



## **Kerr Kronicles Volume XXVIII**

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*Peek into the Past:* The year 1933 saw two significant advances in the life of the congregation. First, the Session appointed a committee to present a plan for the rotation of church officers. The previous year the General Assembly had adopted an amendment to the Book of Church Order permitting the election of church officers for a limited term. The Philadelphia congregation was a leader in the use of this plan for choosing leadership. Second, the Session appointed a committee to plan for the building of a new manse. This was made possible when Bain School let it be known it needed the property and was willing to assume a note and make a cash payment to the church. The manse was completed in 1935. Mrs. Hood was able to make valuable suggestions for the planning and much of the work was volunteer. The Women's Auxiliary provided the screens and the Carrie McDonald Circle and Mrs. Parks Kirkpatrick provided the shades for the windows. (*The Presbyterian Gathering on Clear Creek*)

*Interesting Fact:* April, 1931 - Mr. J.W. McEwen was selected as chief Usher and Mrs. E.D. Jordan and Mrs. Watson Morris named as his assistants on the Ladies' side and R.J. McEwen and W.M. Junker assistants on the men's side of the church. (Vol. VI, page 95 of Session Notes) Following an old custom that had its roots in the ancient synagogue, in many congregations the women sat on the left side of the room as seen from the pulpit and the men on the right. The middle tier of the seats was used by families with children. (*The Presbyterian Gathering on Clear Creek*)

*A Musical "Note":* In 1931 Mr. Miller had resigned from his long time leadership of the choir, and Mamie Mann Davis was appointed to continue the music program. In the resolutions adopted, Mr. Miller's leadership was recognized. (*The Presbyterian Gathering on Clear Creek*)

*Important National Events:* In 1931 The Star-Spangled Banner was adopted as the national anthem.