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Peek into the Past: Pastor Lowrie Wilson Brown served as Pastor from 1921-1928 during a time of growth and progress. Sunday School Picnics was a highlight of the summer for the whole congregation. The occasion was an all-day gathering with games and contests being enjoyed by all. The refreshment stand, which included homemade ice cream and lemonade, was approved by the Session with the profits going to special events or projects. An important part of the day was the picnic in the grove. (*The Presbyterian Gathering on Clear Creek*)

In 1922, under the leadership of Mrs. Julia Black and Mrs. Lou Ashcraft, the Women of the Church decided to build rock walls around the cemeteries. It had been first discussed in 1914 and was set aside in 1915 when the remodeling of the church was undertaken. The rock used was that which had been the piled stone walls placed around the cemeteries just after the sanctuary was completed. This was a big undertaking, but the women had faith to believe they could secure the money to do it. The walls were completed at a cost of \$1,004, which left only \$4 in their treasury. These walls stand as a memorial to our forefathers. (*The History of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church by Rev. Russell Kerr-1970*)

Interesting Fact: In 1921, Pastor Mr. Brown stated that he would expect his salary quarterly and it was agreed that we pay him regularly and that we must run our church on a cash basis strictly. (Vol. V, page 231 of Session Notes)

A Musical "Note": At the March quarterly meeting (1921) held at the John Miller home, the officers presented Mr. and Mrs. Miller a silver set in appreciation for Mr. Miller's long leadership in church music. (*The Presbyterian Gathering on Clear Creek*)

Important National Events: 1919 – The Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution is ratified, prohibiting the manufacture, sale, and transportation of liquor. It is later repealed by the Twenty-First Amendment in 1933. The Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution is ratified, granting women the right to vote.