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Peek into the Past: In 1919, one result of the end of the war in Europe was the dismantling of Camp Greene. At a congregational meeting in the spring, Pastor McLaughlin announced that he had learned that a Delco lighting system that had been used in the camp could be bought for \$300, and with \$25 worth of wiring the church could have electricity. One member told how successful his installation at his home had been and suggested that it would be good to buy a new system. The old carbide gas system was replaced and better lighting enjoyed.

In the winter of 1918 and 1919 the dreaded influenza spread across the country and Mecklenburg County. A great many of those who contracted the malady did not survive. The cemeteries on both sides of the road give ample evidence. A quarantine was imposed in both years and all meetings had to be held out of doors. Church services were held in the grove as if it were summer and funerals were conducted from the porch of homes where death had claimed a victim or were held at the graveside. More deaths occurred from influenza than on the battle fields of France and Germany. (*The Presbyterian Gathering on Clear Creek*)

A Musical "Note": The singing of praise has had a vital part in the worship of this congregation. In the second meeting house seats had been set aside for the use of the singers, and in the church constructed in 1826 there was always a place designated for those who would lead in the Praise. Originally the singers sat on the front seats facing the pulpit, but later a choir loft was provided at the front of the church. The choir rail was given in honor of Mr. John Miller who for many years was the leader in the singing. (The History of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church by Rev. Russell Kerr-1970)

Important National Event: 1918 Worldwide influenza epidemic strikes; by 1920, nearly 20 million are dead. In U.S., 500,000 perish.