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Peek into the Past: Pastor George Cheek organized a Scout Troop in the church in 1914 or 1915. One of his major interest was the Boy Scouts of America which had been chartered by Congress in 1910. Scouts included L.W. Lee, Roy and Mack Huff, Ben Houston, Link Robinson, Brown Phillips, Frank and Bill Lipe, and Arthur Hood. The troop did not last long after Mr. Cheek's departure, but it began a tradition that would be revived in the future. (*The Presbyterian Gathering on Clear Creek*)

In 1913, motions carried (1) to adopt an old tradition of standing during prayer, (2) no discussion in session unless a motion is before it, (3) organize a night service, and (4) organize a Christian Endeavor Society. (Vol. V, page 25 of Session Notes)

A Musical "Note": 1908: Among the members received was Mrs. Eunice Miller from the Steele Creek Church who had married the popular elder and choir leader, J.M. Miller. He was past forty years of age so their marriage caused quite a celebration in the church. Years later, Mrs. Miller enjoyed telling of the serenade they were given their wedding night. Choir members and other friends marched around their house shooting shotguns and brandishing other noise makers, causing quite a commotion. (*The Presbyterian Gathering on Clear Creek*)

Interesting Fact: In 1913, the Session approved the use of an individual Communion set. People had become concerned about germs, particularly tuberculosis. There were also those who preferred not to use the common cup just after a tobacco chewing member sporting a big mustache and beard. (*The Presbyterian Gathering on Clear Creek*)

Important National Event: 1915- First long distance telephone service, between New York and San Francisco, is demonstrated.