



Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him." Rev. 1:7.

For thy mercy is great above the heavens; and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds. Psalm 108:4.

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What Do the Soldiers and People Think of the Silver Lining?

Here are some comments and remarks about The Silver Lining:

This is PVT. DAVID BERTSCH'S opinion at Camp Grant, Illinois: "Received the first Sunday School paper and cannot say how much I enjoyed reading it. Every letter or news I receive from home gives me great enjoyment in reading. Keep up the good work. The Sunday School is doing a great work. Thank you so much."

CORPORAL EUGENE F. BAHR, who is stationed in Maryland, writes: "The Silver Lining' is perfect, and I was really pleased to get it. I don't see how you could make it any better. I sure hope you keep putting them out, as I am looking forward to them now. As I read 'The Silver Lining,' it made me feel as though I was right there in Leo."

Here is what JO and HOMER REINICK at Camp Livingston, Louisiana, say: "We received the copy of 'The Silver Lining' and think it is a swell little paper. We can use that sermon for our church some Sunday. . . ."

EDWARD SOUDER from Great Lakes remarks: "I got the paper . . . it is all right! I'm proud of my Sunday School. . . ."

RICHARD LANTZ stationed at San Antonio comments: "I received 'The Silver Lining' today. I think it is very interesting. It's the small things that go on around home that are interesting and The Silver Lining has it in."

LESTER SMITH at New York writes: "I received 'The Silver Lining' today. It's a grand little paper. The list of the addresses will put me in touch with a lot of my buddies that I have often wondered about."

HENRY and ARVILLA KIPFER write from Camp Ellis, Illinois: "Just a few lines to let you know I received 'The Silver Lining' O. K. I enjoyed reading it over. I want to thank you for it."

We appreciate and wish to thank those people who have responded with comments concerning "THE SILVER LINING." We hope to hear from the others as soon as the paper reaches them.—THE EDITORS.

TREASURED VERSES

"Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

"Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

"For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods."

A Thanksgiving Message

By Jacob Frautschi

At this season of the year our hearts are filled with thankfulness to God for the abundance of food, clothing and shelter He has provided. May we never cease to thank Him for our Redemption through Jesus Christ our Lord. We thank God for this good land of ours. We are sure and certain that God did direct the thoughts

of men when our land was founded. We have never appreciated enough the many fine things therein. But today there is an awakening, because those beautiful things are in danger of being lost. Today we are stirred up to action, everyone in his station of life and calling.

God has ordained this a land of the free and a home of the brave. God did wish it to be a place of refuge for all people who are oppressed because of their faith and hope to the Living God. God has made our nation the richest and most powerful on earth.

And today! We ask ourselves (if God is with us, why do wars come to us?) Isaiah the prophet used to say to Israel, (It is your sins that separate you from God's blessings.) And again, the prophet would say in the name of the Lord, (if you do not turn from your sinful ways, I will send you a war seven times greater than the present one.)

So! let us return to the faith of our fathers and to the high sense of honesty which they had, and to the fear of the Lord. Then He will abundantly pardon, and will surely stop this dreadful sacrifice of lives. Amen.

"Are you doing your part as this life you pass through,
As much as the Master expects you to do,
You can easily know by applying this test,
Just ask yourself whether you're doing your best."

Editorial ▲ ▲ ▲

Brethren and Friends: We realize that you have left your homes and all that was near and dear unto you. Remember that Paul said that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and *to-day* and forever. And, if we come to Him with our burdens and cares and place them at His spike-torn feet, He will put His nail-pierced hands upon us and bless us. Jesus is one friend that is always standing by our side, ever ready to lend us a helping hand. It is also through Him that we can approach the Throne of Grace. From that Throne God can look down and see us both at the same time regardless of the number of miles of land that may separate us. Or may it be oceans that separate us, still it is the One Way that we can receive comfort by praying to Him in faith and love. Then blessings from one loved one to another can be reflected only through Him. If we, the ones back home, can add comfort to you in your hour of loneliness, or if we may be able to point the way of salvation to you, we feel that our efforts have been well repaid. That this paper *The Silver Lining* may prove a real blessing to all is our hope. Let us remember if we look beyond the black of the clouds we will see the silver lining.—D. L.

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear;
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer.
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev'ry thing to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a Friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our Refuge,—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?

Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

BEING THANKFUL

There is a story of a poor widowed mother who sent her son to college, and by great sacrifices helped him to pay his expenses to receive his education. On the day of his graduation, he persuaded his mother to attend, although she was dressed in very plain and inexpensive clothing.

When on the platform he received his diploma and two certificates of awards of merit, he went down in the presence of his fine associates, handed all of them to his plain little mother, and declared publicly that the credit was hers. How pleased she must have been to be the mother of such a fine son.

Likewise, how pleased our Heavenly Father will be if we are always willing to give Him credit and thank Him for all of His blessings, and the most wonderful gift He has given us by sacrificing His Son upon the Cross for our Redemption.—R. J. S.

Hymn for the Month: "BLEST BE THE TIES THAT BINDS"

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes;
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be join'd in heart
And hope to meet again.

OUR CHURCH HISTORY:

Just how long ago our Sunday School has been organized the present generation is not able to tell. They

already believed in the writings of Solomon, the son of David: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

But we are glad that we can give a history of the Leo Apostolic Christian Church when it was organized at its present location.

"In the fall of 1852, two members of this denomination met at the house of Jacob Schwartz, and organized a society of which these two were the only members for some time. The first sermon was preached by Rev. John Craybill, of Illinois. The society grew, and in 1878 a house was erected near Hamilton (Leo) which was dedicated by Revs. Henry Souder and Joseph Conrad, who served as pastors afterward. That building was used till 1910, when there was need for a larger building. In the year of 1910, a new building was erected, and in the year of 1942, the building was completely remodeled.

We can go back even farther and see when our Apostolic Christian Church as a denomination was founded. S. H. Froehlich writes of the "Life, Conversion and Secession of S. H. Froehlich from the Church of State." This is the first of a series of continued articles on Mr. Froehlich.

"... As to my outward circumstances, I was born July 4, 1803, in Brugg, a small municipal city of the Swiss canton of Aargau. From my youth up, the idea of devoting myself to the ministry was made so much a matter of course by my parents, that I never considered anything else; although I did not in the slightest degree feel the great importance and responsibility of the vocation and still less did I realize what was required to fulfill the duties of the office which preaches reconciliation. Much rather I was to learn it in the way of a trade, instead of a profession.

"Accordingly I was instructed in the necessary rudiments for this purpose; in the school of my native city, up to my 17th year and was advanced so far that at my removal to Zurich, on New Year's day, 1820, I was not

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The 59th Young People's Meeting was held at the church on Sunday night, October 17. The program was very interesting and inspiring; the theme being "Lessons Learned from Little Children." The program consisted of poems, songs, and stories giving examples of the beautiful lessons that can be learned from little children. A scripture reading and discussion was given by David Lantz. Melba Jeanne, Colleen and Allen Jay Schlatter gave a little "Contribution," made up of a song and three small poems. Interesting readings, showing the important lessons that mothers can learn from their children, were given by Lucille Frank, Amanda Mills, and Bernice Getz. The Stieglitz quartette sang a song, and our visiting soldier, Richard Klopfenstein, chose a song "My Jesus, I Love Thee," which was sung by the group. The hymn "Hide Me" was sung in honor of Louis Getz's birthday.

Mrs. David Bertsch accompanied by Katherine and Velma Norr, Philipina and Artmus Levy and Pfc. Harry Schwartz went to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, on October 17. After meeting Pvt. David Bertsch, they all went to Indianapolis where they met A/S Gaylord Widner. In the

evening David's parents and sister met the group. David's parents also visited him on the tenth of October at Fort Benjamin Harrison.

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Herman Schlatter is back in church again after his recent illness.

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On Thursday evening, October 21, after the church services a group of men and women packed cookies for the boys in the service.

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Harry Robert Schwartz was home recently from Purdue University on a ten-day furlough. He returned Thursday, November 4.

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Bob Bollier and Ed Souder were home on a nine-day leave. They have completed their boot training at Great Lakes, Ill. They returned early Saturday morning.

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Our Sunday School attendance for the month of October averaged 72.2. On October the third, we had 68 and on October 10th, 70. October 17th it jumped up to 77. On this Sunday Virginia Geiger from Bluffton, Ohio, visited us. On October 24, it was 71, while on the 31st it was 75.

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Will Feichter, a Bluffton minister, visited us on October 21. Ben Kipfer and his wife and family also were here.

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On October 27, Jacob Frautschi of Toledo, O., visited Leo. His wife and two daughters accompanied him. They and a number of others were entertained at Mr. and Mrs. Albert Frautschi's home after services.

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On Sunday, Oct. 31, we had a number of visitors in Sunday School: Sam D. Getz of Peoria, Ill., and Ben E. Getz and Edna Getz of Morton, Ill.; Mary Ann Lemman of Roanoke, Ill., and Ruth Beery of Rittman, O. Ben and Sam had interesting talks on our Sunday School lesson. At noon ten soldiers from Baer Field came out. They ate dinner at the church. The two truck drivers went back

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after dinner; the rest went to church. Henry Souder of Bremen had the sermon. Other guests were Mrs. Henry Souder of Bremen, Mrs. S. J. Stuart of Elkhart, Mrs. Ben Getz of Morton, Ill., and Mrs. Sam. D. Getz of Peoria, Ill. We have a record of the states the soldiers were originally from: Ohio, Indiana, New York, Kentucky, Minnesota, Wisconsin, New Jersey, Tennessee, California, and North Carolina. After church, some of the soldiers and some of the other guests called at Herman Conrads and were served refreshments. About 4:00 they were served supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Souder. When the two truck drivers returned, they were served ice cream. There were also three sailors present at supper: Ed Souder, Bob Bollier, and "Salty" Zelt of New Haven. Another sailor, Jim Sarasien came a little later. Most of the soldiers had to return to camp about 6:00. Two stayed for the Young People's meeting: the four sailors were also present.

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On Sunday evening, October 31, the 60th Young People's Meeting was held. The theme was Peace and Thanksgiving. Al Frautschi read Psalm 103; then a reading was given by Bernice Getz. A choir gave the song "Peace, Perfect Peace," and the Steiner trio gave two selections: "Constantly Abiding" and "Count Your Many Blessings." Dortha Conrad gave a reading, and the Stieglitz quartet sang "Faith of our Fathers." Elaine Norr sang "Jewels"; Marciel Klopfenstein gave the selection "Gems." Joan Schlatter gave "We lift Our Thanks." A trio composed of Henry Souder (Bremen), Elias Souder, and Edward Souder sang two hymns: "He will Carry You Through" and "A Call for Reapers." "Sweetest Chimes are Ringing" was given by four boys. Colleen Schlatter recited a poem, and Philipina Levy gave "Thankful for All." Our guest speakers were Sam and Ben Getz.

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Friday evening a group met at Mr. and Mrs. David Lantz and were served supper. Among those attending were Pfc. Harry R. Schwartz, Cpl. Kenneth W. Maxfield, Bob Bollier

S 2/c, and Eddie Souder S 2/c. After supper a group letter was written to Dick Lantz who is in Texas.

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Conrad Joseph Getz is growing very finely. He now weighs 13 lbs., and he seems to like company.

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Frank, Gerald and Dolores Widner, Arthur Schwartz, and Max Bender visited Gaylord Widner at Indianapolis on Sunday, Oct. 31. Gaylord is getting along very nicely.

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The Sewing Circle met Tuesday evening, Nov. 2, at the home of Joe Conrad. They are working on sewing kits for soldiers and sailors and gifts for the needy and sick.

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Measles are around: Some who have had or are having them are: Monalou and Sunny Bertsch, Melba Jean Schlatter, Marilyn Bollier, Dorothy Schwartz, and Phyllis and Keith Hall.

OUR CHURCH HISTORY

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only at once taken into the Collegium humanitatis, but also contrary to custom, after a year's course promoted to the Gymnasium carolinum. According to the practice there, in the three following years I progressed class by class and pursued my studies mechanically, without spirit or life, indeed without any real interest; however, not without absorbing the principles of theology and rationalism from the teaching of Dr. Schulthess and others, although quite unnoticed and unconscious thereof. And now, when I came home in vacation with my head full of fancies, I caused my God-fearing mother, who is now dead, many tears and even paraded with barefaced fluency the glories of the new teaching, "That there was no devil, no hell," etc.

"Thus far had I advanced in the four years of my stay at Zurich that I should enter the actual class in theology, but I preferred then to go to Basel to study theology in the newly organized university under the still famous name of Dr. DeWette and others. That was in the latter part of the year, 1823. In the mean-

time, the might of SIN and the leadership of DEATH had grown up hand in hand with UNBELIEF, since it cannot fail that where the head of the old serpent rises, also its members rise and necessarily stir. I became enwrapped and entangled in such a horror of sin that I shudder now when I think of it and the saddest of all was that in accordance to my very principles I could pass over it so lightly and so easily quiet or deceive myself, that I could even formally say to myself, "That which I am doing is not sin." Oh, woe unto me, if God had been a man or had dealt with me as a man! He would have shattered me as a potter's vessel! Nevertheless, at one time during this period I preached on Psalm 51:10, "Create in me a clean heart, O God;" etc., from which I now comprehend what all the so-called "Beautiful Sermons" of the Rationalists amount to! Fortunately this was my first and last sermon in the state of ignorance.

Soon after I went to Basel. However the hour of my enlightenment and release from the dominion of darkness had not yet come. Even deeper I was destined to fall into the depths of Satan. For fully another year and a half I lived without God and without the knowledge of His Son, Jesus Christ and of myself. What Schulthess had begun in Zurich, was completed by DeWette in Basel. I became utterly carried away by the idealism with which he treated the scriptures. I thought that this was the true way and was only sorry that I did not have the wings to follow him in his flight. I honored him almost as a god. I felt no need of the living God and had no thought of conversion from my sins.

(To be continued in December)

"A little aid,
Just here and there,
Removes from life
Much toil and care."

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