

THE SILVER LINING



Grabill, Indiana

June, 1960

Priceless Peace

When Jesus Reigns In the Capitol of the World

"But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he

will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Micah 4:1-3

The Parable of the Visible and the Invisible Cross

Submitted by Brother Will Stettner,
Elgin, Illinois

It came to pass that a pilgrim was traveling along the highway, who was carrying a cross, so large that he had to carry it over his shoulders. At times, it felt very heavy and burdensome, and everyone whom he met on the road could see his cross, and sympathized with him.

After traveling some distance alone, he met another man, and he asked him, "My friend, where are you going?"

He answered and said, "I am a pilgrim, and am on my way to the city of Zion."

Then the first man said, "I am so glad to meet you, because I am also on my way to the Zion's City."

So they walked along together. These two pilgrims walked along in the same direction, and became very friendly and confidential with each other.

After awhile, the first pilgrim became much troubled in his thoughts, and somewhat downhearted. The thought came to him, "Why is it, and how can it be, that I must carry such a large and burdensome cross, and this my fellow-pilgrim does not have

a cross at all. I just can't understand it."

The more he nourished these thoughts, the more burdensome and heavier became his cross.

So finally he took courage, and said to his fellow-pilgrim, "My friend, tell me one thing which I cannot understand. Here we are both of us, pilgrims, and both traveling along the same road, and in the same direction, and both of us headed for the city of Zion. I must carry such a big and heavy cross all day long, and every day, and walk right aside you, and you have no cross to bear at all. I cannot understand at all why such a great difference. And what's more, ever since I met you on the way, and noticed that you have no cross at all, it makes my cross so much heavier. It just makes me feel that I am carrying a cross for you. Now this is just too deep for me, such a great difference. No, it just don't seem right."

These two pilgrims walked along together for some distance, and neither one spoke a word for quite a long time.

Finally, the second pilgrim spoke and said, "My friend, when I started out, on the way to the city of Zion, a small cross was fastened to my back, which I cannot reach with my hands. It's not heavy at all, but it has a sharp edge, and every time I make a miss-move, it scratches me, and sometimes it even draws blood. It often gives me a wound, and some-

times when it is just about healed, I forget myself, and turn the wrong way, and it pierces the same place, which causes me much pain. Just before I enter, the porter will take it from me, and then I will be relieved forever more. So I will bear it patiently until that time comes, which may not be very far away."

Both pilgrims walked along for a long way in silence, but were very deep in thought.

After awhile, the first pilgrim broke the silence and said, "Do you know, since I learned about your cross, my cross has become much lighter. It doesn't bear down on me nearly so hard as before, nor, up to now, it has never given me any blisters, for it does not have any sharp or rough edges like yours. So I feel sorry for you, as your cross is much harder to bear than mine, but you were able to bear it with patience much more than I have borne mine. Now I have learned to know myself better, can see my past in an entirely different light than I ever did before. This will be a lesson to me all the days of my pilgrimage here on earth."

"After all it is but love,
That oft seems to us oppression,
Yes, it is an easy yoke, ,
Which He puts in our possession.
Bear it with him patiently,
Do not murmur mournfully."

A Sermon of Our Departed Brother, Ernest Graf

Submitted by Brother Menno Steiner,
Sabetha, Kansas

St. John 4th chapter.

Beloved in the Lord and friends:

We have heard how the Saviour on His journey from Judaea into Galilee had to pass through Samaria

and came to the well that was called Jacob's well. There, He stopped to rest, while His disciples went into the city to buy food.

But it was so ordained of God that

a woman should come out of the city to draw water at this well. The Saviour, who is a discerner of the hearts and minds and thoughts of all men, saw that the woman, though a sinner, had an upright heart, and that she would not deny her sins, or cause her to justify or excuse herself: One who would believe when the word had entered her heart.

The Saviour, to begin conversation with her, asked her to give him a drink of water. She was surprised, because she saw that He was a Jew, and she a Samaritan. We have heard that the Jews and the Samaritans had no dealings with one another. Although the Samaritans descended from the tribes of Jacob, yet they separated. They formed a separate people and kingdom.

And she asked the Saviour, How is it that Thou didst ask a favor of me, a woman of Samaria?

And He said unto her, If thou knewest who is speaking to thee, thou couldst ask Him and He would give thee living water.

She could not understand His meaning. She said, How couldst thou give me water when thou hast nothing with which to draw?

Then He explained unto her what this living water is: That it proceedeth not from Jacob's well, but it proceedeth from the Fountain of God.

Jesus said, The words that I speak are not my own, but my Father has given them to me. And whatsoever I learned from the Father, that I speak.

In order to prove unto the woman that He was all-wise, all-knowing and all-seeing, He told her to go and call her husband.

She said, I have no husband.

And He answered, It is true, for

thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband.

He could read her past, even though she may never have seen Him. Nobody ever told Him of her sins and misdeeds, yet He knew all that she had ever done.

Therefore, she went into the city and told the people, Come and see a man who has told me all that I ever done: is He not the Christ?

And even as the Saviour could read her heart and her mind and her thoughts, and knew all she had ever done, so does He read your hearts and minds.

—Dear Ones—

He knows all that we have ever done.

People may try to hide their sins and misdeeds, and as long as the Lord does not erase them or cover them, they cannot be hidden.

David said in one of the Psalms, Blessed is the man whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is covered up.

Those who through repentance and faith in Jesus have found peace, their sins are covered up. They no longer appear, to accuse that sanctified heart. The law has lost its power to condemn them. Their sins are forgiven. They are brought out, and they are covered up by the Lord himself, but if a man himself tries to cover his sins, he will never succeed. They will always again reappear to accuse him and to testify against him. But when the Lord has taken them away, then, beloved, there is no more accusation. There is no more condemnation to those who live and walk according to the Spirit and not according to the flesh.

(To be continued)

A Brief History of the Oakville Church

At the turn of the century, three older brothers from Illinois, Jacob Rich, Englebert Grusy and Dan Man-

gold of Gridley and Roanoke made a survey of the Oakville-Huron bottomlands of the Mississippi. On their ad-

vice, six families migrated to this community to make their homes. They were Otto R. Gerst and Theophil Fischer of Roanoke, Henry K. Gerst of Gridley, Andrew Yackley of Peoria, Peter Glaser of Cissna Park and John Voulpel of Morton.

This small group held one meeting in the one-room school, which was known as the Williams school, located on land directly across from the farm now operated by Richard Anliker. Thereafter, they assembled in homes until 1904, when a new church was built a half-mile north of this school building.

Brother Peter Glaser was first to begin preaching, and a few weeks later Bro. Henry Gerst assisted him. The following spring, Bro. Albert Reiman and Bro. Albert Rauhaus moved from New Boston, Ill., to this side of the Mississippi. Bro. Reiman was a minister, and he continued to help Bro. Gerst, as Bro. Glaser ceased in the ministry.

This same year, a number of other families moved to this community. They were the John Stoller, Fred Donner and Chris Kuntz families of Gridley, Peter Mauer of Roanoke, John Benninger of West Bend, Iowa, Fred Sutter of Morton, Dan Kempf of Congerville and William Frank and George Wieland of Cissna Park. Later, between 1908 and 1910, others came from Cissna Park and Morton, namely Paul and Joseph Reeb, Fred Siegle, and George Heinold. Many others moved in from time to time, mainly from Illinois. Among them, in the year 1916, was Bro. Noah Schrock, who came from Congerville.

During World War I, due to an edict by the government, and because of the war with Germany, it was ordered by officials to hold services in the English language. At this time, Bro. Schrock (at the age of 25) and Bro. William Rauhaus were chosen to serve. After the emergency was over and Bro. Henry Gerst became more fluent in the English language, Bro. Rauhaus chose to resign.

In the year 1935, the congregation decided to move and remodel the church building, after another influx of families, many of these from Minnesota. It was moved to the present location on State Highway 99, three miles south of Oakville. At this time, the congregation numbered about 35 families, including friends.

Two years later, in March, 1937, Bro. Reiman met with a very tragic automobile accident, which took his life. Bro. Gerst and Schrock felt that a helper should be added to the ministry. After much prayerful thought, it was decided to call both Bros. John Wagenbach and Gust Scheitlin to the ministry. They began serving in the fall of 1937.

More families continued to move into the community from time to time, and by the early 40's there were more than 60 families attending church.

In the early spring of 1940, Bro. Schrock was ordained as the first elder of the Oakville church. He was installed by Bro. David Mangold of Roanoke, Ill., assisted by Bro. Emil Schubert of Peoria and Bro. Carl Rasi of Morton.

On Sunday morning, November 5, 1944, a disastrous fire greeted many of the members as they came to church, which burned the building to the ground. Due to war-time emergency, a new building could not be erected at once. Not until the early spring of 1946 did it become possible to begin a new structure.

Adding to the difficulty of building of a new church was another disaster to the community. This time it was a flood, which affected most of the congregation. This took place on January 7, 1946. No lives were lost, and with help from our brethren from other churches throughout America, unbelievable rehabilitation took place, so that a crop was planted and harvested on schedule, and the new church building was under way.

On September 21, 1947, we had our first meeting in the new church. Op-

en house was held the following Sunday for the community, and on February 15, 1948, we had formal dedication services, which were attended by a large number of members and friends throughout the Middlewest. Bro. Philip Gutwein of Francesville, Ind., held the dedication service.

Bro. Henry Gerst passed away April 4, 1954, after many years of service in the ministry. In June, 1965, Bro. Harvey Heiniger was chosen to serve in the ministry.

On October 19, 1958, Sunday services were begun in Burlington, Iowa. Approximately thirty regularly attend there.

At the present time, the combined congregations number about 115 families, 213 members, and 110 Sunday School children.

* * *

The preceding, from 1904 to 1954, was taken from a previous compilation. It was submitted by Brother John Steiner.

Sound Teaching

Henry Souder, Jr.

“Of the doctrine of baptisms”

John the Baptist was a priest.

See! at Jordan, he plunges one into the water. He immerses unto repentance.

John was the voice crying in the wilderness . . . even as today, there must be a cry for true repentance.

“Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.” Matthew 3:5,6.

Then Jesus came.

He suffered and died on the cross, and rose again. In the grand purposes of God, baptism unto repentance (but, carefully note, not repentance) was laid aside, in the great unfolding of the rich grace of God.

“Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard **this**, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.” The Acts 19:4,5.

Is there an age limit?

Little ones are among those that are His. They are glowing personalities of innocency. He took them into His arms. He immediately, without

hesitancy, took them. He blessed them. They needed not be baptized for Him, and neither for us!

The Acts, 2:41, reading in part, clearly shows the first proving and baptismal services conducted by the church. “They that gladly received his word were baptized:”

It is still the same today. The church endeavors to clearly perceive those who receive His word . . . and this has God’s profound meaning, clearly illustrated in His word.

Thus, the receiving of His Word is God’s own limit on age.

What then is baptism?

It is Calvary written in the soul. It is resurrection fulfilled in the heart.

God’s own hand has led down the important steps of repentance . . . faith has grasped the reality of forgiveness through His death. . . . Then, this tremendously important plunging into the waters . . . into His death . . . the Arm that guides out into the realm of new day . . . a clear conscience . . .

“Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the

glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Romans 6:3,4

"... what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest." The Acts 8

The Greek word means an immersion. So does the setting and the context of the scriptural description demand the plunging into water. Nev-

ertheless, we can believe . . . and this is supported by very ancient document . . . that, where circumstances prohibit, God has permitted and accepted what could be rendered as the act of baptism . . . and gladly received His child into His waiting arms.

Baptism is the glorious sunset at Calvary

. . . and the colossal sunrise of eternity!



NEWS



AKRON, OHIO

Reporter: Ruth Taylor

May 8, Brother and Sister John Fuhrer, Brother Robert Sauder and Sister Clara Wahl of Mansfield spent the day with us.

Sister Eleanor Pamer and Sister Margaret Dockus have taken charge of the Beginners' Sunday School Class.

Brother Silas Leuthold of Princeville, Illinois, held evening services with us May 18. We enjoyed his visit and services very much.

Arthur Graf was home for Decoration week end from Ft. Meade, Maryland, bringing with him Brother and Sister Eugene Nuest and Brother Earl Feucht.

Sister Marie Ritzman and sons, Jerry, Eric and Paul, are leaving for Milford, Indiana, June 8, where Paul will stay for most of the summer at Brother Theo Beer's.

The Gordon Greenbank family went to Girard by train May 29. They enjoyed having supper with Brother and Sister Harold Emch, and returned home again by bus.

Sunday, May 29, our visitors were Brother and Sister Nate Gutwein of Francesville, John Steiner and family, Harold Widmers, Forrest Hartzler family and Dean Marti, all of Rittman.

Over Decoration Week, Marjorie and Bruce Laukhuf of Latty, Ohio, spent several days visiting Marjorie's

parents, Brother Elmer and Sister Juliet Graf.

Sister Helen Kloetzle from Maywood, California, arrived for the Decoration Day week, visiting her mother, Sister Mary Graf and family. Sunday evening, Rudolph and Bethie Graf had most of their family and many friends for supper, and then singing.

Russell Kauffman has been on a business trip to Rome, Italy, and will return home June 8.

The Williard Belsley family of Detroit and Rhoda Wheland of Bay City visited us May 29.

ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Sister Bessie Drake's son, Tommy, and Louise Klemms were married May 6.

Mrs. Viola Fuller and Mr. Brad Hainey were married May 7.

Sisters Lena and Clara Heiniger enjoyed a birthday dinner in honor of Sis. Lois Goode, in her home May 10, then visited Sis. Minnie Kvlle, Mary Pack, and in the evening had supper with the Nels Kelly family, also Bro. Wagler and family.

Edward Haggemaker and Louise Amerson were married May 13.

Friday evening, May 13, a good crowd gathered at the home of Lester and Sis. Bessie Drake for worship and Sunday School.

Sisters Lena and Clara Heiniger

visited in the homes of Elmer and Sis. Martha Evans, Addie and Junior Stricklin, and Loss and Daisy Haynes.

The Hillsboro ladies met at the home of Sis. Clara Heiniger May 17; the Landersville group met at the home of Mrs. John Fuller, May 18; and the Athens group met at the home of Sis. Ruth Smith, May 20. All enjoyed the blessed fellowship together, while learning more of God's Word.

The Hillsboro young people of the Junior and Bible Classes met at the church, and from there went to the Trinity, Colonial Rest Home, where Ruth Wade stays (sister of Bro. Henry Stricklin and Sis. Martha Evans). A blessed evening was enjoyed, by singing for the sick and afflicted, and the reading of God's Word and prayer which was appreciated by all.

Bro. John Wagler's family, Bro. Junior Hale's family, Sisters Lena and Clara Heiniger had supper with the Richard Frost family, then in the evening, had worship services and Sunday School at Price Byars' at Landersville, May 20.

Sunday, May 22, Sis. Bessie Drake had open house, for a birthday supper in honor of her son, Leon, and Sis. Clara Heiniger. In the evening, all gathered at the Landersville church for services.

Sister Julia Kyle, 68 years old, passed away May 23 at her home. Bro. Noah Bauman of Rittman, Ohio; Bro. John Wagler; and Bro. Junior Hale held services May 26, at the Athens church. She had five daughters: Sis. Zelma Young, Zola Aldridge, Sis. Ruth Lott, Sis. Aline Hone, and Katheline Kyle; two sons, Monroe and Woodrow Kyle, 36 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. The grandsons were pallbearers.

Sis. Lena Heiniger left for her home Tuesday morning, May 24, after spending several weeks at the home of her daughter, Clara, at Hillsboro, Alabama.

Wednesday, May 25, Bro. Noah Bauman, Bro. John Wagler and fam-

ily, and Sis. Clara Heiniger visited at the home of Marvin and Sis. Ruby Moss, at Prospect, Tenn., and all enjoyed a birthday supper in honor of their daughter, Dorothy, and Sis. Clara Heiniger, then spent the evening for worship services at the home of Bro. and Sis. George Kelly.

Thursday evening, May 26, Worship and Sunday School Service were held at the home of Arthur Blankenship at Lester, Alabama.

Friday evening, May 27, a large crowd gathered at the home of Loss and Daisy Haynes of Hillsboro for worship and Sunday School. Bro. Junior Hale was in charge of the meeting.

May 28, Bro. and Sis. John Klaus of Eureka spent the week end visiting the Athens, Hillsboro and Landersville churches.

Saturday evening, May 28, the Athens group met at Charles and Hazel Vibbert, (she is Bro. and Sis. Henry Perry's daughter), for worship and Sunday School. We rejoice in the Lord for Hazel giving her heart to the Lord, and asks for prayers from everyone.

Bro. and Sis. John Wagler's family, Peggy Porter, Robert Byers and Delano Harville drove North for a few days visit, returning here Saturday.

The Hillsboro ladies met May 31 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jarret, who has been shut in for some time, and her daughter, Mrs. Annie Lou Jones, who is caring for her, and enjoyed song worship and a study of "Trusting in God."

The Landersville group met June 1, at the home of Sis. Bertha Harville, where all enjoyed a picnic dinner in her lovely yard, surrounded with flowers. Then, all the group enjoyed the Spiritual Food, singing and a study of God's Word, He—the Lord Jesus—must increase, but I must decrease—John 3:30, and all admitted, we must grow closer to the Lord by giving Him more room in our hearts and less for self.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA**Reporter: Freida Kipfer**

Brother and Sister Arthur Gudeman and others from the LaCrosse congregation visited us on May 8.

Brother and Sister William Fiechter and Brother and Sister Ben Kipfer attended the Ft. Wayne church.

Brother and Sister Homer Reinck and family of Toledo were here on the 15th, and Brother and Sister Carl Kipfer and others from here visited the Junction church, near Paulding, Ohio.

Brothers Joe Aeschliman and Jehu Gerber are able to attend services again.

The following young friends have turned to the Lord in repentance: Dixie Ringger, Gary Ringger (Ft. Sam Houston), Leon Gerber, Kathy Gerber, Rosetta Gerber, Mary Kay Gerber, Karen Stultz, Richard and Arlene Stoller, and Harry and Lois Ann Gerber.

Brother and Sister Joel Souder and Sister Cora Levy of Leo visited here on Sunday afternoon, May 22.

Brother and Sister John Yergler and many others from here visited the Ft. Wayne church.

Brother William Fiechter, Brother and Sister Sam Aeschliman and Brother John Baumgartner visited in the home of Brother and Sister William Klopfenstein Jr., at Leo, on Tuesday evening, May 24, where a service was held for Brother William Klopfenstein Sr., who has been ill.

Brother and Sister Sam Aeschliman, Brother and Sister Sam Gerber and Brother and Sister Ben Kipfer visited the Milford congregation on May 29.

Some from our Sunday School attended Sunday School in Latty, and we had guests from Tremont and Remington on the same day.

Frank Melching, 80., passed away June 1 at the Clinic Hospital. Death was attributed to a heart attack. Surviving are two sons, Ervin and Homer; one daughter, Mrs. Nina Maye; two step-daughters, Sister Sylvan

(Marg) Gerber and Sister Elizabeth Poe; and seven grandchildren. Brother Sam Aeschliman and Brother Orville Ringger conducted the funeral service, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Sister Karen Grandlienard and Brother William Kipfer were united in marriage on June 5.

Birth: To Brother and Sister Carl Fiechter, a daughter, on May 7.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS**Reporter: Dale Eisenman**

On May 3, two of our young brothers returned home, after service in the Armed Forces. Brother John Waldbeser came from West Point, New York, and Brother John Eisenmann from Washington, D.C.

Announcement was made on May 8 of the approaching marriage of Brother Ted Kuferschmid of here and Sister Joyce Walter of Forrest.

Dennis Hari was home on a leave from Ft. Sam Houston, during the week of May 8.

Brother Fritz Waldbeser submitted to spinal surgery in Chicago on May 11. He is now at home recovering from the operation.

Brother Josh Broquard of Fairbury conducted the services for the funeral of Brother Josh Geyer on May 20.

Funeral services were held on May 22 for Mrs. Emil Schmitt.

On May 23, Bob Walder was proved and baptized by Brother Josh Broquard. Bob had been home on a leave from Ft. Sam Houston.

A daughter, Jeanie Carol, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Laubscher on May 24.

Announcement was made on May 29 of the engagement of Brother Ed Stock of here and Sister Helen Weiss of Peoria.

Brother Fred Grimm of Taylor, Missouri, united in marriage Carol Hodel and Leslie Crist on May 29.

Visiting ministers along with Brother Grimm on May 29 were

Brother Irvin Lehmann, Wolcott, Indiana, and Brother Art Gudeman, La Crosse, Indiana.

Brother John Hodel is home and much improved, after spending a week in the hospital.

Our two weeks of Summer Vacation Bible School is beginning June 6.

Brother Adam Ehman is home again and somewhat improved, after spending two weeks in the hospital.

Sister Anna Rudin spent a few days at Benson with her son, Lester, who is recuperating after an operation.

During the past month, Sister Joan R i n k e n b e r g e r, Brother Melvin Knapp, Sister Rosemary Rechkemmer and Brother Harold Locher have all submitted to surgery for appendicitis.

University of Illinois and Illinois State Normal University

Brother Ed Hohulin of Goodfield conducted services at the University of Illinois on May 18.

At Illinois State Normal University, Brother August Bolliger had services on May 5, Brother Ed Kloter, Fairbury, on May 19, and Brother Willis Ehnle of Japan on May 26. The efforts of these ministering brothers is appreciated very much.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Don Schrock

It was our pleasure to have Bro. Willis Ehnle visit with us May 18, along with his wife, Lois, and their two children, Tony and Joy. Bro. Frank Woertz visited us May 8. Also, Bro. Dave Mangold recently spent a day with us. We thank them for their visits, and hope that they will return soon again.

Bro. James Rokey,, who has been attending college in Phoenix, is home for the summer. Sis. Della Stahl is out of the hospital, after undergoing surgery on May 19. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Loren Knapp and their family to our congregation. The Knapps attended Gridley church before they

moved into our neighborhood.

Vacation Bible School Classes are being held for two weeks, beginning June 6. We entreat God's blessing on this important undertaking of teaching our children His Word.

Bro. Joe Schrock reports that there are still about 15 openings for the Holy Land trip. Departure will be around August 14. As mentioned in the May issue of the Silver Lining, this is a conducted tour of Europe and the Middle East, with emphasis on the Holy Land. An itinerary has been printed, and this and other information is available by contacting Joe Schrock, Congerville, Illinois.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Louise Steffen

May 15, we had two visiting ministers: Bro. Mike Weyeneth and Bro. Hartman, both of Peoria, Ill., enjoyed their sermons so much.

Also announced for proving were: Howard Schifferer and his wife, Pat.

May 16, Sister Della Kellenberger, wife of Bro. Herman, underwent surgery and is now improving. We wish her the Lord's grace and strength.

May 16, a baby boy, Mark Allen, was born to Bill and Marge Wewetzer.

May 22, we were happy to have with us Bro. Joe Schrock and his wife and Bro. Alvin Schrock and his wife, of Congerville, Illinois.

May 27, a baby boy was born to Bro. Frank and Sister Lois Schrock, named Duane Brian; also, a boy to Bro. Leland and Sister Lorraine Zimmerman. Name: Mark Allen.

June 1, Bro. Willis Ehnle and his wife, Sister Lois, and two children, Tony and Joy, visited here Wednesday evening, and services were held, very inspiring and humbling. May we all strive to do better. On Thursday evening, June 2, Bro. Willis showed slides on Japan at the Ellis Junior High. A goodly number attended and enjoyed them very much. We wish to thank them for their efforts and wish them God's blessings.

ELGIN, IOWA**Reporter: Mrs. George Butikofer**

Since our last report to the Silver Lining, the following have visited us: Bro. and Sister Noah Gerber, Sisters Ida and Anna Fehr, Bro. and Sister Silas Banwart, West Bend, Iowa; Bro. and Sister Ernest Welti of Rockville, Conn.; Bro. and Sister Wm. Butikofer and children, Davenport, Iowa; Bro. and Sister Ezra Steffen and daughter, Sister Loana, Sister Jeanne Steffen, Elgin, Ill., and grandson Peter Carroll from Woodstock, Ill.; Sister Ruth Schupbach, Glen Schupbach and children from Park Ridge, Ill.; Sister Rose Frieden and daughter, Mrs. Lena Hanson, from Taylor, Missouri; Mrs. Wilma Viles from Compton, Calif.; Mrs. Murleine Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brown from Quincy, Illinois.

Bro. and Sister Uriel Gehring and son, Bradley, and Sister Bertha Gehring spent a recent week end in Oakville and Wapello, Iowa.

Bro. Jacob Butikofer is a patient in the Postville, Iowa, Hospital. He is suffering with a circulatory condition in one foot.

A group visited in the Clayton County Home, Sunday evening, May 29. Songs were sung and Scripture was read. Two of our ministers, Bro. Werner Moor and Bro. Uriel Gehring, held the services.

Sister Fannie Frieden accompanied Sister Rose Frieden back to Taylor, for a visit with relatives and friends.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS**Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein**

Visiting ministers the past month have been:

May 15, Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield.

May 29, Bro. Willis Ehnle from Japan and Bro. Joe Hodel of Roanoke were afternoon visitors.

We always enjoy the visitors who come and worship with us, and hope they'll soon come back.

Sister Elizabeth Schumacher pass-

ed away at the Eureka hospital, and her funeral was held May 19, conducted by Bro. Leroy Huber, assisted by Bro. Dave Mangold of Roanoke.

Several weeks ago, Sister Mina Klaus broke her leg, when she fell from her wheel chair. She is in the Eureka Hospital, and will be there several more weeks.

The past week, Sister Lena Grusy (wife of Will Grusy), was taken to Eureka Hospital in a serious condition.

May God be near these shut-ins, and help them to bear the pain and suffering they must endure.

May 22 was the evening singing at the church. The 5th and 6th grade Sunday School Classes sang a few songs. This is so nice to hear the young folks take part in singing praises to our Lord.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS**Reporter: Joyce Huber**

Bro. and Sis. Josh Broquard and Margaret visited in Princeville on Sunday, May 8.

Our young people's group accepted a kind invitation to Leo and had an inspiring week end there, May 22-23, enjoying the messages and Christian fellowship. May God reward them for their gracious hospitality. Matt. 10:42.

Elder Bro. Josh Broquard had the misfortune of suffering a sprained ankle and a broken bone in his leg, which requires a cast for about 6 weeks.

Bro. Leroy Huber of Eureka spent Sunday, May 29, here, exhorting us to labor and witness for Christ and not to bury our talent. Accompanying him were his family and the Virgil Rockes.

The Emil Fritz's of Morton spent Sunday, May 29, with us; also the Elmer Banwarts from West Bend, Iowa.

A group of Roanoke young people spent Sunday, May 15, here and were evening dinner guests at the home of Bro. and Sis. Eli Meiss.

FORREST, ILLINOIS**Reporter: Ken Schneider**

Visiting minister was Brother Ezra Feller from Cissna Park on Sunday, May 15.

On Sunday, May 15, Brenda Honegger was proved and baptized. We wish her God's grace and guidance.

On May 22, the young folks from here and Fairbury attended the Leo church, and enjoyed the day very much.

Bro. Ben Metz has been called to serve in the Armed Forces. He left on May 17, and is now stationed in Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Those who would care to write to him, his address is:

Pvt. Benjamin L. Metz
U.S. 55684792
Co. D. 3rd Bn. USAMTC
B.A.M.C. Class 14B
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS**Reporters: Edwin and Carol Baurer**

Emanuel Gudeman, ministering brother from Cissna Park, and his wife were with us on the week end of May 8. With them were Bro. Ray Hari and his wife, Sister Emily, also from Cissna Park. We enjoyed their visit very much.

Brother Robert Walder has returned to our group here at Ft. Sam, after spending some time at his home, with his loved ones. While at home, he experienced the joy of being taken into the fold at Cissna Park. We wish him God's grace in his new-found faith.

Richard Guingrich, a friend from Princeville, left here for a new military assignment in Ft. Huachuca, Arizona.

Ned Kipfer, a brother from Bluffton, also left our group to be stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Ben Metz, a brother from Forrest arrived here for Basic Training on May 26.

The Lord has again proven his presence in our midst by calling a soul to repentance. Friend Gary

Ringer from Bluffton has found grace for repentance.

Several of the brothers and friends that were in training here are now permanently stationed here. Some of those that have been stationed here as permanent party in the last few months are Brother Walt Sinn of Latty, Brother Robert Frank of Morton, Friend Henry Schick of Peoria, Friend Ken Steffen of Bluffton, Brother Ray Haab of Milord, Friend Dan Tanner of Goodfield, Friend Wayne Broquard from Fairbury and Friend Dennis Hari of Cissna Park.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS**Reporter: Marie Zaugg**

On April 13, a son, Gerald Eugene, was born to Brother and Sister Jim Bahr.

May 15, our Elder Brother, Sam Anliker, was with us and served Communion.

Others visiting our congregation were Brother and Sister Harvey Smith and family; Brother Dave Hangartner of Wichita, Kansas; Sister Caroline Banwart and daughter, Eileen, and Sister Marie Marti of Lamar, Missouri.

The week end of May 29, Brother and Sister Emil Banwart and son, Vern Banwart, visited at West Bend, Iowa; Brother and Sister Martin Hohulin and family and Sister Clara Marti at Lamar, Mo.; Brother and Sister Wayne Miller and family at Lamont, Kansas; Brother and Sister Jim Bahr and family at Sabetha, Kansas; Brother and Sister Raymond Banwart and family; Sisters Ruth Banwart and Marie Zaugg at Oakville, Iowa.

Those visiting our congregation were: Brother and Sister John Schwind of Peoria, Ill.; Brother and Sister Walter Fehr and family of Roanoke, Illinois.

In the evening of May 29, Dutch and Minnie Schlupp, Jim and Hazel Kibbler, Noah and Mae Schlupp of Lamar, Mo., visited with Brother and Sister Dave Massner.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA**Reporter: Renee Neihouser**

Dedication services for our church are being planned for June 26.

The Junior AYP (Apostolic Youth Fellowship) met at Maurice Stollers on Sunday evening, June 6. It was the first meeting. They plan to meet at least once a month.

The Senior AYP has also been organized in our church.

We are happy to see more children attend Sunday School. The attendance reached a high of 83 one Sunday.

Visiting ministers who have served us during the past few weeks: on May 15, Brothers Conrad Gutwein of Francesville and John Bollier of Leo; on May 22, Brothers George Yergler of La Crosse and John Yergler of Bluffton; on May 29, Brothers Emmanuel Gudeman of Cissna Park and Otto Norr of Leo.

Our visitors who have signed the guest-book since the last issue of the Silver Lining:

John Klopfenstein, Leo; Danny Germann, LaCrosse; Mary E. Pulver, Leo; Will and Ida Huber, Nellie Woertz, Margaret Herman, Albert Herman, all of Princeville.

Sally Wysong and Delores Metzger of Sabetha, Kansas; Emma Esslinger, Berne, Kansas; Dulutha Moser, Marilyn Neuenschwander, Carolyn Gerber of Bluffton; Barbara Moser of Tremont, Illinois.

John and Ella Yergler, Harold and Virgie Isch, Lydia M. Steffen of Bluffton; Willard Yergler, LaCrosse; Eli and Mabel Kipfer, Emil and Rose-lena Steffen of Bluffton.

George Yergler of LaCrosse; Wm. Gene Moser of Bluffton; Ellsworth and Evie Stoller of Eureka; E. M. Ferguson, Fort Wayne; Tena and Bertha Reinhard, Hulda Steffen, Bluffton.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Laukhuf and Mr. and Mrs. Floren Klopfenstein and family of Latty.

James Grivet, Chicago, Illinois; Mary Jo Pfister, Bluffton; Ida Lieb-ig, Toledo, Ohio; Katherine Leibig,

Emma Levy, Mr. and Mrs. Don Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gerber and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Steffen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Pfiechter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dotterer and Kathy, Mrs. Mary Dotterer, all of Bluffton.

Miss Lydia Conrad of Fort Wayne; Rosa Bertsch of Leo; Hulda and Eliza Honegger of Cissna; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Honegger of Bluffton; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Honegger and Bonnie, Cissna Park, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stieglitz of Morton; Mrs. Sophia Witzig, Gridley; Katherine Stieglitz of Morton; Mr. and Mrs. George Stieglitz of Leo; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Reutter, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Gudeman, Emmanuel and Ida Gudeman of Cissna.

Wilma Huber, Peoria; Judy Aeschleman, Judie Bittner, Karen Leman, Irene Hodel, of Roanoke; and Ruth Schumacher of Congerville.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA**Reporter: Mrs. Willis Wuethrich**

For our 1960 graduates goes a wish for much success and happiness, to Ronald Anliker, Sheryl Boehning, Lynette Getz, Ann Gutwein, Eldon Gutwein, Marvin Gutwein, Gene Huber, Terry Howat, Alan Mumford, Alan Anken, Wayne Putt and Mary Ward. Mary Bertha Wuethrich graduated from Ball State Teacher's College and Fred Gutwein graduated from Kentucky Military Institute. May Proverbs 3:5,6 be a guide in all their necessary decisions. "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Following our Sunday evening singing, May 15, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Overmyer entertained our young folks in honor of Twyla and John Mark Von Tobel, who left the 18th to join their parents in South America. Mrs. Paul Von Tobel, Sr., accompanied them.

Misses Hazel Huber and Twyla Stoller of Ft. Wayne visited here Me-

morial Day week end. Hazel has recently returned from a six-month stay in Phoenix, Arizona.

Mrs. Mary Wuethrich is slowly improving from a cracked vertabrae, due to a fall in her garden. She has been placed in a brace, and at present is staying in the Anna Banwart home.

Eugene Huber has recovered from a gash in his leg, suffered when a chain-saw reacted back, while cutting trees.

As I write this news, I glance at a motto on my kitchen wall: "Kindness is the oil that takes the friction out of life."

Our two weeks of Vacation Bible School closed June 3 with an evening program. The themes used this year were "Signaling for Christ" and "The Teachings of Jesus." One hundred eighty children enrolled, with an average of 140 attending daily. Our teachers report a great blessing and satisfaction in working with these children.

In this time of word crisis, may the attitude of every Christian be a time of soul-searching, showing calmness and assurance, be much in prayer and work for the Lord.

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Wuethrich sent this poem with the news for the May **Silver Lining**. It can stimulate each of us to carefully examine ourselves, make our calling and election sure and increase in love's persuasive ways.)

"Just a Thought"

A little seed lay in the ground,
And soon began to sprout.
"Now which of all the flowers
around,"

It mused, "shall I come out?"
The lily's face is fair and proud,
But just a trifle cold;
The rose, I think, is rather loud,
And then its fashion's old.
The violet is very well,
But not a flower I'd choose,
Nor yet the Canterbury bell—
I never cared for blues."

And so it criticized each flower,
This supercilious seed,
Until it woke one summer hour—
And found itself a "weed."

GIRARD, OHIO

Reporter: Jesse Emch

On Friday, April 15, Sister Caroline Emch had the misfortune of falling and breaking one ankle and spraining the other. She has been required to be in a cast for six weeks. She is to see her doctor Friday, June 3, and we hope he will give her a good report.

Sister Myrtle Bollinger died on Monday, May 16, at the age of 77 years. Her funeral was May 19. Bro. Rudolph Graf held the service, assisted by Brothers Forrest Ritzman and Ben Hartzler. Sister Myrtle had taught in the Girard Public Schools for 37 years. For 10 years prior to her sickness, she had taught handicapped children in their homes.

Sister Esther Saylor and Sister Charlotte Emch have returned home, after spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas White of Beach Grove, Indiana. The Whites had a daughter, Brenda Ann, born to them on May 4. Mrs. (Anna May) White is a daughter of Sister Esther Saylor.

On Wednesday evening, May 25, a good number of friends and members came together and gave our church building a good house-cleaning. As we all know, "Many hands make work light."

On Sunday, May 29th, we enjoyed having with us Bro. Gordon and Sister Emily Greenbank and family, also Bro. Arthur Greenbank, Gordon's father.

Sister Katherine Hecker is here from California, and we are all grateful to have her spend some time with us here.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marian Wiegand

The engagement of Elsie Jean Ott, daughter of Jake and Lavina Ott, to Adolph Knobloch of Lester, Iowa, was

made known on Easter.

Ruth Marie Romeis and daughter, Leisa, of Walnut Creek, California, visited her parents, Bro. Frank and Sister Esther Woertz.

Sister Lavina Fehr is a patient at the Methodist Hospital.

Bro. Harold Knapp suffered a fractured ankle recently, while helping his brother on the farm.

Bro. Bill and Sis. Lydia Hohulin are the parents of a baby girl, born May 15. She has been named Rebecca Lynn.

A little boy has been added to Si and Thelma Hoffman's family. He has been named Frederick Silas after his grandparents.

Bro. Ira and Sis. Carolyn Rokey are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Dolores, to Gene Metzger. He is the son of Bro. Jake and Sis. Elsie Metzger of Lester, Iowa.

The engagement of Twyla Bauman to Pat Meyer has been announced by her parents, Bro. Louis and Sis. Norma Bauman. He is the son of Bro. Alvie and Sis. Emma Meyer of Lester, Iowa.

We enjoyed the message Bro. Gerald Sutter of Taylor, Missouri, brought us on May 22.

Steven Edwin was the name given to the infant son, born May 29, to Bro. Sam and Sis. Sandra Hohulin.

Bro. Solomon and Sister Hartman have moved to Peoria. We will miss them here at Goodfield, as they have attended our services for many years. We wish them God's blessings.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Miss Marilyn Schieler

Sister Rosina Kiefer passed away May 15, 1960, at her home in Gridley, at the age of 85. She had been in failing health for about two and a half years. Sister Rosina gave her heart to the Lord in her youth, and served him faithfully until He called

her to her reward. Bro. Joe Klopfenstein conducted the funeral services, which were held May 17.

Sister Freidora Wettstein, Sister Judy Witzig and Brother Pete Meiss graduated from Gridley High School on Wednesday evening, June 1. We wish them success in whatever line of work they undertake.

Most of the Gridley young folks went to Princeville on Memorial Day for a picnic supper. There were young folks there from the various Illinois churches, and a few from other states. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and singing that was held in the evening. We want to thank all the young folks from Princeville for making this gathering possible.

Friend Carl Schlipf is still hospitalized, as the result of a leg injury he received while feeding his cattle several weeks ago. We hope that he will be able to return home soon. Sister Lorene Stoller is also still in the hospital, due to injuries received in a car accident March 20, but she looks forward to coming home soon. She has been there approximately eleven weeks.

April Dawn, infant daughter of Bro. and Sis. Bill Funk, was hospitalized for a short time. She had a pretty bad case of bronchitis, which made it necessary for her to be under oxygen for a few days.

A son, Scott Ervin, was born to Ned and Beverly Umland on May 28, 1960. He is a grandson to Bro. and Sis. Elmer Meiss.

At the time of this writing, we are sorry to hear that Bro. Matt Stortz passed away (June 3, 1960) at the Mennonite Hospital in Bloomington. Bro. Matt underwent surgery on May 31, and it was reported that he was getting along satisfactorily, until Friday morning, when he suffered a heart attack and was taken quite suddenly. He will certainly be missed by the Gridley congregation, where he was a faithful member, and where he was always willing to be of service.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS**Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr**

Sis. Emma Bahr returned home May 11, from a several weeks' stay in Ft. Scott at Bro. and Sis. Jim Bahrs, helping care for their new son. Teresa came home with her grandmother for a visit.

Mother's Day visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Jim (Virginia) Morrison and Teresa Kay, Wichita, guests of Bro. and Sis. Sam Kraft; Bro. and Sis. Dan (Dorothy) Sinn and family, Ft. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Caudell and daughters, Neosho, Mo., guests of Bro. and Sis. Dan Kraft; Bro. and Sis. Pete Esslinger, Bro. and Sis. Amos Strahm, Bern, guests of Sis. Ida Esslinger; Ungela Strahm, Wichita, guest of Bro. and Sis. Mathias Strahm; Bro. and Sis. Godfrey Miller and Chris, Eldorado, guests of Sis. Lydia Bahr; and Howard Young, guest of Bro. and Sis. Andrew Young.

Matt Strahm, Aurora, Illinois, visited with his parents, Bro. and Sis. Mathias Strahm, Sr. and friends, on May 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Herr, Sam and Paul, Wichita, visited with her mother, Sis. Lydia Bahr, and family, on May 15.

We were blessed with two visiting ministers this past month: Bro. Jim Bahr of Ft. Scott on May 22 and Bro. Harold Kraft of Wichita, May 29.

Visitors May 22: Sis. Mary Reber, Bro. and Sis. Jim Bahr and family, Bro. and Sis. Lyle Fischer and family, all of Ft. Scott; Sis. Esther (Louie) Knapp of Forrest, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Buck (Ida) Caudell and family, Neosho, Missouri. Sister Lizzie Kraft returned home with the Caudells for a few days visit.

Sis. Lydia Bahr has now returned to her home, after spending the school year with her daughter, Bro. and Sis. Godfrey (Emma) Miller and Chris of Eldorado.

Visitors May 29: Mrs. Gladys Botham and Clifford, Kansas City, guests of Bro. and Sis. Andrew Young; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Povenmire and

family, Independence, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bahr and Sons, Topeka, guests of Sis. Rosa Bahr; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Herr and sons, Wichita, guests of Sis. Lydia Bahr; Bro. and Sis. Harold Kraft and family, Wichita, guests of Bro. and Sis. Sam Kraft and family; and Ungela Strahm, Wichita, guest of Bro. and Sis. Mathias Strahm.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA**Reporter: Bert Bucher**

Our visiting minister on May 15 was Bro. Henry Sabo from Mansfield, Ohio. He was accompanied by his wife, his daughter Dorothy, and sister Mary. Other visitors that day were from Fairbury and Elgin, Illinois.

On May 22, Bros. Robert Hueni and Earl Zeltwanger and their wives and a few other couples from Bremen were here. We also had visitors from Chicago and Bluffton that day.

Bro. and Sister Joe Heinold returned to their home in Phoenix, Ariz., after spending several weeks here, with their children and other relatives and friends.

We enjoyed all our visitors in recent weeks.

A son, Michael Barry, was born to Harold and Sherry Fritz on April 20.

Sister Lena Heiniger, who had spent several weeks in Alabama with her daughter, Clara, has returned to her home again.

On May 29, monthly services were held at the County home in Valparaiso, with a nice group attending.

LATTY, OHIO**Reporter: Roberta Stoller**

Bro. Andrew Dotterer and Bro. Henry Manz of Junction were with us Saturday evening, May 14, for the proving of Betty Laukhuf. Baptism was held after services Sunday. We welcome Betty as a sister, and wish her many happy years of service for the Lord. Brother and Sister Carl Hanscher of Peoria visited with her sister, Betty, this week end also.

Quite a number of relatives from here attended the funeral of Brother George Getz in Morton.

Visitors on May 22 were Bro. Bert and Sister Lucille Gasser, Bro. Harold and Sister Carole Widmer and Bro. Dale and Sister Joanne Widmer of Rittman, Bro. Levi and Sister Ida Schwartz, Brother and Sister Ed Schwartz, Brother and Sister Harry Baumgartner and Bro. John and Sister Shirley Fiechter of Bluffton, Bro. Tom and Sister Marlene Leman of Gridley and Bro. Ellsworth and Sister Evelyn Stoller of Eureka.

Engagements:

Janet Laukhuf, daughter of Carl and Louise Laukhuf, to Robert Williamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Williamson of Latty.

Gloria Stoller, daughter of Arthur and Sister Alice Stoller, to Kent Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Miller of Grover Hill, Ohio.

Over Memorial Day week end, we had visitors from Roanoke, Bro. and Sister Emil Fischer and several young sisters who came with them. They visited with their daughter and family, Bro. Glen and Sister Edith Stoller.

Bro. Lloyd and Myrna Moser of Fairbury visited with her parents, Bro. Elmer and Sister Sadie Riggenbach, over the three-day week end.

We had several young sisters visiting from Mansfield with Bro. and Sister John Oesch and family on the 29th of May and Bro. and Sister Ed Sutter and family of Eureka, Miss Mary Sutter of Detroit, Sisters Henrietta and Madeline Manz of Junction.

The young member group enjoyed a picnic in Bluffton, with the group there and others attending from Leo and Milford, on Memorial Day.

Graduation exercises are being held for several of our friends, who were seniors the past year.

With school out now or nearly so most places, our teachers are now getting ready for our Second Annual Bible School, which starts June 13.

LEO, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder

Special church services have been conducted in the home of Aaron and Sarah Schwartz. We are happy to report Sarah is on the mend. Services were also held in the home of William Klopfenstein Jr. on his father's 80th birthday. Brother Samuel Aeschliman and Sister Minnie, Brothers William Fiechter and John Baumgartner were present. Monthly church services are now being held at the Butler Nursing Home. Brother Samuel Aeschliman and Sister Minnie also visited our Thursday evening services on June 2.

A new loud-speaker system has been partially installed in our church.

Sunday, May 22, Maurice Frank and family of Chicago visited our congregation; Maurice was our minister. About eighteen young people from the Fairbury and Forrest congregations also were here. We were happy to meet two of our reporters of the **Silver Lining**, Joyce Huber and Ken Schneider.

Some of the people visiting other churches were David Bertschs to Roanoke, Illinois; Mildred and Ethelyn Schlatter. Marvin Steiglitz, Phil Pulfer to Mansfield, Ohio; Herman Norrs at Alto, Michigan; Jyl Maxfield, Ethelyn Schlatter, Lavada Steiglitz and Carolyn Pfister at Bay City, Michigan.

Memorial Day visitors at the home of Joel and Mary Souder were Henry and Leah Souder of Bremen, Indiana; Jesse Gerbers, Raymond Klopfensteins and Mrs. Edward Klopfenstein of Latty, Ohio; and Elias Souders of Grabill.

We enjoyed Bro. Elmer Schrenk's services on Sunday, May 29. He and others from Alto, Michigan; Bluffton, Indiana; Francesville, Indiana; and Rittman, Ohio, were visiting our church on Sunday, May 29.

A group of friends and members surprised Margaret (Unsicker) and Larry Brososky on June 1. They surprised them with a grocery-shower

house-warming. Larry has served his time in the Service, and he and Margaret are making their home on a farm near her parents.

Young people from Leo, Milford and Latty spent an enjoyable day with the Bluffton young people on Memorial Day.

We are happy to report John Getz, who has been so ill, is now on the mend, and is able to be at his home at 126 E. Wildwood Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Rose Conrad had the misfortune of breaking her arm. She is also getting better, and able to be up and out again. Her address is 2702 East Drive, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

LESTER, IOWA

Reporter: Miss Emelie M. Knobloch

Bro. and Sister Robert Gerber and family, Bro. and Sister Jack Wysong and family, Bro. and Sister Leo Moser and family, Sister Edith Knobloch and Lois, Sister Flora Metzger, Sister Mary Ellen Knobloch and Douglas, Sister Martha Wiese, Sisters Marjorie Mogler, Ni Knobloch, Pauline Gerber spent a blessed day at Sabetha, Kansas, for the provings of Ben Wysong and Janice Aberle, May 1.

Sister Ella Metzger, Helen and Anna Knobloch and Sister Frieda Gerber took Sister Emma Leuthold to her home at Sabetha, Kansas, after spending the winter months with her children here.

Bro. and Sister Wilhelm Wulf and family, Albert and Marie Wulf, Sister Karoline Doorneweerd and children were at Morris, Minn., visiting relatives.

Art Banwarts of West Bend, Ia., spent May 1 visiting his sisters here.

Ervin and Sister Amelia Banwart and Charlotte, West Bend, Ia., spent Mother's Day with her mother, Sister Pauline Feucht.

Bro. and Sister Howard Mogler, Bro. and Sister Freddy Metzger, Bro. and Sister Jacob Wulf, Bro. and Sister Gilbert Knobloch, Sister Zelma

Knobloch, Sister Frieda Mogler, Sister Emma Meyer attended the funeral services for Patty Gramm, daughter of Bro. and Sister Harold Gramm at Morris, Minn. Patty had been ill for a long time.

Bro. and Sister Wilbert Knobloch and son of Chicago, Ill., spent May 8 at West Bend, Ia., on their return home, after spending their vacation with his mother, Sister Julia Knobloch.

Bro. and Sister Martin Knobloch and family spent Mother's Day with her parents at West Bend, Ia., Bro. and Sister Will Metzger.

Bro. and Sister Jack Wysong and family moved to Kansas, where he is now employed. We wish them God's blessings in their new home.

We enjoyed a blessed day May 15, having Bro. and Sister Gene Marti with us. Bro. and Sister Joe Ben, Bro. and Sister Richard Schmidt and family, Sister Elizabeth Marti of Sabetha, Kansas, were with us also.

Bro. and Sister Philip Metzger of Sabetha, Kansas, spent May 15 with his daughter and family, Bro. and Sister Dale Knobloch.

Bro. and Sister Ernest Kellenberger and family of Morris, Minn., spent the week end of May 8 with their daughter, Bro. and Sister Gilbert Knobloch and family.

Bro. and Sister Andy Mogler and sons, Alice Metzger and Paul spent May 15 at West Bend, Ia., visiting relatives.

Sister Martha Wiese went to Elgin, Ill., to help in Bro. Herman Kellenberger's home, as Sister Della Kellenberger had major surgery.

Bro. and Sister Will Luthi and Donn of Morris, Minn., visited in the home of their daughter and family, Bro. and Sister Howard Mogler, May 15.

Sister Martha Wiess returned from Elgin, Ill. She reported Sister Della Kellenberger as recuperating very well.

Mrs. Kate Dietrich of Elgin, Ill., spent a couple weeks with her daugh-

ter and family, Bro. and Sister Jacob Metzger.

Bro. and Sister Paul Leuthold and family, Bro. and Sister John Gerber and family, Bro. Wayne Gerber and Sister Pauline Gerber spent May 29 at Sabetha, Kansas.

Raymond Meyer, Gene, Dale and Barbara Metzger spent Memorial week end at Princeville and Goodfield, Ill.

Sister Louise Anliker and family and Christine Schmidt of West Bend, Ia., spent a week with their father, and Bro. Raymond Anliker came to get them May 28.

Bro. and Sister Wilhelm Wulf and family, Bro. and Sister Freddie Metzger and family and Kay Meyer spent Memorial Day with their father, Bro. Paul Banwart and family at West Bend, Ia.

Bro. and Sister Jacob Knobloch went to Des Moines to visit her sister, Sister Mary Traub, who is hospitalized there, and stopped at West Bend, Ia., to visit their daughter and family, Bro. and Sister Elmer Fehr and family. Their grandson, Wayne Fehr, has been ill.

Mary Lou Meyer, Don Streitmatter and Doreen Meyer spent May 30 with their parents.

Bro. and Sister Alvia Meyer and family, Adolph Knobloch, of Adobolt, Ia.; Jean Ott of Peoria, Ill., spent the week end of May 29 with his mother, Sister Julia Knobloch, before seeking employment in Chicago for the summer.

Dietrich and Doris Knobloch and family, Arlington, S. Dak., spent the evening of May 29 with his mother, Sister Julia Knobloch.

We enjoyed a blessed day May 29, as Bro. and Sister Silas Leuthold of Princeville, Ill., was with us. Sisters Vivian Leuthold and Clara Marie Gerber and Ruth Hohulin came with them. Sister Gerber visited in the home of her parents, Bro. and Sister Ed Gerber and family, and Sister Hohulin with her sister, Bro. and Sister Silas Knobloch and Lois.

Bro. and Sister Lou Baumann of Goodfield, Ill., announced the engagement of their daughter, Twyla, to Raymond Meyer, son of Bro. and Sister Alvia Meyer.

Bro. and Sister Ira Rokey of Goodfield, Ill., announced the engagement of their daughter, Delores, to Eugene Metzger, son of Bro. and Sister Jacob Metzger.

Sister Naomi Knobloch had a singing for Sisters Clarabelle Walters, Eleanor Ramsier, Lucille Hartzler, and Alma Gasser of Rittman, Ohio, May 27. They stopped on their way home from the west coast. They spent some time with Sister Naomi's sister at Bountiful, Utah, Verne and Sister Libbie Knobloch and family.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder

Henry, Louise, Dorothy and Mary Sabo spent Sunday, May 15, in La Crosse, Indiana.

Sunday afternoon, May 24, the Vesper Choir had a program at Liberty Park Pavilion. Then had a pot-luck supper, after which we had congregational singing. The evening was enjoyed by all. We had visitors from Milford, Ind., Akron, O., and Rittman.

Our visitors on May 19 were Delores Metzger, Erma Esslinger and Sally Wysong of Sabetha, Kansas.

Over the Memorial Day week end, our visitors included Rose and Ida Hari, Mary, Kathryn and Clara Steffen of Fairbury, Lucille Sohn of Forrest, Ill., and Della and Carolyn Manz of Paulding, Ohio.

Those from our congregation who were on visits over the Memorial Day week end were Joe and Esther Sabo, Alvin, Elda and Diane Riggerbach, Ben and Dorothy, Duanne and Hope Stavenik, Martha Steitmatter and Paula Bocka—at Peoria, Fairbury, Eureka and Forrest, Ill.; the John Oesch family, Martha Oesch, Helen, Frances and Mary Gilliom and Loretta Bocka at Latty, Ohio; the Wally Ramsier family at Rittman, O.; the

Charles Sauder family at Milford, Ind.

The Harold Wenningers are making their home in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. They are attending church services with us. We welcome them in our midst.

Paul and Ida Froelich of Rittman visited their mother, Sunday, June 5.

Brother and Sister Henry Wackerle of Bay City were with us Sunday, June 5. We enjoyed Brother Henry's services very much, and thank the Lord for the same, realizing that all good gifts and blessings come from God.

On Wednesday evening, June 1, The Vesper Choir sang for the patients at the T.B. Sanitarium, and then for Sister Katie Bocka, who has been confined to her home with a broken arm.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Reporter: Irma Haab

We partook of Holy Communion Sunday, May 29. Bro. Sam Aeschliman and Bro. George Yergler were with us.

Harry Rapp, who underwent surgery at Mayo's in Rochester, Minnesota, is showing some improvement. We wish him a speedy recovery.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Mrs. Louie Messner

Sister Viola Aupperle's son, Freddie, has been a patient in the Gillette Hospital in St. Paul, Minn., since May 7, and must remain for some time.

On May 15, several members went to the home of Bro. and Sister Edwin Koehl, and had church services for Sister Gloria, who is unable to attend church, and will return to Gillette Hospital June 15.

Bro. and Sister Reuben Luthi had a baby boy, born May 16, and they named him Jeffrey Lee. Her mother, Sister Anna Schmidt of West Bend, Ia., is staying with them a few weeks.

Visitors over Memorial Holiday were:

Bro. and Sister John Moser, Lester, Ia.; Bro. and Sister Carl Moser and Bryan, Spring Valley, Ia.; and Bro. and Sister George Sauder, Bro. and Sister Lloyd Nohl, Bro. and Sister Duane Schmidt, Sisters Hazel Anliker and Florence Banwart.

Those on our shut-in list or in the hospital since last report are able to be with us again, except Sister Pauline Tohm. She is able to be home from the hospital. Bro. Alvin Nohl was able to go home May 24, after three weeks in the hospital. May they both be with us again soon.

Bro. and Sister John Schaefer and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Joos attended the funeral services of their Aunt Minnie Joos in Peoria, Illinois, May 28.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Reporters: Ora and Dora Sauder

Sister Julia Dapper, after a long illness, has improved in health, and is again able to attend church.

Five car-loads of folks from the Maywood and Altadena churches started to Blythe, Saturday, May the twenty-first, to meet with a group coming from Phoenix. Donald Kaiser's car had an accident, and, while all suffered from bruises and shock, none were too seriously hurt. The car was demolished, so all were aware of God's care and protection, that they were no more seriously injured.

Sister Julia Milinkovich, Sister Mary Schick and Brother Ben Ammon visited Phoenix over Decoration Day week end.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Reporter: John L. Steiner

Among the brothers and sisters in faith who visited us the past month are:

May 8—Art and Ruth Gramm of Gridley, Ill., and Raymond and Jeannie Haerr of Taylor, Missouri.

May 15—Ed and Bernita Meister, Paul and Rhoda Meister, Harold and Lucille Thomas, and Ivan Thomas of Peoria and Glen and Josephine Mar-

tin of Pulaski, Iowa.

May 19—Willis and Lois Ehnle of Japan, Cleo Rinkenberger and the Harold Beers of Pulaski.

May 22—Michael and Emma Weyeneth of Peoria; David and Ruth Kieser of Princeville, Ill.; Joe and Katie Hodel of Roanoke, Ill.; Uriel and Judy Gehring of Elgin, Iowa; the Bob Weyeneth's and Dick Binkele's of Peoria; the Ben Hodel's of Roanoke; Chris Hodel of Eureka, Ill.; Felix Wuthrich of Pulaski; and Dave, Julia and Hilda Leman of Goodfield, Illinois.

Bro. Joe held the morning services at the Burlington church.

May 29—Claribel Walters, Alma Gasser, Lucille Hartzler and Eleanor Ramsier of Rittman, Ohio; Harvey and Sylvia Banwart of La Crosse, Ind.; Raymond and Kathryn Banwart, Ruth Banwart and Marie Zaugg of Ft. Scott, Kans.; and Adrian and Dorothy Kellenberger of Elgin, Ill.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Bro. Joe Geyer received word from Cissna Park that his brother, Joshua, passed away. The funeral was held May 20.

Bro. Willis Ehnle of Japan conducted our Bible Class Tuesday evening, May 17, and Bro. John Wagler of Alabama conducted the class Tuesday, May 24.

The Brother James Hoerr family spent Sunday, May 15, in Morton. Brothers Leroy Hartman, Michael Weyeneth, Chris Leuthold, John Schwind, Carl Baer, and their wives, Bro. Wm. Schlipf and Sis. Ella Von Bergen spent Sunday, May 15, in Elgin, Illinois.

Our visiting ministers the past month were Brother John Wagler of Alabama, Brother Albert Aberle of Tremont, Brother Ed Kloter and Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forest, Ill. Their visits were much appreciated.

Bro. Roy Sauder conducted our Sunday morning Bible Class, May 28. We enjoyed his message very much.

Our dear Sister, Minnie Joos, aged

79 years, a resident of the Apostolic Christian Home for the past 13 years, passed away. Her funeral was held May 27.

Paul Metzger, who has been at the Hospital for some time, has been able to go to his home again. We wish him a speedy recovery.

We welcome three families who have moved here: Bill and Sister Waibel and twins of Gridley (their new address is 716 W. Gift), Bro. and Sis. Solomon Hartman of Deer Creek, Ill. (their address is 1904 Linn St.), and Bro. and Sis. Eugene Kellenberger of Roanoke (their address is 823 E. McClure).

Bro. and Sis. Michael Weyeneth, Bro. and Sis. Robert Weyeneth, Bro. and Sis. Richard Binkele, Bro. and Sis. Walter Geyer and families, and Bro. and Sis. Dave Kieser of Princeville, spent Sunday, June 22, at Oakville, Iowa. They were guests of the Bro. and Sis. Robert Schrocks.

Our Sunday School Bible Class held a bake sale at the Bro. Chris Hoerr home Saturday, June 4. The proceeds will be used for an outing for the class to Michigan City.

Bro. John Wagler and daughters, Sisters Joan and Susan, also a few of their friends of Alabama, spent a short time with us. A large group attended a supper and singing at the Bro. Paul Meister home on Wednesday, and on Thursday, June 2, Bro. John had services at the church. It was a blessed evening, and we hope he will come again soon.

Announcement was made of the coming marriage of Bro. Edw. Stock of Cissna Park to Sis. Helen Wyss.

Bro. Ed Meister is a patient at Methodist Hospital. He had an operation for appendicitis last week, and is doing nicely.

Our monthly hymn-sing was held Sunday, June 5, with a large attendance.

Brothers Alvin Riggensbach, Ben Stavenik and families, also Mr. and Mrs. Warren Newman and family and Joe and Sis. Sabo of Mansfield, Ohio,

spent Sunday, May 28, with us. They were guests of Wm. and Sister Perdelwitz and Bro. and Sis. Dan Hoerrs.

Our dear Sister, Mary Reisbig, who is almost blind, is having a birthday on July 11. Maybe some would like to send her a card on that day. Her address is 1109 Lake Crest Drive.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Reporter: Mrs. Robert Miller

Brother and Sister Charles Wettstein and children, Rose and Willis, motored to Portland, arriving here May 20. We enjoyed their visit very much! Willis was stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington, a few years ago, and wanted to bring his folks out to visit the Portland and Silverton congregations and see the scenic Northwest. They left on May 23 for home.

Sisters Lavina and Viola Moser, Sister Martha Maier, Sister Mary Beth Maurer from Fairbury, Illinois, visited at Silverton several days, where they joined Bob Moser, who is a nephew to Lavina and Viola Moser. He came from Alaska, where he had been teaching in high school. He is taking them back home by car. Some of the Portland members were present at a church dinner for them. After the dinner, they came to Portland to be present at a singing at Sister Lydia Conrad's home. We enjoyed a blessed evening!

Brother Eli and Sister Esther Reineck, who have been spending the winter in California in a trailer, are now visiting in Portland for several days. They plan to leave for their home in Bluffton, Indiana, on June 6.

Brother Garth and Sister Connie Steffen are the happy parents of a baby boy, James Allen, born May 26. He joins brothers Danny and Joey.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Emily Kilgus

On Sunday, May 15, Bros. Al Scheitlin and Ed Gudeman of Elgin,

Ill., were our visiting ministers.

On Sunday, May 22, we were blessed with many visitors from various places. Among them were Bros. Joe Klopfenstein and Elmer Witzig from Gridley and Bros. Joe and Merle Kaisner of Forrest and Fairbury.

A farewell dinner was held at the Albert Schini home for Sister Betty Frey, who plans to spend the summer in Europe.

The following young men have graduated from high school this spring: Bob Schini, Clyde Waibel, Curtis Siebenthal and Bro. Willard Schieler.

At this writing, Bro. Andrew Nussbaum is confined to his home, due to high blood pressure. We wish him a good recovery, but in the meantime, he is very appreciative of any mail received.

Brenda Kilgus, 9-year-old daughter of the Earl Kilgus', submitted to an emergency appendectomy and was quite sick, but we are hoping Brenda will soon be able to be with us again.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Dale Hartzler

Mr. and Mrs. Orin Rufener are the parents of a new son, born on May 15. He was welcomed by two brothers.

Baptism for our new brother in Faith, Charlie Marty, took place on May 15. We are thankful to God that Brother Marty, although elderly, received grace for repentance, and pray that he may remain ever faithful.

Our visiting minister for May 15 was Bro. Fred Marty from Sardis, Ohio.

A group of Bluffton young couples visited here on May 15.

The Dale Widmers, Haro'd Widmers and Bert Gassers visited in Laty on May 22.

A Sunday School Bible Class picnic was held on May 30 for Memorial Day, in spite of rain.

SABETHA, KANSAS**Reporter: Ed. H. Steiner**

Sisters Lucille Hartzler, Eleanor Ramsier of Rittman, Ohio, and Alma Gasser of Sterling, Ohio, stopped overnight, May 9, on their way to the West, with Sister Mary Aberle and Sister Alma, where a nice evening was enjoyed by a large group.

May 11, Brother and Sister Emanuel Gudeman and Brother and Sister Ray Hari of Cissna Park, Illinois, spent an evening with us on their way home from San Antonio, where they visited Sunday, May 8. Brother Emanuel held services on Wednesday evening, and we were richly blessed.

May 15, Brother and Sister Jack Wysong moved from Lester, Iowa, to Sabetha, where he is employed by the Stock-Aid-Mills.

May 29, Brother Sam Anliker came to assist in the proving and baptism of Emily Loertcher, daughter of Brother and Sister John Strahm, Sunday, May 29. We rejoice with her, and wish her God's rich blessings.

Others here over Memorial Sunday were Brothers Paul Leuthold and his wife; John Gerber and his wife; Brother Wayne and Sister Pauline Gerber, all from Lester, Iowa; Leonard Locher and his wife of Maywood, California; Leslie Dawes and his wife of Altadena; Harold Somerhalter of Gridley, Kansas; Joe Steiner Jr. and his wife of Boone, Iowa; and Sister Phylis (Alvin) Banwart of West Bend, Iowa.

The Apostolic Old Folks Home is now under construction, and the walls are going up. Work was delayed by the severe winter weather and the snow, causing the location much water, which hindered excavation.

Our singing-hour was held at the Sabetha church, May 29, and was well attended. The next Singing-hour will be held at the Country (Bern) Church, June 12. It is held every other Sunday, alternating with the two churches.

May 29, Brother and Sister Fred Luthi of Lamont, Kansas, came to

spend the week-end with their son, Glenn, and his wife, Lola, of Bern, and with the other members on Sunday, May 29.

May 29, Brothers Daniel Jr., and Joe Steiner and Glenn Dill and Sisters Glenna Pfladderer and Ruth and Nancy Beutel, all of Tremont, Illinois, came to spend Memorial week end with the Steiners and Bahrs and other members over Sunday.

May 29, a load of young sisters from Wichita and Kiowa, Kansas, and Burlington, Oklahoma, came to spend the Memorial week end with the members and friends at Sabetha. They were Eleanor Terry, Ruth Ann Tanner, Roberta Farney, Roletta Farney; also, Brother William Vierling of Burlington, Iowa; Sister Emma Bahr, Gridley, Kansas; Brother Loren Strahm, Gridley.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS**Reporter: Esther Schmid**

Visiting ministers this month were: May 8, Bro. Joe Schrock. Congerville, Ill.; on May 15, Brother Eugene Bertschi, Roanoke, Ill.; on May 23, Bro. Willis Ehnle from Japan.

Attending services here on Thursday, May 19, were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Diebold of Auxerre, France, Bro. and Sister Herbert Erkert and Bro. and Sister Will Erkert of Peoria. The Diebolds are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Herbert Erkert.

The Aaron Bertschs, who recently moved to Roanoke, Ill., spent Sunday, May 15, here.

Starting June 6 will be Vacation Bible School for two weeks. One hundred and thirty children are enrolled. This includes all Sunday School children through the 8th grade.

Sister Mary Gerber of Bluffton, Ind., spent several days visiting her parents, Bro. and Sister Simon Wagenbach.

Visiting us over the Memorial holiday were Bro. and Sister Harold Zeltwanger, Bremen, Ind.; Bro. and Sister Ronald Stoller, New Haven, Ind.; Bro. and Sister Bob Hohulin, Roa-

noke, Ill.; and Bro. and Sister Harold Thomas, Peoria, Ill.

The fourteen new members were invited to Morton, May 22, to partake Communion there.

By Alma Getz:

Monday morning, May 30, 1960, Brother John Schmid was called home. He was the oldest member of the Tremont Church. He would have been 88 years old in July. He attended church regularly at least for a half day, until a few months ago.

Brother Schmid was a great lover of young people, and was a very interesting conversationalist. Until recently, his memory was good, and everyone enjoyed visiting with him. He will be greatly missed by the members, friends and neighbors. He was the father of the Tremont reporter.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Reporter: Arles Kropf

Bro. and Sis. Vernon Schwab and children visited relatives in Kansas the week end of May 22.

Sis. Arles Kropf accompanied Sisters Arlene, Marilyn and Lucille Knapp and Sis. Harriet Walder of Cissna Park to Alto, Michigan, over the week end of May 15. They attended the Tulip Festival at Holland, Michigan, on Saturday.

Bro. and Sis. Sam Schrock and Sis. and Sis. Gene Lehman and Bro. and Sis. Verne Lehman visited the Cissna congregation on May 29.

Wayne and Nancy Christopher are the parents of a baby son, Anthony Wayne.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth

Visitors here May 10 were Bro. and Sis. Emanuel Gudeman and Bro. and Sis. Ray Hari of Cissna Park, Illinois. Bro. Gudeman conducted evening services, which are always enjoyed. They were guests of Bro. and Sister Raymond Roth.

Bro. and Sis. Sam Schrock and Sis. John Hoffman attended the funeral of Bro. George Getz in Morton, Ill.,

May 11.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Kiowa, Kansas, the afternoon and evening of May 15. A short program was presented by the Sunday School, and group singing was held.

Our congregation had Communion services Sunday, May 15, with Bro. Roy Farney officiating.

Visitors here May 15 were Bro. and Sis. Roy Bahr, Burlington, Kansas, and Bro. and Sis. Roy Yackley, Wichita, Kansas.

Visitors here May 29 were Sis. Leona Lehman, Lamar, Mo.; Bro. Felix Wuthrich, Sis. Minnie Getz and Sis. Lydia Wuthrich, Pulaski, Iowa.

A daughter, Lynne Marie, was born to Gerald and Sister Murrow, May 26.

Sisters Eleanor Terry and Ruth Ann Tanner and Rita Terry spent Memorial week end at Sabetha, Kansas.

Bro. Joe Beer of Phoenix, Arizona, visited here June 5.

We thank all our visitors for their visits, and invite all to come again.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

Our visiting ministers during the past month included Brother LeRoy Huber of Eureka, who with his family spent May 15 with us. Sunday, June 5, Brother Simon Wagenbach of Tremont was with us, as Brother George Wagenbach and Brother Lowell Stoller were in Gridley and Brother Silas Leuthold spent the afternoon in Peoria. Brother Simon's wife, Brother Herman and Sister Lucile Laidig, and Brother Clarence and Sister Emma Herman were also here. They were guests of Brother Dave and Sister Ruth Kieser.

A group of about 140 young members from Illinois churches spent Memorial Day with the young members of our congregation.

The Bible Class from Eureka and a few young folks from Oakville spent Sunday, June 5, with the young

folks of our Sunday School. They were entertained in the George Kie-ser and Samuel Martin homes.

Brother Willis and Sister Lois Ehnle and children have left our community for a time to be with relatives in Indiana. They have spent some busy weeks since coming from their home in Japan.

Brother Richard Graham is quite ill at the time of this writing, suffering from a ruptured appendix. He has submitted to surgery and is getting along as well as can be expected. We wish him a speedy recovery, and hope he will be able to get home soon.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz

Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit, Mich., spent Mother's Day, May 8, with us.

The community was saddened with the sudden death of Brother George Getz, aged 64. Funeral services were held May 11. Bro. Henry Grimm officiated, assisted by Bro. Harry Bucher of La Crosse, Ind., Bro. Ezra Feller of Cissna Park and Bro. Ben Heiniger.

Bro. Joseph Strunk, 77, died unexpectedly, May 11. Funeral services were held by Bro. Joe A. Getz on May 13.

Bro. and Sister Willis Ehnle of Japan spent Sunday, May 15, with us.

Baptismal services were held for Charles and Olive Rein May 15.

Bro. Henry Kilgus of Forrest and Bro. Noah Schrock of Oakville assisted Bro. Getz with Communion services on the 22nd.

Funeral services for Arthur Ginrich, 55, were held June 2. Bro. Joe Getz officiated.

Summer Bible School began June 6 and will continue two weeks.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Sara Aeschleman

Bro. Chris Gudeman passed away May 4 at his home, after a long time of illness. His funeral was on Saturday morning, May 7.

Sis. Iva Martin and Bro. Merle Getz

of Tremont were united in holy matrimony on Wednesday night, May 11, with Bro. Dave Mangold officiating.

Bro. Willis Ehnle of Japan and his family were with the Roanoke congregation Sunday morning, May 29. We enjoyed his visit very much.

Our young children started attending Vacation Bible School classes on Tuesday, May 31. They go every morning from 9:00 to 11:00, for two weeks.

A Blessed Life

Not anxious to see far in front,
Nor careful about the next step,
Not eager to choose the path.
Nor weighted with the heavy responsibilities of the future,
But quietly following behind the
the Shepherd;
One step at a time.

Just Beyond Tomorrow

Sometimes when sad and lonely
In evening's leaden gray,
Then, lift your eyes to the sunrise,
The clouds, dark, roll away.

And just beyond tomorrow,
Where Joy's fore'er today,
There, sorrow's load has lifted.
Gold sunshine glows His Way.

The rainbow of God's color,
Arch-light of palace new,
Sweet diadem of glory,
Joy's lovely, happy view.

His fire is warm and cozy;
His light glows love so true.
Sweet joys, Sweet hearts, sweet
heaven,
Fair day, delightful blue.

Sweet are the love-lined mem'ries;
Sweet still are voices gone;
Sweet hope is life eternal,
Sweet joy, sweet rest, sweet song.

So lift your eyes to Jesus,
Hope blossoms fragrant new;
Fair paradise is rapture;
Fair skies are always blue.

Henry Souder, Jr.