glendale Field met at this time for a united service. Laurel Fork, Bethel and Glendale met in this service. Dr. R. H. Stone preached an excellent Thanksgiving sermon and called upon all to be thankful for our many blessings. Prayer was made by one person from each church, the subjects being thankfulness, petitions for those involved in the terrible jet accident, and the people in Pakistan

who have suffered so after the terrible tidal wave, for peace, confession of sins, prisoners of war, and men in service.

A wonderful Thanksgiving dinner was enjoyed in the dining room of the Memorial Building, which dinner was furnished by the ladies of each church. An offering was received for the Barium Springs Home, and the Presbyterian Home at High Point. The total was \$103.29.

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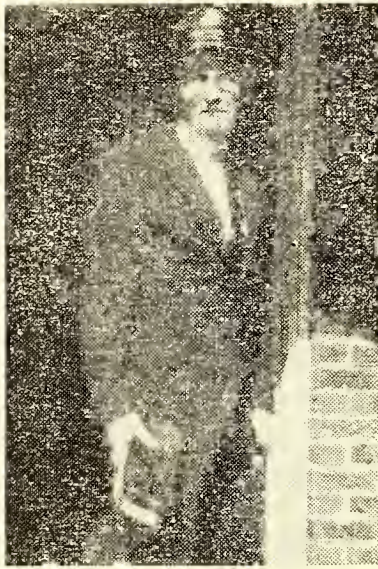
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ELDER OSCAR ELLIOTT retires after six years of service with Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Elliott Has Retired As Supt.

Elder Oscar Elliott, who had been the Sunday School Superintendent for the past six years retired this fall. Mr. Elliott was one of the most faithful superintendents for the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church, that we have had. Mr. Elliott united with the Glendale Church six years ago and is always on the spot to do his duty. Mr. Elliott has about a 9 mile drive each Sunday to get to Glendale as he lives on the outskirts of Jefferson, N. C. In the winter there are some tough days to travel — snow and ice frequently cover the roads in our mountain county and Mr. Elliott has made it many times when roads were dangerous. One thing you can be sure of, if our superintendent could not get there, he made provision for someone to take his place. He was responsible for his place and took his job seriously. I wish all of our teachers and superintendents would do the same. Each Sunday Mr. Elliott served, he gave a very practical, spiritual message.

This fall the Sunday School surprised Mr. Elliott with gifts in recognition of his faithfulness as the Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Pulpit Is Gift Of Love From Member

Although many recent improvements have enhanced the building at Foster Memorial, the beauty and simplicity of the sanctuary is expressed in the unique old pulpit. Felix Ham, a charter member of the church in 1931, made the pulpit out of a tree. He searched until he found just the tree he wanted and with great care not to break any of the root he grubbed it, peeled the bark, sanded the surface, and varnished the trunk. Mrs. Ruth Vannoy, an active member and officer of the



FINE CONTRIBUTION, Ruth Vannoy, daughter of F. M. Ham, who made this pulpit for Foster Memorial.

Women of the Church, is shown here admiring her father's gift of love to the church.

LANSING YOUTH ARE ACTIVE

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al talent to the formation of youth choirs to present a part of the Christmas program and a special Nativity play.

Several weekend parties have been sponsored by the church featuring the Paper Dragons, a local music group. One hundred young people is the average attendance at these activities. Henry Dollar, leader of the White Top youth group, drove a hay ride which ended up at the Stamper cabin site on Sept. 20. Other activities for all the youth included two skating parties and a movie.

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GIB MANN

Gib Mann Goes Back To St. Simons

Gib Mann, who worked with us in the Glendale Springs Field last summer returned home to St. Simons Island, Ga. the first of September. From his home Gib went to Los Angeles, Calif., where he is working in the Gospel Recording, Inc. organization. This organization makes recordings of the gospel message in languages of tribes and nations that do not have the gospel in their own language.

We had a letter from Gib and he says he is working as kind of an apprentice, learning the work, so that he can be advanced in the recording business of the Gospel.

If you would like to write to Gib here is the correct address: 122 Glendale Boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif. 90026. (c-o Gospel Recording, Inc.)

The Gospel Recording Organization estimates there are 5,000 languages and dialects in the world. The Gospel Recording Organization has captured 3,500 on records to date. They send out 10,000 records per week to many parts of the world, chiefly to missionaries in foreign countries. This work is supported by gifts and prayer. It seems to be meeting a wonderful need in getting the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.

NEWS FROM LOW GAP, PEAK CREEK

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 carols, talk about angels, wise men from afar, peace and good will. Yet the germs of warfare, conflict, bitterness, misunderstanding, tension — hide beneath our church pews — the deep-

seated prejudices, the unconcern about wide-spread inequities and inequalities, the unawareness of the danger of democracy drifting toward facism, perhaps parading as patriotic Americanism — the germs are with us — us all — keeping us from seeing Bethlehem.

Yes, it is easier to face a baby than confront a man, easier to sing carols than to make decisions, easier to support lavish spending programs to bring back rocks from the moon, than to sing "Rock of Ages", then stand on it. And while pollution, population, people problems remain unsolved — we consider yachting to Mars, though millions of us haven't gotten as far as Bethlehem. Nearly a whole nation gleefully listens to songs about a baby but only a few shepherds go on to Bethlehem. As we might put it, We worship screen and football stars, We reach the moon and aim at Mars, But seldom do we visit Him, The baby born in Bethlehem.

Drastic changes have to take place

Warren Campbell Now In Vietnam

Warren Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Walter Campbell and member of Lansing Presbyterian Church, left on Sept. 4 to begin his tour of duty in Da Nang, South Vietnam. Warren is a Lance Corporal in the Marines.

Several of our boys in Vietnam including Warren will be receiving Christmas boxes containing gifts, goodies and treats as the project of the Women of the Church at Lansing.

deep within, before we have much interest in any such trip. We have to become lowly and humble like the shepherds before we can hear any angels' song, and have any desire to arise and go to Bethlehem. But this is the project for these three churches, and for you too if you might like to go along with us.

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Much Activity In Memorial Building

The Memorial Building adjacent to the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church is alive with activity through the winter months.

Basketball is the leading activity all the winter. Many pick up teams and independent teams play and practice at Glendale. The Glendale Springs team, the Ore Knob team, and the Little Bristol team, (colored boys) play on Tuesday and Friday nights. Industrial teams from West Jefferson, also come out and practice.

While basketball is the major sport in the winter, ping pong, shuffle board and volley ball are very popular.

The Young People of Glendale and Laurel Fork meet in the Memorial Building every other Thursday night for their meeting. A spirited volley ball game is enjoyed before the meeting. On the other Thursdays they meet at Laurel Fork Church for their meeting and enjoy volley ball if the weather permits. Bible baseball is the enjoyed game if the weather does not permit out door games. The memorial building dining room has become a popular place for showers, wedding receptions and fellowship suppers. The people of the Glendale Church and field have been glad they had the courage and vision to undertake this useful building for the Lord's work. Come to the Memorial Building and enjoy activity with us.

Reading Club Awards Go To Lansing

The community library in the Lansing Church ended its summer reading encouragement program on Christian Education Sunday, Sept. 19 with the presentation of awards. Jerry Beech and Ricky Piepinbrock, both students at the Lansing Elementary School each received a transistor radio for their outstanding achievement. Others who participated in the program by reading and submitting a written report on at least five books during the summer were Betty Worley, David Goss, Jill Micheal, Debra Mahaffey, Betty Becch and Donna Testament. All of these young people received a copy of The Good News For Modern Man.

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Mt. Jefferson Is A Busy Church

By Rev. Tom Smith

Now that we have arrived at the month of March, and can speak "that old, new, deathless word we call the spring," interesting it is to look back on the winter months. December's first Sunday (Dec. 6) the Mt. Jefferson congregation welcomed the men of the Masonic order as their guests. A week later, evening of Dec. 13, the united choir of the Ashe County Music Club excellently presented the Cantata, "When Love Came Down." (What an enrichment music can be — "that echo of the invisible world").

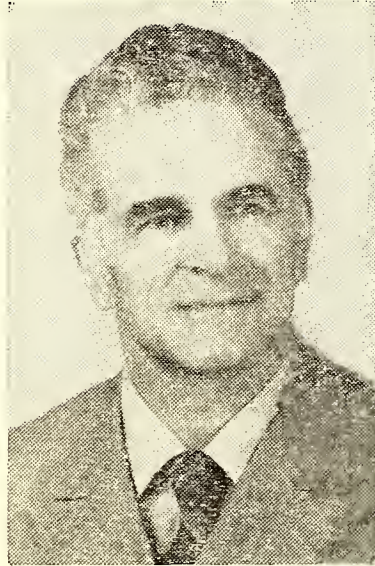
And then came Christmas Sunday, Dec. 20. On that day, our Youth Choir rendered the special music for both the Sunday School and regular church services. The meditation was upon "The Consolation of Israel"; and it was nice to see — worshipping with us that day — our good friend who has dropped in on us before, the Lieutenant Governor of the State, Mr. Pat Taylor.

Evening of Christmas Sunday, the ladies of the church had a Fellowship Supper, followed by a fine program of music, Santa Claus treat, and the exchange of presents — a happy evening for all. And Christmas Sunday — 5 days ahead of The Day — ushered (Continued on page 2)

Wade Rose Chapel In New Ashe Hospital

We have a cut of the new Ashe Memorial Hospital which is being built about a half a mile out of Jefferson, N. C. The hospital is scheduled to be completed by July this year. The contractors have done well in completing the outside of the building up to this time. The hospital will cost about three million dollars.

Within the hospital there will be constructed a meditation room which is already petitioned off in the rough. This room will be completed and known as the Wade Rose Chapel. Already the fund for furnishing this room has reached the amount of about \$24,000. Recent funds were added to this in memory of the late Arthur Rose the grandfather of Wade Rose. This room will be used by the ministers of the county to console and pray with those who have loved ones who are sick or have lost loved ones. This chapel will be of great spiritual help to those who are in sorrow. If there are those who wish to add to this fund, all gifts should be sent to Mr. Hal Colvard, the President of the Northwestern Bank, Jefferson, N. C.



REV. HENRY SCHUM

Glendale Revival Planned For May 23-30

The Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church is fortunate in having Rev. Henry Schum to promise to be with us in our revival on May 23 through the 30.

Mr. Schum has held revivals in the Glendale Springs Field in the past. The latest was in the Bethel Presbyterian Church.

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Announcements

The Presbytery of Winston-Salem will meet May 25 at the Second Presbyterian Church of Lexington, N. C.

The Presbyterial of the Women of the Church will meet April 1 and 2 at the Thomasville Presbyterian Church. The women's work will be presented in an unique way called the "Woman's Fair."

Instead of the Synod's Men's Conference this summer a united meeting will be held at Montreat called "The Men and Woman's Conference." This is scheduled for June 11, 12, and 13. Announcement requested by Men of the Church of Winston-Salem Presbytery.

The P. E. F. Conference at Montreat will be an outstanding one this summer — Aug. 10-15. Among the speakers and Bible teachers are Dr. Billy Graham and Dr. Gukskie.

Youth Activity In Lansing Area

Youth Sunday was observed at Lansing with a worship service organized and conducted entirely by the teenagers of Lansing, Gillespie, and White-top. Jill Michael, David Goss, and Deborah Price brought their messages concerning parents and teen-agers. There was a special choral reading on love and a popular religious ballad delivered by the chorus. After the service the congregation was invited downstairs in the church for a spaghetti dinner prepared by the girls with the assistance of Mrs. Lizzie Stansberry and Mrs. Dorothy Stamper.

Lansing Girl ASU Magazine Editor

VERVE, the winter number of volume two of the 1970-71 is a most attractive publication of the Appalachian State University at Boone. The editor is our own Miss Jeanette Paisley, a member of the Lansing Presbyterian Church, a University senior who is doing her student teaching. The cover of the magazine is in four colors with a picture as modern as the nearby ski slopes. One girl is piled up in the snow, another is smiling and skiing, a third is wondering whether or not to try it.

The editor in the Editor's Column says, "This issue of VERVE brings together a curious and nearly unclassifiable admixture of articles — ones whose apparently single, steady influence is evinced through their genuine, first-rate attempts to represent life." The articles are about things which are of concern to students at the University. "Drug Problem Confronts ASU", Others: "The Long, Hot Seminar" — experiences of the seniors who are preparing for and are doing their student teaching; "The Not-So Silent Majority," by our Jeannette, is a superb article expressing the desire of women for proper recognition in the world today; "Yellow Pennies On The Slopes" is an illustrated account of a skier; "Is The Enemy Simply Man?" — the experiences and observations of a mechanized infantryman in South Vietnam; "After Laughing — My Lai?" — a gripping story of a medic paratrooper; "Challenge Of The Seventies: The Aware Generation." — "You see, fellow Mountaineers, the Aware Generation isn't really going to pot. Don't let the radical 2 percent turn you off and cause you to tune students off. We are working responsibly for a better Appalachian University, a better nation and a better world — Get involved — Join the (Continued on page 5)

Thomas Said: "My Lord And My God."

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"The Lord Is Risen Indeed"

EDITORIAL

"And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed."

And it came to pass during this taxation period, a babe was born of most humble parentage in a most humble conditions near the little town of Bethlehem. So lowly was the situation, that the selfish world scorned, and a few pitied the poor peasants in their misery. Only a few Godly people were informed of his birth by special revelation from God. These latter people realized the greatness of this child born in a manger.

The babe developed in spite of his poor surroundings in great wisdom, and in body, and was loved by his fellow men, and was devoted to God.

Finally at about the age of thirty there emerged before the public a wonderful peasant that became the most dominant personality of all ages.

The people of his day gathered from all walks of life to hear his wonderful teachings. The world marveled at his power to cure the sick, to heal the cripple, and even to restore life to the dead. His enemies were astounded at his authority. The common people flocked to hear him preach. He was in command of every crowd of people that faced him. The Devil was baffled at his power to resist temptation and to live a perfect life. His disciples marveled at his determination to follow his Father's plans even unto death. The beggar, the leper and little children all sought the touch of his kind and loving hands. His life was so sinless and his words so true to God, that the sinful, and envious hierarchy of the Jewish Church were convicted and rejected Him and sought to kill him. So Jesus is said to be the Stone which the builders rejected. "He came unto his own and his own

received Him not."

Yet could this one who had this power and acknowledged himself to be God be crucified by man? No one hardly expected it. Was it possible that human beings could take this man's life without his own permission? Jesus had already stated, "I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." John 10:11.

When Jesus was betrayed by Judas and the mob came to take Him, Peter whipped out his sword and started to defend Him, but Jesus commanded Peter, "Put up again thy sword . . . thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than 12 legions of angels?" Mt. 26:52-53. "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down his life for us." I John 3:16.

Jesus conquered sin once and for all by living a sinless life. As a life without stain, He was the lamb without blemish, that was sacrificed upon the cross. In life He conquered sin, upon the cross He conquered sin for us — for all who would come unto Him for forgiveness.

"And having made peace through the blood of his cross." Col. 1:2
"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many." Heb. 8:28

As on the cross Jesus Christ conquered sin for us who believe, now in the tomb he conquered death for all who would believe.

The crucifixion of the Lord Jesus ended on a Friday evening, and his body was wrapped, placed in the tomb, and sealed by a great rock. There was much sorrow among the disciples of Jesus, and after the sabbath day was over, women came to the tomb to place spices upon the body, and to mourn the rising of Jesus. It was early in the morning and the women wondered who could remove the great stone at the door so they might place spices upon the body of Jesus.

A great surprise came to these mourning women. The great stone had been rolled away from the tomb, the body of Jesus was gone, and two shining angels stood at the tomb and announced, "He is not here, but is risen." The women were amazed and stunned at what they saw, and hurried away to tell what they had seen. Many did not believe the women, but called their words "idle tales." The idle talks of the women spread fast on that first Easter morn. These talks brought hurrying, and curious aostles to the tomb. Many others perhaps came to the tomb to see what had happened. Others left the tomb that morning that were not so lively — the guards, who were half dazed marched on heavy feet to announce to the Chief Priests what had happened at the tomb that night, and that the body of Jesus had gone.

Finally the "idle tales" of the women became true tales, for the living, refreshing presence of the Christ appeared again and again to prove his resurrection and his victory over death.

The world was wicked in those days, and there was much confusion in the minds of the disciples of Jesus as their great leader was crucified and laid in the tomb. But when their Lord, con-

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in a week of traditional Yuletide activity: visiting, and sending out gifts, and finally the Christmas dinner with guests.

In December, however, a number of loved-ones were called from our midst: Mrs. Perry, the mother of Mrs. John Leland; Barbara Justis, the sister of Mrs. Frank Jones; and also Mr. Clyde Barr. Truly we look to the time of which the hymn speaks, when night is gone, "and with the morn those angel faces smile, which we have loved time past, and lost awhile."

January brought snow and a number of days when the thermometer did not get up to "freezing". Winter Communion was observed Jan. 10 — with the service being taken out to shut-ins in the afternoon. Annual reports and rosters called for diligent attention in order to meet mid-month dead-lines. But if this was the case, it was interesting to read in the "Jerusalem Post" that the almond blossoms in Palestine were blooming in mid-January, fully a month early.

On Sunday, Jan. 24, little Darrin McDale Reece was dedicated to the Lord in the sacrament of infant baptism. And on Tuesday, Jan. 26, the Mt. Jefferson Church was represented at Presbytery meeting in Winston-Salem by Mr. John F. Reeves and the minister.

February came in with the thermometer reading zero on the first day. February has seen a number of our men in and out (happily) of the hospital: Mr. Bill Neumann, Mr. Dale Baldwin, Mr. Millard Fetzer, and Mr. Rex Morton. The second day of the month, "the varmint" saw his shadow; and the second week of the month there was no school until Friday, so there were little creatures running around all over the place.

Sunday, Feb. 14, was the most inclement Sunday of the winter, blustery at 9 degrees above zero; nevertheless there was a good turn-out. And the last week of February, the Mt. Jefferson minister — serving as hospital chaplain — could tell the patients of robins in numbers and of crocuses out in bloom.

quered death, appeared to them, and the glad cry went up, "The Lord is risen indeed" 'a new strength came into their lives, a new direction and purpose led them on.

As Easter morn comes today — it is a reminder of that first day of resurrection, that Jesus the Son of God overcame death, and He is indeed alive today as He was on that first Easter. His presence is with us today in a world of confusion and in all times of need. The living Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

"The three sad days are quickly sped;
He rises glorious from the dead;
All glory to our risen Head!

Alleluia!

In Loving Memory

Gaither McKinley Baldwin, March 25, 1896-Feb. 24, 1971. A member of the Lansing Presbyterian Church.

In Memory Of Loved Ones

Mrs. Sallie Woodie of Laurel Springs, N. C. passed away at the Ashe Memorial Hospital at Jefferson on Dec. 26, 1970. Funeral services were held in the Roans Creek Baptist Church and interment was in the adjacent cemetery. Mrs. Woodie was a member of the Laurel Springs Baptist Church. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Johnson Pennington of Ashe County. She has entered into the joy of her Lord.

George Glenn Nichols of Sparta, N. C. passed away at the age of 86 years. Mr. Nichols was mayor of Sparta for 13 years and had served Alleghany County in other capacities. He was the son of the late Thomas and Jane Jarvis Nichols of Alleghany County.

He married Miss Alice Irwin, who passed away in 1961. Mr. Nichols was an enthusiastic supporter of sports of his county. He was a faithful Elder in the Sparta Presbyterian Church for many years. His faithfulness will be missed by the general public as well as his church.

"Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

Mrs. Fred Miller, better known to all as "Betty" of Glendale Springs, N. C. was born Sept. 16, 1916 and passed away Jan. 28, 1971 at her home. Mrs. Miller was a Christian of great faith although she suffered in her last years before passing. She was a faithful Christian, and funeral services were held at the Blue Ridge Pentecostal Assembly Church, Glendale Springs, N. C. on Jan. 31, 1971. Final resting place was in the Ashelawn Memorial Gardens.

She has entered into the joy of her Lord. "A woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."

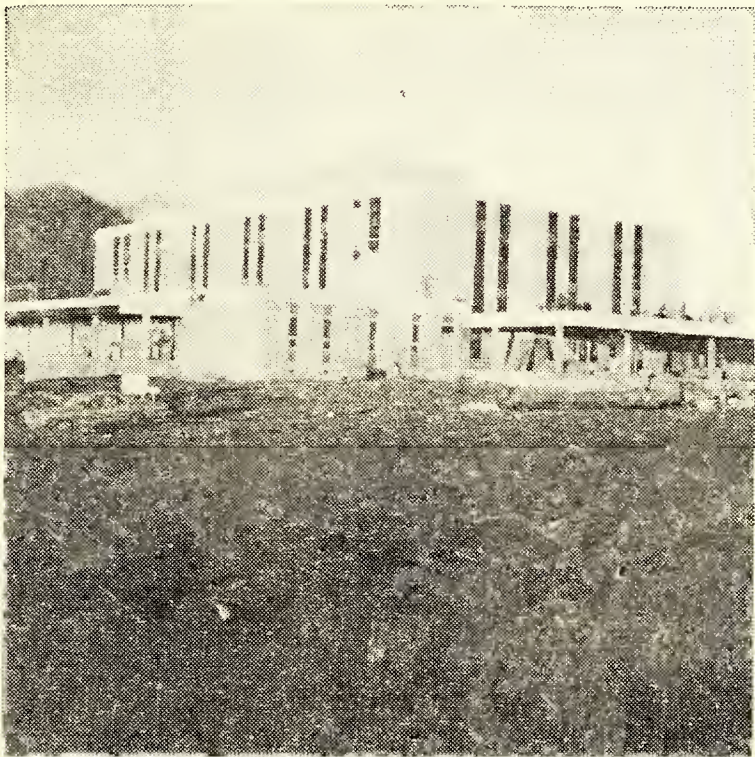
Arthur Rose of Glendale Springs was born in Ashe County to Frank and Caroline Hall Rose on Feb. 9, 1839, and passed away Dec. 14, 1970.

Surviving are five daughters, one son and a brother and sister. Mr. Rose was a progressive citizen, having served some time on the Ashe County School Board. At the time of his death, Mr. Rose was a farmer, but had held positions as postmaster, school teacher, foreman in construction work, store keeper and salesman.

Mr. Rose was a member of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church and served as a deacon in his church.

The family requested that memorials in Mr. Rose's name be made to the Wade Rose Memorial, Ashe Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Rose was a man who used his talents for the generation in which he lived. He was a charter member of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church and was faithful to his church. As the Lord said to his servant, "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler of many things, enter into the joy of thy Lord."



THE NEW ASHE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, which contains the Wade Rose Memorial Chapel, is nearing completion.

Mrs. Monroe Wyatt (78 years) of Wilbar, N. C., known to her friends as Mary Ann Hanes Wyatt, passed away Monday, March 1, after a sudden illness. Mrs. Wyatt was the daughter of Emanuel and Nancy Elizabeth Kilby Haynes. She married the late Monroe Wyatt and four daughters and one son survive. Two sisters also mourn her passing. There are a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mrs.

Wyatt was a consecrated Christian having belonged to the Presbyterian Church and the Baptist Church in her community of Millers. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

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Ebenezer Church Shows Action

The Worship Service at the Ebenezer Church normally is on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. It is expected that the first service this Spring will be on Easter Sunday morning, April 11, at 11:00 o'clock. While this group of churches does not have a regular minister we are just making out as best we may with the supply help of a retired minister.

Their servant seeks to build the fellowship around the central theme of the gospel, which we believe, in a word to be, "love". But this is a big word for it includes love for self, that is, the finer self; love for neighbor, which includes people in Hanoi, Peking, Peru; love for family and cherished ones, but also for the unlovely and unlovable; love for Jesus, expressed by the love for "the least of these my brethren", including those under circumstances which have made it almost certain that they will be excluded from the normal benefits of our industrialized society; love for God who lives out beyond the farthest sun, but who can also be found beneath the nearest garbage heap, for those who can discover Him. One Bible writer (Ps. 139:8) even said that He could be found in a grave, though we might not want to look for Him there.

However, this tiny little word, "love" is so big that none of us can know it, in its fulness. The Bible commands, "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart", "Love thy neighbor". But can love be commanded? Can you truly love someone just because you have been commanded by someone else to do so? We are told by students that in the original language here, it does not really command to "love" but "to act in a loving way". We cannot love because God commands us to, but we can begin "acting" as though we were concerned about others. Then, as we begin acting it out, gradually through God's grace it grows on us, we feel it deep within.

So long as "Love thy neighbor" is needed merely or mostly as a sweet, pious precept that we being the sanctimonious selected are supposed to mumble on Sundays and miss on Mondays, then the command remains an unheeded prescription, unfilled and therefore unhealing for our society's desperate sore and uncuring for our own body and soul's crying sickness.

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in the inner world of our own hundred decisions each day, and in the outer world of contact with human beings and circumstances, in the actual world that each of us has to live in, and acting this thing out whether we have any feelings about it or not, whether we feel a particle of sentiment, of "love", or not, why then we are on the verge of a venturesome dis-

covery.

This we believe to be the central theme of the gospel for which Christ died, that humans might learn concern, not because it is commanded, but because it heals us and all humans it touches and it thus commanded. This, the Ebenezer Church Group, together with others of the Presbyterian Fellowship of this area, would seek to learn together.

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Much Activity In Lansing Field

The Foster Memorial Church presented a delightful Christmas pageant on Saturday night, December 19. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brooks directed the pageant, with Mrs. Irene Wiles helping. Mrs. Bina Davis was the narrator. Children did special songs, and the little girls were angels. The children were Kim Ashley, Jeff Ashley, Bobby Ashley, Kim Little, Dick Little, Billy Carter, Albert Dollar, Gary Wiles, Gladys Wiles, Tereasa Wiles, Rune Brooks, Jeff and Tommy Davis. Collene Brooks played the piano.

Mary was played by Selma Osborne and Joseph by Blair Richardson. The shepherds were Keith Brooks, Greg Ashley and Jimmy Tedder. The angels were Patty Osborne, Janie Carter, Gail Stansberry, Debbie Stansberry, Teresa Spencer; wise men: James Vannoy, Gale Wiles and Ben Brooks. Carols were sung at appropriate times by the audience and a special song was rendered by Jeff Brooks. Dr. Robert Stamper had the benediction.

Following the pageant refreshments were served by the ladies in the basement of the church. On Sunday after the morning worship service the children had their gifts from the Christmas tree, and there was a treat for everyone.

DENTAL CLINIC

During the first twelve months of operation the Dental Clinic at Foster Memorial has served approximately two hundred and fifty patients. The clinic is served by visiting dentists who visit the county on a rotating schedule.

Visiting dentists, with their families, enjoy a cottage provided for them on the T-Berry. In addition to providing greatly needed dental service, these men and their families have become a part of the community and are greatly admired and appreciated by their weekend neighbors.

The clinic is a part of the Ashe County project, a Presbyterian work supported entirely by agencies of the Presbyterian Church, U. S.

Lunch is provided at the clinic by ladies of the Foster Memorial community.

Recently the Foster Memorial neighborhood was cited as one of the outstanding small communities in Northwestern North Carolina.

KINDERGARTENS

For the past six months Mrs. Bina Davis, assisted by Mrs. Gale Wiles, has conducted a week day kindergarten at the Gillespie Presbyterian Church and at Foster Memorial. Mrs. Wiles is also the dental assistant at the clinic. The kindergartens have been in operation for two years and have enjoyed great success with the pre-schoolers in the Apple Grove and



CHRISTMAS PARTY AT WHITE TOP. Christmas carols were sung with Mr. and Mrs. Roger McGready leading.

LANSING GIRL ASU MAGAZINE EDITOR

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Aware Generation"; and finally, "Do It With A Camera."

The magazine is attractively written, illustrated, and printed on a nice finished paper. Madam Editor, Lansing should take off their hats to you, make a most gracious bow, for a task beautifully and splendidly accomplished. We are proud of you.

Nella communities. Bad weather has forced the closing of both schools for this term. The Ashe County project underwrites this activity.

GLENDALE REVIVAL PLANNED FOR MAY 23-30

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In the T. V. world Mr. Schum is known as "Uncle Hank." In this program that is televised, Mr. Schum tells Bible stories and illustrates them as he talks with charcoal drawings. Mr. Schum has many messages which are especially attractive to children and young people.

The Glendale Springs Church will have a special visitation program and prayer meetings prior to the revival time. We trust each Christian will be much in prayer about the meeting. God answers prayer. Will you pray for us.

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SEVERT & VANNOY Dec. 19, 1970

Miss Donna Rae Severt, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Severt, of Glendale Springs, N. C. was united in marriage to Stephen Delane Vannoy, of Wilbar, N. C. The marriage took place in the home of Rev. Elbert Severt and Rev. J. W. Luke spoke the nuptials.

UPCHURCH & FUNK Dec. 5, 1970

Miss Kathy Ann Upchurch, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Upchurch of Laurel Springs, N. C. was united in marriage to Darius Dean Funk of Fries, Va. The service was held by Rev. J. W. Luke at the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church at 4 p. m., Dec. 5. A reception was given by the brides parents at the home after the marriage.

TRIPLETT & HALL Feb. 6, 1971

Miss Rebecca Irene Triplett, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd S. Triplett of Sparta, N. C. was married to Billy Wade Hall, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall, Jefferson, N. C. Rt. 1. The service was held at the manse at Glendale Springs, by Rev. J. W. Luke.

CALLOWAY & LIDDLE Feb. 17, 1971

Miss Brenda Maxine Calloway, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Calloway of Jefferson, N. C. was united in marriage to Tommy Ray Liddle of Rt. 1, Jefferson, N. C. The service was held at the manse at Glendale Springs, N. C. by the pastor of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH EFFECTED BY DRINK

Norbert Kelly, Ph.D., director of the Division of Education of the North Carolina Department of Mental Health, has professed for some time that many of the children seen in mental health clinics come from households where a problem drinker is involved. If you drink and have children in your household, remember you are bringing a curse upon them. For your children's mental health sake leave drink alone. "The sins of the fathers fall upon the children unto the third and fourth generation."

BLOCK PORNOGRAPHY

If you discover pornographic literature, which means indecent sexual literature is being sent to your children, get the address of the sender and take it to your postmaster with a request that all literature from this address be no more sent to your child. This is the law. Use it for decency sake and for your children's sake.

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You'll be a barroom
bye and bye."

"LIQUOR BY THE DRINK"

Liquor by the drink, spink, spank,
spink!
Stuffs the rich man's pocket book,
And makes the breath to stink.

Liquor by the drink, spink, spank,
spink!
Drunken drivers on the road,
It makes my heart go blink.

Liquor by the drink, spink, spank,
spink!
More chance for alcoholics,
More taxes for the klink.

Liquor by the drink, spink, spank,
spink!
No good for the preacher's breath,
And makes your soul to sink.

Liquor by the drink, spink, spank,
spink!
Hungry children starve at home,
Should make men stop and think.

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink,
That putteth thy bottle to him." Hab. 2:15a

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The Memorial building might be called a youth center of eastern Ashe County. Many of the youth in our area play basketball, shuffle board, ping pong, and volley ball two nights out of each week in the building. The Memorial building has also become a favorite place of gathering for wedding showers, wedding receptions, and family gatherings. The expenses of the building are kept up by gifts of interested people. The office of the "Ashe Presbyterian" is also in one room of the building. The women of the Glendale Church meet monthly for their Bible study and covered dish dinner together in the basement.

Missionary, Wife Killed In Crash

On Jan. 4, 1971 a light aircraft crashed somewhere along the Chile-Argentina border in South America. The plane was piloted by our missionary to Brazil, Rev. Robert Lytton. Bob, along with his wife, Billie, and his 17 year old daughter, Amy, were killed. A 13 year old son, Robert, Jr has been injured. How serious his condition is we do not know.

There are two Lytton children here in the states. Bill, 19, is a student at Belle Haven College in Jackson, Miss. A daughter, Mrs. Justin Alford, is leaving Jackson today for Sheveport, La. Robert Lytton was returning to Brazil with hope of establishing a theological school for Brazilian Pastors when this happened. God knows best.

Three Presbyteries Hold Merger Meet

The Presbyteries of Kings Mountain, Concord, and Winston-Salem met together on Feb. 23 at the First Presbyterian Church at Gastonia, N. C. to discuss plans for merger. The meeting was by order of the Synod of North Carolina.

An estimated group of ministers and elders from the three Presbyteries were about 300. Elder Harold McKeithan was elected the temporary moderator of the meeting. Mr. McKeithan is from Winston-Salem, N. C. The meeting was not the actual merger, but was a planning meeting for the merger of the three Presbyteries beginning in 1972.

Glade Valley To Hold Reading School

By Robert E. Chilton

Glade Valley School will operate its fifth Blue Ridge Reading School this summer. The school will open on June 11 and close on July 17.

The purpose of the reading school is to give students who underachieve academically an intensive program in the language arts. This is accomplished through a program of developmental



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reading study skills, reading in the content areas and rate and comprehension. Students in grades 6-12 are eligible for admission.

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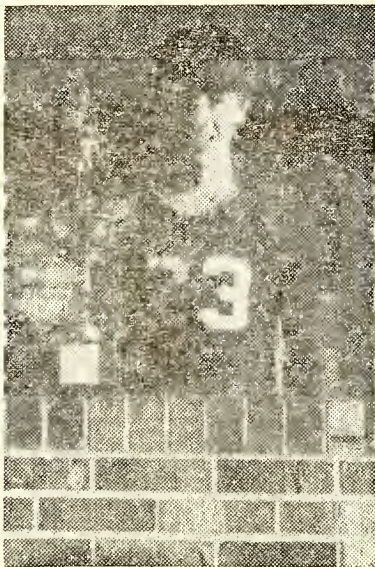
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TERRY (BRUTE) HALL

Terry (Brute) Hall Receives Trophy

Terry Hall the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall, of Laurel Springs, N. C. received the trophy for most valuable basketball player in the Junior Varsity teams of the Northwest Tournament. Terry plays a guard position and is a real hustler for his team. We are proud of Terry and believe he will be a valuable player for the Trojans of Alleghany next year.

Birds Of A Feather

"One evening in October
When I was far from sober,
And dragging home a load with manly pride;
My feet began to stutter
So I laid down in the gutter
And a pig came by and parked right
by my side.

I warbled, 'It's fair weather
When good fellows get together'—
Then a lady passing by was heard
to say,
"You can tell a man who boozes,"
By the company he chooses,"
And the pig got up and quickly ran
away."

—Selected

Lansing's Young People F e t e d

On Saturday, March 6, twenty-one Young People of the Lansing group left in two buses for a joyous weekend as guests of the Junior and Senior Young People of the Reynolda Presbyterian Church. They arrived at Reynolda about 4:00 p. m. and before midnight they had witnessed a religious play and saw two movies. They were chaperoned by Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Phillips and Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Mobley.

All meals were served in the dining room of the church. The girls

Revision Of Names Is Ordered By P. O.

At the directions of the Post Office Department we are trying to weed out all inactive subscriptions of the Ashe Presbyterian. The Post Office Department says it is necessary that we do this before we can comply with the postal regulations for a second class permit.

The Circulating Manager, Dr. R. H. Stone, and the Editor have been working for some time, trying to discern the active subscribers. This was not kept before the present editor took the responsibility of the paper, so we have, we are sure many inactive recipients of the paper.

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We have sorted out many old ad-

were entertained in the facilities of the church and the boys were in a cottage on the church grounds. On Sunday morning the group attended Sunday School and the morning worship. After the lunch they boarded their buses, driven by Henry Dollar and Rex Little, for Ashe County.

Dr. Stamper, the local minister, said this was a most successful and enjoyable trip, and that all of the group had a wonderful time, and that this was the finest thing that had been done for the youth group.

A DIAMOND IN YOUR HAND

What if God should place a diamond in your hand and ask you to inscribe on it the thought that you would want read at the Last Day as the summation of your hearts desire and ambition. You would want to think long and carefully about what you would put on it. Well, God won't give us a diamond but He has put in parent's hands the immortal souls of little children, more imperishable than diamonds, and at the Judgment they will tell the story of what we considered most important, what were our real gods, and whether we loved them or ourselves.

POEMS & PRAYERS BY CHILDREN

The marvelous love of Christ our Lord
I surely can't explain.
It's warmer than the sunshine;
It's softer than the rain.
But when I bow my head each night
In silent, humble prayer,
I know the Lord our God and King
Is here and everywhere.

Beth Whitworth,
Perry, Georgia

dresses, but if there are those you know who are active and did not get the Ashe Presbyterian, please let us know. We could make mistakes in our work. If you are not paid up in your subscription, would you like to make yours active by sending the subscription price, 10c for a year or a \$1.00 for 10 years, and thank you for your cooperation.

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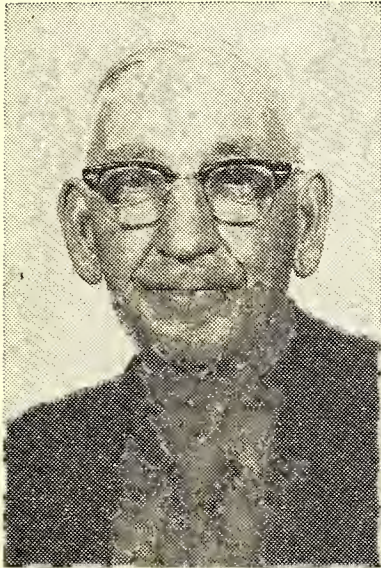
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ELDER VANCE MILLER, retires.

Elder Miller Retires From Post Office

After a tenure of forty years and nine months as postmaster of the Apple Grove, N. C. 28602 post office Mr. Vance Miller, an Elder in the Gillespie Church, was retired. He does not know when the post office was first opened, nor does he know why it was called "Apple Grove". He does know that the Miller family has furnished postmasters and postmistresses for a goodly number of years. He doesn't know when his father first held the office, but when he died in 1907 he was postmaster. For a period his mother was postmistress. In 1930 during the Hoover administration he was appointed and has held the office until retirement on December 31, 1970. From then until April 30, 1971, when the office was discontinued, Mrs. Nora Eldreth Miller, his wife, was postmistress.

In 1932 the Christian Chautauqua tent was pitched in a lovely meadow on Little Horse Creek on the property of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ham, of Lansing. The site was adjoining the Miller property and the Miller family was active in the beginning of Presbyterian work in that community. In the Daily Vacation Bible School 135 were enrolled; the average daily attendance was 75. Twenty-five certificates for perfect attendance were awarded. Dr. E. E. Gillespie conducted an evangelistic meeting and when the church was organized by Winston-Salem Presbytery in response to a petition of twenty three people asking for an organization, which was effected November 27, 1932, it was named the Gillespie Presbyterian Church in appreciation and honor of the evangelist. At that time Mr. Miller

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UNC Internationals Visit Ashe County

The Home Demonstration Clubs of Ashe County entertained Chapel Hill International Students on tour of Western North Carolina, in Memorial Building in Glendale Springs.

On May 18 at 12 a. m. a large Trailway bus pulled up to the Memorial Building with about 40 students from many countries. It was a 2-day tour and the bus had traveled the beautiful Blue Ridge Parkway that morning from Asheville, N. C.

The following countries were represented: Afghanistan, Kenya, Africa, UAR, Iran, Brazil, Columbia, England, Canada, Korea, Peru. Some of the married students brought their children with them, and there was a lot of fun and playing by the children in the gym in the Memorial Building.

A delicious meal was served by the women. Home cooked food with desserts were plentiful.

Mr. Abdul Rahmani from Afghanistan was the gracious president of the group. Besides a delicious dinner, young people of the county entertained with guitars and singing.

Glendale Springs was delighted to have these visitors from many countries visit us, and we wish them God speed.

The visitors enjoyed the fellowship and were very appreciative of the luncheon served them by the women. Local people enjoyed meeting the visitors from afar.

Mt. Jefferson Church Has Busy Season

As summer comes in, we review the spring months of March, April, and May. During the Lenten season of 1971 (mostly in the month of March), the Mt. Jefferson Church — practicing "the sacrificial meal" once a week for the sake of alleviation of hunger where it exists — gathered and sent in more than twice the amount ever before received for the "Great Hour of Sharing".

The first Sunday of March, we had our initial Fellowship Supper of the year, with the Executive-Secretary of the Presbytery, Rev. Gurney Whiteley, as the guest speaker. The following Sunday, March 14, the Mt. Jefferson Church was represented at a Presbyterian meeting at Reynolda by Mrs. John Johnson and Miss Marguerite Smith. The latter part of March, the church was concerned over Mr. Bill Neumann's entry into the hospital; but the Lord has been kind to us all in His kindness to Mr. Neumann, who is now hale and well again. A final item of interest for March (still a month with occasional snow), — we watched a killdeer bobbing along in the garden.

April's first day brought sadness by reason of the death of Mrs. Ross Jones' brother, John, a man esteemed highly by all in the county. Yet what a consolation to know that "Nothing but the weary dust lies dead."

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IT WAS A HAPPY CROWD OF INTERNATIONAL GUESTS who arrived at Glendale Springs on their tour of parts of Western North Carolina.

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THEY REFUSED TO PRAY FOR PEACE (Editorial)

In this short article, I would like to give an experience, in which I became involved. At Indianapolis, Ind., a great convention was held designated as the "Student Voluntary Mission Movement", the purpose and motto of which was "Win the World in this Generation". I remember the great Dr. John R. Mott spoke at this convention, and whom was one of the leaders of this great movement. I was a student at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia at this time, and being of a missionary mind was sent to the convention at Indianapolis. During this convention at one of the daily meetings, a "wild cat" speaker got up and made an announcement without the privilege of the leaders. He announced there would be a meeting at a certain large church in the city at a certain time to promote peace. The organist was immediately asked to play to drown out the announcement, but it was too late. At this great convention there were about 25 thousand students from most of the colleges of America and abroad. Many of the delegates heard the wild cat announcement and of course were made curious about it. When the appointed hour came in a certain church there was as full crowd of perhaps 2 thousand curious delegates present. At the pulpit and on the rostrum platform there were about three or four attractive girls and perhaps two young men who were leading the discussion.

The time came to discuss how to bring about peace in the world. Some discussed cutting all references to war out of the hymn books, such as the hymns "Onward Christian Soldiers", or "The Son of Goes forth to War." Another suggestion was to quit praising and immortalizing the names of war heroes. Others suggested to abolish drilling in military schools. One young man passionately vowed he would go back to his military school and refuse to drill and said he would not fight for the United States Flag and even called it a rag. And so the meeting

HAS OUR NATION A CONSCIENCE? (Editorial)

Much turmoil was stirred up a few months ago when a soldier was tried and accused of shooting women and children in a village in Vietnam. Many people who never have been in active service as soldiers do not know what stress and confusion many of our soldiers undergo in the excitement and fear of battle. Many do not know how orders are confused as a soldier is told to do his duty. Many do not know who is his enemy, especially when women and children are used by the North Vietcon to treacherously turn against our soldiers.

This is not the main subject of this article however. The Army spent much conscientious time in trying to desern the guilt or innocence of the young man accused. The fact that our Army was concerned about the slaying of innocent (assumed so) women and children, shows clearly that our Army and our nation has a conscience. In comparison to the North Vietcon, women and children and whole villages are wiped out and savage atrocities

went on and grew wilder in discussions. I had not made any suggestions, but in my heart, I felt there was one thing lacking, so I arose and got the permission to speak. I said we are making a great many suggestions for peace, but there is one we have neglected, and that is we should have a prayer to God for peace, as only God can give us peace. The scripture verifies this as in the following verses:

"The Lord will give strength to his people; The Lord will bless his people with peace." Ps. 29:11
"When a man's ways please the Lord, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." Prov. 16:7

The answer to my request for peace was answered something like this. "We are of so many different denominations and beliefs here we cannot pray together, so my request for prayer was denied. From that time on I smelt a rotten egg in the crate of a rotten apple in the barrel or an Ethiopian in the woodpile — just however you want to express it. These students who met together were supposed to be some of the finest Christians from the convention of volunteers, yet they were not called to pray for peace. Today I can see through the whole affair. The wild cat announcement at the big meeting, the calling the American Flag a rag, the passionate declaration to refuse to drill in military schools, the refusal to pray for peace. It was all a subtle propaganda meeting put on by German Nazi leaders. It was a far reaching attempt to prepare for World War Two, by sowing false peace thoughts in the minds of the college students of America.

Today America is crying for Peace! Peace! when there is no peace. I will dare to prophesy there will be no peace for our country — UNTIL OUR NATION LEARNS TO CONFESS HER SINS AND PRAY TO GOD. Our people need to confess their heinous, dirty sins to God, our leaders need to call the country to a great confession of sins and prayer to the great Holy God.

PRAYER OF THANKS FOR THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST (Editorial)

Man of Galilee, thou whose Presence did hallow the paths, the hills and lakes of Old Judea, may thy Presence be with us today in our community, and upon our mountain tops.

Do not go swiftly though our cross road as the motor cycle, the automobile, or the jets that fly swiftly above us, but linger amongst us. May thy Presence be in all our country churches so that we may feel that Thou art there and we may worship Thee. May our homes be full of thy kindly Presence, and be sweetened thereby. May thy footsteps mark the paths and trails of our village and country side, so that our hearts will burn within us as the travelers on the road to Emmaus did feel.

May thy Presence mark our highways, our back roads; our stores, our post office, even as thou didst mingle in the crowded market places of old. May thy Presence be felt on our play grounds, and upon the buses with those who go to school. May thy Presence be with the farmer, who tills thy soil and tends the cattle upon the hills. May thy Presence touch the lives of the many travelers and tourists who pass, or stop on their way through our neighborhood. May thy healing Presence be at the bed side of the sick, and thy comforting Presence with those who are bereaved of their loved ones. May thy joyous Presence be with those who are happily united in matrimony and at their wedding showers. May thy loving Presence be with those parents whom God has blessed by sending a new born babe in their home. May thy forgiving and merciful Presence be real to the sinner and thy strengthening Presence be with those who are under temptation. May thy certain Presence be felt amongst all of us in every phase and walk of life, for young and for old, in joy and in sorrow.

We thank Thee, O Lord, Son of God for thy blessed Presence among us as thou hast kept thy promise, "I will be with thee to the end of the world." Because of thy Presence with us, we feel our lives are more dear to Thee, and with all certainty we praise and worship thy Holy Name. In the name of Jesus Christ who is present with us, AMEN.

Glendale Springs Has New Members

The Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church welcomes the following members into their fellowship — Ted Caudill, Bobby Bare, Jimmie Wyatt, Randy Miller, and Gary Miller. May God bless them as we walk with Jesus together on the heavenly road.

are committed every day on innocent people. Is there any condemnation on any North Vietcon soldier for such terrible savage treatment of innocent people? No, but he is commended for it. I am glad that our country and Army has enough conscience to condemn cruelty to others and especially innocent and helpless people.

Miss Hutchinson, Mr. Osborne, Wed.

In the Lansing Church on April 4 Mr. Gary James Osborne and Miss Betty Lee Hutchinson, of Wilkes County, were united in marriage. A reception in the Fellowship Room of the church was given following the ceremony. Both of the young people have positions in the Northwestern Bank in North Wilkesboro.

Glendale Revival Is A Success

The revival at Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church although during graduating week at all the schools, was a spiritual success.

Rev. Henry Schum delivered fine spiritual messages, and called for a consecrated life to the Lord Jesus especially in the light of the events of today. Mr. Schum is known on TV programs for children as "UNCLE HANK" EVANGELISTIC PROGRAMS in which he tells Bible stories and illustrates with charcoal as he speaks. His program is now on 11 stations over the south.

In the revival Mr. Schum illustrated his sermons as he preached. Two prizes were given to a boy and girl for being the first to bring 10 people to the meeting. Bobby Kilby and Merylin Crepps received these prizes which consisted of their own portraits which Mr. Schum painted for them. Guitar, accordion and special music was rendered for the meetings.

The church welcomed Mr. Ted Caudill, Bobby Bare and Jimmy Wyatt as members during the meeting. There were several Christians who took part in prayers of re consecration. We pray that God will bless Mr. Schum in his evangelistic work throughout the year, as well as his TV "Uncle Hank" programs.

Others who were welcomed into the Glendale Church just before the revival were Randy and Gary Miller.

Glendale Springs Women Are Active

Each month the Women of the Glendale Church have their regular meetings. At these meetings a covered dish lunch is enjoyed.

Mrs. Yelanjian gives an inspiring Bible Study each month. Last month the women wrapped bandages and sent them off for white cross work. This month the woman will invite the whole church to a fellowship supper with them on Sunday, May 23 at 6 p. m. This will be the beginning of the Revival Services to be held by Rev. Henry Schum from May 23rd through 30. The birthday meeting will

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Bible Schools In Glendale Field

The Daily Vacation Bible Schools are planned for the Glendale Springs field. The schedule is tentatively as follows:

Glendale Springs, June 21-26; Bethel, July 5-10; Laurel Fork, July 19-24.

The Daily Vacation Bible School material for this summer is very interesting for all classes and we are sure will be enjoyed by the many children and young people that study it.

Bryan Stamper Has Graduated

Mr. Bryan C. Stamper, a Senior in Columbia Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, was graduated on June 6th. On April 12th he was honored with the Indiantown Church Award for rural church work he has done in the Lansing field. He has been assisting his father, Dr. Robert L. Stamper, in the work in the Lansing Church, in Foster Memorial, Gillespie, and Whitetop in Virginia. Great progress has been

accomplished since Dr. Stamper and son have been in charge. Mrs. Bryan Stamper has been a great help in promoting the programs, playing the piano, getting libraries started in some of the churches, organizing a youth choir at White Top, and was a leader on young people's activities. Mr. Stamper has organized some youth groups and directed their activities. He has been a good visitor and is held in high regard as a preacher. Mrs. Robert L. Stamper has also been a power in promoting progress, working especially with the Women of the Church.

After graduation Mr. and Mrs. Stamper and little Bryan will move to Lansing and will spend the summer in conducting Daily Vacation Bible Schools, preaching, and conducting evangelistic meetings in the four centers.

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Robbins Miller Received Honors

Robbins Miller, graduating senior at Alleghany High School, was rewarded with honors. He is honor student, president of his class, president of the Beta Club and editor of the annual.

Others have received honors also but we don't have the details.

Robbins is a member of the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church and has been received at State College for next year. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Miller, of Laurel Springs.

News And Views From Ebenezer

By John S. Johnson

Perhaps there is something about our country churches, maybe the view, maybe the true, maybe the few, but something that makes it a bit easier to worship the God back of the wonders of nature, in which many of our smaller churches are located. Many of our members live in the open country, close to the real heart of life, and thus find it natural to turn to the Power behind all the news, all the views.

Especially just now with Spring-time in all its glory, and all about to bud into the beauty and bounty of summer, our hearts turn inward and upward. So many of Jesus' stories were taken from nature. "A sower went forth to sow." "Consider the lilies (wild flowers) of the field." Often he would leave the turmoil of the city and go to the mountains to pray.

Long before Jesus watched a field of flowers, poets sought to turn people's minds away from the dirt to what can spring up out of the dirt. But it was not just to enjoy the beauties of nature and let it end there. No, it was to look upon our living, lovely world with the hope that we might see the Loveliness beyond this.

A good example of this is the 104th Psalm, a hymn, with its entire 35 verses. Vs. 1 is the introduction, "Bless the Lord, O my soul!" . . . thou art very great!" The remaining verses point to signs of his greatness. In vs. 2-4 the writer considered the heavens. Vss. 5-9, he looked upon the earth. Vss. 10-13, he heard the sound of rippling water. Vss. 14-18, he described the grass that grew for the cattle. Vss. 19-23, he watched the moon and the sun. Vss. 24-35, we see that all of this spelled out for him the wonder and glory of God. It was not just a pretty, interesting scene to look at. It was a reminder of the Master of all this marvelous creation. As the writer said, "These all look to thee," and "When thou sendest forth thy Spirit, they are created; and thou renewest the face of the ground."

We who come to worship in this little church on a hillside, away from the noise and the manikins, away from the clutter and the billboards of our cities have much to see on our way to, and from, and much to remind us of the mind beyond beauty. And when we let the liveliness of growing things persuade us to yield to the heart beyond all heartaches, then gladness creeps in, as another of the Psalms (65) the poet sings for joy. This is as sprightly and vivacious a hymn of praise as to be found in any literature. As another poet of more recent times reminds us, "Nature never did betray, the heart that loved her."

In this Psalm, or Hymn, Spring touches off the poet's first delight. The good earth is enriched by God's touch. The gift of seeds is matched by copious rains from the "river of God", or "the heavenly brook". The fields have been repared for sowing, the spring seeding, nurtured by sun and shower, break forth into the bright green of promise.

The poet pictures the Lord as mak-

Graduation Time Is Here Again

Many of our young friends as well as young people from the Glendale Springs Field are graduating this year. We cannot give all the names we

ing a visit to the earth, riding in a chariot, whose wheels as they roll over the fields, enrich their yield, a picture of the Power before the harvest. The meadows and valleys are green with new growth. But so vital are the valleys that they must do more than grudgingly grow, "The meadows clothe themselves with flocks", and across the valleys the green blends slowly into the gold of ripening grain. It is a picture of surpassing loveliness. Finally in the sheer exuberance of our singer he hears the music of happiness blending in harmony and rising from flocks and fields, "They shout and sing together for joy."

Lots of people like to see a pretty flower. But only those seeing the being back of the buttercup and the butterfly will be able to bring loveliness out of ugliness, be able to bring hope and harmony to a contentious and weeping generation. Only a church that sees truth through tiny tradition, sees power through man's pettiness, sees majesty back of the mountains — can truly sing with the Psalmist, as he climaxed that magnificent hymn of beauty, "Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!"

know and give all the honors received, but we congratulate and pray God's blessings upon each as they go out into life. May each one have a victorious life with Christ. Some of the great verses for a successful life — "FOR ME TO LIFE IS CHRIST." Phil. 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.

Young people from the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church — are Eddie Hall, Mrs. Kathy Carico, Robbins Miller, Edna Kay Miller.

From Glendale Springs community — Charlie Farrington, Jr., Raymond Miller, Donald Miller, Joe Bower Burgess (Wagoner Community).

From Low Gap Community Carol Jane Lyle, Willa Lynn Bare, Madge Bare, Ronnie Bare, and David Hall (Ebenezer).

Lydia Gene Gurganus, the daughter of Rev. Gene Gurganus sent us an invitation from the Murree Christian School in Western Pakistan, in Asia. We congratulate Lydia whose father is a missionary in Eastern Pakistan where a revolution is now going on.

Ruby Anita Orsbon the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Orsbon of Millers Creek graduates at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. We congratulate Ruby and pray for her, God's blessings.

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Elder Miller Is Retired From P. O.

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was elected a Deacon. Later in the life of the church he was elected a Ruling Elder.

On a lovely fall afternoon in 1932 when the church was under construction one of the volunteer workmen said, "Vance, you had better resign your post office in Flossie's favor (She was the first Mrs. Vance Miller). Roosevelt is going to be elected by a landslide and they will throw you out of your office." Mr. Miller had a ready response — "No, I will not resign in Flossie's favor or in that of anyone else."

Roosevelt was elected president according to prophecy. Also, according to prophecy attempts were made to have him vacate the office. A greedy, unprincipled person reported to the Post Office Department that the Apple Grove postmaster while on a fox hunt had gotten drunk.

A Postal Inspector came from Roanoke to investigate the charges. A friendly fellow Horse Creeker, Earl Ball, a leading Democrat in the community, was a member of the hunting party and was listed as a witness. Going to Mr. Ball's home the Inspector asked, "How long have you known Mr. Miller?" Answer — "All of my life. We grew up together." "Did you go on a fox hunt with Vance Miller on a specified date?" "Yes Sir". "Did he get drunk?" "No Sir!" said Mr. Ball. That ended the interrogation and the investigation. That was all the Inspector needed to know. The accusation was a lie. The post master was honored.

The years rolled on. The above accuser, or another, tried to oust him. It was a rainy election day and Mr. Miller had business in Lansing or the Jeffersons. On his way he was to pass the voting precinct. In passing a lady, a cousin, walking in the rain, he offered her a ride. She accepted, rode in his car to White Oak School House to vote, and the postmaster rode on alone. The unprincipled fellow or another preferred charges — this time — "Influencing election." This called for another visit from the Inspector. Mr. Miller admitted giving a lady a ride, but denied trying to influence the election. The Inspector probably was familiar with the evil intent of the former charge and that this was a lie straight from the bottom of hell. To use a mountain phrase, Vance Miller's postal record is as "clean as a hound's tooth."

Now at the age of seventy he is spending his time farming, living in his home overlooking the green meadows, and looking up to the high mountains. The first Mrs. Miller was Miss Flossie Roten and was the mother of Mrs. Helen Miller Barr, of the Apple Grove community, and Mr. James Miller, a leading Elder in a large Presbyterian Church in Akron, Ohio. A second marriage was to Miss Nora Eldreth, and they have a daughter, Mrs. Kathryn Miller Proffit of West Jefferson.



EASTER SUNDAY, the teachers of the Glendale Springs Sunday School held an egg hunt for the children. We have a picture of Lisa Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Allen Miller, who received one of the prize eggs. The picture was taken by Elder Oscar Elliott.

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Geneva Jones Is UNC-G Graduate

Miss Geneva Jones, of Lansing, was graduated with a B. A. degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She had the honor of being on the honor roll. She will go to Pinehurst to teach Speech Therapy in a Delinquent Home for Girls during the summer and following that she will teach Speech Therapy in the Moore County Schools.

United In Matrimony

On May 29 at 2 p. m. Judy Mae Mash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delmert Clark Mash was united in marriage to Onis Lee Neaves, of Lansing, N. C. Onis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Neaves. The wedding ceremony was conducted in the River View Penecostal Church near Glendale Springs, N. C. by Rev. J. W. Luke. The church was decorated with flowers and service was held in candle light. Best wishes and God's blessings to two fine young people.

Lizzie Nell Howell, West Jefferson, N. C., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wert Howell, was married to Sammy

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James Blevins Received Degree

James Ray Blevins, of Lansing, was

Kelce Miller, of Fleetwood, N. C., in the New River Church, Glendale Springs, N. C. on June 13th, 1971 at 1 p. m. Rev. J. W. Luke performed the ceremony.

graduated at Wake Forest University with a B. A. degree. He was also commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army. He was awarded the Distinguished Military Graduate Award (the only one given in the senior class.) He also has a Reserve Officer's Association Certificate. He is now taking some work at Fort Benning and in November will go for a tour of duty in Germany. He expects that Mrs. Blevins will accompany him.

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In Memory Of Loved Ones

Sidney Eugene Lyall, the son of Mr. Tom Lyall passed away on April 30th having been born on Dec. 21, 1907. Sidney worked for the highway department for 23 years. The funeral was conducted by Dr. R. H. Stone at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church on May 2 at 11 a. m. Of the immediate family who mourn his passing are his father, his wife, one daughter, one sister and two brothers. Mr. Lyall was a veteran and a military service was held at the grave. We pray God's comfort for his loved ones. Sidney was a faithful attendant at the Big Ridge Presbyterian Church when the church was active.

Sara Jane Bare, (Mrs. Everett Bare) was born March 24, 1912 and passed away on March 25, 1971. Funeral services were held in the Glendale Springs Missionary Baptist Church on March 28th at 1 p. m. The clergymen officiating were Rev. Paul Phipps and John W. Luke. The final resting place was in the Ebenezer Cemetery.

"For mothers really never die, they just keep house in the sky, And in that Heavenly Home above, They want to welcome those they love."

Clyde Ledford Collins was born May 9, 1917 and passed away on April 14, 1971. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Collins of Ashe County. Funeral services were held April 16th at the Wagoner Baptist Church by Rev. Douglas Halsey and J. W. Luke. The resting place was in the Ebenezer Cemetery. May God bless those that mourn his passing.

Marcus Winchester Coker, of Sparta, N. C., passed away at the age of 88 years. He leaves his widow, Carolina Stacy Coker, two sons and one daughter. A brother and sister also remain to mourn his passing. "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

Zola Woody Cox (Mrs. Webb Cox), was the daughter of Alexander and Cora Woody, born in Ashe County March 30, 1892 and passed away May 22, 1971, making her age 79 years. Mrs. Cox leaves to mourn her passing, one daughter, six sons, three sisters and one brother. Funeral services were held in the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church by Rev. Fred Dancy, and J. W. Luke. Interment was in the Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Cox was a faithful member of the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church and known far and wide as one of the best Christian mothers in the neighborhood. In her last days she was bed-fast, and when her Heavenly Father called, her spirit was released to her wonderful home in Heaven. Her life is an example before us all, may we follow our Christ as patiently as she did. May her faith in Jesus, be exemplified by her children. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Memorial gifts for the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church were requested in the place of flowers.

Mrs. Garvey Barnes — As our writ-



MARK MILLER OF GLENDALE SPRINGS takes Rev. Hank Schum for a ride on his new motorcycle.

ing goes to press we just heard of a dear neighbor, Cordie Barnes passing from this life. Our sympathy and prayers go out to Mr. Barnes and the family.

Ron Osborne — Just received notice

that Ron Osborne of the Laurel Fork community passed away last night. The funeral will be conducted in the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church on Friday, June 4. Praying God's comforting blessings to the family, we offer our sympathy.

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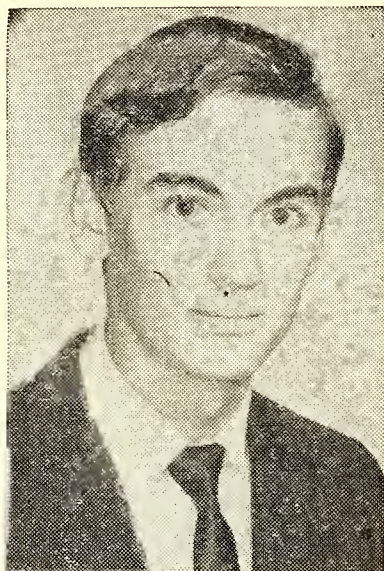
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DOUG TILLEY assisted in Glendale Field.

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The Glendale Springs Field of churches will have a young man to assist in the field this coming summer. Doug Tilley a rising senior at Columbia Bible College will come to Glendale Springs, June 17 to begin his work for the rest of the summer. Doug is from Hazelwood, N. C. near Waynesville and Maggie Valley, N. C. He is a member of the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church and aspires to be a minister. His work will be with the youth groups in the field; preaching, and teaching in the Daily Vacation Bible Schools and occasionally in Sunday Schools.

The Glendale Springs Field welcomes Doug, and the young people in the field are looking forward to his coming.

STORK ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. David Lilley are the proud parents of little James David Lilley, Jr., born in the Ashe Memorial Hospital on March 29, 1971.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Miller are the proud parents of little Terry Franklin Miller born in the Ashe Memorial Hospital on April 14, 1971.

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Mt. Jefferson Is Busy Church

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On April 2 & 3 the Mt. Jefferson Church was represented at the meeting of the Presbyterial, at Thomasville, by Misses Jean and Marguerite Smith. Sunday following, April 4, we observed the Lord's Supper, and took it to shut-ins in the afternoon. The evening of that day, the Ashe County Music Club gave the Easter music from Handel's "Messiah". Then on Friday, April 9, the church had its regular Good Friday noonday service, with the meditation this year being upon the 6th word from the cross: "It is finished".

On Easter Sunday, April 11, there was a fine turn-out for the Sunrise Service at 6:30, with all the early worshippers being fed a breakfast of ham and eggs after the service — an annual activity of the men. Easter, as always, concentrates our thought upon our Lord, and the message at the regular service was upon "The Risen Christ — His Competency".

Easter week brought the breath of the IRS down our necks, but before the week was out, there was the happy wedding of our Miss Elizabeth Barr and Mr. Sam Johnson of Petersburg, Va. And graciously present at the wedding was her employer — not long out of the hospital himself — Senator Jordan, for whom she served as secretary. April went out, leaving us all

Miss Paisley Received Degree

A Lansing youth received her degree at the Appalachian State University. She is Miss Jeannette Paisley who graduated Magna Cum Laude. Congratulations and best wishes.

rising an hour earlier.

May was only four days old when the minister of the Mt. Jefferson Church was called upon to see 5 young men of the county off to the service, letting them know that it is with prayer of friends and neighbors that they go.

May saw a number of our people in the hospital: Mrs. Ballard Faw, Mrs. Carl Jackson, Mr. Harold Stringer, and Mrs. Sherry Badger Leek (to whom was born little Richard Christopher Leek).

On Sunday, May 16, the second Fellowship Supper of the year was held in observance of the anniversary of the denomination's "Women-of-the-Church". The Birthday Objective this year was focussed upon foreign missions.

The latter part of May has seen us attending Baccalaureates and Commencements; with Presbytery meeting at Lexington, N. C. thrown in, as of May 25. And now we have the materials and staff ready for our DVBS which begins June 7.

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Lansing Field Is Active This Season

Summer in the Lansing Church Field was filled with activity. The four churches grew in spirit and outreach with the continuation and extension of its programs and the initiation of new ones. The dental clinic at Foster Memorial continued to serve the community on Saturdays through the summer. The lending libraries at Lansing and Foster Memorial were enlarged making more reading material available to children and adults.

A summer Vacation Bible School was held at each church in the field with a total enrollment of over 330 children and teenagers. The week long programs included a picnic and field day for the children and a swimming party for the older teenagers. The older youth class at Lansing spent a day visiting and singing at the Rest Home No 2 where they presented candy and gifts to each guest in the home.

The regular youth program was highlighted in August by an overnight camping trip to Moravian Falls. Chaperones for the outing were the Rev. and Mrs. Bryan Stamper and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Osborne. Activities included swimming, hiking, and ball games with a delicious treat of homemade ice cream from the Osbornes.

Mrs. Juanita Dancy An Elder

The first woman elder in the Glendale Springs Field was elected and installed on Aug. 22 at a congregational meeting at 10 a. m.

Mrs. Juanita Dancy, who was named in a previous congregational meeting as a possible elder, was duly elected, and installed.

Mrs. Dancy has done outstanding work in the church, Bible School, and in the Sunday School, and her spiritual work in the community has been felt among the congregation. May God bless this new elder as she takes the responsible position in the church at Glendale Springs, N. C.

Revival Planned At Bethel Church Sept. 27-October 3

The revival for the Bethel Presbyterian Church has been set for Sept. 27 through October 3rd. Rev. Wayne Good who has preached for us in revivals has planned to be with us. Mr. Good is from Hopewell, Va. and had a very successful meeting with us a few years ago.

We trust every one will pray and prepare for this meeting by advertising the time and inviting friends to be with us.



REV. FLEET KIRKPATRICK to hold revival at Laurel Fork Church September 13-19.

Rev. Kirkpatrick To Hold Revival At Laurel Fork

The revival services for Laurel Fork Church have been set for Sept. 13th through 19th. At this time we hope to have services each night through this period. We hope to have some special singing by a musical family.

We trust the community of Laurel Fork will be praying for this meeting and will advertise the meeting in the vicinity.

Rev. Fleet Kirkpatrick, the evangelist is a pastor in Charlotte, N. C. A few years ago, he held a very successful revival for us at the Bethel Church in Wilkes County.

LEARNING CATECHISM

A group of juniors at Glendale Springs are studying catechism — the "Child's Catechism". They hope to complete this little book soon. Janet Farrington is the first one to complete the book. As a reward, \$1.00 and a leather back New Testament is given to all who will learn it and recite it.

Work Is Going On Mt. Jefferson Church

By Rev. T. I. Smith

Mt. Jefferson Presbyterian Church began the summer month of June with the regular annual Daily Vacation Bible School; and for the two weeks of June 7 to 18, had a school that was gratifying. The theme for this year was the timely one of: "Jesus Speaks to Our World". On June 8 and 9 the minister was away at the North Carolina Synod, at Laurinburg, but the school went forward with the efficient staff that had been brought together.

The second Sunday of June, at four in the afternoon, there was the beautiful wedding of our Kathy Rebecca Ham and Mr. Thomas M. Howell. And the following Sunday evening, the minister was invited by the First Baptist Church of West Jefferson to present the subject of "Presbyterianism". This was in line with a study of how the various denominations arose, and the evening was a very pleasant occasion.

The final week of June, the church-sponsored troop of Scouts were at the Scout Camp at Rayen Knob — an experience of much benefit to the boys. A live "rattler" being caught during the week, everyone learned — by actual hearing of the signal — to identify this source of danger. Also, in a "Critter Race", where many creepers and crawlers were entered (some of which were speedy), it was a tortoise that crossed the circle-line first — thus corroborating Aesop.

July's first Sunday was Communion Sunday, and in the afternoon the sacrament was taken to shut-ins. Our Miss Mangum was for a time in the hospital in July, but all of us are thankful that she is well again. Also in the hospital for a few days in July, was Jackie Blevins. He, too, is out now.

On Friday, July 16, our Lannie Jones and Miss Kathie Phipps were wed at a beautiful evening service at the hour of 7:30. In July the minister and his boys left on vacation. And during the period, there was a visiting of Niagara Falls, Fort Niagara, McConnell's Mill, the field of Gettysburg, and Indian Bay in Delaware — all mixed with the refreshing visiting of old friends.

August found us — as well as people all over the nation — watching men walking about on the moon (re-

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IF GOD CAN BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE SINNER AND HIMSELF THROUGH JESUS CHRIST ON THE CROSS, THEN THERE IS SOMETHING BASICLY WRONG, IF PEOPLE WHO ARE DIVIDED CANNOT COME TOGETHER IN JESUS CHRIST. IF GOD CAN RECONCILE SINNERS TO HIMSELF, THEN THOSE WHO CALL THEMSELVES CHRISTIANS CAN BE RECONCILED AMONG THEMSELVES THROUGH JESUS CHRIST. WE NEED TO SEARCH OUR HEARTS.

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Editorial**"FAITH IN GOD BRINGS MEANING TO LIFE"**

A young person talked to me recently, and he had a great yearning to find himself — that is just where he fitted into life. Some young people these days are trying to find themselves and the meaning of life by breaking away from all standards of life, hence we have what we call the hippy way of finding a meaning to life. The idea seems to be, to throw away all standards of living to be free — have free love, free sex, free to find new inspiration from the exhilaration of drugs (upon which many get hooked). They have an idea that we can throw off all responsibilities and live a life free from work; hence a person that lives by this philosophy is a wanderer physically and spiritually. I say this sympathetically, not in a critical spirit. In this article I would like to point out how a person may find themselves and a meaning to the life in which we find ourselves.

FIRST — I would like to point out that we cannot find ourselves without finding God. We cannot find a meaning to life without knowing God. If you yearn to know yourself, you must know God.

The Psalmist has said in Ps. 42:1-2 "As the hart (deer) panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God! My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God."

And old saint of old said words something like these, "Our souls are restless until we rest in Thee."

As an illustration. What would happen to the earth if it would deny the sun, the great sun that holds the earth in orbit in space? The earth would be a wandering star, crashing into other heavenly bodies because the sun was not holding it into its regular precision circle in the firmament. Suppose the earth would rebel against its sun and would not receive its light and warmth or would circle too close to the sun and be burned to a cinder. We can see the earth would soon be destroyed and would be of no use for the life for which it was created. The earth finds itself as it is related to

the sun and as it depends upon its superior, the great sun.

Using this illustration, we can see how the soul of man becomes a wandering star, so to speak, if he does not live in relation to God. He becomes a wandering soul if he knows not God or does not live with and in God's influence.

SECOND — How can we find God who is real yet invisible?

The Bible points out to us that all the creation proves to us that there is a great invisible creator, for it says: "The heavens declare the glory of God, And the firmament showeth his handiwork."

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge." Ps. 19:1-2

The Bible also tells us of God as He is revealed to us by the Son of God who came into the world to live among us:

"No man hath seen God at any time; The only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him. John 1:18

THIRD — The way to get in the orbit of God's love is by faith.

(1) Peace with God comes by faith and trust. A most wonderful verse to me in God's word is this: — Heb. 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

We are like a rebellious star that refuses to orbit around its sun, so our souls have been rebellious toward God — refusing to have anything to do with Him, and living a life of our own choosing, a life of sin, breaking the commandments of God. Therefore we are not at peace with God, for our sins, which are many, are between us and God.

We are told in Romans 5:12 that by faith and trust in our great merciful God we can overcome our guilt, and we can be forgiven through the sacrifice of his Son for those who will come with faith, believing.

"Therefore being justified by faith, We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ;

By whom also we have access by faith—"

The persons who came to me and wanted to find themselves, confessed they had sinned. I immediately said, "Your sins can be forgiven and you can find peace with God again. The first step to take then in finding yourself is to enter into a relationship with the God of peace by accepting the forgiveness of God through trusting Him to blot out your guilt through Jesus Christ who died on the cross."

(2) The second step to remember is that you now have a meaning for your life as you have the promise of becoming one of the family of redeemed children of God. Paul states this in Gal. 3:26:

"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."

John also writes practically the same truth in John 1:12 —

"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."

So now we have fellowship with Christians and have a place in God's family by faith. What meaning has life for us now? We belong to God's family

Editorial

LET'S FIGHT THE DIRTY SKUNKS WHO FEED OUR CHILDREN OBSCENITY

Many of us have heard of Carrie Nation, who fought liquor and whiskey. She took a hatchet with her and led a band of women to break up and chop up all the liquor in the saloons. We need some people with the same courage today to destroy the obscene literature being sold from our book stores. O yes we have book stores that ease their conscience by selling a few Bibles and Bible story books for children, but that does not forgive their guilt for selling obscenity. James said in his letter in the New Testament, Can dirty water and clean water come out of the same spring? Yet many a book seller and news stand tries to do this very thing. He will have the most dirty and vulgar books to sell right along with the Word of God.

Recently in cooperation with the organization that is fighting obscenity, I sent a letter to the Attorney General of the State and the following letter is his answer. We hope many will write your congressmen, your senators and legislators of the state, requesting a blocking of obscene literature flooding our nation.

Mr. John W. Luke
Glendale Springs,
North Carolina 28629
Dear Mr. Luke:

Thank you for your recent card expressing your concern with regard to the dissemination of obscenity in North Carolina.

This office has recently drafted and advocated a strict new obscenity law which has now been passed by the legislature and went into effect on July 1. We believe this new law conforms to all requirements previously set forth by the Supreme Court of the United States and is constitutional.

Thanking you again for your concern with this critical problem, I am

Very truly yours,
ROBERT MORGAN
Attorney General

and will some day live in the home prepared on our Father's estate in Heaven.

(3) The third step in finding a meaning to life is that we are on a journey. We are on a journey of faith which leads to our Father's Home. Bunyon in his famous book on the Christian's journey through life is called "Pilgrim's Progress." God is directing this trip through life. The terminal of this journey is the entrance of the Christian into his Father's Home. The soul that has God as his father, has a home in Heaven, the soul that has a home in Heaven, has a pilgrimage through life ending in a happy reunion in his Father's house. By faith in God life has a meaning and a soul can find himself.

"When I enter into God,
All life has a meaning.
Without asking I know:
My desires are even now fulfilled,
My fever is gone
In the great quiet of God.
My troubles are but pebbles on the road,
My joys are like the everlasting hills."
(From poem by Rauschenbusch)

Editorial
WILL YOU HONESTLY ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS?

- (1) If you travel by plane do you want the pilot to have liquor under his belt?
 - (2) If you travel by car, do you want the driver to have taken liquor before he starts the trip?
 - (3) When you meet a car on the road, do you want the other driver to have drunk his liquor?
 - (4) When you get your dentist to repair your teeth, do you pick out a man with liquor on his breath?
 - (5) When you are to be operated on, do you select a doctor who has been drinking intoxicating liquors?
 - (6) When you select a banker do you select one whose head is a little dizzv because of whiskey?
 - (7) If you have a lawyer to represent you in court do you choose one who imbibes frequently?
 - (8) If you choose a husband or wife do you select one who drinks?
 - (9) If you have children in school would you like a teacher who drinks?
 - (10) If you hire an architect to build your house do you select one who has the reputation for strong drink?
 - (11) If you vote for a congress-man, do you choose one whose nose is red and who is known as a drinker?
 - (12) If you vote for a sheriff, would you want one who drinks and frequently cannot keep order because he drinks himself?
 - (13) If a drunk man causes trouble, would you want a patrolman who has liquor on his breath to arrest him?
 - (14) Can you get people to respect lawmen who drink liquor?
 - (15) When your children grow up, do you want them to have the liquor habit?
 - (16) Would you respect your preacher and go to church, if you frequently smelled liquor on his breath?
- If your answer is yes to these questions, vote for whiskey and you will get what you want.

MOUNT JEFFERSON WORK CONTINUES

(Continued from page 1), minding of Psalm 8:6); watching also their safe return. The vacation season was a renewing one, and during the period the pulpit was ably filled by Mr. John Leland, Dr. James Rhodes, Rev. Joseph Carter, and Rev. W. A. Kerr. So now, it is once more — back to school again, — but in the glowing season of fresh corn and tomatoes from the garden.

Doug Tilley Back In College

Doug Tilley who worked faithfully as the assistant for the summer returned home on August the 10. Doug's home is in Hazelwood, N. C. from whence he will return to Columbia Bible College, in Columbia, S. C. As assistant this summer, Doug taught in the Bible Schools, took charge of the Memorial Building in which he roomed, handled recreation, preached, taught Sunday School, and worked among the youth groups of the churches. He also organized a junior choir, and led with guitar music many



LAUREL FORK VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL class learned important things during their classes which were held from July 19 thru 24.

of the choruses and songs. We shall pray for him a successful senior year not forget Doug's stay with us, and we at Columbia Bible College.

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Many Revivals In The Lansing Field

The White Top Presbyterian Church held its Revival meeting in July with the Rev. Mr. Myron Moore of Kingsport as guest minister. Mr. Eddie Isley, also of Kingsport, visited in the field with the ministers and helped with the Bible School and the nightly singing of gospel favorites. The Greencove Singers were special guests for two nights of the meeting which climaxed with a Gospel Sing Night and an old fashioned dinner on the ground. The following Sunday Miss Tammy Richardson was baptized and welcomed into the church.

The Rev. Mr. Moore was welcomed back for the Revival at Lansing which opened with a Prayer Breakfast and morning worship service conducted by the youth of the church. The week of services featured a fellowship and coffee hour, a youth night service led by Mr. Eddie Isley, special music, a Gospel Sing with guest groups, and a dinner on the ground.

Revivals will be held in September at Gillespe and Foster Memorial. Guest minister will be the Rev. Mr. Lester Shepard.

Improvement At Foster Memorial

The men of the Foster Memorial Presbyterian Church devoted one Saturday in August to work and improvement on the church grounds. The road leading to the church was raised and resurfaced with the help of a heavy equipment crew. A levee was built to prevent Big Horse Creek from overflowing its banks onto the newly built road. The workers were rewarded with a delicious meal prepared and served by the Women of the Church.

Good-Night

Sleep on beloved, sleep, and take thy rest;
Lay down thy head upon the Saviour's breast;
We loved thee well, but Jesus loved thee best,
Good-night! Good-night! Goodnight!

Calm is thy slumber as an infant's sleep,
But thou shalt wake no more to toil and weep,
Thine is a perfect rest, secure and

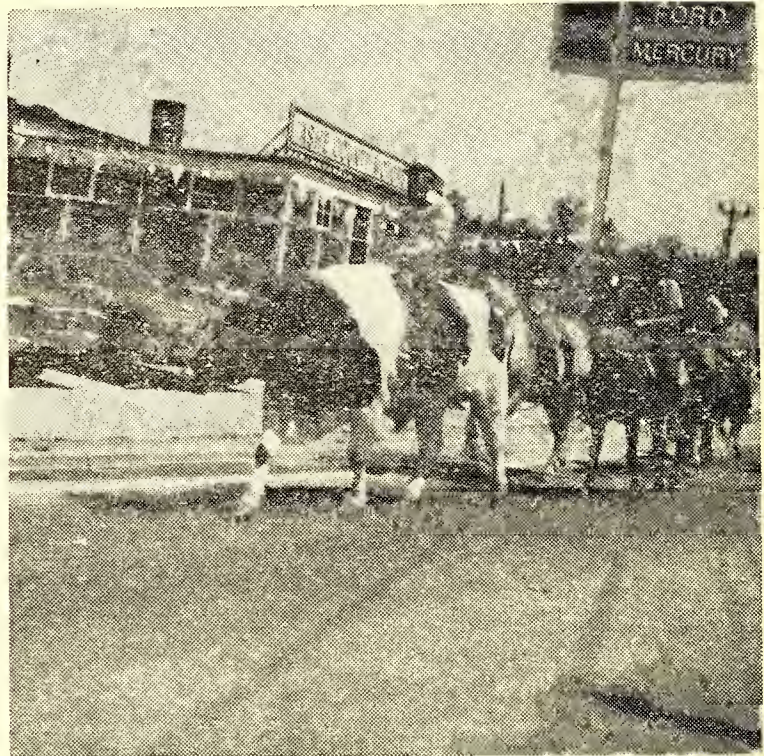
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deep;
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Until the shadows from the earth are cast,
Until He gathers in His sheaves at last,
Until the twilight gloom is overpast;
Good-night! Good-night! Goodnight!

Until the Easter glory lights the skies,
Until the dead in Jesus shall arise,
And He shall come, but not in lowly guise;

Good-night! Good-night! Goodnight!

Only good-night, beloved, not farewell,
A little while and all His sons shall dwell,
In hallowed union indivisible.
Good-night! Good-night! Goodnight!

Until we meet again before His throne,
Clothed in the spotless robes He gives
His own,
Until we know even as we are known,
Good-night! Good-night! Goodnight!

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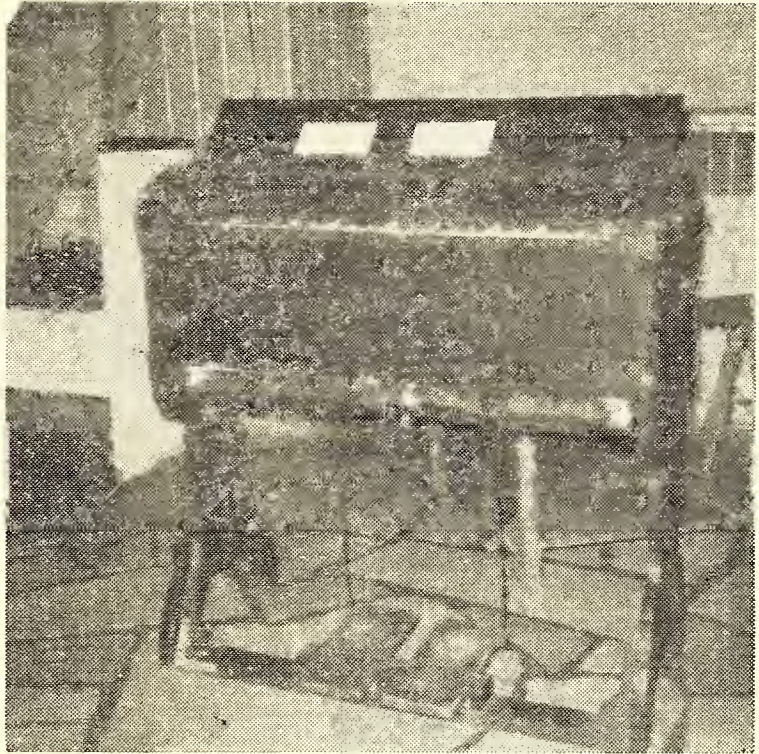
The Ebenezer Presbyterian Church holds a distinct position of significance in the history of our churches in Ashe County as the oldest in point of organization, 1899, seventy two years ago. Though its membership remains small this does not give the total picture of its past. Many have been influenced by its work who have found it necessary to move out of the community to find jobs. The Church has touched many of these lives for good, and they have been a blessing in other communities where they have gone. So though Ebenezer remains small after so many years is no sign that it has not been a power for good.

Though age creeps up on a church as well as on a person there is a real sense in which a church can always remain young, just as a person can remain young. As Paul put it, "If any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come." So God is often spoken of in the Bible as the God of the new, the new birth, the new heart, the new man, the new covenant, the new Jerusalem, the new heavens and the new earth. Paul again urges, "Put off . . . the old man . . . be renewed in the spirit of your mind; . . . put on the new man." Paul wouldn't say this if there were no hope of it happening. So you, regardless of age can become young again, "renewed in the spirit of your mind".

As this spirit works in a person it keeps him "new" that is, young, regardless of age. As this spirit works in a church it keeps that church young in manner, in outlook, in outreach, regardless of age. A church need not become decrepit with crabbedness, cramped with custom, fixed with formality, sallowed with satisfaction, tamed with tradition, torn with tension. This is a mark of age, "the old man", no matter how young a church may be in years. But the open spirit, the loving mind, the learning heart, the willing hand, the sturdy foot — this is a mark of youth, "the new man", no matter how long Ebenezer has been. Yes, we believe our Church has some of that, not all we would like of course, but a beginning to grow on.

Simon Peter even dreams of this happening to the whole earth, "We wait for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells", a transformed earth, an earth become young again. The "new heavens" is the Bible's vivid, symbolic way of saying that when the earth becomes young even cosmic nature rejoices. The earth becomes new only when enough people become new, become young again, young old men, young young children, young old churches, a young new earth.

David adorned this dream for the individual in one of his Psalms, with "So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's", a symbol of strength and energy, throbbing life, regardless of age. So your youth can be renewed "like the eagle's". Your youth can come



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back — in the mind, in the spirit, in the church.

Paul precisely expresses it in his great love letter (in lucky thirteen) to the Corinthian Church, where he rejoices, "Love never ends". It never ends, never grows old, because it keeps life young, in the deepest meaning of youth, wherever life may be found. It is the secret of abiding youth. It can never grow old for it is a part of the eternal. This spirit of unconquerable goodwill, of concern for people, all

manner of people, the open soul, the Master's mind, — will keep Ebenezer young, regardless of its age.

David in another of his Psalms (110:3) strikingly sums all this up, as God speaks through him, "Your people will offer themselves freely". So when a church offers itself freely to God's call, the call to live love — what happens? David tells us what, in this same verse, "From the womb of the morning your youth will come to you".

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TOM WALKER

Tom Walker, the son of L. H. Walker and Kathryn Snyder Walker, of Wilkes County, passed away Feb. 15, 1971 at the age of 56 years. Surviving are his wife Annie Dancy Walker of Wilbar, N. C. and a son, William Thomas Walker of Chapel Hill, N. C. Three sisters and one brother also remain at his passing. We believe he has gone to his Lord as he professed his faith in God. May God bless and comfort his family and his many friends.

GARNET SHEETS

Garnet Sheets, age 53, of the Ebenezer Community passed away on Tuesday, June 15th at his home. Funeral services were held at the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church on Friday, June 18. Interment was in the Church Cemetery. May God comfort those who mourn his passing.

REV. JOHN D. SMITH

We mourn the passing of one of the most devoted ministers of Winston-Salem Presbytery. Mr. Smith came into the ministry at a late age in his life and was one of the most devoted and unique ministers of our church. He passed away at the age of 94 and interment was in the Pilot Mountain City Cemetery. Mr. Smith was a man who had deep convictions and he knew his Lord. A remarkably devoted minister has passed on to receive his reward from his Heavenly Father.

MRS. MAUDE SHEPHERD

Mrs. Maude Ina Bare Shepherd, the widow of Ambrose G. Shepherd passed away on Aug. 26 in the Wilkesboro General Hospital.

Mrs. Bare was born Oct. 4, 1880 in the Ebenezer Community of Ashe County. Her parents were Jurden Bare and Cornelius Wilcox Bare, of Ashe County.

Surviving Mrs. Bare are four daughters, two sisters and two brothers, and a number of grandchildren.

She united with the Ebenezer Presbyterian in her younger days, and after marriage to Ambrose Shepherd of Wilkes County united with the Primitive Baptist Church of Reddies River.

Mrs. Bare was a fine consistent Christian always loyal to her Savior the Lord Jesus Christ. "A woman that fearest the Lord, she shall be praised."

"Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

James David Wingler, 88, of Glendale Springs, N. C. passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 18 at the Davis Hospital in Statesville, N. C. Mr. Wingler was good neighbor and a member of

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BETHEL DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL has many smiling children who enjoyed the classes held July 5 thru 10.

the Baptist Church. Burial services were held in the Calvary Baptist Church and interment in the church cemetery.

Dorsey Allen Bare, 94, of the Peak Creek community passed away on the 18 of August in the Ashe Memorial Hospital, Jefferson, N. C. Mr. Bare was a well known citizen of Ashe County and a good friend and neighbor. He was buried in the Bare Family Cemetery, and services for the funeral

were in the Peak Creek Brethren Church.

Bobby Dean Liddle passed away at the age of 17 in an automobile accident Friday, Aug. 27. Bobby played basketball at the Memorial Building with us at Glendale Springs all winter. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Everette and Pearl Liddle of the Waggoner community. We sorrow with those in sorrow and pray for the comfort of the Lord Jesus for them.

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Sandra Kay Miller, of Lake Worth, Fla., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Miller of Ashe County, was married to Randolph Elmo Dean, of West Palm Beach, Fla. on Aug. 12, 1971 at the Manse at Glendale Springs, N. C.

Brenda Sue Poe the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hamilton Poe, of West Jefferson, N. C. was united in marriage to Raymond Miller, of Glendale Springs at the Manse on July 4, 1971.

JEFF HART RECOVERING

Jeffery Hart, three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hart, Jr., of the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church was injured in an accident with a riding lawn mower while the church lawn was being mowed. The lawn mower driven by his sister reversed and ran against Jeff and knocked him down cutting his thigh seriously. After being in the hospital for some time Jeff is now out and beginning to walk a little.

I have more than I can wear,
Their feet and hands and heads are bare;

I have more than I can eat,
They die with hunger in the street;
My life knows love of noble souls;
Their hearts are thirsty empty bowls;

I worship Jesus, risen Lord,
But these have never heard His Word.

These things let me remember when
Cries of the needy rise again.

—Anonymous
(Good News Pub.)

WHO IS A MISSIONARY?

(Audrey Shank in The Sword and Trumpet)

A missionary is one whose ear has never become dulled to the throb of Christless feet on the road to eternity.

A missionary is one whose heart is broken by the things that break the heart of God. He is one who believes heaven and hell to be what God says they are. He is one who hears the soundless sob of the multitudes, bewildered and bitter, and who cries in return, "Lord, here am I, send me."

DARE WE ASK GOD FOR PEACE?

When Christians are not at peace in their own church?

When Christians are not at peace in the church at large?

When there are divisions in our Christian Churches?

When we have not repented of our sins?

When there are feuds between Christians?

When we have not forgiven others?

JESUS SAID: "Therefore if thou bring

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GOOD FOOD AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP were enjoyed at the Ebenezer Homecoming and cemetery decoration on August 8.

thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee:

Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way: first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift". Mt. 5:23-24

"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 Chron. 7:14

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Fred Carter Is Installed As Elder

On Sunday, August 7, Fred D. Carter was installed as an Elder in the Lansing Presbyterian Church. Mr. Carter has been a faithful member of the church since 1957. He grew up in the Nella Community and was a member of the Foster Memorial Church where his father, Arthur Carter, has served as Deacon. He was married to Nell Davis in 1957 and they have one son, Tim, age seven. Mrs. Carter has also been active in the Sunday School and Bible School programs of the church. The Carter family has recently moved into their new home near Lansing after having lived in West Jefferson for several years. Mr. Carter is employed by Sprague Electric.

The Bible

Houston, Texas — The Bible was taken to the moon for the first time in history because of efforts of southern Presbyterians.

Astronaut Edgar D. Mitchell, a member of Presbyterian Church in the U. S., carried the Bible to the lunar surface during Apollo 14 mission as a personal gesture for fellow-Presbyterian U. S. John M. Stout.

Stout is director of Aerospace Ministries at Houston's Manner Space Craft Center and a chaplain at Pasadena, Texas.

The director said in a communication to Dr. James A. Millard Jr., General Assembly's stated clerk, that the idea of taking the Bible to the moon originated with another southern Presbyterian, and that the entire Apollo 14 Lunar Bible Committee were Presbyterian U. S. members.

The Rev. Byron T. Price, pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church at Pasadena, is director of National Affairs for the Apollo Prayer League which made the Bible.

IMPROVEMENTS AT GLENDALE

The wooden steps that led to the play ground of the church at Glendale Springs had become unsafe, so nice cement steps have been built. While we were building these steps it was thought wise to repair the front walk to the church which was crumbling.

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Laurel Fork Has Revival In Sept.

Revival services were held at the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church, one of the churches in the Glendale Field. Services were held each night with a very interested crowd. The attendance was unusually good.

Rev. Fleet Kirkpatrick of Charlotte, N. C. was the guest evangelist. Mr. Kirkpatrick is a dedicated minister and a very gracious and fluent speaker. Every one was strengthened and helped by his services with us.

There were many who rededicated their lives and four young men were welcomed into the church by profession of faith. We pray God will bless Steve Kyle Hart, Richard Kenneth Hart, Samuel Avery Miller, Jr. and Eddie Hart as they become active Christians as members of the church.

Glendale Christmas Programs Planned

The Christmas programs for the three churches in the Glendale Springs Field are as follows:

Glendale Springs Church, Sun., Dec. 19 at 7 p. m.

Bethel Church, Mon., Dec. 20 at 7 p. m.

Laurel Fork Church, Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 7 p. m.

The Christmas program is planned as follows: At each church the young people and juniors will be giving a worship service entitled: "The Birth of Christ In Scripture And Hymn."

The Joy Gift Offering for aged ministers and their widows will be received.

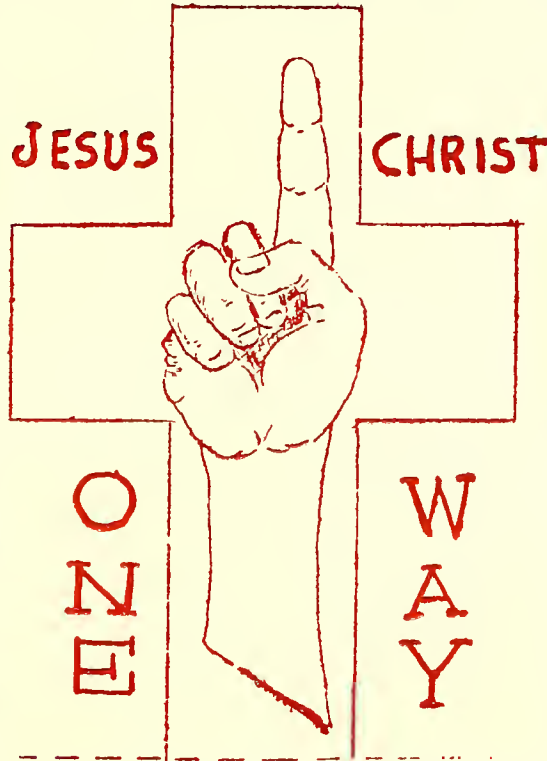
The service will be concluded by a motion picture, "Holy Night". Gifts will be given around the Christmas Tree in conclusion.

Bethel Revival Is Completed

The Revival at Bethel Church in the Glendale Springs Field was held Sept. 27th through Oct. 3rd. Rev. Wayne Good of Hopewell, Va. was the evangelist. Wayne was not a stranger to the Bethel Congregation as he had held a previous revival there a few years ago.

During the meeting we were blessed by the singing group from Union Grove, N. C. led by Thomas Cass, the husband of Jessie Wyatt one of the young people of Vannoy Community.

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THE NEW SIGN of youth dedicated to Jesus. We wish each one blessings in Christ this Christmas.

Mount Jefferson Members, Active

The fall months — Sept., Oct., and Nov. — seem to have passed with exceptional swiftness this year. We remember having a cup of coffee with Mr. Ivan Miller (— it seems but yesterday) the day, Sept. 2, that he and Edna left for a trip to the classic lands of Greece and Rome. But that was three months ago.

Sunday, Sept. 5, the last cheery words of our friend, Mr. Elton Amos, as he left at the close of the service, were: "See you in February". But the Lord had a place for him above and he was gone from our midst the next day. Truly, as the hymn on Ps 90 puts it, time is like "an ever rolling stream".

On Saturday, Sept. 11, Mr. Marvin Lucas and Miss Deborah South were wed in an afternoon service at the church. And on Sunday evening of Sept. 19, the church had its fall Fellowship Supper, an occasion on which Mr. and Mrs. John Leland were especially honored for their splendid work among us. Mr. Leland's Company has called him to work in Iowa

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Lansing Church Without Pastor

The churches in the Lansing Field are again without a pastor. Dr. R. L. Stamper resigned from the field in August, a position he had held for two years. He had been ably assisted by his son, Rev. Bryan C. Stamper, who had worked in the churches for the past three summers. Bryan left in September to attend the University of Edinburgh to work on his doctorate in theology. His wife, Dorothy, and son, Bryan, Jr., accompanied him. Dr. Stamper continues to preach occasionally when he is in the area. The churches are also blessed to have their first pastor, Dr. R. H. Stone, to help fill the pulpits. His continued interest in the field is greatly appreciated.

The Lansing Church added three new members to their church in September: Mrs. Linda Childress Brooks, Debbie Poe, and Mrs. Fannie Warren. Mrs. Warren was a charter member of the Lansing Church but had lived in Washington, D. C. for a number of years. She now resides in the Nathan's Creek community.

Miss Judy Powers has been in charge of the Young People's Group since the departure of Bryan and Dorothy Stamper. They meet on Sunday night.

In September, a revival was held in the Foster Memorial Church with Rev. Lester Shepard holding the services. There was a covered dish supper held the last night. The Gillespie Church also held revival services in September with Dr. R. H. Stone and Bryan Stamper bringing the messages. They also had a covered dish supper at the closing revival service.

A pulpit committee has been appointed to try to find a minister for this field. A number of contacts have been made, but as yet there have been no affirmative responses.

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Who Paid For Christmas?

(CHRISTMAS EDITORIAL)

It is Christmas Morn, the bells ring out merrily, the people greet each other with a "Merry Christmas," Beautiful Christmas Cards are upon the tables, children are delighted with wonderful gifts around lighted Christmas trees, and the families dine together with delicious foods of the season, while some go to the churches and worship God, and sing "Joy to the World! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King."

And so we enjoy the Christmas Spirit that is felt by all and enjoyed by many, but WHO PAID FOR CHRISTMAS?

In answering this question, I will try to praise those who paid the price of dedication and devotion that made Christ's birth in the world possible.

THE FIRST HUMAN BEING WHO PAID HER PART FOR OUR CHRISTMAS, WAS THE VIRGIN MARY.

This peasant girl, yet unknown to the world, must have been a virgin of the hills with a flaming devotion to God. No one but a beautiful Godly character could have spoken the words of what is called the "Magnificent," which is one of the most worshipful, and prophetic songs of the Word of God. The first two verses are quoted as follows: Luke 1:46-47 "And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour."

When the angel Gabriel appeared before her, she was greatly frightened. When the messenger from God announced that she would bear a child by a miracle of the Holy Spirit, she was alarmed, for she said I am not married. - When the angel explained what would happen to her, Mary dedicated herself to do what God would have her do as the scripture said in Luke 1:38: "And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word."

In dedicating herself to be a mother, she perhaps thought of Joseph to whom she was betrothed. Would he

understand? Would she have to bear the stigma of an unwed mother? What was in store for her she did not know, but she gave herself to God's will.

When it was evident to Joseph that Mary would have a child before their marriage, doubts came in his mind and the wedding was just about to be broken up, and Joseph sought to put Mary away privately. God intervened and saved the marriage by a dream he gave to Joseph, explaining the birth of a great child which was a miracle of the Holy Spirit.

Not long after the marriage, Caesar Augustus, under whom the Jews were living as vassals, commanded the taxation of everyone. Each family must go back to their town of their ancestry that they may be listed. Joseph must take his young wife, Mary, upon a long tedious trip to the town of David, Bethlehem. What a terrible trip this must have been, to ride upon a beast of burden, undoubtedly a donkey for a sixty miles or more, and an expectant mother. Where would they find lodging, they did not know. The town would be full of people where could they stay? There was on fine hospital to greet them, if there had been, they would not be allowed to enter, they were peasants and of the poorest. When they arrived they at last found a cattle shed on the side of a hill near the town of Bethlehem. There without help the Christ Child was born. It must have been a dangerous place for a baby to be born. There was no sanitation there. The germs of a cattle barn were a threat to the mother, and the baby. And yet these poor people of 1971 years ago, paid the price for our Christmas today by their devotion, their daring the danger, and suffering humility.

"The dead sleep sheltered in the tomb,
The rich drink in the hall;
The Virgin and the Holy Child
Lie shivering in a stall"

(by Robt. Hillyer)

Who else shared in the price paid for your Christmas? I would say there is one unsung hero, perhaps whose part has never been recognized enough.

THE SECOND HUMAN BEING WHO HELPED PAY THE PRICE FOR OUR CHRISTMAS, I WOULD SAY WAS JOSEPH.

Joseph at the command of God in a dream became the protecting, father of the Babe Jesus, and the devoted husband of the Virgin Mary. Joseph must have been a man of courage, a Godly and moral man. A hard working man — a carpenter. He showed his character at first by refusing to marry Mary when she was to have a child. It was the custom to punish and disgrace women who were not faithful to their promised husbands. Although Joseph sought to put Mary away, that is to break his engagement because of the child to be born, yet he was a merciful man and rather to disgrace Mary, he sought to put her away privately and secretly. This was an agonizing time for Joseph. Mary whom he loved and trusted, he thought had been untrue. God brought them together again by a dream in which he told Joseph to take Mary his promised wife, as the child was of the Holy Spirit. Joseph must have been a very devout man also, for God picked him out to be the protector of the Son of God, and God could speak to him in a dream.

After the Christ Child was born and

Joseph had gone through all the hardships of the journey with his expectant wife and the birth in the manger, it was time to dedicate the child to God. This was done in the case of a boy baby after 60 days. The little family traveled to Jerusalem and made the sacrifice for Mary's son, and dedicated him to God. After they had returned to Bethlehem, they discovered a terrible thing. The child's life was in danger from the jealous Herod, the governor of Judea. God again gave Joseph a message by a dream, and they must escape immediately. Joseph, the protector, stole away in the darkness of night, and made a long journey with his little family into a strange land of Egypt. There he supported them until Herod had died, and then a long trip was taken back to Nazareth, his original home. Here they lived, Joseph supporting his family in the carpentry trade, raising other children, and doing his duty as a Godly man by taking his family once a year to the Passover Feast at Jerusalem, 60 miles away. We do not know when Joseph died, yet he was one of the unsung heroes, who helped pay for our blessings of Christmas today.

Are there others who helped pay for our Christmas? Yes, there are others, yet I would mention the one who paid the greatest price. Who is He? Yes, you know already:

JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD THE SON OF MARY, PAID THE GREATEST PRICE FOR OUR CHRISTMAS TODAY.

Yes, but you say, he is not human. Yes but he was human. He was God who allowed himself to be poured in the form of a human being. He was a human baby. He lived a human life and that of a poor peasant. He was tempted as we, He hungered as we, He thirsted as we, He tired as we, He slept as we, He died as we.

The scripture has said in Ga. 4:4: "But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law."

Again the scripture speaks through Paul: Phil. 2:8: "And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

It is impossible to fathom the distances of the stars and the galaxies of space. It is also impossible to fathom the depth of the love of Jesus the Christ, the Son of God.

It is impossible to imagine the great price that He paid for our forgiveness, our freedom from sins, our hope, our happiness, and eternal joy.

The Son of God, the Creator of the World, the Prince of Heaven, Equal with God, was poured into the form of a helpless baby in a manger. What a condescension, the Highest of All, willing to take the place of the lowest among men, that He might pay the great price for us. He was born in a cattle manger, too poor and too obscure to find lodging in a decent house, He worked hard for his living, He was a servant among men, underwent the sneers and scorn of evil men. He endured the abuse of proud, prejudiced, selfish men. He was born in humility, He lived a life of humility. He died in greater humility, for His last breath was upon a disgraceful cross, between two criminals as Isaiah has said: Is. 53:12: "He was numbered with the

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New Ashe County Hospital Dedicated

The New Ashe Memorial Hospital was dedicated on October 31st to the glory of God as a haven of hope and healing. It is a three-story building with a full basement, modern and splendidly equipped and furnished, with beds for seventy-six patients. The moving date was set for November 30th.

There is a medical staff of eight physicians and surgeons and is under the direction of seventeen members of the Board of Trustees. There is an Administrator and his assistant with twenty others in the administrative department. There are six department heads; ten compose the Dietary Staff; there are four Housekeepers; two others care for the Plant; two others care for the Linen and Laundry; two have charge of the Medical Records; six people will operate the X-Ray and Laboratory; three are allocated to the Operating Room and ten to the Emergency Room; and there are eleven Registered Nurses.

Attached to the Hospital is a large Doctor Office Building with five offices. There is a large, black topped parking lot. The approach to the Hospital atop a sixty five acre tract is well lighted with sixteen street lamps.



NEW ASHE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL was dedicated on October 30.

ALABAMA ED. BOARD ENCOURAGES BIBLE USE

Montgomery, Ala. (UPI) — The State Board of Education has adopted a resolution encouraging teachers to use the Bible as a reference book in Alabama public schools.

The board's action came several days after a federal court declared unconstitutional a state law which had required the reading of the Bible at least once a day in all public schools of the state.

The federal court said the Bible still could be used as a reference or as an educational source.

The board urged the teachers to use the Bible in teaching of ethics, morality and human relations.

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transgressors, and He bore the sins of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

What a prize for the Prince of Heaven to pay for us! And yet, it was the price for your Christmas blessings which we enjoy today and forever.

Why lies He in such mean estate.
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading;
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross he bore for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Shall we not try to be worthy of those who have paid the price of our Everlasting Christmas with which God has blessed us. "For ye are bought with a price: Therefore Glorify God in your body, And in your Spirit, which are God's." I Cor. 6:20.

BETHEL REVIVAL IS COMPLETED

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The meeting was well attended, and Wayne preached some real heart searching sermons.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shepherd who had made profession of their faith pre-

viously, were baptised.

The last day of the meeting was homcoming day, and a delicious dinner was served upon the grounds. Many visitors and old time friends attended. God blessed the meeting and we are much indebted to Wayne Good for bringing use face to face with the truth from God's word.

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MOUNT JEFFERSON MEMBERS, ACTIVE

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Park, Texas (706 West Manes St. 76387). That same evening, the new officers of the Women-of-the-Church were installed, and a colorful presentation of a trip to Alaska in slides was given by the tripper, Miss Marguerite Smith.

The end of September saw also the end of the Winston-Salem Presbytery as such, with its final meeting being held at Sparta (NC). The Mt. Jefferson Church was represented by Mr. Robert McNeill and the minister.

October's first Sunday, usually World Wide Communion day, was — on this occasion — given over to the Young People, whose special speaker, Mr. Sam Knight (leader of Campus Crusade at the University of N. C.) could be secured only on that day. After the fine service to a packed church, some 56 young people had their noon picnic lunch on the lawns of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Ham's residence.

October, the colorful month, had its sadness too; for illness resulted in the hospitalization of Mrs. Lawrence Tyson, Mrs. Ross Jones, Mr. James M. Davis, Mrs. Marydell Bauer, and Mr. Langdon Scott, the last two of whom moved on to the Father's Country.

Sunday, Oct. 17, the minister had breakfast and addressed the men at Smethport at their 7:30 A. M. breakfast meeting (— two weeks later one would have gotten an extra hour's sleep by meeting time, even though the same 7:30 a. m., for the season of "turned back clocks" is now back with us for the winter months).

November came in with some of the raw weather that characterized October, but we of the Mt. Jefferson Church have much to be thankful for, and to look forward to. For back in April, the congregation took on itself the summer project of filling in the unsightly hole next to the church (that had existed there for some 15 years), and has filled-it-in the manner shown in the accompanying illustration. Thanksgiving Day service is set for the auditorium of the new educational unit. We will have more to say about our addition later — a building of great usefulness and beauty.

Glendale Sunday School Rooms Helped

Mrs. Ret Miller is now in the process of redecorating the beginner's Sunday School Class room at Glendale Springs Church. This class room will be done over in memory of her late husband Carl Miller.

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where they will be sold to make boys and girls happy.

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In the last year, I have seen a great stirring among the young people of our country. This stirring is very fundamental, this stirring is for the exhalation of Jesus Christ the Son of God. I would like to say to those ministers who do not exalt Jesus Christ as the Son of God, they will find there is a Great Gap between them and the young people who are growing up. In my observation among a crowd of young people this summer, the enthusiasm and zeal for exalting Jesus Christ was very high. It is my opinion the youth of our church will start a great evangelistic fervor that will sweep the church, whether they are splitting off of the church or not. May God grant this great exhalation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, so the Holy Spirit may pour out his power upon us. The drawing of the uplifted finger is the sign that many

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Miss Caudill, Mr. Blackburn Marry

Jo Ann Caudill, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Caudill of Glendale Springs, was united in marriage to Keith Blackburn, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Blackburn of Jefferson, at the First Baptist Church of West Jefferson on Oct. 10th at 3 p. m.

The nuptials were spoken by the brides pastor, Rev. J. W. Luke, with the assistance of Rev. Rexford Campbell the grooms pastor.

A large crowd attended the wedding in the tastefully decorated Baptist Church of West Jefferson. After the

youth are using to signify their allegiance to the Lord Jesus. It means "Jesus Christ is the one way to God." If you are not in the swing toward the Lord Jesus Christ, you will find a wider gap between you and the youth of our land who are all out for Christ. If the seminaries and colleges that are teaching any other doctrine than to exalt Jesus Christ the Son of God, they are going to lose many of our enthusiastic young students and would be preachers for Christ. There is a New Gap forming. The churches, the colleges, and the seminaries need to get on the ball, if they want to serve a rising generation who are all out for the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God

Gift Wrapped In Swaddling Clothes

Gift wrapped in swaddling clothes
Upon the cattle's hay,
Outside the inn where people feed,
The Bread from heaven lay.

The thorn-crowned Man in royal robes
The populace refuse;
Acclaim instead a murderer,
And Rome's rule o'er the Jews

Enshrouded dead in Joseph's tomb,
He lays the wraps aside,
Steps out to Kingship over all,
And claims His church as bride.

Clothed now in majesty
In heaven that Man I see
Who came and loved and died and rose
To give Himself for me.

Donald M. Taylor

wedding, delicious refreshments were served with the cutting of a beautiful wedding cake. The young couple will make their home at Deep Gap Community near Boone.

We pray the blessing of Moses shall be theirs: "The Lord Bless Thee, and Keep Thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

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New Motel At Glendale Springs

A new motel has been constructed at Glendale Springs which is called "THE INN." This is the first motel built at Glendale and it will be of great service to the million and a half tourists who pass by on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The motel is built within sight of the Parkway and just behind the Trading Post which is on the Parkway. The Motel will have 20 rooms for travelers.

A restaurant will be constructed before next Spring adjoining the motel. This restaurant will be a building 68 feet long by 40 wide. Glendale Springs is at the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains and located just off the Parkway and adjoining the state highway 16. "THE INN" which is the name of the motel will be in a very strategic and convenient location to accommodate many tourists.

Glendale Elects Two Deacons

At a congregational meeting at the morning services on Sunday Nov. 14h, two new deacons were elected. This meeting was announced a month ahead of the election, according to proper procedure of the Presbyterian Church. Nomination of Ted Caudill, and Mark Miller were duly made and the vote unanimously elected these men as the new deacons. The installation will take place at a future meeting. May God bless these men in their office in the Glendale Springs Church.

Bloodmobile In Ashe December 21

We are informed that the bloodmobile will be in West Jefferson on Dec. 21st. It will be parked in the Baptist Church parking area. As we understand, Ashe County owes blood to the blood stock of the state, So we should consider our obligation to donate blood at this time.

Gov. Robert Scott On Prayer In Schools

In commenting on the issue of prayer in the public schools, Scott who is a lawyer, expressed his personal desire to see prayer in schools, and added, "There is nothing now that prohibits prayer in the public school. It just cannot be a prescribed prayer. I wonder how many people who are so concerned about prayer in the school, have prayer in the home", he said.

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Another year I enter
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Oh, how my feet would tremble
To tread its paths alone!
But I have heard a whisper;
I know I shall be blest:
"My presence shall go with thee
And I will give the rest."

What will the New Year bring me?
I may not, must not know;
Will it be love and rapture
Or loneliness and woe?
Hush! hush! I hear His whisper;
I surely shall be blest:
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“Gratitude Can Grow”

(THANKSGIVING EDITORIAL)

Gratitude can grow. Ezekiel, in his mind saw the symbol of a river, beginning in the temple of God, flowing by the altar, going out to the countryside, bringing life and blessings wherever it goes. It leaves the temple just a trickle of water but gets deeper as it goes on. He walks in this living stream. At about 1500 feet it was ankle-deep. Going another 1500 feet it was knee-deep. Another 1500, waist-deep. Another 1500 it was too deep to walk in but he could swim in it. He is saying that God's life-giving water increases as we go on with it. As we get deeper into the wonder of this water the more does gratitude be a part of our daily walk.

Thanksgiving Day goes by. Thanksgiving joy goes on. “Everything will live where the river goes,” he says. It's a vision, a God-given picture in his mind. He walks along the bank of this sacred river. He see all kinds of trees on the banks on both sides. He sees fruit trees of every kind. The leaves on these trees have healing power in them, to cure people of their sickness. And the leaves are green the year around. They never wither, turn brown and fall off. They don't die when the chilling winds strike, or biting frost comes. The trees keep on bearing delicious fruit through the cold winters or storms of life. He strikes our wonder with “They will bear fresh fruit every month.” The trees keep on bearing all through the snow, when rattling with ice as well as when reeling with robins. The fruit so abundant with bearing, so living with gladness, so freely offered, so warmly given—all through the year, joy goes on.

However, we have to stop a second to try to point out that this bushel of free fruit is not just a happy hand-out. A person has to want to go to this river, rather than to some other river, and there are plenty of others. He has to want to bother to pick the fruit, and also take time to eat it. He has to choose the right river and learn to feed on its fruits in order to find continual cause for thanksgiving. For these fruits only grow along the banks of the never-ending, life-creating stream of energy that flows direct from the love-abounding, joy-producing reality of God. Ezekiel very plainly tells why trees “will bear fresh fruit every month.” Because, he says, “Because the water for them flows from the sanctuary.” This is no ordinary river. It does not by chance now and then sprout a tree, bear sunsprayed fruit, a television set, a tinker toy, a shallow joy, an auto deluxe, a bigger house, a better job. Rather, it sprays all of these joys with its waters of life.

The river does not stop going after the individual fruit trees, one by one, along its banks have been blessed. The prophet goes on to say that the river will keep on moving until it flows into the stagnant waters of the

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Dead Sea and make them fresh again. These waters are so salty that no fish can live in them. But here is a picture of the pure, fresh waters of the river flowing on out into the Sea so powerfully that the waters are purified, made fresh and teem with fish again. This is a picture of the healing, purifying energy of God flowing out into and restoring the waste places in a nation's history. It is a picture of the sore spots, the dead spots, the decaying problem in a people's society. The stream of living water is intended to produce fruit for individuals who one by one, as persons, eat of it. But not only that, it is intended to be allowed to go on out further to have a cleansing effect on the deadened areas of our society. Individuals who eat of this great fruit surely will not want to dam up the river right there, and stop the free flow. Surely we will want to do everything we can, and encourage in every way, the cleaning out of the channel, removing the barriers, so that the fresh waters from the Temple, can keep moving out until they touch and cleanse all of the dead seas of our nation, the racism, the poverty, the urban blight, the education halt, the drink disease, the cigarette weakener,

Glendale Barbecue Chicken Supper

On Sept. 25 from 5 p. m. through 8 p. m. a line of people were seen entering the doors of the Memorial Building adjoining the Presbyterian Church. That's right it was the summer barbecue supper put on by the women of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church.

Johnse Woody took charge of the barbecue pit and about 300 half chickens were cooked to a fine fingerlicking taste. Other men of the church pitched in and helped. The women cooked the vegetables and delicious pies and cakes for deserts. This was a very successful supper — enjoyed by those who worked together to put it across, and by many who came to eat with us and enjoy the fellowship. The money made in this supper was used by the church for repairs and expenses. We thank every one who cooperated in putting the supper on, and all those who came to eat with us.

the pollution plague. When people begin to fish around these dead seas again there will be some who will remember that it was people who had been eating of the good fruit from this river's banks, that kept the river open so that its fresh waters could touch these dead seas in our national life. In gratitude some will want to eat of this fruit themselves. Then both we and they will know the eternal truth of what this prophet of old said, “Everything will live where the river goes” — a cause for deep and lasting gratitude.

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In Memory Of Loved Ones

JOHN DRAPER BURGESS

John Draper Burgess, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John and Fannie Owens Burgess of Ashe County passed away Nov. 2, 1971. Mr. Burgess was born Aug. 17, 1883 and his years in this life were 88 years. Mr. Burgess was a life time farmer who lived in the Wagoner Community. In his early days he taught school and was a very active and useful citizen in Ashe County. Services were conducted by Rev. R. H. Stone and J. W. Luke in the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. Interment was in the church cemetery adjoining the Ebenezer church. Mr. Burgess was a man who lived a very active useful life and expressed his faith by many useful deeds for his fellow man. May God bless and comfort those of the family is our prayer.

JAMES A. DANCY

James A. Dancy passed away on Sept. 12th; was born June 11th, 1887 making his life in this world 84 years. Surviving Mr. Dancy are two daughters and four sons. He made his home at Glendale Springs with his son Dennis Dancy in the last years of his life.

Funeral services were held at the Badger Funeral Home in West Jefferson, N. C. by Rev. J. W. Luke and visiting minister, Rev. Fleet Kirkpatrick. Mr. Dancy was always a hard working farmer, was known for his honesty and dependability. He was known to say, a man preaches his sermon by the way he lives. We pray God's blessings of comfort to the family.

BESSIE VANNOY OSBORNE

Mrs. Bessie Vannoy Osborne, of McGrady, N. C. the widow of the late Roy Osborne passed away on Oct. 4th at the age of 68 years. Mrs. Osborne was born in Ashe County to Nixon and Laura Thompson Vannoy. Five sisters, one brother, three daughters and five sons survive Mrs. Osborne. Grand children and many friends also mourn her passing.

Funeral services were held at the Church of the Brethren at Peak Creek, by Revs. Kermit Farrington and J. W. Luke. Rev. Fred Dancy also offered prayer. Burial was in the Peak Creek Cemetery.

Mrs. Osborne belonged to the Baptist Church from early youth but the last few months of her life she united with the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church. She has gone to her rest in

her Lord. We pray God's grace for those in sorrow.

OUR SYMPATHY FOR WEBB FAMILY

We were very sorry to hear of the passing of Warren Webb, of Calaway, Va. Mrs. Webb was the former Madge Atwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Atwood of Ebenezer Community, Ashe County. We offer our deepest sympathy to the Atwoods and the Webb family.

OUR SYMPATHY TO THE MILLER FAMILY

We were saddened by the passing of Mrs. Mike Miller. Mike is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Miller of the Laurel Fork Community. Mrs. Miller was a school teacher and she passed away as a result of a wreck at Greenville, S. C. where Mr. and Mrs. Miller lived. Our prayers of strength go out to Mike and his small daughter and the Miller family of Laurel Springs, N. C.

MARY DELL LIDDLE BAUER

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Dell Liddle Bauer, 54, of Baltimore, Maryland, daughter of Mrs. Mae Bare Liddle, was

conducted in Baltimore on November 6th and burial followed in Baltimore. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Charles Bauer, her mother, and a brother, Mr. Robert Liddle, of R. F. D. West Jefferson.

VERDIE WOODIE COX HOPPERS

Mrs. Verdie Woodie Cox Hoppers, 81, former member of the Peak Creek Presbyterian Church, died October 17th. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Lester Hoppers; two sons, Mr. Bruce Cox of Baltimore, Maryland, and Dean Cox, of Kernersville; two sisters, Miss Hester Woodie, of Laurel Springs and Mrs. Annie Perkins, of Jefferson; and a brother, Mr. E. T. Woodie, of Glendale Springs.

LANGDON L. SCOTT

Mr. Langdon L. Scott, 88, April 27, 1883 — October 31, 1971. On August 3, 1927 he was received into the Jefferson Presbyterian Church. He was the first Business Manager of the Ashe Memorial Hospital. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Clyde Wayman Scott, of West Jefferson, and a sister, Mrs. Gertrude Elliott, of Independence, Va. He was buried in the Jefferson Cemetery.

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Three Presbyteries Are Now Merged

At the direction of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church U. S. the merger of many presbyteries are taking place in the church. As directed by the Synod and Assembly, the three following Presbyteries — Winston-Salem, Concord and Kings Mountain have been merged to one Large Presbytery.

The first meeting of the consolidated, new Presbytery was at Little Joe's Church at Barium Springs, N. C. on Jan. 11. Elder Harold McKeithen, of the First Presbyterian of Winston-Salem, N. C. was elected as the first moderator.

A vote on the name of the Presbytery took place, and after three ballots the name of "Covenant Presbytery" was selected as the name.

The new office of the newly organized presbytery will be in Statesville, N. C. located in the North Carolina National Bank Building of that city.

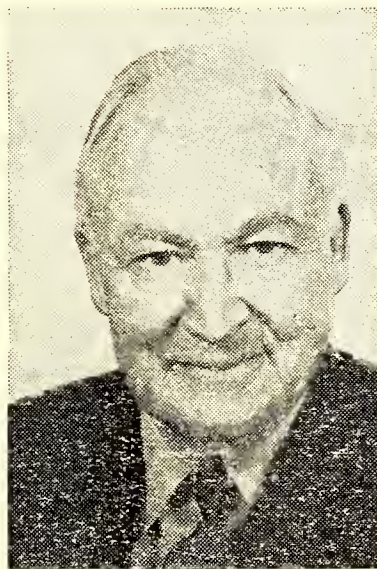
The next meeting of the Covenant Presbytery will be April 18 at Glade Valley School, Glade Valley, N. C.

Since the vote to name the Presbytery, Covenant, we hear that this name is a duplication of another presbytery in the Presbyterian Church U. S. and it is supposed that the name shall be voted upon again.

Glendale Springs Improves Church

An improvement spirit has taken over the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church the latter part of 1971. It all started with the Spirit moving Mrs. Ret Miller to fix up the Beginner's room, painted and decorated beautifully. Others in the church took the example and other families decided to improve the other Sunday School rooms. Every room and hall now has been painted over and improved. Those who took a room are Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Caudill, Mrs. Ret Miller, and Mrs. Pete Dancy.

The greatest improvement for the church also came when the congregation began to talk about putting carpet down. It was decided to put carpet all over the church, and it is now complete. The church is much warmer and quieter, and not to say much more beautiful. Contributions were received from all who would give to this project. The cost of the carpet was high, but the bill is almost paid. Thanks to Mark and Steve Miller for putting down carpet in one room from left over carpet. This room is the little office adjoining the pulpit rostrum.



REV. THOMAS SMITH

Rev. T. I. Smith Wins Citation

Rev. Thomas I. Smith, Post Chaplain, presented a very interesting and informative program on Israeli history to the "Ladies Night" meeting of P. G. Wright Post 171, American Legion recently.

Following his lecture he was presented a national award, signed by the National Commander and National Adjutant of the American Legion

G. C. McNeill, Jr., Post Adjutant, made the presentation, and cited Rev. (Continued on page 3)

Activities Reported At Mt. Jefferson

As the winter months, Dec., Jan., and Feb., draw to a close, we glance back over them with mixed feeling. We lost a most dedicated worker in Grace Jackson at the end of November — her funeral was Nov. 29. Then near loved-ones have been sick and some have passed on, particularly we notice Mrs. Dale Baldwin's father, whose funeral was Dec. 19.

December 19 — Christmas Sunday — the young men of the Ashe Central High School basketball team were guests of the Mt. Jefferson Presbyterian Church, along with their coach, Mr. Arvill Cornette and his wife. Afternoon of Dec. 19 the Ashe County Music Club (with its membership from the churches of the county) presented the fine Cantata, "Love Transcending".

The evening of Christmas Sunday, Dec. 19, the congregation of the Mt. Jefferson Church had a Fellowship Supper, possibly the largest ever. Then, after the supper, the serious part of the "Joy Gift" program was held in the sanctuary with a generous offering received. After which all went over into the splendid large hall of the new educational building, and there — in front of an open fire — had the children's program and treat, with a gaily decked Christmas tree, the en-

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Mission Rally At Statesville

On January 23rd — 2:30 through 5:30 p. m. a splendid and well attended Mission Rally was held by the Covenant Presbytery for the students in high school. The place of meeting was at the D. Matt Thompson School in Statesville, N. C.

The Keynote speaker was Julian Spach, Missionary to Brazil, and now on furlough in recruit service for missionaries.

Before the message African students now in college in the United States sang some of their favorite pieces in their native languages.

Six discussion groups were organized and missionaries from the fields or on furlough took charge of the talks of their fields.

The following young people from Laurel Fork Church attended the Rally — Retha Hart, Linnea Miller, Mona Osborne, Larry Cox, and Mike Blevins. All expressed themselves as having an interesting time.

About 500 young people attended the meeting from all over the newly organized Covenant Presbytery.

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(EDITORIAL)

Our New Presbytery

A nice neighbor, of just a few years ago, gone now, had some words worth weighing. They are words which work when we let them operate in our group undertakings today. In January, our churches in Ashe County, with the other churches in this Presbytery and two other Presbyteries, joined their resources, their understandings, their devotions — all joined forces, joined hands in our new and larger Fellowship, our new Presbytery. We have now thrown in our lot together, to plan together, to labor together, to seek to carry out the Lord's desire for us now as one body, a part of the body of Christ.

But what about that nice neighbor? Does he have any word for our new Presbytery? What neighbor? What word? This: "Do your best to preserve the unity . . . by the peace that binds you together." Bible students tell us that where the neighbor says, "Do your best", it means a lot more than our casual way of telling people to do their best. It means having a blazing zeal for the cause of Christian unity, by first having this "peace" within. This peace comes from the humble surrender to the spirit of Christ. It comes from a burning desire to feel our oneness with other people that we are working with. This is what holds us together, in the work of our new Presbytery, this "peace".

The neighbor we spoke of was speaking first of all to one particular Church. But he would be speaking just as definitely to our new Presbytery, as a part of this Church in action. On this same subject, to this same Church he says, "Be humble, gentle, and patient always." He says, "Show your love by being helpful to one another." He is talking about "one another" in the fellowship of that particular Church, but also in the fellowship of our Presbytery, a part of that same Church. He is talking about a kind of spirit, the very heart of what every real Church is. The only purpose of all our Presbytery Committees, of all our or-

ganization, of all our promotional procedure is, or could be if we lived by the rule of the good neighbor, the purpose to promote this spirit and give it to the world outside. This is the Good News, that God is love, that love is of God, the secret of who our neighbor is, the thrill of what our neighborhood can be. But we can be mighty sure that we can only give it to the world outside, to the extent we have it in the world inside.

What a redeeming force this can be as we begin the new life of our Presbytery together. What a source of strength this can be to each member in this new arrangement, to each person in a position of responsibility, from the highest level in our Presbytery to the humblest job in the local church. What a source of strength this can be to know that every other church member in the Presbytery is backing you up, with understanding, with consideration, with forbearance, with this neighbor's idea of gentleness, firmness and patience.

The neighbor goes on to tell how this kind of unity comes about. This kind of unity, the kind that comes from living out gentleness and kindness in all our talking, in all our organizing, in all our hidden feelings — the neighbor calls it "The unity of the Spirit". You can read this neighbor's words yourself or words like them in Ephesians 4:1-6. This kind of unity can only come as we truly allow the Holy Spirit to govern our inner being. This is the only possible way that we can know the power of unity among ourselves as a new Presbytery. The absolute necessity for this spirit of oneness is shown by the neighbor's mentioning it seven times in this brief word to the Church. One body, that is one Church, the body of Christ; one Spirit, that is the Spirit of God who produces this unity among us if we let Him; one God and Father of all, who works through all, and is in all, who know Him, producing this spirit of oneness among us. This unity is the unity of love between us, not pious sentiment but vital concern.

This near neighbor is not talking about uniformity of ideas or of talents. He goes on at once to show how diversity in the body of Christ can actually serve unity rather than impair it. People of equal sincerity and of equal Christian consecration had various ideas about the advantages or disadvantages of combining the three Presbyteries, or whether such a plan might be or might not be best. We don't have to all see everything alike. We don't have to all do everything alike. We can learn from each other, even from each other's mistakes. We can have the widest variety of differences, learning from each other, if we cling to charity, if we desire to seek to understand and encourage one another — if we are indeed one. But if the word of the neighbor of the long ago, is also the word of the neighbor of the near at hand, then truly this word is "the peace that binds you together".

—By Rev. John Johnson

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"I Am The Resurrection"

(EASTER EDITORIAL FROM 1966
BY MISS KATHERYN HUNT)

"I am the Resurrection and the Life" — said Jesus — "the first and the last — the One who was, and who is to come, the Almighty!"

These triumphant, soul — tingling words from the heart of our risen Saviour is the answer which millions of Christians are giving today to the challenge of a group of so-called theologians who pompously proclaim that "God is dead." (Where are they now? In a short time they are already forgotten.)

Dead indeed — not our God! Our Redeemer lives! He who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood — He is alive, and our greatest treasure in this life is the Empty Cross and the Empty Tomb — both glorious promises of a blessed future in the presence of our Redeemer.

The church on earth today is not the sad widow of the dead Christ, but she is the happy bride of the risen living son of God. (The Bride Groom who will come).

"Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Victory is already ours because we have a risen, living Lord who walks with us daily and gives meaning and purpose and power to our lives.

Shame on us that our lives do so weakly and timidly show forth the praises of Him, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

This is the great challenge of this glorious Easter season — He is risen, living in us moment by moment. If we truly believe this, then, O fellow Christian, do let us "rise up — have done with lesser things — give heart and soul and mind and strength — to serve our King of Kings"

The stakes are high. Nothing is of greater importance!

I See A Man

I see a burdened man climb a hill:
Struggling, struggling, struggling.
I see a man nailed to a cross:
Bleeding, bleeding, bleeding.
I see a man with parched lips:
Thirsting, thirsting, thirsting.
I see a man hanging to a cross:
Suffering, suffering, suffering.
I see a man deserted of his friends:
Lonely, lonely, lonely.
I see a man accused of sin:
Bearing, bearing, bearing.
I see a man hated of wicked men:
Loving, loving, loving.
I see a man hearing the cry of a-dying criminal:
Promising, promising, promising.
I see a man abused by filthy men:
Forgiving, forgiving, forgiving.
I see a man pierced by a soldier's spear:
Praying, praying, praying.
I see a man tortured to the end of his day:
Dying, dying, dying.

PRECAUTION

(Selected)

Every time I pass a church, I pay a little visit, So when at last, I'm carried in, The Lord won't say, "Who is it?"

Glendale Women Are Very Active

The Women of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church are very active in many ways. Each month they meet and have a covered dish lunch together in the Memorial Building or one of the homes of the women. At Christmas, Mrs. L. J. Yelanjian entertained the group at Cherry Hill, and was surprised by the women who brought a beautiful anniversary cake to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Yelanjian. The cake is seen in the picture in front of the women at the table.

The Women of the Glendale Church are sponsoring Mrs. Gracie Caudill and Pete Ernest Caudill serving with the Navigators in Germany. Their work is especially among United States soldiers, among whom they do Christian work. The Women also are helping Chris Lubkemann who is expecting to go to Portugal as a missionary with his wife and family. Chris was one of the boys who worked among the young people in the Glendale Field one summer, and was a student from Columbia Bible College.

Each month the Bible class is taught by Mrs. Yelanjian at the monthly covered dish dinner. The women also sponsor and take part in many other activities of the Church.

REV. T. I. SMITH WINS CITATION

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Smith's contribution in the area of Americanism and spiritual leadership in the community as the basis for his nomination and selection for this coveted award.

The "Pioneer Award" is only presented to new Posts and is presented to the one member designated by the members as contributing the most help to the formation and operation of the Post.

ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT JEFFERSON

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trance of "Santa", and the exchange of gifts. Truly, the Lord has been good to us in the matter of the grand facilities that we have in the new building.

January of 1972 was a month of considerable visiting of the sick in hospital and in home, with weather fluctuating from 8 degrees below zero to 40 degree temperature. The Mt. Jefferson Church observed Winter Communion on Sunday, Jan. 9, with the service carried to shut-ins in the afternoon. Tuesday of that week, Jan. 11, the congregation was represented at the first stated meeting of the Covenant Presbytery, by the Clerk-of-Session, Mr. John Reeves, and the minister. The meeting was held at Barium Springs.

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WOMEN OF THE GLENDALE SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH pictured with the 50th Anniversary cake for Mr. and Mrs. Yelanjian.

On Sunday, Jan. 16, at a regularly called Congregational Meeting, the congregation unanimously voted to go ahead and renovate the sanctuary; and the work of renovation has been going forward ever since, with the church services being held in the hall of the Educational Building, and all the classes meeting in their new rooms.

February — the shortest month and nearest to spring — has brought sadness in the passing of loved ones Miss Ada Cox, who worshipped with us

when she could not get out to her own church at Glendale Springs, was buried on Saturday, Feb. 12. And Mrs. Robert C. Barr—truly "a mother in Israel"— was called home on Saturday, Feb. 19, with the funeral taking place Tuesday, Feb. 22. Mother Barr was a charter member of the church and was in her 82nd year. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints"; yea, "blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them".

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Mr. And Mrs. Bare Wed 63 Years

On December 15, 1908 twenty-one year old Tom Bare, son of Mr. Jordan and Mrs. Cornelia Wilson Bare — then of the Long's Store Community (now Ebenezer) visited the Courthouse in Jefferson and paid his dollars for a marriage license to marry seventeen-year-old Minnie Liddle, daughter of Mr. John and Sarah Bare Liddle.

On December the 18th the loving hearts met in the home of Justice of the Peace G. F. Bare, who performed the wedding ceremony in the presence of Miss Mae Bare, R. A. Farrington, and Eady Bare. They have lived happily ever afterwards. Except for a five or six year residence in Dubois, Idaho, they have lived in Ashe County.

God has richly blessed them with children: five sons — Ralph, Weldon, Paul, Wade, and Wilmer; two daughters — Mrs. Josephine Spears, of Cricket, and Mrs. Grace Crawford, of North Wilkesboro. Each of the five sons live within two miles of the home place on the South Fork of New River, just off the road to Obids at the Callo-way Cemetery.

This was an event that must be celebrated. So the daughters and daughters-in-law and with the concurrence of the sons and the sons-in-law planned a celebration to be held at the home place on December 19th. It was a gala event with a high-top anniversary cake, with punch, candy, and nuts, and a smile that covered the face of Mr. Bare with a red rose bud in his lapel, and Mrs. Bare with a sweet, pleased expression above her corsage of red rose buds.

Mr. and Mrs. Bare started something — in addition to their children and in-laws there was in attendance sixteen grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren. Other friends came in to rejoice with the couple who had had that many happy years together. The love they professed in 1908 has continued and grown throughout the years.

Mr. Bare's father was a loyal Primitive Baptist, but assisted in the construction of the Ebenezer Church. His mother was a charter member (queen bee) in the Sunday School and worship of the congregation.

As a lad of nine Mr. Bare recalls his service to the Church on Saturdays before Rev. E. E. Gillespie held a service. Construction men often may be classed as "litter bugs" during the process of building. Mr. Bare's share was to clean up after them, and no doubt it was under the supervision of Mrs. Cornelia Bare who also worked with a dust cloth.

Mr. Bare and his sons have had an appreciable part in making the new Ebenezer Church and cemetery more useful and attractive. The Bare's are members of the Ebenezer Church. God has blessed them in family, material, and spiritual ways. Long live the Bares with the choice blessings of God!

Smith - Morrison

December 11, 1971 Mrs. Bertha Mae Smith of Jefferson was united in marriage to Rev. Dewey M. Morrison of Statesville, N. C.



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS J. BARE, recently celebrated their 63rd Wedding Anniversary.

The wedding vows were spoken at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Manse, at 8 p. m.

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Yelanjians Have 50th Anniversary

In December, 1971, the Women of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church surprised Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Yelanjian with a celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

The Women of the Church were to be entertained by Mrs. Yelanjian with dinner at the Cherry Hill Home for the monthly meeting. But the Yelanjians were surprised by a large group of ladies hearing a three tier, white, fiftieth anniversary wedding cake and an envelope enclosing \$50. — \$1.00 for each year of their marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Yelanjian have a long and useful service for their Lord and for the Presbyterian Church. After graduating from Union Theological Seminary of Richmond, Va. Mr. Yelanjian served as pastor in Birmingham, Ala. for a number of years. After this pastorate, he served in Ashe County and Stokes County under the Winston-Salem Presbytery for a number of years. After taking graduate work at Duke University and working among the Young People in Church work at the University, he served as supply in the North Wilkesboro Church while Rev. Watt Cooper served as chaplain in the U. S. Army. After this work, Mr. Yelanjian supplied the Presbyterian Church at Boone, N. C. which was without a pastor for a number of years. He did an outstanding work and finally secured the present pastor of the Boone Church for them.

An outstanding work was done by Mr. Yelanjian in Stokes County. The County was in great need of a hospital, and Rev. L. J. Yelanjian was asked to take charge of the drive for building the hospital. Mr. Yelanjian raised over a half million dollars to build this hospital of which the people of Stokes county are deeply grateful.

Mrs. Yelanjian, a graduate of what was then called, The Assembly's Training School at Richmond, Va. has worked faithfully at the side of her husband in the Lord's work. She has served as a pianist, Christian Education worker, Bible Teacher, and in The Woman's work of the churches in which Mr. Yelanjian served as pastor. While at Richmond, Va. Mr. Yelanjian organized and was pastor of the Mission Church, The Read Memorial Presbyterian Church. One of the students of this Sunday School was a boy who became an outstanding minister in the Presbyterian Church — He is Rev. James Millard who has been for a number of years the Stated Clerk of the Assembly of the Presbyterian Church U. S.

The Yelanjians have meant much to the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church — in music, Sunday School work, Bible Teaching, in Preaching as well as in the Woman's Work of the church.

The celebration of the fiftieth wedding year was not only for an anniversary,



MR. AND MRS. LOUIS YELANJIAN recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

but was to show an appreciation church. May God bless Louis and Marie with many more years of service. for the long service that this couple has given for their Lord and their ice.

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Mrs. Ella Severt Has 97th Birthday

On January 15, 1972, a group of friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Ella Severt to help celebrate her 97th birthday.

A good neighbor, Mrs. Ollie Severt prepared a lunch and birthday cake to celebrate the occasion. Ollie is seen in the picture at the bedside of Mrs. Severt. Back of the bed you can see Mrs. Severt's daughter, Mrs. Ray Baker where Mrs. Severt lives. Many presents were brought to Mrs. Severt on her birthday, and she enjoyed opening these surprises.

Mrs. Severt is a member of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church, and several years ago was honored with a life membership of the Women of the Church.

We can truly say, Mrs. Severt is one of the most spiritual women of her community and of her church. May God bless her as she lived before all of a wonderful Christian life and example.

Lansing Field News

The churches in the Lansing field are still without a pastor. Dr. R. H. Stone continues to fill the pulpit at the Lansing Church on Sunday mornings. He is trying to help the congregation to secure a pastor.

Benny Brown joined the Lansing Church by profession of faith. His wife, the former Linda Campbell, is a member of the church also. They have a small son and reside in Wilkes county.

The Young People's group, under the direction of Miss Judy Powers held a New Year's party in the basement of the church. Games and refreshments were enjoyed by all present.

In Loving Rememberance

MRS. R. C. BARR

Mrs. Sallie Gambill Barr, 82, widow of the late Robert Clyde Barr, Sr., and charter member of the Mount Jefferson Presbyterian Church, died in a Charlotte Hospital, Saturday, February 19th. Her funeral was on February 22nd in the new addition to the church and was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Thomas I. Smith, and by her first pastor, Rev. R. H. Stone.

She had a great influence in the work of her church, which began on July 12, 1925. She was the last charter member who continued with the church. It was said of her that to know her was to love her, and that she was one of the best loved women in a wide area.

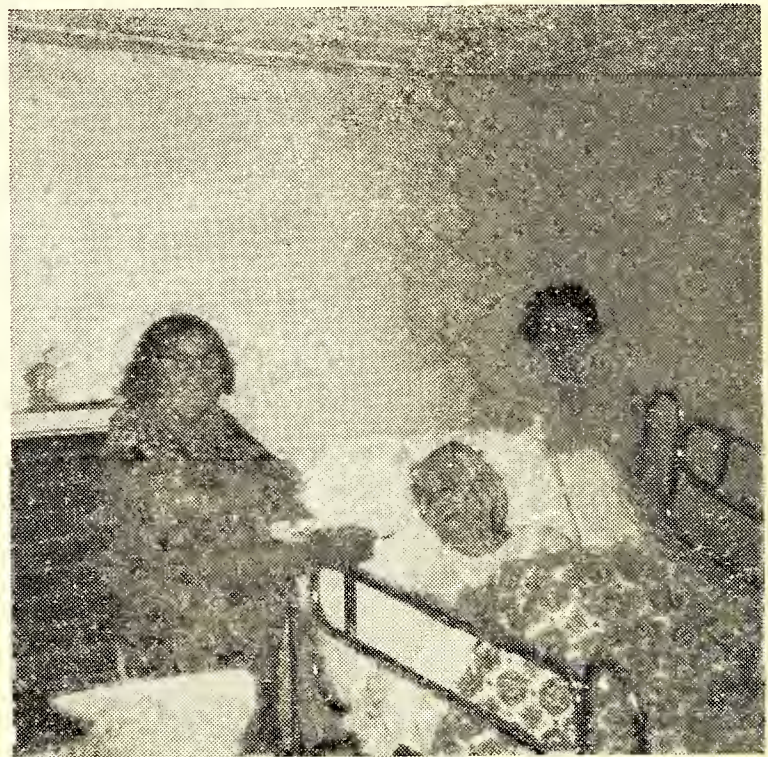
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MRS. FRANK SEVERT recently celebrated her 97th birthday. Mrs. Ollie Severt and Mrs. Ray Baker, a daughter, are also pictured.

Glendale Springs Plans For Easter Films

The Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church is planning to have three moving films of the Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ. This will be shown on Easter Sunday night, April 2nd at 7 p. m. The public is invited to see these

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Three Deacons Are Installed At Glendale

On the Sunday morning of January 23rd at the morning worship service, three deacons who had been elected previously were installed.

The three men whom the Glendale Springs honored with this office were Mark Miller, Ted Caudill, and Jonce Woody. These men have done outstanding faithful work in the church and know they are worthy of the trust that the congregation has in them. May God richly bless them in their new office.

News Of Some Of Our Young People

CHARLES CAUDILL the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Caudill of Glendale Springs is at present chief of the Statistical Methods Staff in the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D. C. Charles will be moving to Austin, Tex. where he will be Chief of Statistical Staff of the State of Texas. Charles and his family will move to Texas in March. Charles was a member of Glendale Church and a Boy Scout in troop 115 of Glendale.

THOMAS BOYD, Jr., now living in Winston-Salem, N. C. has been promoted to Operations Personnel Manager for the Knitwear Division of Hanes Corporation. Tommy, who has been manager of Personnel Administration for Hanes will direct personnel administration programs for all of Hanes Knitwear's hourly personnel. He will continue to live in Winston-Salem. Tommy was formerly a member of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church and a Boy Scout in troop 115 of Glendale, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boyd of Glendale Springs, N. C. He is now a member of Pres. Church in Winston-Salem.

VILLARD BLEVINS, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Blevins of the Peak Creek Community and the post office of Laurel Springs is the director of the Welfare Department of Alexander County, N. C. and makes his home at Newton, N. C. Villard is an elder in the Newton Presbyterian Church and represented his church at the new consolidated Presbytery meeting at Little Joe's Church at Barium Springs, N. C.

LT. COL. JOE LONG, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Long of the Ebenezer community and church is stationed at McGuire Space Airforce Base, N. C. Joe is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force and travels all over the world. He was stationed in Vietnam for a while.

RUFUS LONG, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Long was raised in the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church has just come home from Korea. His position there was adviser to the banks

of Korea representing the United States Agency for International Development. He and his family consisting of his wife and six children have just moved back to Kannapolis, N. C. for a few months. He spent six years in Korea. Mrs. Long was Peggy Bradford of Kannapolis. She has done much art work in this country as well as in Korea. Rufus Long and his wife are a distinctly Christian family and found a lot of interest in the mission work in Korea. Rufus will be sent to Africa on Feb. 22 representing the U. S. Government in his line of work.

GRACE CAUDILL (Mrs. Pete Ernst) is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Caudill of Glendale Springs. Gracie who was a member of the Presbyterian Church is now in Germany working in Christian work with the Navigator Teams. This work is done especially among soldiers of the U. S. Army. They are now at 552 Bitburg, Auf. Paulskreuz 30, Germany.

MARY FRANCES LUKE (Mrs. R. W. Whitmer) lives in Portage, Mich., where her husband is employed by the Upjohn Pharmaceutical Company in Kalamazoo, Mich. The Whitmers have two sons, Billy and Johnny. Mary Frances and her husband are active in teaching Sunday School, and Mary Frances works with cub scouts. Recently she was elected and installed as elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Kalamazoo, Mich. Bill Whitmer was an elder in the Geneva Presbyterian Church in Rockville, Md., where they formerly lived before coming to Michigan.

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Glade Valley Plays Basketball For March Of Dimes

On February 4th the Memorial Building was the place of much excitement due to two basketball games.

Glade Valley School brought two teams to Glendale Springs and two spirited games were played. The first game was played by the Junior teams and Glade Valley won by a good margin. The senior game was a much closer match, Glendale Springs winning by five field goals.

A good crowd attended the games and admittance was received for the benefit of the March of Dimes. The Glendale community appreciated the visit of the Glade Valley teams and the good sportsmanship of Coach Huffman's teams from Glade Valley.

Charles Greak Bard Died February 24

Charles Greak Bard was the son of the late George Bard and Mae Parsons Bard of Ashe County. Greak was born November 5, 1922 and passed away Feb. 24, 1972 after being ill for a few days. His life on this earth was 49 years. He spent most of his years at Glendale Springs, N. C. where he was living when he passed away.

Those who remain to mourn his passing are his mother, Mrs. Mae Bard, four brothers, and three sisters, his wife and five step children.

Charles Greak Bard was well known in Ashe and Wilkes Counties. Everyone liked Greak as he was called by all. His good humor, his jokes, and cheerful disposition made him welcome in every crowd. He was a farmer and traded in produce throughout the whole state. He attended the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church of Glendale Springs.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday, February 26. Revs. Clate Kilby and J. W. Luke having charge. There shall be a vacant spot in our midst. We shall all miss Greak and his good will amongst us. May God bless his loved ones and uphold them in this time of sorrow.

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CARL BENJAMIN ANDERSON

Carl Benjamin Anderson, Jr. was born April 12, 1948 and lost his life in a wreck on February 6, 1972. Carl had united with the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church in his youth, served 2 years in the army, and was living in North Wilkesboro. He leaves his wife, one daughter, mother and father as well as a host of cousins and friends to mourn his passing. Funeral services were held in the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home by Rev. J. W. Luke on Feb. 8. Interment was in the Mount Lawn Cemetery. May God bless and comfort those who mourn his departure from this life.

MARY ADA COX

Mary Ada Cox was born Nov. 22, 1906. God called her from this life on Feb. 6, 1972.

Ada Cox as she was known to all her friends was born to Milton and Minnie Cox of Ashe County, and was reared on New River near Glendale Springs. She was of great service to her family,

fast and strong horses, an implement, when guided by a careful driver can be of great service to man, but on the other hand misguided by a drunk or careless driver, can dash man into eternity without warning.

having taken care of her mother and two aunts in the latter years of their lives. She taught school most of the active part of her life. At Lansing Elementary School she was of great service for a number of years and highly respected and loved by all in the school. While teaching at Lansing she moved to Smethport, Ashe County nearer her position. After the death of her mother and aunts, she bought a home in the Beaver Creek Community where she lived until her death.

We cannot say too much for Ada Cox. She was courageous, thrifty and helpful in many ways to the young people she came in contact with.

Ada Cox united with the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church several years ago and was always faithful as a Christian and member. She served as the President of the Women of the Church for three years. She had a wonderful faith in her Saviour and served Him steadily ever since she put her life and soul in His care. Ada was loved by her many cousins, neighbors and her Christian brothers in Christ. To have known her was to love her. All who knew Ada Cox would say without hesitation — "Well done thou good and faithful servant, Enter into the joy of thy Lord."

Funeral services were held at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church by Rev. Thomas Smith, and the pastor, J. W. Luke. Interment was in the Severt Cemetery at Glendale Springs, N. C.

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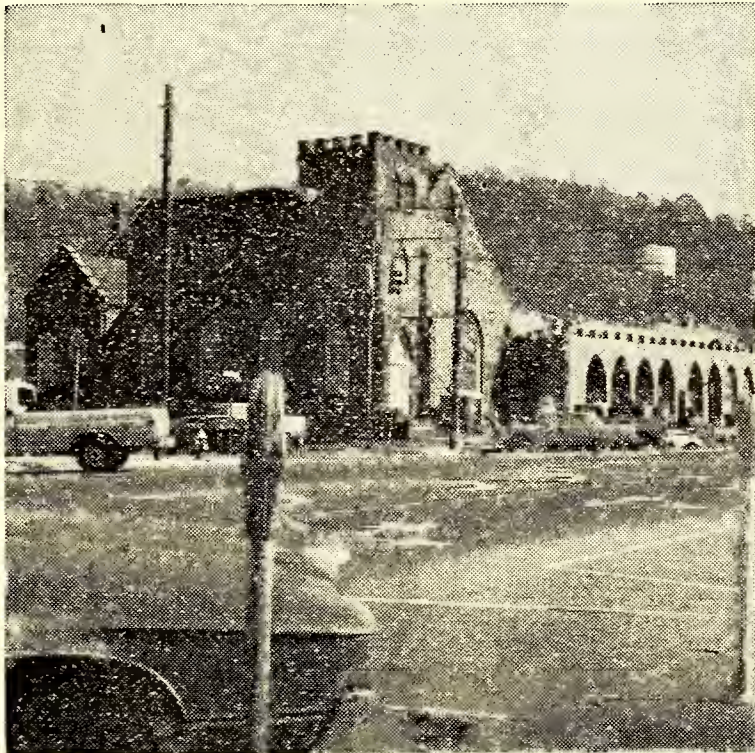
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MT. JEFFERSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH which was dedicated June 4 with special services.

New Mt. Jefferson Church Completed And Is Dedicated

On April 20, 1971, the bulldozers went down into the hole adjoining the Mt. Jefferson Church property, and cleaned out the rubbish and shrubbery that had accumulated for over 15 years. Today the church worships and has Sunday study of the scripture in spacious class rooms and the hall, while Scouts and other organizations use the splendid facilities throughout the week — all in the new Educational Unit that has been built and united to the original structure as an integral part. Truly, as the Church Fathers would have put it, "the finger of God is here".

Back in the middle ages, after the fear that the world would end with the year 1000 AD had passed, there was a general revitalizing of church life and thought. It was a time of renewed faith, of lengthy pilgrimages, presently of the Crusades, and of the building of splendid cathedrals for the worship of God. The Burgundian monk, Raoul Glaber (who died in 1050 AD), speaking of the magnificent architecture that was beginning to rise at the time, said: "It was as if the world, throwing off its old garments, desired to re-clothe itself in the white robes of the church . . . all religious buildings were transformed into something better". Church struc-

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Lansing Church Membership Is International

During the past quarter there have been two additions by profession of faith and baptism in the Lansing Presbyterian Church. Corporal Warren Campbell, stationed near Marietta, Georgia, brought his bride on a weekend trip to see his parents, and she made her profession of faith and was baptized. It was she who gave the membership an international flavor. She was formerly Miss Embra Dall Karanovich. Her people were Serbs.

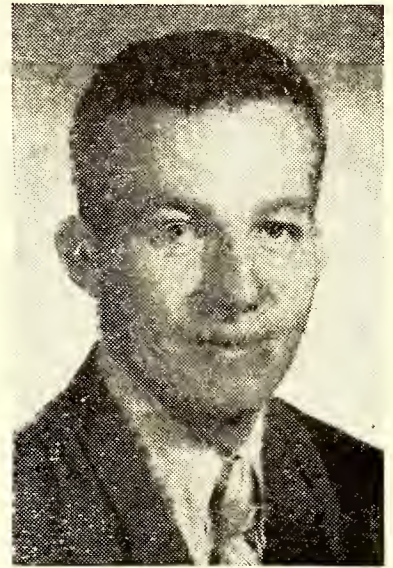
The other who came into membership was Ricky Dale Powers — a fine Lansing youth who grew up in the local church. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Powers.

The Lansing group of churches is delighted that Rev. and Mrs. Brvan Stammer and little Brvan are expected to arrive in Lansing on June 24th from Scotland. They will live in the manse while he serves the Lansing, Foster Memorial, Gillespie, and Whitetop congregations. He has spent ten months studying in one of the famous Scottish Theological Seminaries in preparation for a Doctor's Degree in Theology.

The women of the Lansing Church have made the manse ready for their occupation. The Women meet in the Lansing Church every first Monday night.

The Dental Clinic located in the Fos-

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BOB ZEIBARTH

Bob Zeibarth Working In The Glendale Field

Bob Zeibarth arrived in Glendale Springs on May 27th from Columbia Bible College where he is a junior. He will assist Rev. J. W. Luke in the Glendale Springs Field this summer.

Bob is from Wyoming, Michigan. At 18 years of age he joined the U. S. Air Force and was stationed at Shaw Air Force Base for 2½ years. While at the Shaw Air Force Base he was converted to Christ. After his duty at Shaw Field he was sent to Vietnam for a year.

After being discharged from the Air Force he took up Navigator's work in Fort Knox, Ky., where he did Christian work among the soldiers for 1½ years. He has now been at Columbia Bible School for 2 years in Columbia, S. C.

Bob is a member of the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized in Vietnam. His chief interest is to do mission work in Southeast Asia. We feel sure Bob will be a strong witness for Christ while he is with us this summer.

Two Infant Boys Are Baptized

Rex Gerald Hart infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hart, Jr., of Laurel Springs, N. C. was baptized March 12th in the morning service of the Laurel Fork Church.

Gordon Leander Woody the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Woody of Laurel Springs, N. C. was baptized on May 14th at the morning service of the Laurel Fork Church.

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Victory In Repentance & Prayer

How many long for the war to cease? War is a scourge to any people, and God allows it perhaps to chastise us, at least many of the wars in the Old Testament. History were used as a scourge to God's people.

There is victory in humbleness, repentance and prayer to God.

First — let us point out the promise if God's people will repent humbly before God and pray He will hear them and honor their prayers. In II Corinthes 7:14 God makes a promise to his people that He would honor their returning to him in humbleness, acknowledging their sins and asking for forgiveness. He promised He would heal their land if they would sincerely do this. I believe the same promise is to people who belong to God today people who have made their vows as Christians. Let us be on our knees to our wonderful Heavenly Father.

"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 Corinthes 7:14.

Second — another class of people who can help to bring peace are the wicked — those who have never given their souls to God. Isaiah said many years ago in writing to the Jewish people:

"Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." Isaiah 55:6-7.

Men try in every way to negotiate peace. As yet the war in Vietnam has not been stopped by negotiations, but God has the power to bring about

peace. Are we trying God's way by humility, repentance and prayer. If the people who spend their time in demonstrations would spend this time in sincere repentance and prayer, they would do much more to bring about peace.

A man of God who knew more about war than many of us today, said a long time ago in the Psalms:

"He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth;

He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder;

He burneth the chariot in the fire. Be still and know that I am God." Ps. 46:9-10b.

Another man — David's son, Solomon, who is called the wisest man who lived on earth, said these words:

"When a man's ways please the Lord, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." Prov. 16:7.

How many of our people are repenting of sin today?

How many are changing their sinful ways?

How many are humbling themselves and seeking the kind, and merciful face of God?

How many hold grudges and are not willing to forgive each other, and yet they expect great nations to forget and forgive?

There are many people turning to prayer today. Are you among this number that are repenting and seeking God's face?

If our people repent and God brings about peace, will our people commemorate this peace by going to the bar for drink, or going to the churches to thank God for it? There is victory in repentance and prayer.

How Old Ought I To Be

(Selected)

"Dear Mother," said a little maid,
"Please whisper it to me—
Before I am a Christian,
How old ought I to be?"

"How old ought you to be, dear child,
Before you can love me?"
"I always loved you, Mother mine,
Since I was tiny wee.

"I love you now and always will,"
The little daughter said.
And on her mother's shoulder laid
Her golden, curly head.

"How old, my girlie, must you be,
Before you trust my care?"
"Oh, Mother dear, I do, I do—
I trust you everywhere."

"How old ought you to be, my child,
To do the things I say?"
The little girl looked up and said,
"I can do that today."

"Then you can be a Christian, too.
Don't wait til you are grown.
Tell Jesus now you come to Him,
To be His very own."

Then as the little maid knelt down
And said, "Lord, if I may,
I'd like to be a Christian now."
HE answered, "Yes, TODAY."

—Author Unknown

An Open Letter To God

(Selected)

Dear God:

You have been pushing my conscience pretty hard lately . . . on the matter of being a responsible church member . . . and I think it's time for me to say something back to you.

Since your prodding has disturbed my tranquility and peace of mind, I may as well tell you the whole story. You see, I started out with a firm resolution to go to every service of the church. But since I joined the church the other members seem to have forgotten me. All of them were right after me 'till I "joined," and it made me feel kinda important. But, God, the let-down has really cooled my enthusiasm!

Besides that, I've been invited to join a square dance club and bowling team. And, with the P. T. A., lodge, fishing and hunting I don't have much time for you and the church anyway. A man can't do everything you know!

I really hadn't meant to mention this God . . . but since I've gone this far, I guess I might as well. You remember back about five months ago . . . one Sunday when the preacher hit pretty hard on this business of Christian stewardship . . . money . . . money . . . money! I didn't appreciate that, God, to be quite frank! I don't make much money, and besides, I've already put out over \$400 this year for lodge dues, fishing and hunting license, a new gun, and an outboard motor. What does he think I am — banker? Didn't I give a dollar to an orphan's home, and \$5 to the Community Chest? How much can one man do? If they are more interested in my money than they are in me . . . I can just stay at home.

Well, there you have it, God. And, if you don't mind . . . lay off my conscience from now on about this church attendance stuff! I'll get in touch with you whenever I need you for something.

Yours forever,
Luke Warm

(copied)

"I See A Man"

I see a burdened man climb a hill:
Struggling, struggling, struggling.
I see a man nailed to a cross:
Bleeding, bleeding, bleeding.
I see a man with parched lips:
Thirsting, thirsting, thirsting.
I see a man hanging to a cross:
Suffering, suffering, suffering.
I see a man deserted by his friends:
Lonely, lonely, lonely.
I see a man accused of sin:
Bearing, bearing, bearing.
I see a man hated of wicked men:
Loving, loving, loving.
I see a man who hears the cry of a criminal:
Promising, promising, promising.
I see a man abused by filthy men:
Forgiving, forgiving, forgiving.
I see a man pierced with a spear:
Praying, praying, praying.
I see a man tortured to the end of the day:
Dying, dying, dying.

(LUKE)



EDGAR PARSONS MARKER, commemorates first North Carolina soldier who lost his life in World War I.

Edgar Parsons Marker Erected

The tomb stone you see in the picture commemorated the death of veteran Edgar Parsons of Glendale Springs, N. C.

What is so unusual about this marker is that Edgar Parsons was the first

soldier from the state of North Carolina who lost his life in World War I.

Edgar Parsons, who fell in France as a soldier, is actually buried in France. The United States Government has erected this stone in the Parsons Craveyard, his family grave yard, to commemorate his death.

This summer one of his sisters will travel to France to view the place where he is buried.

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Mount Jefferson Organ Dedicated

On June 4th during the dedication of the Mount Jefferson Presbyterian Church Rev. Thomas I. Smith also included in the dedicatory prayer the dedication of their lovely new Baldwin organ. The late Mr. Richard Timberlake Luke, one-time organist for the church, left a handsome amount in his will toward the purchase of a new organ, specifying a Baldwin, which was the favorite of the eminent organist.

Mrs. Shirley Campbell Jordan is the organist.

DEDICATION FOR MT. JEFFERSON CHURCH

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ture of the time evolved into the Gothic — "the most scientific, and the most artistic, style of architecture".

Now, although the Mt. Jefferson Church does not have the long sanctuary (nave), or the toweringly high vaulted ceilings and spires ("which", says the historian, "seemed upheld by the support of an invisible arm") — features that are associated with Gothic architecture — there are the beautiful Gothic features of stately pointed arches both outside and inside the church, with clustered columns in the sanctuary, that are characteristic of that resplendent style. Dedication Day was Sunday, June 4, 1972.

LANSING MEMBERSHIP IS INTERNATIONAL

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ter Memorial Church will be in operation on Saturdays during the summer and fall.

Two young people of the Lansing Church are recent graduates of the Northwest High School: Miss Barbara Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carter, and Michael Blevins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Blevins.

Lieutenant and Mrs. James Ray Blevins are stationed at Erlangen, Germany. When leaves are available they make tours in Germany and in nearby nations.

Mr. Ed Roe, a leading layman of the Helton Methodist Church, filled the pulpit on the first Sunday in June. Dr. Robert L. Stamper had preached there twice on recent Sabbaths.

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Francis-Hunt Vows Are Spoken

Mary Edith Francis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Odell Francis of Grassy Creek, N. C. was united in marriage to Jerry Wade Hunt of the Ebenezer Community. Jerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Hunt.

The marriage was held in the home of the bride at Grassy Creek May 13th at 2 p. m.

A reception with refreshments was enjoyed after the ceremony.

Miss Bare, Mr. Denny Are Wed

The Presbyterian manse at Glendale Springs, N. C. was the scene of the marriage ceremony for Janet Gail Bare and Gwyn Everette Denny. Janet is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bare of Jefferson, N. C. and Gwyn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Denny of Lansing, N. C. The vows were spoken at 4 p. m. on Sunday, Feb. 26th and the minister was the bride's pastor, Rev. J. W. Luke.

Those who attended the marriage were the bride's mother, Mrs. William J. Bare, Mrs. Cordie Mae Bare, the bride's aunt, and grandmother, Mrs. William Bare, all of Jefferson, N. C.

The bride is a graduate in nursing from the Wilkes Community College in North Wilkesboro, N. C. and plans to work in the Ashe Memorial Hospital. We pray for this couple God's blessings.

Love

(I Cor. 13:4-8 Motaff's Translation)

Love is very patient,
very kind.

Love knows no jealousy;
Love makes no parade,
gives itself no airs,
is never rude,
never selfish,
never irritated,
never resentful;

Love is never glad when others
go wrong,

Love is gladness by goodness,
always slow to expose,
always eager to believe the
best,
always hopeful,
always patient.

Love never disappears.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. and Mrs. John S. Johnson, retired, of Jefferson, have become grandparents. Scott Witherspoon McLean was born to their daughter, Barbara, (Mrs. James H. McLean,) of Wilmington, N. C. on April 28, 1972. Scott, his parents, and grandparents are all recovered and rejoicing!

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Miss Hart, Mr. Crouse Are Wed

Mary Hart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Deward Hart of Laurel Springs and Dennis Crouse were married on March 26th in the Transou Methodist Church.

The groom, Dennis Crouse is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rossie Crouse of Galax, Va.

After the ceremony a wedding reception was enjoyed in the basement of the church.

Tom Cox Has 85th Birthday

On Sunday, May 28th, after the morning service at Laurel Fork Church, Mr. Tom Cox had a 85th birthday celebration.

The family and friends gathered at the former Cox home at Laurel Fork and had a picnic dinner together. The celebration was a happy one, and the dinner was enjoyed by everyone.

We wish Tom many more happy birthdays and God's blessings along the way.

Welcome To The Two Newcomers

Mrs. Ruth Bare was received in membership to the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church on May 7th and baptized on May 24th.

Mrs. Jimmie Wyatt was received in membership to the Bethel-Millers Church on March 5th and was baptized on March 19th.

May God bless these who have come into the fellowship of these churches.

Sermon On The Mount Sunday

Growing out of the enthusiasm which greeted the exchange-of-pulpits in April — an experiment that involved three communities of the county — a new effort was made in May to let-be-felt-countywide the unity that Christians have in their Lord. This effort was observed Sunday, May 21, and was called "Sermon-on-the-Mount-Sunday". Being in May, it came at the traditional season in which our Lord's great sermon was preached. As Jesus used illustration after illustration in his sermon, he could speak of the spring rains (Mt. 5:45), or bid his audience "look at the birds of the air" or "consider the lilies of the field" (Mt. 6:26,28).

Our Lord's preaching was out-of-doors, and so it was thought that we in Ashe County, who are blessed with many lovely and accessible hillsides, could meet together for an outdoor service. This year the location was ball-diamond-hill in West Jefferson, and many came to the hillside at 3:00 in the afternoon. There was instrumental music and united singing; also a chorus of combined choirs. Ministers of the different denominations had parts in the service, as did music leaders of the community; and Methodist Bishop Earl G. Hunt preached a splendid sermon on "Prisoners of Hope" (Zech 9:12).

Not many months before Jesus' death, he spoke of different "folds" of his sheep, but "one flock" and "one Shepherd" (John 10:16) — something very striking in the original Greek. And as a time-of-troubles lours in our world, how right it is that Christian folk should get to know each other and to know what they have in their Lord. Significantly, May 21 was the anniversary of Pentecost.

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Many Activities At Mt. Jefferson

The Spring months of 1972 have been cold months, with snow as late as March 25, and night temperature down to 38 degrees on occasion in May. March 5, the first Sunday, saw a light covering of snow; and that week witnessed the passing of loved ones: Mr. Rex Morton's father, and Mrs. Cecile Denney. Mrs. Mae Liddle was taken to the hospital in March. Also our Deacon, Mr. James McLaurin, spent the month in the Charlotte Memorial Hospital after undergoing serious surgery.

Sunday, March 19, the Mt. Jefferson Church had its first Fellowship Supper of the year, with everyone rejoicing in the use of the new Social Hall. After supper, Rev. John Johnson reviewed the year's study-book, "The Face of New Africa"; and Mary McLaurin and Linda Ham, with their young friends, furnished the music of song and guitar.

On Palm Sunday, March 26, Communion was observed and taken to shut-ins in the afternoon. Then, in the evening, at a union service in the Baptist Church, the Ashe County Music Club presented the rousing and the haunting Easter music of Handel's "Messiah". Good Friday of that week, the Mt. Jefferson Church had its annual mid-day half-hour service with the Meditation this year being upon the Seventh Word from the cross.

Easter was the first Sunday of April this year, and there was a fine turnout for the Sunrise Service, when the message was upon "The Happiest Morning In World History". Then followed the ham and egg breakfast that the men serve annually to all on Easter morning. The regular worship service of the day was upon the subject: "The Day Which The Lord Made" — truly the supreme day of the Christian year.

April 9 was "Pulpit Exchange Sunday" for the ministers in Jefferson, West Jefferson, and Bethany; and such was the welcome which the visiting ministers received that the true unity of the Lord's people could be recognized by all. This was a grass-roots matter of local congregations delighting in each other and taking action on their-own to show it. Evening of April 9, the Women of the Church led a study on Jonah that ran for the four last Sunday evenings of April; and showed what benefits could be gleaned from periodic studies of Bible books.

April was a significant month this year. April 16, at a Congregational Meeting, the congregation elected additional officers to be ordained and installed in May. Then on Saturday, April 22, the Presbytery met at Davidson, where the name of "Concord" was chosen as the name of the Presbytery. Ere April finished, there was the beautiful wedding of the niece of Mr. and

Mrs. Richard Shearer, Miss Linda Elizabeth Ring to Mr. William Moore, at the Shearer home.

May came in with another of our members, Mrs. Frank Jones, going to the hospital for an eye operation — thankful we are that she is now back with us after a successful operation. Mrs. Mae Liddle also was able to return home in May, for which we are thankful.

Pentecost Sunday, May 21, was a special day for Mt. Jefferson. The congregation worshipped for the first time in the renovated sanctuary and with new Hymnals — the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Naas and Mrs. S. E. Ham.

In the afternoon of Pentecost Sunday, and growing out of the happy experience of "Pulpit Exchange Sunday" in April, there was another get-together of all the churches in the county. It was what was called "Sermon on the Mount Sunday", held out of doors on the City Park Hill of West Jefferson; and reminiscent of our Lord's great occasion — traditionally given on the hillside in May of the year 28 AD. Methodist Bishop Earl Hunt gave a splendid address on "Prisoners of Hope" (Zech 9:12) to the united worshippers; and we believe that every Spring the occasion should be repeated. The Spirit of God is working amongst us in these mountains.

On the last Sunday of May we missed our faithful members, Mrs. Reo Miller and Miss Lois Mangus, who were in the hospital; our expectation and prayer is that they will soon be back in our midst. On that Sunday, May 28, in the service hour, there

Mrs. Wallace Teaches Knitting

Mrs. David Wallace, the wife of our Sunday School teacher at Bethel Church, offered to teach the girls how to knit. A group of young ladies met at the home of Faye Shepherd for several weeks and learned a lot about knitting. We thank Mrs. Wallace for taking time to instruct the girls. The Wallaces live in Wilkesboro, N. C. and drive out to Bethel Church where Mr. Wallace teaches the adult class.

Indian Prayer

Great Spirit — Grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins.

were ordained and installed — Mr. Robert G. Barr as Elder, and Mr. William Brown, Mr. Frank Jones, and Mr. Harold Stringer as Deacons. Evening of May 28 there was observed the Birthday of the Women-of-the-Church, with a Fellowship Supper and with a short and enlightening program following.

And now all eyes are toward the Day of Dedication, June 4, when the new Educational Building, the renovated Sanctuary, the new organ (largely the bequest of our former organist, Mr. Richard Luke), and the new Hymnals and appurtenances will be dedicated to the glory of the Creator and Redeemer of us all.

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Wade Rose Chapel In New Hospital Will Be Completed

In the new Ashe County Hospital a special room has been built and designated as the Wade Rose Chapel and Meditation Room. The room adjoins the reception room and is on the first hall of the hospital.

Wade Rose was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Rose of Glendale Springs, and was a star basketball player in the county and at college. Becoming a coach for the Ashe Central High School, he led his team to a state championship in 2-A basketball. Wade was called away by his Heavenly Father soon after his team won the N. C. State championship in 2-A basketball.

A memorial fund was started in honor of Wade to be used, when the new hospital was constructed, for a chapel at the hospital. Over \$3,000 have been raised for this chapel, and lately the Ministerial Association who supplies the hospital with chaplains finds a great need for this Chapel and Meditation Room. The widow of Wade Rose is now cooperating with the Ministerial Association to make plans for the completion of this room in the near future. Any one interested in donating to the Wade Rose Memorial Fund, can send a gift to Mr. Hal Colvard, at the Northwestern Bank in Jefferson, N. C.

Description Of Jesus

By Publius Lentulus, Governor of Judea, addressed to Tiberius Caesar, Emperor of Rome. Found in an excavated city, written in Aramaic on stone.

There lives, at this time, in Judea, a man of singular virtue whose name is Jesus Christ, Whom the barbarians esteem as a prophet, but His followers love and adore Him as the offspring of the immortal God. He calls back the dead from graves, and heals all sorts of diseases with a word or a touch.

He is a tall man, and well-shaped, of an amiable and reverent aspect; His hair of a color that can hardly be matched, the color of chestnut full-ripe, falling in waves about His shoulders. His forehead high, large and imposing; His cheeks without spot or wrinkle, beautiful with a lovely red; His nose and mouth formed with exquisite symmetry; His beard thick and of a color suitable to His hair reaching below His chin. His eyes bright blue, clear and serene, look innocent, dignified, manly, and mature. In proportion of body, most perfect and captivating. His hands and arms most delectable to behold.

He rebukes with majesty, counsels with mildness, His whole address, whether in word or deed, being eloquent and grave. No man has seen Him

New Restaurant At Glendale

A new restaurant has recently been built at Glendale Springs, N. C. The name of this new place is "Lee's Country Restaurant", and it is situated directly behind the Northwest Trading Post and adjoining the new Motor Court called The Inn. The restaurant is very convenient to accommodate Blue Ridge Parkway tourists Mr. and Mrs. Lee serve delicious meals and you find the place a friendly once to rest and eat.

New Presbytery Received A Name

The Presbyteries of Winston-Salem, Concord and Kings Mountain agreed to unite in one larger Presbytery. This new Presbytery at first voted to give the name "Covenant" to this new consolidation, but learning that the name was used in another Presbytery in the south, the name was voted on again.

laugh, yet His manner is exceedingly pleasant; but He has wept in the presence of men. He is temperate, modest and wise; a man, for His extraordinary beauty and divine perfections, surpassing the children of men in every sense."

Presbyterial Met At Morganton

When the three Presbyteries of Winston-Salem, Concord and Kings Mountain consolidated, the Presbyterials also united. The first meeting of the three presbyterials was at Morganton, N. C. and a very interesting and inspiring meeting was held there on March 21st and 22nd. The following ladies from the Glendale Springs group of the women of the church were: Mrs. Hope Crepps, Mrs. Juanita Dancy, and Mrs. J. W. Luke. A large group of about 350 women met at this Presbyterial.

The birthday offerings this year are for very worthy causes: The American Bible Society, and Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Ala. The Bible Society prints millions of Bibles in many languages. The Stillman College is for Black students and has done a marvelous work for the south.

The new name is "Concord" Presbytery. This name was chosen at the meeting at Davidson College on April 22nd.

The new office of this enlarged Presbytery is in Statesville, N. C. Rev. L. B. Colquitt is chosen as the Executive Secretary, and Rev. Gurney P. Whiteley was chosen to carry on the work of field secretary.

May our Heavenly Father bless our consolidated Presbytery.

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Talk Is Becoming Tearing Tyranny

What with kitchen and car radios, living room and den TVs, increasing mass living, all on top of election year verbosity — talk, instead of being a gracious means of sharing significance is insistently becoming a tearing tyranny.

Regardless of one's politics all older voters will agree that Franklin D. Roosevelt could ring your attention with a telling story. One he used to like to tell was about old Jed, who, upon being warned by his doctor that he'd have to stop drinking or he'd go deaf, replied: "Doc, I like what I been drinking" so much better 'n' what I been hearin' that I reckon I'll jes' keep on gittin' deaf!"

While we don't like to hear "all we been hearin'" these talkative days, still we can't resign ourselves to "gittin' deaf" either. The constant bombardment of talk, talk, talk, forever rattling in our ears tends to shut out our listening. We become disgusted with each fellow running down the other fellow, magnifying the weakness, twisting the intention, misrepresenting the statement. Or we may be convinced by the one who can out-talk the other, make the biggest promises, cater to our preconceived opinions, and leave undisturbed our deep-seated prejudices, our ingrained selfishness.

Yet in our deeper moments we do want to relate thoughtfully to all types of people, to be able to transcend immediate communication pressures, to be able to listen — between the lines. When this chattering barrage of words confronts us, nothing is more precious than to maintain what St. Peter called "the imperishable jewel of a gentle and quiet spirit." Enough people with this spirit could create a political climate where talk would become less a tyranny and more a renewal.

In Memory Of Loved Ones

MRS. RUBY BASON

We regret the passing of Mrs. Ruby Bason of North Wilkesboro, N. C. She was one of the finest Christian women of the Wilkesboro Community. We offer our sympathy to her husband, Mr. Dick Bason, and son, Bill Bason, as well as brothers and sisters of the Spainhour family.

In memory of Mrs. Bason many gifts in her memory were sent to the J. W. Luke Jr Memorial Fund, to be used on the Memorial Building at Glendale Springs, N. C. We are grateful to all who have sent these gifts in her name.

MRS HAZEL FENDER MILLER

Funeral services were conducted for the late Hazel Fender Miller on May 3rd at the Laurel Springs Baptist

Welcome

(Selected)

If after kirk ye bide a wee, There's some would like to speak to ye;
If after kirk ye rise and flee, We'll all seem cold and stiff to ye,
The one that in the seat wi' ye, is stranger here than you, may be;
All here have got their fears and cares —

Add you your soul unto our prayers;
Be you our angel unawares.

A Deaf Child's Prayer

Do the angels sing in heaven, Lord?
Will I hear the music there?
Or must I stand in a corner,
While others join in prayer?
Will I wonder what they are saying,
Lord,
Like I often do down here?
Must I sit still and be patient,
While the bells ring loud and clear?

Can I read your lips in heaven, Lord
Or will I be brushed aside?

Church. She was a member of the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church for some time. We offer our sympathy to her son, Morris Miller, foster son, Ray Reeves, and one brother, Floyd Fender. She was prepared to meet her Lord, and has received her crown.

Angel Wings

(A Contribution by one of our readers.)

At the dawning where the sheen of softets maple blooms
Make green patterns, the bloody maple seeds
Remind us of how Christ bleeds
He went to Heaven where He intercedes
Red is the brick of the church
Rising tall to the sky is the steeple
Spring, sky, steeple
Cymbals sweet

God's people
The bells ring
The children sing
Where the doves are on the wing
The Word is heard, the Psalm, the Prayer
Teacher, stand below the steeple, say
Help us, God, to love Thee and be good
Bring us with Thy pardon into Thy garden
From darkness into light. Bring the Dove of Peace.

Minnie Ellison

Will I hide my hands in my pocket,
Because of wounded pride?
Will the Saints all stand to praise Thee,
While I in silence wait?
Will there be someone in heaven,
To lead me through the gate?

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Ted Smith, Jr. Evangelist For Bethel July 9-14

Many of the people of the Bethel Community remember Rev. Ted Smith, Sr. who held a evangelist meeting at Bethel in a tent. Rev. Ted Smith's son is now a minister at Stanley, N. C. and he will come to Bethel Church for our evangelistic meeting, which is July 9th through Friday, 14th. He will begin preaching on Sunday night July 9th and will preach nightly through 14th.

We are delighted to have Ted Smith, Jr. with us this summer and will look forward to his coming. We are asking for prayers for this meeting by all who read our paper.

Daily Vacation Bible School At Glendale Springs

In the Glendale Field Churches the children are looking forward to the Bible Schools.

The following dates will be a tentative schedule for the D. V. Bible Schools in this field.

Bethel Church — July 3rd through 8th.

Glendale Springs Church — June 19th - 24th.

Laurel Fork Church — July 24th-29th.

Dedication And Generosity

Mrs. Yelanjian and I drove down to Winston-Salem's First Presbyterian Church on March 19, to worship and rejoice with its membership in the dedication of their new church. It was a most wonderful and inspiring experience. The beautiful sanctuary is like a symphonic orchestra that plays the finest music in a perfect and harmonious rendering!

The building spoke of the dedication and generosity of its membership; it manifested the thoughtful and tireless labors of the committees. How rich and rewarding their efforts.

The service was simple, and yet every part was pervaded with deep spiritual atmosphere. The very brief message of the senior minister lifted up Christ as the only way, the truth and the life.

Now, those who read these lines, those who have troubles (and who does not have them?), those who are tempted (who is free from temptation?), and those who want to walk on "higher ground," drive by the church and read the inscription above the door of the main entrance to the sanctuary — Peace, Victory and Eternal Life.

As we left the sanctuary, we could hear "the small voice" from above saying, "This is my house, I am well pleased in it."

Louis J. Yelanjian
Glendale Springs.



MEMORIAL BUILDING and Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church building popular for crowds of youths in sport.

Memorial Building Has Busy Winter

Through the winter months in Ashe County indoor sports are popular. The Memorial Building has had its share of fun and recreation all winter.

On Tuesday and Friday nights basketball teams have played each night. Two games were played as benefit

games. One for the Heart Fund and another for the March of Dimes. About \$33 were received for these causes. The women of the church sold hot dogs in the basement the proceeds going for a new carpet in the church.

Other sports enjoyed in the building, are roller skating, volley ball, ping-pong, and shuffleboard. Roller skating became very popular in the basement of the building toward the end of the winter months.

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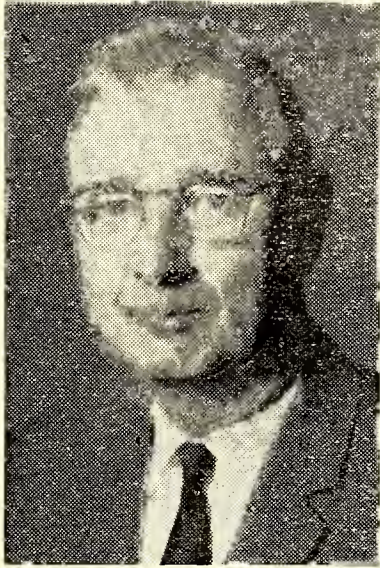
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L. B. COLQUITT

L. B. Colquitt, Stated Clerk, Visits Ashe Fields

The Ashe County Church Fields were delighted to have a visit from Rev. L. B. Colquitt, Jr. the Stated Clerk of the New Consolidated Presbytery of Concord. The office is located at Statesville, N. C.

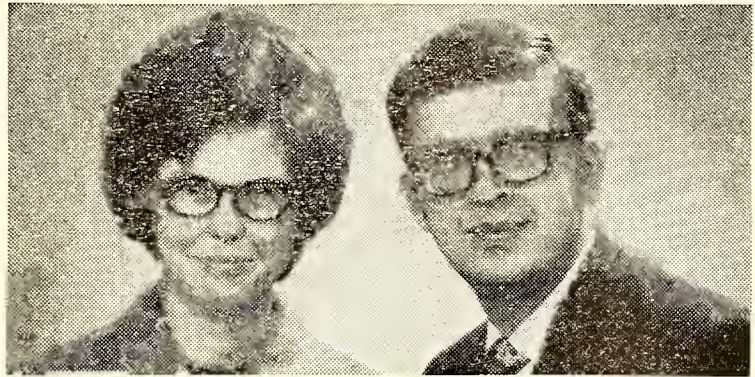
On Thursday, July the 20th Mr. Colquitt arrived at the manse at Glendale Springs and was escorted to most of the churches in eastern Ashe County. After a morning tour, the Women of the Glendale Springs Church invited Mr. Colquitt to eat lunch at the Women's Meeting for the month of July. Everyone enjoyed having the stated clerk at the dinner hour. After dinner the Mount Jefferson Church was visited and the new Christian Education Building and sanctuary were admired. After visiting the Mt. Jefferson Church Building a trip to the northern part of the county ended up at the Lansing Church and Manse, where he met the Bryan Stampers just arrived there from

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The News From Lansing Field

Rev. Bryan Stamper, who was studying in Scotland, returned to Lansing for a few weeks in the Lansing Field. Three very successful Bible Schools were held in the field. Lansing, Foster Memorial, and White Top churches had over 300 enrollment. Children flocked to the schools.

Many local ladies and girls took the task of working and teaching in these schools. There was splendid cooperation. (Continued on page 4)



MR. AND MRS. PETE ERNST work among American service men stationed in Germany.

Mr. And Mrs. Pete Ernst, Navigators

The women of the Glendale Presbyterian Church have been helping in a small way to support the Navigators work done by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ernst in Germany. Mrs. Ernst was formerly Miss Grace Caudill the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Caudill of Glendale Springs and a member of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church.

A letter from Germany tells of a busy summer and their work with navy and army men with whom they

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Mount Jefferson Church Is Active

The summer months of June, July, and August seem to have sped more quickly than ever. At the beginning of June, all activity was in preparation for the dedication of the church. This service was held on the first Sunday, June 4, with the former pastor of the Jefferson and West Jefferson churches, Rev. Bill Boyle (1945-1949) preaching the sermon; Dr. R. H. Stone — organizer of the West Jefferson Church in 1925 — giving the Story-of-the-Church; and Rev. G. P.

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LAUREL FORK VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL was very successful as shown on these happy faces.

Daily Vacation Bible Schools In Glendale Field

The Daily Vacation Bible Schools in the Glendale Springs Field were very successful this summer, as the following statistics will show:

	En.	P. A.	Off.	
Glendale S. June 19-24	68	39	\$ 8.10	
Bethel July 3-8	36	25	43.91	
Laurel F. July 24-29	42	19	46.04	

Total 146 83 \$98.05
 Teachers who made the Bible Schools a success were: Marietta Finney, Bob Ziebarth, Evelyn Achson, Hope Crepps, Rett Miller, Lynda Taylor, Sandy Wyatt, Virginia Rose, Mrs. J. W. Luke (Pianest) J. W. Luke (Director). Helpers: Marilyn Crepps, Kim Sheets, Brenda Miller. Dale Crepps, and David Sheets were store keepers at Glendale. We thank every one who worked so well together this summer.

The chief sports for the Bible Schools were volley ball, soft ball, ping pong, and ring games. A water melon feast was enjoyed at the close of each school.

Decoration At Ebenezer, Aug. 13

On Sunday, Aug. 13th a large crowd of people congregated at the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church for their annual decoration service for the graves. Rev. Hassell Boyce conducted a worship service and preached for the group. Friends and relatives decorated the graves of their loved ones, and made the cemetery a beautiful place. Many people donated to the upkeep of the graveyard which was under the charge of Winston Atwood.

The men of the church are at present improving the basement of the church, which is in the process of completion. Panelling is being put around the walls in the basement.

Rufus Long, has just recently returned from Ethiopia, Africa, where he has been in charge of the United States rehabilitation program sponsored by the U. S. Government. Rufus stated he was on his way to Saigon in a few days in the same work for the U. S. Government. Rufus suggested putting a cross on the steeple, and, at present, estimates are being taken of the cost.

A fine dinner was set for the occasion and many people not only enjoyed the fellowship but the sumptuous food provided by the ladies.

MR. AND MRS. PETE ERNST, NAVIGATORS

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work. They ask for our prayers, and in turn we ask for the prayers of the readers of the Ashe Presbyterian for this dedicated couple working among the enlisted men in Germany.

THE NEWS FROM LANSING FIELD

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tion by all.
 Dr. R. H. Stone and Robert Stamp-



LENDALE SPRINGS BIBLE SCHOOL had an enrollment of 68 young people this summer.

er have been supplying the Lansing attention.
 Field in preaching from time to time, Rev. Bryan Stamper has returned
 and the people of that field want them to Scotland where he is studying for
 to know they are thankful for their a doctor's degree in the ministry.

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The Wagon Train Rides Again

The week of Aug. 7 through 12 was given over to pioneer traveling by covered wagon and horseback riding. The Blue Ridge Wagon Train started in Wilkes County near Millers Creek and made their way by back roads up the Blue Ridge Mountains just as the pioneers did before them. Camping on the way they finally ended up in a big camp in the Ashe Park near Jefferson, N. C.

On Friday night, Aug. 11 a special program was held. Miss Ashe County was introduced, the singing dog by Ben Blackburn was exhibited, and a welcome and Memorial Service was held by Rev. J. W. Luke after the pledge of allegiance and presentation of the flag of the United States of America.

Farmers and horse lovers came from afar to take part in the wagon train. Some came from Pennsylvania, Maryland, California, S. Carolina, Va., Florida, and other states to have the experience.

On Saturday a big parade went through Jefferson and West Jefferson. There were about 60 wagons of various types — particularly the covered wagons, and about 600 horse back riders. It was one of the most successful trains that has been organized. J. T. Badger and scouts of the Wagon Train should be congratulated for the well organized affair — they should have lived in the old days and lead wagon trains to the west.

Revival Held At Glendale Springs

Rev. James Gray Edwards, pastor of the McIver Memorial Presbyterian Church of Bristol, Va. was the evangelist for the revival at Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church on Sept. 3rd through 8th.

Mr. Edwards preached in the Laurel Fork Church some years ago and was well liked by all who met him. We are praying that God will bless this field by the presence of Mr. Edwards.

Prayer meetings are held on Wednesday evening, and the promotion of visitation was being encouraged before this meeting.

United In Matrimony

HALL-MILLER, JUNE 2

Wanda Sue Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall of Laurel Springs, was united in marriage to Archie Paul Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller of Millers Creek.

The nuptials were held in the Presbyterian Manse at Glendale Springs on June 2, 1972 by Rev. J. W. Luke. Blessings upon these newly weds.

LEWIS-MILLER, JULY 1

Lydia Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Noah Lewis, West Jefferson, N. C. was united to Donald

In Memory Of Loved Ones

J. HAROLD McKEITHEN

J. Harold McKeithen of Winston-Salem, N. C. passed away at the age of 71. We were saddened as we sent the Ashe Presbyterian to press to learn of the passing of Harold McKeithen. Mr. McKeithen was a very active Elder of the Presbyterian Church had been elected as moderator of the Synod of N. C. He served as moderator at the merger of the three Presbyteries of Winston-Salem, Concord and Kings Mountain.

Brother McKeithen was a fine Christian gentleman and a faithful member of his church. We pray God's comforting blessings for Mrs. McKeithen, the daughter and three sons. We have lost a good Christian friend.

MRS. SALLIE E. MILLER

Mrs. Sallie E. Miller, 91 years of age, the wife of Newton Miller, passed away Thursday, Aug. 10. Funeral services were held at the Kelly Memorial Chapel at Boone, and burial was in the Glendale Springs Cemetery.

Mrs. Miller was a devoted and faithful Christian, a member of the Presbyterian Church at Boone, N. C. May

Wayne Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Miller of Glendale Springs.

The marriage service was held in the Presbyterian Manse by Rev. J. W. Luke at 5 p. m. July 1. We wish these young people God's blessings.

peace and comfort be with her family and friends.

MRS. RAY SEVERT BAKER

Mrs. Ray Severt Baker, 65, the wife of Everett Baker of Glendale Springs, N. C. passed away Monday, Aug. 7 in the Wilkes Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church on Thursday, Aug. 10 at 2 p. m. and interment was in the Obids Presbyterian Cemetery.

Ray Baker was a devout and patient Christian, a member of the Glendale Presbyterian Church. She was a devoted wife and mother and has cared patiently for her mother, Mrs. Ella Severt, who is still living at the age of 96. Clergymen who officiated at the funeral were Rev. J. W. Luke, Rev. R. H. Stone, and Rev. Faulton Hodge. Mrs. Baker is survived by her husband, Everett Baker, her son, Frank Baker, and her mother, Mrs. Ella Severt. Many friends and loved ones mourn her passing. Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord. Peace and comfort to her dear ones.

MRS. PHOEBIA J. M. VANHOY

Mrs. Phoebe J. Malloney Van Hoy was born Sept. 18, 1877 and passed away on July 10, 1972 at the age of 94. Funeral services were held in the Chapel of the Badger Funeral Home on July 12 at 2 p. m. The final resting place was in the West Jefferson Cemetery. Those who survive Mrs. VanHoy are three daughters, one son, and two brothers. Mrs. VanHoy was (Continued on page 7)

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MOUNT JEFFERSON CHURCH IS ACTIVE

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Whiteley, Field-Executive of Concord Presbytery, bringing the Greetings of the Presbytery. Rev. T. I. Smith offered the Dedication Prayer.

In the afternoon, the church held "Open-house", during which time an endless stream of friends from all over the county passed through the corridors and rooms, continually voicing their wonder at the beauty and convenience of all the appointments. The church is indeed one of the beautiful buildings of Ashe County.

On June 5, our annual DVBS began and ran for two weeks, ending with a picnic on the ball-diamond-hill. It is a matter of endless gratification to see our DVBS staffed by local talent and by those who were once pupils in the school. The school this year was a very effective one (see picture).

Sunday, June 11, the first wedding in the new church was held when our Debbie Dickson and Mr. Robert Stephen Masten were married in a beautiful service. The reception was held afterwards in the grand new social hall. Then at the end of that week, June 17, the Art Club of the county had an Art Show — using the cloistered porch of the church as well as the inside hall for the exhibition of paintings, sculpture, and needlework. The outside colonaded display of artwork reminded one of Renaissance Florence. Finally, the last week of June, the church-sponsored Scout Troop lads were at Camp Raven Knob, and came home with a coup-stick bearing seven coups.

July's first Sunday, July 2, witnessed another wedding in the church, when Mr. Edwin Miller and Miss Elizabeth Hartzog were united in marriage. The reception was at their new home. July was vacation month this year, with the pulpit being ably filled by the Young People of the 4-H on the 16th, Rev. John Johnson on the 23rd, Dr. James Rhodes on the 30th, and Rev. W. A. Kerr on August 6.

July found two of our members, Mrs. Mary Jones and Mrs. Kathy Calloway, in the hospital. With prayers for their recovery, and with good news as to their progress, we hope to have them soon in our midst again. The last day of July we saw the ever-beautiful sign of the rainbow.

August is the month of "back-to-school" and "the summer's wane". Yet it is a grand month of the year and reminiscent of imperial Rome — it was the first Roman Emperor's "lucky month". And on the first Sunday in August (the 6th), there was the beautiful wedding of our Miss Karen Gentry and Michael Sheets, at the church at four in the afternoon.

Summer observance of Communion this year was on August 13, with the service being carried to shut-ins in the afternoon. And so — until Thanksgiving.

L. B. COLQUITT, STATED CLERK, VISITS ASHE FIELDS

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Scotland, where Bryan Stamper had been studying. Because of the short



MR. ED BROWN, a recent patient in Ashe Memorial Hospital, is 100½ years old.

time for the trip, Mr. Colquitt had to and hope he will return to complete return to Statesville. We appreciate the visit to the rest of the fields of the this goodwill tour of the Stated Clerk county.

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**IN MEMORY OF
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a faithful Christian and member of the Methodist Church from early years. God's comfort to those who survive a mother and sister.

MRS. HAZEL FENDER MILLER

Mrs. Hazel Fender Miller was born Oct. 20, 1906 and passed away April 30, 1972. Mrs. Miller was a sincere Christian and a member of the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church, of Laurel Springs, N. C. Those who survive her are one son, Morris Miller, a foster son, Ray Reeves, and one brother, Floyd Fender. Services were held in the Laurel Springs Baptist Church by Rev. B. R. Elledge, and Rev. J. W. Luke. The final resting place was in the church cemetery. May God comfort her loved ones and friends.

MRS. EVERETTE SHEPHERD

Mrs. Everette Shepherd, (Mattie Wingler Shepherd) was born March 30, 1903, and passed away June 2, 1972. Surviving are four daughters, three sons, and four sisters. Funeral services were held on June 4th at the Reins-Sturdivant Chapel in North Wilkesboro, N. C. by Rev. Bud Shepherd. Mrs. Shepherd was a faithful Christian and member of the Bethel Presbyterian Church. Place of rest was in the Bethel Presbyterian Cemetery. God gives rest to the weary. May God's comfort be to her loved ones.

MAE WINGLER ROTEN

Mae Wingler Roten was born May 3, 1835, and was called of God July 2, 1972. Mrs. Roten lived a Christian life and was a member of the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. Those officiating at the services were Rev. Dean Rector and Rev. J. W. Luke at the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. Final resting place was in the Ebenezer Cemetery. We pray comfort to those who mourn her passing.

MRS. LOUISA WINGLER

Mrs. Louisa Wingler, the widow of Joseph Wingler, was born March 9, 1887, and passed away June 28, 1972 at the age of 85 years. Mrs. Wingler was a member of the Bethel Presbyterian Church and attended when it was possible to do so. She was a faithful Christian. Surviving are five daughters and one son. The daughters are Mrs. Hester Shepherd, Mrs. Les- sie Royal, Mrs. Artie Wyatt, Mrs. Het- tie Wyatt, Mrs. Allie Wyatt. Her son is Connie Wingler. She has gone to her Saviour's rest in a new life with Him. May God comfort and give peace to those who survive her passing.

CLARK MILLER

Clark Miller was born Dec. 28, 1833, and God called him from this world on June 4, 1972. Those who mourn his passing are two daughters and five sons. Two brothers, one sister and step sister survive Clark as well as grand-



DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at Mt. Jefferson Pres- byterian Church was a great success this year.

children and great-grandchildren. Ser- vices were held in the Glendale Springs Baptist Church by Rev. Paul Phipps, and his final resting place

was in the Ashelawn Memorial Gard- ens. We shall miss a good neighbor. May God bless his loved ones and com- fort.

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Rev. Ted Smith Preaches In Bethel Revival

On Sunday, July 9, the Bethel Presbyterian Church was delighted to have Rev. Ted Smith, Jr. and his wife with us. After a delightful home coming dinner, revival services were begun at the evening service and continued through July 14.

Rev. Ted Smith, Jr. is the son of the late Rev. Ted Smith who has served faithfully as a minister in the Presbyterian Church. What is of special interest is that the father of our evangelist had held several exangelistic services in the Glendale Field and especially in the Bethel Church. Many of the present members happily remembered the Rev. Ted Smith, Sr., and welcomed his son for the interesting and inspiring revival. After the first service Rev. Ted Smith brought his house trailer to Glendale Springs and lived in it during the revival.

Richard Orsbon Awarded Prize At Vanderbilt

Richard Anthony Orsbon, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Orsbon of Millers Creek, N. C., formerly from the Bethel Presbyterian Church was awarded one of the most valuable prizes in the Vanderbilt School of Law. Out of a class of 160 law students Richard Anthony received the "Bennett Douglas Bell Memorial Prize." The graduating program gives the citation as follows:

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The Ashe Presbyterian congratulates Richard Anthony in receiving this wonderful prize. He is a graduate of Davidson College and received a scholarship to the Vanderbilt School of Law after completing his work at Davidson College. He is now in the process of taking the examination for the practice of law in North Carolina.

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Mount Jefferson Presbyterian Church

The first Sunday of the three fall months, Sept. 3, April was there — little April Baldwin — brought by her parents to receive the Sacrament of Infant Baptism. The sermon was on Baptism as the Sign of God's Covenant Community (— a community not only of adults, but of promise running "to you and to your children"). That Sunday evening the young people of the county who had been to "Explo '72" in Dallas, met for a Rally of area young people in the big new social hall, and filled the hall — sitting on the floor when no more seats were available. They were addressed by Dr. D. D. Holt of the Bethany Methodist Church.

Two nights later, when the Hall was being used for a supper sponsored by the Mental Health Assn. for all Ashe County patients in Broughton Hospital and their families (some 80 all told), the "Explo '72" young people met again simultaneously but this time in the renovated Sanctuary, which they filled — using the balcony also (some 175). State Trooper Valentine was the speaker on this occasion.

Sunday, Sept. 17, was Radio Sunday, and for added special music, Mary McLaurin and Jackie Wall sang a duet to the guitar. Tuesday of that week Presbytery was held at Concord, N. C. and the church was represented by Mr. Robert McNeill and the minister. The following Lord's Day (Sept. 24), Mrs. Mae Liddle left us for her eternal home.

October came in on a Sabbath Day, and Worldwide Communion was observed (Continued on page 3)

New Piano Memorial To Miss Ada Cox

This year Glendale Springs Pres. Church has tried to improve their church and worship. At the end of last year the whole church was carpeted by contributions of the members. Each Sunday School room was also decorated. The church is much warmer and quieter because of the new carpet.

After the passing of Miss Ada Cox one of our fine members, the families of the Glendale Church raised money to buy a new piano as a memorial to Miss Cox. Mrs. Ret Miller and Mrs. Juanita Dancy led the drive for this memorial. A new Baldwin Piano was purchased under the direction of Mrs. Marie Yelanjian. This has improved the music of the church. Another improvement was the purchase of new hymn books as the old ones were becoming very torn and delapidated.



Lansing Field Makes Gift To Care Center

Responding to a plea from the Ashe County Day Care Center for handicapped children, the churches in the Lansing field came forth with some much-needed contributions. The Lansing Church gave \$65, the Foster Memorial Church \$60, and the Gillespie Church \$18.

Thanks to the efforts of these and other church and civic groups and citizens, the Day Care Center reached its goal of \$4,444.44.

Nine children are now being served by the Center. But there are approximately 600 other emotionally or mentally disturbed children in Ashe County. Seventy-five of these are on the Center's waiting list.

It is hoped that the money collected will help the Center expand its facilities so as to accommodate more of these deserving children.

Christmas Planned In Glendale Field

The three churches in the Glendale Springs Field are now preparing for Christmas celebrations. Each group of Sunday School young people of the three churches — Glendale, Laurel Fork and Bethel are practicing a pantomime entitled "All Roads Lead to Bethlehem." With the Pantomime Christmas Trees are decorated and gifts are distributed. The time of the celebrations will take place during the week before Christmas Day.

Church Women Of Glendale Active

The Women of the Church at Glendale are very active, meeting each month in the Memorial Building for a covered dish dinner and Bible Study. Mrs. L. J. Yelanjian is the regular Bible teacher. The regular meeting is held at each study.

The women of this church are helping financially two missionaries. One Chris Lubkerman in Portugal, and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Ernest in Germany, where they are doing Navigator's work among American soldiers.

Mrs. J. W. Luke entertained the women at the manse on Dec. 1 by a dinner. In spite of bad weather the attendance was good, and all business was attended to, as well as the Bible Study.

Officers for the next year have been elected as following and were received in their offices by a dedication prayer at a meeting on Dec. 1, by the pastor, J. W. Luke.

The officers are Mrs. J. M. Dancy, President; Mrs. J. W. Luke, Vice President; Mrs. L. J. Yelanjian, Secretary; Mrs. A. J. Woodie, Treasurer; Mrs. Delmer Rose, Historian; Mrs. Everette Lyle, Personal Faith and Family Life; Mrs. Carl Miller, Christian Community Action; Mrs. Ernest Crepps, Ecumenical Missions and Relations Leadership and Resources, Mrs. Ted Caudill.

News From Ebenezer Presbyterian Church

Rev. Guy Hunt, Jr., of Boone, preaches on the first and third Sundays at 2:00 p. m. in the Ebenezer Church. He has been meeting with the congregation for several months and there has been an increasing interest. Mr. Hunt is a son of Mr. Guy Hunt, an Elder in the Boone Presbyterian Church. He was reared almost within the shadow of Ebenezer — the oldest Presbyterian Church in the County. He has two sons who are ministers of the Gospel.

The basement of the church has undergone a lot of improvement — the walls and ceiling have been paneled and a pipeless furnace is being installed. Mr. Rufus Long, a son of the church, is wanting to give a cross to be installed on the steeple. The Ebenezer congregation was a contributor to the Ashe County Day Care Center.

Relatives of the people buried in the growing cemetery are having it enclosed with a woven wire fence mounted on metal posts cemented in the ground.

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“For Unto You Is Born”

(EDITORIAL)

When the words, “For unto you is born . . .” were spoken by an angel to shepherds on a chilly night in the hills of Bethlehem; a sacred, ancient prophecy fulfillment was revealed to these humble men. Why God favoured these herdsmen, we do not know. Perhaps they were very devout men, and were prepared to see a heavenly host cleave the sky in glory, and to hear angelic songs from Heaven, most of all to hear the greatest news of all the world: “For unto you a Child is born.” “Peace on earth, good will to men.”

In this article I would like to bring to your attention some of the remarkable thoughts about the birth of this babe born to Mary, when the angels sang.

1st—THE FULLNESS OF TIME HAD COME

Out of the centuries upon centuries of prophecies at last the fulness of time had finally come. In Genesis the heavenly bodies were set in space to measure the seasons, the days and years. Now these heavenly bodies have faithfully orbited their circles in space, spinning out eons of time. Now the great clocks of the sky had marked out the fulfillment of time for the eternal Son of God to be born among men on this little planet called earth.

“But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law.” Gal. 4:4.

The seed of the woman spoken of in Genesis at last came into the world to fulfill the prophecies of the dim centuries of the past.

Today we think it is a great privilege to live when man first walked upon the moon, but how much more marvelous privileged were those people who lived when God walked upon the earth in the fullness of time.

2nd—THE MOTHER OF GOD

I never cease to admire the virgin Mary, the young peasant mother of

Jesus. There are people today that think they are so smart that they can look back 2,000 years in history and pretend to know more about the birth of Christ than his mother. They have the gaul to say Mary was lying about the whole matter. I am sure that the mother of Jesus knew much more about the birth of her son than any man who lived 2,000 years after her. I cannot conceive of a pious woman that Mary proved to be all her life to have stooped to lying about the birth of her wonderful Son. I cannot conceive of Jesus Christ living the sinless life that He did, if He was not born supernaturally of the Holy Spirit. I cannot conceive of all the prophets who spoke of Christ being born of a virgin as being all wrong. I cannot think of the writers of the gospels, who were honest men, writing down what was not correct and false if they did not believe the truth as Mary related it to them.

One remarkable thing about the birth of Jesus Christ was that Mary knew the babe to be born would be a boy. Even a doctor today will not pretend to tell the sex of a child before it is born, yet Mary could tell those around her she would bring birth to a man child. How did Mary know this? It was revealed to her by an angel that a boy baby should be born and His name was given to her as Jesus, meaning saviour, as the scripture relates:

“And behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus.”

She knew her babe would be a boy, she identified Him as the one prophets had spoken of for years and years. She knew her son would be called the Son of God, and no man was His father as the angel said:

“He shall be called the Son of the Highest: This Holy thing that is born of thee shall be called the Son of God.”

The scripture relates that Mary was very much afraid when the angel told her she was highly favored of God and that she would be the mother of this great Son. I wonder at this brave woman as she took this great responsibility as the mother of the Son of God. In the presence of the angel, that came to her, she dedicated herself for this task as the scripture relates:

“Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.”

If God so loved the world that He went to the trouble of having his Son born in a troubled, human world, surely this Christmas, we like Mary, the handmaid of the Lord, should rededicate ourselves to God who gave us his wonderful Son.

Infants Have Been Baptised

GORDON LEANDER WOODY

On Sunday, May 14 at the 11 a. m. service Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Woody presented their son, Gordon Leander Woody for baptism at the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church. The vows for the child were taken and the little one was baptised by the pastor.

CHRISTIA DAWN MILLER

On Sunday, Oct. 29 at the 11 a. m. service at Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church Christia Dawn Miller, daugh-

Grateful For A Word

(By John Johnson)

Before the time of Christ the people of one tiny nation made two outstanding contributions to the human race. One was the idea of the oneness of God. Up until that time most people had believed that there were many gods. From then on, as this idea spread, people all around the world more and more came to accept the idea that God was one central unit, not various powers conflicting with one another. We have become so accustomed to the idea that God is one, that it is difficult to appreciate what those early people did for us in coming to this understanding. But if we can dwell on this thought until its significance becomes meaningful to us — the fact that God is a unit, at harmony with himself, and not many opposing beings, that the universe is not all split up with competing powers, but a central, unifying, controlling purpose, this can become a deep source of gratitude to us — to these ancient people, and to God himself for using these people to make his oneness known.

The other great contribution that this little nation made to the world was the idea that we live in an ethical universe, one controlled by moral law. This thing of right against wrong is backed up by the very structure of the universe. Before that time the various gods were not supposed to have very high standards of conduct. In fact sometimes they were thought to do evil things themselves. If we are glad that we live in a universe where vanity, self-will, intolerance, stupidity, complacency never once gets by and that truth, beauty, consideration is in harmony with the rhythm of the universe — this can send satisfaction into our inner being — to those people who started the idea, and to God who started it in the people.

Because of their gift to the world of these two great truths, these people prepared the way for the coming of Christ. If this preparation for his coming had not been made, it is difficult to see how Christianity could ever have gotten started at all — it was hard enough as it was. Since the idea of God being one, his universe ethical, had already been started, Christ could now take these ideas and hammer them home with a force never before imagined. If we are glad for this kind of Christ who unfolds the wonder of the oneness of a righteous God, concerned about what happens to people — this can thrill us throughout with thanksgiving.

One of the Psalmists sums it all up with one word, the word, “word”. “He declares his word to Jacob.” God had made it possible for these people to receive his word, — that is, the life-giving truth about himself — his oneness, his rightness, his Son who makes all this real — if we want this. Grateful for a word, a Word made flesh — a gratitude that can lift every level of our living.

ter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Miller was presented for baptism. After the vows by the parents were taken Christiane Dawn was baptised in the arms of the God Mother.

Karate Lessons At Glendale

Mr. Ahn, a native of South Korea is giving karate lessons in the Memorial Building on Saturday at 10 a. m. and Monday evening at 6 p. m. Mr. Ahn is one of the highest belt holders in the United States and at present is making his home in Ashe County sponsored by one of its citizens to receive his citizenship papers in the future.

NEWS FROM MOUNT JEFFERSON CHURCH

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served, with four shut-ins receiving the Sacrament in the afternoon. Then, mid-way through the month the Chamber of Commerce — using the Social Hall — gave a supper to all the year's new-comers to Ashe County, a most enthusiastic event.

The last Sunday of October, Reformation Sunday, the Youth Choir (which had begun its regular practice early in the month) provided the special music as the service went out over the radio. (That Sunday, with the water shut off in West Jefferson, the preacher had to shave as back in army days — using only a tumbler full of hot water). October went out two days later with Mr. Bob McNeill undergoing surgery in Winston-Salem. As this is being written, he is back home again, for which we all are thankful.

November 6, the quarterly meeting of the combined Boards of the Church had the young people in a body at the meeting — heard their proposal of a program for winter Youth activity — and heartily approved it, turning over to the young people the large columned basement of the Sanctuary (the Catacombs) for their meeting place. And now, as this goes to print, the church prepares for its annual Thanksgiving Day convocation, grateful to the Lord for this very special year in the Church's history.

Snider And Powers Vows Are Spoken

Friends of James Mack Powers of the Lansing Church will be pleased to learn of his marriage to Catherine Rhoda Snider of Marion, Virginia. The wedding took place August 26 in the Emory and Henry Memorial Chapel, Emory, Virginia.

Mack, the son of Mrs. Estella Goss and the late Raymond M. Powers of Lansing, now resides with his bride in Emory, where both are students at Emory and Henry College.

Thanksgiving In Glendale Field

In the three churches of the Glendale Springs Field, the Thanksgiving service and dinner was held on Sunday night, Nov. 19. This has been the practice of this field so that more people can come together for the service.



MR. AHN, KARATE INSTRUCTOR, with two of his students.

Rev. G. P. Whiteley the Field Executive of the newly organized Presbytery of Concord was the speaker for this service. Everyone enjoyed the splendid sermon preached by him and his presence with us at the Thanksgiving service.

Each family brought an abundance of food, which was spread on a long table. Drinks were furnished and every one had a real social time eating and talking together around the big fireplace. The three churches in the field

received offerings for the two orphanages the Presbytery supports. The three churches are Laurel Fork, Bethel, and Glendale Springs. The total offerings were \$88.63. The service and Thanksgiving dinner was held in the dining room of the Memorial Building at Glendale Springs. The girls choir from Bethel Church furnished special music. Bob Ziebarth and two friends from India attending the Columbia Bible College were with us for the dinner.

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Revival Services At Laurel Fork

Revival services were held at Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church from the night of Nov. 12 through Nov. 17. Rev. Bert Edwards of Bristol, Va. was the visiting evangelist. Mr. Edwards is a very spiritual preacher and new spiritual strength was received in this meeting. About 30 people expressed themselves in reconsecration. Each night Mr. Edwards entertained the children by magic tricks with a spiritual meaning or lesson.

The largest attendance was the last night when the church was filled with people.

Birthday Party For Mrs. Luke Is Held

The three churches in the Glendale Springs Field held one of the largest birthday parties in their history. This party was held on Oct. 23 at 6 p. m. in honor of Mrs. Luke. Mrs. Luke had to be "sneaked away" in the afternoon so as to give the participants time to prepare the Memorial Building for the affair. When Mrs. Luke finally got to the party, beautiful gifts were spread out on a table, delicious food for the evening meal, and a beautiful three tier cake with punch was served.

A large crowd from each church gathered for the occasion and with the pinning on of a corsage, "Happy Birthday" was lustily sung by all. It was a beautiful surprise, and may God bless each of you dear people.

Baptism Service For Adults

On Nov. 16 the pastor of Glendale Springs Field aided by the visiting evangelist, Rev. Bert Edwards, baptized Mr. Dobby Lyle, Mrs. Cassie Lyle and Mr. Oscar Viers in a short service in the home at Fair Planes, north of North Wilkesboro, N. C. May God bless these who have made profession of



REV. BERT EDWARDS held a revival at Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church.

Christ at their home. Mr. Oscar Viers lives in the Laurel Springs Community and was visiting his daughter at the time.

On Nov. 13 the pastor of the Glendale Springs Field visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Miller and Mr. Shade Miller, 90 years of age requested baptism. After scripture reading and prayer, Mr. Miller received bap-

tism to acknowledge his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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EDWARD WOODIE

Funeral services were held on Oct. 26 at 2:30 p. m. at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church for Edward Woodie of Glendale Springs, N. C. Mr. Woodie was the son of George and Isabell Baker Woodie of Laurel Springs, N. C. He passed away at the mature age of 96. His wife, Mrs. Bell Woodie, of Glendale Springs, five daughters of Greensboro, N. C. and two sons, one of Roanoke, Va. a one of West Jefferson, N. C. mourn their loved ones passing. In his early life Ed Woodie spent about 30 years of his life as a sheep herder. He taught school, farmed, and was postmaster at Glendale Springs, N. C. About 20 years ago Mr. Woodie united with the Presbyterian Church at Glendale and has been a faithful member. The final resting place is in the Episcopal Cemetery at Glendale. We pray God's comfort to the loved ones who mourn his passing, Mr. Woodie was a firm believer in his Lord, and we can say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant enter into the joy of thy Lord."

ALBERT SAWYER BARE

Funeral services were conducted at the Roans Creek Baptist Church Sept. 26 at 2:00 p. m. for Albert Sawyer Bare the son of the late Isaac and Mandy Bare of Ore Knob, Ashe County. Albert is survived by his wife, three daughters and four sons. He united with the Low Gap Presbyterian Church in his youth and later the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. Services were held by Rev. Paul Atwood and J. W. Luke. Burial was in the Roans Creek Cemetery. May God comfort those who mourn their loved ones passing.

MRS. LONNIE LIDDLE

Funeral services for Mrs. Mae Bare Liddle passing away at 82 years was held in the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church on Sept. 25 at 2:00 P. M. by Revs. R. H. Stone and J. W. Luke. Mrs. Liddle was the wife of the late Lonnie Liddle and the daughter of Jordan and Cornelia Crepps Bare. She was born in Ashe County May 10, 1890 in the Ebenezer community. Surviving are one son, Bob Liddle of the home, one sister, Mrs. S. B. Shoemaker of Murray, Utah, and two brothers, T. G. Bare of West Jefferson, and Paul Bare of Long Pine, Calif. Two half brothers also survive.

Mrs. Liddle had been a member of the Ebenezer Church from an early date. She was an outstanding Christian and always faithful to her Saviour and Church. Blessed are they that die in the Lord. May God comfort her loved ones.

HAZARD ROTEN

Funeral services for Hazard Roten were held in the Harmon Baptist Church on Sept. 13 at 2 p. m. Entern-

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Dr. James A. Millard Resigns As Clerk

Dr. James A. Millard, the stated clerk of the General Assembly of the

ment was in the Miller Family Cemetery. Hazard was born in Wilkes County Aug. 15, 1915. He departed this life Sept. 11, being 57 years of age. He is survived by one sister and one brother. He shall be missed by many friends and relatives.

MARY MARGARET BARE

Miss Mary Margaret Bare was born Feb. 18, 1948 and passed away Nov. 23, 1972, making her life here about 23 years. Mary Bare was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bare of the Obids community.

She is survived by her parents, 3 sisters and a brother. Her grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Bare also survives her passing. Mary attended the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church when a child, and has been an invalid for some time. She has been called to her Heavenly Home and is free from her suffering. May God comfort her loved ones is our prayer.

Bible Advice To Courts Prevent Crime

"Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil."

—Eccl. 8:11

Presbyterian Church U. S. announced his resignation after serving his church well for 14 years.

When Dr. Millard was a youth he was a member of the Reid Memorial Church of Richmond, Va. which was served by Rev. Louis Yelanjian who was at that time a student in the Union Theological Seminary. Rev. John Luke who was teaching in the Sunday School of this church taught Dr. Millard in a class of boys. Dr. Millard has been a consecrated minister and stated clerk of the Southern Presbyterian Church (Pres. Ch. U. S.) and we know God will guide him in other work of his church. Dr. Millard's resignation will be submitted to the General Assembly next June when it meets at Fort Worth, Texas.

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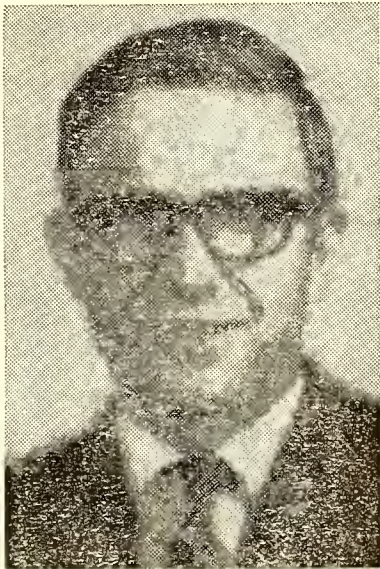
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Rufus Long is sent to Saigon in South Vietnam to help in the reconstruction work and finances of that country. His family has been sent to Thailand to reside while Rufus is in Vietnam.

Rufus has been in South Korea with his family for 6 years, and was also sent to Ethiopia for a period of time. He is a banker and advises and handles the finances that the U. S. Government sends to these countries for reconstruction work of these nations. There are six children in the Long family, one is attending a Christian College in South Korea, and one son is at Davidson College. Mrs. Long and the other children are in Thailand. Rufus reports recently that it is hard to do reconstruction work when war is continuing. He reports there is much excitement about the prospect of peace in Vietnam.

Rufus as many of have known him from a boy, was raised in the Ebenezer Community near Glendale Springs, in Ashe County and everyone is proud of his work and his ability as a banker for the U. S. Government.

The Watcher

She always learned to watch for us,
Anxious if we were late,
In winter by the window,
In summer by the gate.
And though we mocked her tenderly,
Who had such foolish care,
The long way home would seem more safe
Because she waited there.
Her thoughts were all so full of us,
She never could forget!
And so I think that where she is
She must be watching yet,
Waiting 'till we come home to her,
Anxious if we are late —
Watching from Heaven's window,
Leaning from Heaven's gate!

By Margaret Widdemer

The above poem was sent by a daughter in memory of her mother, Mrs. Sallie Miller, of Boone, N. C., who was buried at Glendale Springs.

Lansing News

The Lansing Presbyterian Church is selling itself short these days. Actually, two members of the church are just selling little Christmas cards that feature a front-view photograph of the church on the outside cover. Gary Osborne, a first rate camera buff, took the photo and developed it himself.

And inspiring Yuletide message adorns the inside:

"This is the wonderful day on which our Lord was born; May you be blessed with peace and joy on this glad Christmas morn."

Gary and his wife, Betty, are selling these attractive cards, which cost \$2.00 for a package of 20 cards. The cards are currently on display in the vestibule of the church. Anyone wishing to purchase the cards can pick them up in the church and pay either Walter Osborne or Gary and Betty.

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Our Share In Calvary

—Horatius Bonar—

I see the crowd in Pilat's hall,
 I mark their warthful mien;
 Their shouts of "Crucify!" appal,
 With blasphemy between.
 And of that shouting multitude
 I feel that I am one;
 And in that din of voices rude
 I recognize my own.
 'Twas I that shed the sacred blood;
 I nailed Him to the tree;
 I crucified the Christ of God;
 I joined the mockery.
 Around the Cross the throng I see
 Mocking the Sufferer's groan;
 Yet still my voice it seems to be,
 As if I mocked alone.
 Yet not the less that Blood avails
 To cleanse away my sin,
 And not the less that Cross prevails
 To give me peace within.

Miss Bumgarner And Mr. Lyalls Wed

On Nov. 10 Sandra Kay Bumgarner, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zane Bumgarner of North Wilkesboro, was united in marriage to Burl L. Lyalls, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lyalls of West Jefferson, N. C. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Luke at the manse in Glendale Springs. We wish these young people the happiness of a Christian home.

Kernersville Church Dedication Held

We rejoice with Rev. James E. Carriker and his congregation at the dedication for their new church building on Oct. 15 at 11:00 a. m. After the dedication of the building a delicious lunch was served. We pray God's continued blessings upon the future of this fine and new church, and their pastor.

Do We Practice What We Sing?

(I Love To Hear The Story) — if it doesn't last more than twenty minutes.
 (Take My Life And Let It Be) — yes, let it be, dear Lord.
 (Sweet Hour of Prayer) — is indeed wonderful, but I'm really too busy.
 (I Love To Tell The Story) — but only in church.
 (Have Thine Own Way, Lord) — with Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Smith.
 (If Jesus Goes With Me) — it may be embarrassing for us both.
 —Baltimore Area Messenger

INTERESTING BOOK TO READ "A KNIGHT IN THE CONGO"

One of the most interesting world mission books I have read is "A Knight In The Congo" by Dr. Hezekiah Washburn. Dr. Washburn spent thirty-eight years in the Congo. His great work was opening up God's work in the

Where Shall I Work?

"Father, where shall I work today?"
 And my love flowed warm and free.
 Then He pointed me toward 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 is done;
 Not that little place for me!"
 And the word He spoke it was not stern;
 He answered me tenderly:
 "Ah, little one, search that heart of thine
 Art Thou working for them or for Me?
 Nazareth was a little place,
 And so was Galilee."
 —Anonymous

Bakuba Kingdom. This is a facinating book and very spiritual. If you want to read this interesting book, write Mrs. Hezekiah Washburn, Martinsville, Va. You will not be disappointed if you buy it and read it.

This Is The Day God Hath Made

(Selected)

Look to the day with a challenge!
 Lift your eyes to the sun, not the shade!
 Keep your heart filled with song,
 as you travel along,
 For this is the day God hath made!
 Look to the day with a purpose
 Of fulfilling the plans that you've had,
 With a joy in your heart that will never depart,
 For God's made this day to be glad!
 Look to the day with a prayer
 And a quiet request for His aid,
 And be glad all day through in whatever you do
 For this is the day God hath made.

—Jon Gilbert

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Successful Revival At Glendale Springs

Revival services were held at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church from Sept. 3 through 6. Rev. James Gray Edwards, pastor of the McIver Memorial Presbyterian Church of Bristol, Va. was the visiting evangelist.

During the meetings Rev. Guy Hunt, Jr. of Boone, N. C. sang for us, and was a great uplift to us all. The Young People from Bethel Presbyterian Church also gave us some inspiring music. There were several reconsecrations of Christians, who came to the front for a dedication prayer.

Mr. Edwards wishes to thank everyone for the fine hospitality shown him by delicious dinners in the homes. May God bless Mr. Edwards in his work in Bristol, Va. We especially pray that God will give traveling blessings to Mr. Edwards as he directs a tour to the Holy Land in December.



REV. JAMES GRAY EDWARDS held a revival at Glendale Springs.

Bob Ziebarth Has Done Fine Work

The youth in the three churches in the Glendale Springs Field have been led in a very active and fruitful season by Bob Ziebarth, who has assisted Rev. J. W. Luke in this field.

On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays groups met from the three churches in worship and recreational programs. Several swimming parties and picnics were enjoyed by these groups. On August 10th the three groups met at the Memorial Building with many other people at the showing of two fine films: "The Prodigal Son" and "Whispering Mountain."

This summer has been a fine summer among the young people, and Bob has been a faithful, patient worker among our youth and in our churches.

We regret to see Bob leave us this week for his home in Michigan and then to Columbia Bible College, S. C.

Glendale Officers Meet In Dinner

On Sunday evening of Oct. 29 all the officers and their wives met together in an evening dinner at the Lee's Country Restaurant, at Glendale Springs, N. C.

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After a delicious dinner was served, business of the church was discussed.

Literature of Key 73 was read and discussed and it was decided to do what we could to cooperate with this evangelistic program for 73.

The pastor announced that because

of his age, the Presbytery was supposed to honorably retire him and we should elect a pulpit committee to be looking out for another pastor when the time came.

After discussing business the group went into a prayer period before dismissing. The dinner was enjoyed by all, and we hope to take part in another dinner in the future.

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Lansing Church News

Dr. Robert L. Stamper has great plans for the Lansing Church. He is away as we got to press and the details are not known. He is expecting a group of young people to spend part of the summer working with youth groups in the churches. Also, he is expecting a pastor to work in the Lansing group of churches and in the Chapel at White Top, Virginia.

MR. YOUNG RUN OVER

Mr. French Melvin Young, a faithful Elder of the Lansing Presbyterian Church, a fifty-year citizen of Lansing, licensed agent of the North Carolina Wild Life Commission for the sale of Hunting and Fishing Licenses, born in the Greenwood section of Ashe county on May 28, 1898, passed to his Heavenly reward on January 18, 1973 after a pilgrimage of more than seventy years. He died in the Ashe County Memorial Hospital following an accident being run over by an automobile in front of his barber shop and variety store.

The Golden Rule was something he put into practice. He was a good neighbor, a good citizen, a dear friend, a helpful man ever ready to help a person in need, a good Christian.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bania Osborne Young, and one daughter, Mrs. Iris Dolinger, of Alexandria, Virginia. His final resting place is in the Greenwood Methodist Church cemetery.

MRS. ELDRETH DIES

Mrs. Mary Elliott Eldreth, a native of the Apple Grove community, a one-time member of the Gillespie Presbyterian Church, age 97 years, 7 months, and 22 days, passed away in the Ashe County Memorial Hospital on February 2nd following a fall resulting in a broken hip. Her funeral was conducted in the Gillespie Church on February 4 and her final resting place is in the Ham Cemetery by the side of her husband, Mr. James Eldreth. All of her life was spent in Ashe County, her (Continued on page 3)

Welcomed To Glendale Church

On Wednesday, Feb. 14 at the prayer meeting service, the following people were received into the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church by the session of the church. Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Finney, who came by letter and restatement of their faith, Ed Tolley who also came by restatement of his faith. Don Miller and Bobby Bare were received on profession of their faith in Christ. We are glad the above people have come into our fellowship, and may God bless them with a growing Christian life.



Johnson's To Work Great Europe Mission

A letter just recently received from Racine, Wisconsin from Mike Johnson informs us that he and his wife, Diana have signed up with the Great Europe Mission. They will be going to Europe this summer or fall to take part in training and evangelistic work in Europe.

We were delighted to have Mike and his wife, Diana, visit us during the Christmas Holidays.

Mike states some of his needs in his letter:

An army of people to pray for them, any financial support in the mission work, and for details of getting passports, visas and locating into an Eastern European country. May God bless Mike and Diana in their adventure for Christ and his Kingdom.

Guy Hunt Sang At Gov. Service

On January 5 Governor James E. Holshouser, Jr. was inaugurated in Raleigh, N. C. Special church services were held in a Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, for God's blessings for the new governor.

Rev. Guy Hunt, Jr., of Boone, was the soloist at the special services for the inauguration. Guy is supplying the little Ebenezer Presbyterian Church near Glendale Springs just out of interest for the community in which his father was reared.

Mount Jefferson Church News

As we recall the winter months of Dec., Jan., and Feb., we reflect that — although we had several sharp, cold days — there has been only one week (Jan. 7-14) of real winter weather (snow and cold). Of course we're not through March. The Young People of the Mt. Jefferson Church have signalized the winter months by providing the special music every other Sunday.

Sunday evening, Dec. 17, the church had its Fellowship Supper and Joy Gift, its Christmas Program, Treat, and Exchange of gifts, with the largest turn-out ever, and in the glow of the open fire in the handsome Social Hall. Then on Christmas Sunday morning (Dec. 24), Miss Lydia Johnson and her brother, John opened the service with an Introit on trumpet and organ; the Youth Choir later in the service singing antiphonally (with the Adult Choir) from the balcony.

Christmas Day, Monday, there was begun a two-week noon-hour-watch, with prayer for a right peace, and for fruitfulness in the 1973 united effort (of the Church in her many branches) (Continued on page 6)

Glendale People Attend Mission Conference

A large group of representatives from the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church attended a very interesting mission conference at Statesville, N. C. on January 21st. The conference took place at 2 p. m. Sunday evening with six foreign missionaries giving talks.

The conference was in the First Presbyterian Church in Statesville and a lunch was served after the meeting.

Will You Help The Herman Poe Building Fund?

Several concerned citizens are settling up a building fund for the family of the late Herman Poe, who lost his life in a fire. Not only did the family lose their father and husband, but a few months later their home was burned leaving the widow with 9 children. Clifton Poe, the brother of Herman, has borrowed \$2,000 on faith to start building a small home for his brother's family. We hope many will help in this much needed project. Make your donation to Rev. Robert V. Cameron, Jefferson, N. C.

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Easter--Fact or Fiction**(EDITORIAL)**

The Christian's faith is not based on fables but facts.

In this short article, I wish to bring to our attention some of the facts about the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Dead Christ --
The Sealed Tomb**

When the dead body of Jesus was buried in the sepulchre which was a cave in the side of a rock cliff, it is no doubt he was dead. He was tortured to death on the cross, He was stabbed in the heart by a spear, and pronounced dead by soldiers, enemies, friends and Pilate his judge. His body was placed in the tomb by Joseph of Aramathea a secret disciple. Jesus body was wound up by long strips of linen cloth and laid upon a stone shelf in a new tomb, where no man has been laid. Strips of cloth like a napkin were wound around his head.

The bitter high priests and enemies of Jesus had heard that Jesus had said, I will arise in three days. It is astounding that Jesus enemies had remembered this, but his disciples had not taken it in, for the scripture says they did not know yet that He would arise again.

Because of this saying, that He would rise again, Jesus' enemies demanded that Pilate make the tomb safe from robbery, lest his followers come and steal the body and claim his resurrection. This recorded by Matthew in 27:64-67. "Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead; so the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch; go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch."

In Matthew 27:60 we are told that

Joseph had a great stone rolled to the door of the tomb. Some old copies of the scripture also add these words, "a great stone that twenty men could scarcely roll." So it is no doubt a great and heavy stone was used to block the entrance of the sepulchre. This was the accustomed way to seal a tomb.

Not only was a great stone rolled to the opening, but the tomb had a special seal upon it. Sealing a tomb was by stretching a rope across the stone and plastering the ends to the solid rock on each side. This seal was put there by the command of Pilate, beware the breaking of a Roman sealed tomb, it would be dealt with, by condemnation of the Roman law.

AN OPEN AND EMPTY TOMB

On the third day the first day of the week, a great event happened. The great stone that scarcely twenty men could roll was found rolled away, the forbidding Roman seal was broken and the tomb was wide open, and not only open, but empty.

Did the friends of Jesus open it and take the body away? No! The women certainly did not do it. They carried spice to anoint the body of their dear Lord, but they wondered who would roll the stone away so they could get in the tomb.

Did the disciples roll the stone away? No! They were shocked, so frightened, that they had locked themselves in a room that they might not be taken of the Jews also, and crucified. They certainly did not plot to carry the body of Jesus and claim his resurrection, for they had not realized that there would be a resurrection of Jesus according to the scripture. The disciples were told by the women that the tomb had been open and the body of Jesus was gone, they could not believe it and called these stories the women brought, "just idle tales." When Peter went to the tomb and left, "He wondered in himself at that which had come to pass." Luke 24:12.

Did the enemies of Christ open the Tomb and take the body away? No! This was the last thing they wanted to do. The Jewish enemies tried their best to keep this from happening. The tomb was sealed by Roman law, and guards were placed there to see that the tomb was kept intact. The fact that the tomb was opened and the body was gone was acknowledged by these enemies, for they paid the soldiers to tell a lie about the open tomb, and threatened to report them if they told the true story of how things happened. They were told to say, "His disciples came by night while we were asleep and stole His body away."

Another oddity is that the enemies never searched for the body of Christ to prove their story. They had the power to put on a big search but they never did so.

A remarkable fact about the disappearance of Jesus' body from the tomb was the position of the grave clothes. Luke and John mention very carefully about the grave clothes. Jesus had gone but like the butterfly he left his cocoon behind. The idea is that the grave clothes lay just in the position in which they had been wrapped around his body. What grave thieves could have magically extracted the body from the clothes without unwinding them and taking them off the body. What thieves of the tomb would have stopped to fold the clothes and napkin back in place?

AFTER TWO THOUSAND YEARS

Altars are banked with lilies
In the house of God today,
And voices lift in praise to Him
Who rolled the stone away.
It cannot be only legend,
A tale of idle worth,
Since after two thousand years —
Today over all the earth.
Altars are banked with lilies
Where the tired kneel to pray
And voices lift in glad refrain:
"He rolled the stone away."
By: Scott Horton

No one saw a human being roll the stone away. No one saw thieves take the body away. The apostle Matthew is the only one who gave the account of how the sepulchre was opened, for he has written:

"And behold there was a great earthquake, for the angel of the Lord descended from Heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it."

Did Christ need to have the stone rolled away for Him to come out of the tomb? No! Did He need for someone to unwrap the grave clothes from His body? No! For Jesus had taken upon himself that wonderful spiritual body that could be matter or spirit at his will. This body came out of the winding grave clothes intact, and out of the rock sepulchre intact. This body of Jesus later appeared or disappeared at will. This body of Christ came through locked doors and stood in the midst of the disciples.

"For He who has not known corruption is not here —
He goes before to Galilee.
Awake! and see — The sepulchre
unsealed, the stone rolled back.
The winding sheets still reeled,
The angels limbed in light."

The ones who could give the best testimony of the living presence of Jesus Christ were his disciples whom He took special care to convince of his bodily resurrection. He talked with them, He ate with them, He was seen with their eyes and they recognized Him. He was touched by them, even the doubting Thomas was asked to feel the scars in His hands and His side. The cringing, discouraged disciples were lifted out of their fears, their unbelief, and went out with a new conviction and courage to face and witness before the world that Jesus Christ is the risen Son of God and is alive. Not only did they know He lived with them in the world, but they looked forward to His coming again when they shall hear his exultant shout of an archangel, echoing and re-echoing among the clouds, and shall see Him come in all the glory of his Father and the holy angels.

If you have claimed Him as your Lord and Savior, then when that day shall come, you will join millions of others to joyously crown Him King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

When the Clouds begin to echo
with a wondrous voice that rings,

When the earth begins to tremble
by the sound of many wings,

When multitudes of Heaven into
golden skies will fling,

Then it is time for all ye
Christians to sing and sing and sing,

For we shall join with hosts of
heaven to crown Him King of Kings.

Keep Up The "Key 73" Effort

The Key 73 campaign or effort is the uniting of over 400 denominations and 200,000 in round numbers of congregations to evangelize the United States and Canada during this year. We are asked to put on evangelistic campaigns in our churches, we are asked to study together the gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles as our special study, we are asked to pray and do personal work and win people to the Savior.

The Key 73 effort began by prayer at noon by everyone interested, whether at work, or play or gathering in groups. We hope every one will keep this up even throughout the year.

If we can get each church member to have a prayer list of those they would like to see accept Christ it will be an excellent idea. Can we get our members and Christians to try to win one person to Christ this year, it will be a splendid idea. If we could try to speak to one person a day about the Lord it would be a fine effort.

Let us keep up the effort and purpose of Key 73.

In Memory Of Rev. E. E. Kirkman

Rev. Eugene Kirkman, the pastor of the Highland Presbyterian Church of Winston-Salem, N. C. passed away Monday, Feb. 19th.

Memorial services were held at the Highland Presbyterian Church at 2 p. m. on Feb. 21st.

Mr. Kirkman was an outstanding minister of the Concord Presbytery, having served the Highland Presbyterian Church for 14 years. He was a graduate of Davidson College, the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. He had served as a trustee of Davidson College, and also chairman of the Concord Presbytery Council.

Those who survive Mr. Kirkman are his widow, Mrs. Cynthia Merrin Kirkman, one daughter, and four sons. One sister, Mrs. Perry Wilkerson of Atlanta, Ga. also survives.

God has called a good servant to himself. We pray God's wonderful comfort for those who mourn his passing. It can be well said, "Well done thy good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

Lansing Church News

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latter years were spent in Jefferson. She is survived by four daughters and one son.

BAPTISMS IN CHURCH

Heretofore unreported baptisms in the Lansing Presbyterian Church: On November 26, 1972 infant baptism was administered to Mitsy Ilene Campbell, daughter of 1st Sgt. James Walter Campbell and Mrs. Campbell, of the Marine Corps.

On January 28, 1973 Teresa Powers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Powers, was received into the membership of the Church by her profession of faith and baptism.



ICE SKATING ON RACCOON HOLLER LAKE — Lots of fun was enjoyed for a week on the lake at Raccoon Holler Camping Ground. This shows some of the boys posing for a picture.

In Memory Of Lester Hoppers

On Feb. 24th at 11 a. m. funeral service was held for Lester Hoppers, who passed away at the age of 82. Mr. Hoppers lived in the Transou Community, but at the time of his death he was in the rest home at Jefferson, N. C. Mr. Hoppers was the son of Martin and

Amelia Hunt Hoppers of Ashe County.

He united with the Baptist Church several years ago and recently attended the Transou Methodist Church regularly. Mr. Hoppers had farmed and was an outstanding carpenter and contractor for a number of years, having worked on many church buildings in the county. Surviving are two daughters, one son, and two step-sons, a sister and three brothers. May our Heavenly Father comfort his loved ones who mourn his passing.

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DR. JOHN W. LUKE, greatly beloved Ashe County minister, and editor of the Ashe Presbyterian, was signally honored on March 6 at the Luke Memorial Building at Glendale Springs when a surprise birthday dinner was given him. The dinner was attended by approximately 100 persons. Following the dinner the motion picture "The Grain Of Rice" was shown.

Rev. Whitley Met Glendale Sp. Field

On Jan. 23th at 2 p. m. over two dozen representatives from Glendale Springs, Bethel, and Laurel Fork Presbyterian Churches met at the Glendale Springs Church with Rev. G. P. Whitley, the field secretary of the Concord Presbytery. This meeting was for the purpose of discussing the Honorable Retirement of Rev. J. W. Luke, who will have been pastor of churches in Ashe County for 46 years. At a certain age a pastor is automatically retired by the church. The discussion was of securing a new pastor, and the possibility of building a new manse for a new pastor when secured. Each congregation was directed to have a meeting and select pulpit committees of 2 each, and receive the retirement of Rev. J. W. Luke, who will have come of retirement age in March.

After the discussion, coffee, drinks, and donuts were served in the large Sunday School room adjoining the church.

An Idle Boast

VOLTAIRE said, "It took twelve ignorant fishermen to establish Christianity. I will show the world how one Frenchman can destroy it."

But alas for that boast, it is said that, twenty-five years after the unbeliever died, his home was purchased by the Geneva Bible Society and became a storage building, and that his printing press was used to print an entire edition of the Bible.

Will a man fight against God? Yes, he will, but not successfully.

As to those fishermen. If they had been the founders of Christianity, it would indeed have faded out long ere

This Month I Am 100

(From Guidepost)

This month I am 100 years old and over and over again I have assurance that God is here with us. I rise each morning, secure in the knowledge that God is. And each day as I see new evidence of it, I think again of the wonderful words of Augustus Bamberger in his poem Out Of The Vast:

There's part of the sun in an apple,
There's part of the moon in a rose;
There's part of the flaming Pleiades
In every leaf that grows.
Out of the vast comes nearness;
For the God whose love we sing
Lends a little of His heaven
To every living thing.

Suphemia F. Tubbs
Columbus, Mississippi

Larry Pons Will Be Director

The Council on Outdoor Christian Ministry of the Presbytery announces that Mr. Larry Pons from Valdese, N. C. has assumed the duties of (1) Program Director and Manager of Susan Barbour Jones, October 1, 1972 - August 1973; (2) To work with the Council in the area of public relations, program and camp recruitment.

this. But the Church was founded by God, with His divine Son as the foundation. "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

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Miss Nancy Alice Taylor, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Taylor of Wilbar, N. C. was united in marriage to Jack Clayton Severt, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Severt of Glendale Springs, N. C. The nuptials were spoken by Rev. J. W. Luke in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church at 2 p. m. on December 23. The service was attended by the bride and groom's families. We wish these young people the happiness of a Christian Home.

BOWER - LYALL

The families of Deborah Gail Bower and Jean Claude Lyall met at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church, Friday, Feb. 16th at 6 p. m. to witness the marriage of Deborah and Jean. Deborah is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Bower of the Bear Creek Community, and Jean Claude is the son of the late Larry Lyall and Mrs. Lyall of Todd, N. C.

We wish these young people a happy married life and a Christian Home.

A Grain Of Rice Shown At Glendale

The World mission film "A Grain of Rice" was shown at the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church on March 4th at 7 p. m. This film is shown especially to emphasize world missions.

The public as well as church members were invited to see this fine picture of the life in China.

Job Finds Calvary

Rev. John Johnson

We remember with deep respect the awe-inspiring patience of Job. Ezekiel speaks of his righteousness, associating him along with Noah and Daniel. James praises him for his patience. A good man, a great man. Yet if we stand him up beside Calvary, he doesn't look very tall. Job found Calvary one day. But before he found it he had the same old respectable sins that all of us "good" people have.

In fact he was quite satisfied with himself, a sure sign of sin. In 9:21 he says, "I am blameless". In 27:6 he says, "My righteousness I hold fast". In 29:14 he says, "I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my justice was as a robe and a diadem". In the 31st chapter he names seven virtues he had to prove how good he was: he did not commit adultery, was not untruthful, was not mean to his slaves, did not rejoice when his enemy was in trouble, trusted God more than his wealth, paid a fair price for his land, and was generous to orphans and others in need—self righteous.

The way he talked about God in the 9th chapter, right after saying he was blameless shows how full of blame he was. In verses 21-23 he says, "It doesn't matter to me if I die, so I'm not afraid of asserting God's complete indifference to justice. If he wants to kill me for saying that, I don't care, because I don't want to live anyway." This is the same man who in 27:6 claims: "My righteousness I hold fast". And in 10:13-22, look how this "righteous" man talks to God: "Why didst thou bring me forth from the womb? Why couldn't you have let me die before I was ever born? And now that I just have a few more days to live, go away, leave me alone, so that I may brighten up a little before I go, never to return."

We find this kind of talk by Job over and over. It is not the whole picture by any means. At times he breaks through to quiet confidence, assured trust. He wavers between hope and despair. But he stood a good distance away from Calvary's hill.

Finally near the end of his strenuous struggle he hears God speaking to him, in 40:1-2; "Will you who finds fault with the Almighty, try to argue with Him?" Job begins to see himself as he really is. In 40:3-5 he says: "Behold, I am vile; what answer can I give you? I will put my hand over my mouth. I will proceed no further." God speaks, then later Job again, 42:3-6; "I have been talking a lot, without knowing what I was saying; things too wonderful for me to understand. But now instead of me instructing you, (God) I want you to instruct me. Therefore I want to take back everything that I said that was wrong, and I repent in dust and ashes".

The perfect man had repented. Job had found Calvary. Will the Jobs of

Thanksgiving

(RUSSELL BURNES BULLETIN)

I think that I shall never see,
A church that's all it ought to be.
A church whose members never stray
Beyond the straight and narrow way.
A church that has no empty pews,
Whose preacher never has the blues
Whose Elders "Eld" and Deacons
"Deek",
Where none are proud and all are meek.
Where gossips never peddle lies,
Or make complaints, or criticize.
Whose members are all so sweet and kind,
And to each other's faults are blind.
Such congregations there may be,
But none of them are known to me,
So let us work and pray and plan to make,
The church. . . Your church. . . Great!

ARE YOU AN EASTER WITNESS?

Long ago and far away,
On a bleak, bare hill,
A man was hung upon a cross
Because of the depths of his love.
He died for me; he died for all.
He died so that we might live.

1973 find it again this April 20? I am self-righteous, self-satisfied, self-deceived, self-complacent, self-condemned. Can I see anything on a hill? Can I feel any dust and ashes?

Famous Birthdays

There were born at this time of the year three great men. There perhaps were many others, but we honor them by printing one thing each said about God's Holy Book.

General Robert E. Lee was born on Jan. 19th. He is quoted as saying, "In all my perplexities and distresses, the Bible has never failed to give me light and strength."

President Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday is Feb. 11th, is quoted as saying, "I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated to us through this book".

General George Washington, whose birthday is Feb. 22nd, is quoted as saying, "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."

We honor these great men not only for what they did, but for their convictions about God and his Holy Book. May we follow in their wisdom, and their example.

And, in his resurrection,
He lives that we may have
A hope, a future, and a goal,
When our work on earth is done.
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Ten Commandments

FROM THE CONCORD BULLETIN

1. Thou shalt not try to save the church. It is God's Church, and so trust Him to save it. Thou shalt be the church.

2. Thou shalt not live in fear of the enemy. Thou shalt live in loyalty to Jesus Christ.

3. Thou shalt not test a statement or an action by someone's accusations that it is Communicistic. Thou shalt test it by the New Testament and by the actions and teachings of Jesus.

4. Thou shalt not believe everything you hear and read. "Sturdy to show thyself approved unto God. . ."

5. Thou shalt not take a fragment of information and make decisions as if it were the whole truth. Get as much information as possible, and then make your decisions.

6. Thou shalt not believe a stranger whom you do not know instead of Christian leaders whom you do know.

7. Thou shalt not expect all Christians to agree on theology or politics or the church's action in society. Thou shalt expect all Christians to love in spite of disagreement.

8. Thou shalt not reject as un-Christian those whose viewpoint you reject. Remember, they are as sincere in their convictions as you.

9. Thou shalt put Christ first, ahead of your family, your nation, your political party or your prejudices.

10. Thou shalt remember the Scriptures: "If this . . . be of men, it will come to naught; but if it be of God, you cannot overthrow it."

Glendale Women Are Active

The Women of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church, because of the cold weather, are meeting in the large Sunday School room of the church. Instead of Thursday's covered dish dinner, they meet at 2 p. m. Wednesday for Bible Study and the monthly program. Coffee and cookies were served after the meeting. The women were active in gathering gifts and supplies for the Herman Poe family, a family of 9 children and widow whose father and husband lost his life in a fire. Not only did this family lose the father but a few months later the home burned also leaving the family without clothing and a home. There are many other activities the women take part in, such as cleaning the church, planting flowers in the church flower garden, supporting missionaries, as well as the program of the women of the church. We congratulate the women for the useful work in which they are engaged.

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MOUNT JEFFERSON CHURCH NEWS

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at evangelism. There was an American Legion Service for President Truman in the Hall, noon of Dec. 26; and on Dec. 30 a birthday party in the Nursery for 4-year-old Angelia Severt.

January of 1973, as mentioned above, gave us our only winter weather as of now, and it was short; but quite a number of our membership spent at least a part of January in the hospital: Miss Lois Mangum, Mrs. Letcher May, Mrs. Bill Calloway, Mrs. Ella Baldwin, Dr. James Smith, and Mr. Dale Baldwin. All of these are home again now. And mid-January brought a sign of spring when the Burpee Seed Catalogue arrived one Tuesday.

Sunday, Jan. 14, the Mt. Jefferson Church observed Winter Communion, with the service being taken to shut-ins in the afternoon. Church Annual Reports and the winter session of Presbytery (at Lenoir) were taken care of the week of Jan. 21. And on Monday night, Jan. 29, the ladies held a shower for Mrs. Greg Baldwin.

January of 1973 in the Mt. Jefferson Church can indeed be remembered with great gladness of heart: Prayer-watch for the Lord's work observed as the year came in; the sick restored to health; and six new members added to our number: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Eldreth,

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wyatt, and Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Miller, Jr.

February — defined by the poet as "the dearest month of the year, love; but the shortest and nearest to spring" — can serve to turn our attention to things-to-come. Our Young People are planning for the leading of a worship service — possibly in March. Another increment (\$3,000) of the church debt has been retired. And the Library is going forward.

On Feb. 7, the young "Four H'ers" of the county held their enthusiastic District Meeting in the church Hall. And on Feb. 18, the local Junior Women's Club used the facilities of the church for their display, and the choosing of young persons to be eligible for college scholarships in the fall.

The Mt. Jefferson Church, on Feb. 14, sustained a heavy loss with the sudden passing of Mr. Charles Davis, an Elder in the church, and a man much loved in all the community. Friends, at the beginning of any church year, always there is the probability that — ere the year is out — the words of the Lord's servant Joshau (5:12) will be spoken in reference to some of the pilgrim fellowship: "They did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year". With "Canaan" shown in the New Testament as a type of heaven, our joy in the midst of tears can come with the knowledge that this year the loved one shall begin to be "for ever with the Lord" (I Thes. 14:17).

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Much Activity At Memorial Building

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Monday — Karate Lessons by Mr. Ahn, 6-9 p. m.

Tuesday — Basketball practice, 7-9 p. m.

Wednesday — Karate Lesson by Mr. Ahn, 7-9 p. m.

Thursday — Recreation and youth religious meeting, 6:30-9 p. m.

Friday — B. R. O. C. children play from 5 to 7 p. m. then Recreation by older groups. (Basketball, ping pong, volley ball, shuffle board, and roller skating.)

Saturday — Karate Lessons, 10-12 a. m.

Besides the above activities the Women of the Church meet for their monthly covered dish lunches in warm weather. Other groups borrow the building for showers, wedding receptions, and church suppers.



J. W. LUKE BUILDING is used for many recreation activities especially for young people.

Bob Ziebarth To Return Here

Bob Ziebarth who is at Columbia Bible College this winter will be back with us this summer if nothing unusually happens. Bob has indicated he will be with us again if we want him. The people of the Glendale Springs Field have all unanimously agreed to get Bob to be with us again. So we are looking forward to having Bob with us. Since he is familiar with the field, we feel sure Bob can do a even more effective work among our people this second summer. Bob says he is kept busy at his studies this winter, and will be glad to get back to the mountains for the summer months.

News Of The Wade Rose Chapel

The Ashe County Ministerial Association is working with the widow of the late Wade Rose to complete the Wade Rose Chapel Room in the Ashe County Memorial Hospital, Jefferson, N. C.

The committee appointed to work in this project by the association is Rev. Worth Sheets, Father Bob Cameron, and Rev. R. H. Stone.

Rev. Worth Sweet made the following report at the last meeting of the Ministerial Association. The relatively small room built for the chapel will be lengthened by twelve feet, which will help the rooming space of the chapel tremendously. At present the money resources are \$3,800 which

is on hand to use. It is hoped the Chapel will be tied in with the P. A. system of the hospital, so that those acting as chaplains can make announcements or read brief scripture passages for patients.

Mr. Basel Barr has indicated he will make furniture for the chapel, and

others have indicated they will help build the extra space needed.

An appropriate carpet and perhaps stained window will be installed in the west end of the room. Any one who wishes to make other gifts to this needed Chapel can contact Rev. Worth Sweet, Jefferson, N. C.

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In Memory Of Our Loved Ones

Mrs. Virginia Greer Bare, the widow of the late Ted Lincoln Bare, passed away on Feb. 10th in Lenoir, N. C. After services in the Walsh-Warren-Miller Funeral Chapel in Lenoir, the burial was in the Big Ridge Cemetery in Ashe County beside her husband. The grave side service was held at 1 p. m. Monday, Feb. 12th. We pray God will bestow his compassionate blessings for the family.

Rev. Clate Kilby passed away on Jan. 20th in the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, N. C. Clate passed away after a serious accident at a saw-mill. Rev. Clate Kilby was the pastor of the New Home Baptist Church and the funeral services were held at that church on January 22nd at 2 p. m. Clate was highly esteemed by the Glendale Springs Community and all denominations. He preached the Gospel and lived it. Many shall miss him as a Christian minister and a Christian Friend. We pray God will give his comfort to the wife and family. Well done thou good and faithful servant is well spoken for Clate.

Glenn Ray Dancy of Wilbar, N. C. passed away at his home on Sun., Jan. 21st and the funeral service was held on Jan. 24th at the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home, North Wilkesboro, N. C. Interment was in the Miller's Cemetery in Wilkes County. We pray God's blessings on those who mourn his passing.

Kinley Lyle passed away on Jan. 23rd, 1973 at the age of 54. He was born in Ashe County to Mr. and Mrs. Everette Lyle. He married Miss Cassy Viers of Peak Creek, Ashe County on Nov. 17th. Kinley professed Christ at his home near North Wilkesboro and was baptised. Funeral services were held in the Peak Creek Church of the Brethren in Ashe County. We have known Kenly from youth. We are glad he made peace with his God through Jesus Christ the Lord. May God bless and comfort those who miss him.

Funeral service for Charles Edgar Woodie was held at the Brethren Church of Peak Creek on Friday, Feb. 16th. Mr. Woodie was 85 years old at his passing. He was a native of Ashe County and made his home in the Peak Creek Community while living in the county. Mr. Woodie taught school in both Wilkes and Ashe Counties during his younger days when he lived in the county of Ashe. Many of the older people well remember Mr. Charles Woodie as a very efficient school teacher in many of the small schools

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(Mr. and Mrs. Gib Mann

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Gospel Recordings, Inc. has appointed us to the field of Southern Mexico where we have a small record factory in Puebla and a distribution base in

over this area. At his death Mr. Woodie was living in the Carolina Rest Home, Durham, N. C.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Bell Dancy Woodie; 3 children, Miss Mary Helen Woodie of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Orlando Torres of Chicago, Ill., and Paul Woodie of Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Woodie was a believing Christian and professed Christ as his savior a few years ago. We pray God's blessing of comfort for the family.

the state of Oaxaca (pronounced wa-ha-ka). Many of Mexico's 200 dialects are represented in Oaxaca. Under the direction of our Latin America representative, Jim Mittelstedt, we will spend 2/3 of our remaining 2½ years in direct distribution to the tribes, and 1/3 in production in Puebla.

We hope to leave this month for Puebla. In March we hope to take a 6 weeks intensive Spanish course in Mexico City. Then we will head for Oaxaca.

As we enter Mexico we stand by faith on God's promise in Psalm 20:3, "He has given me a new song to sing of praises to our God. Now many will hear of the glorious things He did for me, and stand in awe before the Lord, and put their trust in Him" (Living Bible).

Please pray with us for: 1. fast absorption of Spanish and adaptation to a new culture. 2. Quick entry into Mexico with no border delay. 3. Love for co-workers and those to whom we will minister. 4. A growing love for each other. 5. A consistent and meaningful devotional life. 6. Openness of Indians to the Gospel on record.

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DR. J. R. McQUILKIN

Dr. J. R. McQuilkin Preaches Sermon On The Mt. Service

The Ashe County Ministerial Association will hold their 2nd Interdenominational Service of the churches in Ashe County on June 10th at 3 p. m. The service as last year was an out-door one held on the hill known as the baseball grounds overlooking West Jefferson.

Music was furnished by the choirs of the various churches of the county under the direction of Rev. Wendell Brittain, the pastor of the West Jefferson Methodist Church.

Dr. J. R. McQuilkin is not new to many of us in Ashe County having worked as a student in the Glendale Springs Field of Churches with the pastor, J. W. Luke. Other details of Dr. McQuilkin's life is as follows:

He attended the Columbia, S. C. public schools and received a B. A. and B. E. degree in Columbia Bible College. He received a B. D. at Fuller Theological Seminary, with additional study at Wheaton College (Ill.). He attended the Northern Baptist Seminary
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Mount Jefferson Presbyterian Church

The spring months in the mountains began this year with an interesting coming together of denominations for the study of God's Word. Starting with the first Sunday evening in March (March 4), folks from seven denominational groups met at the Mt. Jefferson Church and took up the study of Luke's Gospel, led by Dr. D. D. Holt of the Bethany Methodist Church. After a presentation each evening by Dr. Holt, the audience would break down into discussion groups with ministers present as resource people. Comments on the 4-Sunday-evening-study were to the effect that this should be done a number of times through the year.

Communicants classes were begun the first week of March, and continued through the Lenten period. During this time also, the Sacrificial Meal was practiced (a single course meal once a week, with the savings being sent to the central office for relief of hunger).

On Sunday evening, March 18, there was not only the Bible study, but a Fellowship Supper followed by an interesting presentation of the Church's work in Brazil and Mexico. This was given by Rev. Randolph Terrell who used movies to make vivid his subject-matter.

Then, the night of March 30, the Young People took in hand to push across the county's March-of-dimes quota; and in a "rock-a-thon" continuing from 5 p. m. Friday until 9 a. m. Saturday morning, and (part time)
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Memorial Building At Glendale Springs Is Being Improved

The Memorial Building has been teeming all winter with basketball, roller skating, Karate, ping pong and other sports. It is now closed partially and some improvements are able to be made before the summer activities are taken part in. A new drinking fountain has been installed down stairs by Junior Ray Miller, the fountain being given to us by Mr. Pete Gambill. This fountain will be very convenient for those taking part in games in the basement. A new screen and frame has been installed over the furnace cold air intake. The steps from the basement have been painted by Bobby Bare, the concrete floor in the basement has been painted with sealer by Gary Miller and Bobby Bare. In the near future we wish to paint the shuf-
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Dr. Dean Colvard Finals Speaker

It was announced at the baccalaureate service that Dr. Dean Colvard, Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte would be the Commencement speaker. Dr. Colvard is an Ashe County man and has acquired a prominent place in the educational world. We welcome Dr. Colvard back to his home county for this special event in the lives of the graduates of Ashe Central.



WOMEN OF GLENDALE SPRINGS Presbyterian Church were entertained by Mrs. Marie Yelanjian at her home May 16.

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Observations On The Watergate Affair

We are living in the shadow of the Watergate happenings and in the midst of a vigorous investigation to find the facts of what happened. No matter what party we may favor, we realize a very doubtful secret action was used to find out facts from another party for political reasons as well as for security purposes. The method used was considered underhanded and unethical. We would like to make a few non-partisan observations about the Watergate Affair if our observations are worth anything to you.

I — First observation — Man should live by faith, and honesty. Man should have faith in God and his fellowman and seek to be honest with both. Because of the lack of faith and honest dealings between the two parties in our nation, the Watergate affair was carried out. One party had information that the other party was plotting espionage against their convention and perhaps the United States Government. Whether this was true or not it was a suspicion that was met by secret investigation which was considered underhanded. The lack of honesty and faith by both parties brought about the Watergate affair. In my estimate both parties are guilty. Neither one can flit about with angelic wings and say "I am without guilt. I am better than thou."

The people of the United States pride themselves in clean sports in the athletic field, but when it turns to political campaigns, they seem to think it is time to get dirty and dishonest. A political aspirant reveals his character when he is making his campaign for office. What he has revealed himself to be in the campaign, he will also be when he takes office — that is if he gets elected.

II — The Second Observation — What is the image that the United States will set before the nations of the world in our elections? We claim to be one of the most highly civiliz-

ed nations in the world, and set up our idea of democracy as the most ideal government of all the governments of the world. What will the nations of the world see in us now since a dishonest image is advertised before the world? If we expect to be trusted by the nations of the world, what will they say when they see we cannot trust each other? If we have dishonesty and corruption among ourselves in our elections, how can we ask another nation to take our treaties and promises with trust and sincerity? What kind of image have we set before the world?

III — The Third Observation — I am thankful that our constitution has provided a fair and just method for selecting the president and law makers of our country. In contrast what happens among other nations? When a new leader is desired, a coupe is staged, a purge is carried out. More powerful leaders usurp the leadership. Of course this is not so among some other nations, yet it is a common method of putting new leaders in office. With our own wonderful fair method set by the constitution — we should be very careful in guarding it with faith and honesty. Those who seek offices should be the guardians of our methods and our honest and fair elections.

In many countries where espionage, plotting, and underhand attempts to gain power are discovered, men are executed, purged, banished and sent to work camps. Our government provides for a just evaluation and trial when such matters are discovered.

IV — A Fourth Observation — Those who make false statements or accusations or try to corrupt the character of a leader are also giving themselves a black eye. When elections are over and investigations are over the things you have said about others still remains in the memory of the world. You are still a member of this nation and the black eye you have given to others you wear as well as they. When you travel abroad you are recognized as one of those "Yankees" whose leaders are corrupt by your own gossip.

V — A Fifth Observation: Let those who are severe in judging others take warning. Jesus said:

"First cast out the beam out of thine own eye: and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." Mt. 7:5.

I am not saying we should be lax in doing what is right in punishing crime and evil doings in our country. This laxness has become too common throughout our courts of justice today. But Jesus said, "Judge not that ye be not judged" and "He who is without sin cast the first stone." Stones that are cast at the accused, may bounce back and strike the accuser.

The teachings of the Great Son of God should be observed by those who run for office and then there would be no embarrassment to any one in an honest election. If you love the Lord Thy God with all thy heart and thy neighbor as thy self, you will not plot against the opposite party and you will not break through and steal. Angel wings cannot be claimed by either party, but in the future men should seek to be honest in dealings with

Believing By Seeing

By Rev. John Johnson

It is often said, "We have to take our Christianity on faith". A great truth. Yet along with this, is another truth — not a matter of faith but of fact. In the New Testament we find great souls standing their ground against the degradation of their times, not merely because of something they hoped was true, but something they had already seen to be true, something they had seen so clearly that they could never again unsee it.

They had seen what Jesus saw. To see life as He saw it is to look at people the way He looked at them, to look at money, to look at friendship, to look at trouble, to look at death, the way He looked at these things. To do this is to really see, and thus to really believe.

This was Jesus' great vision for people. Zachaeus, the tax collector; the woman of Samaria at the well; Mary Magdalene; and all the rest — had seen life one way before they met up with Jesus — but afterward they could never see life in the same way again. Can you imagine some such experience? Looking at life one way today, and then — suddenly it may be — or gradually just as surely — but meeting up with someone, either personally or by reading, or by some other way — but meeting up with someone — someone who opens our eyes, changes our point of view, deepens our insight, clarifies our vision, enables us to see ourselves, and see people, as we had not seen before, so that never again can we see things as we had all the time been seeing them?

This was Jesus' effect on the first disciples — though of course in a much deeper way than what our meeting with any person could be today. He told the story of the Prodigal Son coming back from the far country. He pointed out the difference in attitude between the welcoming father and the grumbling, fault-finding, self-righteous, elder brother. He was saying, "Do you see?" He told the story of the five foolish maidens who went to the wedding party, without delay — they saw it was the thing to do. He told of the five foolish ones — they had faith to believe there was a party, but didn't see anything to be concerned about, so kept putting off living, saw nothing to rush to. He was saying, "Do you see?"

He looked on beauty too, the Galilean flowers, the budding forth of little children. He looked on fathers who forgave their sons, on mothers who stood by crosses. He looked on all life's grandeur and goodness and saw in it the heart of the Eternal. This is genuine faith — nothing formal and dry-as-dust duty, but a stupendous seeing! To believing but satisfied, unseeing saints He said "Having eyes do you not see?" To humble, yearning seekers He said, "But blessed are your eyes, for they see."

each other. We should not let ambition for power destroy our souls, or the soul of our country.

Lansing Planning Summer Activities

Christian work camps for volunteer Senior Young People, including at least six or eight groups from throughout the Church, are being planned at Lansing. Churches from Atlanta, Charlotte and Greenville, S. C. are among those represented in this program.

Bible Schools are to be held at all four churches on the Lansing Field and Revival Services will be held in some of the churches.

In Memoriam

MR. ROY RUDOLPH BADGER

Mr. Roy Rudolph Badger, after eighty-four years of age and a lingering illness of several years was buried in the Jefferson Cemetery on May 12th. His funeral was conducted in the Badger Funeral Home Chapel. For thirty-five years he was a co-owner of the Badger Funeral Home. For fourteen years he was coroner for Ashe County; for twelve years a useful, active member of the County Board of Education; a former member of the Ashe County Memorial Hospital serving as Secretary and Treasurer; chairman of the board of the Jefferson Cemetery; a member of the Rotary Club and of the Odd Fellows Fraternity. He practiced the Golden Rule and was a member of the Jefferson United Methodist Church. He has buried many people of the county and has friends throughout a wide area.

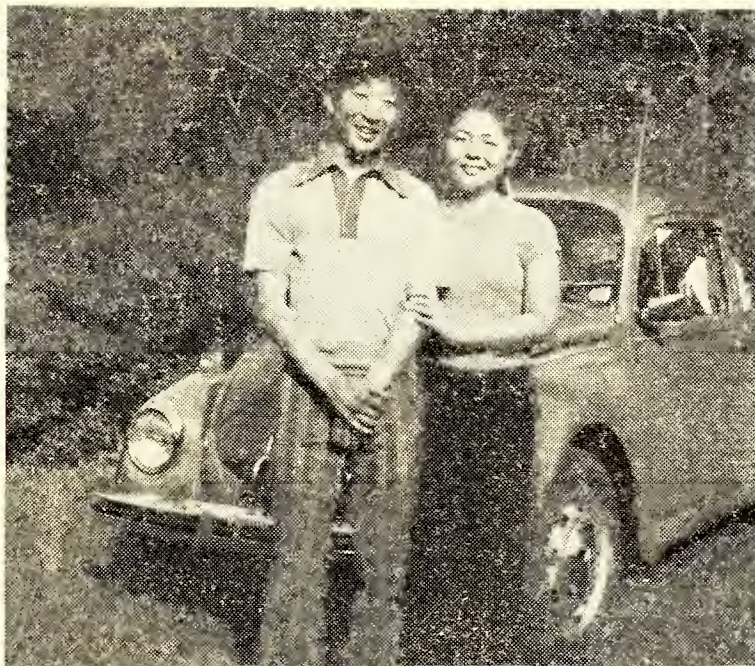
MRS. FRED HUNT

Mrs. Fred Hunt, mother of Miss Kathryn Hunt, at the age of ninety-seven and one-half years, died in Chattanooga after a long illness on May 11th. Her funeral service was conducted in the Brainerd Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga, and a grave side service was conducted in Richmond on May 14th by Rev. R. H. Stone. Mrs. Hunt has many friends in Ashe County made while on visits to Miss Kathryn Hunt, an outstanding religious worker in churches in Ashe. She was a native of Virginia, and for many years she made her home in Richmond, where a daughter and her husband are buried. She was a cultured, friendly, religious person.

MR. VICTOR CLARK

Mr. Victor Clark, age 74; senior Elder in the Lansing Presbyterian Church, Clerk of the Session; teacher of the Adult Bible Class; was run over by a truck on Friday, May 18th on Main Street, Lansing. He was rushed to a hospital in Winston-Salem and died a short time after arrival. His funeral was conducted by Dr. R. L. Stamper and Rev. R. H. Stone on May 20th. Burial followed in the Clark Cemetery.

Friendliness, helpfulness, honesty, integrity, and Godliness were some of his characteristics. He had many friends. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bessie Ham Clark, a daughter, Mrs. Marie Blevins, a sister, Mrs. Worth Greer, of Lansing; two broth-



MR. AHN AND MISS KIM UNITED IN MARRIAGE —

Mr. Yun Ju Ahn, who is a master instructor in karate at the Memorial Building, Glendale Springs, N. C. returned home for a few weeks to South Korea. While there he was united in marriage to Miss Bo Sook Kim. We wish and pray a happy family life for the two young people.

ers, Mr. Frank Clark, of Lancaster, Pa. and Mr. William Clark, Jr., of F. D., Lansing; and three grandsons. He is greatly missed in Lansing and in the work and service of the Church.

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Many Visitors At Lansing Field

Young people from Steel Creek Presbyterian Church held a religious retreat at Lansing under the direction of the Rev. Mr. Cas Robinson from Atlanta. The Retreat lasted from Friday, May 18, to Sunday. Thirty adults from Steel Creek visited the Lansing Field during the day on Saturday, May 19.

The Reverend Dr. and Mrs. Howard Chadwick of the First Presbyterian Church, Orlando, Florida, were guests of the Lansing Field on Friday and Saturday, May 18 and 19.

Dr. Kenneth Phillips has made several trips in connection with reopening the Dental Clinic housed at Foster Memorial Church. He is an Elder at Reynolds Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem and is the Dentist who has assumed the task of staffing this clinic with volunteer dentists.

MOUNT JEFFERSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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with roisterous music outdoors in the church colonnade, they raised over \$800.00 for the fund.

March had some sadness too, for — spending some time in the hospital — were Mr. Quincy Mullis, little Jimmy Hendrix, Miss Nancy Calloway; and Dr. and Mrs. James Smith's daughter, Joan, who died in the Arlington Hospital as the result of an automobile accident.

April had not run far, when — on a surprise visit — the former pastor of the church, Rev. Russell Burns and his family, appeared in our midst; and a church-supper was got together in their honor. That evening, April 10, though it was wintry outside, it was warm and happy within. Then, at the end of that week, Saturday, April 14, the Ashe County Music Club gave a fine program of varied music in the Social Hall.

Palm Sunday, April 15, Mt. Jefferson observed Communion; and coming into the Church that day were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bradshaw and their daughter, Tracy Ann; Miss Ellen Eldreth, Miss Linda May, Miss Ingrid Miller, and Mr. Paul Wyatt. Communion was carried to shut-ins in the afternoon. Palm Sunday also brought the surprising and welcome news about the Church Library — by the quiet and efficient work of Mrs. Noel Miller, there have been added to the Library \$150 worth of new books (both reference works and others). Friday of that week, a half-hour service was held at noon with a meditation upon the First Word from the Cross.

Easter Sunday began with the Sunrise Service at 6:30. After the service the men of the church fed all who were present a delectable ham and egg breakfast. At the Sunday School hour, slides of the Lord's Passion Week were shown; and the Worship Hour was rich with the Easter music and the adoration of our Risen Lord — the very reason for our existence.

April 29 was Pulpit Exchange Sunday, and the Mt. Jefferson congregation had the privilege of hearing Rev. Kenneth Morris, the new minister of

the First Baptist Church of West Jefferson. (Rev. Smith spoke at the service of the St. Francis Catholic Church in Jefferson). The evening of April 29, our Miss Lydia Johnson and Mr. Al Wendler, in a duo-piano concert held in the West Jefferson Public School Hall, gave the hearers a veritable feast of good music.

May began with Presbytery meeting at Statesville. Our church was represented by the minister. On May 10, our Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. Winston Baldwin, called together the teachers and some others, and outlined a program for the rest of the year, and also ways of building the Church School.

On Sunday evening, May 13, the ladies put on a "Finger Supper", after which there was a program celebrating the birthday of the "Women-of-the-Church". Informative slides were shown and the birthday offering received (which goes this year to work in Brazil).

Sunday night, May 20, was Baccalaureate night at the county schools, and the commencement exercises of Friday, May 25, saw some of our young people graduating from Ashe Central and some from Beaver Creek High School. And now, as May comes

DR. J. R. McQUILKIN PREACHES SERMON

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for a year and the University of California at Los Angeles in 1950.

In 1950-52 he was instructor in Greek, Religious Education and Theology at Columbia Bible College after which he served as head master at Ben Lippen School, Asheville, N. C. From here Dr. McQuilkin went as a missionary to Japan under The Evangelical Alliance Mission where he served for 12 years in evangelical work and Acting President of Tokyo Christian College, Tokyo, Japan. In 1968 he was appointed as President of the Columbia Bible College. He is married and has six children. We are delighted to have Dr. McQuilkin with us for the Sermon on the Mount Service June 10th.

to an end, attention is focused on another "coming-together" of church groups of the county, namely, Sermon-on-the-Mount Sunday, an outdoor united service held on the Sunday of Pentecost, June 10. May the Lord's work go forward, and His people get to know each other.

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In Memory Of Loved Ones

Claude Sheets, Jr., born Sept. 25, 1926 and died May 9, 1973 at Glendale Springs by accident. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sheets of Ashe county and lived at Glendale Springs. He was a carpenter by trade and farmer. Funeral services were held from the Calvary Freewill Baptist Church, Saturday, May 12 at 2 p. m. Clergymen were Rev. Harold Odear, and Rev. Louis J. Yelanjian. The final resting place was in the church cemetery of the Freewill Baptist Church at Glendale Springs. We pray God will comfort those who mourn his passing.

Mrs. Fren Marie Bare of the Obids Community passed away after illness in the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem. She was born Oct. 13, 1944 and was called to her Heavenly Father on April 13, 1973.

Funeral services were held at the Obids Baptist Church on April 15, at 2 p. m. and the final resting place was in the Baptist Church Cemetery. Rev. Ross Harless and Bill Ballou served in the last rites. We mourn with those who have lost their loved one.

Clifton Eugene Bare was born July 31, 1925 and passed away April 20, 1973. Clifton was born in Winsper, Idaho to Curb and Bessie Craven Bare. After his mother passed away the family moved back to Ashe county. He was a veteran of World War II.

Final rites were held at the Badger Funeral Home Chapel on Tues., Apr. 24, 1973 at 2 p. m. by Rev. J. W. Luke. The final resting place was in the Ebenezer Presbyterian Cemetery. May God bring comfort to his many friends and the family.

John Britt Osborne passed away May 5 in the Rowan Memorial Hospital after he was hospitalized for a heart attack. He was the son of John and Madalinda Cox Osborne, born in Alleghany County near Laurel Springs. He was an employee of the Wonderknit Corp. of Cooleemee, N. C. Mr. Osborne was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Cooleemee. The Revs. Roscoe Fisher and J. W. Luke held the last rites in the Presbyterian Church and interment was in the Cooleemee Legion Memorial Park Cemetery. We pray God's comfort to the many friends and the family.

Claude Allen Walker passed away May 16 in the Ashe Memorial Hospital after an accident on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Peak Creek Community. Funeral services were held in the Reins-Sturdivant-Ashelawn Memorial Chapel in Jefferson. Burial was in the Ebenezer Presbyterian Cemetery. Claude was the son of Jimmy and Isido Wyatt Walker of Wilkes county. We pray God will comfort the large family who are left.

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Sermon On Mountain Service Held Again

The second service of the Sermon on the Mount was held on the hill, called the baseball field overlooking West Jefferson on Sunday, June 10 at 3 p. m. This was an open air service which was sponsored by the Ministerial Association of Ashe County. Ministers of all the denominations took part in this Association and have initiated this united outdoor service.

The preacher for the service this year was Dr. J. Robertson McQuilkin, the President of Columbia Bible College of Columbia, S. C.

Dr. McQuilkin graduated at Columbia College and then after advance work in other universities and colleges became a teacher in the college. After teaching he went as a missionary for 12 years in evangelistic work in Japan, also serving as acting president of Tokyo Christian College, in Tokyo, Japan.

Dr. D. D. Holt presided over this meeting and Rev. Wendell Brittain had charge of the music. A silent period was held in memory and honor of

Herman Poe Fund Has Built A House

Since our last issue of the "Ashe Presbyterian" a house has been constructed for the family of Herman Poe. Herman Poe lost his life in a fire near his house leaving his wife and nine children. A month after Herman lost his life the home where the family lived was also destroyed by fire. Clifton Poe, the brother of the Herman Poe borrowed money to build a home for his brother's widow and her nine children. A fund was started called "The Herman Poe Building Fund" and a block house was constructed for the family. In the picture you can see the block house and the Poe family near the door. If anyone desires to give to the Herman Poe Building Fund, send any gift to "The Herman Poe Building Fund" care of the Northwestern Bank, Jefferson, N. C. 28640.

those who have lost their lives in the recent flood disaster of the county. Prayers for the family was also held by Rev. Tom Smith.

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President Of Glade Valley Resigns

Harry Howard, President of Glade Valley School since 1971, has tendered his resignation to the Board of Trustees, effective July 1, 1973. In announcing his decision to the Board, Howard expressed that for some time he had wished to re-enter the field of Public Education where he had worked for 17 years prior to coming to Glade Valley in 1968.

Howard stated, "The years at Glade Valley have been rewarding to me and my family both professionally and personally. We feel that it has given us an opportunity for Christian service which we would not otherwise have had. Certainly our lives are richer for it. We feel that we have made our contribution to the life of Glade Valley but that it is time for new leadership as the school continues its ministry to youth. These are exciting and challenging times in the life of the school and I have every confidence that it is on a new threshold of greatness. The support of Presbyterians and others in our area has grown steadily. We will miss being a part of Glade Valley's life but feel that our call is to other fields."

"Glade Valley is blessed with as fine a group of Trustees as one will ever find. I am grateful for their support of the school and of my tenure as its President. Under their leadership the potentialities of Glade Valley are limitless," Howard said.

Robert Caddell, presently Headmaster, will assume the post of Chief Administrator of the school upon Howard's departure.

Lukes Celebrate 40th Anniversary

After prayer meeting at Glendale Wednesday, May 23rd a surprise celebration by a few friends commemorated the fortieth year of the marriage of John and Mary Luke. It was not a big affair but especially a surprise for Mrs. Luke. A wedding cake was cut and coffee and orange juice were served. Just a few minutes of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Miss Evelyn Acheson To Be In Ashe Co.

Miss Acheson will be in Ashe County this summer as she returns from her teaching work in the West End Presbyterian Church School at Hopewell, Va. Miss Acheson stated she would be attending the Appalachian State University at Boone, N. C. for much of the summer to refresh her teaching certificate. She will commute from Glendale Springs each morning to attend the university.

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Glendale Women Are Entertained

The Women of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church who meet each month for their program, were entertained on May 16 by Mrs. Marie Yelanjian in her home at Cherry Hill. The program which consisted of the Bible Study for the month and other business of the women of the church was very interesting. Mrs. Hope Crepps reported the women had sold mats and netted about \$75.

The project this year for the women of the whole church was evangelizing the many people who are resettling along the 3,000 mile highway in Brazil. Slides were shown and a record was played which brought a very vivid need of the people settling along this great Brazilian Highway. A generous birthday offering was received which will be used for this evangelistic work in Brazil.

After the meeting Mrs. Yelanjian served a delicious lunch. A beautiful birthday cake, made by the President, Mrs. Juanita Dancy was presented to Mrs. Yelanjian and Mrs. Ret Miller whose birthdays occurred at this time. The cake was cut and all enjoyed it.

Bob Ziebarth To Return For Summer

Bob Ziebarth, who is a student at Columbia Bible College will return to the Glendale Springs Field for the summer. Bob did outstanding work among the youth of the field last summer and has planned to be with us for the summer again.

Bob reports he has been very busy in his studies this winter and will be glad to get back to the mountains with his friends in the Glendale Springs Field. May God bless his work with us this summer is our prayer and that Bob, as he receives his training might go on in the Master's service for his life.

MEMORIAL BUILDING IS BEING IMPROVED

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file board outlines and revarnish the gym floor. These improvements and repairs are necessary each year in the upkeep and improvement of the building.

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Severe Floods Hit Ashe County

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Monday morning the radio began to warn people about slides, swollen creeks, highways closed, and the report of disasters that the high water had caused. In all, we hear of 6 persons missing. All six bodies have been recovered. Some of the houses near creeks were swept away, and derbis covered the roads where overflowing rivers and creeks washed over highways.

Some of the stores and restaurants that were near creeks in West Jefferson are still cleaning up from three ft. of water that washed mud through these places of business.

Crops and gardens that had been planted were damaged considerably by the water washing away the new plowed land. The wise man Solomon, when he dedicated the beautiful temple before God, said when disaster, war, pestilence and other troubles come upon people, let them turn to God of this temple and pray. We wish not only Ashe County people would learn to repent and pray, but our whole land that has had so many unusual disasters in the last few years.

Seminary Honors Former Athlete

May 11, 1973 (Richmond, Va) A former professional football player received one of the special awards at Union Theological Seminary on Sunday, May 13, in addition to his Master of Divinity degree.

A. Glenn Bass, formerly a split end for the Buffalo Bills of the American Football League and then for the Houston Oilers, gave up his professional football career in 1969 to begin training for the ministry at Union. On Sunday he was honored with the Monroe Wicker Memorial Award presented to the student "Whose fidelity to duty, love for others, and devotion to Jesus Christ, are an abiding inspiration."

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Bass is a native of Wilson, N. C., and

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Liquor by the drink, spink, spank, spink!
Hungry children starve at home.
Should make men stop and think.

a graduate of East Carolina University. He served as Treasurer of the Student Body of Union during the 1972-73 academic year. In June he will become minister of the First Presbyterian Church in South Boston, Va.

Hot Dog Supper Held At Glendale

On Sunday evening, May 6 a hot dog supper with all the trimmings was served for the Sunday School in the Memorial Building. This supper was the result of a challenge to the Glendale Springs Sunday School.

The challenge was when the Sunday School went over the top which was set at 60, the supper was to be served. The Sunday School broke the record and the supper was enjoyed. To make the supper more enjoyable, cold drinks, coffee and doughnuts were also served.

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Other local citizens who were present were: Silas Owens, Star Route Carrier, Mrs. Ronald Finney, P. M. Leave Replacement; Messrs. Frank Hamilton, L. C. Tyack, Gordon Mac-Smith and J. W. Luke, all of Glendale Springs.

Mrs. Miller, whom we all call Janet has been serving very efficiently as temporary postmaster for some time, and is very acceptable to the whole community. The Glendale Springs Post Office serves a wide area in the eastern part of Ashe County, and is used by many tourists who travel the Blue Ridge Parkway and shop at the North-West Trading Post.

Congratulations To Graduates

We have many young friends who graduated from the elementary schools as well as the high schools of our county of Ashe. As I looked over the list of graduates when I attended the exercises at Ashe Central, I counted so many young friends who have worked hard for this hour of graduation.

A suggested verse for each one:

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.

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Daily Vacation Bible Schools In Glendale Area

We are planning tentatively the schedule for the Daily Vacation Bible Schools in the Glendale Springs Field.

As we plan today when to set the dates — they are as follows: Glendale Springs, June 11-16; Laurel Fork, June 25-30; Bethel Church, July 2-7.

We hope these dates will be acceptable to each church and that we shall prepare to have our Bible Schools then.

Rev. James Barksdale Speaker At A. C.

Rev. James Barksdale, the pastor of the North Wilkesboro Church was the baccalaureate speaker for the Ashe Central graduating class this year. The sermon he preached was on the verse Isaiah 6:8 "Also I heard a voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me."

The sermon was to the point, and it was a call to consecration to God for service in the world. The 103 graduates listened very attentively, and we are

Mrs. Miller Joins At Laurel Fork

On May 13, Mrs. Marie Miller was received by letter from the United Christian Church of Newton into the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Miller has been attending the church for some time and is very active and faithful in teaching the young people's Sunday School Class. We welcome Marie into the fellowship of our church.

United Easter Service Is Held

April 22 was Easter Sunday and a united service of the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church and the Laurel Springs Baptist Church took place in the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Bob Elledge of the Laurel Springs Baptist Church preached a splendid Easter Sermon which every one enjoyed. The two churches have followed the custom of an Easter service with each other for a number of years. The services are alternated each year from church to church.

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News From Lansing Church

Dr. Bob Stamper who is supplying the churches in the Lansing Field gave us the following news of the summer work:

Four Bible Schools were conducted on the Lansing Field by groups of young people from the First Church, Orlando, Florida at Lansing; The Steel Creek Presbyterian Church from Charlotte at Gillespie; The Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Montgomery, Alabama at Foster Memorial; and The Second Presbyterian Church of Greenville, South Carolina at White Top where 75 people attended the Family Night supper at the closing exercises. A total of more than 300 young people were in attendance at the Bible Schools with 55 instructors from the visiting churches.

The basements at Gillespie and Foster Memorial were painted and the church and a home were painted at White Top. Each child was instructed by trained personnel in the care of his or her teeth and was provided with a dental kit including dental floss, a dental floss holder and a soft brush by a dental equipment house in California.

Mount Jefferson Presbyterian Church

The summer months, June, July, and August, have sped quickly this year, and our review can be brief. The first Sunday in June, the Children's Choir provided the special music and reminded of the Lord's words: Out of the mouth of little ones "thou hast brought perfect praise". All were lifted by it.

The Daily Vacation Bible School ran from June 4 until June 15, and was a good one though small (see photo). During the two weeks of the school, the Catacomb room of the church was publicly open for the dispensing of given clothing for victims of the flood that hit our area on May 27.

On June 10, Pentecost Sunday, the Presbyterians of the county had charge of the "Sermon on the Mount" gathering at Ball-diamond Hill; and Dr. Luke secured an exceptionally able speaker in Dr. McQuilken of Bible College. The following Saturday and Sunday, June 16 and 17, the Ashe County Arts and Crafts Club had its annual display at the Mt. Jefferson Church — a most interesting display of local artistic talent.

June 26 was the date of the organizational meeting of area 7 of our new Presbytery. The meeting took place at the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church; and our representatives were Mrs. Robert Barr and Mrs. John Johnson, the latter being elected chairman of the area for the year. (The next meeting of area 7 will be at the church of the chairman on Tuesday, Sept. 18).

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CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GROUP visited the Glendale Springs field, August 5.

Charlotte Youths Visit Glendale

A youth group from the Calvary Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, at the invitation of Bob Ziebarth, spent a week-end in the Glendale Springs Field.

This group was led by Mark Thomas, student worker in the Calvary Church. Those who visited were David Harding, Kurt Wright, John Balmer, Julian Knox, Susie Adkins, Jan Ellis, and Lisa Gruenhut.

The group from Charlotte arrived late Friday night, Aug. 3 and after a period of recreation were assigned to homes in the community. Saturday was a day of sight-seeing and Bible Study. Mr. L. J. Yelanjian entertained the group for lunch at Bennett's Restaurant, and led in a lively discussion over the table. Saturday evening a hot dog supper was enjoyed in the Memorial Building, and afterwards an informal service of singing and witnessing was held. Before going to bed, games were again enjoyed.

Sunday was a day of witnessing and speaking in the Glendale Springs and Laurel Fork Sunday Schools. After a lunch at Lee's Restaurant, Mr. Frank Hamilton guided the group to his wonderful cabin which he built by his own hands. The group then returned to Charlotte. The youth and churches enjoyed the visit of this group and welcome them back at any time.

General Assembly Of Pres. Church Resolves

In view of some churches dissenting from the Presbyterian Church U. S. (The Southern Presbyterian Church, it is commonly called) made the following resolution in 113th General Assembly meeting June 9-14, '73 in Fort Worth, Texas.

RESOLUTION

a. That the General Assembly go on record as expressing grief over the separation of our brethren who have felt they must leave the denomination and constant love for the them across the bounds of the division; and,

b. That the General Assembly call synods, Presbyteries, and individual churches, both those remaining and those departing, to special prayer and a time of self-examination and repentance for sin in the life of us all which has brought about this misunderstanding among brethren; and,

c. That the General Assembly call the Church to a continuing affirmation, at all levels, of the Church's historic position and principles, as to the authority of Scripture, the validity of our confessional standards, the urgent need for proclaiming the Gospel and calling men everywhere to saving faith in Jesus Christ, and enlisting them in vital discipleship in today's world.

And that a copy of this action be mailed to every minister and clerk

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"In God We Trust"

(EDITORIAL)

"Trust" is a word that is used continually by people all over the world. Banks and business use this word to catch the eye and confidence of people they hope to do business with. "Trust" is not just a word to fling around carelessly. Trust is an honest attitude of character that people can put their dependence upon.

During the Civil War days, godly people in the United States insisted that our country print some motto upon our coins to show we were a nation that believed in God. After much thought the motto that was selected to put on our money was, "In God we trust". The first coin to have "In God we trust" engraved upon it was a two cent piece which was authorized by Congress April 22, 1864. Since then many of our coins have been inscribed with this motto. Since then much of our paper currency was also stamped with the motto, "In God We Trust".

Are the people in America really trusting in God? Many are not. We have people all over America who really do not trust in God. They may believe there is a God, but they do not show in their active life and convictions that they have any connection with God by their trust in Him.

All over America today people are working on Sunday and not giving God any worship. They are saying, "I trust in my work on Sunday to make a go of this business and cannot trust God to see me through."

All over America people claim they have to relax and use Sunday for their recreation and cannot give time for worship. They are not trusting in God.

All over America people are too busy to go to prayer meetings and take time to pray to God and study God's word. They are not putting their trust in God.

Many people are more anxious to build up a bank roll and trust in it than to trust in God. Money is their chief aim. If God gets in the way, they must put Him aside to make that

dollar. The dollar is more important than God.

Trust is the cable that connects you to God. You are on one end of this cable and God is on the other end. When you break this cable of trust you automatically break away and disconnect yourself from God.

Trust is not only a connection to God, but it is a connection to your neighbor and to your fellow business man. Today because of the lack of trust the Republican party thought it was their duty to find out what espionage was planned by the Democratic party to disrupt the Republican campaign. Today distrust is being cast at the Republican party in many ways or at any one who has been a friend to the party. Even Billy Graham who is a friend to the president, was attacked which looks to me as being absurd. I am not a politician, and I have always been a Democrat, yet we Democrats are not without fault. Jesus said, "He that is without sin cast the first stone", and also "Cast the beam out of thine own eye, before you cast the mote out of thy brother's eye. I feel as many other citizens feel, the men we have elected to run this government need to get on with the business of governing the country rather than distrusting and stewing among themselves over partisan affairs. It reminds me of a little church I knew of some time ago. They got up such a fight among themselves they forgot that Jesus said "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel. They forgot to try to evangelize and spent their time distrusting each other and fussing. I knew of one church that had a fuss among themselves, and one side put a lock on the door so the others could not get in the church. Then the others put a lock on top of that lock so the others could not get in. So stagnation set in, work and worship came to an end, and God's work ceased.

"Trust" is the same as "faith in", "belief in", "confidence in". Are we honestly putting our trust in God, as the motto says on the coins you have in your pocket? Again do you cast suspicion at your neighbor, your wife and the people around you, or do you learn to love and trust them? May there be a revival of trust in your soul — Will you let it be so? Jesus said in quoting an old scripture, "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart . . . and thy neighbor as thyself." The old hymn says,

"Trust and obey, for there's no other way,

To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey".

**Miss Acheson Back
To Teaching In Va.**

As the fall comes near Miss Evelyn Acheson who has an apartment in Glendale Springs will be going back to West End Presbyterian Church, in Hopewell, Va. to teach in the Christian School at the church. This summer Miss Acheson has been commuting back and forth to Boone, N. C. going to the Appalachian State College to improve her teaching certificate. We shall miss Miss Acheson as she returns to her work in Virginia. May she have a good year this winter.

**A Great Man
Of God Passes**

Dr. Nelson Bell, the immediate past moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S., passed away Aug. 2 at his home. He was 79 years of age. As an elder in the church, he was ever diligent in his Lord's work in many capacities. Dr. Bell married Miss Virginia Myers Leftwich of Waynesboro, Va. and they went to China to establish one of the largest hospitals in the world at Tsingkiangpu, China.

Dr. Bell is known to many in the country as being the father of Mrs. Billy Graham.

Dr. Bell practiced surgery, was a prolific writer, was the moving spirit in two religious newspapers and was on the board of two Christian Broadcasting associations. Many more places of service could be mentioned about him which we do not have space to recall.

Dr. Bell was a conservative in his theological beliefs and was respected by all for his convictions. He was a conservative who did not believe in some of the activities his church stood for but he did not believe in schism of the church. He was a conservative who wished to unite the church rather than split it.

Dr. Bell addressed the World Mission Conference at Montreal the day before he passed away.

Those of his immediate family who are left are his wife, and three daughters and a son, all who follow their father's example in being ardent servants of the Lord Jesus Christ.

A great man of God has passed away and God has called his servant to his reward. We need men of this caliber in our church today who are willing to be obedient and humble servants of our Lord.

**Old Mc Donald
Had A Drink**

(Tune of McDonald had a farm)

Old McDonald had a dram — liquor
by the drink,
With a drink, drink here and a drink,
drink there, everywhere a drink,
drink,

Old McDonald had a Ford and liquor
by the drink,
The Ford went wobbling down the
road — liquor by the drink,
With a crash, crash here and a crash,
crash there, here a crash and there
a crash and everywhere a crash,
crash.

Old McDonald had a wreck and liquor
by the drink.

Old McDonald went to town, had
liquor by the drink,
With a drink, drink here, and a drink,
drink there and everywhere a drink,
drink,
Old McDonald got in jail — liquor by
the drink.

Memorial Building Is In Full Use

The Memorial Building is constantly in use as a church activity building and also by the Glendale Springs Community. Each month the Women of the Church have their meeting with refreshments in the kitchen and dining room.

Family night has been originated for meeting Friday evenings, by Bob Ziebarth. Tuesday nights the building is open for recreation also. On Monday and Wednesday nights Mr. Ahn gives karate lessons.

The building is in constant use for family reunions and other church groups who borrow our building for an evening. Showers and wedding receptions are frequently held in the dining room. Our large church suppers for the whole field are frequently held in the dining room.

On Sunday nights a youth group has been meeting all summer. One small room is used for the Ashe Presbyterian Office, and one room is used as an apartment for our summer student who works among the churches.



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More Worthy Water Gate

There was no cover up. Nehemiah 8. "All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate." The "Square" was a broad, open space near the Temple area where a lot of people could gather. "And Ezra stood on a wooden pulpit which they had made for the purpose." This was not a desk to hide behind. It was a platform to stand "on". It was fairly large for we know that at least a dozen men sat with Ezra on it. It was built high, so that everything could be seen and heard. There was truth to be known — good truth — no need for cover up.

There was no factional or party spirit. They "gathered as one man." "They brought the law (their constitution!) before the assembly (the people) both men and women." This was very unusual to permit women to meet with men at a public place. In their passion to learn truth, they forgot usual customs. They "gathered as one man" to renew their allegiance to the principles of decency and devotion upon which their commonwealth had been founded.

There was no worship of privilege or power. "The people . . . told Ezra . . . to bring the book of the law of Moses." "And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people." He was "above them, not in the sense of being a special, privileged human, excused from normal judgment, but simply "above them", being on a high, wooden stand so that all could hear. They did not see Ezra as a monarch or king telling all the other men on that platform what to do, or telling them only as much as he wanted them to know. No. "The people . . . told Ezra" to bring the book. They did the telling. They were anxious to find the truth.

There was no evasion or double talk. "And they read from the book

. . . clearly; and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading." They wanted to make this "clear" to all the people. There was no effort to say things in a way that later could easily be said to mean something else. There was no effort to cater to the
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Claude Jones Hunt was born Jan. 5, 1930 and passed away June 14, 1973. He was the son of the late Roey and Lillie Hunt of the Ebenezer Community. He is survived by his mother; 4 sisters and 3 brothers. Claude has been an invalid for the last few years suffering from arthritis for several years. He was a believer in the Lord and testified he was ready to go when God called. We can rejoice that he will suffer no more in his everlasting home.

Clarence E. Shepherd was born Feb. 24, 1900, and passed away June 29, 1973. The funeral service was held in Reins-Sturdivant Chapel in North Wilkesboro, N. C. July 1 at 2 p. m. Mr. Shepherd was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Shepherd of the Vannoy Community, Wilkes County. He passed away a believing Christian and may God comfort his family.

Charlie Bruce Royal was the son of Nathan B. and Samantha Royal of Wilkes County was born April 7, 1920 and passed away June 13, 1973. He is survived by his wife, Lessie Royal, 2 sisters, one brother, 1 daughter, 3 sons, 1 step-daughter, 3 step-sons, 2 half-sisters and 4 half-brothers. The service was held in the Bethel Presbyterian Church. It is stated he put his trust in the Lord and Saviour.

Claude Allen Walker was born March 2, 1914 and passed away after an accident on May 16, 1973. Funeral services were held at the Ashelawn Memorial Chapel, Ashe County and interment was in the Ebenezer Church Cemetery on May 18, 1973 at 2:00 p. m. We pray God will comfort his family.

Minnie Elizabeth Liddle Bare, (Mrs. Tom Bare) was born May 9, 1892 and passed away July 22, 1973. She was born in the Ebenezer Community and was a faithful member of the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Bare is survived by her husband, 4 sons and 2 daughters and grand children. Funeral services were held by Rev. Fred Dancy, R. H. Stone, and J. W. Luke on Tuesday, July 24 at 2 p. m. The final resting place was in the Ebenezer Cemetery. She was ever faithful to her Lord. May God bless and comfort her family.

Mr. Newt Miller, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Miller was buried July 2 in a graveside ceremony in the Episcopal Cemetery at Glendale Springs.

Mr. Miller was born 1881 and passed away 1973. He spent part of his life in Ashe and Wilkes counties, as a teacher and store keeper. This last part of his active life he ran a store in Boone, N. C.

At one time Mr. Miller was an elder in the Bethel Presbyterian Church in Wilkes County. Mr. Newt Miller was a good father and lived a faithful consistent Christian life. Three sons and three daughters remain to mourn their father's passing. It is comfort to know that Mr. Miller has entered into his rest. May our Heavenly Father bring comfort to his family.

Lundy Everett Severt was the son of the late Calvin and Jennie Winkler Severt of Ashe County. He was born



MT. JEFFERSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH participants of Daily Vacation Bible School are shown here.

April 13, 1904 and passed away on Aug. 10, 1973. Mr. Severt was driving a tractor baling hay and the machine turned over on him, causing his death.

Lundy was a hard working farmer and a good neighbor, a good father

and husband. Funeral services were held at the Badger Funeral Home on Sunday, August 12 at 2:00 p. m. and interment was in the Ashelawn Memorial Gardens. Clergymen who officiated at the service were Elder Dew- (Continued on page 5)

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Marriages

JOHNSON AND EDWARDS

Miss Sandra Marcell Johnson was married to Ronald Jack Edwards at the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church on Saturday, Aug. 4 at 8 p. m.

Miss Johnson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Johnson of Laurel Springs, N. C. and the groom was the son of the late Mr. Jack Edwards and Mrs. Edwards of Sparta, N. C. Rev. J. W. Luke performed the marriage ceremony. A delightful reception was held in the activity building adjoining the church. The Edwards will make their home in Boone, N. C. We pray God's blessing upon their home.

BUMGARNER AND MILLER

Miss Teresa Elizabeth Bumgarner, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zane Bumgarner of North Wilkesboro, N. C. was united in marriage to Earl Lee Miller, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Miller of Glendale Springs, N. C. The service was held in the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church July 20th at 5:30 p. m. Rev. J. W. Luke performed the wedding ceremony. We wish and pray God's blessings upon this marriage.

IN MEMORY OF OUR LOVED ONES

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ey Roten, and Rev. John Luke. We pray God will comfort the loved ones of the departed.

Johnny Lane Barnes was born March 23, 1950 and passed away on August 11, 1973 making his life on this earth 23 years. He lost his life while cutting timber. John Barnes was the son of Mrs. Gladys Miller Barnes of Glendale Springs, N. C. He leaves the following to mourn his passing: His mother, Mrs. Barnes, one son, David Lane Barnes, five sisters and four brothers. Funeral services were held in the Glendale Springs Baptist Church by Revs. Paul Phipps and J. W. Luke. The final resting place is in the Baptist Church Cemetery. Johnny was hard working and a good boy. We pray God will comfort his family.

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Bob Ziebarth Back To School

Bob Ziebarth who worked faithfully and effectively all summer in the Glendale Springs Field will be going back to Columbia Bible College in September. Bob will leave for Michigan to see his parents for a few weeks before going back to Columbia, S. C.

This summer he has taught Bible School, Bible studies, Sunday School classes and filled appointments in the Glendale Springs Field.

On Friday nights Bob opened the Memorial Building for family night. Young people from the field and families with children were welcome, and had a good time of fellowship.

We shall miss Bob as fall and winter comes on. We pray that Bob will have a splendid term at Columbia Bible College in his Senior year.

MOUNT JEFFERSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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During June, there was concern over the hospitalization of Mr. McLaurin, Bucky McNeill, and Major Burge. How much we all need the Great Physician and acquaintance with Him!

July came in on a Sunday this year, with Mount Jefferson having the radio ministry that day. So it was that the Summer Communion Service was held the next Sunday, July 8, and the service carried to shut-ins in the afternoon. At the Communion service, the congregation had the joy of welcoming into its membership Mr. and Mrs. David Rettew, and Mrs. Greg Baldwin.

The following Sunday, July 15, little John Christopher Barr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Barr, was baptized. The dedication of little ones to the Lord in infant baptism is a sermon in itself — see I Samuel 1:27,28. The same week, on Wednesday, the scouts of Troop 273 (sponsored by the church) had an overnight outing — cooking supper and breakfast after the pattern of Dan Boone.

On the Sunday of July 22, at three in the afternoon, the church was filled as the beautiful wedding of our own Anne Barr and Mr. Barry Laney took place. The reception following was at the home and on the lawns of the bride's parents.

August, which "brings the summer's wane", has shown us some cool nights already. The minister, on vacation, having read the book, "The Hiding Place", a story of the underground in Holland during WWII, commends it to all the congregation. During the vacation season the pulpit was ably filled by Rev. W. A. Kerr, Rev. Watt Cooper, Dr. John Luke, and Rev. Louis Yelanjian. And now it is — back to school.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAKES RESOLUTIONS

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of Session along with the Pastoral Letter contained in Recommendation 1 above.

Sincerely,
James E. Andrews, Stated Clerk and
Treas. of the General Assembly.

Miss Robinson Visits Glendale

Miss Janet Robinson who teaches Bible in High School in Charlotte paid us a visit on Aug. 17 and gave a talk to those who came to the Memorial Building. We always enjoy having Miss Robinson with us, and hearing her spiritual messages. Miss Robinson was entertained by Miss Acheson over night.

Movies Shown At Fellowship Dinner

Sunday, Aug. 26 at 6 p. m. the three churches in the Glendale Springs Field held a fellowship supper honoring Bob Ziebarth who had been with us for the second summer as a student worker. The people of the churches showed their affection by their presence at this dinner.

After the dinner some old moving pictures of Daily Vacation Bible School of the past were shown by J. W. Luke. These pictures go back in time for about 15 or 20 years. Many who attended saw themselves when they were little children and their children who are now grown. This was one of the most interesting occasions we have had for sometime.

The fellowship dinner was held

MORE WATERGATE IS SUGGESTED

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more privileged in the gathering yet at the same time seem pleasing to the struggling. Rather, these leaders, "read . . . from the law of God . . . so that the people understood."

There was no whitewash. "For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law." They were not content just to get the facts about their leaders illegality. They wanted to hear a word from God for themselves. They knew their nation was in trouble. This "word" pointed to their own, personal involvement, their failure to live by "the words of the law." They were ashamed and wept.

But out of this weeping Water Gate experience of the long ago, came a fresh understanding of God's truth, and a renewed determination to return to it, and live it. Nehemiah, the governor, joined with Ezra, the spiritual leader in urging the people not to weep, not to be overwhelmed by this sad reckoning with sin, but to learn from it, and carry on with a greater "Power" at their side. The people heard. "And all the people went their way . . . to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them."

in the dining room of the Memorial Building where the pictures were shown afterwards.

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Hold Bible Schools In Glendale Field

The Daily Vacation Bible Schools in the Glendale Springs Field had a better attendance this year than last year. The following statistics will show the enrollment:

Enrollment

Glendale Springs, June 11-16 83
 Laurel Fork, June 25-30 61
 Bethel, July 9-14 30

The perfect attendance for each school was also above the average this summer.

The teachers who served in the Glendale Springs Bible School were the following: Mrs. Linda Roten, with the aid of Marilyn Crepps, was the teachers of the nursery class. Mrs. Linda Taylor, with the aid of Melanie Craven, handled the primary class. Mrs. Juanita Dancy was the teacher of the junior class (or older primaries). Bob Ziebarth was the teacher of the youth group. So the children would not run to the store, the sale of candy, nabs and cold drinks was conducted by David Sheets, and Dale Crepps. Mrs. J. W. Luke and Debbie Miller served as pianists and Rev. J. W. Luke was the director. The Bible School was held in the Memorial Building adjoining the church and the children enjoyed softball, basketball, ping pong, shuffle board and volley ball. At the end of the Bible School a watermelon feast was enjoyed. This Bible School was one of the best we have ever had at the Glendale Springs Church. Many of the children expressed their desire to make the Lord Jesus their Saviour.

The next Bible School was held at Laurel Fork Church, June 25-30. This school was above average in attendance and also in perfect attendance.

The teachers in this school were the following: Mrs. Connie Miller was the nursery teacher, Jane and Linrea Miller were the leaders for the primary class and Bob Ziebarth for the youth group. Mrs. Luke served as pianist and J. W. Luke served as director. We especially enjoyed the refreshments brought by the ladies of the church each day. The main games were volley ball and ring games by the nursery group.

As watermelons were getting better and riper at this time of the summer, an especially fine watermelon feast completed the Bible School at Laurel Fork.

The next Bible School held in the field was at the Bethel Church in Wilkes County, July 9-14.

The teachers in this school were the following: Teresa Whittington served as pianist, Peggy Wyatt taught the primaries, and Bob Ziebarth taught the youth group. Cold drinks were mixed by Mrs. Faye Shepherd each day and the children enjoyed the refreshments. Volley ball was the chief sport played in Press Wyatt's meadow in front of the church. J. W. Luke served as devotional speaker and directed the Bible School.

By this time of the summer, watermelons had gotten real delicious, and a feast was enjoyed by all. As we closed the Bible Schools for the summer, it was a little sad, but we know



GLENDALE SPRINGS Daily Vacation Bible School was well attended.

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Rev. Hatch Moves To Coral Gables, Fla.

Many remember Jim Hatch who worked in the Glendale Springs Field some years ago. Jim has been the pastor in the Edwards Memorial Presbyterian Church, in Cayce, S. C. for a number of years.

Jim writes he is moving to Coral Gables, Fla. His work is in the Men in Action organization of the Associate Reform Presbyterian Church. He is the Administration Assistant to the President of the MIA. (Men in action). We pray that God will use Jim in a very effective service in this important work in our Lord's kingdom.

Mr. And Mrs. Mike Johnson Visit

Everyone remembers Mike Johnson who worked with us for two summers. Mike is married to Diana and so we have Mr. and Mrs. Mike Johnson. The Johnsons are preparing to go into Greater Europe Mission work in Yugoslavia in eastern Europe.

Mike spoke at Glendale Springs and Laurel Fork Presbyterian Churches on Sunday, Aug. 19, and gave us a wonderful message. Diana, his wife also gave us a message and the two of them sang a duet.

We enjoyed having the Johnsons with us and pray that getting God will open the way for their work in Europe. They are now building their salary and expenses for the work which is done by gifts of people and churches who are interested in mission work in Communist countries.

Helicopter Lands At Glendale Springs

A few days ago the citizens of Glendale Springs noticed an Army helicopter hovering over Glendale. Many wondered what it was doing here. We found out later that it was transporting two cannons from the "Ashe Ordnance Works". Mr. Long who builds carriages for cannons at Glendale Springs was delivering 2 cannons to the Army who sent a helicopter to transport them away. The helicopter could not find Mr. Long's little shop, so Mr. Long shot off one of the can-



LAUREL FORK, shown here, had many participants in Daily Vacation Bible School.

nons to signal them to stop. They landed in a field and took on the cannons. It was quite a lot of excitement for

some of the viewers who saw the cannons taken away by an Army helicopter.

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Dr. And Mrs. Luke Honored By Many At Glendale Springs

By Dr. R. H. Stone

The Glendale Springs, Laurel Fork, and Bethel Presbyterian Churches on October 7 honored Dr. and Mrs. John W. Luke. It was a complete surprise to them after a return from a visit to their daughter, Mrs. and Mrs. R. W. Whitmer and family of Portage, Michigan.

About 5:30 p. m. the Lukes joined a large group who had gathered in the Social Hall of the John W. Luke Memorial Building. About 125 people were present for a covered dish supper. Delmer Rose, an Elder in the Glendale Church, was master of ceremonies.

The gathering was in honor and appreciation of the 46 years in which Dr. Luke had been a minister of the Gospel in the county and in recognition of a recent birthday of Mrs. Luke. They were married in Wagram, May 22, 1933.

In addition to the members of the sponsoring churches there were guests from the two Jeffersons and surrounding communities, the Wilkesboros, Statesville, Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Chattanooga, Tenn., and many other places. After the delicious and bounteous meal had been eaten, Mr. Rose asked Rev. R. H. Stone, who had known him longer than any other present to make some remarks about Dr. Luke's service in the county. Not only has he been a minister of the Gospel, winning many people to a saving faith in Christ, he has been an organizer and builder of churches: Low Gap, Laurel Fork, Bethel, and Millers in Wilkes County, Glendale Springs and the John W. Luke Memorial Building. He rebuilt the Ebenezer Church. He organized a Boy Scout Troop and was the Scout Master for a number of years. That was a great service to many boys who are now leading business men of the county.

During World War II he was chairman of the draft board. He has been active in Presbytery, a trustee of Glade Valley School and has been interested in financing several students who graduated there and was instrumental in seeing a number through college. He was spoken of as one of the most spirit-filled men.

He is one of the most popular ministers in the county. Many have come to him for the performance of wedding ceremonies, and he has been called upon to conduct funeral services for a legion of people.

He attended the University of West Virginia, the College of William and

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Lansing Field Has Been Active

R. L. Stamper

I have the following statement for the Ashe Presbyterian:

The Westminster Church of Montgomery, Ala. has invited young people from the Lansing Field to be guests of the Westminster Church during the Christmas season. The Westminster Church will provide transportation to and from Montgomery.

Senior citizens from the First Presbyterian Church, Orlando, Fla., have begun plans to spend a week at the Presbyterian Retreat House on Big Horse Creek during the fall of 1974.

Young people from Steel Creek, Orlando, Greenville, South Carolina, Montgomery, Alabama and Atlanta will serve in a work camp on the Lansing Field next summer, 1974.

Kindergartens are now being held at Foster Memorial and Gillespie, and proposals for a day care center at Lansing are being studied.

Toys for children served by the Lansing Field will be provided this Christmas by Steel Creek and Memorial Drive Presbyterian Churches. Steel Creek is a landmark church in Char-

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Mount Jefferson Church Is Active

As we write about the fall months of 1973, it must be with appreciation for the beauty everywhere about us, and thankfulness for the openness of the weather and for the good harvest. We miss the friend who was called home so suddenly ere August was out, Mr. Richard Shearer, yet we rest — with respect to these loved ones — on the words of our Lord; "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am".

On Sunday, Sept. 2, the scouts of Troop 273, sponsored by the church, were the supper guests of the American Legion out at Bob McNeill's. A week later, Sept. 9, we were all glad to see our friends, the John Lelands, back for a short visit. On that same day, our Miss Lydia Johnson met with the Session and was wholeheartedly approved to "come under care of the Presbytery" for the continuance of her study in Christian Education. Sept. 9, was a special Sunday, for in the afternoon there was the wedding of our Miss Wanda Miller to Mr. Lewis Compton, with the reception in the Social Hall afterwards.

Sunday, Sept. 16, little Dolores Jean

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"I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

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(EDITORIAL) "A Light For Christmas"

I have often wondered how the power companies stay ahead and anticipate the use of electricity for the future. This season on account of the scarcity of fuel we are asked to economize the use of electricity by not using Christmas lights.

Since we are asked to cut out the use of lights this season, it would be a good time to think of what our lights symbolize after all. The reason we use lights at Christmas is because they remind us that this is the birthday of Jesus the Light of the world. So let us forget the electric lights and give our attention to "The Light that lightest every man that cometh into the world." John 1:9. John wrote in another chapter, John 3:19, speaking of Christ's birth into this world, "Light is come into the world." Jesus said himself, "I am the Light of the world." John 8:12.

In previous Christmas Seasons when the tree is decorated, or the multitude of lights hung up, or the spotlight is turned upon the beautiful scene, we press the button or flip the switch, and the glow of beautiful lights gladden the hearts of all who look upon them. This Christmas, perhaps, there are some who will be disappointed because they cannot see the usual myriads of lights for the holiday season. Since we will not have the beautiful electric lights this Christmas, it is a good time to seek the true Light, Jesus the Son of God, who was born in this world. As we see our mechanical lights by the press of a button or the flip of a switch, we can also see the true Light, Jesus, by turning on a switch that God has given us. What is this switch you ask? It is the switch of faith in your heart. By faith you can see the true Light that cometh into the world in all his love and Presence with you.

Let us make another observation about this true Light. There is no shortage of power that sustains this

(EDITORIAL) The Goodness Of Gratitude

By Rev. John Johnson

Often it is said, "We ought to be grateful". Have we learned to say, "It is good to be grateful"? The Psalmist said it. "It is good to give thanks to the Lord".

It clears our thinking. Paul said, "For although they knew God (that is, knew about him) they did not give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking". Failure in thanking results in failure in thinking. They became futile in their thinking. They could not think clearly. A strange fact of life. If a person fails to be thankful it does something to his mind. His sense of values becomes distorted. The dream of national integrity can become mostly a distortion of one's own perverted self-importance and love of

Light, for He is sustained by the eternal God.

As I was writing this article about the power of this light never giving out a practical illustration came to my experience. My ball point pen gave out, and I had to get another one. So we see and are aware that the things of this earth give out and are not eternal. But the power that sustains Christ the Light of the world is inexhaustible, so you need not fear, your Light in Christ shall never fail or be distinguished because of the lack of power.

In the writings of the Old Testament, Zechariah saw a vision which he describes in chapter 4. He saw a golden candle stick with seven lamps upon it. These lamps were fed by oil from a bowl above. The bowl was fed by pipes from two green olive trees on either side. The prophet asked what did this mean and the Lord said, "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." God was saying that as the ever living olive trees supplied the oil for these lights, so the power of God will never give out. So my friends, Jesus the Light of the world has the eternal power of God behind Him.

Another observation about the True Light is this. When people got to know Jesus and became his disciples. He asked them to let illuminated souls shine out for others to see. Jesus said:

"Ye are the light of the world . . . Let your light so shine before men." Mt.5:14a, 16a.

The beautiful old hymn sings out to us —

"Let the lower lights be burning!

Send a gleam across the wave!
Some poor fainting, struggling
seaman,

You may rescue, you may
save."

So my friends, if we do not have the glory of the accustomed lights this Christmas season, let us remember it is the birthday of the Light of the world, and may you by a renewal of your faith, see the beauty of the Light that will not fail. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Couple United In Matrimony Nov. 24

On Saturday, Nov. 24, at 4:30 p. m. the Transou Methodist Church was the scene of the marriage of Nancy Mae Hart to Dale Franklin Caudill. Nancy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. DeWard Hart of Laurel Springs and Dale is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Caudill of Nags Head. The vows were spoken by Rev. Finley Orr, the pastor of the Methodist Church, and scripture was read and prayer by Rev. J. W. Luke of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church. We wish and pray God's richest blessings upon these two young people united in holy matrimony.

The hope of domestic happiness can become mostly a defense of one's own opinions and fixed views of life. Failing to give thanks, they became futile in their thinking. But to learn the delicate art of seeing God in the common things all about us, and feeling so glad for the wonder of it all — it clears our thinking.

It increases our enjoyment of living. Paul said, "In later times some will . . . forbid marriage and enjoin abstinence from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving . . . for everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving". Paul is not advising people to get married without thinking. Neither is he advising people to eat all the food they want regardless of consequences. All he is saying is that these things have been provided by God for our good, "if" and it's a big "if it is received with thanksgiving". God must be honored in all that we receive. To learn the art of having a thankful heart amid the common things of every day can mean a tremendous blessing to us. "It is good to give thanks to the Lord," It is good for us.

It delivers us from anxiety. Paul said, "Have no anxiety about anything, but . . . with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God . . . will keep your hearts and minds". You note that he is saying that the way to conquer anxiety is with "thanksgiving". We may still have to give thought to our problem but something else so much bigger has gotten hold of our attention that the burden of our trouble has been lifted. Gratitude opens up the windows of the spirit to the inpouring of God's peace. Always when we are anxious and fearful, our main attention is on our own difficulty. When the attention shifts to God's working in our world, even though our problem may remain, it is not the same. When we tend to be fearful, if we can fix our minds on the many encouraging facts of life, feel the gladness of gratitude gradually well up in our hearts, then watch the worry wind away. The problem may still be there. But when our minds are focused on the wonder of God, a deep sense of gratitude springs up within us and anxiety slips away. "Have no anxiety about anything . . . and the peace of God . . . will keep your hearts." "It is good to give thanks," — the goodness of gratitude.

Old Temperance Hall

Not only in our days is liquor a problem, but among the past years of America it was a trouble maker, even before we had fast cars.

Intemperance among the Cape Fear Scotch must have been a problem in their day. In Scotland County where my wife was born and raised one of the oldest temperance buildings of America was built. It was constructed in the 1860's It was called the Richmond Temperance and Literary Hall. At the time it was built Richmond County of N. C. covered the areas which is now Scotland County.

The Temperance Hall as it is called locally is a six sided building, made of old brick. It looks much like the powder horn which is one of the oldest buildings at Williamsburg, Va. It is perhaps 100 feet around the building. There are windows on all six sides with old shutters. Two doors with steps are then entrances into the building. The roof of this building is of shingles and at the pinnacle of the roof a large carved Bible lays upon its side with a large wooden wine cup inverted upon it. This building was used as a temperance hall and also for a literary society. Much later in its life it was used for school children when a near by school became crowded.

During the Civil War Sherman's army came through this country in 1865 scourging the country-side. At this time there were many valuable books in the Temperance and Literary Hall and the northern soldiers ransacked the building and threw all the books into the mill pond behind the building.

In recent years the building was restored and made a State Park with the home of the poet John Charles McNeill adjacent to it. The hall is a very interesting and attractive building situated among a grove of long leaf pines. Tourists and historians would find it a very attractive place to visit. It is about one and a half miles from the little village of Wagram, N. C. As you look at the picture in this paper, notice the wine cup turned up-side-down on the Bible.

Black Top Now On Parking Lot

The Glendale Springs parking lot lies to one side of the church, and in front of the Memorial Building next to the church. This lot is used constantly by church attendants and those who have activities in the Memorial Building. When it rains the lot is full of water puddles and when excessive rain and snow falls the water seeps through the earth into the basement of the Memorial Building. To meet these problems, we realized it would take a considerable amount of money to do the job of draining the water away from the building by hard topping the parking lot. We were gratefully surprised a few months ago informing us that Mrs. Richard Bason had left us a gift of money to be used for the Memorial Building. We decided to use a part of this gift to put the needed asphalt surface upon the parking lot. Last week this job was com-



SIX SIDED BUILDING made of old brick was a landmark when erected in the 1860's and is known as the Temperance Hall.

pleted for which we are very grateful. This will drain the water away from the building and will keep those who use the parking lot from stepping

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Liquor By The Drink Defeated In A s h e

Ashe County Concerned Citizens organization, worked, planned and prayed for victory in the vote against liquor by the drink. Their effort payed off in this county for the liquor by the drink referendum was defeated 8½ to 1 in the county. As the people saw it the referendum was for the rich man's pocketbook and for the drinker's thirst. Those who wanted more liquor said it was not a moral question, but Christians who did not believe it right to put more temptation before men, saw it differently, for the scripture plainly says:

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him and maketh him drunken" Hab. 2:15.

I heard a man on radio state that he had read the Bible through ten times and there was nothing in the Bible that was against liquor. This man might have skipped through the Bible 10 times, but much of the truth of the Bible had not gone through him, for the Bible warns again and again against strong drink and offering it to others that may be tempted by it.

Some people repeated the old adage—"The preachers and the bootleggers would vote aganist it. There are not enough preachers and bootleggers in this county to vote 8½ to 1 against liquor, it was the people who knew we did not need more liquor — for more liquor, more drunks, more wrecks, more crime, more broken homes, more poor children, more institutions to take care of alcoholics. We are glad also that the vote over the state of N. C. went against the "liquor by the drink" referendum.

Many people of the county are grateful for those who worked and prayed about the election. We owe thanks to Rev. Fred Troutman, Chairman, Mrs. Zola Massey, Secretary, Dr. R. H. Stone, Advertisement Chairman, and many others who worked faithfully. We are thankful for the voters who backed up the efforts of those who led the county by their vote.

LANSING FIELD HAS BEEN ACTIVE

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lotte and Memorial Drive is one of the suburban churches in Atlanta.

Recently Mr. and Mrs. Jack Poe and their young daughter, Lina were received into the Lansing Church on profession of faith and baptism.

DR. AND MRS. LUKE HONORED BY MANY

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Mary, a graduate of Hampden Sydney College, which honored him and itself with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. In 1927 he was graduated from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia.

In addition to being pastor of the churches he organized he was also pastor of Ebenezer, Obids, Peak Creek, and Mount Jefferson. In many other ways he has been of great service to



DR. AND MRS. JOHN W. LUKE at the dinner given them celebrating Dr. Luke's retirement.

the county and its institutions. Many gifts were given to him.

A many tiered birthday cake was presented to Mrs. Luke along with many other gifts. She has been of inestimable help to Dr. Luke in his years of ministry. It was a joyous occasion. Dr. Luke responded graciously to the gifts and to the things said about him. Dr. Luke began his ministry in 1927 and continued until March, 1973 — his 75th birthday — when he was honor-

able retired. He and Mrs. Luke are making their home at Glendale Springs.

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Early American History Recalled

"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it . . . Ps. 127:1a

In the past in the time of crisis the men of our nation learned to overcome their difficulties by going to God in prayer.

The early Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock on Dec. 21, 1620 and after a hard year of starvation, death, and danger they held the historical Thanksgiving Feast. This first year of suffering was a crucial one for the Pilgrim Fathers, but they did not forget to put their dependence in God. Before they landed on shore, they wrote their declaration of the purpose of their settlement. In the preface of their writing they inscribed the words, "Be it known to all the earth, this is and shall be a Christian nation." A year after their landing, on Oct. 15, 1621, the Pilgrims held their Thanksgiving Feast. Their gratitude was to their God who had brought them across an unchartered sea in the little sail boat, the Mayflower, and had by his provisions sustained them through their first very hard year on the unknown coast of New England. These people came to America to worship God in freedom and now they showed their faith by a great Thanksgiving Feast and service.

Today the people of America need the faith of our fathers, who realized that only through the providence of God could they settle and build a colony in the new land.

Today many will celebrate the Thanksgiving Season partly like the Pilgrim Fathers. Many will celebrate by eating a gorgous dinner but how many will take time to thank God for all his goodness and blessings to us?

As the early pioneers were enabled to settle and sustain their lives in a strange land by faith in God, so in other times of crisis in the history of our nation, our early fathers learned that faith in a great God pulled them through and gave them the victory.

After the years of struggle in which the colonies had won their independence from Great Britain, it was time now to write the constitution and unite the colonies in a union. The Continental Congress met in Philadelphia from time to time working out their plans for union. Finally Sept. 23, 1787 the constitution was ratified after a bitter struggle by the delegates from the scattered states. During the time of ratifying the constitution, the struggle was so bitter and uncooperative that it looked as if the union would be completely defeated. At this time of crisis in the building a union, Benjamin Franklin who had presided over the convention in the place for George Washington made a suggestion to the deadlocked congress. These were his words as history has recorded them.

"In the beginning of the contest with Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayers in this room for the Divine protection. Our prayers, Sirs, were heard; and they were graciously answered.

And have we forgotten that powerful Friend? Do we imagine we no longer need His assistance? I have lived, sirs, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, "THAT GOD GOVERNS IN THE AFFAIRS OF MEN!"

We have been assured, Sirs, in the Sacred Writings, that 'except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.' I firmly believe this; and I also believe, that without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the building of Babel.

I therefore beg leave to move, "That henceforth prayers, imploring assistance of Heaven and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this assembly every morning before we proceed to business." The move was approved and a clergyman was secured to pray each morning before the business of the congress was taken up. It is needless to say the Constitution was approved and the union was completed. Our United States of America was born in the cradle of prayers to God.

Today in the capital the men who are elected to run this nation need very badly the spirit of our fore-fathers, who sought the guidance and wisdom of God. Today our leaders do not seem to take very seriously the motto of our country, "In God we Trust". How much prayer to God is going on at the Watergate Trial?

Another pledge that is repeated when the flag goes up, "One nation under God." is not taken seriously. If it were so, we would not have political parties dividing and bickering over the faults of the other, like a cold going on in Washington, losing the esteem of other countries of the world, and setting a bad example to a country we want united. What our country needs today is to rediscover the faith of our Pilgrim Fathers and a Benjamin Franklin who is not afraid to call for prayer among divided politicians.

"God bless America, the land that I love,
Stand beside her and guide her
In the night with the light from above.
From the mountains to the prairie, to
the ocean white with foam,
God bless America the land that I love,
God bless, America by home sweet home."

(A New Verse)

"God cleanse America the land that I love,
From the sin that so besets her
In the night by the light from above
From the selfish politicians sowing discord in the land,
God cleanse America the land that I love,
God bless America my home sweet home."

WHAT LIQUOR DOES.

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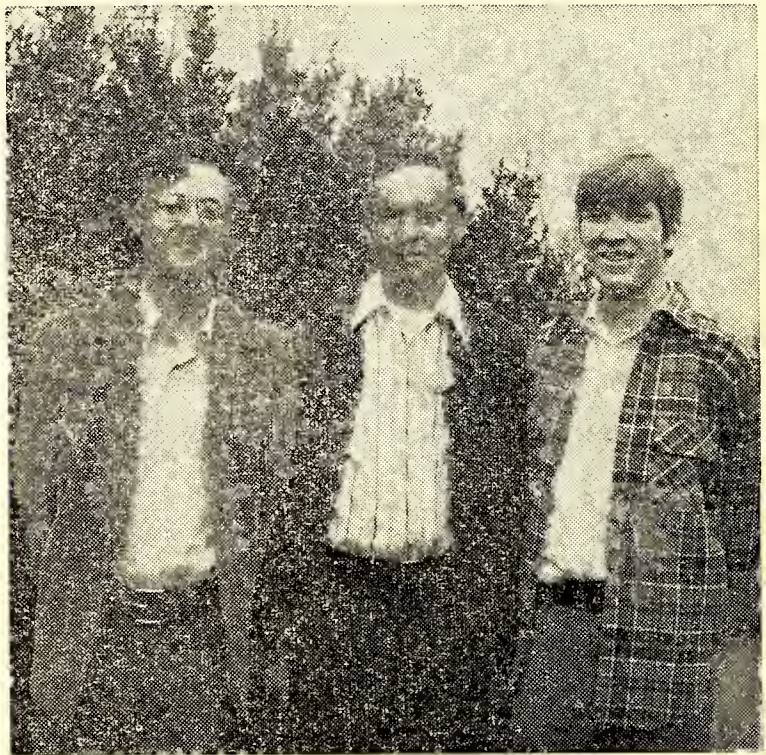
On Saturday afternoon, Nov. 4 The Glendale Springs Field was visited by Bob Ziebarth and two other Columbia Bible College students. Bob has worked two summers in this field among the youth and brought two of his companion students with him. The young men whom he brought were Hans Helmuth Taul of Graz, Austria, and David Frank of Wheaton, Ill. It was interesting to learn that David's Father is head of the Greater European Missions and is very active in directing men to the European Continent.

On Saturday afternoon, a young people's rally was planned. After recreation in the Memorial Building and a hot dog supper, an interesting meeting was held around the fire in the basement. Hans led with songs accompanied by his guitar and then gave a Bible talk. Bob introduced the young men and David sang with Hans.

On Sunday, David Frank gave two interesting talks, one at Glendale Springs Sunday School and the other at the Laurel Fork Church.

Hans and Bob went to Bethel Church and held a service there for the Sunday morning worship.

After a busy day Bob, Hans and David returned to Columbia in the afternoon. The inspiration these young men brought us will not be forgotten, and we hope they can return again.



COLLEGE STUDENTS who recently visited Glendale Springs were Hans Helmuth Taul, Bob Ziebarth, and David Frank.

Proverbs For Today

WHY PRAYER IS NOT HEARD.
"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear." Ps. 66:18

WHY GOD DOES NOT ANSWER.
"Because Christians are not praying."

WHY IS AMERICA IN A CRISIS.
"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." Ps. 127:1a

WHAT CHRISTIANS NEED TODAY.
"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Ps. 133:1

ARE POLITICIANS PRACTICING WHAT THEY PREACH?
"Together we stand, divided we fall."
"One nation under God."

I LIKE THIS — DO YOU?
"Faith can break the sky in to and let the face of God shine through."
Unknown.

HOW FOOLISH THE THIEF!
"The robbery of the wicked shall destroy them." Prov. 21:7

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ARTHUR PRESTON HUDLER of Glendale Springs, passed away Oct. 25, 1973. He was born Aug. 7, 1901. Mr. Hudler leaves his widow, Mrs. Carrie Hamby Hudler, three daughters and four sons. Mr. Hudler was a retired salesman of the Bare-Little Co., of West Jefferson. He was a faithful Christian and active until his death in the Glendale Springs Baptist Church, where his funeral services were held. His final resting place was in the Obids Church Cemetery. "Well don thou faithful servant."

LEE MILLER was born July 10, 1898 in Ashe County and passed away Sept. 27, 1973. Mr. Miller was a farmer before he became incapacitated because of his infirmity. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Myra Miller, 2 daughters, and 5 sons, one preceeding him in death. Mr. Miller was a believing Christian and a good neighbor. Funeral services were held in the Glendale Springs Baptist Church and he was buried in the Obids Baptist Church Cemetery. He will not be forgotten — he was a good friend to all.

LARRY DEWITT SHEETS was born March 14, 1918 and passed away Oct. 24, 1973. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lemmie Sheets of the Peak Creek Community who have proceeded him in death some years ago. Larry is also survived by his wife, Mrs. Ethel Darnell Sheets, one sister and five brothers. About a year before he passed away Larry requested baptism at his home where he professed his faith in Christ. Services were held in the Ashelawn Memorial Chapel on Oct. 27 and interment was in the Peak Creek Cemetery.

BENJAMIN F. BLEVINS passed away on Oct. 21 being 73 years of age. Mr. Blevins was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Blevins of Ashe County who proceeded him in death. One brother survives Mr. Blevins. Funeral services were held in the Badger Funeral Home, West Jefferson, and interment was in the Laurel Springs Baptist Church Cemetery.

MRS. BESSIE HANES ASHLEY of Wilbar, passed away at the age of 72 years, on Nov. 1. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Pete Ashley and one son, Chancie E. Ashley of North Wilkesboro, and one sister, Mrs. Goldie Roten of Wilbar. Mrs. Ashley was a faithful Christian being a member of the Baptist Church. We shall never forget her smile as we passed by her home. May God comfort her loved ones. Funeral services were held in the New Light Baptist Church and her final resting place was in the Miller Cemetery in Wilkes County.

MRS. ELLEN JUDITH McLEOD of Asheville, passed away on Nov. 22 in the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, after serious illness. Mrs. McLeod was 65 years of age when God called her from this life. She was a devoted Christian and member of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. McLeod was Mrs. Ellen Judith Heir before her

Lamberth Speaks At Glendale Service

A crowd of happy and thankful people met in the Memorial Building at Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church for the Thanksgiving Service on Sunday night, Nov. 25 at 6 p. m. This service is held annually in the Glendale Field of churches which consist of Bethel, Laurel Fork and Glendale Springs. At this service every one brings Thanksgiving food and what a feast we enjoy together. The service

marriage to Mr. Norman McLeod. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Norman McLeod of Asheville, and one son, Ian of Akron, Ohio, and one daughter, Mrs. Janet Miller (Mrs. Louis Allen Miller) of Glendale Springs. Funeral services were held on Nov. 25 at Asheville at 2 p. m. We pray God's comfort for those who mourn their loved ones passing. Her Heavenly Father has taken her to himself.

is held on the nearest Sunday to Thanksgiving Day.

This service is not just a Thanksgiving dinner, for it is dedicated to God in a worship service after the meal, with special prayers and sermon, and hymns. This year we were fortunate in having Rev. C. E. Lamberth our new Executive of the Concord Presbytery as the inspirational speaker. Mr. Lamberth gave us a splendid meditation on the "Windows of Thanksgiving." We enjoyed having also Mrs. Lamberth with us, and we trust the Lamberths will visit us very soon again.

Offerings were received for the two orphanages for which we are now responsible — Barium Springs and Grand Father Homes for children. One class of the Glendale Sunday School should be praised. The pre-school class led by Mrs. Ret Miller had a piggy bank in which they put pennies in it each Sunday for the orphanages. In the year they made an offering of \$30.00 which went to the Grand Father Home for Children. The total for all churches was \$124.35.

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Baldwin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Baldwin, was baptised. Then, during the week following, the Mt. Jefferson Church was the host to Area 7 of Concord Presbytery — our own Mrs. John Johnson being the Moderator of this area. The ladies of the church served a chicken dinner to the guests as the meeting ran from 4:00 to 8:00 P. M.

The Sept. Sundays this year have been notable, for on the evening of the 23rd, there was the first Fellowship Super of the fall, followed by the Installation of the new officers of the Women-of-the-Church. And the last Sunday of Sept. (the 30th), being Rally Day, our Young People outdid themselves with a short dramatization of the Ten Commandments. September

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saw a number of our people in the hospital, Mrs. Bill Neumann, Bob McNeill's mother, Mrs. Hershah Francis, and Mr. John Gentry. We give thanks that they are all out again.

October's first church date was the Presbytern Meeting, Oct. 6, at the First Church in Winston-Salem. Mt. Jefferson was represented by the minister. That was the day—Yom Kippur to the Jews — when all were startled by the announcement at noon that war had broken out in the Mid-East.

October's first Sunday (Oct. 7) was Worldwide Communion, which Mt. Jefferson observed and carried to the shut-ins in the afternoon. The evening of Oct. 7 the Young People resumed their weekly services for the fall, winter, and spring. On Monday, Oct. 15, SS Supt. Winston Baldwin called a meeting of his Sunday School teachers; and the effects of the prayers of the group have been noticeable in our church-school since.

October 29, Mr. Lawrence Wyatt brought a load of firewood for the sessions this winter about the open fireplace; and the following day there was the not-too-common sight of a late fall rainbow.

And if the October rainbow caught the attention, one was doubly delighted to see a second one the morning of November 5. That very evening, at the Quarterly Meeting of the Session and Board of Deacons, the church-treasurer, Mr. John Gentry, was able to an-

Comet "Kohoutek" Will Be Seen Here

By the time this paper is in circulation the Comet, Kohoutek will be seen in the sky. Astronomers tell us who have already seen this comet at a great distance by powerful telescopes. This will be the most spectacular heavenly stranger that the earth will see. The word comet means the "arry one" for the star has a long flowing trail of light behind it, about 72 million miles long. Kohoutek will be seen in the morning before sun up in the south west. It will be seen the last of November and through December even through January 15, 1974. At the last it will be seen after sunset. As we think about these great wonders of the sky, I think of the 19th Psalm which declares —

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork."

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announce that the last \$6000 payment on the church lot had been met.

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