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Peek into the Past: In 1982, Rev. Russell Kerr retired after the completion of thirty years of service in the church, which would be the longest period of time a pastor had served. For almost two years he had been the oldest pastor in the long history of the church. At the retirement dinner in June, 1982, the congregation presented a plaque and a generous check. A portion of the Expression of Appreciation reads; "The congregation of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church, in its 212th year; being thankful to God for a long, faithful and fruitful ministry, and recognizing the devoted and sacrificial service rendered by the Kerrs, do hereby designate the proposed new addition to our facilities, the KERR FAMILY RECREATION BUILDING, and with this gesture go our continued love, prayers, friendship and good wishes for happiness and good health in their retirement." (*The Presbyterian Gathering on Clear Creek*)

A Musical "Note": On the last Sunday of June, 1982 after the final sermon and benediction, the pastor and the whole Kerr Family were led from the sanctuary in a recessional as the organ pealed the familiar Commencement March, "Pomp and Circumstance." The congregation greeted them with fond farewells at the door of the church. (*The Presbyterian Gathering on Clear Creek*)

Interesting Fact: For many years, Mrs. Kerr hosted a "Chatterbox Luncheon" in her home each May for ladies over seventy.

Important National Events:

November 5, 1982 - The highest unemployment rate since 1940 is recorded at 10.4%. By the end of November, over eleven million people would be unemployed.

November 13, 1982 - The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C., holding the names of the more than 58,000 killed or missing in action during the conflict.