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Here and There In Rev. C. H. Stark's Field

LANSING MANSE

The first logs that will go into the Manse were cut last week by Mr. J. O. Blevins, Chairman of the Building Committee, and Mr. Raymond Campbell, Deacon. Some more lumber is being donated by various members of the church and friends. We are awaiting the plans from Architect Wallace of Winston-Salem, and as soon as we get the dimensions we will pour. Mr. Stone is rendering invaluable aid in helping us raise money to build. A brick veneer type of building is what we have in mind. The committee is working, the wheels are beginning to turn, and soon we hope it will turn out a new manse in Lansing. The committee worked faithfully on securing a desirable location to build. And now we have a most desirable spot, a sixty by ninety foot lot cut out of Mr. Blevins' garden—facing south on the Jefferson road.

GILLESPIE STEWARDSHIP

Dr. J. W. Witherspoon of Lexington and Rev. O. V. Caudill of Elkin, N. C., were in our Gillespie field last week fostering a Stewardship Program. It is our desire to introduce the Pay In Kind system on the pastor's salary. This will enable every member to make some kind of pledge. These two men went to several homes and started a canvass that will be continued by our officers. Everybody in the church was in favor of the plan; they were in fact enthusiastic over the idea. Our Gillespie Christians have generous hearts and true religion. We enjoyed the preaching of Dr. Witherspoon, and greatly appreciate the labors of both men; we invite them to be with us every time that they can come.

STONE CHAPEL

We have made another advance in the building of Stone Chapel. We now have all the flooring done and a platform. We have the material for a pulpit desk. We wish to thank the following people for their gifts: Mr. Victor Clark, Dr. Dean Jones, Mr. Wiley Ham, Miss Avis Ham, Mr. Vance Miller, Edith Calhoun, Conley Thompson, Reuben Ham, E. L. Barr, Ed. Stansberry, Walter Osborne, Mrs. Oliver Ham, Ruby Hudler, and other friends. May God use these gifts for His Glory.

LANSING FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

The members of the Lansing Church enjoyed a fellowship supper and an interesting program in the basement of the church. Each family brought something to put on the table and there was an abundance of food. After supper we enjoyed a Major Bowes program. Mr. Joseph Martin, high school principal, took the role of Major Bowes (and did an excellent job) then many of our members gave of their talent. Singing, piano playing, imitations were among the interesting things enjoyed. Mr. J. R. Weaver had everybody doubled up with his characteristic humor and wit. Everybody had a most enjoyable evening. A devotional was held by the pastor following the supper.

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The Cross of Christ-- The Hope of the World



"In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers 'round its head sublime."

A NEW PASTOR

The Home Mission Committee and the Commission on the Minister and His Work in the Presbytery have been co-operating with the Jefferson-West Jefferson group of churches to secure a successor to Rev. R. H. Stone who will resign his pastorate effective March 31st.

On Sunday, March 30th, at 10:00 A. M., the Obids session has called the congregation to meet for the two-fold purpose of concurring in the request to be made to Presbytery that the pastoral relationship be dissolved, and, if the way be clear, to call a new pastor.

The Jefferson session has called their congregation to meet after the morning worship on March 30th for the same purpose.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Adjourned meeting of Presbytery on March 31st at 11:00 A. M. in the First Church, Winston-Salem. The regular Spring meeting of Presbytery will be held at Yadkinville at 10:00 A. M. on April 22nd.

TENTATIVE CHAUTAUQUA SCHEDULE FOR 1941

Jefferson-West Jefferson Group
Big Ridge..... May 5-18
Jefferson June 8-22
West Jefferson..... July 25-July 9
Obids Aug. 3-17

Lansing Group
Foster Memorial May 21-June 4
Stone Chapel June 8-22
Lansing July 13-27
Gillespie July 30-Aug. 13
The dates for the Glendale Springs group have not yet been determined.

The Ashe Presbyterian Under New Management

Beginning with the next issue Miss Kathryn Hunt is to become Editor-in-Chief. Miss Hunt has been in the county for a number of years and knows the work. In addition to her qualification with a knowledge of the field work she has a fine literary mental furnishing of the mind which will make her an editor of the highest type.

Rev. John W. Luke will assume the position of Business Manager. No one could do this so well as Mr. Luke, inasmuch as he contacts with the business men of Ashe and Wilkes Counties.

Rev. Carl H. Stark will become Circulation Manager. Mr. Stark goes about his work with a great vim and if you are not already a subscriber you may expect him to want your subscription. So settle the matter by sending him one dollar and ten names for ten yearly subscriptions.

Miss Lois Calhoun with her boundless energy and enthusiasm is Assistant Business Manager and Assistant Circulation Manager.

The publication prints 3000 each issue. It is on file in many of the great libraries. It is widely read. Without the information that the paper carries and the interest it has generated much of the Kingdom progress would not have been attained. God has used this paper as an instrument to strengthen His work.

LOT FOR GLENDALE SPRINGS CHURCH HAS BEEN PURCHASED

The organized church at Glendale Springs is waiting patiently to build a church. We have been organized now for almost a year and we are still holding Sunday School and Church Services in the school building at Glendale Springs. Lately the Deacon, Mr. J. E. Whiteley, Elder, Delmer Rose, and the Pastor, J. W. Luke, bought from Mr. Amos Faw a plot of ground of about 5 acres. Out of this land a church lot and a graveyard have been selected. The rest of the land has been put up for sale to help pay for the church lot and graveyard. We have a beautiful spot with a beautiful view. We are now trying to raise funds to build this church. The people have responded liberally this year in this cause and the other causes of the church.

DR. HUDSON McMILLAN FROM CHINA SPEAKS IN ASHE COUNTY

Dr. Hudson McMillan, a Missionary from China, will be with us for the weekend of April 5th. He will speak to as many churches as possible while here. Be sure to find out when he will be at your church, and hear a vital message from the war torn country of China. Dr. McMillan is known for his fervent evangelistic spirit and will set our hearts aflame for his foreign mission work. Dr. McMillan has been a missionary for the Baptist Church for about 25 years. Be sure to hear him.

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EDITORIAL

GOODBYE

Since June 1923 I have been responsible for this column in The Ashe Presbyterian. This is the sixty-eighth issue and my last. God has called me after twenty years (counting my two seminary summers) of service in these wonderful highlands of His to another work.

The Ashe Presbyterian will go on to yet greater glories. Miss Kathryn Hunt will become Editor-in-Chief; Rev. John W. Luke is Business Manager; Rev. C. H. Stark is Circulation Manager; Miss Lois Calhoun becomes Assistant Business and Assistant Circulation Manager.

Would you indulge me in a personal word? It is my desire to express my abiding gratitude to those who have so faithfully stood by me in the things that God has done through us as we worked together or as you have given your means. I hereby will that all those friends of mine who have helped in the work with their means continue that help to my co-workers here.

God has richly blessed the efforts of the Ashe County Presbyterians. We have had an almost phenomenal growth in numbers. Our churches have grown from four to fourteen. The influence of the church is out of all proportion to its membership.

One of the delightful experiences of my life has been the joy of living in and working in the "Garden of Eden."

On April 1st I become Executive Secretary for Mecklenburg Presbytery, with an office in Charlotte, N. C. It is needless to say that much of my heart and interest abides in Ashe, where I know more creeks, cattle paths, roads, mountains and the great people of God than any other place in the world. My willingness to be of what service I can even though in the new field will continue.

Let us pray for one another. My eyes fill with tears as I write—thinking of leaving the people I love so dearly. But it is God's will that for a time I work in another vineyard.

Goodbye and God continue to bless you. "The Lord bless you, and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

R. H. STONE

SPRING REVIVALS ARE NOW IN PROGRESS

A week of revival services is scheduled in each of the four preaching points of Lansing group of churches. The first was held at Stone Chapel. An excellent spirit of cooperation was manifested here. Other denominations entered into the meeting with prayer, song and preaching. We are very grateful to Rev. Ted Joines for his work in our midst; the Lord used him in leading three to make professions. We all appreciated the services and spiritual support of Brother Bennett, a local Baptist preacher. In spite of the snow and wind, we had as many as one hundred and fifty and over. We are thankful for the results of the meeting, giving the glory and honor to God. We are very thankful to the Obids church for the benches that they contributed. These will find many years of continued service in the Master's kingdom.

Our Foster Memorial meeting began Thursday, the 13th. Our prayer is that God will work through us to bring a spiritual revival to this community. We plan for this to be a community service with some of the local preachers assisting in the work. Then on the last three nights it will be our privilege to have Rev. Dan Graham with us. We hope that his spiritual power and forceful personality will be used of God to revive His work in our church and community. Following these services a week's revival will be held at Lansing and Gillespie. Remember us in your prayer that many lost souls will be saved by His Grace.

COMPLETING MILLERS CHURCH IN WILKES COUNTY

This winter has been a cold one in the Millers Church, as we have not been able to complete some of the work which keeps out the wind. We have recently begun to complete some of this work. A trimming board around the eaves and gables was put in place last week. Since a friend made us a gift we have been able to buy the flooring which we shall put down at once. We have also laid the plates for our little front entrance, and will soon have this under cover. Friends who care to help us complete the inside of this much needed building would like to know what our needs are. We need ceiling for the walls and overhead. We need a cement floor in the basement. We need partitions in the basement for class rooms. We need permanent front steps. This church is the only one in the community and will fill a vital need to all of the country around.

KING COLLEGE GLEE CLUB

We were happy to have the King College Glee Club with us on Sunday, March 16th. A group of forty boys presented a fine program of singing and Dr. T. P. Johnston, president of the college, preached the sermon. Many helpful and inspiring songs and anthems were sung. After the service the Lansing Auxiliary gave the boys a splendid dinner in the basement of the church. Our many thanks go to King College, Dr. Johnston, Prof. C. C. Loomis, director of the group that sang, and every member of the Club. We were proud to have two of our own boys in this group: Mr. Douglas Carty of Lansing, and Denver Blevins of Gillespie. Both are ministerial candidates.

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS IN LUKE'S FIELD

To each of the members of Luke's churches mimeograph copies of the amounts that have been given to the churches by members will be mailed out, also a letter with budget for next year and a pledge card for next year. The people are asked to bring this card or send it to their church treasurer or pastor at once, so we can make our record by the end of March before we make out our report for Presbytery which meets April 22nd. Our church records must be completed by March 31st. If there are those who have not paid up their pledges or wish to pay some on the present year's expenses and benevolences, please send in your money at once or put it in the church offerings at your church.

EASTER SERVICES

The Easter Services this year will be celebrated in Rev. J. W. Luke's field by observance of the Lord's Supper. We trust each member will be at your church according to the schedule and bring a flower or evergreen with you. We shall have a flower service. Each person is asked to bring enough flowers or evergreen to pass around one little flower or evergreen to every other person in the church.

Schedules For Easter Service To Be Observed By Lord's Supper

April 11—Bethel.
April 13—Laurel Forks at 11:00 A. M.
April 13—Low Gap at 2:00 P. M.
April 19—Millers.
April 20—Glendale Springs, at 7:00 P. M.
April 20—Ebenezer.
April 27—Peak Creek.

These services will be held at the regular time for the services on these days. We trust that each member will examine himself and take part in this beautiful supper of remembrance.

TEACHER TRAINING CLASS

The Lansing Church is looking forward to its training class the last of the month. We believe that personal evangelism is the need of the hour, and personal witnessing is the topic of our classes. Rev. P. J. Garrison of the Lee Memorial Church is to be our teacher. We are using as our text-book *The Galilean Fishermen* by Witmer. Following this week of instruction we plan to organize our Fishers of Men to do our personal work. Regular prayer groups will be a part of this program. This will lay the foundation and be the preparation for our revival.

GLENDALE SPRINGS CHURCH SUPPER

On Friday night of February 14th, the Woman's Auxiliary and the Young People of the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church sponsored a Church Fellowship Supper in the Glendale Springs Hotel. The Rev. Watt M. Cooper of the North Wilkesboro Church brought us an inspiring message.

The proceeds of this supper went into a fund for the purpose of the erection of a Presbyterian Church in Glendale Springs.

The Lansing Presbyterians Ask Aid To Build Manse

Modern Brick Veneer Home Soon To Be Constructed

One of the disappointing things about this issue of the paper is that we were unable to get a cut to show you the proposed manse to be built on a beautiful lot near the Lansing church. It is only three homes away on the same street.

Plans are being drawn by Mr. Roy Wallace, of Winston-Salem. It will have seven rooms and a nice basement. It is lovely in appearance and will be of brick veneer.

The Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery has authorized the building of the manse. The session of the Lansing church has elected the following building committee: J. O. Blevins, Chairman, Victor Clark, Treasurer, C. H. Stark, Raymond Campbell and Miss Ruby Huder.

This is a fine and enthusiastic committee. They will rush the work as the funds come in. The local congregation is being aided by the men of Foster Memorial and Gillespie. As soon as the plans are approved the work will begin. The purchase price of the lot has been raised in Lansing. For some time a manse fund has been growing and amounted to \$29.00. To this Mrs. Carl Harris gave \$100.00. Dr. R. C. Barr is giving another hundred. A Greensboro First Circle made a contribution.

Our interested friends on the outside are invited to send in their contributions to Mr. Victor Clark, Lansing, N. C. Presbyterian money should not pay rent. It can better go into the benevolent treasury of the Lord.

Since their arrival last June Mr. and Mrs. Stark have lived in a rented home.

This new home you are asked to help build will be a center from which streams of blessing and usefulness will flow for years to come. God has so blessed the work in Ashe County that a new field had to be created. In a remarkable way Mr. and Mrs. Stark have taken hold of the work and have made fine strides. He is recognized as a preacher of courage and conviction and power. He is an excellent pastor—loves and loved by all. In all his undertakings Mrs. Stark is an invaluable counsellor and promoter.

ELECTIONS IN AUXILIARIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Remorse for past failures and stirrings of reconsecration to new loyalty and service are being felt these days as leaders are being chosen for the coming year. In the Big Ridge Auxiliary, Mrs. Bare has accepted the privilege of serving again as president; in the Obid's Auxiliary, Mrs. H. H. Burgess has agreed to lead the group.

Among the young people, Josephine Bare at Big Ridge and Faye Smith at Boggs have been selected to steer the work of the Young-People-of-the-Church into a realization and acceptance of their new theme, "Thy Will Be Done."

Mrs. Chas. B. Weaver has been elected President of the Jefferson Auxiliary and Mrs. Carl Jackson will be the Secretary.

At West Jefferson Mrs. Russell W. Barr is the new President and Mrs. Rex Morton is the Secretary.



EASTER PROGRAMS

For Easter, Big Ridge and Boggs are planning an adventure into a new field of art as a medium of worship. "Creation," by Mary Gwen Owen, an arrangement for a verse-reading choir has captured their imagination, so they have adapted and renamed it, "In Him Was Life."

This lovely service will be our witness to the conviction that He is the resurrection and the Life.



OUR CONTRIBUTING FRIENDS PROVIDE FUNDS

Since our last issue a number of our friends have enabled us to carry on the work at Thaxton, to pay obligations on other building projects, to pay some of the expenses of the summer program and to aid in the college expenses of some of our students. We are indebted to the following: Miss Susie Lee Patton, Dr. and Mrs. Chas. M. Norfleet, Jr., Miss Elizabeth Donaldson, The J. M. Rogers Bible Class, Dr. R. E. McAlpine and his friends, Mrs. Carl Harris, Mrs. Charlotte Critz Harper, Circles Number 11, 15 and 20 of the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, Mrs. Elmer Elliott, Circle Number 5 of the Wharey Memorial Auxiliary of the First Church, Mooresville.

The Circles of the Greensboro First Church have supplied quantities of clothing for the West Jefferson Clothes Shop.

We are greatly indebted to each one of our benefactors. Thank you many times!

RELIGION HOPES TO GO TO THE FAIR

From the fertile and initiative mind of Rev. John W. Luke has come the unique idea of having a "Tent of Religion" at the next Ashe County Fair. His idea is to have one of the Chataqua tents pitched on the fair grounds—in which there will be an exhibit of the American Bible Society's line of Bibles, charts and posters portraying the work of the Presbyterian Church, motion pictures with a religious theme or presentation of local work in religious education. Another feature would be to have some outstanding minister bring some stirring gospel sermons.

We hope that this dream is realized. Why should a great county gathering be solely for hot dogs and pop corn and visualizing big potatoes, pumpkins, needle work and cattle? Why not minister to the spirit of man? The Tent of Religion will help meet this imperative need.

OBIDS PEWS—OLD AND NEW

The benches that the Obids congregation sat on for thirty-six years can hardly be called pews, but there is some news about them. After staying out under the pines for a number of months they were carried to the Chapel at Thaxton and are serving a great need there.

And the news about the new pews is that they are a constant delight to the congregation and to those who worship with us. In our last issue we still lacked some money to complete the payments. We lack less because of the fine gifts of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Yelanjian, Mr. R. B. Jackson, Mr. George Baker, Mrs. Albert Miller, Mrs. Lonnie Liddle, Mr. Lonnie Liddle, Mr. Dick Phillips, Mr. Conrad McNeill, Messrs Brown and Triplett.

We yet need about \$30.00 that has not been pledged and our friends are invited to join those who have made possible the lovely pews.

REV. HARDIN KING TO PREACH IN FIRST CHAUTAUQUA

Rev. Hardin King, pastor of Lexington's Second Presbyterian Church, will preach for two weeks beginning May 5th in the Big Ridge Christian Chautauqua. Mr. King has come to the Chautauqua pulpit before and we most cordially welcome him for this return engagement.

The Big Ridge Bible School beginning on the same date will be under the direction of Miss Kathryn Hunt, who for some time has been making plans for the courses that are to be taught. This year the theme will have to do with missions and the Biblical emphasis upon it.

THE CHURCHES OF THE JEFFERSONS TO HAVE NEW HYMNALS

The West Jefferson Church is securing funds for the purchase of new hymnals. Mr. Jim Cooper, a former member, offered \$10.00 to get new ones. The Auxiliary is taking him up and adding to it.

A committee composed of Mrs. Thomas McEwen, Chairman, Misses Ruth Stanley, Ruth Jones, Myrtle Ruth Blevins, Mary Brown and Mr. Robert McNeill is handling the situation in the Jefferson Church. Before very long each congregation will be singing gloriously from new books.

The new address of Rev. R. H. Stone will be c/o Mecklenburg Presbytery, Charlotte, N. C.

PRESBYTERIANS PLAN FOR SPIRITUAL DEFENSE

Presbyterians of North Carolina are busy planning for the religious rights of the areas surrounding the military defense. It appeared that the government of the United States has adopted an unwise policy of not allowing ministers of any denomination to have any responsibility within the camps or forts. The religious work there, if it is done, will be done by chaplains—one for every 1200 soldiers.

We are greatly concerned about the areas just outside the camps. Our Synod is seeing that churches are built and forceful ministers and workers are placed there. There are families of many of the army personnel and others who need to care for their spiritual mind. Churches on the outside will attract many of the soldiers.

Dr. W. T. Thompson, Moderator of the Synod, has appointed a strong committee to secure funds and to advise with church leaders in Fayetteville and Wilmington Presbytery. Throughout those areas about Fort Bragg and Fort Davis our church is either building, completing or strengthening the existing churches. Dr. E. E. Gillespie is giving this matter much time and thought.


Other interested churchmen are Dr. John M. Alexander and Dr. G. A. Wilson, Jr.

There are things the civilians can do to help. We can let the men who go to camp know that the church is concerned about them and urge them to visit and find a friend and a welcome and a spiritual contact in these Presbyterian churches.

If the time comes when the committee makes a call for funds to continue the work we can make a contribution.

We can follow these men with our prayers and we can pray for those who would lead them into paths of righteousness and peace.

MR. LUKE SERVES ON DRAFT BOARD

 Rev. John W. Luke is rendering a fine service as a member of the county's Draft Board. He sees that each one going away to camp is provided with a portion of scriptures, and is exhorted to give heed to his religious life in the camp.

THE JEFFERSON-WEST JEFFERSON GROUP WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Since the last issue the following have been welcomed into the fellowship of the West Jefferson Church: Mr. and Mrs. J. Baxter McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Presnell and Mr. George Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jackson have been received into the Jefferson Church.

Miss Lizzie Miller was received into the Presbyterian Church pending her baptism and it is her desire to unite with the Big Ridge Church.

CATECHISMS RECITED

Great doctrines of our belief have been pondered by four young people from Boggs as they have been patiently working to master the eternal truths of the faith in the Shorter Catechism. These young theologians are: Elsie, Evelyn, Ray, and Alfred Smith.

At Big Ridge, Virginia and Lillian Bare and Nellie Crepps have successfully completed the Child's Catechism.

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To Mrs. T. C. Faucette, of Burlington, N. C., for gift of \$10.00 for the work.

To Mrs. Dorothy Noreen, of Charlotte, N. C., for gift of \$20.00 to Educational Funds.

To Circle of Auxiliary at Myers Park Church for \$3.50 for Educational Fund.

To the Mothers of Mrs. Shirer's Bible Class for \$10.00 for Educational Fund.

To the Woman's Auxiliary of Myers Park Presbyterian Church, sends us from an individual \$100.00, from a circle \$15.12, and from the Business Woman's Circle \$1.00, which totals a gift of \$116.12 for Educational Fund.

To a friend in Maxton for \$25.00 for Educational Fund.

To Mr. Judson Cope for \$15.00 contributed towards the building of Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church.

To all who have given old clothing for the old clothes shop run by Mrs. J. W. Luke at Glendale Springs, N. C.

To Mr. Wade Vannoy who has given us \$15.00 for flooring of Millers Church.

To any who have contributed anything to our cause. Please remember us in your prayers. We thank you and our Father for your liberality.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S NEWS

A large number of our young people from Ashe and Wilkes Counties attended the Presbyterian Young People's Rally at North Wilkesboro, Saturday, March 15th. The Rally was held in the North Wilkesboro Church. The young people were greatly inspired by this meeting.

New elections have taken place in the Young Peoples' groups of Eastern Ashe and Wilkes Counties, for the new year. These young people are looking forward to a successful year's work.

Easter programs and pageants are now under way. Worship with us as we observe again our Lord's death and resurrection.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Both Glendale Springs and Laurel Forks Auxiliaries have elected their officers for the new church year.

As we close the old year, we feel that it has been a fairly successful one. We are grateful to the Lord for what He has helped us to do in His name. We are trusting that in the coming year we will be able to do greater things for His kingdom.

LAUREL FORKS IMPROVEMENT

The Laurel Forks Church is planning in the next few weeks to make some improvements on their church and church lawn.

They are grading the church lawn, sodding it with grass and setting shrubs. They are also staining the church pews and waxing the floor. All of which will make the church more attractive both within and without.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Milton Sheets into the Christian faith. He has made his profession and united with the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church.

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RECREATION ROOM

We are continuing our recreation room. We have made several enjoyable additions in recent weeks. We now have rubber horseshoes, Chinese checkers, a carrom board and ping pong. On March 29th we will have some travelogue pictures from Virginia—an interesting moving picture film of interesting places in the "Old Dominion."

FOSTER MEMORIAL WIRING

Electricity is coming to our church here! Funds are being raised to wire the church and to install new fixtures. We need more money and the fixtures yet—but a beginning is made.

AUXILIARY AT LANSING

Election time came again to our Lansing Auxiliary. Each year they elect two officers. This year they elected Mrs. Tom Powers as vice-president, and Mrs. Joe Warren as secretary.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY SPEAKS AT MISSION RALLY

Rev. W. A. Linton, returned foreign missionary from Korea and one of the best informed men in our church about the Japanese emperor worship, spoke twice in the West Jefferson church. He preached at the regular morning worship, using as his text, "If a man die, will he live again?" In the afternoon he made the principal address at the Mission Rally.

His presence and address gave to our people a new meaning of missions.

In the special offering Jefferson Sunday School gave \$15.79, Big Ridge \$4.50 and Boggs \$2.00.

THE FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

During his ministry at West Jefferson, Rev. John W. Luke initiated the idea of a Fellowship Supper which is held on a Wednesday night of each month. This is sponsored by the Auxiliary and the men are invited. It is always a period of excellent fellowship and a good supper is served. Much good has come out of this continuing service.

THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

In the Jefferson-West Jefferson group of churches the E. M. C. is yet in progress. Taking the field as a whole more people are making pledges than ever before. The churches are insisting that the duplex envelopes be used by all of the members.

OUR CHURCHES ENJOY MOTION PICTURES

The Educational Department of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee in Atlanta has cooperated with us in presenting two phases of their work. The first series was "The Challenge of Church Extension" and the second series was their newest picture, "Indian Trails."

These were shown through our own projector, which has been used frequently. It is good for group meetings and excellent as a pastoral aid. Recently the local pictures were projected in the room of one of our members at Western North Carolina Sanatorium at Black Mountain.

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Chautauquas Completed In J. W. Luke's Field

Since May 6th the regular Chautauqua schedule has been going in full swing. The news from the first three is as follows:

Bethel—May 6th-18th

At this Church our crowds were very good, and the Bible School especially was regularly attended as you can see by the number of perfect attendants. Rev. J. W. Luke opened this meeting by preaching the first week, and Rev. R. L. Berry completed it. Those who taught in the Bible School were Miss Ruby Wyatt, Miss Leora Osborne from the Bethel Church, and Miss Lois Calhoun and the Pastor.

There were many remarks about the good preaching by the visiting preacher. Another interesting phase of the meeting was the singing of Claude Royal and his sister, accompanied by a guitar. There were many people who rededicated themselves to the Lord, and the following united with the church by profession: Della Fay Woodie, Marie Royal, Virgie Wyatt and Mrs. Joe Wingler. Mrs. John Wyatt asked to be taken under care of the church until her letter was sent to her. The statistical report of the Bible school and meeting are as follows: Chapters in Bible read, 300. Fifteen times the Gospel of John. Enrollment, 61. Average attendance, 38. Perfect attendance, 30.

Millers—May 21st-June 1st

At this church our crowds were large and the Bible School was much better than last year. Rev. T. W. Clapp, of Plumtree, N. C., held the meeting. Mr. Clapp had preached in one of the first meetings held in this community and everyone was glad to have him back. Mr. Clapp made talks to the children at the Bible School in the mornings which were enjoyed by the children. There were many reconsecrations during the meeting, and several who made professions. Mrs. Hall wished to be taken under care of the church until she received her letter. Mrs. Hobert Long was examined by the session and asked to be received as a member on profession later.

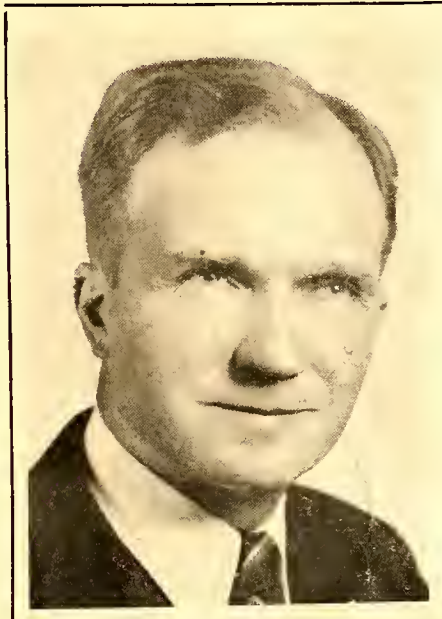
Those who taught in the Bible School were: Misses Ruby Wyatt, Leora Osborne, Lois Calhoun, and the Pastor. The Statistical report of the Chautauqua is as follows: 500 chapters read in Bible. Enrolled in Bible School, 57. Average attendance, 41. Perfect attendance, 23.

Ebenezer—June 3rd-15th

The meeting has just been completed at this point. Rev. R. W. Childress, of Willis, Va., preached for five days, and everyone was greatly impressed by his testimony of what the Lord had done for him as well as by his appealing sermons. Since Mr. Childress had to return home, Mr. Dan Rhodes, of Glade Valley, completed the meeting.

The Bible School at Ebenezer has been well attended this year. The teachers were Miss Gladys Sanders, Miss Sarah Bouden, Miss Lois Calhoun, and the pastor. 300 chapters were read in the Bible. The Bible School statistics are as follows: Enrollment, 65. Average attendance, 43.

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Rev. R. H. Stone, First Citizen of Ashe County, Builder of Temples, and Great Shepherd of Souls, leaves Ashe County to become Executive Secretary of Mocksville Presbytery.

CHAUTAUQUAS IN STARK'S FIELD

Foster Memorial Chautauqua

An interesting and very successful Chautauqua was held at our Foster Memorial Church. Dr. J. M. McChesney was our preacher, and his forceful gospel messages were very effective. Through his ministry in our midst eight professions were made, and five of these persons became members of the church; they were: Jack Little, Howard Sullivan, Virginia Perry, Fred Carter, and Hunter Clark. Our Bible School, under the direction of Carl Stark, was well attended. May God use this meeting as a lasting blessing in this community. We wish to thank Miss Marie Clark, Miss Edith Sturgill, and Miss Estella Blevins for their work.

Stone Chapel Chautauqua

We wish to thank Rev. W. C. Cooper, of Mocksville, N. C., for his ardent labors, his powerful preaching and his happy fellowship during the two weeks he was in this meeting. We give thanks and praise to God for the many rededications and several professions that were made at this time. The pastor was most pleasantly surprised one evening as he came to the church to find that the good people of the community had brought a great store of things as an expression of appreciation for his services—ham, fruit and vegetables were among the many nice things given. The pastor, Mr. Stark, wishes to thank every one who had a part in this surprise. Everybody had a genuinely good and profitable time at the Bible School. Fine progress was made in Bible study and worship. The men led the ladies in the Bible reading that was done during the meeting. We appreciate the work of Miss Edith Sturgill and Miss Iris Young in the Bible School.

Dedication

"Symbols of faith, they lift their reaching spires
Above green groves down many a country way,
And on the wide plains there are altar fires
That light the forms of those who kneel to pray.

Symbols they are of mankind's daily need;
The urgent need to pray, the need to praise.
Without their altars, men grow blind indeed,
And grope, bewildered, down unlighted ways.
The look of God is over every land
Where men have toiled and where their churches stand."

See, as we turn the bend in the road, that sturdy little brick church nestling in the valley? We call it "Gillespie" and it seems to stand for faithfulness and courage, and victory "through Him Who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood."

Miles farther up a winding, wooded road around another curve, we see soft lights shinging from the saintly cathedral "Stone Chapel." These windows could speak of Commencement processions in Watts Chapel, but the theological tones are silenced in the chorus of praise for struggle and achievement. So close to the heavens, the little silver-white Chapel points to the moonlit miracle of night, and sings of devotion and patience and gentleness.

Down in the valley again, we hear the testimony of the Mother Church in Lansing. She smiles encouragingly to all of the hurrying passersby, and quietly witnesses to each her shining faith and deep consecration.

Winding through the hills again and crossing many creeks, we come at last to view the grace and charm that is "Foster Memorial." It too speaks gently—of love and understanding and patience and skill and sacrifice.

Safeguarded by flanks of pine forests stands Obids, her testimony competing with the wind-song in the pines, as she shouts forth her witness to new purpose, saintliness, and service.

On the busy streets of West Jefferson, if we come near and listen reverently, we can hear that stately gray stone cathedral speak eagerly of vision and strength and humility, (for that was his first triumph in temple building.)

Away back off the beaten pathway, in the great forest primeval stands the little baby cathedral of Big Ridge, with her invitation to all who "labor and are heavy-laden." She testifies to forgiveness, new life in Christ, growth in grace, and joy in fellowship and service.

In and out among the hills and hollows, other lights we see—from ancestral acres and lowly cabins, testifying to the new light that has shined into our hills and homes and hearts because of one sent from God, who counted not his life dear unto himself, but has for the last twenty years lived among us as one who serves.

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No night has ever been too cold or dark for him to answer a call of need, and no floor has ever been too dirty for him to kneel in prayer, for "it is the nature of love to insinuate itself into the sins and sorrows of others."

Faces crowd themselves into the picture, almost blurring the clear outlines of Church steeples into dim shadows—hundreds of faces—children's adoring smiles, strong young faces pledging their love, old wrinkled faces, shining with love and gratitude—singing the song of the redeemed. Other faces, lined behind the veil of the Eternal land, smiling their abiding gratitude.

The secret of being lovely is in being unselfish and that secret was his. We are forever grateful to our Heavenly Father for the gift of Rev. R. H. Stone for these years. His Christlikeness has made Christ real to us. He is essentially Christian to his finger tips, and through our tears we rejoice with Mecklenburg Presbytery in their great blessing.

Never do we expect to know another R. H. Stone, but we pray that God will soon send us one who will carry on the magnificent Kingdom Adventure whose splendid foundations he has built.

CONFERENCES

Many delegates are planning to attend the various conferences from Lansing, Foster Memorial, Gillespie and Stone Chapel. Miss Beryl May is representing Lansing at Davidson, and she reports that she is having an inspirational time down there. Others are planning to go to Glade Valley. We are encouraged in the work that the young people are doing in the churches—remember them in your prayers—they are the future leaders of our work here.

ADVERTISERS HELP IN THE STONE DEDICATION ISSUE

The advertisers who have made this paper possible have done so because they wanted a part in dedicating this issue to Rev. R. H. Stone. As these interviews for advertisements were given, many were the expressions of regret at the loss of Mr. Stone, many the wishes for his success.

The advertisers one and all cheerfully help in honoring one to whom honor is due, Rev. R. H. Stone.

CHAUTAUQUAS IN THE JEFFERSON GROUP OPEN AT OBIDS

There is something exciting and thrilling about the beginning of the Chautauqua season, and especially so this year in the Jefferson group of churches, for our beloved Mr. Stone had come back for the first service at Obids on Wednesday night, May 21. A large and eager congregation shared in this service of praise. Rev. Hardin A. King, from the Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington, in a stirring message struck the key note for a great Revival. In the days and nights that followed there were heart searchings and warnings.

On the morning of May 21, 65 boys and girls from Obids and the surrounding communities gathered for the beginning of one of the most worth-while Bible Schools in Obids' history. This first day's attendance which was 11 more than the first day last year, leaped to 91 on the second day. The school house was borrowed to accommodate the large groups. A high quality of work was accomplished throughout the school under the leadership of an excellent faculty, including: Miss Frances Dancy and Clara Pou, of Reynolda Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, and Miss Fayeweese Choate, of the Central Steele Creek Church in Charlotte. Miss Clara Pou, graduate of Music in Salem College, led the music in the Bible School. This feature of the school was of outstanding quality.

Mr. King endeared himself to the Obids flock from the first service and the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt in every meeting. On the concluding night, Thelma and Dean Severt were received into the Obids Presbyterian Church by Mr. King. We welcome them into our fellowship of believers here. We are very grateful to all who have helped to make this Chautauqua a blessed experience.

THE JEFFERSON CHAUTAUQUA IN PROGRESS

The Jefferson Chautauqua, beginning June 8, is still in progress as this goes to press.

We were most happy in securing the Rev. Lewis J. Yelanjian, of Glendale Springs, to begin this meeting and preach the first week. He was not a stranger to our town and during this week he has made for himself and for our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, a larger place than ever in our hearts. He has served in a double capacity, preaching at night and teaching the Junior boys in the Bible School by day. His unique way of presenting truth has gripped our minds and hearts and "made the Book live to us."

Again we are grateful for a group of fine consecrated teachers. Miss Irene Baldwin, of Lansing, teaches the Beginners, assisted by Mrs. Kenneth Olson, Jefferson. Miss Anne Paisley, Korea, teaches Primaries, with Miss Mary Brown as her helper. Mary Brown and Mrs. Olson direct the music of the school. Miss Marjorie Patterson from the First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, is teacher of Junior girls.

This Bible School lacks the overflowing crowds we had last year, but it makes up in efficiency for what it lacks in numbers. For the last week of this meeting we have been very fortunate to secure Dr. Joseph Hopper, one of our Korean missionaries, as preacher at night and teacher of Junior boys. We expect a great blessing and pray that God will continue His Presence with us.

Chautauquas Completed In J. W. Luke's Field

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Perfect attendance, 16. There were many reconsecrations at the meeting, and three who united with the church—Harry Wingler, Billy Woodie, Bernice Roten.

REMAINING CHAUTAUQUA SCHEDULE IN LUKE'S FIELD

Laurel Forks—June 17-29. Preacher, Rev. L. J. Yelanjian.
Low Gap—July 1-13. Preacher, Rev. Malcolm Calhoun.
Glendale Springs—July 15-27. Preacher, Rev. Wm. K. Blake.
Peak Creek—July 29-Aug. 10.

INSTALLATION BANQUET HELD BY LANSING YOUNG PEOPLE

Early in May the Young People of the Lansing Church gave a banquet honoring the officers of their organization. The recreation room of the church was decorated in blue and white streamers, with one long table in the center of the room on which were arranged lilac and dogwood in beds of fern. The place cards were decorated with lilac for the girls and dogwood for the boys. A niche was improvised at one side of the table which was decorated with greenery, dogwood and taper candles.

After the dessert was served, Miss Irene Baldwin, newly elected president, gave a toast to the retiring officers, to which Miss Estella Blevins, retiring president, responded. A toast, in appreciation for the ladies, was given by Mr. Walter Campbell; response by Miss Iris Young. Mr. Stark, pastor of the Lansing Church, then conducted the installation service. At the close of the service each officer lighted a candle as he pledged himself to the work of the Kingdom of God, and the members of the League pledged cooperation with their officers. A hymn was sung as a benediction.

All the work and planning for the banquet was done by the young people and the girls of the Junior Sunday School Class acted as waitresses.

AUXILIARY OFFICER'S TRAINING CLASS

The Woman's Auxiliaries of the Ashe County Presbyterian Churches held a joint Auxiliary Officer's Training Class at Glendale Springs the afternoon of May 7th, with representative groups from each of the Auxiliaries in the county except one.

Mrs. J. B. McCoy, District Chairman of the North Wilkesboro District of the Winston-Salem Presbyterial, led the Devotional, after which two discussion groups were conducted for the purpose of studying problems relative to the local auxiliary. Mrs. C. Don Coffey, of North Wilkesboro, was in charge of the group of local executive officers; Mrs. McCoy led the discussion for cause secretaries.

The study period was followed by a social hour during which the Glendale Springs Auxiliary served refreshments.

Much profitable information was gained, and help given by each group to the others.

MOVING PICTURES

Moving pictures of all the Bible Schools in Mr. Luke's field are being made this summer. These pictures are 16 mm and will be very interesting and beautiful.

ADDITIONAL BIBLE SCHOOLS

Mr. Denver Blevins, of the Gillespie Church, is doing some good work in our community. He plans to hold several Bible Schools in communities that would not have a school. At present he is a ministerial student at King College. Some of his friends in the communities and some from the college plan to help. May God bless his labors in our midst. One school will be held at Greer Chapel and another at the colored school at the Bristol Church. In addition to the Bible Schools there will be preaching at night.

IN APPRECIATION FOR GIFTS

Since the last issue, Miss Susie Lee Patton has been continuing her gifts to the educational fund. Mrs. Poindexter, of Chattanooga, has made a contribution to Stone Chapel.

Mrs. W. H. Belk has given a nice contribution to the Lansing Manse fund. The J. M. Belk Memorial Fund has also been a benefactor to the new Lansing project.

Mrs. W. Y. Preyer has again greatly lifted the burden of Christian Chautauqua expenses in her generous gift. The three Chautauqua groups have shared in this generous ministry. We are deeply grateful.

The J. M. Rogers Bible Class has also made a contribution. We bless their hearts.

FINE WORK DONE BY MR. LUKE WITH BOY SCOUTS

For the past five years Mr. Luke has devoted a great deal of his time and talents to the work of the Boy Scouts. Just recently he has found it necessary to give up this work because of the pressure of other duties. Mr. Luke organized the Boy Scouts in Jefferson and West Jefferson and it is with real sadness that they see him leave. His whole-hearted consecration and his varied talents have finely fitted him for this service and he has accomplished a magnificent work with these boys.

In the near future he plans to begin work with another group of boys in Glendale Springs, organizing a troop there.

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERINGS FOR SOLDIERS

On Mother's Day at the request of Dr. E. E. Gillespie, Director of Synod's Home Missions, the following churches made offerings: Bethel, \$1.34; Glendale Springs, \$1.36; Laurel Forks, \$3.18; Low Gap, .58; Peak Creek, .75; Ebenezer, \$1.13; Millers, .75; Lansing, \$2.20; Foster Memorial, \$1.28; Jefferson, \$1.30; Big Ridge, \$1.35; Gillespies, \$1.60. This money is given to help evangelize and make possible religious work at the camps of our state. This is a great responsibility as well as a great opportunity.

JUNIOR CHOIR

The Junior Young People of Lansing Church have organized a choir for the purpose of learning to sing and help with the church and Sunday School services. The first meeting was held at 4:00 Saturday afternoon, June 7, and meetings will be held each Saturday at the same time. The Juniors feel that they can render a service in this project while training themselves for later service in the church choir.

Miss Estella Blevins will accompany the choir as pianist.

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PROGRESS MADE ON MANSE

Fine progress has been made on the Lansing Manse; the foundation has been laid and much of the framing has been erected. This progress has been due to the splendid cooperation and hard work of our Lansing members and friends.

Unless some of our good friends come to our rescue this good work will have to be halted. Our funds are exhausted, we have gone as far as we can go at present. Just as soon as funds come in we will rush the building. This building will be a blessing that will be used in the Kingdom for years to come. Help us make this blessing a reality soon; send your gifts to Mr. Victor Clark, Treasurer, Lansing, N. C.

SEND THE SOLDIERS OFF WITH A GOOD WORD

From Ashe County 82 boys have gone to camp for training. We recommend to all ministers of the gospel, give these boys from your county a good send off. All of the boys from Ashe County who have gone to camp have received a New Testament or portion of scripture when they get on the bus. They also get a few words of advice and a prayer for God's protection over them. Rev. J. W. Luke, who has done this for each boy in our county, recommends this to all pastors over the country.

ROOMS IN MANSE PAINTED

Mrs. J. W. Luke has been painting lately with the assistance of Miss Sheets. Mr. A. A. Cashion, of North Wilkesboro, gave some enamel for walls some time ago. Much of this was used to paint the inside of Laurel Forks Church, the remainder of this was used by Mrs. Luke to paint the rooms in the manse. Mr. Cashion gave it for these purposes. Long live Dick Cashion.

Mr. Yelanjian has been most kind and helpful in filling all the appointments of Mr. Stone's work, at every possible opportunity. We greatly appreciate his fine spirit of service. This has been a great privilege for each of these pastorless churches. We are so much in need of a "shepherd."

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Jefferson, Boggs and Big Ridge Have Successful Chautauqs

Jefferson Chautauqua

During the closing days of the Jefferson Chautauqua we were made increasingly conscious of the blessing of God upon His work in our hands. Our hearts go out to Him in gratitude for His Spirit's Presence and Power.

Three fine young girls responded to the love of God in Christ and yielded their lives to Him—Irene Bare, Grace Bare, and Louise Blevins.

Each year we answer this question about the Bible School: "What was your greatest difficulty?" This year we are tempted to say, "At Jefferson it was the loss of Mrs. Stone." The absence of her charming, friendly personality and her superb musical ability is felt most keenly by everyone in Jefferson. The place she held among the young people was a unique one and will not be easily filled. She has a genius for understanding young people and for years has been actively associated with group after group as they grew up and took their places in life. Always she has met their need for fun and fellowship and hospitality.

Boggs Chautauqua

It is gloriously true that "God works in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." "No" from one group means "Yes" for another. So the way was opened for the Christian Chautauqua at Boggs this year at the time reserved for the West Jefferson Chautauqua. Up and down the Boggs hills there was great rejoicing, for there had not been a Chautauqua at Boggs in five years. During these years many have attended the Big Ridge Chautauqua, and all have come to know the value of the Presbyterian Christian Chautauqua in a community. So this year the response was, "Yes, we want one."

The Bible School was a triumph; almost every child in the community attended in spite of the constant rains. Of the 55 enrolled, an average of 43 attended each day and 19 were perfect in attendance. Miss Marjorie Patterson, Winston-Salem, N. C., Miss Mary Shepherd, Lansing, and Miss Dorothy Longenecker, Belgian Congo, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hershey Longenecker, missionaries to Africa, were our teachers in this school.

For the first few nights of the meeting we are indebted to visiting ministers from other denominations who graciously shared with us their fellowship in Christ: Rev. Walter Whittington, Baptist Church,

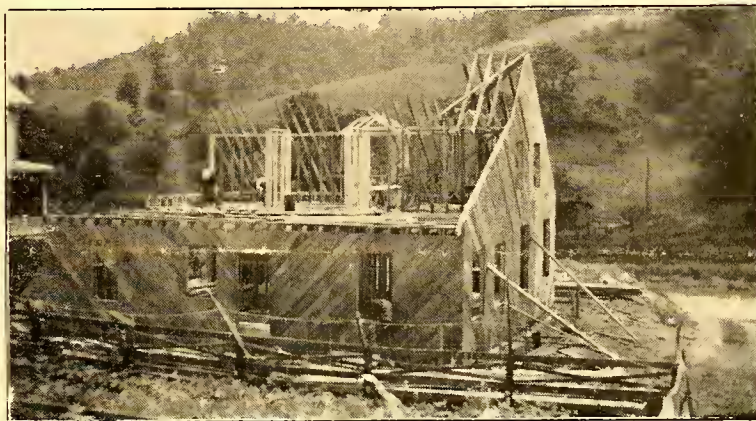
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GRIER CHAPEL AND FAIRVIEW BIBLE SCHOOLS

The light rays from the Gillespie Church fell in several different directions this summer.

First a Bible School was conducted in the Fairview community with 63 enrolled and an average of 35 attending each day. All local teachers were used. The school was directed by Denver Blevins who was assisted by Alta Shepherd, Jewel Shepherd, and Opha Weaver.

Then, at the close of the Gillespie Bible School, one was conducted at Grier's Chapel. The enrollment here was 31 and the perfect attendance 9. Denver Blevins was assisted by Mr. Don Austin of Greensboro. Miss Minnie B. Shepherd and Vollree Ham of this community also helped.



THE LANSING MANSE

The work on the Lansing manse has stopped temporarily—our money has run out! We need your help to finish this worthy project. Lansing has gone the limit in her giving and in self-sacrificing labor. We have made fine progress so far—the framing is up, and it is under sub-roofing. Just as soon as funds come in we will rush the work to completion. FROM SOMEWHERE MUST COME doors, windows, flooring and wiring; with your help it can be done before the first snow comes. Won't you take this opportunity to aid this part of the Master's Kingdom? It will be an investment that will bring dividends in a spiritual way for years to come. Make out your check to Mr. Victor Clark, treasurer, or let us send you one of the invoices of materials we need to order now.

CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUA TENT GOES TO THE FAIR

Yes, the Chautauqua tent is a part of the Ashe County Fair this year, Sept. 17-20! It is an experiment with us but we are trying to take some religion to the multitudes that throng the Fair grounds in our little County Fair. The tent is to be used for preaching at stated times through the day, and at night for religious moving pictures as well as preaching.

We have requested the American Bible Society to send us a Bible exhibit to be put on display in the tent, also religious tracts to be given away. The children on the fair grounds are asked to come early each night and sing gospel choruses. This will be followed by a talk to the children. There will then be a service for the older people and religious pictures shown.

Closing Chautauqs In Rev. J. W. Luke's Field

In the last issue the story of the summer Chautauqs in the Eastern section of Ashe County and part of Wilkes included in Luke's field was not completed. We shall now hear in brief the conclusion of the summer work in this field.

Laurel Forks Chautauqua

Laurel Forks Chautauqua was held June 17th through 27th. The Evangelist in this meeting was Rev. Louis J. Yelanjian. The teachers in the Bible School were Misses Edith Bugg, Grace Cooley, and Lois Calhoun. The Pastor led the singing in both Bible School and meeting and gave devotional talks to the children every morning.

This was one of the best Chautauqs ever held at Laurel Forks. You can see the results of it in the table on page two. We welcomed the following members into the church as the result of the meeting: Misses Kathryn Miller, Lucille Miller, Dean Miller, and Mr. Hort Miller. All of these were baptised with the Living Water and from the little spring upon the church grounds.

Low Gap Chautauqua

Low Gap Chautauqua was held next, from July 1st through the 13th. Our Evangelist for this meeting was Rev. Malcolm Calhoun, and the same teachers helped in this Bible School who served in the preceding meeting. This was one of our largest schools of the summer as you will see by the statistical report. There were a good many professions among the children of the Bible School and some during the meeting. One of the best features was the singing of the children in the Bible School.

Glendale Springs

Glendale Springs Chautauqua was held from July 15th through 26th. Rev. Wm. K. Blake was the evangelist at Glendale Springs. We were delighted in having his family in the community during the meeting. Teachers for the Bible School were Misses Pattie McDaniel, LaRue Allison, Sarah Grantham, and Lois Calhoun. The Pastor aided in singing and devotionals in the Bible School. Those who united with the church were Mrs. L. J. Yelanjian, Mrs. Paul Miller and Miss Juanita Gentry. The Chautauqua was held in the tent as we have no church building at Glendale Springs. The classes in the Bible School were divided between the graded school and tent. We had a large enrollment.

Chautauqua At Peak Creek

Peak Creek Chautauqua was held July 29th through August 8th. Rev. Ralph Bucannon, the new minister at Pine Hall,

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EDITORIAL

"When summer casts a splendid shining garment
 About the gray world's poverty and pain,
 When there is gold in every tired meadow,
 When trees half-sleep have bloomed again—
 Oh, then it is we feel God's depth of purpose,
 The mercy that His hand alone can show,
 If He can paint the very soul of nature,
 His love can cause our weary hearts to glow."

Truly, "the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." The past summer has been a time of great Evangelistic effort, and God has marvelously blessed our witness.

A Bible School and Evangelistic services have been held in 13 out of our 14 Churches and in 5 outposts. There have been 180 professions of faith in Christ and 43 additions to the Churches. Our young men have seen visions and our old men have dreamed dreams, and hundreds have responded to the call of a more devoted following of the Master. For this we give our heart's love and praise to the Lord of the harvest.

To a great host of others who have shared with us in this great Partnership of sowing and reaping, we would seek to express our appreciation and abiding gratitude.

With a fine spirit of Christ-like service they come each summer giving wholeheartedly and sacrificially of their time, talents, and energies to a task that requires the best—the task of leading our children to Christ and training them in Godliness. To everyone of you who teach in our Summer Bible Schools and to the cream of the ministry who fill our Chautauqua pulpits, we say, "God bless you richly as you have blessed us."

It has indeed been encouraging to watch the reaction of the Churches to the greatest blow ever to fall upon our Ashe County work—the going of Mr. Stone.

When the news first came, everyone was stunned. It was (in our minds) unbelievable that Ashe County could continue to exist without Mr. Stone, to say nothing of the work of the Churches.

However, since they recovered from the first shock, you could not want more loyal, devoted groups than these pastorless flocks. It would gladden his heart

to see such faithfulness. It is indeed a tribute to the work he built and which is still dear to his heart.

They are no less keenly conscious of their loss, but more conscious that the purpose for which they exist has not changed,—that they are still "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy people; that they should show forth the praises of Him Who has called them out of darkness into His marvelous light," and that this unchanging purpose calls for an unchanging faithfulness to their Lord and Master.

Bless their hearts! Let us pray for them—that their faith fail not, and let us pray that we do not fail them in helping send them another pastor.

Chautauquas In Rev. Luke's Field

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was the evangelist for the meeting. The teachers for the Bible School were Misses Mildred Mason, Grace Withers, Lois Calhoun, Sarah Grantham, and the Pastor, who took Miss Grantham's place when she had to leave.

This was another large Bible School as you can see by the information chart.

The following people were received into the Peak Creek Church on profession of faith: Ethel Lee Roten, Alene Woodie, Grace Bare, Grace Osborne, Raymond Ballard, Kathryn Woodie, Bernice Woodie.

Harmon School Meeting, Sept. 8-14

After the summer Chautauquas were over, the people of Harmon Community insisted on having a meeting at their school house. Responding to this request, Revs. L. J. Yelanjian and J. W. Luke went over and held a meeting. Mr. Yelanjian did most of the preaching and Mr. Luke led the singing. As a result of the meeting Mrs. Mae Roten united with the Church on profession of faith. During the meeting talks were made to the children in the school during two mornings.



LORD'S ACRE POTATO PATCH AT GLENDALE SPRINGS

The Church at Glendale Springs has been busy for the Lord in the fields this summer. They have dedicated a patch of potatoes to the work of the Kingdom and the above scene shows a happy group of them digging potatoes "for His Glory."

A GROUP FROM LEES-MCRAE COLLEGE VISITS OUR CHURCHES

On June 29th, our Sabbath Worship was greatly enriched by the presence of a select group from Lees-McRae College. Mr. Leo K. Pritchett, dean of the College, brought with him his quartet and pianist, Ruth Stuart, Prudence Roberts, Dalton Sellars, Calvin Parks and Eileen Matthews, who assisted in the morning service at Jefferson and the afternoon service in the Chautauqua tent at Boggs. The quartet sang, "Finlandia," "Immortal Love," and "When I See My Saviour."

Mr. Pritchett was the speaker at Boggs. A picnic lunch in a shower of rain was a part of the day's experience.

This same group visited the Lansing Church on the Sunday of August 24th.

We always enjoy these contacts with Lees-McRae and appreciate their contribution to our program. Bless their hearts for coming!

SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE 1941 CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUAS

PLACE	Enrollment	Average Daily Attendance	Perfect Attendance	Professions of Faith	New Members	Chapters Read In Bible	EVANGELIST
*Obids	117	77	24		2	587	Rev. Hardin A. King
*Jefferson	94	67	31	3		496	Rev. L. J. Yelanjian Dr. Joseph Hopper
*Big Ridge	74	47	21	3	3	694	Rev. L. J. Yelanjian
†Boggs	55	43	19	6	3	704	Dr. C. E. Hodgin
*Lansing	110	75	40	10		677	Dr. Larry Bowman
*Foster Memorial	69	47	12	9	5	659	Dr. J. M. McChesney
*Gillespie	73	51	15	5	623	Mr. Frank Sells
†Stone Chapel	42	24	10	3	3	456	Rev. W. C. Cooper
†Fairview	63	35					No meeting held
†Grier's Chapel	31		9				No meeting held
*Ebenezer	65	43	16	10	3	300	Rev. R. W. Childress Mr. Dan Rhodes
*Bethel	61	38	30	10	4	300	Rev. J. W. Luke Rev. R. L. Berry
*Glendale Springs	87	65	43	25	3	400	Rev. Bil' Blake
*Peak Creek	88	57	32	30	8	425	Rev. Ralph Bucannon
*Miller's	57	41	23	25	1	500	Rev. T. W. Clapp
*Low Gap	95	68	43	30	3	300	Rev. M. P. Calhoun
*Laurel Forks	37	27	20	10	4	350	Rev. L. J. Yelanjian
†Harmon School		No Bible School held		1	1	150	Rev. L. J. Yelanjian
Total	1217	805	388	180	43	7622	*Organized Ch. †Outpost

Jefferson, Boggs and Big Ridge

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West Jefferson, Rev. Hoyt Wood, Methodist Church, West Jefferson, and Rev. Hugh D. Jessup, Methodist Church, Jefferson. Mr. Charles Weaver from our own Church was invaluable at this time.

We are grateful to Dr. E. E. Gillespie for helping us secure Dr. C. E. Hodgkin, of Greensboro, Superintendent of Home Missions in Orange Presbytery, who came to us on Monday night and concluded the meeting.

Hearts were warmed and greatly touched as night after night Dr. Hodgkin faithfully unfolded the unsearchable riches of Christ and tenderly extended the invitation to accept the abundant life in Christ. One night six of the finest of our young people accepted this invitation and gave their hearts to the Saviour: Alfred Smith, Evelyn Smith, Elsie Smith, Ray Smith, and Ada Miller. Five of them are first cousins and four of them have recently recited both the Child's and Shorter Catechisms.

This is a mission of the Big Ridge Church, so one night three young people were received into the membership of the Big Ridge Church,—Edna Miller, Julia Roark and Mrs. Beryl Smith. We warmly welcome them into our fellowship here.

A splendid Commencement program was presented on the closing night, and then on the moonlit hilltop, accompanied by hymns of praise, the tent was taken down. A great closing for a great experience!

Big Ridge Chautauqua

The Big Ridge Bible School and meeting brought to a close the 1941 Christian Chautauqua season. In many ways it was one of the best in our history. The Bible School was taught by a loyal, consecrated group—Misses Sallie Hunter, Marjorie Patterson, Mary Shepherd, Iris Dean Young, and Louise Hash. We are indebted to Mocksville for Miss Sallie Hunter, who is one of her most valuable public school teachers, and to the Methodist Church for Miss Louise Hash.

This School had an enrollment of 74, an average attendance of 47, and a perfect attendance of 21, all of which shows an increase over last year.

The same fine spirit of co-operation was seen in the night services. Rev. Louis J. Yelanjian brought to us each night Gospel messages straight from the heart of the Scriptures.

Three young people were led by the Holy Spirit to yield their lives to Christ and unite with this Church—Lester and David Oliver and Neelie Combs.

We are most grateful to God for another splendid Chautauqua season. All blessings have come from Him and all mistakes have been ours. Deep in our hearts we are moved to sing:

"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

Ebenezer Presbyterian Church is the Mother Church of Ashe County, organized in 1897 and built in '37 and '98 by our own Dr. E. E. Gillespie. This Church is badly in need of repair. The roof is leaking and there is need of paint inside and out as well as window glasses.

If there are any who have belonged there, or been converted there, or have loved ones buried in the Ebenezer cemetery, "Will Ye Not Stop and Take Notice and Send A Little Gift For the Repair of Ye Old Mother Church?" Mr. McCoy Atwood, Waggoner, N. C., or Rev. J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, N. C., will receive your gift for repair work.

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CHAUTAQUAS IN STARK'S FIELD

We are very happy over the results of our summer program. We feel that definite advancement has been made in the Master's Kingdom. Many happy hours have been spent teaching and preaching; many enjoyable hours were spent in fellowship with teachers, preachers and members. We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to all those teachers who gave of their time and efforts to mold young lives. We wish to render our thanks to the visiting ministers who so ably preached the Word in our churches.

Lansing Presbyterian Church

Dr. Lowry Bowman, of Sarasota, Florida, was our guest minister for the two-week's revival and Bible School at the Church at Lansing, and in that short time endeared himself to the hearts of its members and friends. The enrollment in the Bible School was particularly good this year—totalling 110. We feel that it was a great spiritual success as well, for the 10 professions made during the Chautauqua all came from the school's membership.

The Beginners department of the school was taught again this year by Tom Powers, assisted by Miss Opal Stansberry; the Primaries by Miss Mary Shepherd with Miss Beryl May's assistance; the Junior Girls by Miss Marjorie Patterson; the Junior Boys by Miss Elizabeth Jones; and the Young People by Dr. Bowman and the pastor. Too much cannot be said in appreciation for the accomplishments brought about by this corps of able workers. Especial thanks go to those who left home duties to help in this work of the Kingdom, and to Miss Patterson and Miss Jones who gave up their summer vacations to promote this most important branch of work in His behalf.

Gillespie

The Chautauqua tent went up for the final meetings of the 1941 season in the beautiful meadow in front of the Gillespie Church. We considered ourselves fortunate in having for our speaker, Mr. Frank Sells, of Johnson City, Tennessee, a professor at Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C. In addition to the remarkably excellent and fervent Gospel messages in the evenings, Mr. Sells brought the Word of Life before the boys and girls of the Bible School each day in most excellent object lessons. Five souls were given to the Master during these meetings.

The success of the Gillespie Bible School was due, in a large degree, to the able teaching of the following group of teachers: Beginners—Miss Estel'a Blevins; Primaries—Miss Elizabeth Jones; Juniors—Mr. Denver Blevins; Young People—Miss Ruby Jane Hudler.

BIBLE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In at least nine of our Public Graded Schools a fine work is being done by the Church in taking to them each week an hour of Bible stories, songs, and Bible memory work. This is one of the most fascinating hours in the day's program, and a splendid way of reaching many little ones for Christ and His Kingdom.

This year another school is to be added to the list—the Bristol colored school. This will partly compensate for the Vacation Bible School which they did not have this year.

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"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Nov. 20th was really a day of Thanksgiving for the Churches of Obids, Big Ridge, Jefferson, and West Jefferson. In our imagination, the pages were turned back, and once more Mr. Stone was our pastor, going the dear, familiar rounds for a Thanksgiving service in every Church. He came from Charlotte to spend the day and night, and great were the rejoicings and sweet the fellowship as once again the beloved pastor ministered to his devoted people. Large congregations welcomed him in each Church, and following the Jefferson service, a turkey dinner was served in the basement of the church.

Throughout the day a great choral testimony of praise and gratitude arose from overflowing hearts to our God—the great Giver of gifts.

Thanksgiving In The Lansing Group

The people of Gillespie Church gathered together to give thanks. After a few songs of praise several of the members gave testimony of their gratitude to God. These testimonies rang true, and their earnestness was helpful to us all. A thanksgiving message was presented by the pastor, and the congregation joined in singing the Doxology, after which they were dismissed with prayer.

Thanksgiving afternoon found members of Foster Memorial gathered in their church. Our Foster Memorial folk sing well, and expressed their thanks in the singing of songs. After this, some testimonies were given of the blessings that had been received. This was followed by a thanksgiving sermon and prayer.

Our Lansing congregation gathered together Thanksgiving night and gave thanks with singing and testimonies. But they expressed their thanks visibly by eating a fine supper as well. The ladies brought many delicious and appetizing dishes to the basement of the church. Here tables were spread and a good dinner was enjoyed by everybody. It was around the dinner table that we held our service, both enjoyable and helpful in every way.

Thanksgiving In Luke's Field

The schedule and gifts from the seven churches in Eastern Ashe County and Wilkes were as follows:

Nov. 18—Peak Creek, 7 P. M.	\$5.03
Nov. 19—Glendale Springs Church (School House)	3.00
(Glendale Springs Aux. gave)	6.50
Nov. 20—Ebenezer at 10 A. M.	3.50
Nov. 20—Laurel Forks, 7 P. M.	5.82
(Laurel Forks Aux. gave)	1.00
Nov. 21—Low Gap, 7 P. M.	4.05
Nov. 22—Bethel, 2:30 P. M.	6.40
Nov. 22—Millers, 7 P. M.	1.05
Total gifts from Luke's Field	\$36.35

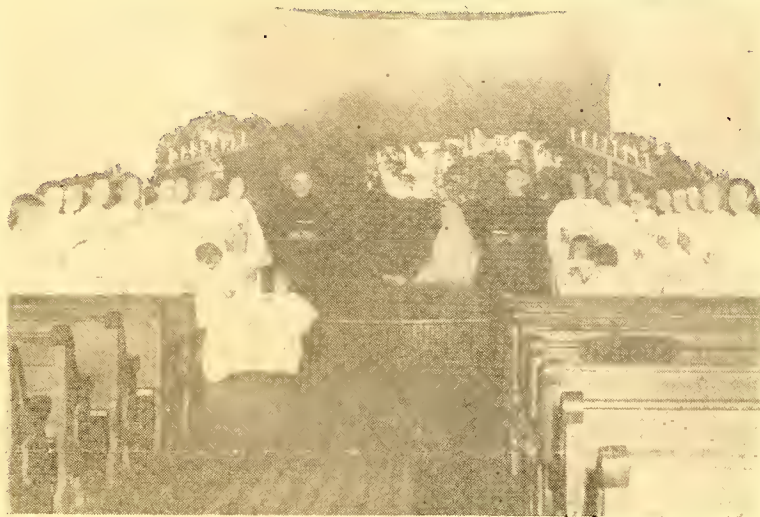
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The Churches Prepare For Christmas

What high privilege belongs to the Church at the Christmas season—to interpret the Manger Miracle to the world! This our Churches delight to do. Right now they are in the midst of these joyful preparations—making use of all the aids of beauty, art, drama, and poetry to present the lovely Nativity scene in its holiest, simplest terms. In many communities the high light of Christmas is

Preachers and Workers Talking Home Missions

The following workers have been busy advertising and talking up Home Missions: Miss Katheryn Hunt, Miss Lois Calhoun, Rev. Carl Stark, and J. W. Luke. These workers and ministers go out at the invitation of churches, auxiliaries, and Sunday School Classes and give talks in the interests of Home Missions. The following appointments have been met in this interest—Burlington, Lexington, Graham, Mocksville, Church of the Covenant in Greensboro, Westminster Church of Greensboro, Buffalo Church of Greensboro, First Church of Fayetteville, Highlands Church of Fayetteville, Men's Class, Young People's Groups, and Auxiliaries of the Churches of Fayetteville; North Wilkesboro Church; First Presbyterian Church of Winston-Salem.



"THE FIRST BORN AMONG MANY BRETHREN"
Pageant To Be Given In The Jefferson Group Of Churches

the hour of the Church pageant. The schedule of these dedicated hours is given below. Mark them on your Christmas calendar and let these times be reserved for your Church—and the real celebration of your Saviour's birthday.

Sunday, Dec. 21, 2:00 P. M.—Boggs School House.

Sunday, Dec. 21, 6:45 P. M.—Jefferson.

Sunday, Dec. 21, 8:00 P. M.—West Jefferson.

Monday, Dec. 22, 7:30 P. M.—Obids.

Tuesday, Dec. 23, 7:30 P. M. Big Ridge.

Christmas Programs At Lansing, Foster Memorial and Gillespie

The spirit of Christmas has already enveloped our three churches. Pageantry with spiritual message will again present our congregations with the glad tidings of peace and good will. Pageants have been chosen and characters selected in our field. Unusual interest is manifested and we have prospects of having some of the best pageants we have yet presented.

When the Light Shone is the title of the pageant that will be given at Lansing. In a unique way the beauty of unselfishness is forcefully portrayed. The cast has been well chosen, and there is a large number represented in the story. We look forward to having a large crowd when the pageant is given in the church at Lansing.

A Christmas Fantasy will be presented at our Foster Memorial Church. Again we see the message of Christmas time portrayed for us. This pageant will

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FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS

Beginning with a supper meeting on Thanksgiving night the Prayer Meeting Group of the Lansing Church have brought their evening meal to the church to enjoy it together. Each family brings something to add to supper and all are served family style at one long table in the basement of the church.

After all have eaten their fill and the tables are cleared, the pastor brings a study from one of the chapters of Philipians.

Despite a busy season, attendance and interest has been very good. A series of four meetings has been planned with studies covering all the chapters of Philipians.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT IN WEST JEFFERSON CHURCH

A lovely concert of Christmas music will be heard from the West Jefferson Presbyterian Church every day for two weeks before Christmas. These exquisite carols will be broadcast from 5 to 6 o'clock each evening, beginning Wednesday, December 10th.

So plan to pause for this twilight hour in your busy days and let yourself be found in or near the church, that the message of the Manger Child may seep into your soul and bring God's life to you.

GIFTS OF AUXILIARIES TO BARIUM SPRINGS

Both the Glendale Springs and Laurel Forks Auxiliaries have been canning for Barium Springs. Laurel Forks filled six dozen half-gallon cans and Glendale Springs 171 quarts. Laurel Forks also gave the Orphanage a towel and bath cloth shower. Their Thanksgiving offerings were \$6.50 from Glendale Springs and \$1.00 from Laurel Forks.

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"Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

Once again the world that prepares for Christmas—the festival of the Christ Child—is overburdened with terror and heartache and tragedy. These are agonizing times to the free spirits of men. In this fear-bound world, only the Church of Christ despairs not.

Above the din and echo of bombs and shrapnel, the Church seems to hear the very Voice of God through the reassuring tones of Isaiah saying, "and the government shall be upon His shoulder." What a message from a living, loving God!

Through the poisonous clouds of bitterness and hatred, only the Church sees dimly the dawn of a new day with one great Kingdom ruled by Him "whose Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." What a vision for a sad and selfish world!

Wars—strikes—death—destruction!

"Almost I am ashamed to be so glad,
With all the millions suffering and
sad."

But these are of the present and shall pass away. And now it is Christmas again. And Christmas—and the things for which Christmas stands—belong to Eternity and link us to our Abiding Home.

"I know not how that Bethlehem's
Babe

Could in the God-head be;
I only know the Manger Child
Has brought God's life to me."

Oh, Readers of the Ashe Presbyterian, don't let the fever and clamor of living keep you from hearing this year in your inmost soul the song of the angels!

May we quote from a message written for a depression Christmas by the late Lawrence H. Wharton, D. D., beloved pastor of the University Presbyterian Church, Austin, Texas; it might have been written for this, even darker, year: "We need Christmas this year. It is not a luxury, but the sheerest of necessities.

We need the warmth and gentleness and tenderness of Christmas; we need its self-forgetting love.

We need the happy joy of children's

hearts; we need the stirring hope of Christmas; we need the far-reaching sympathies of Christmas.

We need, oh most of all, we need the Christ of Christmas.

That God may bless this Christmas to you and yours is our Christmas prayer."

Since our last issue, another great dream has been realized in Ashe County. The splendid new Ashe County Hospital completely equipped was formally opened and dedicated on Saturday, November 1st—dedicated to the healing of bodies to the Glory of God. Already it has proved a great blessing. God grant that through the years it may have a rich history of service, bringing through the Great Physician, relief to pain and peace to the souls of men!



LANSING MANSE

Work has begun again on our manse. Window frames are being put in. Then we are ready for the brick to go on. One load of brick is here, and as soon as we get the brick laid we hope to rush to completion about four rooms. However, this calls for much labor and materials. We are still counting on our many Ashe Presbyterian friends to help us out in this project. Our manse will be attractive, comfortable and enduring; it will strengthen the work here for years to come. You have a real opportunity to do a valuable service when you help us to complete this work.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FALL RALLY

On Saturday, Sept. 13, in the Jefferson Church, a large group of Young People from all over North Wilkesboro District met for their Fall Rally. This was a day of inspiration and fellowship. A fine program was provided by the District Chairman, Onna Darnell, of the Low Gap Church, the theme of the program being, "The Bible for Our Day."

Splendid group discussions were led by Rev. J. W. Luke of Glendale Springs, Rev. Carl H. Stark, Jr., of Lansing, and Mrs. Edward Finley, of North Wilkesboro. Very worshipful devotionals were led by Mrs. Carl Stark and Miss Lois Calhoun of Glendale Springs.

The ladies of the Church served a delicious lunch at the noon hour. Altogether, the day was a most profitable one for all present.

JEFFERSON MANSE NOW OCCUPIED

It is good to see lights shining from the Jefferson manse again, and on the inside a warm welcome provided by the Clarke Brown family who have recently agreed to occupy it until our new minister arrives. Mr. Brown is a valuable elder in the Jefferson Church and his family are most active in its life.

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

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The features of these services this year were a short sermon on thankfulness to God, and moving pictures of the Barium Springs Orphanage. At Bethel Church there was held a small ingathering sale of produce which helped our offering.

The Churches Prepare For Christmas

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chosen that through this means of presenting truth we may all be lifted spiritually and receive a blessing.

Christmas In Living Pictures will be different from anything that Gillespie Church has ever seen. By means of a series of Tableaux the gospel story will be given. The old, old story is still an ever living gospel. In this pageant we shall see and hear a message that will be inspiring.

We are thankful for all those that are giving their time and interest to make these pageants a real success. But especially do we wish to express our appreciation to Miss Rubly Hudler who is the director of our pageants; through her self-sacrificing labors these pageants are made possible.

The schedule for the pageants is:
Thursday, Dec. 18, 7:20 P. M.—Foster Memorial.

Friday, Dec. 19, 7:30 P. M.—Gillespie.

Sunday, Dec. 20, 7:30 P. M.—Lansing.

Christmas Programs And Schedule In Eastern Ashe

The Christmas services will be as follows, and at each of these services there will be a pageant and Christmas Tree:

Dec. 17, 7:00 P. M.—Glendale Springs Church (School Building.)

Dec. 18, 7:00 P. M.—Ebenezer Church.

Dec. 19, 7:00 P. M.—Low Gap Church.

Dec. 20, 7:00 P. M., Millers Church.

Dec. 21, 7:00 P. M.—Peak Creek Church (Pageant).

Dec. 22, 7:00 P. M.—Bethel Church.

Dec. 23, 2:00 P. M.—Peak Creek (Christmas Tree).

Dec. 23, 7:00 P. M.—Laurel Forks.

A pageant written by the pastor entitled, "Christmas in 1 and 1941 A. D." will be given at Bethel and Millers Churches. Poems will be recited by some of the Primary and Junior children.

A pageant by Katherine A See, entitled "The First Born Among Many Brethren" will be given at the other five churches which are in Ashe County.

ASHE COUNTY HAS DELEGATE TO MEMPHIS

Ashe County is to be splendidly represented in Memphis this Christmas at the Youth Convention on World Missions. Mary Shepherd from the Lansing Church is planning to attend.

A prominent senior in Flora MacDonald College, Mary has been highly honored throughout her college years, recently being chosen to occupy a place in "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges." Besides being greatly talented, she is a dedicated soul. We are proud to send Mary to Memphis. She will be a great addition to the Convention.

WE ARE THANKFUL

For a recent gift of Mrs. Frank Stevens through her class at the First Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem. This gift was to enable some of our worthy young people to complete their college career.

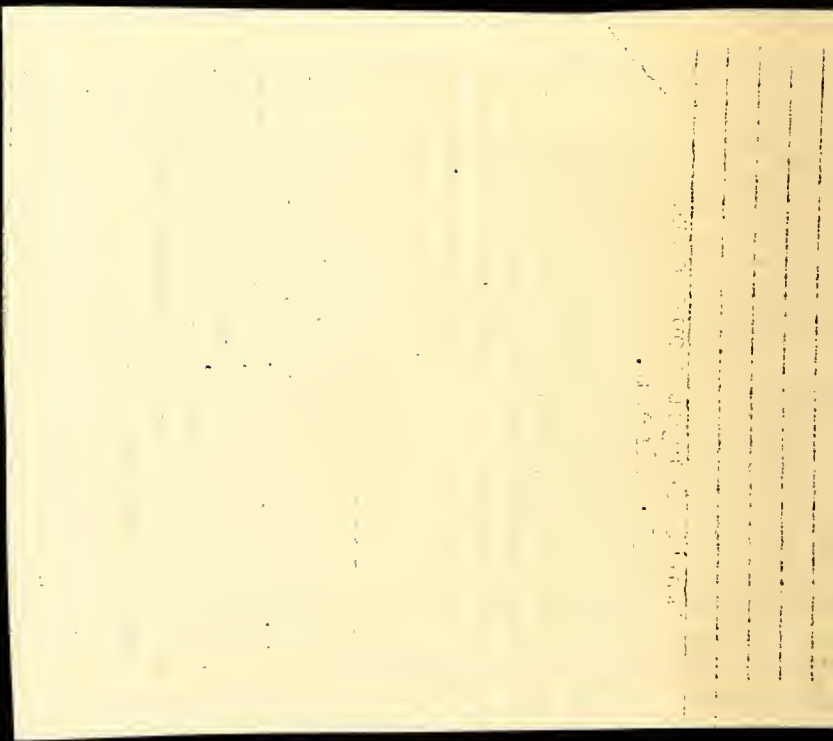
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CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS

The people of the Peak Creek community, of all denominations, have put up a beautiful wire fence around the community cemetery. This is next to the Presbyterian Church. As some of the wire was left over, the people of the church have decided to buy what is left over and replace their old wooden fence with new wire. It will be a great improvement on the old fence and will harmonize with the fence around the grave yard.

The Glendale Springs manse had never been completed. That is, the upper part of it. A gift from Mrs. Frank Stevens, representing her Sunday School class of the Winston-Salem First Presbyterian Church came. The manse is fifty percent warmer than it was as a result of this gift. The front porch is also near completion due to this gift.

Millers Church has new lights in front and on front porch. This is a great help, especially at night when it is dark and the high steps must be descended.

As this paper goes to press we are glad to announce that the land bought by the Glendale Springs Church is fast becoming our own. We are cutting the note down in our renewal by the sale of extra land around the church lot, and by the gifts of the people.

New Stone Steps At Big Ridge

Lovely finishing touches are being put on the church at Big Ridge these days. A beautiful set of new stone steps with railings has recently been added and the window sills completed.

This new beauty adds graciousness and constraint to the invitation to abide with us and hear the voice of the Lord.

CATECHISMS

In order to help with the building of the Manse even beyond their means, the members of the Lansing, Gillespie and Foster Memorial churches have decided to memorize the Shorter Catechism. Only those of you who have ever done this will know the effort that will have to be expended by these ambitious members or the great returns in knowledge and satisfaction their efforts will bring them.

For some time Mr. W. H. Belk, of Charlotte, has awarded two dollars to each person who memorizes the Shorter Catechism and one dollar to those who learn the Child's. Our ambitious friends have agreed to turn these dollars thus gained over to the manse fund.

Gillespie church is the first to make this idea tangible. Miss Helen Miller and Mr. James Miller have donated \$2.00 each and Miss Della Ray Calhoun \$1.00.

**EBENEZER CHURCH
IN NEED OF REPAIR**

Ebenezer Presbyterian Church is the Mother Church of Ashe County, organized in 1897 and built in '97 and '98 by our own Dr. E. E. Gillespie. This Church is badly in need of repair. The roof is leaking and there is need of paint inside and out as well as window glasses.

If there are any who have belonged there, or been converted there, or worshipped there, or have loved ones buried in the Ebenezer cemetery, "Will Ye Not Stop and Take Notice and Send A Little Gift for the Repair of Ye Old Mother Church?" Mr. McCoy Atwood, Wagoner, N. C., or Rev. J. W. Luke, Glendale Springs, N. C., will receive your gift for repair work.

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Moving pictures are having a prominent place in the life of our Churches since the Rural Electrical Association has brought light into many communities. Two excellent reels in color of the General Assembly's Training School were loaned us by Dr. Henry Mack, and have been shown in the Low Gap, Jefferson, and Obids Churches.

One fine motion picture of the work being done in our mountain schools in Kentucky was presented at Lansing several weeks ago at the prayer service. Another, "Light Shines in Bakubaland," was shown the following week on Sunday evening. At least 200 persons were present to see the latter, many of whom expressed their enthusiasm for this graphic view of the Belgian Congo.

Five hundred feet of colored films were taken of the summer's work in Eastern Ashe County and Wilkes. These pictures give a cross section of what happens in the summer time. Pictures of each of the seven churches, Bible Schools, the tent, preaching on the by-ways and highways of our section are shown.

The moving picture film, "Africa Joins the World" was shown in all the churches furnished with electricity in J. W. Luke's field. It was also shown in the Glendale Springs School House where that church meets. It was shown in the home of Mrs. Hort Miller at Laurel Forks as there is no electricity in the church. Bethel Church was invited to see it at Millers where we have electricity.

HOME MISSION STUDIES

The Young People's class of the Lansing Sunday School presented a review of the Home Mission Study book, "Why Stand Ye Here Idle?" at the morning worship hour on November 2. After the introduction by the pastor a brief resume of the chapters was given by members of the class.

The Young People's groups and Auxiliaries in Laurel Forks and Glendale Springs also made a study of the Home Mission Book and presented Home Mission programs.

JUNIOR CHOIR

The Junior Choir at Lansing has served faithfully and well each Sunday morning for two months and will perform even greater service by their singing in the Christmas Pageant.

The Sunday before Christmas will be a great day for these 16 boys and girls for on that day they will wear for the first time the new vestments their parents have made for them.

These young folk are rendering a great service for their friends in the congregation of their Church.

IN MEMORY OF GRACE COOLEY

Voluntary Bible School teacher at Laurel Forks and Low Gap Presbyterian Churches. Flora MacDonald College Student from Wagram, N. C. Died Nov. 10, 1941, after being injured in a car wreck. Her Christian graces were a boon to this world, but God needed her in Heaven.

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Easter Programs In The Churches

Easter this year will be a special time for praise and rejoicing, especially so in the Jefferson group of churches, and most especially in the Big Ridge Church.

A beautiful new set of pews in this Church is in great part a gift of our dear friend, Mrs. S. E. Barnhardt. For her and for her loyalty to our mountain churches, we praise God! And we bless her heart for this wonderful gift to His Kingdom.

Always this little "cathedral in the woods" has been noted for its beauty; it is now fast becoming one of the finest equipped churches in the county. Others are helping to furnish the little church. A new pulpit has been added, and a lovely composition rubber runner for the aisle. New front doors replacing the old broken ones are the gift of Miss Elizabeth Harris, Second Presbyterian Church, Charlotte. A class and a circle in the Church-of-the-Covenant, Greensboro, are putting in little baby chairs in the basement for the Beginners and Primaries. A circle in Hickory is giving a lovely table for the library. Some of the Young People are making a twin set of bookshelves for the Children's Department in the basement. A new Worship Center is being arranged in the library where the fire-light and candle-light will touch up the bronze tones of Sallman's "Son of Man" and focus attention on that challenging Face.

Outside, the lawn, graded and grassed and marked off by little white posts, and with a winding flagstone walk will in time match the beauty of the interiors.

To dedicate these new pews and other lovely equipment, Rev. R. H. Stone is coming to the county for a special Easter service, April 5th, at 3:00 P. M. For any reason, we would always welcome Mr. Stone back. For this reason, we are especially grateful for his coming.

The Easter services in the Obids Church at 12:00 and in the Jefferson Church at 8:00 P. M. (Wartime) will also be "special" since Mr. Stone will in each case bring the Easter message.

We, too, in the Lansing group, are looking forward to a spiritual Easter time. On the Friday before Easter we will have an inspiring picture showing the trial and crucifixion of Jesus. Satur-

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Catechism News

Learning and reciting the catechisms is a great adventure in many of our Churches.

Dr. Gillespie thinks that Boggs Sunday School may have the largest per cent of catechism devotees for its size of any Sunday School in the Synod. At any



rate there is great enthusiasm there. Four have recited both the Child's and Larger Catechisms and are asking for another, and many others are busy memorizing. One little girl studies it as she hunts for the cows at milking time. One Mother says her children "stand with the catechism in their hands all the time." Two of her children have recited both catechisms and she adds that if she has another to learn it, she will know it herself from hearing them.

In the Ebenezer Sunday School, Ervin Johnsie and Louis Roten have recited the Child's Catechism. Johnsie is five years old.

LUKE HOLDS MEETING IN APRIL

Rev. J. W. Luke is to hold an Evangelistic meeting in the Pine Hall Presbyterian Church for Rev. Ralph Buchannon.

Preparations Made For The Chautauqua Season

A more seriously important program could not have our attention than the one which is claiming a great portion of it these winter days—the Christian Chautauqua Program. These are the days of preparation—of laying well the foundations for the three months which are devoted almost completely to that program of Evangelism and Training in an intensive effort to reach every individual and every home with Christian influence and training. Let this be our goal for this summer—"Every individual and every home reached for Christ."

The tentative Christian Chautauqua schedule follows:

Lansing Group

Gillespie—May 24-June 7.
Lansing—June 8-June 21.
Stone Chapel—July 5-July 19.
Foster Memorial—July 20-Aug. 2

Jefferson Group

Obids—May 27-June 10.
Jefferson—June 14-28; Rev. W. C. Cooper, Mocksville, N. C., 1st week; Rev. J. D. Henderson, Spartanburg, S. C., 2nd week.
Boggs—July 1-12.
West Jefferson—July 15-29; Rev. Charlton D. Hutton, Reynolda, N. C.
Big Ridge—Aug. 2-16; Rev. Hardin A. King, Lexington, N. C.

Glendale Springs Group

Millers—May 4-15.
Ebenezer—June 1-12.
Glendale Springs—June 15-26.
Peak Creek—June 29-July 10.
Low Gap—July 13-24.
Laurel Forks—July 27-Aug. 7.
Bethel—Aug. 10-21.
Open to meet convenience of changes—August 24-September 4.

MR. A. A. CASHION SPEAKS ON TITHING

Special mention should be called to a good layman of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church who is willing to go out and speak on Stewardship. Mr. Cashion spoke in Ashe County on the fourth Sunday of March. We trust that all who are at Peak Creek, Low Gap, and Laurel Forks communities were fortunate enough to hear Mr. Cashion on this subject at their home church.

SOME OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE RECITED CATECHISMS



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Mary Retha and Marie Atwood



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EDITORIAL

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the Name of the Lord, our God." Ps. 20:7.

At this time when our country is in full swing of an all-out program of National Military Defense, our Church is regarding herself for a continuing program of Spiritual Defense. Throughout the ages, this has been her one task, and now more than ever does she realize the absolute necessity for building Christian Character.

As critical as she knows the actual warfare to be, and as tremendously significant as the final outcome surely will be, yet the Church and perhaps the Church only recognizes that the war is not the main issue, but only one phase of the present crisis. The crisis of our civilization is a spiritual crisis. The great needs of our day are spiritual needs. Only the Church has the vision to see that, whoever wins or loses in this conflict, the Lord God Omnipotent will be victorious and only those individuals and nations whose faith is rooted and grounded in Him "Who has overcome the world" will in any real sense be triumphant. Nothing can ultimately defeat His purpose for the world!

With this vision and purpose in mind, our Churches set themselves to the task of preparing for the Christian Chautauqua season with unusual carefulness. Out of strenuous prayer and endeavor these plans are born. Will you join with us in prayer that they may be His plans and His will? And that all who share in this great summer program may be Divinely appointed to serve in just that capacity?

This is a stupendous task—convincing America of the necessity of making religious values more central in individual, community, and national life. It is not a task for one group or one Church. So it is encouraging to see a united front in the form of the Religious Education Advance Program. Let us put our capacity of wisdom and energy into such a forward advance in order that every individual in America may feel the influence of the "Man on the Cross."

Yea, we are debtors "both to the Greeks and barbarians, both to the wise and unwise," for His Life has touched ours—warmly and vitally, and we can never be the same again, nor let others be.

Easter Programs In The Churches

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day night we will have a communion service in preparation of our Sunday morning service in Lansing.

In the Glendale Springs group, the Lord's Supper will be observed in each of the Easter services.

And so Easter will come again, and again we will renew our faith in the Living Christ and the miracle of His dealings with men.

FOREIGN MISSION PROGRAMS

During the month of February our Lansing Church sponsored a very interesting foreign mission program. The study book, "Foundations of World Order," was circulated through the congregation all during the month. A series of four programs were presented each Wednesday night by various departments of the church. The first program consisted of an interesting moving picture about the work in China; this was one of the best pictures that we have had, and it was an inspiration to us all. The second program was presented by four of our men. Each man took a different phase of our mission program, and in this way our people could get the whole picture of what our church is doing. We had a unique program the third Wednesday night of February. Miss Ruby Hudler wrote a skit based on the second chapter of our study book. This proved to be very helpful to our congregation in enabling them to see a little better the work in Africa. The fourth program was a Professor Quiz program. Through a series of questions and answers we reviewed the study book, and missions in general. This type of program brought to a climax our Foreign Mission Period.

During February and March, a series of Foreign Mission pictures were used also in the Obids, Jefferson, and West Jefferson Churches. These were loaned by the Foreign Mission Executive Committee and included: "The Light Shines in Bakubaland," "Ngonna and Her People," "Bamba," "What a Missionary Does in Africa," and "Japan and Her Problems." In a very vivid way they made real and precious the blessings of the Gospel of Christ, and a new gratitude was born in our hearts.

GLENDALE SPRINGS PLANNING FOR CHAPEL

The little organization, the Presbyterian Church at Glendale Springs, has been one of the most thrifty and alive churches in Luke's field. It has had church services regularly, a splendid Sunday School led by Mr. Delmar Rose, a fine Woman's Auxiliary, and a Young People's League led by Miss Calhoun. Yet with all these activities we HAVE NO CHURCH BUILDING. We might be called a school house and tent church. We use the tent in the summer for our evangelistic meeting and Bible School, and one room in the school building for Sunday School and other activities. This church has bought a piece of land for a church site and cemetery, and has hoped to build a church some day. Instead of waiting to build a large church, the plan was suggested by Elder Rose that we build a chapel as a temporary building in view of the uncertainty of the times and high prices. In the near future a plan will be drawn to present to the congregation.

COMPLETION OF MILLERS CHURCH

Millers Church has been in use for about two years although we had nothing inside completed. A friend has volunteered to help complete the church on the inside, and has helped us buy material. As a result we are making good progress in finishing the inside of the auditorium. The walls have been ceiled with a wainscoting at the bottom. A good oak flooring has been laid and platform for choir and preacher has been built. The ceiling has been covered with panel boarding of white or ivory color.

Lumber and seat ends are on hand to build the seats. The seat ends were fashioned by The Wilkesboro Manufacturing Company. The next few days we shall be building seats which will take the place of the old seats made up of two boards and two-by-fours. It will be a relief to sit on a good bench during Sunday School and preaching.

The basement and the front steps are the next job to attack. We plan to partition the basement for Sunday School rooms and to put chairs and tables in each one for the classes. The chairs are on the way now and we hope to have a better organized Sunday School when everything is in shape.

Some of the members are working on the building, and much credit must be given to Monroe Royal and George Church for work they have done on the building. Bill Dancy also deserves praise for hauling lumber from town, and Mr. Herman Long for lumber cut by him for the building of the platform. Others in the community have also helped in many ways. Much of the carpentry work was done by Mr. Claude Sheets and Garvey Barnes.

Take a look at the building at Millers and you will see what can be done by the help of a generous Christian friend.

MANSE PROGRESS

At last the sunshine has permitted us to continue our manse work. This week we will complete the job of putting the shingles on the roof. It is a beautiful red roof with splashes of yellow and blue so arranged as to give an attractive effect. Some of the window frames are in now; more and more the house is taking shape, and looking like a real manse. Windows and doors come next, then wiring and plastering. How much must be done yet! We are thankful for the gifts of all the friends of the Ashe County work who have given to this manse fund.

But we need new materials to go ahead. Won't you rally around our Spring drive and help us to complete our new home? Just as soon as your gifts come in, we will rush the work to completion. Send your check to Victor Clark, Treasurer, Lansing, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRESS IN LANSING

The Beginners are having a good time these days. After their Worship program and their story and Scripture lesson, they eagerly go to the new sand-table. This has proved an inspiration to our little folks. The other Sunday as one of the deacons was going down to tend to the fire early before the Sunday School hour, he met one of the Beginners going down to his room anxious to begin his session. Some other new equipment has been added; chairs are to be painted next week. We believe, too, that care saves wear.

BIBLE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

There is no feature of the work more important or rewarding than the teaching of the Bible in the Public Schools. Once each week eleven public schools receive visits from the Bible teachers and contacts are made with about 400 children. Most of these are one-room schools and one is Negro.

Together we learn and sing worshipful hymns, memorizing some of them. Many chapters and passages from the Bible are memorized and recited. One little school, Peak Creek, with an enrollment of about 30, has learned already this year ten chapters from the Psalms, including the 19th and 27th, which are recognized as especially difficult. In some schools, the catechism is learned.

VISITING MINISTERS SERVING THE CHURCHES

During the past twelve months the Jefferson Churches have been visited by several ministers—Dr. E. E. Gillespie, Rev. O. V. Caudill, Rev. R. L. Berry, Rev. J. W. Foster, and Rev. L. J. Yelanjian. We appreciate the interest of these busy pastors and would welcome them more often.

It is a sad thing to see our pulpits vacant Sunday after Sunday. More and more we are missing Mr. Stone and realizing anew our everlasting debt to him.

On the 5th Sunday in March, Rev. B. A. Meeks, from Knoxville, Tenn., is to visit our Churches. Let us continue to pray for God's guidance, that always our will may be His will.

"A RECORD BREAKER"

At a recent week-night meeting when snow was six inches deep and the mercury was hovering around zero, twenty-five fine young people gathered in the church for their League meeting, some of them walking two and three miles to attend. In all our meetings we have never had a more inspiring one than this.

It cost something that night to be loyal to the Church, but even blizzards and snow drifts cannot stop the work of Christ in loyal hearts. The consciousness of greater effort than usual to be faithful helped make this program the most helpful of the year.

This group of young people in the Low Gap Church is in many ways one of our most remarkable. We are proud of them and their faithfulness.

SCHEDULE FOR EASTER SERVICES IN LUKE'S CHURCHES

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in each of these services and all members are urged to be present.

April 5th—

Glendale Springs, 11:00 A. M.

Millers, 1:30 P. M.

Bethel, 3:30 P. M.

April 12th—

Laurel Forks, 11:00 A. M.

Low Gap, 2:00 P. M.

Peak Creek, 8:00 P. M.

April 19th—

Ebenezer, 11:00 A. M.

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EVERY MEMBER CANVASS PLANS

We have interesting plans from the stewardship standpoint in the Lansing group. On Saturday night, March 21 Lansing, Gillespie, and Foster Memorial Churches had a family get-together in the basement of the Lansing Church. Each family brought its own supper to be put on the tables. Then our congregations joined in one of those suppers for which Ashe County is famous. This was not a pressure campaign, but rather it was a get-together for fellowship and stewardship. After supper men from each field made contributions to the discussion as we faced our stewardship obligations. This supper inaugurated our canvass which will be completed before the close of March.

In the Glendale Springs group it takes a whole month to hold Every Member Canvasses. First, detail reports of each church are made out and an appeal to pay up is sent to all members. Then you plan your canvasses. Two or three Sundays are planned for making canvasses, and it snows or rains. If your tires hold out and the month is long enough you will get around to seven churches by the time Presbytery meets.

On March 22nd Mr. A. A. Cashion made talks at Peak Creek, Low Gap, and Laurel Forks Presbyterian Churches on the subject, "Experiences in Tithing."

NEWS FROM THE AUXILIARIES

This year has been one of change in the organization of the Lansing Auxiliary, for another circle has been organized and is hard at work.

The following new officers have been chosen:

President, Mrs. Tom Powers; Vice-President, Mrs. J. O. Blevins; Secretary, Mrs. J. M. Warren; Treasurer, Mrs. C. H. Stark.

The Laurel Forks Auxiliary elected Mrs. Tom Cox, President; Mrs. Hoyt Miller, Vice-President; Mrs. Oley Long, Secretary and Treasurer. Installation of these officers will be held in the near future.

On Easter Sunday the new officers in the Jefferson Auxiliary will be installed by Rev. R. H. Stone. The following leaders will at that time pledge their service for the new year: Mrs. Jim Colvard, President; Mrs. J. C. Brown, Vice-President; Mrs. E. F. Scott, Treasurer; Mrs. Carl Jackson, Secretary.

Mrs. Gilbert Dancy is the new President of the Big Ridge Auxiliary.

The Glendale Springs Auxiliary has been very active this fall. The Bible Study was led by Mrs. L. J. Yelanjian. The Week of Prayer and Self Denial was observed. Ten sheets were donated to the Ashe County Hospital. The following new officers were recently elected:

President, Mrs. L. J. Yelanjian; Vice-President, Mrs. Frank Severt; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Delmer Rose.

The Ashe Presbyterian extends sympathy to Mrs. C. H. Stark, Jr., in the recent loss of her father.

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Rev. B. A. Meeks Accepts Pastorate of Jefferson, West Jefferson, Obids and Big Ridge Churches

Great is the joy and gratitude in the hearts of our people as they welcome our new pastor, for prayers have been answered and God has sent to us Rev. B. A. Meeks to serve Him in this field.

Mr. and Mrs. Meeks and their family of fine young people have come to us from Knoxville, Tenn. Mr. Meeks, born in Carrolton, Mississippi, attended the University of S. C. and Columbia Theological Seminary. For two years he served the Church in Aberdeen, Mississippi. For the past three years he has been doing some special work for the Knoxville Presbytery, making surveys for new Churches and Chapels. He organized the Brainard Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga and has been doing pastoral work in outlying districts. He comes to us with a fine background of experience as Home Mission pastor and organizer.

His family is a valuable addition to Jefferson and to the Church—his charming wife who was Miss Miranda E. Taylor of Arkansas, and their two fine sons, Leighton and Edwin, and their three lovely daughters, Eleanor, Marjorie and Elizabeth. We welcome this gracious family to the Jefferson manse.

The first impression Mr. Meeks creates is good—with his giant proportions and his magnetic smile. The impressions that follow lend force to the first—his keen sense of humor, his gentle way with children, a friendly way with all people, his deep spirit of consecration and his determination to "know nothing among us save Jesus Christ and Him crucified." These things put courage in our hearts and give us a firmer hold on the conviction that "all things work together for good to them that love the Lord, to those who are called according to His purpose."

We think we are blessed in having this man of vision, ability, and experience to follow Rev. R. H. Stone in the program of Kingdom building.

MANSE IMPROVEMENTS

Anticipating the arrival of the new manse family, the Obids, Jefferson and West Jefferson Churches have cooperated in refinishing two of the manse rooms, the living room and kitchen of the Jefferson manse.

The Jefferson ladies took great delight in planting the minister's garden and in filling the pantry shelves with good things to eat. This is one of their ways of saying, "Welcome to Jefferson."

DAVIDSON CONFERENCE DELEGATES

Synod's Young People's Conference at Davidson is contributing its share in training five of our fine young leaders this year. These young people represent three churches: Wilma Parsons, Obids; Kathleen and Josephine Bare and Mary Farrington, Big Ridge; and Easter Darnell, Peak Creek.

A number of our young people plan to attend the Presbytery's Conferences at Glade Valley, June 29-July 4, and July 6-12.



REV. B. A. MEEKS

Our Young People Serving In Other Fields

Miss Maxie Weaver, a member of the Lansing Church, graduated this Spring from the Assembly's Training School, Richmond, Virginia. She has now gone to her new work as Director of Religious Education in the Presbyterian Church, Ware Shoals, S. C.

Miss Mary Shepherd, also of the Lansing Church, who graduated this Spring from Flora MacDonald College, is working this Summer in the Commonwealth Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. She is looking forward to the Training School in the near future.

Three of our young people, recent graduate nurses, are serving in hospitals. Miss Ruth Shepherd is in the Ashe Hospital, Misses Wava Farrington and Pearl Dolinger are in the Charlotte Memorial Hospital.

LANSING YOUNG PEOPLE PRESENT PLAYLET

As a part of their program this year, the Young People's League of the Lansing Church has been studying and presenting religious plays. The most successful of these was "The Tunnel," a presentation of the temptations confronting a student at a non-Christian college. It was presented for the Lansing congregation, at Gillespie Church, and at Glade Valley High School where it was a part of the closing exercises of the school.

In addition to their recent trip, the young people have enjoyed a hike and picnic. A group of their leaders plan to attend the Glade Valley Conference the last week of June.

Christian Chautauquas Have Good Beginning

Obids

In spite of the handicaps of daily rains, sickness, and transportation difficulties, Obids has had a real spiritual blessing in her 1942 Christian Chautauqua.

Beginning with 28 children the first day, the Bible School had a total enrollment of 52. Fourteen of these attended perfectly. We are greatly indebted to Miss Susan Incoe, Nashville, N. C., teacher in the Glade Valley High School, who was teacher of the Young People's class and Pianist, and to Miss Annie Reid Choate, known as "Sunshine," from the Steele Creek Church in Charlotte, who taught the Primaries and Beginners. Wilma Parsons from Obids was her valuable assistant.

The preaching services began under the able leadership of Rev. L. J. Yelanjian, Glendale Springs, N. C., who for five nights brought thoughtful, helpful messages.

Dr. C. R. Nisbet, from the Caldwell Memorial Church, in Charlotte, came for the last nine days of the meeting. Dr. Nisbet's reputation as a most powerful preacher of the glorious Gospel had been established two years ago when he came to Lansing. Obids found that this reputation still stands the very highest test. We are deeply grateful to him for bringing to us in a real and vital way the eternal truths of God's Word. Many hearts were touched and warmed during these days of searching, and three fine young lives from the Bible School were dedicated to love and follow the Christ. We most gladly welcome into the Obids fellowship of believers Miss Allene Parsons and Misses Maxine and Clara Dean Miller.

The arrival of Mr. Meeks during this Chautauqua was an added help and encouragement.

Miller's Church

Our Chautauqua at Millers was held earlier than we had planned—April 29th through May 8th.

Our personnel for the meeting was Rev. W. C. Cooper from Mocksville, N. C., who did splendid work as the evangelist, Miss Haskel Blevins, Primary teacher, Rev. J. W. Luke, Junior teacher, and Miss Lois Calhoun, Intermediate teacher.

In spite of the fact that some of the public schools had not closed, we had a very good enrollment of 48 with 20 who were perfect in attendance. There were a good many professions among the children at one of the Bible School devotions. Mrs. Preston Wyatt also made profession and has asked to be baptized by immersion.

Ebenezer Meeting

The Ebenezer Chautauqua has just been completed. The date of the meeting was June 1st through 14th.

Those teaching and preaching were local talent. Miss Lois Calhoun taught the Intermediates, Miss Cleo Osborne, the Juniors, and Miss Easter Darnell, the Primaries. Rev. J. W. Luke preached. In spite of rain and measles we had a fairly good Bible School and meeting. The enrollment for Bible School was 54. There were several professions of faith and three united with the church,

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EDITORIAL

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

At this time when the youth of Germany and other dictator nations are rallying to their pagan rulers, our young people are being trained to devote their love and loyalty to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

While all the nations on the globe are mobilizing for destruction, our youth are learning how they may hold the line of Spiritual Defense by an all-out devotion to the Son of God, the Saviour of the world.

How greatly privileged we are—and our children. Let us not fail to give them a Christian heritage!

We are now in the swing of a mighty Christian Chautauqua program, which has consistently had the blessing and direction of the Holy Spirit. Pray that under His leadership these great mountain counties may be made completely "Christian" for "nothing is impossible with God."

Here we wish to welcome to our county and our churches the new pastor, Rev. B. A. Meeks, and his family. We have longed and prayed for you. You are an answer to prayers. We shall continue to pray for you.

This is a glorious work to which God has led you. There is none finer and no people dearer. Hearts and homes will be opened to you. Loyal cooperation and unlimited opportunities of service will be yours.

We welcome you, Mr. Meeks, and we gladly share with you the exceeding great privilege of partnership with Him in Ashe county Kingdom building.

LANSING AND GILLESPIE AUXILIARIES

In celebration of the Thirtieth Birthday of the Woman's Auxiliary, the auxiliaries of Lansing and Gillespie Churches met at their respective churches to study the work their offering will do for the Negro youth and women of the South. After the program the birthday gifts were presented and placed about a tall white candle which furnished the only light in the church.

The gifts from each church were as follows: Gillespie .83, and Lansing \$3.10.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

By J. W. Luke



As an inexperienced commissioner to the General Assembly from Winston-Salem Presbytery, I was asked to make a few remarks on the Assembly held at Knoxville, Tenn., from May 28th through June 3rd.

I am impressed with the fact that the Presbyterian Church is awake and alert to the opportunities and dangers of the troubled times. In the time of war, we are sending out more than our share of chaplains into the army, we are evangelizing and doing our utmost to throw the power of the gospel around the camps and defense centers. In the midst of war "advance" was the word most used in the Assembly. Two of our great agencies inaugurated advance movements. The Home Mission Committee initiated and put in action a five year advance in Home Missions. The Committee of Religious Education inaugurated the "Religious Education Advance." When some were trying to delay the retirement plan for the duration of the war, the Assembly pushed it forward with courage. The Foreign Mission Committee told of doors wide open for work in foreign fields—work that was dangerous but open wider than ever because of the war.

There were heated discussions, but they were carried on with the utmost Christian spirit. The subject that brought most discussion was that of remaining a member in the Federal Council of Churches by the Southern Presbyterian Church. The Assembly showed a decided disapproval of many of the releases of the Federal Council, but voted to cooperate by remaining a member because of the value of the united Protestant front against evils of the world. Another subject that brought forth a great debate was on overtures to instruct the Committee on Union with the Northern Presbyterian Church to agree only on the fundamental beliefs of the Southern Presbyterian Church. After much argument, the Assembly voted to trust the Committee on Union with these matters in its discussions of union with the Presbyterian Church U. S. A.

The Moderator of the General Assembly is also the Moderator of the Synod of North Carolina. He is Hon. Chas. G. Rose, an Elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville, N. C. The work of the Assembly was carried on in an expeditious manner by the Moderator, yet he always found time for seasons of prayer. Yes, the spirit was "ADVANCE" but I think we may say the real spirit of the Assembly was "ADVANCE ON OUR KNEES"

MISSIONARY TO SPEAK IN ASHE

Dr. H. M. Washburn from Africa has promised to speak in the Presbyterian Churches in Ashe County. Dr. Washburn has a wonderful collection of moving pictures of the African work, and has promised to show them for us. We are looking forward to this treat from so inspiring a character.

Christian Chautauquas Have Good Beginning

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Misses Georgia and Nina Bare and Miss Bessie Miller.

Gillespie Chautauqua

The inspiring preaching of Rev. P. J. Garrison of the George Lee Memorial Church of Winston-Salem, made Gillespie Chautauqua a great meeting this year. In addition to a renewed enthusiasm on the part of the faithful members of the church, there were four souls added to the church: Mrs. Reuben Ham, by re-statement of Faith, Miss Mildred Stansberry, Miss Volree Ham and Miss Ada Barker, by profession of faith.

Enrolled in the Bible School were 68 children, 25 of whom received awards for perfect attendance. The average attendance was 56. Much credit for the success of the school is due the following teachers: Beginners, Miss Estella Blevins; Primaries, Miss Iris Young; Juniors, Miss Edith Sturgill; Intermediates and Seniors, Mr. Stark. We wish to thank these teachers for their faithfulness and diligence.

Foster Memorial

After only four rainy days, the Foster Memorial Bible School has enrolled 50 young folk, most of whom have walked in the rain to come. Each day's attendance has showed an increase over the day before.

The following staff of teachers is hard at work at Foster Memorial: Beginners, Mrs. Maggie Little; Primaries, Miss Beryl May; Young People, Miss Nara Graham; Intermediates and Seniors, Mr. Stark.

Revival services for Foster Memorial have been postponed until fall.

Lansing and Stone Chapel Chautauquas

Beginning July 5th and continuing through the 19th, the Chautauqua will be held in the Lansing Church. Rev. James Appleby, of Anderson, S. C., will be the speaker for both weeks.

Immediately following, on July 20, and continuing through August 2, Stone Chapel will have the Chautauqua with Rev. P. H. Biddle, of Broadway, N. C., as speaker.

LORD'S ACRE AT GLENDALE SPRINGS

Last year the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church had a Lord's acre of potatoes; this year it has a patch of cabbage. We are doing our best to pay off what we owe on our church lot, which is \$75.00. We hope to build on this lot and have been planning a small chapel. We are a church without a building of its own.

JUNIOR CHOIR

A group of Lansing children have rendered God a great service and supplied joy for all the church by their faithful work in the Junior Choir. For eight months they have furnished music for the morning worship service and during that time there have not been less than 12 in the choir loft each Sunday. They have helped with the music at four special services, and accompanied the pastor on one of his trips to the prison camp to give a recital for the prisoners.

As a Spring treat the choir went for a train ride to Tuckerdale where they had a picnic and a great deal of fun before hiking back to Lansing.

OUR SOLDIERS



MAINTAIN THE TIE

When it was first suggested writing this article on our soldiers we had planned to write the names of all those in the army who are members of our churches of Ashe and Wilkes, or were attendant at Sunday Schools or Young Peoples' meetings. There was so much danger of leaving out some that we are just writing this article in honor of our boys who have gone to defend their country. You who read this article, do not forget we are thinking of you, and best of all, praying for you. We have heard from many of the boys. Some are on the sea as sailors, some are in caps of this country, and some are on foreign soil. I trust that all of them have the same spirit of a young man whom I saw on furlough, who said, "I am reading the New Testament you gave me, I am trusting God, and I am going to do my duty." There are about seventy-five boys who have gone out from our churches or Sunday Schools or Young Peoples' Leagues. Let us keep up their morale by writing. Let us KEEP PRAYING for them, as they go through the new experiences of army life.

GRADUATES IN COLLEGE

We are glad to announce the graduation of two of our fine girls from colleges this year. Miss Cleo Osborne, of Vannoy, Wilkes County, N. C., and a member of Bethel Presbyterian Church, graduated at Flora MacDonald College. Miss Juanita Darnell, of Wagoner, Ashe County, N. C., a member of Low Gap Presbyterian Church, graduated at Montreat College. We are proud of these girls who have stuck to their tasks, working their way as far as possible. May God bless them as they take up the duties of life.

GRADUATES FROM ASHE AT GLADE VALLEY

The following graduated at Glade Valley from Ashe and Wilkes Counties, the field of Rev. J. W. Luke:

Easter Darnell, Guy Darnell, Leora Osborne, Kathryn Key and Harry Wingler. We are proud of these young people, and congratulate them as well as pray for their continued success as they complete their High Schol work and go out into the world.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTEST

Among the "Seven Churches of Asia Minor" or "Ashe Minor" there is to be a Sunday School contest. A beautiful banner and a prize of \$10.00 given by Elder John Larew will be a warded to the Sunday School that will show the best improvement from July 1st until Rally Day, which is October 4th.

We trust that each of the following Sunday Schools: Glendale Springs, Ebenezer, Peak Creek, Low Gap, Laurel Forks, Bethel and Millers, will get in the race. The money given will be used for improvement of the home church.

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With the proceeds from a potato growing project of the Young People, we hope to make additional improvements in some of the churches this fall.

A beautiful pulpit is being constructed at Millers Church. It is almost completed, and will make quite an addition to the auditorium. A second-hand piano which was purchased before the meeting, improved our services. Further improvements for the basement will be made as we find time to take up this work. Permanent steps will also be built when time permits.

**COLORED FRIENDS OF
THE LANSING CHURCH**

For several months the colored people of the Lansing community have been enjoying a Sunday School which is held for them each Sunday afternoon at the church. They have been faithful in their attendance and have made a real contribution to the spirit of worship which has always prevailed in the church.

Not long ago, the pastor asked the entire Colored Sunday School group to have charge of the music at the morning worship hour. This they did gladly and well. After the offertory special music, the group presented the pastor with a donation for the manse. There was enough money for a beautiful front door which will soon be in place to remind our Colored folk and all Lansing that they had a part in the manse erection program.

Mr. Raymond Campbell, a deacon in the Lansing Church, is teacher for the adult class of the Colored Sunday School.

**SCHEDULE FOR REMAINING
CHAUTAUQUAS IN LUKE'S FIELD**

Low Gap—June 15-26. (In progress—Rev. L. J. Yelanjian, evangelist.)

Peak Creek—June 29-July 10. Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, invited evangelist.

Glendale Springs—July 13-24. Rev. I. M. Ellis, evangelist.

Laurel Forks—July 27-Aug. 7. Rev. P. J. Garrison, evangelist.

Bethel—Aug. 10-21. Rev. Marion Dick, invited evangelist.

MANSE IMPROVEMENTS

Here a little and there a little is the policy of improvement on the manse at Glendale Springs. The manse has been needing paint for some time. It has been getting its first coat in many places. Shingled gabled ends and the front porch have been painted and the other work will be painted soon.

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Jefferson Group 1942 Chautauquas

Jefferson

The Jefferson Chautauqua, June 14-28, was a splendid success in every way. It was indeed a season of joyous Christian fellowship and spiritual blessing. Many hearts were genuinely stirred and led to deeper consecration to the Master. Two fine girls gave their hearts to Christ and were received into full fellowship of the Church by baptism—Ina Ruth Campbell, and Helen Jones. Eight were received by letter—Mrs. Lelia Denny, Misses Alvira Williams and Ruth Shepherd, Mrs. B. A. Meeks, Leighton, Edwin, Eleanor and Marjorie Meeks. We most genuinely welcome these new members to our group. Five came forward rededicating their lives to the Lord, expressing the desire to live closer to Him and pledging themselves to a more heavenly walk.

Our Bible School opened on July 14, with 46 present. 16 of these attended every day. The total enrollment was 63, with an average attendance of 51. The School was under the direction of Miss Kathryn Hunt who was ably assisted by Miss Susan Inscoe, of Nashville, N. C., Miss Marjorie Patterson, of Winston-Salem, N. C., Miss Irene Baldwin, of Lansing, and Leighton Meeks, of Jefferson.

Rev. W. C. Cooper, of Mocksville, N. C., did the preaching for the first week, and Rev. J. D. Henderson, Spartanburg, S. C., with Mr. B. B. Blackwell, also of Spartanburg, leading the singing, conducted services during the second week. These men of God did a fine work as evangelists, bringing thoughtful, spiritual, and helpful messages. We are grateful to God for them and for the fine, consecrated young women who so whole-heartedly gave of their time and talents to our Christian Chautauqua.

Boggs

The Chautauqua at Boggs was entered into on July 1st with whole-hearted enthusiasm. The tent was erected on the hilltop and equipment and faculty were in readiness. On the first day, 22 happy boys and girls came, 21 of whom came every day. The total enrollment was 49, the average attendance, 39.

Miss Susan Inscoe stayed to teach and to play, and Miss Betty Moore came from Winston to teach Beginners and Primaries. Diligent study and genuine enjoyment marked these two weeks.

Rev. B. A. Meeks came out for the second week, preaching splendid Gospel sermons each night. Young and old were challenged to a day by day following of the Christ. It is a real and practical Christianity that Mr. Meeks preaches.

West Jefferson

The West Jefferson Church had a very successful series of evangelistic services which began on Wednesday, July 15, and continued through Sunday, July 26. Rev. Charlton D. Hutton, of the Reynolda Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., did the preaching. The sermons were heart-searching and brought a real blessing to all those who were privileged to attend. The services were well attended by members of the other churches in the city.

A special service for the children and young people of our church was conducted each morning under the direction of Miss Kathryn Hunt, who was assisted

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Rev. B. A. Meeks Installed

At the meeting of Presbytery held at Dan River Presbyterian Church, the following Commission was appointed to install Rev. B. A. Meeks in the West Jefferson, Jefferson, and Obids Churches: Rev. O. V. Caudill, Dr. J. W. Witherspoon, Rev. Carl Stark, Elder J. O. Blevins, and Rev. J. W. Luke. The time selected for the installation was the 29th of August.

Rev. J. W. Luke presided over the proceedings and propounded the questions to the minister and congregations. Revs. O. V. Caudill and J. W. Witherspoon alternated in preaching and charging the minister. Elder J. O. Blevins charged the congregations at all three churches. Rev. Carl Stark was away and his place was filled by his alternate, Dr. J. W. Witherspoon.

Dr. J. W. Witherspoon preached at Jefferson using the text, I Cor. 12:27, and at Obids using the text Isaiah 52:1. Rev. O. V. Caudill used the text, Prov. 39:18, in the sermon at West Jefferson. The time for these services was 11 a. m. at West Jefferson 12 m. at Jefferson, and 3 p. m. at Obids. After the Jefferson services, the ladies of the Jefferson Church served a picnic lunch in the basement of the church. May God's blessing rest upon Rev. B. A. Meeks as he takes up this work in the Jefferson field.

LANSING JUNIOR CHOIR



The Junior Choir of the Lansing Church began their fall session with a party at the church Friday afternoon after school. Nearly all the old members were present as well as four new ones whom all were glad to welcome to the group. After playing several games and a short practice, refreshments were served.

Sunday, Sept. 13, marked the beginning of their second year of active participation in the morning worship services. They entered the church singing "Onward Christian Soldiers," sang the response to the pastoral prayer and a special selection during the offertory.

The whole church is inspired by the faithfulness of this group of young people, and feel they are a real part of the worship of this church.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE

The Jefferson Young People's League has had quite a boost in the valuable addition of the Meeks family. The fine young people in this family are taking an active share in the Young People's work of the Church. Mrs. Meeks, too, makes a wonderful contribution in her leadership of the newly-organized Pioneer Group. Mrs. Charles Denny is Advisor of the Senior Group. In both of these there is encouraging evidence of new life.

Lansing Group 1942 Chautauquas

Gillespie

We opened our Summer's work this year at Gillespie. Rev. P. J. Garrison was our guest minister. Mr. Garrison's cordial spirit and forceful preaching were most helpful to us all. There were four additions to the church at the close of the meeting. Three were by profession of faith and one by letter. There was genuine interest and fine cooperation throughout the meeting. We wish to thank the teachers, helpers, the homes that entertained us, and the many friends who gave their support. May God use this Christian Chautauqua for lasting good.

Lansing

We were very happy to have Rev. James Appleby at Lansing this year. Everybody fell in love with this preacher. His sermons kept his congregations on the edge of their seats most of the time. His genial personality made him many friends here in Lansing. The Bible School was very effective this year. Many children made professions and three of them were baptized and brought into the Church. In spite of the shortage of cars, we had good attendance. Here, too, we wish to thank all the teachers, helpers and homes that entertained the faculty and preacher. The Bible School enjoyed a picnic the last day. Everyone took a lunch and had a wonderful time back in the mountains. We wish to thank Rev. O. V. Caudill for his assistance in this meeting. Mr. Caudill is no stranger in Lansing and his continued aid is valuable and appreciated.

Stone Chapel

This community had the delightful privilege of having Rev. P. H. Biddle, from Broadway, N. C., this year. His jovial sense of humor and his spiritual character helped us along the Christian pathway. His preaching was practical and forceful. We will long remember Mr. Biddle at Stone Chapel. We had a fine Bible School in spite of bad weather. Children walked for miles in the rain to learn more about the Bible. Three of these fine children were baptized and brought into the church.

Foster Memorial

This church is proud of the fact that it ran its Bible School under its own power this year. We want to recognize the fine work of Mrs. Maggie Little in the Beginners' Department. The commencement program which she conducted was indicative of the work she did so splendidly. Miss Beryl May exemplified our confidence in her outstanding ability; she taught the Primary Department. Miss Nara Graham ably handled the Juniors. If you had visited the Junior Department you would have been surprised that this was her first Bible School experience. She certainly did a good job. The pastor, Rev. Carl Stark, taught the Young People's class. The preaching service is to be held in October.

AUXILIARY GROUP CONFERENCE

The Jefferson Church was happy to be hostess to the North Wilkesboro District of the Woman's Auxiliary in their annual fall Conference. The date of this was September 23rd.

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EDITORIAL

In many ways these are days of emergency. So much that is precious is at stake, and the holding thereof dependent upon immediate action and accomplishment. Time is a terrific element in this World War II.

To a far greater extent the Church needs this sense of urgency. The bitterness of the truth which we must face challenges us to act quickly, in order that the millions who leave God out of their lives entirely, in order that half of the youth of America who grow up without Christian teaching, and in order that the millions of homes that now shirk their responsibility for Christian nurture may be reached with Christian teaching before we become utterly pagan.

It is an emergency—the greatest emergency of our generation and nothing should be allowed to over-shadow or dim it in our eyes—the Home Mission Emergency Campaign of our Church! It is the source from which springs the United Religious Education Advance. Let us meet it in the spirit of Christ, straining every nerve and energy to make our beloved America once more actively conscious of God in thought, word and deed.

"Happy is that people whose God is the Lord."—Ps. 144:15.

The Presbyterian Church and Ashe County lost a valuable friend in the passing of Mr. John F. Scott on Aug. 12.

Chairman of Ashe County Board of Commissioners at the time of his death, he has for more than twenty years been active in county affairs. During his many years of public service, he has been largely responsible for much of the county's progress.

For many years Mr. Scott has served as elder in the Presbyterian Church, and his advice and counsel were always sought and valued. A man of far vision and great wisdom, his interests included every worthy project and every needy soul. Mr. Scott was a friend to high and low, rich and poor. His wide influence and kindly walk will long be missed in Jefferson. We are grateful to the Heavenly Father for this gentle, stately servant of His.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY

The fall Young People's Rally of the North Wilkesboro District is to hold its meeting in the West Jefferson Church, Oct. 10. A splendid program and hearty welcome await the young people.

Jefferson Group 1942 Chautauquas

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by Miss Mary Brown, of the Jefferson Church. Mr. Hutton brought a special message each morning to these children and young people.

Big Ridge

The first Bible School in our recently-furnished Big Ridge Church began on July 27 with 32 present. This enrollment grew to 55 with an average attendance of 43 and a perfect attendance of 24.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Meeks, teacher of Young People, Miss Marjorie Patterson, teacher of Juniors, and Miss Irene Baldwin, teacher of Primaries and Beginners. Rev. Hardin A. King of the Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington, was the visiting minister. Mr. King very soon won a place in all our hearts and in a most attractive and compelling way was presenting the claims of Christ. Night after night, large congregations were touched by the power of the "glorious Gospel," and the life of the Church was strengthened.

Led by the Spirit of God, four souls made their decision to live for Christ and were received into the Kingdom of God and the fellowship of Big Ridge Church—Betty Sue Bare, Nellie Sheets, Danish Combs, and Mrs. Tam Koontz. We welcome these most cordially.

Bristol

The Negro children of the Bristol community one mile from Jefferson had the last Bible School of the summer, Aug. 12-26. Irene Baldwin agreed to stay and teach the Beginners and Primaries; Betty Patterson came from Winston to teach Young People, and Edith Blevins was enlisted from Jefferson to teach Juniors. A splendid program was prepared by this faculty for each day, and the community gave 100% co-operation. 26 were enrolled in the School, 22 being the average daily attendance, and 10 attending perfectly.

Seven children from one family came regularly, and one boy after being on duty each night in the Ashe Hospital, came on to Bible School without a yawn. He missed only one day. The Beginner-Primary group had a perfect record of attendance.

The last day was especially full and joyous, with Bible School in the morning, picnic at noon, preaching by Rev. B. A. Meeks, in the afternoon, and the Commencement program at night.

"Gloriously worth-while" was the final conviction of all.

CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS

If you will step in Bethel Church you will no longer find the rough knock-down seats, but instead two rows of short seats along the walls and longer seats forming the middle block of the church. We have been needing seats for a long time. We made arrangements with the Wilkesboro Manufacturing Company to cut out the bench backs and we put them together. Mr. Jesse Shepherd hauled the lumber and backs from North Wilkesboro, and we put them together.

Peak Creek Church has a new wire fence. Our old wooden fence had rotted down so the members bought a new piece of wire fencing for enclosing the grave yard near the church. We cut locust posts on Mr. George Bowlin's land and soaked them with old motor oil so as not to rot. After the posts were put in the ground we stretched the wire.

Roofing for Ebenezer Church is badly needed. The shingles are in terrible condition so that it leaks in many places when it rains. We have just about enough money collected now to put a tin roof on the church be we cannot get the tin. One of the best givers for this roof is one of our boys in the Army, Private Claude Farrington.

The Big Ridge Church is possessor of a bit more beauty and comfort. The ceiling and woodwork in the basement have a clean new coat of white paint. Outside, a new cement gutter drains off rains from the grassy lawn. By the sale of potatoes, this Church hopes to install a furnace before cold weather.

In the deep woods, this tenderly-cared-for little Church is a sight for tired eyes and a repose for burdened souls.

HOME MISSION PLANS

Not only the Home Mission Emergency Campaign but the war in our midst has focused our attention upon the necessity of strengthening our Home Mission bases. In many of our Churches a definite effort is being made to develop Mission consciousness through a Church School of Missions. This is the plan in the Jefferson, West Jefferson, Obids, and Big Ridge Churches. These churches plan to have each night for a week, a Church Family Supper, and then study Missions together for an hour.

Christian Chautauqua Results — 1942

CHURCH	Enrollment	Average Attendance	Perfect Attendance	EVANGELIST	Professions	Additions
Gillespie	68	49	27	P. J. Garrison	3	3
Lansing	71	56	30	James Appleby	3	3
Foster Memorial	55	37	15	Meeting in October		
Stone Chapel	40	35	22	P. H. Biddle	3	2
Jefferson	63	51	16	W. C. Cooper		
				J. D. Henderson	3	10
West Jefferson (Special services for Young People)				C. D. Hutton	0	0
Obids	53	27	14	C. R. Nisbet	3	3
Big Ridge	55	43	24	H. A. King	4	4
Boggs	49	34	24	B. A. Meeks	0	0
Bristol (Colored)	26	22	10	(No Meeting)		
Miller's	48	30	20	W. C. Cooper	16	1
Ebenezer	54	29	21	J. W. Luke	12	2
Low Gap	98	57	29	L. J. Yelanjian	14	2
Peak Creek	73	42	22	Guy Morrow	13	0
Glendale Springs	113	66	34	I. M. Ellis	20	0
Laurel Forks	43	25	20	C. N. Morrison	16	0
Bethel	75	46	35	Marion Dick	15	2
Total	984	649	269		125	34

YOUNG PEOPLE IN SCHOOL

Of tremendous importance each year is the large group of young people going away from our churches to enter schools and colleges.

Of special significance this year is the group of Smiths—first cousins, leaving the Boggs community to study in the Glade Valley High School—Evelyn, Elsie, Ray, and Alfred, 11, 12, 13, and 14 years old. This is a big event since they are the first from this community to try Glade Valley, and among the few from this section to go on to High School. Their past record is splendid and we predict great things for these four.

From Obids, Ruby and Wilma Parsons are returning to Glade Valley, accompanied this year by Wilma's sister, Lena Hope. Also from Obids, Blanche Burgess is taking a business course in High Point College.

From Big Ridge, Mary Farrington is entering Lees-McRae College, where her two sisters and brother made such fine records.

Miss Wava Farrington, Ensign in the U. S. Navy, and stationed at Norfolk, Va., had the distinction of rating second highest in the State Board examination.

The Lansing Church has also suffered several losses in the last two weeks. Misses Iris Young and Estella Blevins are attending Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone, N. C. Misses Bonnie Baldwin and Anna Mullis are in Winston-Salem at Business School. Mr. John Barr is at the Citadel in Charleston, S. C. Douglas Carty and Denver Blevins are at King College at Bristol, Tenn. Miss Beryl May has left for W. C. U. N. C. at Greensboro. Mr. Ray Blevins is in the Army Air Force. Misses Marie Clark and Edith Sturgill are working in Washington.

From Jefferson, Mary Brown goes to Mitchell College.

The Gillespie Church bids farewell to Misses Pauline Stansberry and Helen Miller, who left to work, and to Mr. Marvin Osborne who is attending business school in Johnson City, Tenn.

From Mr. Luke's field, too, many have gone to Glade Valley. From Glendale Springs, Marjorie Dean Lyle and Ruth Harless; from Laurel Fork, Lucille Miller, Katherine Keys, Billie Long, and Katherine Miller; from Bethel Church in Wilkes County, Leora Osborne, Roscoe Osborne, Frances Vannoy, Betty Vannoy, and Nora Osborne.

Our prayers go with these young people in their preparation for service.

GILLESPIE NEWS

This church recently enjoyed a fellowship supper in the basement of the church. Each family brought some contribution to the meal and we had real fellowship around the table. After the supper we had a service centering around the theme of Religion in the Home. This program was in connection with the Advance of our Church. We are thankful for the many Christian homes that were represented and we pray that God will use them in making many other homes Christian.

We express our appreciation to Mr. Vance Miller for his faithful work with the Young People. This organization has been doing their work all by themselves since the shortage of tires. May God bless the leaders and helpers of these fine young people that they may do God's work faithfully, even though they receive no outside leadership.

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LANSING NEWS

We are very happy to receive Winston-Salem Presbytery in the Lansing Church in October. It has been many years since this court has convened here, and we anticipate the visit with great pleasure.

The Church council recently had its regular monthly meeting at the manse, when several important items were discussed. It was decided to have a reception for all the school teachers here at Lansing. Several outstanding speakers will be present and all of the teachers and the local board of education are invited. We are interested in our teachers and our school and wish to show our appreciation of their work. At this meeting also the United Religious Education Advance was discussed, a committee was appointed, and plans were made.

Several of the Home Mission study books have been secured and we have begun our Home Mission study of the year. We are looking forward to one of the best Rally days that we have had. In spite of the fact that our Lansing Sunday School has suffered the loss of so many of its members, we are planning to start this occasion with a definite Advance. May God bless our efforts.

This coming Friday marks another day of manse progress. We have secured our flooring and several men have donated their labor. We are all going to meet and endeavor to lay the floor in one day. Having accomplished that, we will soon start on the walls. Little by little we are approaching the happy day when we shall move into the Manse.

YOUNG PEOPLE IN GLENDALE SPRINGS GROUP

The young people of some of the Churches in this group chose as their special serving project this summer the job of improving their church buildings and grounds by painting and varnishing floors and pews, grading lawns, sowing grass, and planting flowers and shrubs. These young people have diligently kept the lawns mowed and their churches neat, clean and attractive. They contend that "a Church should look as if somebody loved it."

DR. H. M. WASHBURN OF AFRICA SPEAKS IN ASHE

One of the most interesting Foreign Mission programs we have had in Ashe County was that provided by Dr. H. M. Washburn. Dr. Washburn showed the moving picture entitled "The Light Shines in Bakuba Land." With this picture he gave a lecture which took us into the missionary's life, and the pioneer work of opening the Bakuba Station.

About 1640 people were reached by these services.

The total offering for Foreign Missions was \$28.34.

UNITED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ADVANCE

Plans are being made, Session Meetings are being held, committees are being appointed to put the Advance Movement in action. Most of all a special prayer program will be worked out. Let us put our shoulder to the wheel as Forty Christian Denominations do the same to push forward this great movement. It means more prayer, more Bible reading, more winning of souls for Christ, more evangelism, more church and Sunday School attendance.

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Thanksgiving, A Day Of Prayer, Observed Churches Are Making Plans For Christmas Campaign For Home Missions Is Success

The usual Thanksgiving Services were planned not only as services of Thanksgiving but also as services of prayer. The following Churches held Thanksgiving Services as follows: Nov. 26th, Thursday—Glendale Springs at 11 a. m.; Peak Creek at 3 p. m., and Laurel Forks at 7:30 p. m. On Nov. 27th, Friday—Low Gap at 7:30 p. m. On Nov. 29th, Sunday—Ebenezer at 11 a. m.; Bethel at 3:30 p. m., and Miller's at 7:30 p. m.

These services were attended very well. At the request of the pastor, the congregation brought in the names of men in service of the country and these men were prayed for during the Thanksgiving meeting. The congregation was also asked to bring in written statements of the blessings for which they were thankful. These statements were used to offer our thanks to God. Offerings for Barium Springs Orphanage were made at each service and the sums were as follows:

Glendale Springs, \$4.10; Peak Creek, \$7.10; Laurel Forks, 4.92; Low Gap, \$4.06; Ebenezer, \$2.15; Bethel, \$3.00; Millers, \$2.82. Total of all: \$28.15.

In response to President Roosevelt's Proclamation, the three Churches in the Lansing group held prayer services during Thanksgiving holidays. In each service the pastor brought a Thanksgiving message. This was followed by a series of testimonies. Many of our members expressed to the group their appreciation of the many blessings that God has enabled us to enjoy. This little service seemed to touch our hearts as we prayed and sang and gave thanks. A deep spiritual atmosphere was present in each service.

There were four splendid Thanksgiving services conducted in the Jefferson group of churches. The first was in the West Jefferson church on Sunday morning. On Wednesday afternoon a service was held in the Obids Church with the teachers and children from the Obids school coming over and adding much to the joyous spirit of Thanksgiving, as their precious little voices entered into the singing. Services at Jefferson and Big Ridge were conducted on Thursday. The children at Barium Springs were graciously remembered in offerings received at these services.

In this year of darkest darkness, we seem to hear the echo of Isaiah's cry, "They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the Light shined".

And so, to the world in darkness and in the shadow of death, Christmas comes again—Christmas with its

The Home Mission Cause received emphasis in the Jefferson field during the period set aside for Home Mission study by a Church School of Missions in the Jefferson and West Jefferson Churches. During the week of October 5th, the members at Jefferson came together each evening for supper at the church, followed by a brief devotional, after which they separated into two classes, one for the adults and one for the young people. The same program was followed at West Jefferson the next week except for the supper meetings.

Home Missions was also emphasized at the Big Ridge Church, but we had only one supper meeting. "While it is Day" was used as our study book. Obids and Big Ridge Churches went over the top in meeting their quotas for the Home Mission Emergency Fund. Jefferson and West Jefferson Churches did not quite reach their quotas.

Each church in the Lansing group endeavored to meet its quota in the Home Mission Emergency Fund; Gillespie made hers and a little over; Lansing and Foster Memorial almost made their quota. The Lansing Church enjoyed the Home Mission book, "While It Is Day." The book was reviewed by Mrs. Tom Powers, Mr. Wayne Blevins, Mr. Charles Weaver, and Mr. J. O. Blevins.

The offerings for Home Missions in Mr. Luke's field were as follows:

Glendale Springs, \$10.00; Ebenezer, \$11.00; Low Gap, \$11.00; Laurel Fork, \$4.00; Peak Creek, \$7.00; Bethel, \$4.00; Millers, \$2.00. Total of all: \$49.00.

All of the Churches in the Glendale Springs group went over the top except one.

During the month of October, the Home Mission fields of the Presbytery were visited by a committee composed of Dr. E. E. Gillespie, Dr. George Mauze, Dr. J. W. Witherspoon, and Rev. O. V. Caudill.

This touring group took moving pictures of our Churches and Marses, which will probably be of great service to the program of our Church in the future.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTEST WON BY EBENEZER CHURCH

Three months were set for the race last summer. The seven Sunday Schools of the Glendale Springs Group were in the contest. The Sunday School that made the best average attendance would be the winner and a (Continued on Page Four)



Our sincere Christmas greetings and wishes for a Happy New Year go to each of our readers, to all of our men in the armed forces, to those who are away in defense work, and to our friends everywhere.

May the blessings of Christmas make our hearts glad!

eternal and unchangeable and lovable Truth, Christmas with its song of joy and peace and love that the fever of living and the noise of battles through twenty centuries have failed to destroy! And because of our desperate need for Light, we accept the invitation of the Churches to—

"Come softly, tread gently to see what is there,

It's Mary, the mother with light in her hair;

And in that rough stable, His bed in a stall,

Lies Jesus, her Baby, so sweet and so small."

And within the shadow of the Christmas cradle, it will be easy again to believe in a new and Christlike world; easier even to renew our faith in the miracle of our own regeneration.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS

Once more the Spirit of Christmas will be portrayed in pageantry in the Lansing, Gillespie, and Foster Memorial Churches. These Churches are fortunate in having splendid local talent to make pageantry possible. They have set a fine pace in the past by the quality of the Christmas programs. And (Continued on Page Three)

"O Come, let us adore Him! O Come, let us adore Him!
O Come, let us adore Him— Christ, the Lord!"

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**EDITORIAL**

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." — Luke 2:14.

Never has the world been less in the mood for Christmas! Never have the peoples of the globe been so out of tune with the message of Christ — "Peace on earth, good will toward men" — as in this year, 1942!

It is no longer true—"Everywhere, everywhere Christmas tonight", for on many a battlefield, on many a sea and island, and in the air where angels first sang, "Glory to God in the highest", there will be no Christmas! Instead, there will be bloodshed and suffering, cruelty and hatred.

Not only in the midst of battle, but in our own dear America, Christmas will be different. Factories will continue to pour forth their poisonous streams of planes, shells, guns, and bombs — powerful slaughter material. And the hearts of the allies will continue to leap with joy at the news of the enemy's destruction. And the Heart of the Christ will break again—that after twenty centuries there still is "no room for Him in the inn."

At our own firesides, rations, priorities and vacant chairs will remind us that nothing is "as usual".

Nothing that could come out of this world conflict could possibly be as terribly destructive as the bitterness and hatred that is unconsciously developing in our hearts.

A dark world? Yes, but Christ was born into a world as dark and desperate as our own. The darker the night, the greater need for light.

What a tremendous need for Christmas in such a world! What a magnificent opportunity for the Church to make clear and personal the greatest Truth—the wonder of God's love in Christ! There are no

priorities on Christ, on the Christmas story, or the Christmas carols.

Only to the Church has this message been given. Oh, let us not fail to be "lights in a dark world", so that America and all nations shall know that — "God is not dead nor doth He sleep; The wrong shall fail, the right prevail

With peace on earth, good will to men."

Auxiliary News

The Lansing and Gillispie Auxiliaries each have prepared interesting programs for December. They are specially arranged candle-lighting services. The programs are entitled, "The Light Of The World". Mrs. Tom Powers, president of the Lansing Auxiliary announces that Mrs. Claud Gambill will lead the program and Mrs. Charles Weaver, Mrs. Wayne Blevins, Mrs. Joseph Martin, Miss Irene Baldwin, and Miss Dorothy Shepherd will all take part in the service. We are proud of the work of these ladies.

Mrs. Clarence Stansberry, president of the Gillispie Auxiliary, will lead the program at this church and Mrs. Lundy Barr, Mrs. Wiley Ham, Mrs. Reuben Ham, Mrs. Vance Miller, and Mrs. L. Greer will assist the president in presenting the program. The members and friends are invited to attend these services. The dates will be announced later.

Laurel Fork Auxiliary has been on the job since the last issue of the Ashe Presbyterian. Some of their activities have been canning for Barium Springs. They have filled 96 quart cans of fruit and vegetables. The catechism quiz on Barium was greatly enjoyed by each one of them, several making a perfect score. Their names will probably appear in the Barium Messenger.

This group also enjoyed sending a baby shower to Grace Hospital, Banner Elk.

They are now preparing to present at Christmas time, the lovely pageant "To Guide Our Feet Into The Way Of Peace", by Mildred Welch.

The Auxiliary at Glendale Springs has been very active under the leadership of Mrs. L. J. Yelanjian. The Home Mission book was read and studied and a catechism quiz on Barium Springs Orphanage was conducted. Two quilts are being made for the Orphanage this year. They are now happily preparing for their lovely Christmas pageant.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ADVANCE NEWS

An interesting moving picture was given at the Lansing Church in connection with our Advance program. The first reel was for the parents, showing the influences they have on children. The picture was helpful and enlightening; it revealed the good effects of patience and fellowship and guidance. On the other hand, it revealed the effects of setting the bad example before the children. The second reel was a delightful and spiritual story of two children in their search for God. They found that God is Love, and that He was right in their home

The Lansing Church Sponsors Scout Troop

The Lansing Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a Boy Scout troop which has been meeting every Tuesday night in the basement of the Church since Oct. 6. There are now over eight registered scouts who have passed the Tenderfoot Examination: Jones Weaver, Paul Barr, Ray Shepherd, Billy Patton, Allen Weaver, Ralph Sexton, James Edward Barr, and Harry Goss. The first two named are patrol leaders. Three other boys, Kermit Sexton, Tom Bumgarner and Jack Poe will soon become scouts.

Joseph A. Martin is the Scoutmaster, and the troop committee is composed of Rev. Carl H. Stark, Chairman, Walter Osborne, and Bergwyn Carter.

On Friday, Nov. 6 the Scoutmaster and the entire troop were guests of Appalachian State Teacher's College at Boone, N. C. All Scouts of Ashe and Watauga Counties were there on this occasion. After a football game, the scouts gathered in groups and cooked their suppers on the field in typical Boy Scout style. G. E. Ashwill, Assistant Scout Executive, was present and made interesting demonstrations. Later, when contests were held, the Lansing troop won more points than any of the others.

On Monday night, Dec. 7, all scouts, their parents, and all friends of scouting are invited to attend a supper in the basement of the Presbyterian Church at Lansing. This will be a meeting of its kind to be held in Ashe County. Mr. Levern Johnson, a member of the Parkway District, has arranged an interesting program.

Mr. Martin is due much credit for the success of this troop; his enthusiasm and ability has put the troop across in an admirable way.

ACTIVITIES AMONG OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Young People of the Low Gap Church have just bought a nice new heater for the basement of the Church. New hymn books are also being bought. Both purchases were made possible by the use of the Lord's Acre plan carried out by the Young People of the Church.

The Peak Creek Young People have also been awake to their opportunities. They now have in hand funds to give their Church a good coat of new paint which it badly needs. Some of those contributing to this cause are: Mr. Dick Cashion, Mr. Dan Carter, Mr. Bob Finley, and Mr. R. L. Gibson, all of North Wilkesboro. We are deeply grateful to each of these friends. Some of the Young People, themselves, contributed to the fund. In addition, they raised a potato patch for this purpose.

Many of their Christmas plans include carol serenades for the shut-ins and baskets for poor families.

when Love was there. The Lansing Church has twelve families enrolled on the Honor Roll of Family Altars. We hope to have many additions, for we know that when our families begin to pray more, our spirituality will rise.

CHURCHES PLAN CHRISTMAS

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this year they hope to reach the same high standard.

The Lansing Church will present, "Christmas with the Home Folks". For this, we are very happy to secure the able leadership of Mr. Bernard Jones. Mr. Jones has had much experience in directing, and we appreciate his assistance. The Lansing Church anticipates a packed house when the pageant is presented; and we know that the splendid cast, and the touching story will impress those that attend.

Foster Memorial has expressed a great deal of interest this year. For their pageant this time will be the best that they have ever given. The pageant is entitled "When The Light Shone." The spirit of unselfishness is wonderfully expressed in this story, and we know that those who attend will be gripped with its message. The pageant is directed by the pastor.

The Gillespie Church takes pride in the pageants it has given. Interest and cooperation are eagerly given to make each one the best. This year, "When The Light Shone" will be presented. Its theme of unselfishness best expresses the spirit of Christmas. We are happy to have Mr. Charles Weaver to direct this pageant; and under his leadership another successful message is anticipated.

Many of our members have left these communities; we will miss them. But others are stepping into responsibilities, and the work continues. Among those we miss is the capable Miss Ruby Hudler. Our best wishes and prayers go to all who are absent from our flock.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

The following dates are set for Christmas Programs in the Glendale Springs Group of Churches.

Friday—Dec. 18th, Low Gap Church will give a pageant and have their Christmas tree. 7 p. m.

Saturday—Dec. 19th, Millers will have their Christmas service and tree, 7 p. m.

Sunday—Dec. 20th, Glendale Springs will have their Christmas worship service at 7 p. m. Peak Creek will have a pageant on Sunday night at 7 p. m.

Monday Dec. 21st, Glendale Springs will have their Christmas Tree at 11 a. m. Peak Creek will have their worship and Christmas Tree at 7 p. m.

Tuesday — Dec. 22nd, Bethel will have a service and the Christmas Tree at 11 a. m. On this same day Ebenezer will have a pageant at 7 p. m. also a Christmas Tree.

The simple and lovely pageant, "Like Stars in a Dark World," will be presented by groups of worshippers in each of the following Churches:

Boggs—Sunday, Dec. 20—2:00 p. m.

Jefferson—Sunday, Dec. 20—6:45 p. m.

West Jefferson—Sunday, Dec. 20—8:15 p. m.

Obids—Monday, Dec. 21—8:15 p. m.

Big Ridge—Tuesday, Dec. 22—7:30 p. m.

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Here And There In The Lansing Field

Here and there in the Lansing Field during the first week in November, the Foster Memorial Church enjoyed the fellowship and ministry of Rev. T. B. Ruff, of Old Fort, N. C. His messages were forceful and helpful to us all. His pastoral work in our field was enjoyed by everybody. We hope that Mr. Ruff will come back to our field whenever he has the opportunity.

We wish to thank everybody in the Lansing Group of Churches who had a part in the recent in-gathering of potatoes. Many of our members put in extra rows of potatoes; others gave cash. All together we received \$50.00. This sum was put in the Manse Fund. Even though labor has been exceedingly hard to get, we have made slow-but-sure progress on our manse. The next issue of this paper will find us in the new house.

PERSONALITIES YOU SHOULD KNOW

"Honor to whom honor is due" and flowers while in the land of the living when they can be appreciated and enjoyed are sentiments thoroughly in keeping with the policy of this paper. Elder Anson R. Vail and his devoted wife are among those who deserve a beautiful cluster of roses and a high place of honor among the families of our Church. These two beloved people are charter members of the Jefferson Presbyterian Church, which was organized on July 22, 1900.

During these many years they have been faithful and loyal workers in this Church which they love with true affection. Mr. Vail was one of the three elders elected when the Church was organized and the first secretary of the Sunday School, organized on the same day. He continued as secretary until 1918 when he became superintendent, which office he now holds. Mr. Vail is highly esteemed and loved not only by his own Church, but also by all the other denominations in the community. His friendliness, happy disposition and Christian spirit has won for him a large and lasting place in the hearts of all those who know him, both young and old alike. This paper delights to pay tribute to this man of God and his devoted wife.

EBENEZER WINS S. S. PRIZE

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beautiful banner was the prize. A friend heard of the contest and offered to give the church winning the contest a sum of money to improve their building. The contest was won by Ebenezer with an average attendance of 37 and a fraction. Low Gap and Bethel Sunday Schools ran for the second place, and also received smaller rewards for their church improvements.

Ministers and other Church workers are requested by the North Carolina Historical Commission to save the letters which they receive from soldiers. It was stated by Dr. C. C. Crittenden, secretary of the Commission.

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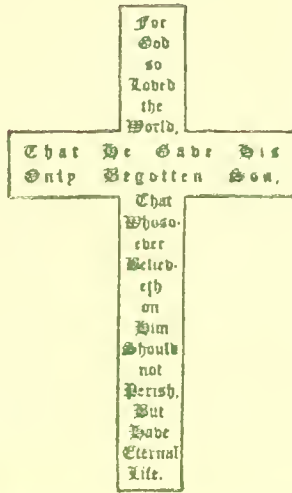
Stewardship Plans For Glendale Field Made

The Churches in this group have the complete report of the finances before them. An individual report for each Church has been prepared and sent to each member. A paragraph also is written at the bottom of this report urging the members to make the first two weeks in March "PAY-UP-WEEKS." Also at the bottom of the sheet the budget for next year is printed and a place to make a pledge is prepared, to be torn off and sent in to the pastor or treasurer of their particular Church.

We have had good results from most of the Churches. Some of the men in service have sent in gifts as well as pledges for next year. We hope all members of the Glendale Springs group of Churches ministered to by Rev. J. W. Luke, will send in their gifts and pledges right away as March 31st is the close of the Church books for 1942 and '43.

Lansing Manse Is Now Being Occupied

Prophecy has been fulfilled. In the last issue of the Ashe Presbyterian, it was prophesied that before the next one, we would be in the new manse. Due to the faithful members and friends, the long wished for day arrived March 11. The manse is yet unfinished, but it is nearly enough completed to be very comfortable. We are anxious to finish the study next.



Easter Programs

"I am the Resurrection and the Life", saith the Lord. Again our souls thrill at that glorious, life-throbbing truth from the heart of our loyal, living, loving Saviour. Again, we feel our souls stretching upward to take that newness of life offered in Him.

What a rich opportunity our Church has to interpret life as essentially spiritual! In all our Churches especially lovely services are being prepared.

In the Big Ridge and Boggs groups, a worshipful hymn-service, based on the Christian Chatauqua theme-hymns for the past ten years, is being planned. An attractive booklet, containing these hymns, will be presented as a gift to each worshipper.

Special services in which the Lord's Supper will be observed are being planned for all the Churches in the Glendale group as close to Easter Sunday, April 25, as possible. The following schedule will be followed for the Easter Season:

- Ebenezer — April 18th — 11 A. M.
- Millers — April 18th — 2 P. M.
- Glendale Spgs. — April 18th — 8 P. M.
- Bethel — April 24th — 8 P. M.
- Peak Creek — April 25th — 11 A. M.
- Low Gap — April 25th — 2:30 P. M.
- Laurel Fork — April 25th — 8 P. M.

We trust that each member will plan to be at the service of their Church for Easter.

YOUNG PEOPLE WORKING

The Jefferson Young People were reorganized last June and have done a splendid work during the year. Attendance has been good. There has been a real interest in the programs with every one ready and willing to take part. Regular socials are held each month. The Young People's Library, which was started a few months ago, has recently received several books from the Shenandoah Presbyterian Church of Miami, Florida. This gift of books gave quite a boost to this growing library.

Stewardship Meeting Is Held At Lansing

On Friday night, March 14th, the members of the Gillespie, Lansing, and Foster Memorial Churches gathered in the basement of the Lansing Church for their annual Stewardship meeting.

The group gathered around the tables and enjoyed a splendid supper, after which a fine program was presented. Dr. J. W. Witherspoon, of Lexington, being the guest speaker. His message of Stewardship was a real inspiration to all who heard. The pastor then discussed the forthcoming program for the every-member-canvass. The program was a real success.

Improvements Made In Several Churches

The zero weather has inspired the purchase of two new stoves this winter, one at Low Gap church, which has been mentioned and the second one at Peak Creek Church. We "figure" on keeping warm.

We are doing some completion work at Millers Church. The old temporary steps at the front of the building have been torn down and a concrete base has been poured for solid concrete and brick steps at the front of the building. The basement also is being improved. We have leveled the earth in the basement and will haul rock and sand to make a cement floor. The yard is being graded and we hope to plant grass as soon as this is completed. The W. P. A. hands have done an excellent piece of work on the road to the school and Church. They have also graveled the road, using Mr. A. R. Miller's truck, loaned them for that purpose.

The old Ebenezer Church, built by Dr. E. E. Gillespie in 1897 and 98, had begun to show signs of age. It leaked terribly and it needs paint and other repairs. We have at last put on a new roof which has stood the test of several recent high winds. We need other repairs in the way of paint, window panes, and bracing for the places that have become weak with age.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER OBSERVED AT GLENDALE

The denominations held a joint session of prayer on Feb. 12th at 8 P. M. in the Episcopal Church there. The Presbyterian members took part with others in this prayer meeting.

TENTATIVE CHATAUQUA SCHEDULE FOR 1943 GIVEN

LANSING GROUP

Foster Memorial (Bible School) May
 Gillespie ----- June
 Stone Chapel ----- June
 Lansing ----- July

JEFFERSON GROUP

West Jefferson, May 12-23,
 Dr. Geo. Mauze, Evangelist.
 Obids, May 26 - June 6,
 Rev. P. J. Garrison, Evangelist.
 Jefferson, June 9-20,
 Rev. B. H. Wiggins, Evangelist.
 Boggs Mission, July 7-18,
 Mr. Bill Summers and Mr.
 R. V. C. Richey, Evangelists.
 Big Ridge, July 21-Aug. 1,
 Rev. W. Ted Smith, Evangelist.

GLENDALE GROUP

Ebenezer—May 16th-27th.
 Low Gap—May 30th-June 10th.
 Peak Creek—June 13th-24th.
 Bethel—June 27th-July 8th.
 Glendale Springs—July 11th-22nd.
 Laurel Forks—July 25th-Aug. 5th.
 Millers—Aug. 8th-19th.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Presbytery—April 19-20.
 Presbyterial—April 19-20.
 Easter—April 25.
 Week of Spiritual Enrichment—
 March 28—April 4.

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EDITORIAL

Truly, the meaning of Easter should have a deeper reality for the world this year than ever before. In these days when millions are daily becoming intimate with life and death in their most naked terms, surely now the truth about essentials—life, death, and the resurrection will make its supreme appeal to the manhood of our world. Let us lay aside this year the usual superficial veneer of Easter and give ourselves to wholehearted prayer and endeavor that the great world for whom Christ died might turn to Him as the Lord of Life, that in Him they might find abundant life.

Let us pray that the world, but most especially our fighting men, might know at this Easter time "the power of His resurrection", that He who is the Life and the Resurrection might become real and precious to them.

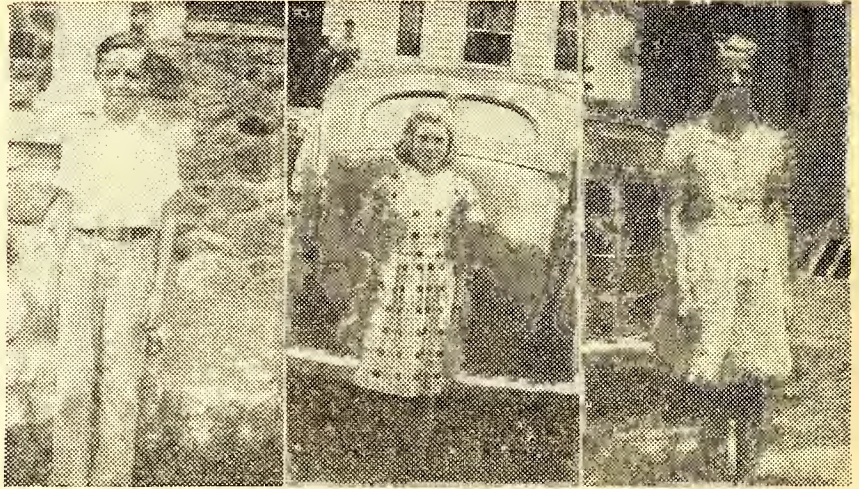
NOW, MAY I HAVE A PERSONAL WORD?

The next issue of the Ashe Presbyterian will find me, the Lord willing, serving Him in Piedmont Court, Charlotte, N. C. It has cost me a great deal to say that. My heart has ached and bled over and over again at the thought of leaving my beloved hills and the people who are so dear to me. Since 1927 when they first allowed me to teach your children in the Bible Schools, I have loved you—your dear selves, your homes, your lovely little Churches—your great possibilities in the Kingdom of God! And now it is like tearing my very heart out to say "Good bye" to you.

There is a large group—in the Presbytery, and out—to whom I am indebted and whom I love. Your abundant inspiration to me, and have been responsible for so much that has been done. You have my heart's love and gratitude. There is no one like you.

During these days of struggle and decision I have lived over again in memory these ten years since that wonderful twilight time on the Big Ridge hilltop when I accepted the challenge irresistible to live and work with you. Believe me, my dear friends, it

Children Recite Catechism



Dickie Miller, from Laurel Forks, and Irene Atwood and Ruby Farrington from Ebenezer, have recited the Child's Catechism.

New Officers Of Auxiliaries Chosen

The Gillespie Auxilliary met at the home of Mrs. Edgar Stansbury and an enjoyable meeting was held. Mrs. Clarence Stansbury will remain president for the next year; Mrs. Vance Miller was elected vice-pres. and Mrs. Grace Stansbury will remain secretary and Mrs. Elliot will remain treasurer. This organization has made fine progress during the past year. It plans to send delegates to the Presbyterial in Winston-Salem in April.

Lansing Auxilliary re-elected all its executive officers for another term. Mrs. T. J. Powers, president; Mrs. J. O. Blevins, vice-president; Mrs. Charles Weaver, secretary; Mrs. C. H. Stark, treasurer. This auxilliary has completed a year of excellent work despite the loss of several of its loyal members.

REVIVAL AT LOW GAP CHURCH BRINGS RESULTS

A revival was held at Low Gap by the Pastor, J. W. Luke. The time of this revival, February 4th through February 14th, was marked with zero weather. The results of the meeting were a new stove bought, many reconsecrations, and many requests for prayer.

has been the joy of my life to have had a very small share in serving with you. I am eternally grateful to our Heavenly Father for this high privilege.

You have been most patient and kind; bless your hearts. I shall never cease to love you nor pray for you. Let me help you still, whenever I may. I shall listen eagerly to hear of your growth in grace.

May the Lord bless you, and keep you, and use you richly in His Kingdom—everyone of you, is my sincere prayer.

Kathryn Hunt

Many Young People To Graduate Soon

Ashe Presbyterians will be interested to know that Denver Blevins, a ministerial candidate, will be graduated from King College, Bristol, Tenn., this Spring.

Many of our other young people are finishing High School, among them: Irene Baldwin and Tom Powers, from Lansing; Ruby and Wilma Parsons, from Obids, and Mildred May, Ruth Jones, and Leighton Meeks, from Jefferson.

May Brown and Blanche Burgess will complete business courses at Mitchell and High Point Colleges.

Congratulations, young people. The world has great need for trained Christian leaders. A great work awaits you — somewhere.

Boy Scouts Are Making Progress

The Boy Scout Troop, sponsored by the Lansing Presbyterian Church, has been making fine progress under the leadership of Mr. Joseph Martin. We now have about eleven registered scouts and about fifteen boys attend the meetings. Our church observed a Boy Scout Sunday, on January 31. Mr. G. E. Ashwill, the Asst. Executive of Old Hickory Council, came to us from Winston-Salem to speak for us. In the near future several of the boys will go before the Court of Honor to stand examination for their Second Class awards.

Appreciation To Carter-Hubbard

We wish to offer our most genuine appreciation to the Carter-Hubbard Printing Company, of North Wilkesboro, for their excellent service in printing the Ashe Presbyterian for the past three years. It is now being printed in the Skyland Post office in West Jefferson.

Wishing The Soldiers An Easter Blessing

The Easter Season is near. Spring will soon be blowing her soft, warm breath upon the bulbs and seeds nestled in mother earth. Blossoms will show their fresh faces and the earth will be robed in her new dress.

Not only does the earth show resurrection from the long winter, but God has shown us another resurrection, the resurrection of His Son.

When I think of Easter, not only do I think of fresh flowers but a fresh life and all it promises. I think of victory over death, I think of an empty tomb, I think of a risen Savior that promises new life to all believers who trust in Him. We wish each man in service a great, fresh, certain hope in Christ. When you are in danger, may you be able to look up, catch a vision of the great risen Christ before you and may you hear Him say, "I am the resurrection and the life."

Combine Presbytery And Presbyterial

The Presbytery and Presbyterial this year will be most unusual and interesting. Both groups will meet at the same time in Winston-Salem on April 19-20. This is planned for the sake of wartime transportation, and in the interest of the strongest and most effective program possible.

AUXILIARIES HAVE GOOD YEAR

The Jefferson Auxiliary has had a very good year under the leadership of Mrs. J. P. Colvard. They made contributions to all the Assembly Causes and will raise their budget for the year. Study classes for both Home and Foreign Missions were conducted. The District Conference was entertained in October. The pastor and his family were generously pounded at Christmas. Mrs. James D. McNeill is the incoming president.

The West Jefferson Auxiliary reports a splendid year's work under the leadership of Mrs. Russell Barr. A Mission study class was held and contributions made to all the Assembly Causes. A used piano was bought for the Church and final payment made on the new pews. All the young people away at school and in the armed forces were remembered with a well-filled box of good things to eat. The Young People's District Rally was entertained in the fall. The pastor and his family were generously pounded during the Thanksgiving Season. Mrs. Rex Morton is the incoming president.

FOREIGN MISSION MONTH

The Foreign Mission Month of January was observed by special sermons on Foreign Missions and the study of Foreign Mission books by the Woman's Auxiliary. The following offerings were made by some of the Churches: Peak Creek, \$2.00; Low Gap, \$1.80; Ebenezer, \$6.85; Glendale Springs, \$2.43; Millers, \$1.00; Bethel, \$2.85; Laurel Forks, \$5.00. Total—\$21.93.

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Here And There In The Lansing Field

Plans are being made to have special Easter services in each of the Churches of the Lansing Field. This month we have had both rains and showers in the Lansing field. For the rains, we are thankful to a wise Providence; for the showers, we are thankful to the Lansing and Gillespie Auxiliaries. Since the last issue of the paper, the manse in the Lansing field has been bountifully replenished. Both Gillespie and Lansing have pounded the preacher for which he is very grateful.

We have recently added a new machine to our Church. It is a film-strip projector. We have enjoyed moving pictures, but we believe that these new still pictures will be more conducive to teaching the Bible, and consequently better for the work.

This field was happy to have the privilege of a visit with its former pastor, Rev. R. H. Stone, in February. We were glad to see him once more.

In Memoriam

On February 19, the Foster Memorial Church suffered the great loss of Mrs. L. B. Ham, who passed away at her home after a brief illness. Mrs. Ham gave her heart to the Lord at the early age of 12, and was, to the time of her death, a most influential Christian. Mrs. Ham worked faithfully in the Foster Memorial Church. She was president of the first Auxiliary there; her prayers, her interest, and consistent witness, bore fruit in her community and were an inspiration to every one. Her hospitality in the home was always warm to those who entered there. Though she is dead, yet she liveth; she lives in the memory of her loved ones and friends, she lives forever close to the Master she served. Our sympathy goes out to Mr. L. B. Ham, an elder in the Foster Memorial Church and to the members of the family.

NOTE ON GLENDALE CHURCH LOT HAS BEEN PAID OFF

The Presbyterian congregation at Glendale Springs bought a field of about seven acres. After selling lots off of this piece of land, they applied the money to the price of the land, which cut down the debt that the Church assumed. Now we have completely paid off the last note on this Church lot consisting of about two acres of land. We plan to build a Church and use the rest of the land for a cemetery.

EASTERN ASHE AND WILKES Y. P. ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The Young People of Eastern Ashe and Wilkes are closing a successful year of work. The following have recently been elected to serve as presidents of the various groups: Ebenezer, Maude Farrington; Glendale Springs, Junior Lyall; Low Gap Juanita Darnell; Laurel Fork, Ruth Huffman; Peak Creek, Haskell Blevins.

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Church Activities In The Lansing Field

Our Lansing Boy Scout Troop has been making progress; many of the boys have passed their second-class tests and several are ready to pass their first-class requirements. The boys went on a camping trip recently.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

The Lansing Church has recently organized a Junior League. This group meets every Sunday evening. Miss Elizabeth Anne Barr was elected president; Ruth Campbell, vice-president and James Edward Barr, treasurer. This is a fine group of boys and girls, who are interested in the Lord's work.

CHAUTAUQUAS HELD

The Foster Memorial Bible School has been completed and it was a success. Miss Estella Blevins taught the beginners and Miss Irene Baldwin taught the primaries. The pastor taught the juniors. There were 44 on roll.

LANSING MANSE STUDY

One of the greatest needs in the manse now is a study. We need a hundred dollars from somewhere to finish the room. There is, at present, no adequate place for the pastor to study.

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CHAUTAUQUA SCHEDULE FOR REMAINING SEASON

Jefferson, June 16-27
Dr. J. W. Witherspoon, Evangelist
Boggs, July 18-25
Bill Summers R. V. C. Richey
Evangelists
Big Ridge, July 21-Aug. 1
Rev. W. Ted Smith, Evangelist
Stones Chapel, June 23-July 2
Rev. Carl H. Stark, Jr., Evangelist
Lansing, July 12-25
Dr. Ralph Brown, Evangelist
Peak Creek, June 13-24
Rev. J. T. Barham, Evangelist
Ebenezer, June 27-July 8
Dr. C. G. McClure, Evangelist
Glendale Springs, July 11-22
Dr. W. C. McLaughlin, Evangelist
Laurel Fork, July 25-Aug. 5
Rev. W. A. Brown, Evangelist
Millers, Aug. 8-19
Rev. Thos. B. Ruff, Evangelist
Doval, July 7-17
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Please pray for these meetings and Bible Schools. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."



MISS KATHRYN HUNT

An Appreciation

Back in the summer of 1927, a slim girl from Richmond, Va., volunteered to help as a teacher in the Christian Chautauqua. This young lady was Miss Kathryn Hunt, and she became indispensable as a Bible teacher and worker in the summer programs of Ashe county. Then Miss Hunt completed Flora MacDonald College and the Training School at Richmond, Va.

In the year 1933, Miss Hunt came to Ashe county as a permanent church worker in Rev. D. F. Helm's field, who at that time was filling the West Jefferson field. Since then, Miss Hunt has given the last ten years to unselfish, untiring and devoted service in Ashe county. These years of service in the mountains have not been easy years. They have been years of toil. No storm was too severe to stop her from duty, no night was too black to do an errand of mercy, no river was too deep to ford, no mountain too steep to climb.

Some of the young people whom Miss Hunt's life touched are now in the service of their country, some are making their way in the world, some are still at home in the mountains; but in the warp and woof of their characters, the strength of Miss Hunt's loving, loyal Christian character has been woven.

This year of 1943 a call came to Miss Hunt to do work in Mecklenburg Presbytery among the people of Piedmont Court, a large housing settlement of defense workers in Charlotte.

We know she will make good in this new work, for we feel she will apply herself just as devotedly to the people among whom she is working.

The little streams of the mountains will go murmuring on for many generations, the river will continue to

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Chautauquas Held In The Glendale Field

The Chautauqua opened up this year in this field at Bethel church in Wilkes county. The date was May 16th through 27th. One feature of this Chautauqua was that it was carried on by home folks. The evangelist was the pastor, the teachers in the Bible School were Miss Lois Calhoun, and two local young ladies of the church, Miss Ruby Wyatt and Miss Cleo Osborne. Although measles and bad weather hurt the attendance, we had one of the smoothest little Bible Schools and meetings we have had for several years. The enrollment was 37, the perfect attendance was 9. There were several reconsecrations and professions. One united with the church, and we welcome Tracy Perry as this member.

LOW GAP CHURCH

The second Chautauqua of this field was that at Low Gap on May 30th through June 10th.

The evangelist was Rev. C. N. Morrison, who preached splendid sermons. The teachers for the Bible School were: Mrs. Rebecca Darnell Hart, Miss Elizabeth McPherson, Miss Lois Calhoun and the pastor, J. W. Luke.

The enrollment was 69, and there were 27 perfect attendances.

There were many reconsecrations, and several professions. Two united with the church on profession of their faith. These two were Hugh Darnell and J. L. Darnell. We welcome these two into the fellowship of our church.

The meeting at Peak Creek is now in progress and we ask the prayers of our readers for this meeting and Bible School.

Jefferson Churches Enjoy Chautauquas

The summer's program opened this year with an evangelistic meeting at West Jefferson. Dr. George Mauze, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, was the evangelist. Dr. Mauze is a most interesting and helpful preacher of the Gospel of Christ. His gracious manner and forceful preaching not only won many friends, but brought a real spiritual blessing to the church and to the community.

MUCH INTEREST AT OBIDS

Obids came next in our summer series of Chautauquas which was characterized by a great deal of interest. Beginning with 25 on the first day, the Bible School had a total enrollment of 44 with an average attendance of 30. Many of the children were hindered in their attendance on account of a real shortage of farm labor, and due to the fact that the Bible School came during

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EDITORIAL

The most urgent need in these days of turmoil and shattered ideals is a greatly increased number of fathers and mothers endeavoring to make their home definitely Christian. There is a crying need for more homes where Christ is not only given a prominent place, but where He is given the pre-eminence. Every child deserves the advantage of a definite Christian atmosphere in the home, and the Bible places the responsibility for this on the parents. "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children."

Many homes do not have any formal expression of their religious faith. There is no outward expression to indicate recognition of God to whom obedience and honor are due. No time set aside for Bible reading and family prayer. Often God is not even acknowledged at meal time by offering up thanks to Him as the giver of every good and perfect gift. This lack of formal expression of religious faith on the part of parents has its effect upon the children. The teaching of children is best done both by precept and example. They learn to talk by observation. Frequently parents are embarrassed to hear their children imitate them, not only in the words used, but in the very tone and inflection of the voice. Honesty, truthfulness, sincerity, love for one another, love for God, and loyalty to religious duties are more effectively taught by example than by exhortation.

There are no associations more intimate and fundamental than those of the home. The early impressions of the child gained there are more vital and longer lasting, and play a larger part in determining the reaction to the experiences of life than those received later. There is no place like a genuinely Christian home for developing a well rounded personality. The home is divinely ordained to bring out the best in both parents and children. No one reaches his highest possibilities apart from the intimate relationships of family life, and nothing mars the personality more than the wrong kind of home life. Every possible effort should be made to avoid anything which will mar the life of the home, for it somewhat symbolizes the heavenly home.

Auxiliaries Have Birthday Program

The observance of the birthday party in the Laurel Fork Auxiliary was a successful one. The birthday pageant was presented in a very effective manner and enjoyed by all those present. An offering of \$3.00 was received.

In the absence of Mrs. L. J. Yelanjian, the president of the auxiliary at Glendale Springs, Mrs. Frank Severt, the vice-president, has been leading the women.

The Glendale Springs auxiliary met at the manse for their birthday meeting in May. The men of the church were invited and the attendance of both women and men was large.

The birthday pageant was given and an offering of over \$5.00 was received for publishing Christian literature for the Mexican Foreign Mission Field.

The auxiliary was represented at the Presbyterial in Winston-Salem by Mrs. Frank Severt.

The Gillespie and Lansing auxiliaries both had a good birthday program. These ladies are carrying on the good work in spite of the fact that so many have left the community.

CHURCHES HELPING IN FOOD FOR FREEDOM DRIVE

The Presbyterian Churches in the Glendale group are trying to do their bit in raising food for the nation this year. A splendid patch is growing at Glendale Springs, another one at Low Gap, another one at Ebenezer. We will sell the potatoes produced for the work of the Lord in these churches. The young people are sponsoring the patches at Ebenezer and Low Gap. The church members are sponsoring the one at Glendale Springs.

Churches Report Improvements Made

The church at Millers is being improved by the building of brick and concrete steps in the front. The pastor and George Church have been working at odd times on this improvement. Some of the Sunday School boys have been helping by hauling brick, and mixing mortar. We hope to have the job completed by the August meeting.

The Jefferson church has taken an added attractiveness since getting a brand new coat of paint. Every one took delight in raising the money for this much needed improvement. It was arranged so that Sunday School classes might compete with each other to see which could raise the most money. The Junior class won the contest, and was given a picnic supper.

MAKE ATTENDANCE RECORD

These girls have perfect attendance records in Bible School: Frances Osborne, for 9 years; Betty Vannoy, for 10 years; and Frances Vannoy, for 11 years.



YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS ACTIVE IN CHURCH WORK

Bethel now has a splendid group of pioneer young people just recently reorganized and in good running condition.

Because of lack of leadership among the group, the young people have been inactive. With the return to the community of Misses Ruby Wyatt and Cleo Osborne, they are being splendidly led. We are indeed proud of this fine group of young people.

The young people of the Glendale group in Ashe county are enjoying out-of-doors meetings, hikes, picnics, etc. Representatives from each of the seven groups are eagerly making their plans to attend the Presbytery's young people's conferences, which will be held at Glade Valley.

The annual Senior Young People's Conference of Winston-Salem Presbytery will begin at Glade Valley high school with the noon meal on Monday, June 28, and close with breakfast, Saturday, July 3.

The Pioneer Camp will begin with the evening meal, July 5, and end with the noon meal, July 10. Good attendance is expected at both of these conferences.

PRAYER

Prayer, as the first, second, and the third element of the Christian life, should open, prolong and conclude each day. The first act of the soul in early morning should be a draught at the heavenly fountain. It will sweeten the taste for the day. A few moments with God at that calm and tranquil season, are of more value than much fine gold. And if you tarry long so sweetly at the throne, you will come out of the closet as the priest of Israel came from the awful ministry at the altar of incense, suffused all over with the heavenly fragrance of that communion. — H. W. Beecher.

Not all the pomp and pageantry of worlds reflects such glory on the eye supreme, as the meek virtues of the holy man. — R. Montgomery.

Special Message To The Men In Service

Several of the men in the service of their country, whether it be in the Navy, Marines, or Army, will read this little paper. We want to let you know we have not forgotten you. We miss you in the churches, the Sunday Schools, the Young People's Societies of the churches in Ashe county. We miss your helpfulness, your smiles, your presence whoever you are who read this little paper. Not only do we miss the men in service but the young ladies who are nursing, or those in the WAACS or WAVES.

Let this verse from God's Word be a strength to you: "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31.

Several of the boys who are in service have expressed their longing to be back in our services in the churches at home. We pray you shall be back with us soon and shall join in praise to God back here in your home churches. "God Bless you", is our sincere prayer for you.

PRESBYTERIAN BOYS IN SERVICE

Glendale Springs—Hobert Sheets, Milton Sheets.

Low Gap—Albert Bare, Clifton Allen.

Laurel Fork—Hubert Cox, Dean Miller.

Peak Creek—Richard Sheets, Ronald Girtman.

Ebenezer—Wayne Bare, Claude Farrington.

Bethel—Richard Osborne, Woodrow Neely.

Millers—Ernest Miller.

Lansing—Major R. F. Barr, Sergeant Ray Blevins, Private Raymond Campbell.

Jefferson—Robert McNeill.

West Jefferson—Ford Cooper, Scott Denney, Carl Woody, Arnold Miller.

Obids—Roger Roark.

Big Ridge—Leonard Bare, Wayne Bare, Lynn Bare.

The following Presbyterian ministers from Winston-Salem Presbytery are serving as chaplains in the armed forces of our country: Watt M. Cooper, Clyde H. DuBose, J. B. Ficklen, III, Charlton D. Hutton.

This list does not include the many young people who have been active in our Young People's Leagues, Sunday Schools, and church services. We honor them as we do those listed as members of our churches. If any members have been omitted, it is entirely unintentional.

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th very busiest time for the farmers. We are greatly indebted to Mr. Albert Dimmock, Newport News, Virginia, a recent graduate of Davidson College, who taught the Junior class and led the singing, and to Miss Barbara Ogilvie, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, a student in Flora MacDonald College, who was the pianist and assisted in the junior department. Special credit is due Misses Ruby and Lena Parsons, from Obids, who did excellent work with the beginners and primaries.

The preaching services began with the pastor bringing the messages for the first week. Rev. B. H. Wiggins, of Greenville, Tennessee, came for the last eight days of the meeting. Mr. Wiggins is intensely in earnest about the salvation of the lost, and in his endeavor to help Christian people to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ. Those who heard him were deeply touched by his sincerity and the depth of his Christian experiences.

A WELCOME EXTENDED

In this issue we would like to welcome Mr. Albert Dimmock and Miss Barbara Ogilvie to Ashe county for the summer. Mr. Dimmock is from Newport News, Virginia, and has just graduated from Davidson College. He has charge of the Junior Department in our Bible Schools, leads the singing and conducts some of the regular preaching services while the pastor is engaged in another part of the Jefferson field. Miss Ogilvie is from North Wilkesboro. She is the pianist for both the Bible School and the evangelistic services in the evening, and has charge of the Primary Department in the Bible School. These are very fine people and are doing a splendid work.

AN APPRECIATION

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flow on and on; and we know too that Kathryn Hunt will live on and on in the memory and lives of the young people of our mountains among whom she has served so devotedly for her Master.

LANSING ACTIVITIES

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VOICE OF PROPHETS

The Lansing Church and community will have a treat this year for their annual meeting. Dr. Ralph A. Brown, of Bristol, Tenn., will be the guest preacher. Dr. Brown is a student of Prophecy. Many of his messages will be drawn from the Prophets of the Bible. Today there is an added interest in prophecy and I am sure that the public will enjoy these stirring messages. Another feature of this meeting will be in the Bible School. Dr. Brown will bring his flannel board and in an interesting way he will present the Bible in pictures.

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Lansing Chautauquas Are Well Attended

The Lansing Church had a very successful Bible School this year. There were two unusual treats. Our guest speaker, Dr. R. A. Brown, of Bristol, Tenn., used his flannel board and taught the Book of John. This was very interesting and clear presentation of the study. We had an enrollment of 65 and an average attendance of fifty.

Another interesting feature was the film-strip machine used in the junior department. Our teachers were: Mrs. Tom Powers, beginners; Mrs. Walter Osborne, primaries; the pastor, juniors. Dr. Brown brought forceful messages and his ministry in our midst was greatly appreciated. Irene Gilly, Carol Dean Goss, and Marilyn Key were added to the Church on profession and Mrs. Walter Osborne by letter.

GILLESPIE CHURCH

The Gillespie Chatauqua was also successful. We had an enrollment of 45. Miss Mildred Elliott and Mrs. Kenneth Roland, formerly Miss Lena Mae Stansberry, were added to the church by profession.

Miss Mildred Elliott taught the beginners and Mrs. Lee Stansberry taught the primaries. The pastor taught the juniors. We were fortunate to have as our guest preacher, Mr. Walter Key, of Blowing Rock. Mr. Key's sermons were forceful and helpful; they were practical and clear. Our thanks goes to him.

STONE CHAPEL

Due to the lack of transportation facilities the Bible School at Stone Chapel was not as large as usual, but we had an enrollment of 25. We were proud of the fact that we used our own helpers. Miss Georgia Greer taught the primaries, the pastor taught the juniors. If you could have witnessed the fine commencement programs put on by these teachers, you could see the good work that has been done.

FOSTER MEMORIAL CHURCH

The Foster Memorial Church had a very good Bible School. The enrollment was 44 and the teachers were: Miss Estella Blevins, beginners' teacher; Miss Irene Baldwin, primary teacher; and the pastor, junior teacher. This Bible School had one of the best commencement programs that it has ever presented. The evangelistic services will be held in November.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS IN GLENDALE SPRINGS FIELD

The following were received into the Presbyterian churches of the Glendale Springs field. We give them a hearty welcome into the Presbyterian Family of our field, and church.

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Several Chautauquas In Glendale Churches

In our last issue of the paper, our story of the summer's work closed in the midst of the Peak Creek Chatauqua. We will continue by taking up the thread of news where we left off:

PEAK CREEK CHURCH

The Peak Creek Chautauqua opened June 13 and continued through June 24. Rev. J. T. Barham, of Poplar Tent Presbyterian Church, N. C., was the evangelist in this meeting. Although many people have evacuated the country, yet large crowds attended the services. There is a shortage of labor and the farmers were working very hard in the hay, yet we had good attendance.

The Bible School was well attended, as you can see from the statistical block. A great many of the children were transported each morning from the near-by Transou community.

Among the children there were a great many professions. One young man, who attended the services, united with the church later in the summer.

The children of the Bible School made a special offering for Barium Springs Orphanage.

Teachers in the Bible School were the following: Miss Fannie Cooley, Miss Lois Calhoun, and J. W. Luke. Miss Katherine Woodie and Miss Helen McGrady also helped in the school.

EBENEZER CHURCH

The Ebenezer Chatauqua opened on June 28 and closed July 8. Rev. C. G. McClure, from the Caldwell Memorial Church, of Charlotte, preached during this meeting. The teachers in the Bible School were: Miss Elizabeth McPherson, Miss Lois Calhoun and the pastor, J. W. Luke.

From those who made professions, three united with the Ebenezer Church. Miss Evalyn Bare, who had made profession at Low Gap Meeting also united with Low Gap Church.

The children of the Bible School made a special offering to the Barium Springs Orphanage.

GLENDALE SPRINGS CHURCH

The Chautauqua of Glendale Springs opened July 11 and ended July 22. Dr. W. C. McLaughlin, who is a foreign missionary, temporarily in defense work near Burlington, N. C., was the evangelist. It was a great inspiration to hear of the wonderful providence God is exerting in behalf of the Christians in China during the war.

The teachers in the Bible School were: Miss Elizabeth McPherson, Miss Lois Calhoun, Mrs. W. C. McLaughlin and J. W. Luke. Miss Margie Dean Lyle was also a good helper for the primary class.

The meeting was held in our tent as we have no church building. Dr.

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Fine Chautauquas In Jefferson Churches

The Jefferson Chautauqua opened on June 16 with 39 present on the first day and reached an enrollment of 49 with an average attendance of 39. There were 21 of these children who attended every day. Teachers in the Bible School were: Eleanor Meeks and Josephine Brown, in the beginners' department; Barbara Ogilvie and Shirley Freeman in the primary department; Al Dimmock taught the boys and Mrs. Jim Colvard taught the girls in the junior department.

Dr. J. W. Witherspoon, of Lexington, conducted the evangelistic services each evening. All the messages were practical, helpful and thought provoking. They were designed to strengthen the spiritual life of those who name the name of Christ. To this end the messages found their mark.

DOVAL HAS 1st BIBLE SCHOOL

The Bible School in the Doval Community Church began on July 7 and continued through July 17. On the account of a pouring rain, we began with only 11 answering roll call. The school reached an enrollment of 46 with an average attendance of 27. This was the first Bible School to be conducted in this church. All of us regretted the heavy and continued rain during the greater part of the school. Much interest was manifested in the school, both by the children and the community.

Teachers in the school were: Zola Richardson in the beginners' department; Barbara Ogilvie in the primary department; Al Dimmock in the junior department; B. A. Meeks in the young people's department and Josephine Robinson assisted with the music and with the hand work.

BIG RIDGE CHURCH

Christian Chautauqua at Big Ridge began July 21 and continued through August 1. Beginning with 30, the Bible School had a total enrollment of 42 with an average attendance of 31. There were 13 who attended every day. Teachers in the school were: Iva Grace Bare, Nellie Sheets, Barbara Ogilvie, Al Dimmock, and the pastor, B. A. Meeks.

The evangelist was Rev. W. Ted Smith, of Charlotte, North Carolina, who preached splendid sermons, characterized by a great deal of fervor. Mr. Smith preached the wrath of God against sin, without fear or favor. There was also an emphasis on the great love and mercy of God in dealing with repentant sinners. There were many reconsecrations. Miss June Crepps and Miss Ann Farrington, two of our fine young people, professed their faith in the Jesus Christ and united with the church.

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Facing these facts the United Religious Education Advance in its second year is centering its efforts around the home, seeking to reach every person in the home with Christian teaching. This is as it should be, for the home must be reached for Christ and strengthened in order to protect the children who are straying into forbidden paths thereby multiplying present dangers and future misery. It may be that we are coming to recognize the Christian home as an effective evangelistic agency. There is such a splendid opportunity in the Christian home for spiritual nurture. It is a divinely ordained institution for the bringing up of children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. No other institution is so intimately associated with children as the home. No other institution is so advantageously situated to introduce little ones to Jesus as the home. From the very moment these little ones make their appearance in the home their little lives are entwined with that of mother and father and are so utterly helpless and dependent upon them. Parents have the gracious and joyous privilege of providing not only for food, clothing and shelter for the children, but also the basic knowledge of life. It is during these early years that the child's inquiring mind responds so readily to the little children's songs about Jesus and to Bible stories. Through these songs, Bible stories, regular Bible reading and family prayers, parents may bring their children to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUA RESULTS — 1943

CHURCH	Enrollment	Average Attendance	Perfect Attendance	EVANGELIST	Professions	Additions
Millers -----	51	36	27	T. B. Ruff -----	10	0
Ebenezer -----	63	34	17	C. G. McClure -----	12	3
Low Gap -----	69	42	27	C. N. Morrison -----	15	3
Peak Creek -----	71	44	16	J. T. Barnham -----	12	1
Glendale Springs -----	78	45	32	W. C. McLaughlin -----	15	3
Laurel Forks -----	37	22	17	W. A. Brown -----	10	7
Bethel -----	38	21	9	J. W. Luke -----	10	1
Gillespie -----	45	35	20	Walter Key -----	2	2
Lansing -----	65	50	25	R. A. Brown -----	8	3
Foster Memorial -----	44	38	15	Meeting in Nov. -----		
Stone Chapel -----	25	15	8	C. H. Stark -----	0	0
Jefferson -----	49	39	21	J. W. Witherspoon -----	0	0
West Jefferson -----	No D.	V. B. S.		George Mauze -----	0	0
Obids -----	44	33	9	B. H. Wiggins -----	0	0
Big Ridge -----	42	31	13	W. T. Smith -----	2	2
Boggs -----	51	36	21	No Meeting -----		
Doval Community -----	46	27	2	No Meeting -----		
Total -----	818	548	279		96	25

SEVERAL CHAUTAUQUAS IN GLENDALE CHURCHES

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and Mrs. McLaughlin taught many Chinese songs and explained many Chinese customs, and told us many Chinese stories. The children gave a special offering for the starving children of China.

There were many professions and three united with the church at Glendale Springs.

LAUREL FORK CHURCH

The Laurel Fork Chautauqua opened July 26 and closed August 4. Rev. W. A. Brown, of the St. Paul Presbyterian Church, of Charlotte, N. C., preached for us in this meeting. The teachers in the Bible School were Miss Lois Calhoun, Mrs. Robert Long and J. W. Luke.

There were many who made professions at this meeting and there were seven who united with the church. One, Mrs. Robert Long, united on re-statement with the Laurel Forks Presbyterian Church.

An offering was given by the Bible School to the Barium Springs Orphanage.

MILLERS CHURCH

The Chautauqua opened here Aug. 9 and continued through Aug. 16. The evangelist for this meeting was Rev. Thos. B. Ruff, from Old Fort, N. C. Presbyterian Church. Mr. Ruff is one of the most consecrated preachers we have had, and is a splendid personal worker, as well as a preacher.

The teachers were: Miss Cleo Osborne, Miss Lois Calhoun, and J. W. Luke.

There were several professions among the children. We had one of the best meetings and Bible Schools of the summer.

FINE CHAUTAUQUAS IN JEFFERSON CHURCHES

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BOGGS CHURCH

Our Bible School at Boggs was one of the best of the entire summer. As always, the children were enthusiastic and gave themselves whole heartedly to the memory work and the singing of the choruses. Beginning with 31 on the first day, we had a total enrollment of 51 with an average attendance of 36. Of these, 21 attended every day. The teachers were Irene Baldwin for the beginners; Barbara Ogilvie for the primaries and Al Dimmock for the juniors.

EXTENDS WELCOME

The Jefferson Church gladly welcomes the young people of the North Wilkesboro District of Winston-Salem Presbytery on Saturday, September 25. The public is cordially invited to meet with us.

IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE ON MANY CHURCH BUILDINGS

Improvements still go on. The steps at Millers Church were completed before the meeting in August and now we have permanent concrete steps bordered with brick sides. Pipe banisters have been made and will be put in position at the pouring of concrete caps on brick work around the steps. Our next improvement is to complete basement for Sunday School rooms.

The Jefferson Church was glad to welcome Mr. J. M. Wells, Jr., of Winston-Salem on August 15 and enjoyed his splendid message from the pulpit. Our congregation appreciated his gracious offer to buy the paint for refinishing the inside walls of the church and are planning to get the work done as soon as possible. The outside of the church has recently been painted.

Here And There In The Lansing Field

Our new film-strip machine has been a source of interest and Bible study.

The pastor recently received a letter from Australia—Pfc. Jones Greer, from Stone Chapel section.

Joe Allen Warren is with the Anti-Aircraft Division in Virginia.

Miss Pearl Dolinger, an Army nurse, is on the ocean, somewhere.

Allene Powers has recited the Child's Catechism, recently.

The recently work-on floors of the manse are beautiful.

The Lansing Church Council has made Advance plans, and a Rally Day program has been worked out.

RECEPTION TO BE GIVEN LANSING SCHOOL TEACHERS

An informal reception will be given in honor of the Lansing grade and high school teachers. The Church, the teachers and the local committee are invited to come to the manse for the occasion—the date to be announced in the near future. County Superintendent A. B. Hurt will speak at this time. A program has been arranged.

GO BACK TO COLLEGE

Irene Baldwin and Lil Weaver have gone to Flora Macdonald College; Beryl May has gone back to Woman's College at Greensboro; Douglas Carty will continue his study at King College, Bristol, Tenn.; Denver Blevins will enter Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.; Marie Clark, Estella Blevins, Iris Young will continue their work at State Teacher's College, at Boone.

USED CLOTHING NEEDED FOR W. JEFFERSON SHOP

We will be very glad to receive used clothing for our used clothing store. This little shop is kept open each Saturday and during the year a sizable amount of money is secured which goes into various phases of the Lord's work in the Jefferson Field. Money from the shop this year was used for trips to Charlotte carrying people to hospital, helping to pay for needed operations, Chautauqua expenses and supplies, manse and church repairs and miscellaneous expenses connected with the Lord's work. Without this help, many needed services would of necessity be left undone.

There are those who may have clothes which no longer serve their individual purpose which could be sent to us. Some may have the opportunity to speak to some merchant or department store manager and ask for articles which are shop worn or out of season or out of style. All of these articles would be of great help. Our appreciation will be genuine and lasting. Many thanks to those of our friends who have sent such fine boxes of clothing.

Send yours either to Rev. or Mrs.

Ashe Represented At Home Mission Meeting

The Pre-Synod Home Mission Conference held at Flora Macdonald College in Red Springs was one of the best we have had in several years. Dr. E. E. Gillespie, Superintendent of Synod's Home Missions, is to be congratulated for his untiring efforts in arranging such an interesting and helpful program. Almost every phase of Home Missions work was discussed by very able and consecrated men.

A new emphasis was sounded on the Home Mission Emergency Fund Campaign by Dr. S. B. Lapsley, Campaign Director. The present pressing needs are: united, definite, sustained prayer, workers to take care of new work opened up as well as workers in established fields where there has been an increase of population and equipment in the form of new churches, chapels, Sunday school buildings, manses and building sites. To have all these things call for a great outlay of money. The quota for the Synod of North Carolina is \$63,717.00. Winston-Salem Presbyterian is asked to contribute \$4,613.00 of this amount.

Dr. H. G. Bedinger, President of Flora Macdonald College, and his co-workers merit our heartfelt thanks for the splendid way they entertained the members of the Conference and also the members of Synod.

There were 268 registered as attending the conference. Among this num-

B. A. Meeks, Jefferson, N. C., if sent by mail; if sent by express or freight, to West Jefferson, N. C.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS IN GLENDALE FIELD

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Bethel: Tracy Perry; Low Gap: Evelyn Bare, Hugh Darnell, J. L. Darnell; Peak Creek: Bueford Pendry; Ebenezer: Irene Atwood, Madgline Atwood, Raydell Black; Glendale Springs: Mary Lou Faw, Mrs. Jim Cox, Mary Frances Luke; Laurel Fork: Jerry A. Keys, Hiram Cox, Mrs. Robert Long, Elizabeth Joan Long, Muriel Evalyn Pruitt, Gladys Ulene Hart, Elain Cox.

Doing good is the only certainly happy action of a man's life. —Sir P. Sidney.

One of the sublimest things in the world is plain truth. — Bulwer.

We trust as we love and where we love. If we love Christ much, surely we shall trust Him much. — T. Brooks.

ber were Rev. J. W. Luke, Rev. C. H. Stark, Miss Lois Calhoun and Rev. B. A. Meeks from Ashe county.

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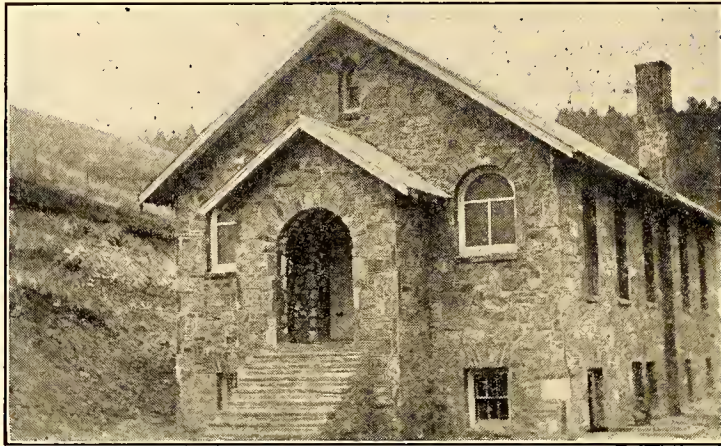
The other day I was looking into the Minutes of the session of the Foster Memorial Presbyterian Church. On the first page I noticed a historical sketch entered there by the Clerk of the session, Mr. Noah Graham.

I know that Ashe Presbyterian friends will enjoy this, too, so I will quote from the session book:

"The seed of the Foster Memorial Presbyterian Church was planted when an invitation was given (by a former Lansing girl, Miss Mabel Weaver, who had married and whose husband, Mr. D. C. Dickson, was principal of the Graham School) to Rev. R. H. Stone to preach in the School. The first service was on October 27, 1930. The people were pleased with the sermon and the kind personality of Mr. Stone, and he was invited to preach again, which he did, on November 7, 1930.

The community asked for a Christian Chautauqua, and on May 24, 1931, one of the new tents was taken off the train opposite the school and pitched in the valley. Dr. E. E. Gillespie conducted the evangelistic services. Many conversions resulted; the outcome was a petition of seventeen names asking for the organization of a church. The Presbytery of Winston-Salem granted this and the congregation elected to call themselves The Foster Memorial Church, in appreciation of the work done by Mrs. Elizabeth (Neal) Foster, who has been for many years a member of the Church Triumphant.

A lot was given by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hartsog. L. B. Ham, Will Little and N. W. Graham were elected trustees. The first Sunday in July, 1931, a Sun-



day School was organized by Rev. R. H. Stone and the school building was secured for the accommodation of the same. The following officers and teachers were elected: Mrs. N. W. Graham, Superintendent; Mr. L. B. Ham, Treasurer; Miss Ruby Dolinger, secretary; Bible teacher, N. W. Graham; junior teacher, Mrs. L. B. Ham; primary teacher, Mrs. William Little; beginner teacher, Mrs. Hattie Hartsog.

In October, 1931, excavation was begun for a handsome stone-veneer church with full basement. The first service was held in it, November 22, 1931 and in spite of a whooping cough epidemic, there were 93 at Sunday School. That night, Dr. Gillespie began a meeting which lasted eight days. On the concluding day the church was formally organized by a commission appointed by the Presbytery, consisting of Dr. E. E. Gillespie, Chairman; Revs. E. W. Thompson, R. H. Stone, J. W. Luke and ruling elders, J. C. Crawford and E. A. McNeil. The sermon was preached by Rev. E. W. Thompson.

L. B. Ham and N. W. Graham were ruling elders and A. L. Carter and F. M. Ham were elected deacons; all of which accepted and were duly installed. Those coming into the church as Charter members were: A. L. Carter, Mrs. A. L. Carter, Mrs. Alice Dolinger, N. W. Graham, Mrs. N. W. Graham, L. B. Ham, Mrs. L. B. Ham, F. M. Ham, Miss Ruth Ham, Mrs. Hattie Hartsog, Miss Mary Hartsog, Miss Maggie Hartsog, Mrs. Rausa Sullivan, and Mrs. H. G. Wiles. . . ."
(Signed) N. W. Graham, Clerk.

This historical sketch was approved at a meeting of the session on April 8, 1932. Rev. R. H. Stone continued to be pastor for almost ten years, till he was succeeded in 1940 by Rev. C. H. Stark.

Foster Memorial has felt the pinch of war times, but in spite of problems faced, it is still carrying on the work of the Kingdom. The work of Evangelism is carried out in the summer with the aid of Bible School. An evangelistic service will be held in this church in November. An outstanding evangelist will be our guest preacher; his name is withheld pending definite acceptance. We ask your prayers for the furtherance of this work in the mountains.

This feature article is sponsored and paid for by a devoted friend of the Foster Memorial Church, who desires that his name be withheld. The electric lights he installed have lighted our church, but his thoughtful kindness has featured the light of His love. For his many thoughtful kindnesses, he has our genuine and lasting appreciation.

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Churches Are Making Plans For Christmas

Ashe churches are again making plans for Christmas programs, some of which are announced here:

The simple and lovely Christmas Service, "The Christmas Pilgrims" will be given by groups of worshippers in the following Jefferson group of churches:

Jefferson—Sunday, December 19, at 6:45; Obids—Thursday, December 23, at 7:00; Big Ridge—Friday, Dec. 24 at 7:00.

Our sincere Christmas greetings and wishes for a Happy New Year go to our large circle of readers and may your lives be enriched by the full realization of the Gospel joys, hopes, ideals and visions.

AT LANSING CHURCH

The Christmas pageant at the Lansing Church will be held on Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock on December 19. The public is cordially invited to attend.

IN GLENDALE FIELD

The Christmas schedule in this field has not entirely been completed, but announcements will be made at each church of the date of the pageants and Christmas trees to be held. The pageant, "Pilgrims of Christmas" will be given at each church. An offering for aged ministers will be taken up at each program. Those who love the old and worn out ministers who need our help, will be given a chance to make a gift to them at Christmas time.

The Christmas schedule will be from December 17 through December 23. The exact dates will be announced for each church.

The people of the Glendale Springs field wish all of our readers — THE CHEER AND JOY TO ALL WHO WILL BELIEVE IN THE CHRIST CHILD. MAY YOU WALK WITH HIM THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR.

Presbyterian Men In Service For Country

The following list does not include the many young men who attended our Sunday Schools and Young People's Meetings but those whose names are on our church books as members, but we honor them as we do those listed as members. If we have left out any name, we would be glad to add it to the list.

Glendale Springs—Hobert Sheets, Milton Sheets; Low Gap—Clifton Allen, Albert Bare, Tam Lyle; Laurel Fork—Hubert Cox, Dean Miller, Ro-

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LEAVES FOR ARMY



REV. CARL H. STARK, pastor of the Lansing group of churches, has accepted appointment as army chaplain. Mr. Stark graduated from Union Theological Seminary in 1940 and came to Lansing as his first pastorate, where he has rendered outstanding service. His fine qualities of mind and heart and personality, together with his ability as a leader and preacher have won for him a place of distinction in Ashe County. He is highly esteemed and loved by all who know him. All of us regret to see him go, but Mr. Stark felt that his duty was with the armed forces at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Stark and their little daughter, Elizabeth Louise, shown below, left for their home in Sarasota, Florida, on December 1st, where they will spend the Christmas Holidays together before Mr. Stark takes up his new duties on January 1, 1944.



Starks Are Given A Farewell Supper

A beautiful and touching service supper was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stark in October. The supper was given by the Lansing, Gillespie and Foster Memorial Churches, and was held in the basement of the Lansing Church.

After supper had been served, representatives from each church expressed their appreciation for the services rendered by the pastor and his wife.

Walter Osborne spoke for the Lansing Church.
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Prayer Services Are Held Thanksgiving

There were splendid Thanksgiving services conducted in the Jefferson Group of Churches. The first was in the West Jefferson Church on Sunday morning before Thanksgiving day and in the Big Ridge Church that afternoon.

On Thursday in the Jefferson Church we had a real community service with the pastor of the Methodist Church bringing the message.

Following the service a delightful dinner was served in the basement of the church. A very fine spirit prevailed and a good time was had by all.

Thursday afternoon a service was conducted in the Obids Church. In all the services a special prayer was held for the men serving in the armed forces.

The following offerings were received for Barium Springs: West Jefferson, \$5.50; Big Ridge, \$1.34; Obids, \$8.00; Jefferson, \$16.06. The offering made in Jefferson was divided equally with the Methodist Church.

Special Services In Glendale Churches

The Thanksgiving services were held according to the schedule below. The offerings for Barium Springs Orphanage are also indicated after the names of each service:

The pastor, J. W. Luke, preached from the text Psalm 103:2, "Bless the Lord O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." A special prayer of Thanksgiving to God was offered, and prayer for the men in service was included. Individuals of the congregation brought the names of those with whom they were acquainted in the service of their country. There was special prayer for these men offered.

At the close of the service the congregation was furnished with writing material to write letters to these men. Each person put in a paragraph until the letter was made up of a great many short messages from many of the congregation. There was lots of fun in doing this, and we trust the boys in service have as much fun reading these letters as we did writing them.

The Thanksgiving services were held at the following churches and offerings made:

Nov. 23, Ebenezer, \$2.13; Nov. 24, Glendale Springs (W. Aux. Incl.), \$20.80; Nov. 25, Laurel Forks, \$4.54; Nov. 26, Low Gap, \$4.18; Nov. 27, Bethel, \$7.50; Nov. 28, Peak Creek, 11 a. m., \$3.10; Nov. 28, Millers, 7:30 p. m., \$3.12; Total \$45.37.

HOME PRAYER MEETING

On Nov. 29 at 7:30 p. m., a prayer meeting was held in the home of Mr. [Name].
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EDITORIAL

The Christmas season comes again to a world at war, intent on the destruction of life and property. The thousand deafening noises of battle, the weeping of the lonely and sorrowing heart, the feverish ways of war should not keep us from observing Christmas. It is not mockery to sing the angels' song of peace and good will toward men when our soldiers, sailors, marines and air-men are locked in a death struggle, when countless multitudes suffer from homelessness, hunger, and disease; a dark picture indeed. It was to a world in the grip of sin, selfishness and greed that the Christ Child came. Now as never before, should we emphasize the glorious fact that, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life". It is a time for Christians to so dedicate themselves to Christ that they may give to the world a real demonstration of divine love. All the parents in our beloved Church should strive to make this a Christ-centered Christmas, with emphasis on showing His love unto others.

The love of Christ is a love so full and free that tenderness and mercy and kindness unhindered, unforced, unconstrained flows continually like water from a mountain spring; a love so full and free that there is no place for hate, revenge or ill-will; a love as high as the heavens, as deep as man's sins and as wide as the needs of mankind.

Above all else may we give ourselves to prayer. Let us give ourselves to prayer for God's blessing and guidance on the chaplains ministering to those in the armed forces, and on the ministers helping to sustain faith and hope in those remaining at home and to bring comfort to the sorrowing ones. Let us lift up our heart to God asking for a righteous and enduring peace. The following prayer offered by Rev. Sir Henry W. Baker in 1861 is a very appropriate prayer for us today.

"Oh God of love, O King of peace, Make wars throughout the world to cease; The wrath of sinful man restrain: Give peace, O God, give peace again!"

District Aux. Meeting At Glendale Springs

The North Wilkesboro District rally of the Woman's Auxiliary met with the Glendale Springs Auxiliary at the home of Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Yelanjian on October 14.

Mrs. W. J. Bason, district chairman, had charge of the program. The goals for the year were: "Every woman enlisted for Christ" and "I must be about my Father's business".

The meeting was featured with some excellent talks on "Evangelism", "Foreign Missions", and "Second Year Advance", which last subject is the emphasis of the year.

The meeting was well attended in spite of damp weather. Most of the churches in the district were represented. A beautiful lunch was served.

GLENDALE AUXILIARY ACTIVE

The women of the Presbyterian Church at Glendale Springs are very active this year. Our hearts were made glad by the return of our president, Mrs. Louis J. Yelanjian. At this time we are busy finishing a quilt for Barium Springs. Our Auxiliary helped to fill quart jars for our local Ashe County Hospital and the Wilkes County Hospital. The cash offering of the Auxiliary to Barium Springs was \$4.30. We are looking forward to our Christmas program this month.

WEST JEFFERSON STUDYING

The West Jefferson Auxiliary has been studying the book of Acts, under the leadership of Mrs. B. A. Meeks. There has been regular attendance and much interest has been shown in this study. An offering of \$3.00 was sent for the Home Mission Emergency.

All the young men in the service of their country and the boys and girls away at school are being remembered with a box of good things to eat.

The pastor and his family were generously remembered during the Thanksgiving Season.

INTEREST AT JEFFERSON

The Jefferson Auxiliary is engaging in the study of the book of Acts at the Wednesday evening prayer meeting. Quite a number of both men and women are taking active part in this study conducted by the pastor. Some of the young people are also in regu-

Remember, Lord, thy works of old, The wonders that our fathers told; Remember not our sin's dark stain: Give peace, O God, give peace again!

Whom shall we trust but thee, O Lord? Where rest but on thy faithful word? None ever called on thee in vain: Give peace, O God, give peace again!

Where saints and angels dwell above, All hearts are knit in holy love; O bind us in that heavenly chain: Give peace, O God, give peace again!"

lar attendance. An offering of \$2.11 was made by the Auxiliary for the Home Mission Emergency Fund.

All the young men in the service of their country and the boys and girls who are away are being remembered with a box of good things to eat and other gifts.

LAUREL FORK CANS MUCH

Laurel Fork Woman's Auxiliary had an excellent program on Barium Springs. The women have filled ninety-six quarts of fruit and vegetables for the orphanage. They also made a gift of money.

They are looking forward now to the presenting of the Auxiliary Pageant at Christmas time.

Here And There In The Lansing Field

Miss Alene Powers received a prize for perfect attendance during the past year in the Lansing S. S.

The Lansing people will be glad to see Raymond Campbell when he returns home from the Army. He gets a medical discharge next month. Raymond will mean much to Ashe Presbyterianism and The Kingdom.

The manse floors are beautiful after being sanded, varnished and polished. Will some Good Samaritan help us get out of a small debt?

Ashe Presbyterian friends have often seen the name of Conley Thompson as a faithful worker and elder of the Gillespie Church. Well, now you can hear the name of Conley, Jr.! Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs.

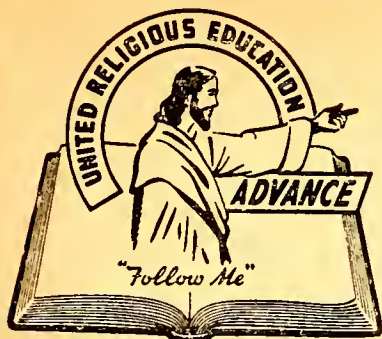
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We are realizing also more and more that a person, religiously speaking, is the product of his home more than anything else and that if the young people of our generation are to receive the kind of Christian nurture and training that will be effective, the Church has got to do more to help inspire and guide parents in building up a more Christian pattern of home life and giving more consecrated and intelligent effort to the training of their children in the home.

This is the thing that is being emphasized in the Religious Education Advance this year. Things are ripe for it. People are thinking about the home and appreciating the home as never before, both those many who have gone out to war in the far parts of the world and those who have stayed at home. More people are reading their Bibles in the home and more people are praying as families because they are finding it their only refuge.

It is encouraging to note the many pastors and churches who have sensed this opportunity and are launching forth in definite plans for encouraging and helping these parents to make their homes real centers of Christian living and Christian training.

In this connection I would especially recommend what some pastors are already doing with fine results and that is to take their people through a series of studies at prayer meeting or some other time on the Christian home using as a guide that little pamphlet by Dr. Harry Munroe which may be secured from our Committee in Richmond for 25 cents, "Parents Are Teachers of Religion."

J. O. Mann, Director of Religious Education.

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PRESBYTERIAN MEN IN SERVICE FOR COUNTRY

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bert L. Loag; Peak Creek—Richard Sheets, Ronald Girtman, Beauford Pendry, Villard Blevins, Rex Vires; Ebenezer—Wayne Bare, Claude Farrington, James Long; Bethel—Richard Osborne, Woodrow Neely; Millers—Ernest Miller; Lansing—Raymond Campbell, Joe Allen Warren, Dr. R. F. Barr, John Barr, Pearl Dolinger, Warren Hartzog, Dent Dolinger, Byron Carty and Paul Barker.

Jefferson—Robert McNeill, Leighton Meeks; West Jefferson—Scott Denney, Carl Woody, Arnold Miller, Claud Blevins; Obids—Roger Roark, Dean Severt; Big Ridge—Leonard Bare, Wayne Bare, Lynn Bare.

STARKS ARE GIVEN A FAREWELL SUPPER

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sing Church, Conley Thompson spoke for Gillespie, and Noah Graham spoke for Foster Memorial. These words were sincerely given and impressively expressed. The pastor then gave a brief devotional on the subject of friendship. At the close of the service each Church gave a special and generous gift to the pastor.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

The three churches of the Lansing Field had special services during the Thanksgiving season. The pastor conducted these services with a special sermon on the subject of Thanksgiving to God.

One of the impressive parts of these services were the personal testimonies that were given. Many men and women briefly expressed their thanks showing their appreciation for the blessings so freely given to us by our Heavenly Father. Offerings were taken for the Barium Springs Orphanage.

JUNIOR CHOIR

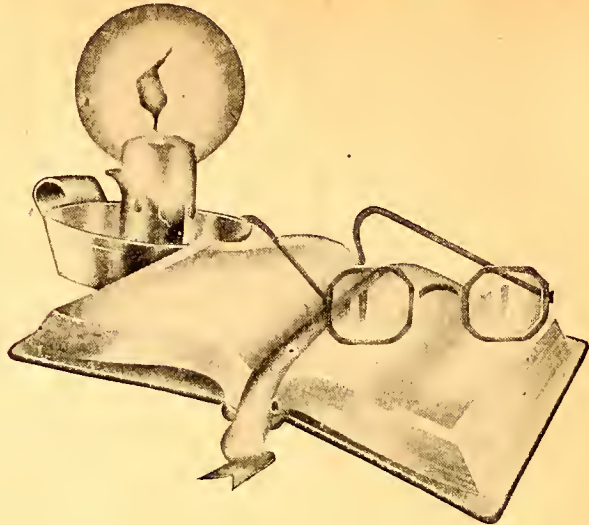
The Junior Choir has expressed its desire to continue its services. Mrs. Walter Osborne and Mrs. Charles Weaver have taken over the leadership of the choir. We wish that Ashe Presbyterian readers could get a glimpse of this choir at work—not that they would see something spectacular, rather its simplicity and genuineness.

After songs are practiced, scripture is recited and then each member gives a sentence prayer. Certainly the high spirituality of this choir has rendered invaluable service in moulding young

SPECIAL SERVICES IN GLENDALE CHURCHES

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and Mrs. Everett Lyle on the night before Junior Lyle, their son, was scheduled to go to camp as a recruit for the Navy. There were about thirty people present, and the Pastor, J. W. Luke, led the service. At the call of the leader, all Christians reconsecrated themselves, and two or three made professions of faith in the Lord. May God be with Junior as he goes into the service of his country was our prayer.



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Stewardship Plans For Churches Announced

PLANS FOR JEFFERSON FIELD

Tentative plans have been made for a supper meeting for the members of the Jefferson, West Jefferson, Obids and Big Ridge churches to be held in the community building in West Jefferson. The exact date and the speaker will be announced later.

STEWARDSHIP LETTER

A stewardship letter has been mailed to all the families in the Jefferson group of churches calling attention to the fact that the church is a divine institution providing a place of worship and is a perennial source of spiritual blessing thereby making it a vital factor in the well-being of the community.

IN GLENDALE SPRINGS FIELD

Treasurer reports of each of the seven churches have been mimeographed and sent or handed to the members of the Glendale field.

Pledge cards will be mailed to each member or handed to them at special stewardship meetings. Each member is asked to make their pledge for next (Continued on Page Two)

NEW LANSING PASTOR



Rev. J. S. Johnson, who has recently begun work as pastor of the Lansing group of churches.

Rev. J. S. Johnson Is Pastor For Lansing

The congregations in the Lansing field are rejoicing over the coming of the new pastor, Rev. J. S. Johnson. All of us feel that God in His good providence has brought this man of God to us to minister in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and to do his part in the program of Kingdom building. Only a few months have elapsed since Mr. Stark left us to accept an appointment to the chaplaincy in the U. S. Army.

Mr. Johnson comes to us from Rex, North Carolina, and is an experienced minister. His graduation from Davidson College and from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va., together with his ministerial experience, assures for him a place of leadership.

We thank God and take courage as Mr. Johnson takes up his ministry among us.

Progress Is Made On Manse At Lansing

The lower floor of the new manse at Lansing is now complete with the exception of stairway arrangements and minor lighting fixtures. Since last mentioned, the inner walls of a bedroom, two closets, a bathroom and the pastor's study, have been finished and painted.

To do this job no money raising campaign was necessary since the interest was such that personal gifts covered the cost, about \$250. Outside, (Continued on Page Two)

Plans Announced For Easter Programs

Churches are again making plans for a fitting observance of the Easter season. The public is cordially invited to attend all of the services.

JEFFERSON FIELD

A special union service is being planned for the entire membership of the Jefferson, West Jefferson, Obids and Big Ridge churches on Easter Sunday morning in the Jefferson church at 11:00 o'clock.

The Lord's Supper will be observed. Appropriate music will be rendered. We hope that each member will make a special effort to be present for this service and come praying for God's blessing upon it.

LANSING FIELD

Plans are forming for a special Easter service at Lansing, April 9 at 8:00 p. m., with characters expressing varied scripture passages, preparing for the Light, pointing to the Light and proclaiming the victory of the Light over darkness.

This will be accompanied by music amid a colorful sequence in lighting, providing some of the necessary appliances can be secured by that time.

GLENDALE FIELD

It has been the custom of the churches in this field to celebrate Easter by holding the Lord's Supper in remembrance of the death of our Lord.

A schedule has been worked out for the seven churches. Although our members are scattered during these times, we hope the few that are left in the country will make every effort to come together for this service. The schedule is as follows:

April 1—Miller's Church at 7:00 p. m.; April 8—Bethel Church at 7:00 p. m.; April 9—Laurel Fork at 11:30 a. m.; April 9—Laurel Fork at 11:30 a. m.; Low Gap at 2:30 p. m., and Peak Creek at 7:00 p. m.; April 16—Ebenezer at 11:00 a. m.

Each person coming to the service is asked to bring a piece of evergreen with him as we will use it in a unique service before we take the Lord's Supper.

MY EASTER WISH

"May the glad dawn,
Of Easter morn
Bring joy to thee.

May the calm eve
Of Easter leave
A peace divine with thee.

May Easter night,
On thine heart write,
O Christ, I live for Thee."

—Author Unknown.

TENTATIVE CHAUTAUQUA SCHEDULE FOR 1944 GIVEN

Glendale Group

The dates are set for the Christian Chautauquas for the coming summer. The ministers who will help in the evangelistic work have not been contacted at least not all of them. Neither have the teachers, who will help in the Bible School program, been secured. The dates are as follows: May 15-26; May 29-June 9; June 12-23; June 26-July 7; July 10-21; July 24-Aug. 4; Aug. 7-21.

LANSING GROUP

Plans for the summer Christian Chautauquas are under way. Rev. R. L. Buchannon, Pine Hall, and Rev. G. R. Womeldorf, Winston-Salem, have been secured as visiting evangelists for two of our churches and we are expecting a favorable reply from two other ministers this week, for the other two churches.

JEFFERSON GROUP

Plans for the summer Christian Chautauquas are taking definite shape. Each church and out-post Sunday School is to have a Bible School and Evangelistic service. Tentative dates are as follows: June 7-18; June 21-July 2; July 5-16; July 19-30; Aug. 2-13.

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EDITORIAL

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. —I Peter 1:3.

What is this lively hope? It is not the hope common to all men, but a Christian hope which is the result of the work of grace in the heart of man. Hope is the expectation of future good which the heart craves. The hope of the Christian is immortality—eternal life. It is not merely length of days, not merely life, but the richest, the fullest life possible. It is spiritual life as contrasted with spiritual death. It is that state wherein man reaches his highest possibility through the grace of God, by the resurrection from the dead.

The resurrection life brings about a cessation of care, of change, of strife, of struggle, and carries beyond the reach of disease, and sorrow, and suffering. In the putting on of this immortality there is a laying aside of that which limits and hinders whereby we are made perfect in holiness and live a larger, fuller, richer, grander and nobler life. There is a complete release from the limitations of the fleshly nature giving the grace of God free course in the new personality filled with all the fullness of God.

The life which is to come for the true believer in Christ is free from everything that mars or is undesirable. Pain will be no more. Sorrows, separations, disappointments are a part of our lot here on earth, but not in our heavenly home. It is there that we will be enjoying everything desirable. There we will find perfect peace, perfect joy, perfect harmony of our being, yea, perfect blessedness. No longer will there be conflicting motives and desires.

That first glad Easter Morning when Jesus arose from the dead bringing life and immortality to light gave assurance that this hope of the Christian will be realized.

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Potato patch and workers at Glendale Springs.



A group of the children at Glendale Springs that raised chickens.

STEWARDSHIP PLANS FOR CHURCHES ARE ANNOUNCED

(Brought from Page One)

year, and hand his card into the treasurer of his church or the pastor.

Stewardship sermons will be preached in all of these churches during the month of March.

STEWARDSHIP IN POTATOES

Last spring, the members of the Glendale Springs church planted a patch of potatoes on the lot which we have bought for a church building. The patch yielded about 25 bushels of potatoes which we are planning to sell for seed potatoes this spring.

The Low Gap and Ebenezer young people also had patches of potatoes and hope to sell about 20 bushels this spring for seed.

STEWARDSHIP IN CHICKENS

You will notice the picture in this paper of a primary and beginners class of children. These classes are those of Mrs. Delmer Rose and Mrs. J. W. Luke, in the Glendale Springs Sunday School. The following plan was thought up for the children to make a little money for their church:

We offered to buy 50 little chicks from the Blue Ridge Hatchery so as to put four or five chickens in the care of each child that would take them to raise. Mr. Foster, the owner of the hatchery, gave us about 75 chickens and the children were delighted to take the downy little chicks. Each child was given the privilege of keeping one chicken for their own after they had raised them. After the chickens were frier-size the chickens were sold on the market and brought \$25.51, which was a fine profit for these little classes. The money is to be put on the building of a church at Glendale Springs.

STEWARDSHIP IN QUILTS

The Glendale Springs Auxiliary has completed a quilt to be sold for the benefit of the new church building. The women met all day at the manse and completed the quilt. Lunches were brought and a fine dinner was served in picnic style.

The women killed two birds with one stone, for they had a Bible Study of the whole book of Acts while they worked. Rev. L. J. Yelanjian lectured on the first twelve chapters and Rev. J. W. Luke went over the last sixteen chapters. The day was enjoyed by all.

PROGRESS IS MADE ON MANSE AT LANSING

(Brought from Page One)

cave troughs have at last been available and have just been put in place today. The church has fitted the manse with a number of necessities and home-like touches, the expense and work being met by personal gifts and time.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

Our hearts go out in sympathy to Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Luke in the death of Mrs. Luke's mother, who died at her home in Wagram, North Carolina, on March 16.

Laurel Fork Auxiliary Has Elected Officers

Reports from the Laurel Fork Auxiliary have been sent in. Officers and cause secretary are elected, too, ready to be installed at our April meeting.

Laurel Fork Auxiliary has made progress this year. The most marked feature of this auxiliary this year has not been in gifts, programs, etc., splendid as that has been, but there seems to have been a deeper spiritual growth developing among its members. For this we are grateful.

WITH THE COLORS

The former pastor, Chaplain C. H. Stark, is at the chaplain school at Cambridge, Mass., but his stay there is about at end. Mrs. Stark and young daughter, Louise, are at Sarasota, Florida.

Walter Osborne, an elder in the Lansing Church, began service in the Navy about the first of February.

FOREIGN MISSION PROGRAMS

The Glendale Field Foreign Mission programs consisted in Foreign Mission sermons on Foreign Missions by the pastor J. W. Luke. By the use of a large wall map, the mission fields of our church were pointed out to the congregations and discussed. One part of the sermon was about what soldiers, who had contacted foreign mission work in service, were saying about it. Special prayers were made that the Lord would send laborers into the field that is white to the harvest. Special offerings were also received at each of the seven services.

Announce Schedule For Worship Services

JEFFERSON FIELD

Rev. B. A. Meeks, Pastor

First Sunday—West Jefferson, 11:00 a. m.; Big Ridge, 3:00 p. m. and Jefferson, 8:00 p. m.

Second Sunday—West Jefferson, 11:00 a. m. and Obids, 12:20 p. m.

Third Sunday—West Jefferson, 11:00 a. m.; Jefferson, 12:00 noon; Big Ridge, 3:00 p. m.; and Jefferson, 8:00 p. m.

Fourth Sunday—West Jefferson, 11:00 a. m.; Jefferson, 12:00 noon; and Obids, 3:00 p. m.

Fifth Sunday—West Jefferson, 11:00 p. m. Jefferson, 12:00 noon.

Mid-week prayer service is held at the Jefferson church each Wednesday evening.

Sunday Schools each Sunday—West Jefferson, 10:00 a. m.; Jefferson, 11:00 a. m.; Obids, 11:00 a. m.; and Big Ridge, 3:00 p. m.

LANSING FIELD

Rev. J. S. Johnson, Pastor

First Sunday—Lansing, 11:00 a. m.; Foster Memorial, 3:00 p. m.

Second Sunday—Stone's Chapel, 11:00 a. m.; Gillespie, 3:00 p. m.; Lansing, 8:00 p. m.

Third Sunday—Lansing, 11:00 a. m.; Foster Memorial, 3:00 p. m.

Fourth Sunday—Lansing, 11:00 a. m.; Gillespie, 3:00 p. m.

Fifth Sunday—Lansing, 11:00 a. m.

GLENDALE SPRINGS FIELD

Rev. J. W. Luke, Pastor

First and Third Saturdays—Miller's Church, 7:30 p. m.

Second and Fourth Saturdays—Bethel Church, 7:30 p. m.

First Sunday—Glendale Springs, 11:00 a. m.; Whittington School, 7:30 p. m.

Second Sunday—Laurel Fork, 11:30 a. m.; Low Gap, 2:30 p. m.; Peak Creek, 7:30 p. m.

Third Sunday—Ebenezer, 11:00 a. m.; Glendale Springs, 7:30 p. m.

Fourth Sunday—Peak Creek, 11:00 a. m.; Low Gap, 2:30 p. m.; Laurel Fork, 7:30 p. m.

Sunday School each Sunday—Glendale Springs, 10:30 a. m.; Ebenezer, Peak Creek, Laurel Fork, 11:00 a. m.; Low Gap, Miller's, 2:30 p. m.; Bethel, 4:00 p. m.

STUDYING CATECHISM

The following children have recited the Child's Catechism at Glendale Springs: Odell Black, Elmer Lyle, Charles Caudill.

Both the Child's Catechism and the Shorter Catechism are being emphasized in the Jefferson Sunday School. Progress is being made in memorizing as the interest increases.

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How Do We Measure Up In Stewardship?

By O. V. Caudill

In one of the recent leaflets coming from the Stewardship Committee, W. M. Elliott, Jr., discusses stewardship and gives the leaflet the title of "Up To Standard."

When we think of this subject in relationship to the work of the church in all of its various undertakings we might ask ourselves, "What is up to standard?"

Dr. Elliott is very bold to say that there is only one standard and that is the Bible principle of the tithe.

When the benevolent budget is apportioned to the churches we are asked to follow a percentage basis in giving. The Foreign Mission cause asks for 25.20% of the dollar; Assembly's Home Missions, 13.80%; Christian Education and M. R. 6.00%; Religious Education, 2.25%; Synod's Home Missions, 10.50%; Presbytery's Home Missions, 15.00%; Orphans, 8.50% and on down the line with all the causes.

We all will agree with Dr. Elliott about the tithe, and every thing he has said, but when a special is taken for any of the committees and the local church finds it has gone over the amount asked for that cause, and then by the end of the year the specials for three or four committees has pushed up the benevolent budget of the local church far beyond the total that was to be given to all causes, can we say that is up to standard?

Let us say we send to the central treasurer just half of the regular benevolent budget the church has taken and the other half is marked special for other communities, is that up to standard?

This has become a serious question because some of our committees do not take specials. If only half of our offerings go into the regular channels and the other half goes into specials, the church can truthfully say it has given the amount asked for, for benevolences. Taking this as an example, the Home Mission Committee of our Presbytery would only get 7½% of the 15% it is supposed to get. Could we say this is up to standard?

That is why each church in our Presbytery this year has been asked to send something that might be left in the treasury of each church when the year's work is closed.

We can only be up to standard in our churches when we meet the amount for each cause as nearly as possible, and this cannot be done by adding all we have given to all the benevolent causes and looking at the total, even if we have gone far above the amount we have been asked to take.

The purpose of the special, it seems to me, has been to bring the offerings in some of our larger committees up to standard, and we should take specials.

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Chautauquas Held; Others Are Planned

Already, several successful chautauquas have been held this season while others are now in session and still others are scheduled for a little later date. This schedule is printed elsewhere in this paper.

WEST JEFFERSON

As this issue of the Ashe Presbyterian goes to press we are in the midst of a splendid Chautauqua in the West Jefferson church. The children in the Bible School are very much interested and the teachers are doing excellent work.

Dr. Joe H. Carter, of Anderson, South Carolina, is preaching each evening. His messages are spiritual, inspiring and helpful. Attendance and interest have been good.

PEAK CREEK

Peak Creek Chautauqua has just begun and has run for three days. We have enrolled about 43 and the congregations have increased at the meeting and Miss Cleo Osborne, Miss Ruth Bowlin and Miss Rubye Wyatt are assisting in the Bible School. The date of this Chautauqua has been planned from June 11 through 23. The results of the Peak Creek Chautauqua will be written up in the next issue of the Ashe Presbyterian.

SEASON OPENED MAY 15

The Chautauqua season opened up on May 15 and we began with some misgivings as war conditions have taken many people out of the country and we have just recently lost Miss Lois Calhoun, who has gone to Birmingham Presbytery to work. However, we started with a bang and had one of the best Bible Schools and meetings we have had for some time. I have asked Miss Rubye Wyatt, who is helping in the Bible Schools, to write up the Bethel Chautauqua. Here is her story of the Chautauqua:

BETHEL CHAUTAUQUA

The annual Christian Chautauqua was held at Bethel church, beginning May 15 and continuing through May 26.

Rev. J. T. Barham, of Concord, was the visiting preacher. His sermons were very forceful and the invitations most impressive. A number of people confessed the Lord, with five additions to the church. There were many consecrations by Christians.

The Bible School was conducted by Rev. J. W. Luke, assisted by Miss Cleo Osborne, Miss Rubye Wyatt and Mrs. J. W. Luke, as pianist.

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Express Appreciation For Miss Lois Calhoun

By Rev. J. W. Luke

On October, 1936, Miss Lois Calhoun came to Ashe county as a worker in the Glendale Springs Field. There was very little salary assured her and it was mainly a venture of faith. She worked and received a little salary now and then. After about three years of work, the Home Mission Committee made arrangements for paying Miss Calhoun a regular salary.

About a year ago, Rev. Marion Dick who had held several meetings for us in Ashe county and had seen Miss Calhoun's good work, asked her to accept work in the defense areas around Birmingham, Alabama.

For some time she resisted the call to leave Ashe county, but finally she was convinced of the great work to be done around Birmingham and accepted the call to leave May 1, 1944.

Miss Calhoun has been a faithful and untiring worker among us for eight years. She has been faithful in working among the young people, many of whom of late, express how much they miss her. She was faithful in the Woman's Auxiliary. She was faithful in Sunday School work and all church work. During the eight years of her stay with us, she taught and played for about 48 Bible Schools and meetings. She was an untiring visitor among the people of the seven churches of the Glendale Springs Field.

When General Lee lost General Jackson during the Civil War, he is quoted as saying, "I have lost my right arm." The minister of the Glendale Field can truly say he has lost an untiring and faithful worker upon whom he depended.

Miss Calhoun has left with us her example of faithfulness stamped upon our lives and the lives of our young people. Her devotion and consecration to her Saviour was carried out in action and can not be forgotten.

When Miss Calhoun stands to give an account of her service on earth, we feel sure the Master will say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

May God bless her in her new work.

MAKING PLANS TO ATTEND GLADE VALLEY CONFERENCE

Conference season is here again; and the delegates from the Glendale Springs field are looking forward to attending the Young People's Conference at Glade Valley, June 19-24.

Each church plans to send at least one representative. None the less enthusiastic are our pioneers, as they await their turn to attend Glade Valley Camp June 26-July 1.

Announce Dates For Future Chautauquas

LANSING GROUP

Gillespie, July 12-19—Rev. W. F. F. Little, of Littleton, North Carolina, is to be the evangelist. Teachers for the Bible School are Rev. W. F. F. Little, the pastor, Rev. J. S. Johnson and Miss Mildred Elliott of the Gillespie community.

Foster Memorial, July 24-30—Rev. G. R. Womeldorf, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, is to be the evangelist. Teachers for the Bible School are Rev. G. R. Womeldorf, the pastor, Rev. J. S. Johnson and Misses Helen Eldreth and Clarissa Wiles of the community.

Stone's Chapel, August 2-9—Rev. T. A. Guiton, of Parkton, North Carolina, is to be the evangelist. Teachers for the Bible School are Rev. T. A. Guiton, the pastor, Rev. J. S. Johnson and Miss Mildred Elliott.

Lansing, August 14-20—Rev. Ralph L. Buchanan, of Pine Hall, North Carolina, is to be the evangelist. Teachers for the Bible School are Rev. R. L. Buchanan, the pastor, Rev. J. S. Johnson, Mrs. Thomas J. Powers and Miss Irene Baldwin.

JEFFERSON GROUP

Jefferson, June 21-July 2—Rev. Walter K. Keys, of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, is to be the evangelist. Teachers for the Bible School are Misses Myrtle Ruth Blevins and Josephine Brown, Mesdames Jim Colvard, Tom McEwen, J. C. Brown and B. A. Meeks. Community Christian Church, July 3-14—Teachers for the Bible School are Miss Zola Richardson, Mesdames Jim Colvard, J. C. Brown, Tom Mc-

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Improvements Made At Jefferson Church

For some time we have been planning to redecorate the inside of the Jefferson Church. Now that the auditorium and the Sunday School rooms have been re-finished, the entire congregation is rejoicing over the added attractiveness. It was only last year that the outside of the church received a shining new coat of white paint. The roof also was re-finished.

The dwellers in the Jefferson manse are feeling a deeper sense of security during the rainy seasons since getting a new roof over their heads. It is remarkable how long roofs on church property last, but the old roof on the manse had about served its purpose, having been turning the rain for twenty years. No longer will those sleeping in the manse be awakened by the sound of rain on the ceiling or on the floor going drip, drip, drip.

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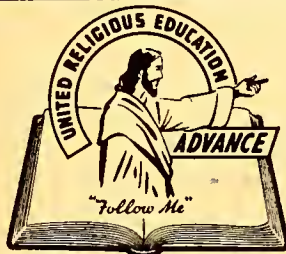
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The objective for every Bible School is to reach every individual in every community with Christian teachings bringing them face to face with the living Christ as the Saviour of mankind, endeavoring to lead those out of Christ to an acceptance of Him as their personal Saviour.

Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.—I Cor. 4:2.

A steward is one to whom something has been committed for which an account is to be rendered as to use or disposition. As Christian men and women we are all stewards. We are stewards of the Gospel of Christ. We are stewards of the gifts, abilities and talents given unto us by the Lord.

As Christian stewards we are to be found faithful in the discharge of our duties. It may be that we will not be able to lead the world as thinkers, scientists, educators, public speakers, journalists, lawyers, doctors, preachers, teachers, business executives, but we can be faithful stewards of our abilities whether great or small. We may not be able to render any spectacular service nor do anything to win public acclaim, but we can be faithful stewards of whatever ability or talent we may have.

It is not always the great or outstanding service that counts for most. Often times the accumulated effect of

Paragraphs Of A Pioneer

(The West Jefferson Church is, this week, in the midst of a meeting conducted by Dr. Joe H. Carter, of Anderson, S. C., who began his ministry in Winston-Salem Presbytery, 20 years ago. We have requested him to write our guest editorial):

This is supposed to be a guest editorial, but it will not measure up to that. Instead, it may become just a little trip down a memory trail.

Twenty years ago it was my delightful privilege to be associated with the early days of the Christian Chautauqua in Ashe County, and this week's visit has afforded the pleasure of a renewal of many friendships, and brought back many recollections and memories. May I speak of some of them?

The first Christian Chautauqua, under a tent, was held in Lansing. There were hundreds, who attended from Horse Creek. I recall very vividly Rev. R. H. Stone, Mrs. Stone, "M. W." Norfleet, the tent superintendent, and "Pine" Medley, than whom there has never been a better tent mover; Clancy Williams, Miss Myrtle Williamson (in my humble opinion, one of the finest influences Ashe County has ever enjoyed); and on and on. Three persons in Lansing stand out in my memory of those days—A hardware merchant, Mr. Hudler, who, although affiliated with a sister church, gave us valuable service, and made the first gift towards the building of the Lansing Church; Mr. Ross Weaver, one of the first people to come into the church there, and that blind prince and esteemed citizen, Mr. McCarty.

Space does not permit more than a reference to our cordial reception at Bowie, Peak Creek, Obids, Ebenezer and Jefferson. These pictures are colored with loyal and faithful men and women, among them the Moses—like figure of old Mr. Bowlin, and the faithful and helpful interest of Mr. Gene Bare and Mr. John Scott and Mr. Elihu McNeill.

West Jefferson—my first visit was to assist in a religious service. Twenty-

the small inconspicuous deeds break down barriers of prejudice, illwill, hatreds and win adherents to a given cause.

The requirement is to be found faithful and not to accomplish a given number of tasks. It is faithfulness and not results which the Lord requires.

We are to be faithful in our spiritual life—faithful in prayer and meditation, faithful in reading the Bible, faithful in our attendance at public worship, faithful in the development of our talents and gifts, faithful in every thing which tends to deepen our spiritual life. We are to faithfully endeavor to bring our mind, affection and will to an acceptance of Christ and his way of life. We are to be faithful in our adherence to principle, to our promises and engagements.

six people were present in the school house. The next night, our service was on the street in front of the post office. The music was by a string band, and the speaker's stand was the old horse block that stood there. Then we moved into the theatre where the concluding services of the meeting were conducted. The next year we had a tent, and well do I remember that the tent was taken down and moved on a Sunday night, and on the following Wednesday a prayer meeting was conducted in a temporary church on the same site where the present beautiful and fine equipped West Jefferson church is now situated.

In the days of the middle twenties there was fine Christian cooperation everywhere, and now, after the run of a score of years, it is still widely in evidence. West Jefferson has grown and developed, and seems set for great things in the years to come. The Christian citizenship of Ashe county is developing many phases of life into a community of progress and cooperation. Promise ahead for Ashe has already made it one of the most delightful and worthwhile sections of Tarheelia.

My greetings to every reader of the Ashe Presbyterian and to the Christian leaders, past and present, who have been and are following the great vision of Kingdom building.

Hail Storm Damages Manse At Glendale

One of the most terrible hail storms ever seen, struck Glendale Springs a few weeks ago. Trees were stripped of their leaves and the bark of the trees even beaten off in places. Many window lights were broken, holes were made in all asphalt and tar paper roofing, and even holes were knocked in tin roofing.

The manse property suffered in this storm. The roof being damaged considerably, as well as window glasses knocked out on one side of the house. Hail balls as large as hen eggs and even larger fell for about one hour.

Schedule Announced For Lansing Field

First Sunday—Lansing, 11:00 a. m.; Foster Memorial, 3:00 p. m.

Second Sunday—Stone's Chapel, 11:00 a. m.; Gillespie, 3:00 p. m.; Lansing 8:30 p. m.

Third Sunday—Lansing, 11:00 a. m.; Foster Memorial, 3:00 p. m.

Fourth Sunday—Lansing, 11:00 a. m.; Gillespie, 3:00 p. m.

Fifth Sunday—Lansing, 11:00 a. m. Church School at Lansing each Sunday at 10:00 a. m.; Gillespie, 2:00 p. m.; Foster Memorial, 2:00 p. m.; Stone's Chapel, 11:00 a. m.

POTATO PATCH AT GLENDALE

A potato patch for the Glendale Springs Church has been started again this year and with the good season we hope to have a better yield than last year.

True - False Test

The following prepared on the Lansing field is but one of the many vehicles used among Ashe county Bible Schools this summer to convey Bible facts and spiritual truth to crowds of boys and girls seeking illumination where light now so much matters.

A boy helped Jesus feed the five thousand. John 6:9.

Jesus was bread himself. John 6:48.

Jesus was wiser when he was twelve years old than he was when he was ten. Luke 2:52.

Jesus did not need to obey his earthly parents since he always obeyed his heavenly Father. Luke 2:51.

Jesus one day said, "A wise son maketh a glad father." Proverbs 10:1.

Jesus promised that everyone who acknowledged him as Lord would go to heaven. Matthew 7:21.

Jesus taught that the things a boy did was a good sign of what a boy really was in his heart. Matthew 12:35.

Jesus jumped from the top of the temple to prove his faith in God. Matthew 4:5-7.

Jesus was tempted like as we are. Hebrews 4:15.

Luke was a lawyer. Colossians 4:14.

Mark was one of the twelve apostles. Matthew 10:2-4.

Paul was a tent-maker. Acts 18:1-3.

Paul said, "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick." Matthew 9:12.

Matthew was a collector of government stamps. Matthew 9:9.

Jesus, as a boy, one day talked with some doctors. Luke 2:46.

Jesus praised certain lawyers for their helpfulness to the people. Luke 11:45-46.

James and John were fishermen. Mark 1:16,19.

Jesus had a brother named Judas. Matthews 13:55.

Whoever does the will of God is Jesus' brother or sister. Matthew 12:50.

Governor Pilate thought that Jesus was innocent. Luke 23:14.

Jesus was crucified in the garden of Gethsemane. Luke 23:33.

When Jesus was on the cross he prayed that God would punish those who had done this wrong. Luke 23:34.

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CHAUTAUQUAS HELD; OTHERS ARE PLANNED

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LOW GAP

The Low Gap Chautauqua began May 29 and ended June 9.

Rev. B. F. Yandell, of Charlotte, preached during the evangelistic meeting held every night. Every one was much pleased with his preaching and we had a splendid meeting. There were about twelve professions and many reconsecrations. One united with the church by restatement, and others may unite later, as well as those who indicated they would unite with other churches.

The Bible School was a splendid one and the preacher took a great interest in hauling children to the church. Rev. B. F. Yandell was of great help with his car and loaded his car down with children every morning. This was of much help to the local minister in getting children back and forth to the school. The enrollment at Low Gap Bible School was above seventy.

Those who had the Bible School in charge, were: Miss Cleo Osborne, Miss Rubye Wyatt, and Rev. J. W. Luke.

At each of the above meetings the people of the community were asked to bring the names of men in service to the church and these names were printed on a large placard upon the wall. At each meeting a prayer and hymn were dedicated to these men in service.

ANNOUNCE DATES FOR FUTURE CHAUTAUQUAS

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Ewen and B. A. Meeks; Miss Josephine Robinson is to be the pianist.

Obids, July 19-30—Rev. Sidney Crane, of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, is to be the evangelist. All the teachers have not been selected.

Big Ridge, August 2-13—Rev. Hardin A. King, of Lexington, North Carolina, is to be the evangelist. All the teachers have not been selected.

GLENDALE FIELD

The following meetings are scheduled as per dates for the rest of the summer. We are now in the first part of the Peak Creek Chautauqua.

Peak Creek—June 12-23, J. W. Luke, preaching.

Laurel Fork—June 26-July 7, Rev. J. T. Barham.

Ebenezer—July 10-21.

Glendale Springs—July 24-Aug. 4, Rev. Ted Smith.

Miller's—Aug. 7-18.

JEFFERSON AUXILIARY HAS BIRTHDAY PROGRAM

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Jefferson church gave the birthday program at a regular Sunday evening church service on May 21. Several interesting papers were presented in the interest of the birthday objectives. Mrs. J. C. Brown was in charge of the program. An offering was received at the close of the meeting.

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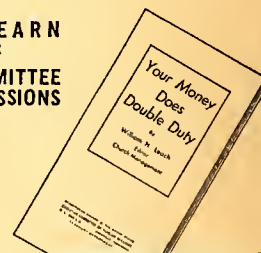
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Fine Chautauquas In Glendale Field

It seems a long time since the last chautauquas were held this summer, for two months rolled by in which no Sunday Schools nor Bible Schools were allowed on account of the polio epidemic. How the children have been missed by those of us who were always so busy singing with them and teaching the Bible Schools!

In the June issue of the Ashe Presbyterian we promised to give a little story of the completion of the Peak Creek Chautauqua, so here it is:

PEAK CREEK CHURCH

The dates of this Chautauqua were from June 11 through June 23. First, we shall tell some of the details of the Bible School. Fifty-nine children enrolled in the Bible School, with an average attendance of 32.

Those who had charge of this school were as follows: The pastor acted as superintendent; Miss Ruth Bowlin played for the Bible School as well as the revival services each night; Miss Kubye Wyatt and Cleo Osborne taught the primary and junior classes while the pastor taught the intermediates. One of the intermediates received a prize for reciting the Child's Catechism. This was Miss Imogene Barker. Others almost recited it, and are expected to do so later.

Here are a few details about the revival each night: The pastor, J. W. Luke, preached each night in the absence of an evangelist we had hoped to have with us. Miss Ruth Bowlin played for these services. There were a good many reconsecrations among the Christians and about ten or twelve professions. Two persons united with the Peak Creek Presbyterian Church, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Osborne.

MILLER'S CHURCH

At the close of the Peak Creek Chautauqua the polio threat was growing, but we did not have any idea it would stop us. We started to have the Bible School and meeting at Laurel Fork. All we had was one revival service for there was one case of polio in the community. After the county doctor pro-

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Women's Group Meets At West Jefferson

The North Wilkesboro District of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church, will meet at the West Jefferson Presbyterian church on Thursday, September 28, at 10:30 a. m., at which time Mrs. Jennings Rader will extend the welcome.

Mrs. L. M. Nelson, of North Wilkesboro, is chairman of this group.

HONORED FOR WORK



Miss Lois Calhoun, who this year left the Glendale Springs field to accept work in the Birmingham Presbytery, has been presented with a beautiful "New Chain Reference Bible," bought by the seven churches, which she served. Her name is imprinted on the cover and on the inside are words of appreciation for her splendid service.

LEAVES LANSING FIELD



Rev. J. S. Johnson, who, after having served the Lansing field for seven months as stated supply, has resigned to accept work in Orange Presbytery. He is to supply two churches in addition to teaching in the Bethany High School, Reidsville, North Carolina.

Rev. Mr. Johnson is a splendid preacher of the Word and is thoroughly prepared for the new work he has undertaken. All of us are reluctant to give him up and our prayers follow him

Jefferson Field Has Good Chautauquas

WEST JEFFERSON CHURCH

West Jefferson marked the beginning of the Chautauqua program in the Jefferson field. Even though the attendance was not large, we had one of the best Bible Schools West Jefferson has ever had. The enrollment was twenty-eight, with an average attendance of twenty-six. Teachers in the Bible School were as follows: Beginners, Marjorie Meeks and Ina Ruth Campbell; primaries, Mrs. Tom McEwen; juniors, Mrs. Jim Colvard, who also served as pianist; intermediates, Mrs. B. A. Meeks.

Rev. Joe H. Carter, of Anderson, South Carolina, was the visiting evangelist. His messages were spiritual, inspiring and helpful. Attendance and interest were very good.

JEFFERSON CHURCH

The Jefferson Chautauqua had a good beginning, but we were privileged to run only two days when the infantile paralysis epidemic broke out, which brought our Bible School to a close. Teachers were: Beginners, Myrtle Ruth Blevins and Josephine Brown; primaries, Mrs. J. C. Brown; juniors, Mrs. Jim Colvard, who also served as pianist, and Mrs. Tom McEwen; intermediates, Mrs. B. A. Meeks.

Rev. Walter K. Keys, of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, was the visiting evangelist. His messages were forceful and well delivered. Attendance was good considering the fact that none of the children under twelve years of age were permitted to attend by authority of the County Health Board. Two of our fine boys united with the church on profession of their faith in Jesus Christ. They were Howard Jones and Hugh McNeill.

Jefferson Field Has Many Improvements

"When it rains, it pours" is a familiar saying with most of us. It seems to be a true saying with reference to the Jefferson Presbyterian Church. Right in the midst of our endeavor to raise money for the new carpet after having redecorated the church both inside and out and put a new roof on the manse, the furnace gave down. The old furnace has served well and long, but no longer can it be depended upon to give out its accustomed warmth. So we have had to order a new one. Our people are responding liberally to this emergency and have come forward with a little more than half of the needed amount to pay for the furnace. If anyone feels so inclined, a contribution, large or small, will be appreciated.

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of March 3, 1879.**GUEST EDITORIAL****Stewardship And Evangelism In
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By REV. O. V. CAUDILL

A recent bulletin coming out from the Stewardship Office of Atlanta revealed the fact that only one other Presbytery in the General Assembly stood above ours in its per capita giving to the benevolent causes of the church.

It also revealed that Winston Salem Presbytery had reached higher in this scale than it has ever done before in the history of the Presbytery.

This certainly did not happen because our Presbytery is a wealthy presbytery for we have 34 home mission churches, and most of these churches are small weak churches over against ten self supporting churches. Five of these churches are strong and the other five have just passed over the border from home mission churches to self support, and cannot do much for the benevolent causes of the church.

Let us first recognize the fact that the strong churches have had a great part in lifting our presbytery up to this level, but not all the reasons will be found here for the place our presbytery has in the program of giving to the benevolent causes.

Since our presbytery has been drained of its members because so many have left our rural churches for defense work we would expect this record to be just in the reverse.

Let us then try to find the explanation for this progress. Some four years ago our Home Mission Committee felt our small churches should face the stewardship program of the church and asked the superintendent to take the blanks for each church as they asked for aid, and talk with the officers about the whole set up of the support that went to them. This was done and all churches have developed a deeper feeling of responsibility for both their pastor's salary, and the causes of the church. Let us say this has helped in the whole tone of giving, but will this explain why we went from about \$10 per capita in 1942 to over \$12 in 1943. Since about half of our membership in these small churches are either away in the army or in defense work, we must find another explanation. It is true

people have more money, but with so few to give does this explain it?

When we look at the minutes we find we had almost 100 more come to Christ in 1943 than we had in 1942, despite all these difficulties that have been enumerated above.

Last year there was a special effort in our evangelistic program of the presbytery to reach the lost. Our Home Mission Pastors met in a day of prayer and planning for this effort. A revival was planned for every church and mission. Men with consecration and ability were sought out to hold these meetings. This then is the greater part of the secret for the fine stewardship showing our presbytery made last year. When the Church lags in this one thing for which the church was born everything else in connection with the church will sag with it.

This year an epidemic has hindered our whole Home Mission Program, but this will not hinder us from redoubling our efforts for our next year's work. Let us start now by having revivals in all fields possible. In these days when so many of our rural fields are vacant over the church, let us call upon the Elders and Deacons of our churches to hold prayer meetings, to take the message of Christ to their churches, to do the work of evangelists. Let us call upon our Sunday School Teachers, especially in these vacant fields to carry on. Our battle front in this presbytery today is a spiritual battle front, and may God grant us the spirit to stand. May we all rededicate our lives to the task of "Oeking first the Kingdom of God"

**FINE CHAUTAUQUAS
IN GLENDALE FIELD**

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nounced it polio and there was a request from the Ashe county commissioners to not have children in public places or crowds, we decided to discontinue our Chautauquas in Ashe county and jump over to Wilkes county, where the trouble was not so acute. We descended upon Miller's Church and started up with out any notice. It was very sudden, but the folks took us in at Miller's with the best of hospitality.

The Bible School enrolled 48 pupils with average attendance of 35, counting the teachers.

Those who conducted the Bible School were the pastor, who superintended and taught the boy's class; Miss Rubye Wyatt taught the primary class and Miss Cleo Osborne taught the intermediate girl's class. Miss Nancy Barham played for the Bible School and also for the services each night. The Bible School turned out splendidly for the quick notice on which it began. The boys made, in their handwork period, a flock of bird houses, and we hope to have lots of blue birds and wrens next season.

The Bible School began June 23 and continued through July 7 as did the revival services at night. Rev. J. T. Barham, of Concord, preached for us and everyone was greatly helped by his sermons. There were about twelve persons who made professions of their faith. Three persons united with the

**Girls And Boys Are
Going Off To School**

Several of the boys and girls of our churches have gone away to school and have our best wishes. The list, together with our respective schools, is as follows:

Glade Valley High School—Josephine Brown, Lola Miller, Elsie and Ray Smith, Lenna Parsons, Betty Vannoy, Frances Osborne, Marjorie Dean Lyle, Jessie Faw, Ruby Craven, Ulene Hart, Elaine Cox, Billy Long, Libby Joe Long and Nora Osborne.

Roseboro High School—Myrtle Ruth Blevins, for commercial course.

Montreat College—Eleanor Meeks and Dorse Bare.

Flora Macdonald College—Irene Baldwin and Frances Vannoy.

Appalachian State Teachers College—Estella Blevins, Iris Young and Marie Clark.

Woman's College U. N. C.—Beryl May.

Lees-McRae College — Kathleen Woodie.

PERSONAL MENTION

Chaplain Carl H. Stark, former pastor of the Lansing group of churches, took time out from attending synod to pay a visit to friends in Ashe the first of this month. Mrs. Stark and their young daughter are now with Mr. Stark who is now stationed at Chanute Field, Illinois.

Rev. John W. Luke was laid up in the Presbyterian Hospital of Charlotte for repairs a week or so this month. He is now back home recuperating nicely from the operation. All his friends are happy to see him home again and are looking forward to the time when he will be as good as new.

Miss Lois Calhoun, who previously worked in Ashe County in the Glendale Springs Field and who is now in Birmingham Presbytery, recently paid a visit to Ashe County. Miss Calhoun attended the Home Mission Conference at Montreat and on her way home to her new work in Birmingham, stopped off at Glendale Springs from Aug. 10 through Aug. 16. She visited her old friends as far as possible, and wishes to be remembered to her many friends, who she did not have the opportunity to see. Miss Calhoun is greatly missed in this field and her new address is Jasper, Alabama.

church. One, Mrs. Gather Huffman, came by letter from the Bethel Church; two, Port Talbert Long and Guy Sheets united on professions of faith.

By the time this Chautauqua was over, the polio epidemic had become acute in Wilkes county, as well as Ashe, so all other activities had to be discontinued for the summer.

At all services this summer, a list of men in service was written on a large sheet of paper. These men were remembered in prayer each night and a hymn was dedicated to their memory.

Improvements Made In Glendale Field

The Peak Creek Presbyterian Church is being painted at this time. The church will be given a fresh coat of paint inside and out. This work is just about completed. A new road is being constructed up Peak Creek, connecting the newly bought state farm at Transou to the Parkway. The Peak Creek Presbyterian church is on this road and it will be a great convenience.

A concrete gutter has been built around the front of the Manse at Glendale Springs, and a wall has been built at the back of the manse. These improvements have been made for better water drainage and to keep the back yard from washing.

ASHE COUNTY CITIZEN IS TO TALK TO PRESBYTERY

In the last meeting of Winston-Salem Presbytery a committee was appointed to make a survey of what Glade Valley High School is doing and what will be the possible future of the school. It just happened that one of Ashe county's leading educators had paid a visit to Glade Valley High School in the position of sanitary inspector for the state. Professor Wade Eller, who is the citizen in reference, is a Methodist layman. He is a man with much vision and sees the need for advancement of Christian Education in the Cause of Christ. We are sure the Presbytery will be interested in a layman's views of the future of Glade Valley High School and will look forward to hearing him.

HOME MISSIONARIES HONORED

The Ashe Presbyterian desires to express appreciation to Dr. E. E. Gillespie, who in co-operation with Dr. Henry H. Sweets and Presbytery's home mission committees of the Synod of North Carolina, made it possible for all home mission workers of the Synod to have a week's vacation at Montreat with all expenses paid.

This get-together not only provided information, inspiration and fellowship for the workers, but served to lift their morale. If this plan were expanded to include all home missionaries of the Assembly, it could be made to serve as a very effective means of getting the whole matter of home mission accomplishments and needs before the church.

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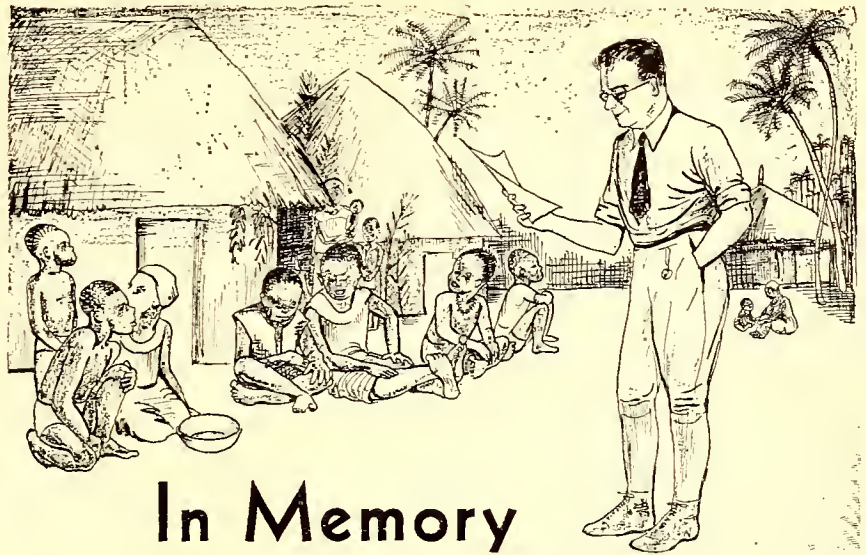
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Bruce Farrington, Richard Black, and Verna Shepherd.

Plan Fall Revivals For Ashe Churches

Due to the polio situation this summer, we could only hold four revivals and Bible Schools. Three revivals had to be postponed on account of this epidemic. We are planning to have these three postponed revivals this fall during the months of October and November. The dates will be announced later for these meetings at Laurel Fork, Glendale Springs, and Ebeneza.

Plans have been made for a series of revival services to be conducted in the Obids Presbyterian Church, beginning October 1 and continuing through October 8. Rev. Sidney D. Crane, pastor of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church, is to do the preaching.

ALMA COLVARD DOES GOOD WORK AT LOW GAP CHURCH

Miss Alma Colvard has been superintending the Low Gap Sunday School. Miss Colvard lives some distance from the church but has done faithful work since Miss Calhoun left. Since the infantile paralysis ban has been upon our county, all Sunday Schools have been closed and, of course, Low Gap closed with the rest. On Sunday, Sept. 24, Low Gap Sunday School will open again with Miss Colvard as superintendent.

A WELCOME EXTENDED TO NEW MEMBERS IN GLENDALE FIELD

A cordial welcome is extended to the following new members of the Glendale churches: Georgia Bernice Royal, Eula Eva Osborne, Frances Osborne, Raymond T. Wyatt, John Dale Wyatt, with the Bethel Church; Mrs. Laura Woodie, with the Low Gap Church; Mr. Clarence Osborne, and Mrs. Clarence Osborne, with Peak Creek Church; Port Talbert Long and Guy Sheets with the Miller's Church; Pvt. Lester Wayne Church, who has united with the church since enlistment in the army, has sent his letter to Low Gap Presbyterian Church.

JEFFERSON FIELD HAS MANY IMPROVEMENTS

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The work has already begun at the West Jefferson Church. The basement is to be ceiled overhead and the walls are to be plastered. In addition to the basement, one of the classrooms and the vestibule of the church are to be re-finished.

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Services Are Held For Thanksgiving

GLENDALE FIELD

During Thanksgiving week, services of praise and thanks to God were planned for the seven churches in this field. On account of the weather, one of these services was postponed until after Thanksgiving week.

Rev. L. J. Yelanjian gave a Thanksgiving message at Bethel, Peak Creek, and Laurel Fork Churches. The pastor gave messages at Ebenezer, Low Gap, Millers and Glendale Springs Churches.

The following offerings were received for Barium Springs:

Glendale Springs Church, \$7.75; Ebenezer, \$4.05; Low Gap, \$2.61; Peak Creek, \$7.00; Laurel-Fork, \$6.75; Bethel, \$3.52; Millers, \$2.34. Total of all, \$34.02.

At these services, letters were written to the men in service upon letters that had daily scripture readings printed within them. In this way, the congregation agreed to enter into the nation-wide Scripture Reading Campaign with the men in service.

LANSING FIELD

The Thanksgiving service in the Lansing Presbyterian Church on November 23 was a time of real thanksgiving, for in addition to all the other things for which thanks were offered, there was the cancelled note covering the indebtedness on the manse.

The burning of this note was a very impressive ceremony. J. O. Blevins, after mentioning several things for which he was thankful presented the cancelled note to the congregation to be burned as an additional item for which all could give thanks. As a part of the ceremony all the names of those who had made contributions toward paying the note were read.

A very small heater which had at one time been used as a sample by a stove salesman, was placed on a table at the front of the church auditorium to be used as the instrument to burn the note. This same miniature heater had been used a few years before to burn the cancelled notes covering the indebtedness on the Lansing Presbyterian Church. The note having been placed in the heater, Mr. Blevins called for little Miss Alma Jean Barker to take the lighted match and place it against the note. As the note began to burn, all eyes of the congregation were centered on the miniature heater as they watched a wee bit of smoke slowly rise from the tiny stove pipe.

The Lansing congregation recommends this miniature heater for the burning of all cancelled notes and mortgages against church property and will gladly lend it for all such purposes.

At the close of the service, an of-

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May
Heavenly Peace
And Joy Be
Yours At
Christmas
and Throughout
The New Year.

Ministers Supplying Churches Of Lansing

In the absence of a pastor for the Lansing group of churches, services are being conducted by some of the ministers of the Presbytery. Rev. O. V. Caudill, executive secretary for Winston-Salem Presbytery, has been going to Gillespie and Foster Memorial churches on the second and fourth Sunday afternoons.

Rev. B. A. Meeks, pastor of the Jefferson group of churches, has been conducting services in the Lansing church on the fourth Sunday evenings. Rev. Sydney D. Crane, pastor of the North Wilkesboro Church, conducted services once or twice in the Lansing church.

SERVICES AT GILLESPIE WERE WELL ATTENDED

The series of evangelistic services conducted in the Gillespie Presbyterian Church during the week from November 27 through December 3 were well attended, notwithstanding the very disagreeable weather. On the first evening of the meeting the rain came down steadily. There was only one or two days of clear weather. It was either raining or snowing. Some of the members walked as far as three miles through rain, snow and bitter cold to attend the services. Many were generous in expressing their appreciation for the spiritual helpfulness of the services.

Rev. B. A. Meeks, pastor of the Jefferson group of churches conducted the services.

Christmas Programs Planned By Churches

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

LANSING FIELD

The Lansing Presbyterian Church is to have its regular Christmas program this year on December 17 at 7:30 p. m. The name of the pageant to be given at this time is "Crown Him." The Woman's Auxiliary of the Lansing church has accepted the responsibility for staging the program. An offering for the aged ministers, widows and orphans of ministers will be received at this service.

JEFFERSON FIELD

All the churches in the Jefferson field will have a Christmas service. The Jefferson and West Jefferson churches will use the Woman's Auxiliary program entitled, "Ever Since Bethlehem." There will be a Christmas tree and a treat for all Sunday Schools. The exact time of each service will be announced in the several churches.

GLENDALE FIELD

Christmas with all its cheer and hustle is upon us, and plans are made and programs are being worked out for the celebration of the Christ Child's Birthday. The following will give an outline of the schedule and programs for the Glendale Springs Field.

Thursday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 o'clock—Laurel Fork. The Woman's Auxiliary is planning to give the pageant, "Ever Since Bethlehem," at the celebration of Christmas. The children of the Sunday School under the guidance of Mrs. Tom Cox, will give recitations.

Thursday, Dec. 21, at 1:30, the Peak Creek children will give recitations.

On Friday, Dec. 22, at Glendale springs at 7 o'clock, the pageant, "Crown Him", will be given by the Sunday School. Mr. Delmer Rose is training the children for this program.

Saturday, Dec. 23 at 11 o'clock at Ebenezer, the Sunday School will give scripture readings and recite, and tell special Christmas stories.

At Bethel at 7 o'clock, the Sunday School will give special Christmas recitations and stories appropriate for the celebration of the Lord's birthday.

On Sunday, Dec. 24 at 1:30 o'clock at Low Gap, the young people will give the pageant, "Crown Him."

Millers Christmas program will be held at 6:30 o'clock Sunday evening.

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EDITORIAL

Again we come to the Christmas season amid the horrifying noises of battle, the quiet weeping of the lonely and sorrowing heart, the feverish ways of war tearing at our heart strings. Again we sing the angels' songs of peace and good will in a world given to jealousy, envy, greed, hate and torn with the pain of war.

We can still sing because none of these things can kill the spirit of Christmas. Even the deep cares, pain and heartbreak, sadness and fear of our day can not destroy the good news that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Nothing can obliterate the gospel joys born in the hearts of those having the full assurance of faith that they have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ and have become sons and daughters of the Most High.

The consciousness of God's love follows the Christian through all the stress and storms of life. He can say with the apostle Paul, "Who can separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

The spirit of Christmas will prevail this year, not only in the homes from whence have gone strong-hearted youths to the battlefronts of the world, but also these same youths who in some unheard-of place receive a Christmas box and a message of love from home together with a picture of the Christ Child and the worshipping wise men opening their treasures to make their offering of gold, and frankincense, and myrrh will be moved by the same spirit. Though the shadow of sorrow and the fear of unknown dangers rest upon all, the Christmas spirit will prevail because in reality the spirit of Christmas is the spirit of Christ, who is the central figure of this the happiest season of the year.

Christ exemplified the true spirit of Christmas in His infinite love for

Miss Weaver And Rev. J. S. Johnson To Wed

A wedding of unusual interest is to be solemnized December 26 in the Lansing Presbyterian Church when Rev. J. S. Johnson and Miss Maxie Weaver will plight their troth.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ross Weaver, of Lansing. She is a graduate of the General Assembly Training School at Richmond, Virginia. Before accepting her present position as Director of Religious Education in the First Presbyterian Church of Danville, Virginia, Miss Weaver did a fine work with the Christian Chautauquas here in Ashe county.

Rev. J. S. Johnson is a graduate of Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary of Richmond, Virginia. He has recently resigned as pastor of the Lansing Presbyterian Church to accept the position as a teacher in the Bethany High School at Reidsville, North Carolina.

The officiating minister will be Rev. R. H. Stone, a former pastor of the Lansing Church, now Executive Secretary for the Mecklenburg Presbytery.

IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN THE JEFFERSON FIELD

Quite a number of improvements have been made in Jefferson during the past year. The church has been re-decorated both inside and out, including the Sunday School rooms. A new furnace has been installed. There is now waiting to be put down a new carpet for the pulpit rostrum and the center aisle. A new roof was put on the manse last summer.

The West Jefferson church has completed only a part of the planned improvements. The basement is about completed including a new cabinet for

humanity. During His days in the flesh, He saw many grown bitter under the stress of life. He saw those harassed by debts, beset by fear and anxiety, borne down by ill health, worn out with drudgery and weary with the constant fret of the days. He saw men and women given to selfishness and greed. He saw men and women given to all forms of sin. He saw men and women warped, marred, wretched, uncomely and unlovable in their blindness and lack of understanding. Yet, as He looked upon the multitude of these unfortunate and miserable human beings. He was not angered because of their sin and hardness, but was moved with compassion on them.

This same Jesus looks down upon our sin-cursed and war-torn world today with the same love and compassion with out-stretched arms, saying, "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth."

May we heed the call of the Christ by opening our hearts unto Him that our souls may be flooded with the gospel joys and our lives so enriched by His blessed presence that we will become radiant witnesses of Him who brings Christmas joy to a benighted world.

John Calvin Wyatt Passes To His Reward

Elder John Calvin Wyatt was born February 7, 1868 and died November 19, 1944, his age being 76 years. He is survived by eleven children, twenty-nine grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Two sisters and one brother also survive. His wife, who was Miss Frankie Sheets, preceded him in death four years ago.

Brother Wyatt was born in Wilkes county and spent most of his life there. He was a farmer and managed a saw mill for many years. He was a hard worker and energetic at any task he set his hands to do. Brother Wyatt was recognized as one of the most "level-headed" men of his community. He was very intelligent and well read. As a leader, he was interested in the progress and improvement of his county and immediate community.

When the Presbyterian church started work in the Vannoy community, Brother John Wyatt was one of those who took a great interest in it. Not only did he take an interest, but donated much of the lumber and did a great deal of the work, such as helping with grading for foundation and sawing the logs at the mill. This was the summer of 1933. On August 22, our tent meeting began with Rev. Marion Dick, as evangelist. This Christian Chautauqua lasted through September 3. During this meeting, Brother J. C. Wyatt made his profession at the age of 65 years. Brother Wyatt became a faithful and dependable member, and it was not long before the congregation elected him an elder. He had served as elder ever since and has been a faithful Christian and member of the Bethel Presbyterian Church.

It was with deep regret and sympathy for the family, when we heard of the passing of Brother Wyatt in the hospital at North Wilkesboro on Nov. 19, 1944. The funeral was held by the pastor at the Bethel church on Nov. 21 at 2 p. m. He was buried from the church he had helped to construct with his own labor and gifts. A large crowd attended the funeral and his body was interred in a little cemetery on a hill overlooking the church. The murmur of the little creek that passed his door will go on and on, the wind whispers gently through the trees over his grave, the sound of his step and the call of his voice is not heard among the activities of his community any more; for his body is at rest and his soul has gone to be in company with his Saviour, and Heavenly Father.

"No farther seek his merits to disclose,
Or draw his frailties from their dread
abode—

(There they alike in trembling hope
repose),

The bosom of his Father and his God."

the kitchen. Work on the basement project included ceiling overhead, plastering and painting the walls, installing more lights, moving the stove and closing up the fire-place, which smoked badly during windy weather.

Ashe History Shows Home Missions Pay

The work in Ashe county was begun forty seven years ago by a young man interested in bringing men to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. This young man was the Reverend E. E. Gillespie, who is now the well known and beloved superintendent of Home Missions for the Synod of North Carolina.

When Dr. Gillespie made his visit to Ashe there was only one Presbyterian in the county, Mrs. Lizzie N. Foster who gave the lots for the manse and the church at Jefferson as well as other substantial contributions for the advancement of Presbyterianism and for whom the Foster Memorial Presbyterian Church is named. There had been other Presbyterians, but they had united with other churches as there was no Presbyterian church in the county.

Slow progress was made for the first twenty years due largely to short pastorate and long periods without a pastor. Even though a good foundation had been laid, small numbers were being received on profession of faith until the early twenties when Rev. R. H. Stone began the Christian Chautauqua program throughout the county. This resulted in the building of several churches which stand today as a monument of faithful endeavor.

In the chart below you will note the name of the church, the date organized and the number received on profession of faith since organized.

CHURCH	ORGANIZED	REC'D ON PROF'N OF FAITH
Ebenezer	1897	119
Jefferson	1900	83
Obids	1905	113
Peak Creek	1923	175
West Jefferson	1927	92
Lansing	1927	170
Low Gap	1929	100
Bethel	1932	96
Laurel Fork	1932	43
Foster Memorial	1932	34
Gillespie	1933	48
Miller's	1933	36
Big Ridge	1934	61
Glendale Springs	1939	11
		1179

YOUNG PEOPLE AT LOW GAP HOLD MEETINGS

The young people at Low Gap have again taken up their Friday night meeting time under the guidance of the pastor. When Miss Lois Calhoun left for other work in Birmingham Presbytery, the young people ceased from meeting for some time. The young people of Low Gap are now practicing the pageant for Christmas.

PEAK CREEK CHURCH PAINTED

Peak Creek church has been painted and is as white as the snow that falls around it in the winter time. We hope to also paint the inside of the church while Mr. Hoppers is at the job.

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Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the New-born King."

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Contributions Made For Home Missions

All the churches in the Jefferson group made contributions to the Home Mission Emergency Fund, which are as follows: Jefferson, \$3.75; Big Ridge, \$2.50; West Jefferson, \$8.20; Obids, \$3.00.

The Home Mission offerings have been received at all but one church in the Glendale field, and this one church has a donation to be added to the offering when it is received. Bad weather set in at the time of the offerings and this has cut down the amount considerably, as there were few people present at the meetings when offerings were received. The offerings so far are as follows:

Glendale Springs, \$3.65; Ebenezer, \$1.55; Low Gap, \$2.06; Peak Creek, \$1.00; Laurel Fork, \$3.60; Bethel, \$3.34; Millers, \$1.42. Total, \$16.62.

SERVICES ARE HELD FOR THANKSGIVING

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fering was received for the Presbyterian Orphans' Home at Barium Springs. Rev. B. A. Meeks delivered the sermon for the occasion.

JEFFERSON FIELD

There were splendid Thanksgiving services conducted in the Jefferson group of churches. The first was in the West Jefferson Church on Sunday morning before Thanksgiving day and in the Big Ridge Church that afternoon.

On Thanksgiving day we had a real community service in the Jefferson Methodist Church with the Presbyterian minister bringing the message.

Following the worship service, a delightful dinner was served in the Sunday School rooms. A very fine spirit prevailed and a good time was had by all.

On Sunday afternoon, following Thanksgiving day, a service was conducted in the Obids Church. Attendance was small, but real interest was manifested. In all the services a special prayer was held for the men serving in the armed forces.

The following offerings were received for the Presbyterian Orphans' Home at Barium Springs: West Jefferson, \$6.42; Big Ridge, \$1.00; Obids, \$6.00; Jefferson, \$13.26. The offering made in Jefferson was divided equally with the Methodist Church as last year.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS PLANNED BY CHURCHES

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Special Christmas stories and poems will be given by young people and children.

At these services an offering will be received as a gift for old and infirm ministers which is called the Joy Gift. We hope these gifts at Christmas time will make many faithful ministers happy.

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Easter Programs In Churches Outlined

Churches are again making plans for a fitting observance of the Easter season. The public is cordially invited to attend all of the services.

JEFFERSON FIELD

A special worship service is being planned for all the churches in the Jefferson group. The Lord's Supper will be observed. Appropriate music will be rendered. We hope that each member will make a special effort to be present for these services and come praying for God's blessing.

The services are as follows: April 1, West Jefferson at 11:00 a. m.; Big Ridge at 3:00 p. m.; Jefferson at 8:00 p. m.; April 2, Obids at 12:20 p. m.

GLENDALE FIELD

The glorious season of Easter is near at hand and our churches in the Glendale Field are planning to have appropriate services for the season. Easter was the season of victory over death by our Lord Jesus Christ. As we cannot have all of our services on Easter Sunday, we will have our Easter services beginning April 1, and continuing each Sunday until all of the seven churches have had their Easter services.

In honor of the Lord, the Communion Service will be held at each of these services. All members are urged to be present to take their rightful place at the Lord's Supper. The services will be held as follows:

- April 1—Ebenezer at 10 a. m.; Bethel at 3 p. m.; Glendale Springs at 7 p. m.
- April 8—Laurel Fork at 11:30 a. m.; Low Gap at 2:30 p. m.
- April 15—Millers at 6:30 p. m.
- April 22—Peak Creek at 11 a. m.

News From Churches Of The Lansing Field

Kenneth J. Foreman, who will graduate from Union Theological Seminary in May of this year, visited the Lansing group of churches on March 11 with the view of accepting this important work. Mr. Foreman made a very favorable impression while here and it is hoped that he will become the pastor in this field.

Plans are underway to improve the lawn at the manse in Lansing. A stone wall along the front street and steps leading from the street up to the walk are to be built. The lawn, both front and back, is to be graded and planted in grass. Work has already begun on this project which will add much to an already attractive place.

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Chaplain Carl Stark Writes Of His Work

(Editor's note: Carl H. Stark, Jr., former pastor of the Lansing group of churches, now a Chaplain in the U. S. Army, writes an interesting letter, telling of his work in service):

"Greetings to all Ashe Presbyterian friends: For a long time I have been wanting to write to you; you have often been in my thoughts. I sincerely wish I could follow these words into each home—not only to sample that delicious country ham but also to enjoy your fellowship once again.

The other day a soldier by the name of Gibbs came into my office. He said, "Chaplain, my religion is not meaning much to me. What should I do?" Gibbs was a sincere fellow; I had watched him before and I knew that he was troubled about something. I talked with him about two hours. I told him of his wonderful Saviour and his love for each soldier. I told him about the many blessings that belong to Christians; I opened the Scriptures to show him the comfort and guidance it had for the individual. The look on Gibbs' face began to change from a troubled appearance to one of assurance. Then I asked that we bring our problem to God in prayer. He offered a short but fervent prayer and I concluded with a longer one. I was convinced that Gibbs left my office a better man than when he entered. He has traveled far since we had that talk; but I have heard from him, and I am convinced that his faith has remained strengthened.

To help Gibbs and other soldiers is my motive for being in the Army. It (Continued on Page Two)

BETHEL CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTEST CLOSE

Bethel Sunday School has been running an attendance contest between the blues and reds. The contest is very close and at the close of the contest at Easter, there is to be an egg hunt and picnic. Miss Ruby Wyatt is the superintendent of the Sunday School and is doing a fine job of it.

Stewardship Plans To Be Carried Out

The Stewardship Committee of Winston-Salem Presbytery is urging all of the churches in the Presbytery to conduct canvasses. The seven churches of the Glendale Springs field are doing their part. Every service in March in any of these churches and at Sunday School also, the Every Member Canvass is mentioned.

Detailed financial reports up to present date are put into the hands of each member, either by mail or given to them at church. In this detailed report we suggest that all members complete their pledges or gifts for the past year before the end of March. A pledge card, and pamphlet are also given with the reports, and in the letter by pastor at bottom of the reports, we suggested that all pledge cards be filled out and sent in very soon. It takes a great deal of work to get out seven detailed reports and mimeograph them, and we hope all members will take time to read them and be interested in what your church has given to the Lord's work.

The pastor, J. W. Luke, is preaching a stewardship sermon at every church on the following text, "In Him we live, and move and have our being." Acts 17.28.

As you may note in another article of this paper, Mr. A. A. Cashion, a business man of North Wilkesboro, is making two talks on his experiences in stewardship at Bethel and Millers Churches.

A very interesting and helpful (Continued on Page Three)

TENTATIVE CHAUTAUQUA SCHEDULE FOR 1945 GIVEN

JEFFERSON GROUP

Plans for the summer Christian Chautauquas are taking definite shape. Each church and out-post Sunday School is to have a Bible School and Evangelistic service. Tentative dates are as follows: West Jefferson, June 11-22; Jefferson, June 25-July 6; Obids, July 23-Aug. 8; Big Ridge, August 6-17.

GLENDALE GROUP

The following dates are set for the Christian Chautauqua in the Glendale Field for the coming summer.

June 3-13, Bethel; June 15-26, Low Gap; June 28-July 10, Peak Creek; July 12-22, Glendale Springs; July 24-Aug. 3, Millers; Aug. 5-14, Laurel Fork; Aug. 16-26, Ebenezer.

Although some Evangelists have been contacted, the dates with these are not finally set. The Bible Schools will be held with the meeting as usual.

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EDITORIAL**THE RESURRECTION JOY**

The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead is the central doctrine of Christianity. It is the very foundation of our hope in immortality. A part from the resurrection there is no life beyond the grave.

The resurrection means a living and ever present, conquering Lord. It means the triumph of the Kingdom of God. It means the endurance of personality. It means the continuity of the person beyond the grave. It means the continuity of life, the continuity of thought, the continuity of interest, the continuity of purpose beyond the grave. It means the continuity and enlargement of life and power lived in the presence of God and all the saints of God made perfect in holiness for all eternity.

We are living in troublous times, but that first Easter morning was preceded by the darkest hour in the history of the Christian movement, humanly speaking. That small group of faithful and loyal followers of Jesus had been hopeful that it was He who would redeem Israel from the Roman yoke and restore her to the former glory as in the days of David and Solomon. Their hope had soared to the very heavens as they marched with Jesus making His triumphant entry into Jerusalem just a few days before the crucifixion.

Following this triumphant march into Jerusalem when the people shouted their hosannas of praise unto Jesus as the King of Israel is the terrible scene on Calvary, where they watched the soldiers nail Him to the cross and stood in helpless grief as His life's blood drained from His pain-racked body. The One who had gone about doing good, feeding the hungry, healing the sick, raising the dead, had finally yielded to the inevitable. They saw the Prince of Glory suffering a shameful death—dying as a common criminal.

They who had recently been filled with a newly found faith and given to such high hopes are now fallen prey to loneliness and despair as they saw their Lord being taken down from the cross and lain in the tomb and sealed with the Roman seal. The Son of God

**NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES
OF THE LANSING FIELD**

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**A. A. CASHION TO SPEAK
AT BETHEL CHURCH, MARCH 24**

A. A. Cashion, of North Wilkesboro, will speak at Bethel on Saturday, March 24, at the regular service. He spoke at Millers Church on Sunday, March 18. We trust there will be a large crowd to hear Mr. Cashion talk on his experiences in stewardship.

and Lord of Life having been put to death by wicked hands was now lying lifeless in Joseph's new tomb. The Mediator and Saviour of mankind had been put to death by the very ones He had come to save. Yes, it was the darkest hour in the history of mankind. It was the darkness which precedes the dawn of a perfect day.

The sorrow, disappointment and grief of the little band of followers were turned into joy as the light of the resurrection glory dawned upon their clouded minds. Peter and John raced to the empty tomb as the women told them of seeing the risen Lord. The disciples raced back to Jerusalem from Emmaus to tell the other disciples that they had seen the risen Christ.

Christ brought life and immortality to light as He arose from the dead. The Old Testament asks the question: "If a man die, shall he live again?" The New Testament answers emphatically, "Through Jesus Christ man shall live eternally in fellowship with Christ in the presence of the holy angels and all the saints of God made perfect."

Because of Easter, all of us may face the future without fear. Many are looking toward the future with much misgiving. The days ahead are veiled in uncertainty. All of us realize that the days which lie ahead are not going to be easy. Many sacrifices and hardships await us. Death, sorrow and loneliness are lurking just around the corner for thousands of people. There will be days which try men's souls. The future makes a very dark picture, especially, to all unbelievers and those of little faith. Only those having a strong faith and a firm grip on the everlasting God can face the future with confidence. "He will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is staid on Thee."

The trusting soul presses forward unafraid as he walks day by day in trustful confidence knowing that God is the same yesterday, today and forever. God has not left his people to face the future unassisted, but has made provision for all those who trust in Him. He has given unto us His eternal Word with its guidance and its great and precious promises.

**CHAPLAIN CARL STARK
WRITES OF HIS WORK**

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has been a joy to me to have that privilege. Several months ago we had a series of special services. Eighty-six men made public profession of Jesus as their Saviour. I would not lead you to believe that the Chaplain is having all smooth sailing in the Army—it is far from that. But it is a joy to share these experiences with you. I have talked with many of the wounded returnees that are in our hospitals. I am convinced that many men are having religious experiences that will remain with them always.

It is my hope that when these men are discharged from the army they will go back to homes that have been loyal to the cause for which they have been fighting. I hope that you will be able to tell them that you have done your utmost on the home-front to be real Americans and genuine Christians. I hope they go back to wives who have been loyal and parents who have been godly. What consolation it will be to you to say your churches have been "fighting the good fight of Faith," and your communities have kept alive the real traditions of our country.

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**REV. AND MRS. EARL KING
VISIT CHURCHES OF COUNTY**

The people of Glendale Springs were delighted to have two of our Foreign Missionaries from Africa. Rev. and Mrs. Earl King visit our field on January 25 and 26. Mr. King gave four interesting talks on Africa and at three of these talks showed moving pictures. Native trinkets and implements were exhibited and explained by Mr. King. Mr. King showed pictures at Glendale Springs School House, Low Gap Church and Millers Church. He also made a talk at Whittington School house.

Mrs. King, who accompanied Mr. King, met with the Woman's Auxiliary at Glendale Springs at the Manse, and talked to the women about Africa.

We enjoyed this visit and our prayers go with the Kings as they return to Africa this summer.

They visited the Jefferson group of churches on January 23-24. Mr. King gave a stereopticon address and showed a motion picture of his work in Africa in both the Jefferson and West Jefferson churches. The attendance was not what we had expected on account of the extreme weather conditions. An offering for foreign missions was received at both services.

DR. J. W. WITHERSPOON LEAVES

It is with deep regret that Dr. J. W. Witherspoon, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Lexington, is leaving at a call from Bluestone Presbytery in West Virginia.

How To Put Your Gift Into God's Hand

By Rev. J. W. Luke

One day I was digging potatoes from the God's acre patch which we planted for the Lord. My little boy was standing near. His hands were folded behind him and he was watching me thoughtfully. He had been told that these potatoes were God's potatoes. He suddenly unfolded his hands and pointed one chubby finger at the potatoes and then up to the sky and said, "Daddy, how will you get the potatoes up to God?" What a funny question had come out of that little fellow's mind. It made me laugh. Yet, how many of us think about it when we give. Are we putting our gifts into the hand of God? Of course God does not reach a big cupped hand down from Heaven and say, "Put your gift in my hand." Sometimes I wish He would. We would all give with more devotion and with real worshipful spirits.

How did the people of the early days of the world put their gifts into God's hand? We see them bringing the best of the flock or fruit and burning it upon a stone table called an altar. Their gifts went up in smoke before God. This is the way God commanded them to give their gifts. Later, when the worship of God became organized because or more people in the world, men began to give God a tenth of their income which is called a tithe. This was commanded by the laws of God given by Moses. This tithe or tenth was given to support the worship of God upon the earth. The tithe was given to support priests, who were men of God who led the worship of God. The tithe and gifts of the people also were used to build suitable structures for God's worship. The tabernacle, the temple and such buildings were for God's worship. In this way men put their gifts in the hand of God—to establish and support His worship upon the earth.

I have tried to show you in this first paragraph that men put their gifts in God's hand by establishing and supporting God's holy worship upon earth. The second way we can put our gifts into God's hand is by helping others in the name of Christ.

The Lord Jesus Christ said, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Mt. 25:40. When Christ spoke of the least of these, he mentioned the unfortunate, the prisoners, the poor, the needy, the sick, and He said they were the least of these. My friend, if you want to put a gift into Christ's hand, help one of the least of these.

I wish the Christians today, when we talk of benevolences, could see behind these benevolences. When we talk of Foreign Missions, do you catch a glimpse of a poor wretched heathen bowing to wood and stone, afraid of demons, suffering in fear because he knows not the love of the Heavenly

Father? Surely such are the least of these. Or speaking of Home Missions, do we see families in our midst with a whole multitude of little children ignorant of God and never having darkened the doors of any place of worship? Surely, such are the least of these. Or if speaking of The Bible Cause, do we see multitudes of all races reading the printed Word in their own languages, or perhaps the soldier who is far from home with the Bible to comfort him and sustain him in his danger? Surely such are the least of these. Or speaking of the orphan, do you not catch a glimpse of little children destitute of homes and love? Surely, such are the least of these. Or perhaps it is the training of the young minds of our young people in the nurture and admonition of God, perhaps in Christian Institutions, or perhaps the relief of the sick in far away hospitals. All of this work is done for the least of these in the name of our Blessed Christ.

Can you answer a little boy's question when he asks, "Daddy, how will you get those potatoes to God?" Yes, I am sure you can. You are answering when you help bear the expense of God's Glorious worship in your home church. You are answering when you are giving unto "the least of these" through what we so tritely call the benevolences of our church. You put your gift into God's loving hand when you support his glorious worship upon earth. You put your gift in His loving hand when you help "the least of these" in Christ's name.

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Schedule For Worship Services Announced Plan Improvements For West Jefferson

JEFFERSON FIELD

Rev. B. A. Meeks, Pastor

West Jefferson — Each Sunday at 11:00 a. m.

Jefferson — First and second Sunday evenings; third and fourth Sundays at 12:00 noon; fifth Sunday at 12:00 noon.

Obids — Second Sunday at 12:20 p. m.; fourth Sunday at 3:00 p. m.

Big Ridge — First and Third Sundays at 3:00 p. m.

Sunday Schools each Sunday—West Jefferson at 10:00 a. m.; Jefferson at 11:00 a. m.; Obids at 11:00 a. m.; Big Ridge at 2:00 p. m.

GLENDALE FIELD

Rev. J. W. Luke, Pastor

First Sunday — Ebenezzer, 10 a. m.; Glendale Springs, 7:30 p. m.

Saturday before second Sunday — Bethel at 7:30 p. m.

Second Sunday—Laurel Fork, 11:30 a. m.; Low Gap, 2:30; Peak Creek, 7:30 p. m.

Third Sunday—Glendale Springs at 11:00 a. m.; Millers at 6:30 p. m.

Saturday before fourth Sunday—Bethel at 7:30 p. m.

Fourth Sunday — Peak Creek at 11:00 a. m.; Low Gap at 3:00 p. m.; Laurel Fork at 7:30 p. m.

Sunday Schools are held at each church each Sunday.

Renewed Interest For Glade Valley School

There is a great awakening within Orange and Winston-Salem Presbyteries as to the value and needs of the high school at Glade Valley. A committee from both presbyteries are making a survey and will make a second report on the presbyteries. Dr. Gwyn has been asked to make an address on Glade Valley at the next meeting of Winston-Salem Presbytery.

The trustees of Glade Valley had a very important meeting recently in Greensboro. At this meeting it was decided to undertake the most outstanding development in the history of the school. Committees from among the trustees have begun their work to carry out these far reaching plans. In a quiet way the trustees are raising a sum of money for the immediate needs of the school. There are many needs some of which dare not be put off. We hope all the alumni of their beloved school will look with interest to this awakening of Glade Valley. If you are interested in sending help, send your gift to any one of the trustees or directly to the school.

There are other plans for rebuilding the whole campus which will come before the public later. Watch and keep in touch with news for a greater Glade Valley High School.

The West Jefferson Church is continuing its program of improvements. Plans are underway to completely furnish the newly decorated kitchen so as to facilitate the serving of meals in the church basement whenever desired. The plan also calls for waterproofing the outside walls of the church, redecorating the auditorium, putting down new carpet, finishing the vestibule to the main entrance and refishing some of the Sunday School rooms.

It will probably cost around \$1000.00 to complete the proposed improvements. If any of the former members or friends of the church desire to help with these needed improvements, mail your contribution to the pastor, Rev. B. A. Meeks.

AN EASTER EGG HUNT FOR JEFFERSON S. S. PLANNED

The Jefferson Sunday School has had a very good year in all of its departments. Plans have been made for an egg hunt and picnic lunch on Saturday before Easter for all the children of the Sunday School.

Peace rules the day, where reason rules the mind. —Collins.

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RECENTLY MARRIED



Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Johnson, who were recently married in the Lansing Church, are now serving the Stokes County group of churches.

STEWARDSHIP PLANS ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT

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meeting on stewardship and evangelism was held in the West Jefferson Presbyterian Church on February 13. It was conducted by Presbytery's committees on stewardship and evangelism. Rev. M. G. Bradwell, chairman of the stewardship committee, introduced Mr. A. A. Cashion, a deacon in the North Wilkesboro Church, who gave a most inspiring address on stewardship of possessions. Rev. Fulton C. Lytle, chairman of the committee on evangelism, introduced Rev. Leslie Patterson, of Rocky Mount, Va., who gave a splendid address on personal evangelism.

This meeting was one of three like meeting conducted in the Presbytery embracing all the churches in the Winston-Salem Presbytery. All the churches in Ashe county were invited to participate in the West Jefferson meeting. The weather was very unfavorable, but a goodly attendance was had. The ladies served a delightful supper in the basement of the church.

Rev. O. V. Caudill, Executive Secretary, was present and participated in the meeting.

A stewardship letter is being mailed to all the families in the Jefferson group of churches calling attention to the importance of the church as a divine institution. In this letter is included a budget of the church for current expenses and benevolences. Space is provided at the bottom of the letter for the signature of the member making a pledge for the support of the church program as well as the amount of the pledge. Stewardship sermons are being preached in each church and stewardship pamphlets distributed.

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Auxiliaries Meet And Make Plans For Work

JEFFERSON FIELD

The Jefferson and West Jefferson Auxiliaries have been meeting regularly each month. Contributions have been made to all the church causes. Both auxiliaries continue to sponsor monthly fellowship suppers. Each group had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Earl King tell of her work as a missionary to Africa. Both organizations have remembered the young men and women in service by sending them well filled boxes.

GLENDALE FIELD

The Auxiliaries of Laurel Forks Church and Glendale Springs Church have been meeting regularly each month.

The Glendale Springs Auxiliary met on Feb. 21 for an all-day meeting. Rev. L. J. Yelanjian taught Second Corinthians at this meeting. A fellowship dinner was enjoyed at the manse at noon.

On Jan. 25, Mrs. Earl King, from Africa, spoke to the Auxiliary at Glendale Springs.

Laurel Fork Auxiliary met with Mrs. Fred Miller on Feb. 15. There were several visiting ladies present. This Auxiliary met on Thursday, March 15 at the church. The auxiliary reports for the year were completed at this meeting.

Glendale Springs Auxiliary gave over 100 quarts of vegetables to the Ashe County hospital this year. They also made three quilts for the Barium Springs Orphanage.

One of the outstanding events of the Glendale Auxiliary this year was a fellowship supper held at the home of Mrs. Yelanjian. There were forty-five people attended including the men of the church. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Cashion were visitors at this meeting and Mr. Cashion gave an excellent talk on stewardship.

LANSING FIELD

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Lansing Church is beginning a fund to redecorate the inside of the church. This work is to be completed during the summer months of this year.

VACATION IS OFFERED

Last year, Winston-Salem Presbytery, in cooperation with Synod's committee, offered a week's vacation at Montreat to all home mission pastors, their wives, and all home mission workers.

The Presbytery would like to make the same offer this year and is appealing to individuals of the Presbytery, to church organizations, such as Auxiliaries, Bible Classes, and other groups to help make this free vacation possible.

The cost of such a vacation, including bus fare, is approximately \$25.00 for each person. If you would like to have a part in providing this vacation fund, please mail your contribution to Rev. O. V. Caudill, Executive Secretary of Presbytery, Elkin, North Carolina.

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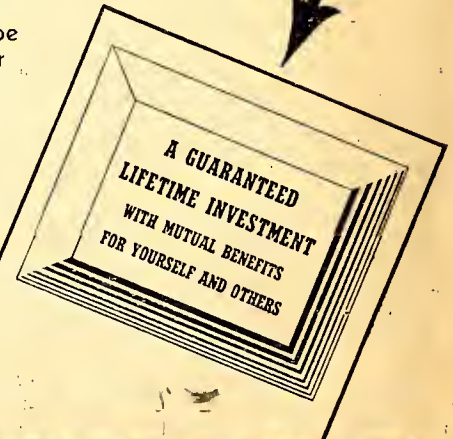
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Glendale Churches Enjoy Chautauquas

They are off! the Chautauquas have begun in this field with Bethel, the beginning of the seven meetings and Bible schools scheduled for the summer.

The Bethel Bible school was a great success. There were enrolled fifty-six scholars, with an average attendance of forty. Twenty-five students were perfect in attendance.

Those who taught in the Bible School were as follows: Miss Frances Vannoy, handled the beginner's class, Miss Cleo Osborne the primary class, Miss Ruby Wyatt the junior class, and Miss Virginia Smith the intermediate class. The Pastor J. W. Luke acted as superintendent and song leader.

The revival services were held each night with Rev. T. D. Mullis preaching. The earnest messages of Brother Mullis were deeply felt by everyone. Many Christians reconsecrated their lives to Christ, and four persons united with the Bethel Church. The following united by restatement or letter, Mrs. Luiza Gamble, Mrs. Candis Shepherd, Mrs. Landis Wingle, Hubert Osborne united on profession of his faith in Christ. There were other professions made at the revival. Brother Mullis also gave an interesting talk to the children every morning at the Bible School. The Gospel Truck made its first appearance at this Bible School. With the help of Brother Raymond Wyatt, the Gospel truck was fitted out with a top for rainy weather. It is needless to say it is very useful during the damp weather we are now having at Low Gap. Cooperation was the key word at Bethel Church. Everyone pitched in and did their part. The floor of the church was also nicely oiled during the meeting.

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Complete Schedule For Chautauquas

The following is a complete schedule of the Christian Chautauquas of the Presbyterian Churches for 1945, with church, date and evangelist listed:

Gillespie, June 4-15, Rev. Robert Potter; Foster Memorial, June 25-July 4, meeting later; Lansing, July 9-20, Rev. W. S. Patterson; West Jefferson, June 11-22, meeting later; Jefferson, June 25-July 6, Rev. R. G. Wagoner and Rev. B. A. Meeks; Obids, July 16-27, Rev. Robert Potter.

Big Ridge, August 1-11, Rev. B. H. Wiggins; Bethel, June 3-13, Rev. T. D. Mullis; Low Gap, June 15-26, Rev. R. K. Davenport; Peak Creek, June 28-July 10, Rev. Marion Bradwell; Glendale Springs, June 12-22, evangelist not secured; Millers, July 24-August 3, Rev. B. H. Yandell; Laurel Fork, August 5-14, Rev. Clayton C. Crawford; Ebenezer, August 16-26, Rev. W. T. Smith.

NEW LANSING PASTOR



Rev. K. J. Foreman, who will begin his duties in the Lansing Field, July 1.

Rev. K. J. Foreman To Start Work July 1

Rev. K. J. Foreman begins his pastorate in the Lansing field on July 1. Mr. Foreman is well prepared both educationally and spiritually to take up the work of the ministry in this important field of service, having graduated from Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina, and Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia.

Mrs. Foreman, a bride of only a few weeks, will accompany Mr. Foreman to Lansing, where they will live in the newly completed manse. She is a college graduate and has been director of religious education in the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, North Carolina.

The Presbyterians in the Lansing field deem themselves fortunate and are made very happy in having these fine young people take up their ministry among them.

All the other churches in the county extend to Mr. and Mrs. Foreman a most cordial welcome and pray God's blessings upon them as they begin their work among us.

Special Worker For Lansing Bible Schools

Miss Marjorie Patterson, of Winston-Salem, N. C., is spending the entire summer in the Lansing field conducting Bible schools and working with the young people. Miss Patterson is no stranger in Ashe county, having worked

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Fine Chautauquas In Jefferson Field

West Jefferson Bible school opened the Chautauqua season in the Jefferson field. It gives promise of being one of the best Bible schools we have had in West Jefferson for some time. The school opened on June 12 with an enrollment of 29 and as the paper goes to press, we have an enrollment of 55. Attendance and the spirit of the pupils have been excellent.

The teachers are as follows: Beginners, Miss Ina Ruth Campbell and Miss Marjorie Meeks; primary class, Mrs. Bower Shumate and Miss Josephine Brown; junior class, Miss Irene Baldwin. Mrs. James McLaurin directed the singing for the first few days at the end of which Miss Josephine Brown took over and is doing a splendid job. Miss Irene Baldwin, of Lansing, is the pianist. The pastor has been serving as superintendent and giving an illustrated lecture each day.

Our series of evangelistic services will be conducted later.

Mrs. James D. McNeill has presented to the Jefferson Church a Roll of Honor, attractively framed in honor of the young men and women serving in the armed forces from the Presbyterian church. There are 10 in the army, 4 in the navy, 1 in the Waves and 1 in the Army Nurses Corps.

MISS BALDWIN AT JEFFERSON

Miss Irene Baldwin, of Lansing, N. C., is working in the Jefferson field this summer with all the Chautauquas. She is the pianist and has charge of the Junior Department in the Bible schools. Miss Baldwin is not a beginner in the Chautauqua program of Ashe county, having attended Bible school from childhood and began teaching classes even before she finished high school. She is now attending Flora Macdonald College and will be a member of the Junior class at the opening of school.

Making Progress At Glade Valley School

The trustees of Glade Valley had another interesting meeting on the grounds of Glade Valley High School on June 9.

J. M. Wells, Jr., resigned as chairman on account of his health and J. A. Kellenberger was elected the new chairman.

Several of the trustees have raised part of the \$6,000 which they pledged to raise. This money will be used for immediate repairs on Glade Valley High School, which will be done this summer.

Dr. R. C. Anderson attended the meeting at the invitation of the trus-

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FACING THE FUTURE WITHOUT FEAR

Robert Quillen says, "The chief curse of mankind is fear. Test anybody who is unhappy and you will find he is afraid of something." Many are looking toward the future with apprehension. The days ahead are veiled in uncertainty. All of us realize that the days which lie ahead are not going to be easy. Many sacrifices and hardships await us. Death, sorrow and loneliness are lurking just around the corner for thousands of our people. There are going to be days which will try men's souls. The future makes a very dark picture, especially to unbelievers and those of little faith.

Only those who have a strong faith and a firm grip on the everlasting God can face the future with confidence. "He will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is staid on Thee." The trusting soul presses forward unafraid as he walks day by day in trustful confidence knowing that God is the same yesterday, today and forever and will always care for His own.

God has not left His people to face the future all alone and without assistance, but has made provision for all His children. "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:19). "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose . . . He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" (Rom. 8:28, 32).

Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit leaving us the Sacred Scriptures which is the eternal Word of God with its great and precious promises, its guidance, its gospel of hope and salvation. As we read the Bible with "diligence, preparation, and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts and practice it in our lives" we are given courage and strength to face the future without fear or misgiving. The Bible, the blessed presence of Christ together with the ministry of the Holy Spirit take away the uncertainty of the future. The future is as bright as the

Organizations Active In Jefferson Field

The junior class in the West Jefferson Sunday school is making attractive cards to be placed on the trays of food being carried to the patients in the Ashe County Memorial Hospital each Sunday morning. On each card is printed the memory verse for the Sunday school lesson for that particular Sunday. Mrs. Rex Morton is the very efficient teacher of this class.

A young peoples' league is being re-organized in the Jefferson Church. All the young people are being invited to a supper meeting in the church on Sunday night, June 24, preparatory to organization. Mrs. B. A. Meeks will serve as sponsor.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Jefferson Church gave the Birthday Program with Mrs. Ralph Odle in charge. An offering of \$3.00 was received.

West Jefferson Auxiliary observed the Birthday of the Woman's Auxiliary with a program led by Mrs. Russell Barr in the home of Mrs. R. C. Barr. An offering of \$4.00 was received.

IMPROVEMENT AT PEAK CREEK

The Peak Creek Presbyterian Church has been painted inside and out, tin flushing has been put over the windows, locks that were broken have been fixed, window lights have been put in and the pews have been painted over. This work has been done by Mr. J. L. Hoppers and he has done a good job of it. The Peak Creek Church looks like a new building outside and in.

CHURCHES CONTRIBUTE TO DEFENSE SERVICE

The following Ashe churches have made an offering to the Defense Service Council:

Jefferson, \$4.61; West Jefferson, \$4.61; Obids, \$2.00; Big Ridge, \$1.00; Glendale Springs, \$6.00; Ebenezer, \$2.16; Low Gap, \$2.30; Peak Creek, \$1.26; Laurel Fork, \$6.38; Bethel, \$1.38; Millers, \$1.59.

promises of God.

We have the story of a certain port in which it is the custom, before putting out to sea, for the captain to call his men around him and ask, "Are we all here?" And the men always reply, "Yes, sir, and in God's care." "Is there anything, then, to be afraid of?" asks the captain. And the answer rings out, "No, sir, there is nothing." So they put out to sea once again."

IN LOVING MEMORY

of

CPL. WADE MILLER.

son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller, of Laurel Forks, who gave his life for his country on Okinawa, May 14, 1945.

SEVERAL YOUNG PEOPLE NOW AT CONFERENCE

The following young people are representing the Glendale field at the conference at Winston-Salem, starting June 18 and ending June 23: Miss Madge Severt represents Ebenezer Church; Miss Margie Dean Lyle, the Glendale Springs Church; Miss Katherine Key, the Laurel Fork Church; and Miss Nora Osborne and Miss Frances Vannoy, the Bethel Church of Wilkes county. These young people are at Salem College, where the conference will be held. We know they shall have an enjoyable, spiritual, and an inspiring time with the other young people of the presbytery.

GLENDALE AUXILIARY HAS BIRTHDAY MEETING IN MAY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Glendale Church met at Mrs. Robert Woodie's home in May for the Birthday meeting. The offering amounted to \$7.00. The regular program was used.

The Laurel Fork Woman's Auxiliary met with Mrs. Fred Miller in June. The regular program was not used. A meeting of comfort was held in sympathy for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller's family who have just received word of the loss of their son in the Pacific Theatre of War. The offering for the Birthday causes was received and amounted to over four dollars.

PRESBYTERY MEETS JULY 10

The next meeting of the Presbytery of Winston-Salem will be held at the Presbyterian Church in Pine Hall, on July 10.

BOY SCOUTS ORGANIZED AT GLENDALE SPRINGS

A Boy Scout troop is just getting under way at Glendale Springs. The Glendale Springs Church voted to sponsor the troupe. The pastor has been meeting with the boys and acting as Scout Master. Seven boys have passed the tenderfoot test, and one rainy camping trip has been taken.

GLENDALE CHURCHES ENJOY CHAUTAUQUAS

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Low Gap Chautauqua has now started and on this Tuesday, June the 19, we had sixty-two present. The pastor started the meeting on Friday, June 15, with Rev. R. K. Davenport taking over on Monday night June the 18. The remainder of this meeting will be related in the next issue of the Ashe Presbyterian.

Those teaching at Low Gap Bible School are as follows: Miss Alma Colvard, the beginners; Miss Onna Darnell, the primary class; Miss Ruby Craven, the junior class; and Miss Virginia Smith, the intermediate class. When the attendance reaches 60, a balloon will be sent up. The attendance has already reached the balloon mark, and will be sent up on the first clear day. Miss Virginia Smith of Charlotte, is the musician for the Chatauqua at Low Gap just as she was at Bethel.

Many Students Home From Colleges Now

Ashe churches have several young people home from school and quite a few graduating from local high schools. The following are from the Jefferson field: Miss Josephine Brown of Jefferson has been attending Glade Valley high school. Misses Elsie Smith and Lola Miller and Ray Smith of the Boggs community have been attending Glade Valley high school.

Miss Iva Grace Bare and Johnny Bare of the Big Ridge Church graduated from the Jefferson high school. Onley Burgess of the Obids Church and Mrs. Louise Blevins Shumate of the West Jefferson Church graduated from the West Jefferson high school. Miss Myrtle Ruth Blevins of the Jefferson Church completed a commercial course in the high school in Roseboro, North Carolina. Miss Eleanor Meeks of the Jefferson Church graduated from the Montreat high school.

GLENDALE FIELD

The following have returned from college—Miss Frances Vannoy, of the Bethel church, who has been attending Flora Macdonald College. Miss Katherine Woodie, who has been attending Lees-McRae College.

Those who returned from Glade Valley high school are the following: Miss Nora Osborne and Betty Vannoy, from Bethel Church. Miss Margie Dean Lyle from Glendale Springs Church. Miss Elane Cox, Elizabeth Long, Ulene Hart and Billie Long from Laurel Fork Church.

The following young people graduated with honors as follows: Miss Margie Dean Lyle of Glendale Springs and Miss Nora Osborne, of Bethel Church graduated from Glade Valley high school. Miss Zephyr Lyle of Low Gap Church graduated at Nathan's Creek, and Agnes Shepherd, of Bethel, graduated at Miller's Creek high school.

LANSING FIELD

Those home from college from the Lansing field are: Miss Beryle May, student at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, and Miss Irene Baldwin, student at Flora Macdonald College.

Graduates from the Lansing Church graduating from high school were: Dorthy Shepherd, Ray Baldwin and Ernest McNeill. From the Foster Memorial Church, Clarice Wiles and Aaron Hartsog also graduated.

GOSPEL TRUCK BOUGHT

Realizing the great need for an extra vehicle to meet appointments by the new worker, Miss Virginia Smith, and also the need for a truck in which to haul children to Bible school, we have purchased a half-ton truck for the Glendale field. This truck has been fitted out with a good top and seats, and will be supplied with side curtains in the case of rain. This truck has already proven its usefulness by hauling thirty or forty children to the Bible school each morning and as a needed vehicle to take Miss Smith to her appointments for Sunday School.

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Special Worker In Glendale Field Now

We have been praying that the Lord would send us a worker to take the place of Miss Lois Calhoun, who some months ago moved to Birmingham Presbytery for work in that Home Mission Field. We were led to contact Miss Virginia Smith, of Charlotte, N. C., who accepted the work in the Glendale field for the summer, as Bible School worker and Religious Director for the seven churches of Rev. J. W. Luke's field.

Miss Smith is a graduate of Queens College, and has specialized in the study of the Bible. She is also a splendid musician and sings well. In her home church in Charlotte, which is the Methodist Church, she is well experienced in working in Sunday School.

Virginia, as we have learned to call Miss Smith, has already shown the value of her talents, in music and Bible teaching. Her earnest Christian character and friendly smile has also won many friends during the few days she has been with us.

SPECIAL WORKER FOR LANSING BIBLE SCHOOLS

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in the Chautauquas during her summer vacation while attending college. She is a graduate of Agnes Scott College of Atlanta, Georgia, and is now attending our General Assembly's Training School at Richmond, Virginia.

The Gillespie Church opened the Christian Chautauqua season in the Lansing field on June 4 and closed on June 14. Rev. Robert Potter, of Winston-Salem, N. C., was the evangelist and also conducted a daily music appreciation period in the Bible school. Miss Marjorie Patterson, ably assisted by Misses Loraine Stansberry and Mildred Elliott, conducted the Bible school which was a very successful one. The enrollment was 33 with an average attendance of 23.

Several were received into the church at the close of the meeting. The following were baptized and received into the church, having made a public profession of their faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour: Mrs. Bernie Hamm, Etta Hamm, Eva Hamm, Katharine Calhoun and Loraine Stansberry.

MAKING PROGRESS AT GLADE VALLEY

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tees, and after looking the grounds over gave an inspiring talk on the possibilities of the school. He visualized the beginning of a permanent school by describing a new stone building as the center of the campus activities. The meeting was well attended by trustees. Mr. Eldridge gave an interesting report on finances of the school. An excellent dinner was served in the dining room by Mrs. Eldridge.

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Mrs. K. J. Foreman Is Religious Worker

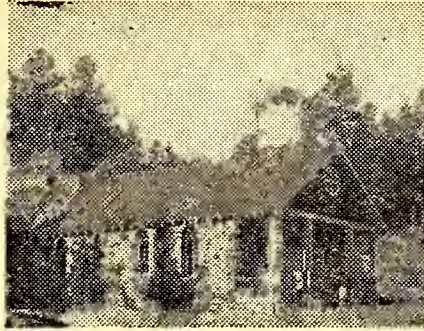
In the last issue of the Ashe Presbyterian we introduced Rev. K. J. Foreman, Jr. Now we take pleasure in introducing the little woman of the Lansing Manse, Mrs. K. J. Foreman, Jr.

Mrs. Foreman was Miss Mary Frances Ogden, of Knoxville, Tenn. She received her B. S. degree from the University of Tennessee in 1942, and her M. R. E. at the General Assembly's Training School in 1944, and became the Director of Religious Education at (Continued on Page Four)

Installation For Rev. K. J. Foreman, Jr.

Foster Memorial, Gillespie, and Lansing had a big day on July 29, when Winston-Salem Presbytery's formal commission for ordination and installation of the new pastor convened at each of the three churches in the field.

Prominent part in each service was the charge to the congregation. Noah W. Graham, of Husk, clerk of the session at Foster Memorial, charged the Lansing congregation, and Elder Walter Osborne, of Lansing, addressed the charge to the people at Gillespie. At Foster Memorial there was special interest when A. A. Cashion, of North Wilkesboro, delivered the charge, since Mr. Cashion had given Mr. Stone the first hundred dollars toward the attractive stone building now (Continued on Page 3)



PRESBYTERY TO MEET OCT. 2 AT LAUREL FORK

Laurel Fork Presbyterian church as seen in the cut above, welcomes the Presbytery of Winston-Salem. This is the first time since she was organized on Sept. 25, 1932, that we have had the pleasure of entertaining this body. This church is planning to entertain for dinner and supper. The Woman's Auxiliary and the men have planned and worked that all may be ready.

Rev. Dan Graham To Speak

Some of the highlights of the program at Laurel F. will be a trip on the Parkway Drive, and an address by Rev. Dan Graham, on Evangelism. Mr. Graham is well-known as a very capable evangelist as well as a radio speaker, and will address the Presby-

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Presbytery of Winston-Salem at Laurel Fork—October 2.
Pre-Synod Home Mission Conference at Davidson—October 8-9.
Synod of North Carolina at Davidson College—October 9-10.
Woman's District Meeting at Jefferson Church—October 10.



Rev. B. A. Meeks Has Accepted Tenn. Call

In June, 1942, Rev. B. A. Meeks and his family came to the manse at Jefferson, N. C. Since that time, Brother Meeks has filled faithfully the Jefferson field, consisting of the Jeffersons, Obids and Big Ridge churches. The Jefferson and West Jefferson churches and the manse have each been improved under the leadership of Mr. Meeks. Not only has he carried on the work of the Jefferson field, but has also given some time to filling the (Continued on Page Four)

Jefferson, Lansing Schedule Is Given

The following is the schedule for preaching services to be held in the Lansing-Jefferson field:

Gillespie—

Sunday School, 2 p. m. every Sunday; Preaching, 3:00 p. m., 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Foster Memorial—

Sunday School, 2 p. m. every Sunday; preaching, 3:00 p. m., 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Lansing—

Sunday School, 10:00 a. m., every Sunday; Preaching, 11:00 a. m., every Sunday.

West Jefferson—

Worship, 8 p. m., 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Jefferson—

Worship, 8:00 p. m., 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Obids—

Worship, 3:00 p. m., 4th (Continued on Page 3)

Summary of 1945 Summer Meetings and Bible Schools

Church	Enrollment	Ave. Atten.	Perfect Att.	Professions	New Members	Evangelist
W. Jefferson	54	40	15			(No Meeting)
Jefferson	55	52	20			B. A. Meeks-G. Wag'r
Obids	42	26	7	2	1	Rev. Robert Potter
Big Ridge				2	1	Rev. B. H. Wiggins
Lansing	45	30	20	2	3	Rev. W. S. Patterson
Gillespie	35	25	15	5	5	Rev. Robert Potter
Foster Mem.	38	20	18			(No Meeting)
Stone Chapel						(No Meeting)
Glendale Spr'gs	90	50	37	12	9	Rev. F. C. Lytle
Ebenezer	34	16	6	10	5	Rev. J. T. Barham
Low Gap	93	48	24	25	12	Rev. R. K. Davenport
Peak Creek	73	41	14	10	1	Rev. P. D. Patrick
Laurel Fork	33	18	13	10	4	Rev. W. T. Smith
Bethel	56	40	30	6	2	Rev. T. D. Mullis
Miller's	60	36	24	10	2	Rev. B. F. Yandell
TOTAL	708	442	243	94	46	

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EDITORIAL**THE CHURCH WELCOMES
RETURNING SERVICE MEN**

"Hi, Boy! Glad to see you back." So we welcome those boys who are drifting back into civilian life. The churches also welcome these returning service men. Yes! back into her membership and activities.

There are two good reasons why service men should find their way back into the church. **FIRST**—You need the church. **SECOND**—The home church needs you.

First—You Need The Church

1st—Service men, you need the church because you have come from wandering upon the face of the earth to settle down at the spot called home. You need a church home also, the church where you went to Sunday School as a boy, the church where you learned to worship God, the church where you got acquainted with the best friends you have ever known. Do not forget, as you now anchor at home you need to anchor to God in your old home church. You need it more than you know, service men.

2nd—You need the church because it is the only institution that will help you pick up the broken purposes that were so rudely interrupted by war. If you would once more pick up the broken strands of life, where you left off before war, the church will help you.

"Dear Lord, take up the tangled strands,

Where we have wrought in vain,

That by the skill of Thy dear hands,

Some beauty may remain."

3rd—The service man needs the church because it is the only institution that has a message to keep peace for yourself and for your children—the very thing for which you have been fighting. Do you want peace preserved? Then you need the church that will preach the love of Christ and forgiveness. You need the Church to hold what you have won.

4th—Returning service men, you need the church because it will provide a place of calm for your restless soul. You have seen things go in

the Army and Navy. Things had to go. Now things will not go as fast as you wish. The resource of your nation are not at your finger tips. You cannot hastily pick up something new and hasten into battle. Then you have quit having someone to make your decisions. How impatient you will become! Yes, the church will help you turn that restless energy to fighting a greater battle—the Battle for Christ against evil. The Church will teach you to be patient again. The church will teach you to think and make your own decisions in the light of the real meaning of life interpreted by Christ.

Second—The Church Needs You

1st—The Church needs the service men because we have missed your place in our work. While you were away at war, Soldier or Sailor, we at home tried hard to keep the home church going. For three or four years now, the pastor, with the aid of the women, children and older folks, have kept the home fires burning. Young man, the home church needs your young and helping hand. We need to see you in the congregation again in your place. We need you in your Sunday School. Your place has been vacant—fill it again now that you are at home.

2nd—The church needs your new vision. You have traveled and seen much. You have met people of all races. You have seen far-away customs and churches of other lands. You have seen the work of the missionaries among heathen people. You need to bring your new vision of the world back to your home church. Christ's vision was world-wide. You can help your home church get the world-wide vision of Christ.

I have written of the mutual needs of servicemen and the home church. I cannot stop until I mention some of the obligations we owe each other and God.

The home church prayed for you, organized centers for you, gave up preachers to become your Chaplains. Let us not forget service men our mutual obligation to your comrades who were our loved ones that gave their lives to make a better world. How better can we show our obligations to those who died than to become an active soldier of the cross. Service men, the home church welcomes you!

**Glendale Springs To
Have New Church**

On August 13, 1939, the Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church was organized, and since that time has been one of the most active churches in Ashe county. Where have we been meeting? We have had our Sunday School and meeting in the public school building. If you have any thing to help a little church erect a building, let us know. We need siding, bricks, cement, sand, framing, lumber, logs or trees, window frames, flooring,

**Elders Take Lead
In Church Services**

Three Ashe Presbyterian ruling elders had a chance to respond to the General Assembly's appeal for help in our 1,000 pastorless churches, and have taken charge of three of Mr. Meeks' churches which otherwise would have been left without supply. They are Delmer Rose, of Glendale Springs, who is conducting the bi-monthly worship services at Obids; Walter Osborne, of Lansing, who is leading the worship on 1st and 3rd Sunday nights at West Jefferson; and J. O. Blevins, of Lansing, who is doing the same at Jefferson. Mr. Blevins and Mr. Osborne plan to alternate. Ashe Presbyterians are proud of their strong leaders and pray for God's special care over these three as they keep up the work of the Kingdom.

**Chautauquas Are Held
In Jefferson Field**

Successful Chautauquas were held in the Jefferson field with interest far above average, although the attendance was lower than expected.

Jefferson: The Presbyterians and Methodists united in both Bible school and evangelistic services and the pastors alternated preaching services. Assisting Mr. Meeks in the Bible school were Miss Polly Austin, Miss Josephine Brown, Miss Irene Baldwin, Rev. R. G. Wagoner, Miss Roberta Austin and Miss Clarine Oliver.

Obids: The Rev. Robert Potter held the services and was assisted in the Bible School by Misses Lenna Parsons and Irene Baldwin.

Big Ridge: The revival, conducted by the Rev. B. H. Wiggins, of Bristol, Tennessee, was well attended although the Bible School was far below par.

MEMORIAL SERVICES TO BE HELD

There will be a memorial service in honor of Richard Black, of the U. S. Army, who was killed in action in France. This service will be held at 11 a. m. at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church on October 7.

Memorial service and decoration of the graves at the Peak Creek cemetery will be held on September 30, at 11 a. m.

celotex, nails, roofing, labor, money and lots of other things. If you have anything to donate, please get in touch with J. W. Luke, Glendale Sp'gs, N. C.

IN MEMORY OF

Alonzo Bare—Elder of the Big Ridge Presbyterian Church.

Lundy Barr—Deacon of the Gillespie Presbyterian Church.

Richard Black—Ebenezer community. Died in Service, U. S. Army.

Wade Miller—Laurel Fork community. Died in Service, U. S. Army.

Rex Cox—Laurel Fork community. Died in Service, U. S. Army.

GLADE VALLEY HAS BIG ENROLLMENT THIS YEAR

Glade Valley has probably the largest enrollment in her history. Students had to be turned away because of the many who were ahead of them.

Many improvements have been made this summer. Watch Glade Valley go and grow with the new vision we have for her.

The following students from the Lansing, Jefferson and Glendale fields are attending Glade Valley this year:

Ruth Williams, West Jefferson; Betty Williams, Idlewild; Blanche Woodie, Glendale Springs; Betty Lou Vannoy, Reddies River; Billy Shepherd, Vannoy; Guy Sheets, Reddies River; Athalee Roten, Wagoner; Allean Parsons, Obids; Elsie Smith, Jefferson; Betsy Edwards, West Jefferson; Maxine Miller, Othello; Magdalene Miller, Othello; Lola Miller, Jefferson; Dickie Miller, Laurel Springs; Elizabeth Long, Laurel Springs; Billy Long, Laurel Springs; Alene Hart, Laurel Springs; Parker Hart, Laurel Springs; Anne Farrington, Jefferson; Paul Farrington, Jefferson; Mildred Elliott, Lansing; Elane Cox, Laurel Springs; Lake Cox, Laurel Springs; Ruby Craven, Wagoner; Mabel Craven, Wagoner; Josephine Brown, Jefferson.

JEFFERSON, LANSING SCHEDULE

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Sunday.

Big Ridge—

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INSTALLATION FOR REV. K. J. FOREMAN, JR.

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housing that congregation. Presbytery felt itself fortunate to have such capable speakers among its elders.

John Luke was chairman of the commission, since he is now the oldest Ashe Presbyterian pastor. With him were: B. A. Meeks, L. B. Ham, of Nella; J. O. Blevins, of Lansing, and Conley Thompson, of Apple Grove. The other ministers on the commission were: Dr. K. J. Foreman, from Davidson and Asheville Presbytery; beloved O. V. Caudill, Home Mission Secretary; and C. H. Williams, pastor of Beulah Presbyterian Church, near North Wilkesboro.

The Lansing ladies prepared a tasty luncheon for the congregation and commission, which was sat down to and tried and pronounced delicious by all.

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REV. B. A. MEEKS HAS ACCEPTED TENN. CALL

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pulpits of the Lansing field, which were without a pastor.

While here, Mr. Meeks also wrote the editorials for "The Ashe Presbyterian" as well as arranged a great deal of the material for the paper. We shall miss his work on our little paper, as you will readily see after reading this issue.

He was interested in Boy Scout work and was superintendent of the "Save the Children Movement" in the county.

While at the Jefferson manse, two fine boys from this family went into the service of their country, Leighton and Edwin Meeks.

We shall miss the girls, the boys, and Mr. and Mrs. Meeks as they go to Knoxville, Tenn., where Brother Meeks will take up work under the First Presbyterian Church in the chapel program of that old church. May God bless you and your family, Brother Meeks.

MRS. K. J. FOREMAN, JR. IS RELIGIOUS WORKER

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the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville for '44 and '45. She received her MRS. when she was married on June 7, 1945 to Rev. Kenneth Foreman, Jr., and became the director of the Manse and her husband when she arrived in Lansing on July 1, 1945.

PRESBYTERY TO MEET OCT. 2 AT LAUREL FORK

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tery at 7:30 p. m., on Oct. 2. Everyone is invited to attend the Presbytery meeting all day October 2, beginning at 10:00 a. m.

MISS MARJORIE PATTERSON OFF TO G. A. T. SCHOOL

Miss Marjorie Patterson has left Ashe county, after spending another summer with us, this time as Bible school and young peoples' worker in the Lansing field.

This winter, Miss Patterson will take her final year at the General Assembly's Training School, Richmond, Va.

MISS VIRGINIA SMITH IS NOW HOMEWARD BOUND

Miss Virginia Smith, who has filled such a useful place as Bible School teacher, musician, and Sunday School teacher, in the Glendale Springs field, has gone to her home in Charlotte, N. C. She will rest a few days before going to her work as public school Bible teacher at Selma High School, Selma.

REV O. V. CAUDILL TAKES BIG NEW JOB

Rev. O. V. Caudill, who has been serving as pastor at Elkin and Yadkinville and also served as superintendent of Home Missions of Winston-Salem Presbytery, has resigned. Mr. Caudill will take the position as Church Architect Advisor for the Synod of North Carolina.

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Start New Building At Glendale Springs

The need for a church building at Glendale Springs, which has been in the minds of the people for the past six years, is now being fulfilled, for actual construction work on the proposed church has been started.

On August 12, 1939, thirty-one Christians met in the Glendale Springs school house to take the covenant to become a chartered Presbyterian church. The commission to constitute this church into an organization was the following: The Revs. R. H. Stone, J. W. Luke, T. F. Haney, Elders J. C. Crawford and J. O. Blevins. Dr. E. E. Gillespie preached an inspiring sermon from I Cor. 3:10.

Since that date of organization, the Glendale Springs church has been one of the most active little congregations in the county of Ashe. Under Delmer Rose, the elder, the Sunday School has run regularly with good attendance. Services are being held twice a month by the pastor, the Rev. J. W. Luke. The meeting place has been in the school building at Glendale Springs.

The Young People of the church have also been active from time to time. Perhaps the most active group within the Glendale church is the Woman's Auxiliary. This group of

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Miss Betty Barber Is Visiting In County

This week, we are having the honor of a good long visit from our Synod's new Young People's Director, Miss Betty Scott Barber. Miss Barber, who last year was President of the Young People's Council of the Synod of North Carolina, is working under Dr. J. O. Mann, with headquarters in Myers Park Church, Charlotte.

Miss Barber became acquainted with a number of our Presbytery's young people during the Leadership Training School at Winston-Salem in October, and agreed to meet with the various Fellowship groups and get to know the Ashe churches, their work and their possibilities for Young People's growth in Christ.

Graduating last Spring from the University of North Carolina, Miss Barber is a native of Pittsboro, Orange Presbytery, and during last year was President of the Young Peoples Council of the Synod of North Carolina. At present Miss Barber is assisting Rev. J. O. Mann, Synod's director of Religious Education, and is making Charlotte her headquarters.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST



Christmas Services Are Being Planned

Christmas will be fittingly observed in all of the Presbyterian churches in this area. A brief resume of plans is given here:

LANSING FIELD

At Gillespie, the Young People are presenting a special program, with a pageant, "The Three Gifts," centering around the visit of the Three Wise Men. The schedule: Stone Chapel, Saturday night, Dec. 22, Gillespie, Sunday night Dec. 23.

At Foster Memorial, the Christmas Program will be Sunday afternoon, Dec. 23, at the Church.

At Lansing, the Christmas Program is to be on Christmas Eve, at the church.

JEFFERSON FIELD

The Big Ridge Young People are inviting the entire congregation to a Christmas service and party, on Friday night, December 21, seven o'clock.

The West Jefferson Christmas service will be Sunday afternoon, December 23, at 5:00 p. m.

Jefferson is planning for a pageant Sunday night, December 23. The time will be 7:00; everybody is invited.

Obids surely plans for a special

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Rev. William Boyle Begins Ministry Here

When Rev. B. A. Meeks left us, as you remember from the September issue of the Ashe Presbyterian, we were all very much afraid that it would be months or even longer before God might lead us to a new minister for the Jefferson field. But thanks be to Him we are able to show you the picture this time of the fine young man and his wife who have come to be with us, Rev. William Porter Boyle and Mrs. Boyle. Already they are getting settled in the manse at Jefferson, and meeting new friends every day in the Jefferson, West Jefferson, Big Ridge and Obids churches.

Mr. Boyle was born down in Brazil on April 29, 1920, to his missionary parents, Rev. and Mrs. Gaston Boyle, who are now at Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church, Steele's Tavern, Virginia. Graduating from Spottswood, Va., High School and Davidson College, Mr. Boyle finished his work at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., this spring. For a year he was pastor of the Unity Presbyterian Church at Davidson, and for 1944-1945 has been student pastor of Fulton Presbyterian Church in Richmond.

Had the war not come to such a sudden close, Mr. Boyle would now be in the Navy Chaplaincy for which he ap-

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Rev L. J. Yelanjian Takes Work In Ashe

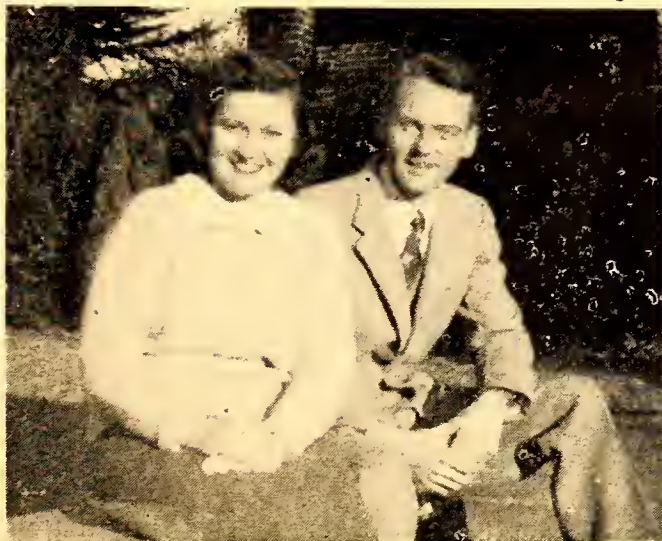
The "Ashe Presbyterian" is glad to announce that the Home Mission Committee of Winston-Salem Presbytery has secured Rev. L. J. Yelanjian to help in the Glendale Springs Field. He will serve the Ebenezer, Peak Creek, and Laurel Fork Churches, three of the seven churches in J. W. Luke's field.

About thirty-two years ago an immigrant boy from Armenia stepped upon the shores of this great country. Since then he was converted and was called of God into the gospel ministry. Mr. Yelanjian finished his college education at Birmingham Southern College, and his ministerial and theological work in Moody Bible Institute and Richmond Theological Seminary. He also studied toward an M. A. degree at Duke University.

In his ministry, Mr. Yelanjian led two congregations in building churches, the Reade Memorial, and Fairfield Highlands Church. In the last four years, Brother Yelanjian built a home at Glendale Springs called "High Haven." From

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Begin Work In Jefferson Field



Rev. W. P. Boyle and Mrs. Boyle.

On Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men

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EDITORIAL

CHRISTMAS—A TIME OF HOPE

One of the blessings of the Christmas season is that with its return each year hope is renewed in the hearts of all Christians. This hope is born again within us because we are reminded of the purpose for which Jesus came to earth. We have a new vision of a world of peace and righteousness, a world in which Christ is King.

In the Bible we read that beautiful promise, "on earth peace, good will toward men." "The Prince of Peace" is foretold by the prophet and we learn that "of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end." Our Christmas carols also bring us hope, as we sing: "He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove, The glories of his righteousness, And wonders of his love."

At this Christmas season our hope is greater than it has been for years. Indeed, many of our hopes are fulfilled, for peace reigns again in most of the world. Thus our hope is filled with joy as we thank God for the return of peace.

But as we rejoice we must not fail to make:

FOR THE NEW YEAR—A RESOLUTION.

While we enjoy the fruits of victory, let us remember that some parts of the world are still at war. We cannot let ourselves forget that many millions are still suffering from the terrible results of war; starvation, disease, poverty, and a host of the other curses of war. The Prince of Peace is not yet King on earth. Today is not the day of good will toward men.

The beginning of the New Year is a good time for all Christian people everywhere to resolve to do more to make the kingdom of this world become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ. It is our solemn duty to dedicate ourselves anew to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteous-

Ralph Buchanan Takes New Office

Ashe Presbyterians had the pleasure recently of their first visit from Winston-Salem Presbytery's new Executive Secretary of Home Missions, Ralph Buchanan, who comes from the Fine Hall field to replace O. V. Caudill. Mr. Buchanan is no stranger among us, having preached many summer weeks in the Gillespie outposts. As Superintendent of Home Missions, Mr. Buchanan is going to be busy all over the Presbytery, but his many friends in the mountains hope he will return to be with us often.

IMPROVEMENTS IN MANSE

Come in and see the manse at Jefferson! You'll really see things in a rosy glare there, for the walls of the living room and dining room are shell pink. The study and bedroom walls are painted a blue-green (we can never decide which!), the kitchen ivory, the hall white. The woodwork has been newly painted white in all the downstairs rooms, and the floors have been sanded and refinished. The Jefferson and West Jefferson people have given generously of their time and money to provide this beautiful home for their "new preacher."

WELCOME TO CHAPLAIN COOPER

We welcome Rev. Watt Cooper back into the Presbytery as the pastor of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church. Mr. Cooper entered the navy as Chaplain in December, 1942. The congregation in the North Wilkesboro Church liked Mr. Cooper so well as pastor, they never gave up hope he would come back to them again. We now rejoice with the people of North Wilkesboro that he has come back to that pastorate.

IMPROVEMENTS AT LAUREL FORK

This fall there was quite a stir going on at Laurel Fork Church. The people were getting ready for Presbytery and making some needed improvements. The floor of the front porch had never been completed, so with the help of the men of the community a beautiful, substantial concrete floor was laid. The road supervisor, Mr. Richardson, of Alleghany county, had a nice job done on leveling a road around the church and putting a culvert at the intersection of the church road and the hard surface. Travelers driving on highway No. 18, need not guess the name of the little rock church built by the side of the road, for a very visible sign has been placed over the entrance designating the church as the Laurel Fork Presbyterian Church.

ness.

Let us resolve, too, to open our own hearts and let the Lord Christ in:

"O Holy child of Bethlehem,

Descend to us, we pray;

Cast out our sin and enter in,

Be born in us today."

Schedule Change For The Rev. J. W. Luke

Since Brother L. J. Yelanjian is helping in the Glendale Field, there will be a change in the appointments of Rev. J. W. Luke. In this schedule we are depending upon the Sunday School superintendents to meet the appointments of their Sunday Schools.

FIRST SUNDAY

Bethel, Sunday School, 10:00 a. m., Preaching Service, 11:00 a. m.; Glendale Springs, Sunday School, 10:30 a. m., Preaching Service, 7:00 p. m.; Millers, Sunday School, 1:00 p. m.; and Low Gap, Sunday School, 2:00 p. m.

SECOND SUNDAY

Bethel, Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.; Glendale Springs, Sunday School, 10:30 a. m.; Millers, Sunday School, 1:00 p. m., Preaching Service, 2:00 p. m.; Low Gap, Sunday School, 2:00 p. m., Preaching Service, 7:00 p. m.

THIRD SUNDAY

Bethel, Sunday School, 10:00 a. m., Preaching Service, 7:00 p. m.; Glendale Springs, Sunday School, 10:30 a. m., Preaching service, 11:00 a. m.; Miller's, Sunday School, 1:00 p. m.; Low Gap, Sunday School, 2:00 p. m.

FOURTH SUNDAY

Bethel, Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.; Glendale Springs, Sunday School, 10:30 a. m.; Millers, Sunday School, 12:00 noon, Preaching service, 1:00 p. m.; Low Gap, Sunday School, 2:00 p. m., Preaching Service, 3:00 p. m.

Work Begins Again Out At Stone Chapel

Stone Chapel, farthest western outpost of our Presbytery, has seen renewed activity this fall. Set on the mountainside almost at the Tennessee border, Stone Chapel is in the midst of a section that has no other active church. At the November preaching service, for example, only one out of 35 was a member of any church.

A group of the Gillespie Young People have scrubbed the chapel spotless inside, and have been doing their best to carry on the Sunday school teaching. Leaders in this are Clara Osborne, President; Lorraine Stansberry, Vice-President; and Valrea Hamm, Secretary. Under elder Conley Thompson, plans are being made to clear away the underbrush around the building, and in the meantime, Mr. Foreman has been coming every second Sunday for preaching service.

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Lansing Services On Thanksgiving

All three of our churches in the Lansing field had special observance of Thanksgiving. At Foster Memorial there was a program at Sunday School, and an offering for Barium Springs of \$5.00 was received. At the Gillespie service, Thanksgiving, Mr. Boyle preached, after which the congregation engaged in prayer and testimony. Thanksgiving night at Lansing brought the regular Thanksgiving prayer and hymn service, and the session forwarded \$10.00 as the offering for Barium.

SCHEDULE IS ANNOUNCED FOR REV. L. J. YELANJIAN

Brother L. J. Yelanjian wishes to announce the following schedule for the following churches for the next four months. Services will be held each Sunday as follows:

Ebenezer—Sunday School, 10 a. m.; preaching service following.

Laurel Fork—Sunday School, 11:30; preaching following.

Peak Creek—Sunday School, 2:00 p. m.; preaching following.

Unless there is some reason for other change in the schedule, the above will be followed by Mr. Yelanjian.

Glendale Has Services For Thanksgiving

In spite of severe weather, the Glendale Field was blessed by the Thanksgiving season. Among the blessings were the seven Thanksgiving services held in the seven churches of this field. In each of these services the people expressed themselves in grateful terms when called upon by the pastor, J. W. Luke.

The chief speaker of each Thanksgiving service was Rev. T. K. Morrison, one of our missionaries from Africa, on furlough. Mr. Morrison gave us very interesting and inspiring addresses. Hearing of his experiences related to the sinking of the ship, "Zamzam" upon which he was a passenger, was of great interest.

During the season Miss Virginia Smith visited the manse and played for the services. Everyone was delighted to see Miss Smith again since her departure from the Bible School work last summer.

One thing that made the season a wonderful one, was the spirit of giving that the people showed in giving to the Barium Springs Orphanage. Gifts from the seven churches in this field totaled \$51.07. The Woman's Auxiliary at Glendale Springs gave, besides this amount, \$10.40, making the total from the Glendale Field, \$61.47.

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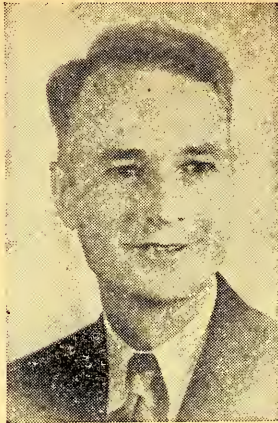
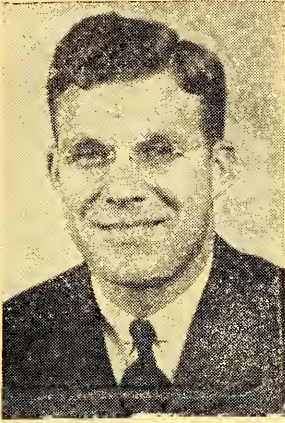
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Spoke At Foreign Mission Rally



Candidate Secretary Richard T. Gillespie, left, and Ira Moore, right, who has been in charge of a Bible School at Laputa, Congo Belge, Africa.

Foreign Mission Rally Comes To Ashe County

When the morning of December 5 dawned, it looked as though the Lord was determined to test out the saints of Ashe county and find out just who was really interested in Foreign Missions. Overnight a thick, wet blanket of snow and sleet had fallen, blocking all the secondary roads and giving the highway department fits on our few paved arteries. Mr. Womeldorf was not to be stopped, however, and by noon he had brought the visiting team of Foreign Missionaries from Glade

Valley, where they had been the night before for the rally over there. You

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can imagine the state of the highway when you hear that all six starved and frozen missionaries had to forego a great feast of chickens Mrs. Yelanjian was preparing for them at High Haven, Glendale Springs, because the intervening snow and ice made it impossible for them to get there.

Plans had been for the young people to leave for Jefferson after school for the rally, but, of course, none of the county school buses could run that day. That left many loyal Presbyterian young folks miles from Jefferson, over roads that even the mails were unable to travel. Yet when 4:30 came, groups had come from Glendale Springs, from Jefferson, from West Jefferson, from Big Ridge and from Lansing, and the Rally went on exactly as scheduled. Dr. Rule and Mr. Ira Moore spoke compellingly of the work our Church is doing for Christ in Africa, and told us that we are desperately needed there—by our gifts, by

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Work Starts On Glendale Springs Church



START NEW BUILDING AT GLENDALE SPRINGS

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women has met regularly and have done splendid work. Mrs. E. W. Lyle is at this time president of the Auxiliaries and is leading it in very active work.

A lot was purchased four years ago and now, since the war has ended, construction has been started. Forms are now set and the concrete foundation is ready to be poured. Lumber is on the grounds for constructing the framework as soon as the foundation is completed. Approximately \$1500 of the estimated cost of \$3,500, has been saved for the building. Special appreciation has been expressed to those who so generously contributed. John Gentry sent \$25.00 from Germany to help on the work. By the time the next Ashe Presbyterian comes out, it is hoped that the people will have a place in which to worship. The church is to be in the shape of an "L", the auditorium being 46 feet by 24 feet with a two-storied Sunday school building forming the wing.

Those who are interested in the project are asked to remember the workers in their prayers. Those who have appreciated what has been done for them are asked to send a Christmas gift as a share in the church building.

FOREIGN MISSION RALLY COMES TO ASHE COUNTY

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our prayers, by our own volunteering for service as doctors, nurses, teachers.

After a delicious supper served by the Jefferson and West Jefferson ladies, the program resumed under District Y. P. Chairman, Miss Margie Dean Lyle, Glendale Springs. Miss June Crepps, of Big Ridge, read the Scripture, and Dawes Graybeal, president of the Lansing Young People, led the assembly in prayer.

More than fifty were present for the worship and to hear Jack Vinson and Richard Gillespie tell of the need for foreign mission volunteers in Chi-

na and in all our fields. By the grace of God, and helped out by six sets of tire chains and a shovel, we had a fine Foreign Mission Rally. Mr. Womeldorf, Presbytery's Chairman of Foreign Missions, pronounced the benediction. Already, we are looking forward to the Presbytery Rally next Spring!

Thanksgiving Service Held At Jefferson

A beautiful spirit of cooperation as well as of Thanksgiving was evident at the Jefferson Thanksgiving service. At 6:30, the Methodists joined us at the Presbyterian church for a supper and for fellowship together. The food was delicious and abundant, the fellowship nourishing to our spirits. After supper, everyone went upstairs to the church auditorium for the annual service. Each member of the congregation was given an opportunity to express his thanks to our maker.

The Thanksgiving offering for Barium Springs Orphanage, given by the Jefferson people at their Sunday night service, was \$22.80. The West Jefferson and Obids churches also gave generously.

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Elder J. Ross Weaver, left, and Elder and Mrs. James Campbell, right.

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One of the glories of the Presbyterian Church has been its great succession of Ruling Elders. Men like Robert E. Speer, Dwight L. Moody, and J. W. Lapsley, for example, often reach heights of spiritual power and grace that are an example and inspiration to ministers and members alike. It is the genius of Presbyterianism to help God raise up men who through the office of Ruling Elder may most effectively carry on the work of his Kingdom.

Here in Ashe County, God has blessed us and his Church with faithful and able Ruling Elders, "blameless in life and sound in the faith, men of wisdom and discretion," well worthy of "the same authority and eligibility to office in the courts of the church as the Ministers of the World." In this issue of the Ashe Presbyterian we introduce you to two of them.

From their pictures in this issue, many of you will recognize an old friend of town and country, who has attended many a Presbytery and Synod during his twenty years as Ruling Elder in Lansing Presbyterian Church, Elder J. Ross Weaver, charter member and first Clerk of Session of Ashe County's largest Presbyterian church, and no less known and honored, is Elder James Campbell, with his irreplaceable Mrs. Campbell. These two men have served their Master in Lansing Church since its first meetings, and though their health now keeps them from as active attendance at the public services as they once gave, they are both continuing strong in their office as they meet

with the Session in their homes and as they undergird all the work of the church with their prayers and gifts.

Mr. Campbell was born on December 17, some 68 years ago, over on Piney Creek in behind Lansing. Principally raised under Pond Mountain at the head of Little Horse Creek, he met and married there the fine girl who has stood by him for 48 years this spring, the present Mrs. Lydia Campbell. Their many children have grown up to take their own places in the world, and today Mr. and Mrs. Campbell see some of their grandchildren growing up to leadership in the work of the Church. You may find them almost any day at the Campbell Clothing Store, across from the Lansing Post Office, and they can be counted on to welcome you.

Mr. Weaver was born a little south-east of Lansing, across Teaberry Hill, on the farm which his father and grandfather before him worked since before the Civil War. There he still lives to this day, cheerful and happy and understandably proud of his wife and his children. Not even his library, of more than 2,000 volumes, brings Mr. Weaver

more joy than the boys and girls who have gone out from home to carry on the leadership of the Kingdom of God. Scattered from Maryland on down, they have all learned from their parents something of their responsibility to Christ and his work. Maxie, by the way, who was director of Religious Education in Danville, is now Winston-Salem Presbytery's own, as Mrs. J. S. Johnson of the Francisco field.

Both these men, by their ability and their devotion, have shown us that God's power is no less today than it was in the Church of the saints of old. We pray for his blessing on these and all his children, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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Wyatt-Orsbon Vows At Bethel Church

October 13 was the date of the first marriage ceremony taking place in the Bethel Presbyterian Church of the Glendale Field.

Miss Ruby Wyatt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wyatt, of Vannoy, N. C., and faithful Sunday School teacher, was united in marriage to Richard Orsbon, of the army. Mr. Orsbon, also from our local community, has just returned from overseas' duty in Italy for over three years. The bride and groom were alumni of Glade Valley High School and had been friends for a long time.

On October 13 at the usual appointment, the church was decorated with candles and lilies. Relatives and friends were present. Mrs. J. W. Luke rendered appropriate music for the ceremony.

The soldier's uniform, the dark traveling suit with corsage of pink roses of the bride, the eager and earnest faces of the young people, in the flickering shadows and light of the candles, made a scene that can not easily be forgotten. We are sure that God will bless this union.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

When we decided to come to the Jefferson field we knew we were going to be with good people. But when we moved in we began to see that their goodness was even greater than our expectations. We take this opportunity, then, to thank everyone who has been so generous in helping us make our new home. Space would not permit us to mention even a small number of the gifts we have received or the deeds of kindness that have been done, so we simply thank everyone for everything!

Ella Banks and Bill Boyle.

\$25.00 FROM GERMANY FOR GLENDALE CHURCH BLDG.

A few days ago, Mrs. Frank Severt handed in for the building of Glendale Springs Church, \$25.00. She said John Centry, who is overseas in Germany, sent this as a donation for the building. When a soldier boy far away from home can think of his church and make a substantial gift, what should some of the rest of us do? May John come home to see a beautiful church in which he may worship, is my prayer to God.

ELDER DAN CARTER PASSES

It is with deep regret we hear of the passing of Elder Dan Carter, of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church. Mr. Carter was one of the most faithful elders of that church. He was one of the most useful citizens of that town as well as Wilkes County. He was co-publisher of the paper, "The Journal Patriot." For some time Mr. Carter printed the "Ashe Presbyterian" for us and did splendid work for our little paper.

THE REV. R. H. STONE MAY PREACH AT INSTALLATION

There is a rumor that the Rev. R. H. Stone will preach at the installation

service of the Rev. Mr. Boyle, who is to be installed in the Jefferson field. Many of Mr. Stone's friends will be glad to have him back in Ashe county for these services.

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REV. LOUIS J. YELANJIAN TAKES WORK IN COUNTY

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this home he has supplied the Jefferson, the Boone, North Wilkesboro Churches.

Shown in the picture are Mr. and Mrs. Yelanjian. Mrs. Yelanjian is a good Bible teacher and musician, having received training at Moody Bible Institute. We feel sure the mentioned above will be greatly blessed by the service of Mr. Yelanjian among them.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES ARE BEING PLANNED

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service, and the details will be announced soon.

GLENDALE FIELD

Some folks say, "As slow as Christmas," but it is rushing upon us with the speed of a jet plane. Since Christmas is upon us we announce the following schedule for the exercises for the season:

Friday, Dec. 21, Ebenezer, 4 p. m.;
Low Gap, 7 p. m.

Saturday, Dec. 22, Glendale Springs,
1: 0 p. m. (Xmas Tree); Bethel, 6 p. m.

Sunday, Dec. 23, Peak Creek, 3 p. m.;
Glendale Springs, 7 p. m. (Christmas
Service); Laurel Fork, 7 p. m.

Monday, Dec. 24, Millers, 6 p. m.

The features of the above services will be candle light services, recitations and Christmas trees. We rejoice with you in celebrating the birthday of the Christ Child.

REV. WILLIAM BOYLE BEGINS MINISTRY HERE

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died, but in God's good Providence, V-Day came before his papers were cleared, and he is now entering on his full ministry up here in the mountains where we needed him so badly.

Mrs. Boyle was born Ella Banks Weathers, November 10, 1922, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Weathers, Sharon, S. C. Her father is now pastor of New Monmouth Presbyterian Church, Lexington, Va. When she finished high school at Lexington, she went on to get her diploma at Farmville State Teachers' College, and was promptly married after that, on July 9, 1944. She was President of the Young People's Council of Lexington Presbytery, secretary of the Y. P. Council of the Synod of Virginia, and this past year, Mrs. Boyle was one of the proof-readers for our Presbyterian Committee of Publication in Richmond.

We ask your prayers for this young couple and for their churches as they work together for our Master.

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