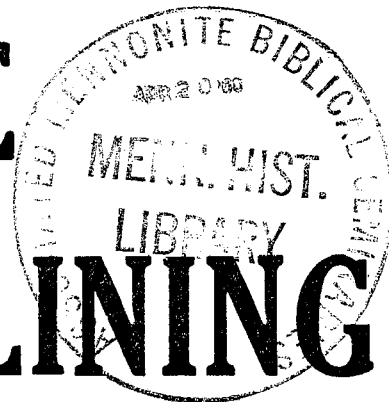


THE SILVER LINING



Grabill, Indiana

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Home Sites of Glory

(The Deed Is Given Now)

“And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.”

“. . . and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.”

“And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.”

“. . . and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place . . .”

From Zechariah 14

A Gemmed Message

From Brother Amos Hartzler of our Rittman Church

The greatness and wonderful power and love of God, who had no beginning and will have no end, who created heaven and earth and what is therein, and has them under His all-wise control, and when the time comes (which alone this kind Heavenly Father knows, not even the Son, our dear Saviour, nor the angels in heaven), God will give the order or commandment, the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the earth and the works therein shall be burned up (II Peter 3:10). But to our great consolation, we also can read in Revelation, chap. 21, of a new Heaven and a new earth, which is or

will be prepared for those who humbly and faithfully obey and follow our dear Saviour on the straight and narrow way to life eternal, and reject and renounce all things that are displeasing to God.

But let us remember and believe, that when these great and wonderful events will come to be fulfilled, many things will be far different than we in our great weakness can understand, and not everything will be fulfilled in a short time. When we read and ponder over these great events and the great power of God, and our ignorance and weakness, we still have the consoling promise of

God and our Saviour, that He will conduct us safely through this dangerous and sinful world, and finally bring us to rest, but only if we are faithful and obedient to our life's end on earth.

We have recently had a reminder of God's great power, drawing our attention to what God said unto Job, when this man was so severely tried, having lost his earthly possessions and even his children, and finally God said unto him, "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow?" (Job 38:22). Such an immense amount of snow fell on the earth, not only in one county or state, but far and near.

So many people pay so little attention to the great power and Word of God. As we find of the prophets and servants of God of old, where God sent them to warn and instruct the people, so often so little attention was given to them.

He sent His only Son to prepare the way for us unworthy and weak beings to become real children of God and finally, heirs of eternal life, rest and peace with Him among the angels in that new heaven and new earth, when former things will have passed away.

As there are so many different creeds and denominations around us, it requires a sincere desire, will and striving to learn and find real redemption and the eternal reward which our dear Saviour is so willing to impart to the sincere, true and obedient ones.

May He yet call and awaken many out of the slumber of sin and darkness, and prepare them for eternal glory and rest, and with Christ's guidance and assistance, help them to overcome that wicked and crafty enemy, who is already sentenced to eternal doom and destruction.

The Veil Was Rent

(Matt. 27:51)

Philip Gutwein, Jr. Francesville, Ind.

"And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom."

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated (dedicated) for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh: . . . Let us draw near . . . "in full assurance of faith." (Hebrews 10:19,20,22)

The inner arrangements of the Tabernacle in the wilderness, and later in the TEMPLE itself, were made according to a heavenly pattern. They served "unto the example and shadow of heavenly things" (Exodus 25:40, Heb. 8:5). The veil was a massive curtain "of blue and purple and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work" (Exodus 26:31), and di-

vided between the "holy" and the "most holy" place.

Since this inner VEIL represents in type the HUMAN BODY of CHRIST, the different colors in its make-up must needs also be descriptive of His unique Person and life. If we should venture an interpretation, the "blue" would denote that He was "from above" (John 3:31, 8:23), the "first-begotten" (Heb. 1:5-6) **virgin born**, Eternal Son of God. **Purple** would stand for His **royalty and Kingship** as "the son of David" (Luke 1:32). **Scarlet** often denotes **sin** (Isa. 1:18), but in the VEIL it is symbolic of the **CROSS of Christ**, where by His sacrificial death, as the "Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29), "by whom we have now received the atonement".

(Rom. 5:9-11) "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (Eph. 1:7).

Now behind this inner, or "second veil" was the "golden censer", and "the ark of the covenant . . . wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant" (the LAW). (Heb. 9) Then above the ARK was placed a golden "mercy seat" with a golden Cherub at each end of the MERCY SEAT, stretching forth their wings over the MERCY SEAT, and looking toward it with their faces. (Exodus 25:20)

Then said God: And there I will meet with thee, (the High Priest once a year) and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark . . . (Exodus 25:8-22). No man could come into the most Holy place within the VEIL, and before the MERCY SEAT, except at the pain of instant death, not even the High Priest, except once a year, on the DAY of ATONEMENT, and then not without the "blood" of sprinkling (Leviticus 16:1-6, 14-16, 1 Pet. 1:1-2) of his slain sacrificial sin-offering, offered upon the brazen Altar for his own and the people's sins. (Heb. 9:7)

The VEIL still not rent did bar every sinner to reach the MERCY SEAT WITHIN THE VEIL and live. The "wages of sin is death", and THE LAW within the ARK is holy and demands the sinner's death. "The way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest". (Heb. 9:8)

BUT NOW, that CHRIST, the blameless and spotless LAMB of GOD, was offered up once, a sacrifice for sins forever, and "Who his own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree" (CROSS) (1 Pet. 2:24), the VEIL of the Temple on earth "was rent in twain from the top to the bottom", thus giving access into the HOLIEST place and to the MERCY SEAT. That the rent was from TOP to BOTTOM signifies that it was an act from "above", by a heavenly power, at the moment when Jesus "gave up the ghost".

The great significance of the moment of the DEATH of the BODY of the Lord Jesus on the CROSS, however, was, that the VEIL which had barred man from access to the Holiest place, the MERCY SEAT and the very presence of God, in the HEAVENLY "sanctuary, and the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man" (Heb. 8:1-2), would bar NO MORE. NO! The VEIL is RENT IN TWAIN. It can NO MORE bar entrance into the HOLIEST, for "a new and living way" has been "consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh". (Heb. 10:19-20)

"Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec". (Heb. 6:19-20) Aaron, the HIGH PRIEST, entered within the VEIL, by the BLOOD of goats and calves, year by year, for a remembrance again of sins.

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Sound Teaching

THE DIVINE BEAUTY SHOPPE

He who created beauty, shall He not know?

The sum of the spectacular of the passing parade of the worldlings is soon gone.

Take Greece. Her Athens was

honored . . . was known as "violet-wreathed". Her vaunted stone once carried the echo of a populace mostly passing with enlarged view of the spectacular.

'. . . the world passeth away, and the lust thereof:"

The stones are dying today. The echo of the fashion parade of yesterday has vanished. Time's rugged step has left its crushing print.

It is a sobering thought that as glittering as the signs may be . . . they are the ruins of tomorrow. Moreover, we can never feature the ornate designs and the hopped-up trinkets to ring true.

"but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

The world and its artists and fanatics already show the aging of the ruins. But to meet with the approval of our Lord is the highest honor.

I Corinthians 11:10 says "For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels."

The church in the early centuries felt so. Deep under Rome, in the Catacombs, they have left their record. The early church believed in the head covering.

The angels see. Just look behind the curtain of the seen. A vast multitude of superb beings in dazzling beauty are there. Look, they come here where we are, and go back again. Lo, one ministers to the church.

Somehow, that covering is a gem. It is recognized as authority, as power. During prayer or prophecy,

shall you not be entitled to the riches of heavenly help revealed in the holy scripture?

I Corinthians 11:15 reads in part, ". . . if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her:"

Who can create as God can? His multiplied talents are perfect.

He set the night with twinkling gems. He canopied the blue overhead. He sunsets the evening colors in a panorama of pleasantness.

He knew how to adorn. He gave the lingering locks, woman's flowing glory. He drew it with perfect balance. He set its comely lustre.

But how well do we like the work of His beauty shoppe?

Heavenly instruction reads further, I Timothy 2:9 in part, "that women adorn themselves in modest apparel . . ."

God set forth a well-dressed model in the holy scriptures.

Thus, to go smartly dressed is to first window-shop God's book. He wants His children to look well. He wants each to find expression of individual taste, but in the well-groomed look of comeliness, and the dream glow of the inner person.

Then are we happy with the joy of eternity.

Henry Souder, Jr.



NEWS



FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Brother George Stoller, Sister Renee Neihouser, and a few others

In August of 1957, a group of brethren from Fort Wayne met with ministers and elders of Bluffton, Leo and Latty to discuss possibilities of establishing a church at Fort Wayne. As a result of this meeting, on December 4, 1957, a letter was sent to those of the Apostolic Christian Church in the Fort Wayne area to conduct a survey to determine how many of this number, totalling considerably over one hundred members

and regular adult attendants, would favor the setting in motion, in proper manner and Godly fear, those forces necessary to result in the founding of a congregation here. In tabulating the results, the majority were in favor of the action.

On January 24, 1958, a mass meeting was held, and a committee was organized to advance the plans of the construction, and at a later meeting, a committee for financing the building. A letter was sent to all the churches throughout the nation, asking for assistance, and their help was graciously extended.

On March 30, 1959, the groundbreaking services were held here at the site, and actual construction began on June 2, 1959.

On August 16, the "cornerstone-laying" ceremonies were held, with brethren from Leo, Latty, Bluffton, Milford and Junction attending. Brothers Sam Aeschliman, Theo Beer and George Sinn held services.

Although the building was incomplete, services were held on New Year's Day, January 1, 1960. Brothers Sam Aeschliman, Henry Beer from Milford and Emanuel Gudeman from Cissna Park, Illinois, conducted the services. The services were well attended by brethren from Leo, Latty, Bluffton, Junction, Milford and Cissna Park.

There being no ministers living in Fort Wayne, a letter was sent to ministers of neighboring churches, asking their willingness to serve the new church. A list was completed, two ministers serving each Sunday. Ministers from the following churches are taking part: Bluffton, Milford, La Crosse, Junction, Cissna Park, Leo, Latty, Francesville, Bremen and Wolcott.

Regular Sunday services were begun on February 14, 1960. Brothers Henry Beer from Milford and Otto Norr from Leo were the visiting ministers. There were brethren from Milford and Remington.

On February 21, Brothers Lester Huber from Francesville and Andrew Dotterer from Junction were the visiting ministers. Visiting brethren were from Francesville and Junction.

On February 28, our minister was Brother Otto Norr from Leo. We had visiting brethren from Latty and Bremen.

On March 6, Brothers Loren Stoller from Latty and Harry Bucher from La Crosse were the visiting ministers. There were visiting brethren from Latty, Leo and Bluffton, who made a visit to the home of Si Fulkersons after church, and stayed for the evening meal with brethren from

Fort Wayne.

On March 13, Brothers John Yergler of Bluffton and Elmer Hartter of Milford were the visiting ministers. Visiting brethren were from Leo, Latty, Bluffton, Francesville and Milford churches. A pot-luck supper was served at the church.

On March 20, Brother Henry Manz from Junction was the visiting minister.

On March 27, Brothers Herman Hueni from Bremen and Carl Kipfer from Bluffton were the visiting ministers. There were visiting brethren from Tremont, Junction, Bluffton, Leo, Latty, Roanoke and Bremen churches.

On April 3, the ministers were Brother Art Gudeman from La Crosse, and Brother Joel Souder from Leo. Visiting brethren were from Leo, Bluffton, La Crosse, Latty, Cissna Park and Tremont.

Brothers Jesse Stoller and Henry Brinkman, who were hospitalized, are now at home recuperating.

There is a present Sunday School enrollment of 53.

The entire church membership wishes to express many thanks to the churches for their financial and prayerful support.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Freida Kipfer

Brother and Sister John Yergler and others from here visited the Ft. Wayne church on Sunday, March 13.

Fern Hackenjoes, daughter of Brother and Sister Andrew Hackenjoes, was baptized on the 13th.

Announcement was made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Sister Karen Grandlienard, daughter of Brother and Sister Leonard Grandlienard, to Brother William Kipfer, son of Brother and Sister Herman Kipfer.

Song-service was held in the evening.

Brother and Sister Sam Aeschliman and Brother and Sister Joel Malter spent the week end of March 20

in Mansfield, Ohio.

Brother and Sister Harvey Grimm of Bern, Kansas, and Brother and Sister Theo Beer and Brother and Sister Elmer Hartter of Milford were here for evening service.

Brother and Sister Carl Kipfer and children, Brother and Sister Sam Gerber and others attended the Ft. Wayne church on the 27th.

Susanna Gerber, daughter of Brother and Sister Henry Gerber, and John Kipfer, son of Brother and Sister Eli Kipfer, were united in marriage by Brother Sam Aeschliman on Sunday morning, March 27.

Song-service was held in the evening.

Brother and Sister Simon Wagenbach of Tremont, Illinois, and Brother and Sister Robert Beer of Mansfield, Ohio, visited here on April 3.

Other guests were from Mansfield, Ohio, Latty, Ohio; Milford, Indiana; and Elgin, Illinois, who came for the wedding of Brother Daniel Reinhard and Sister Delores Sauder, which took place after the last service.

Friends Eli Dubach and David and Maxine Ringger were announced for proving in the near future.

Births: To Brother and Sister John Neuenschwander, a son, on March 8; to Brother and Sister Robert Gerber, a son, on March 18; and to Brother and Sister Ezra Reinhard Jr., a son, on April 2.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Reporter: Don Klopfenstein

Brother and Sister Earl and Marge Zeltwanger have been blessed with a new daughter.

Brother Gary Klopfenstein is home from the hospital, and is getting along well.

Brother and Sister Dean and Helen Gudeman and family visited in Bremen March 12.

The church has installed a P.A. system in the auditorium. It is very useful for the back of the church and the baby room.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Louise Steffen

Those who were hospitalized since the last reporting were as follows: Sister Elizabeth Metzger, Sister Bena Gudeman and Sister Carrie Kuehner.

March 13, Brother Art Gudeman of La Crosse, Ind., visited our congregation and were dinner guests of Brother Bill and Sister Ann Reber. Brother Bill and Sister Carolyn Levi brought them. We all enjoyed a very blessed day.

March 22, a funeral was held of a friend, Mary Eisenman, sister of Sister Anna Lohbaur. Elder Brother George Sinn of Latty, Ohio, had the service.

March 27, some of the young couples and Brother Herman Kellenberger and wife spent the day in Remington, Ind.

April 3, most of the young folks attended the wedding of Sister De'ores Sauder to Brother Danny Reinhart of Bluffton, Ind.

Brother Dale Schurter left for the service on the 4th of April.

ELGIN, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. George Butikofer

On a Sunday evening a few weeks ago, a group from our church visited at the local county home for the aged and the infirm. Hymns were sung, and Brother Werner Moor read a portion of Scripture and meditated thereon. It warmed our hearts to see indications of appreciation among the patients.

Brother J. V. Schneider had a birthday March 15. This marked the ninety-second milestone for him. He is well, but rather weak. It has been some time since he was able to attend church services.

The following have recently been visitors at our church: Brother and Sister Floyd Schmidgall and son, Sister Marian and Linda Schmidgall and Sister Doris Zeltwanger of Morris, Minn.

Brother and Sister John Schmid-

gall from Morris, Minn. and Brother and Sister Noah Miller from Winthrop. The above were week end visitors in the Carl Moser home of Spring Valley, Minn.

Brother and Sister Earl Banwart and children and Janet Banwart of West Bend, Ia., visited in our church March 27. This was the same day that Brother Noah Miller was here. We enjoyed to hear both of them expound the scriptures for us. Evening church was held this same Sunday.

Sister Bertha Gehring accompanied by Brother and Sister Uriel Gehring and son spent a week end in Wapello and Oakville, Iowa. She visited in the Wm. Massner home. Massners are the parents of a baby girl, named Cindy Rose. She was born March 16th. Uriel Gehrings were guests of Judy's parents at Oakville.

Sister Ida Pulfer recently visited in the homes of her two daughters in Gridley, Ill., Roy Funks and Lynn Rinkenberger, and in the home of her son, Leslie, at Pekin, Ill.

Brother Ira Farney recently constructed a table-bench combination for use in the Beginner's Sunday School Class. It is very useful in accommodating our class of eleven little tots.

Dennis Butikofer has returned to the States. after having served with the Armed Services in Italy for about five months. His folks were thrilled to hear his voice, when he called them by telephone from Texas after his return.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein

Visiting ministers have been as follows: March 9 (evening), Brother Frank Woertz of Goodfield; March 13 (Sunday), Brother John Wagler from Alabama and Brother Dave Keiser of Princeville; March 23 (evening), Bro. Joe Zimmerman and Bro. Joe Hodel of Roanoke; and March 27 (Sunday), Brother Al Fisher of Chicago.

Sister Katherine Muller, 86, passed

away at Eureka Hospital, and her funeral was held March 31, conducted by Bro. Leroy Huber and Bro. Frank Woertz.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kupferschmid have a boy, born March 8 named Thomas Glenn.

Sister Mildred Huber was a patient at the Eureka Hospital, but has returned home, and will soon be able to attend church again.

March 27 was the time for the monthly singing in the evening at the church. The Prairie Choristers sang several numbers, which were enjoyed by all.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Joyce Huber

Our Sunday School Bible Class sang praises to God in the March Christian Endeavor in Congerville.

Our monthly song-service was held at church, Sun. eve., March 20.

Elder Bro. Josh Broquard visited the Wichita, Kansas, church March 29.

Brother John Gerber has been very ill, following an operation in the Fairbury Hospital.

Emma Rocke and the Wayne Rockes of Morton and Tillie Bahler and the Ernie Ischs of Bluffton visited here March 20.

The George Haas', Robert Haas', Herman Haas' and Eddie Haas' of Elgin and John Klaus' of Eureka visited here April 3.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ken Schneider

On March 13, we enjoyed having with us the young folks from Chicago; Fairbury; Taylor, Mo.; and also a few who attend I.S.N.U. College.

Brother and Sister Earl Kilgus of Remington and Brother and Sister Bob Schieler of Wolcott spent the evening of March 23 with us. Brother Earl held the services.

Sister Carrie Leman and Sister Mary Ellen Stoller were admitted to

the hospital, but have been released, and are making successful recoveries.

On March 27, our Sunday School Bible Class accepted an invitation from Congerville to participate in a Christian Endeavor.

Funeral services were held for Sister Anna Heinold on April 1. She reached the age of 85.

Funeral services were also held for Brother Ben Stoller, who passed away very suddenly at the Fairbury Hospital. Brother Ben reached the age of 76, and was still quite active until his last few days.

Visiting ministers here for Brother Stoller's funeral were Brother and Sister Ernest Gerber from Rockville, Conn.; Brother and Sister George Gramm from Gridley and Brother and Sister Earl Kilgus from Remington, Indiana. A very large number of relatives and friends gathered to pay their last respects.

Funeral services were held for friend Sam Bachtold, who passed away from a cancer condition. Services were held on March 14.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Reporter: Delores Stoller

Greetings From Ft. Lauderdale:

We have had a lot of visitors pass through our doors and sign our register. Our book is full, and we'll have to get another one. We have had 208 visitors sign since January 1, 1960. There are some who have not registered.

Brother Joe and Elizabeth Getz from Morton, Ill., were here the first part of January, and with the help of Brother Dave Mangold of Roanoke, Ill., who is here for the winter, communion was served to the members of the Ft. Lauderdale church, and any visitors who wished to partake. Then, after the communion services, it was announced that Brother Harry Sutter would act as Assistant Minister to Brother Matt Wackerle.

Also, Mirian Bactold, daughter of Brother Carl and Dorthy Bactold, was announced for proving. She is at-

tending college in Bloomington, Ill. She plans to be proved in Forrest, Ill.

We have had quite a few Ministering Brothers here the past few weeks. Brother Herman Heuni and his wife of Bremen, Ind., and Brother Henry Beer and his wife, Alice, of Milford, Ind. They were with us for several weeks.

Brother Henry Grimm and his wife from Morton, Ill., and Brother Herman and Della Kellenberger of Elgin were here, too.

Three couples from here returned from a business trip to Columbia, South America. Bob and Doris Huber, Ken and Joyce Troxel and Ed and Vi Gerber will have a lot to tell about their trip.

Brother Dave and Anna Mangold and Brother Levi and Ida Schwartz from Bluffton, Ind., took a drive down to Key West, Fla., last week. That is a beautiful drive to make, over miles of islands and bridges, and the ocean spreading out to the right of you as far as you can see, and the water so many different colors that you will think you have never seen anything so beautiful before. I guess you can tell what I think of it!

Mrs. Leona Nussbaum of Fairbury, Ill., who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bob Huber, has left for home. Bro. Jake and Bertha Stoller and Sis. Nettie and her brother, Albert Stoller, of Latty, Ohio, have been visiting here for several weeks. Bro. Roger Isch of Bluffton, Ind., and his wife, Vi, have been spending the past few weeks here. Roger also brought his mother, Mrs. Katie Isch, and his aunt, Mrs. Mary Kipfer, along, too.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Klopfenstein have a new baby daughter as of Feb. 28. Marybeth is the second daughter in a family, with three brothers to keep her busy later on.

Another month has past, and the weather is getting warmer. A lot of our visitors and winter residents are going home.

Friends Doris and Rodney Paxson of Bluffton, Ind., have moved back to Indiana.

Bro. John and Sister Julia Bahler of Rockville, Conn., were here for a visit a few weeks ago, and Bro. Al Schneider and his wife, Gladys, were with them. Bro. Erwin and Anna Bahler of Remington, Ind., were here at the same time. Mrs. Helen Sorg of Milford, Ind., and Mrs. Philip Clauss of Ft. Wayne, Ind., spent several weeks here, and now have left for home.

Elder Dave and Sister Mangold of Roanoke, Ill., have started for home via Sarasota, Fla., after spending the winter here with us.

Two weeks ago last Sunday, we had a Sunday School picnic at the Plantation Park. There were around 100 of us altogether, and we had a fine time, and plenty of good food.

Bro. Ben and Lucille Maibach of Detroit, Mich., have returned home this past week. Bro. Ben and Lydia Schlatter of Toledo, Ohio, are here to spend a few weeks with Ben's father, Bro. Godfrey Schlatter, also of Toledo, who has been spending the winter in Florida.

Sis. Aldine Wackerle's mother, Sis. Anna Wenger and her two daughters, Sisters Laura and Edna, are here for a few weeks visit, too.

My mother-in-law, Sis. Minnie Stoller of Latty, Ohio, is returning home this week, after spending several months with us.

Bro. John and Lydia Kaehr will soon be leaving for home in Bluffton, Ind. They have been here for most of the winter. Bro. John had the misfortune of spending some of his time in the hospital, but has recovered and is back with his wife again.

Bro. Bill Moser of Bluffton, Ind., has returned home, and his wife, Emma, and Sis. Mary Moser will leave in a few weeks.

March 14 at the home of Marilyn Anliker. Seventeen girls helped make additional handkerchief folders for Alabama. These folders are made from used greeting card backs with flowers, birds, Bible verses, etc., cut out for decorations.

Ministering to us on March 20 was Bro. Sam Kilgus of Remington. Two of our ministers, Bro. Les Huber and Bro. Paul Von Tobel, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Overmyer, visited the Toledo church March 20. All were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stewart and sons.

Another of our ministers, Bro. Conrad Gutwein and wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hild spent some time in Florida. They recently returned, and report a pleasant trip.

It has been the privilege of many of us to see slides of Germany and various countries that Mr. and Mrs. Willis Gudeman visited on their three-month trip to her homeland. It was gratifying to see their contentedness for what they had, and not a resentment for luxuries they lacked. Also pointed out was their ability to live at a slower pace than we do, and still acquire the necessities to live.

Miriam Sue, weighing 7½ lbs., was born March 22 to Mr. and Mrs. David Wuethrich. She has two brothers and two sisters.

Elder Fred Grimm, accompanied by some young folks of Quincy, spent Sunday, March 27, with us. Also visiting were folks from Peoria and Forrest, Ill. A buffet supper was served at the church.

Our J.O.Y. Circle met at the Wally Bucher home Mar. 24, with 36 ladies present. To us busy wives and mothers, it's a time of fellowship, relaxation and a pleasure to do for others at the same time. Six dozen towels were hemmed for the White Co. Hospital. A gift consisting of ironing board, cover, and 4 sheets was given to the Kesler family, who lost their home by fire. Also a scrapbook was made for Diane, 2½-year-old daugh-

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Will's Wuethrich
The Teenage Youth Group met

ter of Dean and Juanita Gutwein Norman, who has a dislocated hip. She will be in a cast for several weeks. Again we look to the Master, and wait on His healing power.

Six couples spent the week end of April 3 at the Alabama churches. We can hardly express the Christian love shown us, and the work that's being done. How great that He is everywhere, and how true that the blessings will come down as the prayers go up. May our churches continue to show concern for these people and the ones in charge.

Cleo Kahler of Monticello, brother of William Kahler and Mrs. John Gudeman, passed away March 30. Death was due to a heart attack. Funeral services were held at the funeral home, by Bro. George Yergler.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gudeman spent a week with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schrock, at Kiowa, Kansas.

As we approach the Easter season, may we be ever aware that He lives and reigns in our hearts.

GIRARD, OHIO

Reporter: Jesse Emch

Bro. Robt. Stoll and family spent Sunday, March 21, in Akron, O.

We were glad to have Bro. Robt. and Sister Minnie Hartzler from Mansfield with us on Sunday, March 27.

The Frank Emchs have returned home from vacationing in Florida.

The Robt. Stoll family left for California on April 2. They went by way of Corpus Christi, Texas, where they will visit relatives.

Sister Louisa Lance was in the hospital for several days. She underwent surgery, and is now recovering nicely.

Sister Esther Saylor is in the hospital at this writing, where she has undergone dental surgery.

— On a Rainy Day —

I attend church services on rainy days because—

I expect my pastor to be there, and

I should be surprised if he were to stay at home on account of the weather.

My presence is needed especially on rainy days, because my example must influence others. If I remain away, why not they?

On any important business, rainy weather does not keep me at home, and church attendance is in God's sight a very important matter.

Rainy weather does not keep even the delicate female from the movies or other places of amusement.

Bad weather will show me upon what foundation my faith is built; it will prove how much I love Christ. True love rarely fails to meet an appointment.

My faith is to be shown by my self-denying Christian life, and not by the rise and the fall of the barometer.

Though my excuses satisfy myself, they must undergo God's scrutiny, and they must be well grounded to do that.

—Selected.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Miss Marilyn Schieler

Freidora Wettstein, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ben Wettstein; Judy Witzig, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Sam Witzig; Evelyn Kaupp, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Walter Kaupp; and Pete Meiss, son of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Meiss, have given their hearts to the Lord, and, if the Lord wills, they will give their testimonies soon.

Funeral services were held for Bro. Elmer Klopfenstein on March 18. He will be greatly missed by the Gridley congregation, where he was a faithful member for many years. Services were conducted by Bro. Joe A. Getz.

Bro. George and Sis. Lorene Stoller had the misfortune of meeting with an accident on Sunday, Mar. 20. They are improving satisfactorily at the Mennonite Hospital in Bloomington, and hope to return home soon. Also slightly injured were their son, Bro. Don Stoller and daughter Diane, and

their daughter, Sis. Nancy Sauder.

We are glad to see that Bro. Harry Yergler and Bro. Debolt Kiefer have both returned home from the hospital, where they were confined for several weeks.

A daughter, Denise Sue, was born to Bro. and Sis. Bill Romersberger on January 27. A son, Stanley Jay, was born to Bro. and Sis. Fred Ringger on January 29. A daughter, Debbie Joe, was born to Bro. and Sis. Don Stoller on March 2. A daughter, Darleta June, was born to Bro. and Sis. Allan Marti on March 8.

March 14 is the birth date of Sharon Kay Rinkenberger, newly-adopted daughter of Bro. and Sis. Lynn Rinkenberger.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr

Communion service was held here by Bro. Sam Anliker on Sunday, March 13.

Bro. and Sis. Harvey Smith and daughters and Bro. and Sis. Harold Kraft and family, all of Wichita, visited with us on March 20.

Mrs. Lucille Herr and sons of Wichita brought Sister Lydia Bahr home for the week end of March 20, to visit with relatives and friends.

Bro. Roy and Sister Doris Bahr and Brian visited with her mother, Sister Ada Hartmann, and relatives at Fairbury, Illinois, over the week end of March 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Beyer and children of Wichita spent Sunday, April 3, with his father, Bro. Jake Beyer, and Sister Bertha and other relatives.

Bro. and Sis. Rudy Bahr and family enjoyed a week's visit with her mother, Mrs. Sam Schifferer, Elgin, Illinois, who came to help care for the new baby boy.

We have had an unusual amount of snow and rain here during February and March, and are grateful and thankful that it melted slowly and did not cause any serious flooding in this area; however, the fields are still very wet and will make a "late

spring", as normally much of the oats is planted in February.

LESTER, IOWA

Reporter: Miss Emelie M. Knobloch

We are happy for the two souls who are repenting, and have confessed peace with God. They are William Knobloch and Eugene Nester. We wish them the Lord's blessings.

A group of young member couples met in the home of Sister Emilie Moser for a singing.

Sister Pauline Moser returned home from Elgin, Ill., Feb. 20, after spending a couple weeks in the home of her daughter and family, John Tolvstads.

Sister Clara Moser, Morris, Minn., spent a week in the home of her daughter and family, Bro. and Sister Jacob Wulf.

Ernie Schambach, Clyde Knobloch, Sister Wilbert Knobloch and son, Dietrich, of Chicago, Ill., and Betty, Eddie and Tommy Martens of Mar-engo, Ill., spent the week end of Feb. 21 visiting relatives and friends here. Clyde Knobloch, son of Bro. and Sister Emil Knobloch, is in Service in Chicago, and Ernie Schambach left for Service Feb. 24.

Sisters Elizabeth and Leah Traub, Bro. and Sister Elmer Fehr and family and Sister Anna Schmidt of West Bend were with us Feb. 21. They were here to attend the wedding reception of Orvie and Laurretta Knobloch. Orvie is the son of Bro. and Sister Jacob Knobloch, and Laurretta Tanner is the daughter of Bro. and Sister Adolph Tanner of Goodfield, Ill.

Bro. and Sister Henry Mogler spent the week end with their daughter and family, Bro. and Sister Roland Messner, at Winthrop, Minn. They also attended a funeral (Mess-erli) on Feb. 21.

Bro. and Sister Martin Knobloch spent Feb. 18 with her parents at West Bend, Ia., Bro. and Sister Will Metzger, Eli and Alice Metzger and family and Carolyn Meyer spent Feb.

28 with Alice Metzger's father, Bro. Paul Banwart, and family of West Bend, Ia.

Bro. and Sister Joe Braker, Jr., of Morton, Ill., visited in the home of his aunt, Bro. and Sister Ernst Knobloch, Feb. 21.

Bro. and Sister John Moser were at Sabetha, Kansas, to attend the funeral of Sister Mary Fultz.

Bro. and Sister Howard Mogler and sons, Sister Pauline Feucht, Paul Feucht, Bro. August Feucht, Sister Karoline Doorneweerd, Linda and Lavonne and Bro. and Sister Henry Mogler were in Morris, Minn., Feb. 28 to attend a funeral (Joos).

Ervin and Sister Amelia Banwart and Charlotte, Doris Fehr and Carolyn and Marcella Gerber of West Bend, Ia., were with us March 6. Sister Banwart's mother, Sister Pauline Feucht, lives here.

Bob and Carolyn Banwart spent March 6 with relatives and friends here.

Sister Andy Mogler and son, Jay, spent a week with her sisters, Bro. and Sister Vernon Strietmatter, at Toulon, Ill., and Bro. and Sister Carl Wyss at Morton, Ill.

Bro. and Sister Eli Grimm of West Bend., Ia., spent a few days with their daughter, Bro. and Sister Henry Kellenberger, and family, and getting acquainted with their new grandson.

Bro. and Sister Ezra Knobloch and Sister Andy Mogler and Jay went to West Bend, Ia., March 3 and stayed all night with Bernard and Alice Metzger, whom they accompanied to Princeville, Ill., the next morning to attend the wedding of Bro. Robert Schol and Sister Arlene Strietmatter.

We close our Sunday School and Sunday evening singing hour a couple months between New Years and Easter, so we have been gathering in the home of different ones.

Harold Stickling, son of Bro. and Sister Herman Stickling, had the misfortune of breaking his arm from a fall.

Sister Betty Knobloch spent a couple weeks vacation with relatives and friends in Elgin, Peoria, and Princeville, Ill.

Births: Bro. and Sister Alvin Leuthold, Jan. 15, a son, Allen John; Bro. and Sister Albert Knobloch, Jan. 15, a son, Merle Albert; Alfred and Lucille Knobloch, Jan. 20, a daughter, Lola Jean; Bro. and Sister August Knobloch, Jan. 25, a daughter, Sue Ann; Bro. and Sister Herman Stickling, Feb. 4, a daughter, Kristie Lynn; Bro. and Sister Henry Kellenberger, March 1, a son, Curtis Lynn; Bro. and Sister Jack Wysong, March 1, a son, Nicholas Allen; Bro. and Sister Leo Moser, March 7, a daughter, Myra Jean; and Bro. and Sister Robert Gerber, Feb. 18, a son, Daniel Robert.

Bro. and Sister John Teubel of Morton, Ill., spent the week end of Feb. 28 with us.

Harold Luthi and family spent a Sunday with his sister, Brother and Sister Howard Mogler.

Brother and Sister Wilhelm Wulf spent March 13 with her father, Brother Paul Banwart, at West Bend, Iowa.

Ronald Kellenberger, son of Bro. and Sister Henry Kellenberger, had an appendectomy. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Brother Andy Mogler and George Meyer spent March 13 in Toulon, Peoria and Morton, Ill. Sister Mogler and Della Metzger returned with them, after spending a couple weeks with Sister Mogler's sisters.

Brother Roy, Sister Sally and Ben Wysong of Sabetha, Kansas, spent the week end of March 13 with us. Sister Roy Wysong returned with them, after spending a couple weeks caring for her new grandsons.

The infant son of Brother and Sister Robert Gerber had surgery, and is recovering nicely.

Helen Wulf spent a few days with her parents, Emil and Lizz Wulf.

Brother and Sister Jacob Knobloch

spent March 27 at West Bend, with their daughter and family, Brother and Sister Elmer Fehr. They also visited Sister Knobloch's sister, Sister Mary Traub, who is at Des Moines, taking treatments for paralysis, suffered from stroke.

Brother and Sister Chris Kellenberger and Sisters Salome and Viola Kellenberger spent March 20 at Elgin, Ill.

Brother and Sister Raymond Anliker, Julie and Kevin, and Christine Schmidt of West Bend, Iowa, spent March 20 with their father, Brother August Knobloch, Sr.

Sister Elizabeth Traub spent March 20 with her sister, Brother and Sister Jacob Knobloch.

The Young folks held their singing in the homes of Brother Arthur, Brother Dale and Brother Ed Knobloch.

We sympathize with Brother and Sister Arthur Leuthold and family and Brother and Sister August Feucht and family, who have been bereaved by the death of the mother, of Sister Leuthold and Sister Feucht (of near Princeville). She had been hospitalized for five weeks before her death.

Brother and Sister Ernst Knobloch received word of the deaths of her niece and nephew, Sister Esther Moser and Bill Griener of Morris. They have several cousins living in the community. Several of the relatives and friends attended both services.

Sister Lillie Kellenberger, Lorna and Charles, of Morris, Minn., spent a few days with her daughter and family, Brother and Sister Gilbert Knobloch.

Will Sophrs, of Elgin, Ill., visited with Alfred and Lucille Knobloch, getting acquainted with their new grand-daughter.

Clifford and Barbara Edelman and son, Eldon Metzger, of Sabetha, Kansas, visited Eldon and Barbara's sister and family,, Brother and Sister Dale Knobloch, March 27.

Brother Paul, Sisters Clara and Lela and Paul Banwart of West Bend, Ia., spent the week end of March 27 with us. Brother Paul Banwart has three married daughters here.

Brother and Sister Dick Graham and her mother, Sister Ezra Rumboldt of Princeville, Ill., spent a few days with Sister Graham's sister, Brother and Sister Ezra Knobloch, March 27.

Jean Siedel, Alda Martin and Butch Knobloch spent the week of March 27 with relatives and friends.

Brother and Sister Will Luthi and Donn, of Morris, Minn., visited Luthis' daughter and family, Brother and Sister Howard Mogler.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Reporters: Ora and Dora Sauder

Brother and Sister Fred Knochel of Bay City and Brother and Sister Ed Knochel of Phoenix visited Maywood and Altadena.

Elder Brother Will and Sister Emma Stettner of Elgin, Ill., returned to their home, after an all too short a California visit. We so much enjoyed their visit, and pray if it's the Lord's will, they may return again.

Brother Jesse Beer of Mansfield, Ohio, has been spending some time with his daughter in Claremont, Calif. He visited us recently in Maywood.

Sister Beverly Hutchinson and Miss Wagonbach of Tremont, Ill., visited in Maywood.

Brother Ben Maibach, Jr., of Detroit, Mich., spoke in Altadena and Maywood, giving us many inspirational words. His wife, Sister Lorene, accompanied him.

Sister Anna Meister of Altadena passed away after an extended illness. Elder Brother Carl Kinsinger and Bro. Joe Klotzle conducted the funeral services on March 29.

Brother Willis and Sister Lois Ehnle and children from Japan visited our two California churches. Brother Willis gave a very interesting account about life in Japan, the atti-

tude of the Japanese people and the wonderful way they are responding to God's Word.

Sister Julia Dapper is home from the hospital. We all pray for a speedy recovery.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Reporter: Irma Haab

The Sunday School Bible class spent Sunday evening, March 20, at Bremen. The evening was enjoyed by all.

Earl Kammerer was transferred from Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to Fort Benning, Georgia. His wife expects to join him soon.

A son was born to Phil and Clarann (Hartter) Campbell, Friday, April 1. The baby was named Thomas Lee, and has one brother, Timmy.

Bro. Ray Haab left April 7 to return to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, after a 14-day leave.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz

Funeral services were held for Sister John Dietrich, 86, on March 15. Bro. Joe A. Getz officiated.

A group from Roanoke sang several numbers at our monthly Sunday evening singing, March 13.

There were a number of visiting ministers with us Saturday evening, March 26: Bros. Joe Klopfenstein of Gridley, Leroy Huber of Eureka, Ezra Feller of Cissna Park, Joe Aupperle of Sabetha, Kans., George Wagenbach of Princeville and Simon Wagenbach of Tremont.

Bro. Joe Klopfenstein assisted Bro. Getz with the baptismal service, Sunday the 27th, for Harry and Laverne Kaiser, Louise and Rosemary Huette, Martha Ann and Meriam Fritz and Helen Schmitgal.

Funeral services were held March 30 for Jacob Weinkoetz, 82.

A baby boy was born to Bro. and Sis. Dan R. Grimm, March 25, and a daughter to Bro. and Sis. Roy Getz, March 29.

The entire Sunday School takes a

special offering three times a year at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter-time, and the proceeds will be sent this month to the churches in Alabama and Japan.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Brother Roy and Sister Sauder and Brother Ernest Elsassar were in San Antonio, Texas, on Sunday, March 20. Brother Roy held services for our soldier boys who are stationed there.

Brother Emanuel Gudeman of Cissna Park, Illinois, gave us an inspiring message on Sunday, March 27. His wife and family were with him, also Brother George Gudeman and family of Champaign, and many other relatives of Cissna Park. They visited Ralph, son of Brother George Gudeman, who is a patient at the Methodist Hospital.

Karen Aeschleman, fourteen-month-old daughter of Fred Aeschleman, died on Thursday, March 24. Services were held Saturday, March 26, at the Endsley Funeral Home, Brother Roy Sauder officiating. Burial was at the Apostolic Cemetery at Roanoke, Illinois.

Announcements were made Sunday, March 27, of the engagements of Brother Jonathan Schumacher to Sister Margaret Honegger and Brother Merle Getz of Tremont to Faye Martin.

Brother and Sister Kenneth Schafer are rejoicing over a son, born to them March 29. His name is Bryon Paul; this is their first child. Sister Schafer was the former Sherrill Gramm.

It was a blessed day on Sunday, March 27, for Brother and Sister Emil Schupbach. Their children planned open house for their Golden Anniversary. Many relatives and friends visited them on this occasion. Brother Emil has been confined to his home for some time. Sister Schupbach was the former Cecilia Reber.

Brothers James Hoerr and Roy Sauder and their wives spent Sunday, April 3, at Cissna Park, Illinois. Oth-

ers that went were Brother and Sister Dan Hoerr, Brother and Sister Ben Baurer and Sister Jeanette Schini.

Our dear sister, Mary Schneider, who has been a shut-in for some time, had the misfortune to fall and break her hip. She is a patient at Proctor Hospital.

Our monthly Hymn-sing was held Sunday evening, April 3. The Tremont and the Roanoke Singing Groups were here, and each gave several numbers. A large crowd attended.

Our Sunday School Bible Class was at Congerville on Sunday, March 27, for Christian Endeavor.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Dale Hartzler

Births: On March 10, a son, Jay Earl, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Landis. A son was also born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bauman. He will be called Roger Lee.

On March 13, a group of our young folks went to Bluffton.

Sister Lorene Hartzler and Brother Elmer Blough were united in holy matrimony on April 3. Visiting ministers for that day were Bro. Andrew Dotterer from Latty and Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit.

Several families from here attended the wedding of Sister Anna Lou Stoller and Bro. Earl Grimm in Latty on March 20.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Sara Aeschleman

Births: Bro. and Sis. Walt Schwind are the parents of twin boys, Danny and Denny, born March 1.

Bro. and Sis. Robert Scherer have a new son, Mark Robert, born March 3.

Bro. and Sis. Glen Hodel have a new daughter, Louise Christine, born March 31.

Deaths:

Twin boys, Dale Donald and Dean Ronald, born to Bro. Richard and Sis. Rachel Leman, died 24 hours apart,

soon after they were born. Grave-side services were held Tuesday, March 8, with Bro. Gene Bertschi officiating.

Sunday School:

The Bible Class attended Christian Endeavor at Congerville March 20.

Special Items of Interest:

Visiting ministers recently to our congregation were: Bro. Frank Woertz and Bro. Al Fisher. Bro. Joe Getz and Bro. Henry Grimm of Morton were with us for Wednesday night services Mar. 30. Their visits were greatly enjoyed.

On March 27, announcement was made of the approaching marriage of Sis. Iva Martin to Bro. Merle Getz of Tremont.

Our dear friends, Linda Leman, Carol Legel, Fern Leman and Mary Ellen Hangartner were announced for proving and baptism in the near future, the Lord willing.

The Prairie Choristers sang at the singing of the month in Morton on March 13; also they sang at Eureka on March 27.

When I Think of His Love

When I think of the cross where my
Savior died,
'Neath the frown of the darkened
skies,
When I hear the groan of the Crucified,
And I look on those death-closed
eyes,
When I know that for me He the
anguish bore,
From sin He might set me free,
Oh, I know that I'll love Him forevermore,
When I think of His love for me.

When I think of the grave where
they laid my Lord,
And they sealed Him within the
gloom,
When I think how according to His
Word,
He arose from that vanquished
tomb,

Oh, I know that for me He endured
it all,
My eyes with tears grow dim,
While low at His feet in love I fall,
Whenever I think of Him.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Esther Schmid

Bro. and Sister Jim Anliker and family, also Mr. and Mrs. Norman Frank of Oakville, Iowa, spent Sunday, March 13, visiting at the home of Chris Pflederer, Jr.

Sister Beverly Hutchison and Jeanette Wagenbach spent their vacation visiting in California. Beverly has a sister living in Los Angeles.

We rejoice in welcoming seven of our new converts into the fold. Proving was Saturday evening, Mar. 19, with Bro. LeRoy Huber and Bro. Frank Woertz assisting Bro. Joe A. Getz, our elder. Baptism was on Sunday afternoon for Joy Mae Plattner, Josephine Schaefer, Ernest and Freda Aberle, Elmer Rowell, and Jay and Alma Bolliger. Many members and friends of our neighboring churches assembled with us today to witness the baptismal services.

Visiting ministers with us today were Bro. Frank Woertz, Bro. Joe A. Getz, Bro. Ben Heiniger, Bro. Henry Grimm and Bro. Ed Hohulin.

Sister Lydia Meyer of Bern, Kansas, returned home, after a week's visit at the home of her daughter, Sister Alma Bolliger.

The Sunday School Bible class attended Christian Endeavor at Congerville, March 27.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Sister Iva Martin of Roanoke to Bro. Merle Getz of Tremont.

We enjoyed the visit of Bro. Dave Kiesers of Princeville and several other brothers and sisters from there. Also, Bro. Joe Rockes of Eureka on March 27.

We regret having the Aaron Bertschs leave our community. They have moved into their new home at

Roanoke. We will miss them.

Bro. and Sister Simon Wagenbach and Bro. and Sister Robert Wagenbach spent Sunday, April 3, at Bluffton, Indiana.

Brother and Sister August Bolliger left by train on Friday, April 8, for Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to hold services there, on Sunday, April 10.

TSUTSUJIGA-OKA, JAPAN

Reporter: Yoshito Inoue

We had communion on March 13, and on the same day, we had the church member meeting. We elected Sister Junko Hatsuumi church secretary and Brother Akira Utsuki church accountant for the next fiscal year. We admitted Brother Willis Ehnle as our minister. According to the by-laws of our church, a minister is required to be given admission by the church member meeting after he took this responsibility for a year, and Brother Willis has been a minister since our church was set up last May. We decided that any person who is not a member of the Apostolic Christian Church of Japan, including both Shioda Church and our church, can not teach in our Sunday School, except when the person is a teacher at Shioda church Sunday School and visits us.

Brother and Sister Ehnle and their children left Haneda Air Port for the U.S.A. by JAL at 10:30 on the evening of March 31. Eighteen persons went to Haneda to see them off. The plane took off very smoothly and flew away in the dark sky, though very heavy rain started just before they got in the plane. We all pray that they may have the nice and safe journey under the protection of the big wings of our Lord, and that they may be able to refresh the lovely fellowship in Christ with the brethren in the U.S.A. and with their dear families.

AKRON, OHIO

Reporter: Ruth Taylor

The Junior and Young Adult Sun-

day School Classes visited Toledo. Those attending were Mary Ann, Louise K., Ernest, Jr., Steve, Rosie, Becky, and David Graf; Bob, Jerry, and Paul Ritzman; Dianne and Jeff Graf; Dennis Fritz; Margie and Rudy Graf; and John, Ed, Kenny, Elmer, and Jane Greenbank. Edith, Ernest Sr., Esther, and Ellsworth Graf accompanied them. After services, they visited the zoo, and then returned to church for supper.

Our visitors on Sunday, March 27, were Brothers and Sisters Joe Ramsier and family, Ernest Hartzler and family, Robert Knochel and family, Sister Myrtle Miller, and Brothers Vernon and Homer Hartzler. We enjoyed their visit, and thank Brother Joe for serving us.

The Dan Knochel family of Detroit brought Ruth's mother, Sister Eva Emery, home to Akron, after she had spent several weeks with them.

Loren and Phillip Burr were home the week end of March 26, on leave from the Service, for the death of their grandmother, Mary Burr.

Fredda and Bill Von Gunten spent the month of March at Fort Myers Beach, Florida. Bill did a good job of recuperating from a recent illness, as well as having a wonderful vacation. They returned safely April 1, to find four-foot snowdrifts at their door.

Brother Robert and Sister Florence Graf visited Florence's mother, Sister Ruth Bollinger, in Girard, April 3.

Saturday, March 12, the marriage of Janice George and John Graf was solemnized by John's father., Rudolph. at the groom's home. The couple will live at 1425 Copley Road, Akron 20, Ohio.

Sister Sadie Brenner spent several days with her daughter, Mrs. Bertha Hinnant, at Cleveland.

Brother Robert and Sister Arlene Stull and girls from Girard were with us, March 13. This was Robert's first visit here since he is in the ministry,

and we were pleased to have them with us.

Jimmy and Joe Greenbank and Roger Graf have been promoted from the Beginner's Sunday School Class.

On February 12 Brother Forrest and Sister Marie Ritzman attended funeral services at Milford for Marie's brother, John Lewis Speheger.

Many from the Akron church, also our Elder, Rudolph Graf, attended the funeral of Sister Emma Barth in New Martinsville, West Virginia. We shall all miss her visits, her many kindnesses, and her smiles for both young and old. She left an example for all of us to follow.

ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

March 8, the Hillsboro group of 19 friends and sisters met at Mrs. Russell Cartee; March 9, the Landersville group met at the home of Mrs. Sydney Parker; March 11, the Athens group met at the home of Sister Jewel Moss. At each place, all enjoyed the blessed fellowship and teachings of God's Word.

In the evening of March 11, a large crowd of 67 gathered at the home of Mrs. Viola Fuller, where Sunday School and Services were held.

Saturday, March 12, Bro. and Sis. John Wagler and daughters spent a week up North, visiting their parents, and during their absence, Bro. Junior Hale ministered in all three churches.

March 17, Bro. and Sis. Junior Hale and family and Sis. Clara Heiniger went to Athens and picked up Sis. Zelma Young and the Pope family, and drove to Lester, Ala., and held services at the home of a blind man, Arthur Blankenship, and his wife.

In the evening of March 18, young and old of the Landersville and Hillsboro churches met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cartee, where Bro. Junior Hale held services, and the children enjoyed Sunday School.

Our sympathy goes out to Sis Annis Perry and her brother, Leonard

Brook,, as their mother, Mamie Brook, passed away. The funeral was March 19, at the church where she belonged to, west of Athens.

We were thankful to have Kenneth and Carol Gutwein of Francesville spend a week with us, helping with the work of the three churches.

Saturday, March 19, Lavina Beckley of Remington, Arles Kropf of Wolcott, Arlene and Marilyn Knapp of Cissna Park; and Wilma Martin of Princeville, spent Saturday night at the home of Bro. and Sis. John Wagler, and Sunday visited the three churches, and spent the night with Sis. Clara Heiniger.

The Bible and Junior Classes of Landersville spent a blessed evening of March 21, singing for three families of shut-ins, then returned to church to fellowship around God's Word. All enjoyed refreshments before going home.

The Hillsboro Bible and Junior Classes met March 22, went calling in Bro. Junior Hale's milk truck, stopping at several homes to sing hymns of praises. This was appreciated by all. They returned to church for God's Word, and refreshments were served before going home.

March 22, the Hillsboro group of sisters and friends met at the home of Mrs. Willard Stricklin; March 23, the Landersville group met at Mrs. Dyar Harville; March 25, the Athens group met at the home of Sister Cleo Johnson. At each place, all enjoyed singing and learning more about our Lord Jesus Christ.

March 24, Bro. and Sis. John Wagler, Joan and Susan, and Sis. Clara Heiniger enjoyed a birthday supper and fellowship at Sis. Jewel Moss. It was her husband, Clifton's birthday. They have seven little girls and two boys, and the children love to sing hymns of praises.

March 24, the Athens Bible and Junior Classes met at Bro. John Wagler's apartment, and, there, had singing and Bible teaching, and refreshments were served before going

home.

Friday evening, March 25, the Landersville and Hillsboro churches enjoyed a blessed evening of Sunday school for the children, and Bible study, at the home of Bro. and Sis. Junior Hale.

March 26, a birthday dinner for Bro. Henry Stricklin, 73 years old, was enjoyed by his family, and on that day his granddaughter, Mrs. Lydia (Kelly) Terry, who lives in Chicago, gave birth to a son.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. Daisy Hynes; Sis. Pearl Stricklin; Mrs. Addie Stricklin; Sis. Jewel Moss; and Sis. Julia Kyle, who was very sick. She suffered a slight stroke.

A tornado passed through, unroofing homes, destroying a barn and other small buildings, and trees uprooted, in the community during the night of Mar. 29. Many came to the Hillsboro church basement for shelter.

Wednesday, March 30, at the home of Bro. and Sis. George Kelly, services and Sunday school were held, and a precious evening of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

In the evening of April 1, a large crowd gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Harville of the Landersville church, and there all enjoyed Sunday school and services among one another. Birthday cake was served in honor of their two children, Delano and Patsy Harville.

Saturday, April 3, Bro. and Sis. Paul Von Tobel, Bro. and Sis. John Gutwein; Bro. and Sis. Conrad Gutwein; Bro. and Sis. Willis Wuetrich; Bro. and Sis. Lewis Gutwein; and Bro. and Sis. Leslie Bucher of Francesville, enjoyed a supper at the home of Marvin and Sis. Ruby Moss at Prospect, Tenn. Sunday, a blessed day was spent with us all at Athens, Hillsboro, and Landersville churches.

April 5, the Hillsboro sisters and friends met at Mrs. Travis Wadsworth; the Landersville group met at Mrs. Viola Fuller, April 6; and April

8, the Athens group met at Mrs. Vera Lott, where all enjoyed good singing, and reading of God's Word.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth

Sister Mary Traub of Fairbury, Ill., visited our congregation March 6, while visiting her daughter and husband, the Everett Martins (he is stationed at Vance Air Force Base in Enid, Okla.) and she was also helping care for her new granddaughter.

Sister Peter (Marie) Farney left March 14 for Billings, Montana, to attend the funeral of her brother, Louis Schrock.

Our elder, Bro. Roy Farney, left by train March 17 for several weeks rest and visit with relatives in Mesa and Phoenix, Arizona.

Visitors here Sunday, March 20, were Bro. and Sister Elworth Stoller of Eureka, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Martin of Vance Air Force Base, Enid, Okla., and Bro. and Sister Harvey Farney and Terry of Wichita, Kansas.

Bro. and Sister Henry Hodel returned home March 20 after spending several months in Corpus Christi and other points in southern Texas.

Visitors here Sunday, March 27, were Sister Harvey (Ruth) Schurter of Elgin, Ill., and Sister Gene (Rose) Blue of Lubback, Texas. They also attended the fifty-third wedding anniversary of the parents and grandparents, Bro. and Sister M. A. Kising.

Bro. Dale Schurter, who has been working in Elgin, Ill., visited his parents, Vernon and Sister Schurter, several days before leaving for the Armed Services, April 4.

Sister Philip (Lydia) Hanhart, who was severely burned over eight months ago, is now able to attend church services once again.

The Sunday School classes will present an Easter Song-Service on Easter Sunday.

Bro. and Sister Albert Gudeman of Francesville, Indiana, visited their

daughter and family, Bro. and Sister Bill Schrock, the first week in April.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Ernest Knecht

On March 20, Sister Rudie Haerr and daughter, Charlotte, of Taylor, Mo., visited Sister Rudie's daughter, Sister Loretta Haerr, who is teaching here in Chicago. Also, Sister Tillie Rassi and Marie Woerner of Morton were here.

Bro. Leonard Meyer is visiting in Alabama over spring vacation from college.

Sister Edith Schrenk has been visiting her son, Henry Schrenk, and family in Phoenix, Arizona. We miss her.

Sister Cora Scharlach has gone home for a couple of months, to care for her aged mother. They attend church at Cissna Park.

Bro. Will Wagler is improving, and is staying at the Mary Klopfenstein home in Gridley. I am sure he would be happy to hear from the Chicago brethren.

Sister Margaret Rudin has returned from Florida, with her employer, Mrs. Pierce. She has been employed with her in Winnetka for quite a number of years.

On March 26 and 27, Brother Art Gudeman and family from LaCrosse, Ind., visited Chicago. Others from LaCrosse were Sister Lena Heiniger, Sister Bertha Heiniger, Bro. John Heiniger and family, Elmer and Mrs. Heiniger, Bro. Sam Heiniger, and Bro. and Sister Carl Peters. On the same week end, Bro. Earl Feller and family visited here from Cissna Park, Ill.

On Feb. 22, a son, Stevie Kent, was born to Dick and Alma Lou Hochulin.

Our Sunday School is having their Easter program on April 10, due to so many going out of town on Easter week end.

On April 3, several families from here attended the funeral of Ben Stoller in Forrest, Ill.

On April 3, we were privileged to

have two ministers and their wives from Elgin with us, Brothers Gudeman and Scheitlin, also Bro. and Sister Al. Schmidgall.

A new family moved to Chicago recently, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Aeschleman. We are happy to have them here. They moved here from Milwaukee., Wis.

Sister Aldenne Schurter was in Goodfield for several days, visiting her mother, Sister Bena Grusy, also her sisters and brothers there.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Dale Eisenman

Our congregation was richly blessed on March 19 and 20, when 10 souls were added to the fold. Elders Silas Leuthold of Princeville, Henry Kilgus of Forrest and Josh Broquard of Fairbury conducted the provings and baptisms of Joyce Hodel. Jane Bauer, Joan Rinkenberger, Sharon Sauder, Sandra Yergler. Jon Bauer, Earl Gudeman, Fred Waldbeser, Myrna Eisenmann, and Kenny Weerts.

We are thankful for another friend, Lorna Clauss, who has recently turned to the Lord.

On April 3, Brothers Roy Sauder and Jim Hoerr of Peoria conducted services here. We appreciated their visit very much.

Illinois State Normal University and University of Illinois

Visiting ministers at ISNU during the past month were Brother Gene Bertschi of Roanoke on March 17, and Brothers Frances Rother and Henry Grimm of Morton on April 7.

Visiting ministers at the U. of I. on March 30 were Brother Roy Sauder of Peoria and Brother Emmanuel Gudeman of Cissna Park.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Don Schrock

We were privileged to have the Youth Fellowship Singings at our church. With us on March 29 were groups from Eureka. Roanoke. Fairbury. and Morton. Tremont, Peoria, and Forrest came on March 27. Good-

field was here for both Sundays, since Goodfield and Congerville have a combined group. Although the Princeville group was not able to participate, we were happy that Bro. Chris Martin could attend.

Bro. and Sis. Ken and Carol Bucher of La Crosse were here on March 27, visiting relatives and friends.

Harold and Alma (Zimmerman) Schieber have a new daughter, Krystal Anne, born April 3.

Sis. Della (Tanner) Stahl was recently hospitalized, but is now able to be at home. Ralph Guteman is steadily improving from his accident, and hopes to be released from the Peoria Methodist Hospital in the near future.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Reporters: Edwin and Carol Baurer

Ministering Brother Roy Sauder and his wife from Peoria, Illinois, were with us on the week end of March 13. Brother Ernest Elassar from Peoria and Brother John Baurer from Princeville were our visitors that week end also.

Brother and Sister Harold Streitmatter, Brother and Sister Norman Streitmatter. Brother and Sister Robert Scholl, Richard and Cleon Streitmatter, all from Princeville, were with us the week end of March 20.

Also here on that same week end was Brother Henry Wiegand from Goodfield, Illinois.

Earl Kammerer, a friend from Milford, Indiana, who has been stationed here for Medical Training, left for Fort Benning, Georgia.

Sister Dora Walder, who has spent the winter months with us here at Ft. Sam, has returned to her home and family at Cissna Park, Illinois.

Brother Floran Streitmatter of Princeville, Illinois, has left our group here to be assigned a new duty at the Canal Zone.

Ministering Brother August Bolliger and his wife from Tremont, Illinois, were with us on the week end of April 10.

LATTY, OHIO**Reporter: Roberta Stoller**

March 20 was the wedding of Sister Anna Lou Stoller and Brother Earl Grimm from Princeville. We were happy to have a good number who attended from Princeville and our neighboring churches.

Visiting ministers the last month were: On March 20, Bro. Harvey Grimm from Berne, Kansas, and Bro. Lowell Stoller of Princeville, Ill.; Brother Walter Rehklau of Toledo was here March 27; Brother Henry Manz from Junction was with us for Wednesday evening services April 6. We were very thankful for these visits, and hope they will come again.

Brother George Sinn and Bro. Otto Schlatter visited in Alto, Mich., March 27.

Those who have been on our sick list recently are: Bro. Louis Stoller, Sister Lydia Schlatter, Ruth Stoller, and Melvin Stoller. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Bro. and Sister Wilbur Schneider and Sisters Dorothy Schneider and Betty Gerber of Rockville, Conn., visited in the home of Bro. and Sis. Russell Stoller, Monday evening, March 21.

Bro. and Sister Jacob Stoller and Sisters Nettie and Minnie Stoller and Albert Stoller have returned from Florida.

Several from here attended the funerals of Mary Eisenmann of Elgin, Ill., and Bro. Ben Stoller of Forrest, Ill.

April 3 was the wedding in Bluffton of Sister Delores Sauder and Bro. Daniel Reinhard. A group from here attended.

On April 10, a number of relatives attended the wedding in Rittman of Bro. Harold Stoller and Sister Luella Riggerbach.

MANSFIELD, OHIO**Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder**

Elder and Sister Sam Aeschliman and Bro. and Sis. Joe Maller spent

Sunday, March 20, in our midst. We had a very blessed day.

Brother Ernest Tanner, who has been on the sick list was taken to Warren, Ohio, to live with his daughter, Louise Hunter, for the present. We are thankful that he is much improved.

Bro. and Sister Andrew Dotterer of Paulding visited relatives a few days.

A number of relatives spent Sunday, April 3, in Bluffton, to attend the wedding of Sister Delores Sauder and Brother Daniel Reinhardt.

A group of young people met at the home of Brother and Sister Wally Ramsier April 4 to make a scrapbook for Sister Ruth Weiss, who has been in the hospital for some time.

Elmer Sauder is in the hospital with a nose infection.

Brother and Sister Amos Steffen spent several days with the Charles Sauder family.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA**Reporter: Mrs. Louie Messner**

A son, Alan John, was born March 13 to Mr. and Mrs. John Stettner. Bro. and Sister Leonard Wulf had a daughter, LeAnn Kay, born March 29.

William Greiner, 53 years old, passed away suddenly at his home, March 14, from a heart attack. Bro. Paul Fehr had the service. It was a very large funeral.

Sister Esther Moser passed away March 19. She was 47 years old, and in failing health for many years. Bro. Henry Koehl officiated. Many relatives and friends came to pay their last respects for Bill and Esther.

Bro. and Sister Arthur Messner spent the March 27 week end in Burlington, Ia., visiting her mother, Sister Hattie Eberhard, and Ann.

Bro. and Sister Henry Schmidgall spent a week in Illinois and Iowa, visiting relatives.

Sister Gloria Koehl had her second operation March 24, and is getting along fine.

Little Patty Gramm, 7-year-old daughter of Bro. and Sister Harold Gramm, is confined to bed.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

(Editor's note: An air mail letter was sent to Brother Jesse Emch. He has sent in this report.)

On Monday, April 4, Sister Emma Barth passed away, at the age of 85 years. Funeral services were held April 6 in New Martinsville, W. Va., where she had lived all her life. Bro. Theo. Beer officiated, assisted by Bro. Rudolph Graf and Bro. Arthur Gudeman.

She leaves five daughters, two brothers, one sister, eighteen grandchildren, thirty-one great-grandchildren, besides a host of brethren and friends, who will mourn her departure. In the many years of her service to the Lord, her home was a haven of rest to many brethren and friends from far and wide.

The high regard in which Sister Emma was held was shown by the attendance at the funeral of the many that came from several states.

We can all be assured that her reward will be great in Heaven.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Reporter: John L. Steiner

We enjoyed very much the visit of Ministering Brother John and Sister Velma Bollier and Brother Marvin and Sister Joan Stieglitz of Leo, Indiana, March 19 and 20. Brother Uriel and Sister Judy Gehring of Elgin, Iowa, were here March 20, also.

Brother Joe Wiegand, Sr., suffered a heart attack, while attending a birthday celebration for his twin granddaughters, March 20. He is making good progress in Burlington Hospital. We all hope he can be back in our midst very soon. His home address is Mediarolis, Iowa.

The funeral for Sister Esther Moser, who died March 19 near here, was held at Morris, Minnesota. Her death concluded many years of suffering.

A group of young members sang for shut-ins, Sister Grace Kuntz and Nancy West, Sunday evening, March 20.

The Bible Class was entertained Sunday evening, March 20, at the home of Brother William Cordill.

Recent births are:

A girl, Cindy Rose, born March 16, to Brother William and Sister Phyllis Massner.

A boy, Kevin Lee, born March 19, to Friends Larry and Dorothy Frank Holsteen. Maternal grandparents are Brother Ernie and Sister Bernice Frank.

A boy, Dan Eugene, born March 24, to Brother Eric and Sister Norma Massner.

The high-water crisis is apparently over here. Both the Mississippi and Iowa rivers are receding. We are thankful that we were spared from the disaster of a flood, although flooding did occur on the north side of the Iowa river, due to a levee break, which affected several of our members.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Reporter: Mrs. Robert Miller

Bro. and Sis. Ray Banwart from West Bend, Iowa, now making their home in Portland about six months, welcomed their children, Elsie and Donald, who arrived April 3 to live here with them. We are very thankful to have them out here!

Sister Margaret Banwart is our new Sunday School teacher for the pre-school and kindergarten children. She enjoys teaching the little children.

Brother Earl and Sister Anna Lou (Stoller) Grimm were married March 20 at Latty, Ohio. They are living at Ft. Lewis, Washington, where Bro. Earl is stationed in the Army. They come to Portland church on Sunday.

Bro. Johnny Gudeman is also stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington. He is from Cissna Park, Illinois.

Brother Robert and Sister Nilah Fischer and two children, Mark and

Janet, left by car for the Midwest, where their folks live, on Saturday, April 2. They plan to be gone four weeks. His folks are from Morton, Illinois, and her folks are from Bluffton, the Andrew Hackenjos. We wish them a safe trip, and will be happy to see them back again.

Birth: To Brother and Sister Robert Miller, a daughter, Cynthia Rose, on March 7. She joins sisters Marlise, 11½; Linda, 9; and Carol, 6 and brothers Stephen, 4½; and Timothy, 3.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

On March 20, a number from our congregation spent the week end of March 19 and 20 in Latty, Ohio, and attended the wedding of Sister Anna Lou Stoller, daughter of Brother Emil and Sister Anna Stoller of Latty, and Brother Earl Grimm, son of Brother Sam and Sister Esther Grimm of Princeville. Elder Brother George Sinn performed the ceremony. The newly-married couple left the same day for Fort Lewis, Washington, where Brother Earl is stationed in the Army. He has recently returned from several weeks duty in Alaska.

Brother Daniel and Sister Nathalia Feucht and daughter, Sister Shirley, spent a few days recently with their son and brother, Brother Earl Feucht, who is stationed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland.

March 27, Brother Lowell and Sister Clara Stoller invited Brother Edmund Kloter and his family and Brother Dave Steffen and family, of Fairbury to spend the day with us. We were thankful for the inspiring sermons Brother Kloter delivered. Other visitors included the Joe Schumachers from Eureka and the Arnold and Rodney Moser families from Oakville, Iowa. Our Elder Brother Silas Leuthold spent the day at Wichita, Kansas; Brother George and Sister Wagenbach and others in Morton; and Brother Dave and Sister Ruth

Kieser and others in Tremont.

We have had several from our congregation on the sick list the past few weeks, but are happy to report all are improving. Sister Esther Grimm was hospitalized a few days, but is able to be about again. Our aged brother, Will Spahr, is in the hospital, but is also improving. Friend Helen Streitmatter, who spent several weeks in the hospital having surgery, has returned to her home. Our friend, Herman Baer, who was confined to his bed, and placed in traction for some time, is able to be up part of the time again. Some time ago he suffered a back injury. We hope all will soon be able to worship with us again.

The William Knobloch home recently caught on fire, but they were at home to discover it, and not much damage was done by the blaze, but water and smoke damage was heavy.

We are thankful that our brother, Albert Herrmann, and daughter, Sister Margaret, have safely returned home, after spending the past two and a half months in Phoenix, Arizona. While there, they also visited the California churches.

Brother Harold and Sister Anna Streitmatter recently went to San Antonio, Texas, to see their son, Brother Floran, who is now on his way to the Panama Canal Zone, where he will be stationed with the U.S. Army.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Emily Kilgus

Sister Regina Schini, the oldest member of our congregation, passed away on Saturday forenoon, March 12, at the age of 75. Surviving are eight daughters and one son. Her husband and two sons preceded her in death. Funeral services were held on Monday, with Bro. Emanuel Gudeman conducting services.

On Sunday, March 27, baptismal services were held for Devon Yoder. There were several of his acquaintances from Eureka with us for the

day, as well as our Elder Bro. Irwin Lehman. Supper was served to this group at the home of Walter and Esther Bahler.

On the same day, Bro. Herman Kellenberger and several more from Elgin were with us, and they were guests of the Ray Steffen family.

Sister Marie Schini was a patient at the Bluffton Clinic, but has returned to her home.

Many from our congregation attended the funeral of Bro. Ben Stoller at Forrest.

On the week end of March 20, Bro. Maurice Frank and family were guests of the Clauss families.

We certainly thank all of our visiting ministers.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Reporter: Ed. H. Steiner

Bro. Lewis Bahr was taken to the hospital Feb. 14, after a light heart attack, and was able to return to his home after five days and at this writing is feeling quite well again.

Bro. Gus and Sisters Lizzy and Anna were seriously ill with the flu during the week of March 20 to 26, but are all on the mend, except Anna, who is still in the hospital.

Sister Mary (John) Hartter has been confined to her home since early in February, seriously ill. We wish her a speedy recovery, and to see her soon again in church.

Bro. Ronnie Metzger from Topeka and friend Chas. Sauder from Manhattan have been coming home over the week ends to attend church and be with Ronnie's parents, Bro. Phil Metzgers. We are always glad to see them. Charles expects to be home with his folks for about ten days, after April 8.

Bro. and Sister Walter Hess of Peoria, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Russel Zimmerman of Morton, Ill., came to see their father, Bro. Christ Grimm, who was in the hospital, where he had surgery on March 5. He returned to his home March 17, and was able to come to church the first time on

April 3.

Bro. and Sister Willis Sauder of Tremont and son, Charles, spent Sunday, March 13, with us. After services, they left for Manhattan, where Charles is attending school, and then started for their home at Tremont. They were fortunate to get home before the worst snowstorm of this winter came that night, and continued Monday and Tuesday.

March 20, Bro. Roy Wysong spent Sunday at Lester, Ia., with his son, Jack, and wife; and daughter, Nancy, and her husband; and two new grandsons, one to Bro. and Sister Jack Wysong, and one to Bro. and Sister Robert Gerber (Nancy). Sister Evelyn has been helping care for their new grandsons. She came home with Bro. Roy, March 23.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wiltz, March 19. Mrs. Senora Wiltz is a daughter of Bro. and Sister Albert Grimm, and granddaughter of Sister Anna Strahm.

Sister Alma (Albert) Grimm is in the hospital, where she had surgery, and at this writing is reported doing well, and expects to return home soon.

April 3, Bro. Sam Anliker from Lamont, Kans., was with us Sunday, ministering and serving Holy Communion to us. It was a day of rejoicing for us all. He returned to his home, after taking lunch at the home of Bro. and Sister Wysongs.

Bro. and Sister Alvin Banwart of West Bend, Iowa, spent Sunday with the members and Phylis' parents, Bro. and Sister Phil Metzger.

Bro. Geo. Lambert of Wichita visited and attended our mid-week services of Wednesday, the 6th of April, at Sabetha.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

This was the sixth year for church services in Sarasota, Florida, during the winter months. They were held in the Women's Building, located at the corner of Park and Palm Ave.

This small gathering has grown

during these past six years, from a few families to an attendance of 30 to 50.

There were 12 families that spent the winter months in Sarasota. They were Bro. Godfrey Schlatter and his housekeeper, Sister Clara Klopfenstein, from Toledo, Ohio; Bro. Philip and Sister Ferne Wingeier from Alto, Mich.; Bro. Ben and Sister Lucille Maibach, Sr., from Detroit, Mich.; Bro. Leon and his wife, Lydia, Virkler and Anna Foote from Croghan, N Y.; Bro. Chris and Sister Lena Sauder from Peoria, Ill.; Bro. George and Sister Fanny Sauder from Eureka, Ill.; Bro. Charles and Sister Mary Huber from Elgin, Ill.; Bro. John and Sister Katherine Fuhrer from Mansfield, Ohio; Alice Heinold from La Crosse, Ind.; Bro. Elmore and his wife, Goldie Schlatter from Fort Wayne, Ind.; Bro. George and Sister Anna Yentes from Morton, Ill., and Bro. Richard and Sister Velta Laukhuf from Latty, Ohio.

Our ministers were Bro. Godfrey Schlatter and Bro. Philip Wingeier. The visiting ministers were Bro. Herman Kellenberger from Elgin, Ill., and Bro. Henry Grimm from Morton, Ill.; Bro. Dave Mangold from Roanoke, Ill.; Bro. Henry Beer from Milford, Ind.; Bro. John Bahler from Rockville, Conn.

The last service for this season was held April the 3rd. This past year, we have had many visitors from many different states.

Services usually start the first Sunday in January, at 1 p.m., in the Women's Building, Corner of Park and Palm Ave.

The church group held two picnics this past winter. The first one was in January at the home of Bro. Philip and Sister Ferne Wingeier. The group was again invited by Bro. Virkler and wife, Lydia, to St. Petersburg, for the second picnic, which was held in February in a large park. We are all looking forward to meeting again next year (the Lord willing), and extend an invitation to all visitors to

stop and spend a Sunday with us in Sarasota.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Reporter: Arles Kropf

Visitors on March 20 from Roanoke were the following couples: Bill Zimmerman, Bob Lugenbuhls, Lyle Martins, Merle Getzs, Glenn Mosers, and Richard Stollers.

Sis. Arles Kropf has returned home after a two-week vacation in Alabama and Florida. She accompanied Sisters Arlene and Marilyn Knapp of Cissna Park, Wilma Martin of Princeville, and LaVina Beckley of Remington. They spent March 20 with the three churches in Alabama, and March 27 at Ft. Lauderdale.

Sister Maggie Klopfenstein remains a patient in St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette, at this writing. Her condition remains about the same. She would enjoy cards.

Andy and Marge Hofstetter and daughter, Sharon, have gone to Florida for an indefinite stay.

Bro. and Sis. Carl Gutwein of Francesville visited her mother, Sis. Lena Farney, on April 3.

Several families from here attended the funeral of Bro. Ben Stoller, at Forrest, on April 3.

Bro. Vernon and Sister Janet Furrer are the parents of a daughter, Sheli Rae, born April 6.

TOLEDO, OHIO

Reporter: Emily Frautschi

On Feb. 14, Bro. Alvin Klopfenstein and his family and Bro. Marvin Klopfenstein and his family visited in Toledo. Both families are from the Latty congregation. Their mother, Sister Emma Klopfenstein, came with them, and stayed a couple of weeks with her daughter, Mrs. George Laidig.

On March 20, a group from the Akron Sunday School visited us in Toledo. We were happy that Bro. Ernest Graf came with them. We also had visitors from Francesville, Indiana, that same Sunday, Bro. Paul Von Tobel and his wife, Bro. Lester Hu-

ber and his wife, and Bro. Lee Overmyer and his wife, and some of their children. We enjoyed their visit very much, especially of the ministering brothers.

On March 27, Bro. Floren Klopfenstein and his family from the Latty Congregation visited in Toledo.

On April 3, Brother Bill Eisenmann and his wife visited in Toledo. Their son, Roger, is attending Toledo University. Bob and Aldean Price and family also visited in Toledo that same Sunday. Both families are from the Latty Congregation.

April 1, Bro. Ben Schlatter and his wife left for a two-week visit with his father, Bro. Godfrey Schlatter, in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

LEO, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder

We are all happy to have John Klopfenstein, son of Wm. Klopfenstein, Jr., home again. He spent several critical days at the Souder Hospital at Auburn, Ind., following an emergency appendicitis operation.

Sunday, April 3, Homer Reinicks and Emma, Nancy and Emily Frautsch of Toledo, Ohio, and the Morris Frank family of Chicago, Ill., spent Sunday with the congregation here.

Sunrise Easter Services are planned at the Leo Church Easter morning.

The Sunday School Easter program is planned for Sunday evening, April 17, at the church.

Wednesday evening, April 6, church services were held at the home of Wm. Klopfenstein, Sr., who is too ill to attend regular church services.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter

Our Sunday School teachers and pupils are practicing for the Easter program.

Sis. Rosella Kolthoff, wife of Bro. Clarence Kolthoff, spent a few days in the hospital, following an ear operation. We are glad to report that she is at home again, and getting along nicely.

A daughter, Heidi Jean, was born to Bro. Raymond and Sis. Jeanie Hoerr on March 31. This is their first child.

All of us in this community have spent many anxious hours in the past ten days, because of the high water in the Mississippi River. The crest was higher than had ever been recorded, and the men worked day and night, often without rest, to reinforce the levees. With all the effort that was put forth, it was the hand of God that held the waters back, when it seemed that the levee would hold no longer. Everyone living in the district moved out their livestock, machinery and furniture. Those of our congregation affected by this are Bro. Paul Butikofers, Bro. James Sutters, Bros. John, George, Robert and Louis Hoerrs, Bro. Clarence Kolt-hoffs and Sis. Rose Frieden and granddaughter, Patty, on the Missouri side and Bro. Don Fellers on the Illinois side of the river. At this writing, the water is receding, although not completely out of danger. Our hearts are filled with thankfulness to the Lord for having spared us, and our prayers are for those that were not so fortunate.

If you should want to know how to obtain the Silver Lining . . . or its financial policy . . . many of our reporters are willing to be of service.

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The Editor.