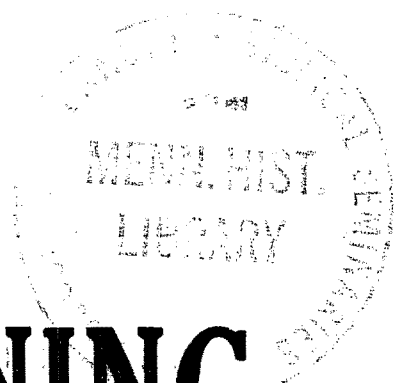


# THE SILVER LINING



Grabill, Indiana

March, 1960

## TOO LATE TO LISTEN

“And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them:

And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods.

They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.

And all Israel that were round about them fled at the cry of them: for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up also.”

From Numbers 16

## “From your mother who loves you”

Submitted by Will Stettner

June 24, 1894

My dear son:

Your letter was received yesterday, and I was very much pleased to learn how you are feeling at heart. I rejoice from all my heart that you have decided to repent and seek the dear Saviour because He has done so much good for you. Yes, He also shed His holy blood for you and your sins at the cross, and that out of pure love and mercy for all mankind, for we would all have had to be lost in all eternity, if our loving Saviour had not come into this world to pay for our sins with His precious blood. Therefore, we should love our Saviour above all, from all our heart and all our soul, and follow Him in obedience all the days of our life. O, my dear son, there is a difference between those who repent only out of fear of

punishment and damnation and do not have the love for Jesus; such do not have the strength to endure on the straight and narrow path of life. The yoke of Christ becomes too heavy for them, and becomes a burden to them, and the way becomes too narrow, because they lack the love for the Saviour.

Dear son, it is of great importance that you fully comprehend the great love of God and our dear Saviour, and out of love give your heart to Him. Call unto Him earnestly that He may be merciful to you and save and rescue you from your lost estate. Alone the blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, can cleanse us from our sins. The loving Saviour is today yet sitting upon the mercy seat and is calling through the gospel to all mankind, Come unto me all ye who are weary

and heavy laden, I will quicken you. Take upon you my yoke and learn from me. For I am meek and lowly at heart. I will give you rest for your soul.

Therefore, do not let the evil enemy hold you back, even if you are still young; just become really childlike, true and upright, and pray to the dear Lord that He may enlighten your heart and show you everything where you have done wrong, so that you may be able to bring real fruits of repentance. Should the enemy come to you and tell you that you did not commit this or that sin, still you will find in your heart the sinful root upon which the curse of God was pronounced. But, through real repentance and conversion, we can find pardon and forgiveness in the blood of Christ.

O, my dear son, learn clearly how the sinful lust of the flesh, even in early youth, leads to that which is evil, and no one need feel ashamed to confess before God and man, for

this is an evil root from which man must be thoroughly cleansed and purified.

Even before the flood, God did say, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for he also is flesh or fleshly-minded. Therefore, God destroyed them through the flood.

Now, my dear son, that you ask me for forgiveness pleases me from all my heart, and I gladly forgive you everything from all my heart, and will also pray to Jesus for you, that He may be gracious to you, and show His mercy, so that you may become a lamb of Jesus Christ, and also praise your Redeemer with all children of God.

So may the dear Lord give His blessing to these words which I have written unto you, that they may bear good fruit.

Greetings to you from all my heart. I wish for you the grace and help from God to break through from death unto life.

From your mother who loves you

## SOJOURNS TO ALABAMA

Henry Kilgus

(Continued)

The first visits to Alabama were made in the year of 1939.

The first members baptized were at Hillsboro.

Henry Stricklin and his wife, Pearl, were baptized April 28, 1940; Edgar Sides and his wife, Mary, Sept. 1, 1940; Dessie Siniard and Ruth Smith, Nov. 18, 1940. They were the first six members. A little later on, Martha Evans, Louis Goode, Inez Brooks, and Minnie Kyle were added.

They were all baptized in a spring stream, running through Bro. Stricklin's pasture, where quite a number more were baptized by Bro. Bauman and I since.

The first elders and ministers that visited Alabama, during the year of 1940, while the first souls were prov-

ed and baptized, were Elder Noah Hartzler and his brother—Amos, Elder Bro. Ernest Graf, Bro. Henry Sabo and Bro. Henry Beer, who also spent three days there, together, October 7, 8, and 9 in the year of 1939. (Except probably Bro. Sabo.)

During the week of February 9 to the 16, in 1940, Alabama again was visited by Elder Bro. Graf, Elder Bro. Schrock and Bro. Henry Beer.

On April 26, 1940, Elder Bro. Graf, Elder Bro. Hartzler and Bro. Henry Beer spent a few days in Alabama.

During the week of June 21 to 27, 1940, Bro. Ben Heiniger, Elder Bro. George Yergler and Bro. Henry Beer visited Alabama.

Another trip was made to Alabama

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# LEST YOU DIE

Henry Souder Jr.

Time can be a whirl-wind that finally leaves a person mauled and devastated at the end.

To exist mixes a curious mixture. The ends never meet. The whole is distressingly weary.

The howl of the crowd . . . the converging tenseness . . . the blood boiling, have a disappointing, abrupt end. The winner and his trophy are rusting. The stadium empties out.

The blur is trudged. The yesterdays are little, the tomorrows uncertain, and gain is gambled to be lost in oblivion.

Against such mediocre terrain, such gaping chasms, the marvel of the cross stands in glorious goodness.

"And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left."

Who is this Jesus? What does He have that He so warmly attracts unto Himself?

Jesus stands unmatched in all the annals of man. He is absolutely unequalled.

He is the sum total of bliss.

Men and women were drawn by the sheer warmth of His love and power. They found Someone great, Someone immeasurably satisfying to the soul.

They dropped their nets and their fishing . . . they forgot their work of the moment . . . they left their money.

In this glorious glow, they turned their back on the thrill of the crowd . . . the glitter of the gem. The old haunts faded . . . the darkened dens were hated . . . sin grew gloomy.

"Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Back beyond time, He was. In pondering, we lose all teaching of time, and look into the imponderable. Then, in eternal Always, we see One.

Then, He brought into being history as we know it. But, His Light transfigures the path, and sets us in the heights of His heaven.

He was at home with the Father . . . far sweeter and far more than we are at home in our places. There they were, the Father and the Word, beaming happily, enjoying each other, loving each other far more than we can understand.

Then . . . the cross.

Such a startling sight! . . . The wood crossed, stuck in the ground, and the Saviour nailed to the cross. His weary body would weigh on those pins, pierced through His flesh.

"And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us."

Unbelief can use a time-twister to excuse. Inches of doubt mean an eternity of waste.

The devil has an assorted medley of traps. Evolution engineers a seating capacity for the condemned. The morgue of eternity, never-dying, is lined with souls who sought to defy God!

Your soul somehow holds the answer for your future. God knows all about you . . . the reflexes of your soul to His warnings . . . the desire of your hidden hopes . . . or perhaps the slowly dying wither to any tap of God . . . You hold the answer.

"But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss."

The trend of today means prison or paradise tomorrow. The choice is ours.

Weighing the facts, tomorrow could be too late. God will judge tomorrow. As the brilliant evidence closes the case, the sweat of death strikes for ever!

But, today, that One on the cross still lovingly draws . . . if we draw not back. Our sins supplied the force that blazed the burning points through His feeling flesh. Yet, He so lovingly would draw our weary soul to His rest.

Coming, we find He so refreshingly cleans all the sullies that congest the conscience. He so tenderly washes all the dirty spots of the soul. He

so sweetly lays His loving hand on our fevered brain.

"And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom."

The night is coming. Somebody's nightmare has already clutched forever. Wierd flashes warn; the storm is black. Their is a night to flee!

How good it is to repent and turn to God. We find refuge from disaster. Go, friend, on to the cross . . . there is power in His word . . . there is answer from God.

Burst all the bonds, friend . . . cry and He will hear . . .

The enemy is determined you do not . . . but God foils all the coils of the snaked enemy.

Yes, "remember me".



## NEWS



### AKRON, OHIO

**Reporter: Ruth Taylor**

The week end of February 19, the following brothers and sisters attended services with us:

From Bluffton, Truman and Mary Ellen Gerber; Orville Ringgers and daughter, Dixie; Edward Schwartzs; Alvin Gerbers and daughter, Mary Kay; Irvin Ischs; Lloyd Gerbers; and Katie Isch.

From Rittman, Joe and Emma Maibach, Alf and Helen Maibach and family, Margaret Calame and children, Dale Hartzler and family, Lawrence Stollers, John Steiners and sons, Elmer Bloughs, Joe Blough, Dale Stoller. David Gasser, Fred Widmers, John Widmers, Paul Froelichs, Forrest Hartzlers and daughter, Susie, Carl Beerys and family and Dorthea Hartzler.

The group from Bluffton was entertained Saturday evening, February 18, for dinner and singing in the home of Brother Gordon and Sister Emily Greenbanks.

Brother Arthur Graf has completed his time in the Service, and re-

turned home February 15. We welcome him back.

The Charles Novotnys and Forrest Ritzmans spent the week end of February 26 with the Francesville congregation, returning home on Monday. Mother Albrecht came back with them, to spend some time with Novotnys and her other children in Cleveland.

Brother Joe Dakovich passed away February 28. He was past 92 years of age, and had lived an active life, able to attend church services up to the last year. He lived with his daughter, Marie, our sister in faith. He is survived by five daughters and one son. Services were held March 3, in the church.

Sister Frida Gruenig left March 6, via plane, for Baselland, Switzerland, to visit her ailing mother, Mrs. Frida Gruenig. She plans to return home May 13.

### ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

**Reporter, Doris Graf**

We are happy to have Sis. Caroline Meyer, from Gridley, Ill., with us for

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a while. She is visiting her daughter and family — Bro. and Sis. Bill Schwarz.

On Sunday, Feb. 5, our Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger, his wife, his family, Sis. Betty Baker, and Sis. Ruth Ludwig attended the dedication services at the Phoenix church.

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 7, Bro. Noah Schrock from Oakville and Bro. and Sis. Jesse Schrock from Congerville were with our congregations. Bro. Noah held the services on Tuesday evening, and Bro. Jesse on Wednesday evening in Maywood, with both churches attending. Other visitors were Bro. and Sis. Ed Freidinger of Bay City, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Beer and Bro. Jesse Beer from Mansfield.

Those visiting us on Sunday, Feb. 19, were Bro. and Sis. Henry Mogler and Bro. and Sis. Phil Mogler and girls from Lester, Bro. and Sis. Dave Hodel, Bro. and Sis. Joe Zimmerman from Roanoke and Bro. and Sis. Ben Getz from Morton.

On Feb. 26, our visitors were Bro. and Sis. Joe Moser, Morris; Sis. Leah Bauman, Bern, Kansas; Sis. Matilda Alt, Gridley; and Sis. Lena Kyburz of Wolcott, who is visiting her daughter in Pomona, California.

A son, Brent Gary, was born to Bro. and Sis. Gary and Lois Strahm of Maywood, in January. Awaiting him at home was his brother, Shaun Eric.

**ATHENS, HILLSBORO,  
 LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA**  
 Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Sisters and friends of the three churches met at the following places for an afternoon of singing and fellowshiping together: Hillsboro, Feb. 7, at the home of Mrs. Martha Lou Moultrie; Landersville, Feb. 8, at the home of Sister Barbara Simmons; Athens, Feb. 10, at the home of Sister Minnie Kyle.

Sister Bessie Drake of Landersville church has been very ill in the hos-

pital, and at this writing is at her home again.

Visitors for the month of February in the three churches were: Bro. and Sis. Leo Funk and daughter, Roslyn, Bro. and Sis. Joe Funk of Gridley, Ill.; Bro. and Sis. Ed. Meister and son, Eddie, Bro. Richard Aeshleman, Bro. Bob Weyeneth, and Bro. Paul Meister of Peoria.

Friday evening, Feb. 17, the Landersville group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Craig for worship services.

Feb. 24, the sisters and friends of Athens church spent the afternoon of fellowship at the home of Mrs. Elzie Kyle (her husband is the son of Sis. Minnie Kyle).

Twin boys, Matthew Perryno and Mark Luke, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Montgomery, Feb. 28. They have four other children.

Wednesday evening, Mar. 1, worship services were held at the home of Bro. and Sis. George Kelly at Prospect, Tennessee. Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Schumacher of Eureka, spent the evening with them.

**BERN, KANSAS**

Reporter: Leonard Baumgartner

Bro. and Sis. Eli Grimm of West Bend visited our congregation on Feb. 5.

Bro. and Sis. Emil Strahm and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuezi of Topeka left for a two-week's vacation in Florida.

There were many from here who attended the funeral of Bro. Glen Luthi's mother at Lamont, Kansas, on February 19.

On February 5, a meeting was held to elect a new trustee. Bro. Roy Rokey succeeds Bro. Pete Esslinger. The other two trustees are Bro. Joseph Rokey and Bro. Ephraim Strahm.

We enjoyed having Bro. and Sis. Eugene Marti of the Sabetha congregation with us on Feb. 26.

**BLUFFTON, INDIANA****Reporter: Frieda Kipfer**

Provings of six friends took place on Wednesday evening, Feb. 8. They are Galen and Joyce Baumgartner, son of Bro. and Sis. John Baumgartner and daughter of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Isch; Jay and Dorothy Kipfer, son of Bro. and Sis. Herman Kipfer and daughter of Bro. and Sis. Sam Baumgartner; and Vernon and Luella Geisel, son of Bro. Adolph Geisel and daughter of Sis. Sarah Schwartz. Bro. Yergler assisted Bro. Aeschliman.

Bro. and Sis. Leroy Huber of Eureka, Bro. Joe Waibel of Bay City, Bro. and Sis. Henry Sabo of Mansfield, others of the same congregations, and also others from Gridley, Leo, Latty and Ft. Wayne visited us on the 11th and 12th.

Bros. Waibel and Huber assisted in the provings of the following friends: Luther and Sharon Gerber, son and daughter-in-law of Bro. and Sis. Ervin Gerber; Ted and Rose Pfister, son of Bro. and Sis. William Pfister and daughter of Bro. and Sis. Daniel Lantz; Neil and Marlene Edgington, son-in-law and daughter of Sis. Evelyn Meyer; Alan and Carole Isch, son of Bro. and Sis. Joe L. Isch and daughter of Bro. and Sis. Raymond Kipfer; and Tom and Janice Moser, son of Sis. Bertha Moser and daughter of Bro. and Sis. Richard Banks of Mansfield.

Baptismal service was conducted on Sunday afternoon. A supper was served to all the recent converts, guests, and others in the church dining room. Bros. Waibel and Sabo remained for evening service.

Janiel Kipfer and Charles Johnloz were united in marriage by Bro. Yergler, on Sunday morning, Feb. 26, at the home of the bride's parents.

Three car loads of young people from the Akron and Rittman congregations visited here on Feb. 28.

Bro. Wilmar Steffen, who is a patient at the Irene Byron Sanitarium, near Ft. Wayne, was able to spend the

week end with his family.

Bro. Otto Norr of Leo visited in our community on March 1, called on the brethren in the Bluffton hospitals, and attended church in the evening.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Earl Gerber, a daughter, on Feb. 16; to Bro. and Sis. Galen Baumgartner, a daughter, on Feb. 20; and to Bro. and Sis. Don Gerber, a daughter, on Feb. 20.

**BREMEN, INDIANA****Reporter: Lydia Heuberger**

The following attended the wedding of Sister Betty Frey and Bro. Lloyd Schumacher at Remington on Feb. 5: Richard and Doris Zeltwanger, Robert and Letty Hueni and sons, Stanley and Tom, Don and Wilma Buck and family, Herman and Rosena Hueni, Herbert and Phyllis Hueni, Al and Mae Schumacher, Lawrence and Helen Hartter, Karen and Sharon Laidig, Carol Steffen, Mary Lou Zimmer, Sue Ann Johnson, and Lydia Heuberger.

Visitors: On Feb. 12, Bro. and Sis. Jake Unsicker, their sons, Steven and Mark; their daughter, Margaret, and her husband Larry Brososky, of the Ft. Wayne Church; Feb. 26, Sisters Eileen Baum from Morton, Ruth Hohulin, Lu Ella Schafer, Leann Muselman and Vera Hohulin from Peoria. They were week-end guests of Bro. and Sis. Gary Klopfenstein Jr.

A group of our congregation attended and took part in the Milford congregation Singspiration on the evening of Feb. 12.

Brothers Homer, Eugene, Christian and George Zimmer and Sisters, Mrs. Herman Hueni and Mrs. Louis Gerber, all of the Bremen congregation, were saddened by the passing of their brother, Harry, age 58, of Minneapolis, but formerly of South Bend. Harry died of a heart attack on Feb. 25. He was born in Mansfield, Ohio, and is survived by his wife, Beulah, three married daugh-

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Bro. and Sis. Henry Souder and Bro. and Sis. Louis Gerber and son, Louis, have returned from their Florida vacation.

#### BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth

Bro. and Sis. Sam Schupbach spent a month visiting their son and family, Bro. and Sis. Richard Schupbach, in Phoenix, and their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kokanovich in Mesa. They also attended the church dedication.

Visitors here Feb. 12 were Bro. and Sis. John Lambert of Linwood, Michigan.

Those from here attending the funeral of Sis. Fred Luthi at Lamont on Feb. 19, were, Bro. and Sis. Eli Somerhalder, Sis. Anna Miller, Bro. Reuben Farney and Aaron, Louis and Sis. Schupbach, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Allenbach and Jeanne and Bro. and Sis. Raymond Roth.

Funeral services were held Feb. 22 for Bro. Philip Hanhart, who passed away suddenly Feb. 19 with a heart attack. Bro. Eli Somerhalder officiated, assisted by Bro. Carl Hartman of Sabetha and Bro. Ronald Nelson.

Bro. John Schupbach, who had been seriously ill in the Kiowa Hospital, is home and able to be out again. Other patients in the hospital this past month were, Bro. George Miller, Bro. Claud Springer, Sister George Diel, and Sandra Ott, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Arnold Ott.

#### CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS Reporter: Mrs. Jeff Young

Bro. and Sis. Maurice Frank and family from Chicago visited our congregation on Feb. 6. We hope they will come again soon.

On Feb. 12, we had various groups of visitors from Tremont, Peoria, Congerville and Fairbury.

Our sympathy truly goes out to Bro. and Sis. Henry Hodel and fam-

ily, who are bereaved, with the sudden death of their son, Larry, on Feb. 17.

A daughter, Susan Lynn, was born to Bro. Charlo and Sis. Gladys Kuntz on Feb. 21.

We truly rejoice; our dear friend, Joe Swing, surrendered to the Lord. We wish him God's grace to live for Him all his days.

Bro. Sol and Sis. Kathryn Farney and daughters, Sis. Myra and Sis. Lavern, and Sis. Martha Farney spent a week at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

On Feb. 26, Sis. Myrna Eisenmann and Bro. Kenneth Wertz were united in holy matrimony, with Bro. Josh Broquard performing the marriage ceremony. Relatives attended from Oakville, Bay City, Remington, La Crosse, and Fairbury.

Funeral services were held for our dear Sis. Katie Feller, who passed away at the Paxton Hospital on Feb. 23, after an illness of 10 days. Services were officiated by Bro. Emanuel Gudeman.

Our Sis. Betty Knapp was hospitalized several weeks, but is now recuperating at her home.

At this writing, our friend, Fred Frank, is hospitalized. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Bro. Richard and Sis. Aldine Martin and family are moving from our congregation to the Morton congregation.

Bro. and Sis. Howard Greiner and family are moving here from the Morris congregation. We welcome them, and wish them God's blessings in their new home.

Bro. Philip and Sis. Ann Sauder are visiting Bro. Fred Grimm and his wife, Sis. Louise, at Colorado Springs.

Bro. Robert Walder is home, after two years in the Service of his country.

Sis. George Lambert of Wichita, Kans., is visiting her daughter and husband, Bro. and Sis. Art Yergler.

**CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS****Reporter: Don Schrock**

We wish to express our appreciation to the following ministering brothers for their recent visits: Francis Rother and Henry Grimm of Morton and Gerald Sutter from Taylor.

Bro. Rich Schurter of Chicago visited us on February 26. Also with us were Bro. and Sis. Don Feller, Bro. and Sis. Paul Butikofer, Bro. and Sis. Roy Grimm, Bro. and Sis. James Sutter, Bro. and Sis. Bill Heimer, Sis. Mardell Grimm, and Sis. Kathy Grimm, all of Taylor.

**ELGIN, ILLINOIS****Reporter: Louise Steffen**

Jan. 5, a daughter, Nancy Ann, was born to Bro. Gene and Sis. Libby Ann Moser.

Sis. Pauline Messerschmidt, age 76, the sister of Louise Messerschmidt and Sis. Carrie Kuehner, passed away Thursday, Jan. 19. The funeral was Saturday, Jan. 21, 2:00 o'clock, at the church.

Fred Schambach, 77 years old, husband of Frieda Schambach, died Feb. 12. The funeral was Feb. 14.

Feb. 12, Bro. Earl Zeltwanger and family visited here. We enjoyed the services.

Bro. and Sis. Herman and Della Kellenberger left for a three-week vacation in Florida, Feb. 20. Also, on the same date, Bro. and Sis. Theo. and Mabel Steffen left on the "City of Portland," to visit Bro. Guy Miller and other relatives, then to stop in Denver to visit friends.

Monday, Feb. 20, Chris Braun, 53 years old, brother of Bro. Herman Braun, passed away. The funeral was the 23rd of February.

Bro. Frank Woertz of Goodfield and Bro. Leroy Huber of Eureka, elder brothers, visited here. We also had evening services.

**EUREKA, ILLINOIS****Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein**

Visiting ministers have been as fol-

lows: Feb. 5, Bro. Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski, Iowa; Feb. 12, Bro. Albert Aberle of Tremont; and Feb. 26, Bro. Gene Bertschi of Roanoke, a morning visitor.

The monthly singing was held the evening of the 26th, at which time the Junior Bible class sang three special numbers.

Wednesday evening, March 1, the Roanoke congregation assembled with us. Bro. Joe Hodel and Bro. Gene Bertschi were guests. A large group was in attendance, to hear God's Word and to sing praises to His name.

A son was born to Bro. Sam and Sis. Elizabeth Blunier on Feb. 20. His name is Kurt David.

**FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS****Reporter: Joyce Huber**

Praise to the Lord, Nancy Roth, daughter of the John Roths, has opened her heart's door to the Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Also, Darrel Lober, who works at Honeggers in Fairbury, but is from Cissna Park. We praise God for these victories, that they may have life, and we pray that they may have it more abundantly.

Bro. Leroy Hartman of Peoria ministered to us on Sunday, Feb. 26.

Bro. George Keiser Sr., Bro. and Sis. George Keiser Jr., Bro. and Sis. Sam Keiser and Esther, Sis. Dorothy and Sis. Freida Keiser of Princeville visited us on Sunday, Feb. 19.

Bro. and Sis. Emanuel Kloter of Rockville visited here the week end of Feb. 18 and 19.

We enjoyed having Cissna Park young people here March 4.

**FORREST, ILLINOIS****Reporter: Christian Metz**

On Feb. 12, we enjoyed the visit of these ministers: Bro. Chris Koehl of Peoria and Bro. Walter Koehl of Fairbury.

On Feb. 12, Sis. Loretta Beckley and Bro. Kenneth Schneider were united in marriage by Elder Bro. Ir-



vin Lehman, at Remington.

On Feb. 26, Sis. Edna Wenger and Bro. Paul Wiegand made their wedding vows before Elder Bro. Henry Kilgus, at Forrest.

On Feb. 27 was the funeral of our Bro. Sam Ifft.

He was seriously injured in an accident the 17th and passed away on Feb. 24 at the Fairbury Hospital. Just seven weeks before, his wife, Sis. Rose Ifft, was carried to her last resting place.

### FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Reporter: Florence Sutter

Our many visitors for the month of February would be too numerous to mention; however, these are the elder brothers who have, and are enjoying sunny Florida: Bros. Dave Mangold, Joe Getz, Sam Aeschliman, and John Bahler, also Ministering Bros. Henry Souder and Herman Kellenberger. As the snow begins to melt in the North, we hear some are making plans to return home again. It certainly is a blessing to meet and greet so many of our brothers and sisters.

May God bless each one and permit us to meet again.

### FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Reporter: Robert Walder

George and Martha Knapp and Michael and Sis. Lydia Knapp of Goodfield arrived here February 10 and spent 10 days visiting their sons stationed here.

Our visiting minister the week end of February 12 was Bro. Lorentz Emch of Girard. He was accompanied by his wife and Bro. and Sis. Joe Winkler of Rittman.

Bro. Eldon Plattner of Sabetha arrived here for training February 17.

The week end of February 19 a total of 66 people were present for services here. Our visitors were: Bro. and Sis. Ezra Feller, Bro. and Sis. Joe Clauss, Bro. and Sis. Elmer Hari, all of Cissna Park; Bro. and Sis. Edward Friedinger, Bay City; Bro. and

Sis. Tod Feller, Kouts, Indiana; Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Schneider, Fairbury; Bro. and Sis. Michael Weyeneth, Peoria; Bro. and Sis. John Schrock, Kiowa; Bro. and Sis. Ray Anliker, Julie and Kevin, and Sis. Hazel Anliker of West Bend; and Lois Bauman of Rittman.

On February 26, Bro. and Sis. Paul Fehr of Morris and Bro. and Sis. William Zeltwanger of Hancock visited here.

### FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Reporter: Marie Zaugg

Feb. 10, Brother and Sister Fred Grimm of Taylor were over-night guests at the home of Brother and Sister Dave Massner.

Feb. 12, Elder Brother Sam Anliker, his wife, Sister Kathryn Anliker, Brother and Sister Glen Anliker and Ricky of Lamont, Kansas, and Brother and Sister Robert Hoerr of Taylor visited our congregation.

Brother and Sister Lester Kaiser and family and Sister Lillian Kaiser of Morton, Walter and Sister Mabel Zaugg and Darrell of West Bend visited relatives and friends here, the week end of the 19th.

Visiting ministers here Feb. 26 were Brother Samuel Huber, Burlington, Kansas, and Brother Ben Banwart of Lamar, Mo. Their wives accompanied them.

Others visiting here the same day were, Brother and Sister Ephraim Koehl and Douglas, Sister Ida Koehl of Hancock; Brother and Sister Dan Kraft of Gridley, Kans.; Brother and Sister Robert Hoerr, Brother and Sister Louis Hoerr of Taylor; Brother George Lambert, Brother Dave Hantgartner, Brother and Sister Harvey Smith and family of Wichita, Kansas; and Sister Anna Lou Mattix and Mark of Chanute, Kansas.

Those who came for the evening of Feb. 26 were Brother and Sister Fred Marti, Coreen Roth and daughters, Brother and Sister Lenard Marti, Brother and Sis. Arthur Banwart of Lamar; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bahr

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Brother Sam Huber is still in the hospital. His condition remains the same.

#### FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

**Reporter: Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer**

In the year 1960, two ministers were chosen from the various churches to serve us each Sunday. This year, one minister has been chosen for the day. Therefore, we wish to extend a hearty welcome to other ministers to come and visit us and take part in our services.

A new class for three and four-year-old children has been formed in our Sunday School. Sister Mabel Bahler is teaching this class.

Bro. Wm. Levy is confined to his home with a light case of yellow jaundice.

Bro. Ronnie Stoller has been confined to his home with a back ailment.

Bro. and Sis. Joel Souder, Bro. and Sis. Carl Kipfer, Sis. Cora Levy and Bro. Henry Souder visited Fred Drayer on Sunday, Feb. 26. He is showing some improvement at this writing.

Bro. Albert Kipfer attended the funeral of his uncle, Bro. Joel Meyer, at Sabetha, on Thursday, Feb. 23.

The Sunday School is planning a program for Easter Sunday.

Sisters Della and Annabell Manz of Junction, Ohio, visited with us Sunday, Feb. 26.

Visitors over the week end of March 5 were Bro. Andy Nussbaum, Bro. and Sis. Albert Schini and three daughters from Remington; Sister Elizabeth Martin from Cissna Park; Bro. and Sis. Perry Honegger and daughter from Forrest; Sister Ed. Lehman and her daughter and son from Wolcott; Sister Hoffman from Rockville; Bro. and Sis. Emanuel Manz and three daughters from Junction, Ohio; Bro. and Sis. Jesse Gerber from Latty. Also, quite a number from the Leo congregation

visited us. We enjoyed your fellowship, and invite you all back again.

The visiting ministers since the last issue of the Silver Lining are as follows: Bro. John Bollier, Feb. 5; Bro. Henry Beer, Feb. 12; Bro. Ben Schlatter, Feb. 19; Bros. Joel Souder and Carl Kipfer, Feb. 26; Bro. Art Gudeman, March 5.

#### ELGIN, IOWA

**Reporter: Mrs. George Butikofer**

We are glad to report that Bro. Albert Butikofer, who was in the hospital at the last writing, is now at home and getting along quite satisfactorily.

Bro. George and Sister Louisa Metzger both have had a siege at the hospital quite recently. They, too, are both home and recovering nicely. Bro. George was able to assemble with us last Sunday.

Sister Beulah Butikofer, who had the misfortune of fracturing a wrist, has now been relieved of the cast, and is getting along nicely.

#### FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

**Reporter: Mrs. Elmer Bucher**

Sister Catherine Pelsey celebrated her 100th birthday on Feb. 19. There was open house at her home, after church services, and she was remembered by many relatives and friends. Except for her poor eyesight, she is in reasonably good health and able to assemble with us every Sunday.

Jeffrey, six-year-old son of Bro. and Sis. Nate Gutwein, is confined to his bed with rheumatic fever. He is getting along nicely, and is able to go to the table for his meals now.

Sis. Helen Hild has been seriously ill for the past three weeks, and is in the Wesley Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Sis. Cordelia Leman is home from the hospital, but is still confined to a wheelchair.

Bro. and Sis. Conrad Gutwein are in Excelsior Springs, Mo., where Bro. Conrad is undergoing treatment. We pray that all the sick may feel God's

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We are happy to have Bro. and Sis. Bert Gudeman back with us, after spending four weeks in South America with their son, Stanley, and his family.

We had as our visiting minister, on Feb. 19, Bro. Otto Norr. Also visiting were the Bro. Herman Norr family and Sis. Kathryn Norr of Leo; Sisters Marie and Eldora Schini and Lena Knochel of Remington; Sisters Mabel and Elizabeth Anliker of Elgin. On Feb. 26, our visiting minister was Bro. Forrest Ritzman. Also present were his wife and Bro. and Sis. Charles Novotny of Akron.

On March 5, we had another blessed Sunday, with three visiting ministers. Visiting were Bro. and Sis. Irvin Lehman of Wolcott; Bro. Edwin Ringger and family of Gridley; Bro. Edmund Kloter and family, Bro. John Heide and family, and Sis. Carrie Huber of Fairbury. They were with us again in the evening, at which time we had our young people's program. Also visiting us the same day were Bro. and Sis. Al Schumacher and the Lawrence Hartter family of Bremen.

#### GIRARD, OHIO

Reporter: Jesse C. Emch

Mrs. Alvin Stoll is now at home, convalescing, after being in the hospital several days for a major operation. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Sister Mary Beard of Warren, Ohio, went into the Warren Memorial Hospital on Monday, Feb. 27, and underwent surgery for cataract on Thursday, March 2. At this writing, she is doing nicely.

Sister Louisa Deislinger was in Youngstown North Side Hospital for several days, for a certain type of stroke. She is home again, and we all wish to see her well enough to be able to attend church.

Carl Schladen, a son of Bro. Sam and Sister Sadie Schladen, has had a very serious operation. He lives in

the southern part of Alabama. He was hospitalized in Columbus, Ga. If it is the Lord's will, we wish he might be restored to normal health.

The Robert Grafs of Barberton, O., were our guests on Sunday, Feb. 26. We enjoyed having them with us, especially the new twins.

Bro. Lorentz and Sister Caroline Emch are home again, after their trip to Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and Lamont and Gridley, Kansas.

We had our mid-week service Wednesday, March 1, at the home of Carl and Margaret Tochtenhagen. Sister Emma Tochtenhagen has made her home with them, after she came from the hospital. It is now two years since she was stricken ill.

#### GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marian Wiegand

Sister Bena Grusy, who had reached the age of 83 years, passed away February 13 at a hospital in Chicago, following a stroke.

She was the wife of Bro. Leo Grusy, who preceded her in death eleven years ago, and mother to Aldine Schurter of Chicago, Frieda at home, Persida Wiegand of Carlock, Bertha Wingier of Alto, Michigan, Ed of Eureka and Elmer of Carlock.

Shortly before she became ill, she opened a hymnal and read this blessing to her daughter:

The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:  
The LORD make his face shine upon thee,  
and be gracious unto thee:  
The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee,  
and give thee peace.

This is the blessing that the Lord instructed Moses to speak unto the children of Israel, as recorded in Numbers 6:24-26.

On February 27, ground was broken for the addition to be made to our church at Goodfield. This addition will consist of a new assembly room on the main floor, and a dining room

in the basement. Remodeling of the present building is also included in the plans. If the Lord is willing, the structure will be completed this fall.

Joan Susan is the name given to the baby girl born February 11 to Bro. and Sis. Hans Hinrichsen.

### GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Marilyn Schieler**

Alan John, born January 25, has come to make his home with Bro. and Sis. John Gramm. Alan has a sister, Janet, also adopted.

A daughter, Kay Marie, was born to John and Connie Grusy on February 20.

A daughter, Jaclyn Sue, was born on February 22 to Bro. and Sis. Bob Gramm. At home to welcome their new sister are Barbie, Brad, and Jeffrey.

Visiting minister on February 12 was Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville.

At the time of this writing, Bro. John Schlipf is in the hospital, suffering from a form of meningitis. He is somewhat improved, and it is hoped that he will be able to return home soon.

### GRIDLEY, KANSAS

**Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr**

February 5, Elder Bro. Sam Anliker spent the afternoon with us, and the annual election was held, following the services. All of the church officers and Sunday School teachers to be filled were re-elected.

Visitors the month of February: Ministering Bro. Eli Somerhalder and Sis. Mary, Sister Anna Miller, Burlington, Oklahoma; Bro. Roy Hangartner, Bro. and Sis. George Greiner, Bro. Al Langhofer, Ungela Strahm, Wichita; Matt Strahm, Minnesota; Mrs. Gladys Botham and family, Kansas City; Bro. and Sis. Raymond Roth, Burlington, Okla.; Bro. and Sis. Bruce Dobbs and family, Bro. and Sis. Robert Young, Wichita; Alvin Beyer and son, Burlington, Kan.; Bro. and Sis. Pete Esslinger, Bern; Sis. Cordelia Locher, Sabetha; and

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Young and family, Turon.

We deeply miss Sister Laura Luthi (Mrs. Fred), who passed away on Thursday morning, February 16, at her home after a lingering illness, and pray that we shall some day meet her "Beyond the Sunset, when day is done." Funeral services were held by Bro. Sam Anliker and Bro. Loren Strahm on February 19, at 1:30 in the Lamont church, burial in the church cemetery. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Bro. Fred and family.

The Lamont and Gridley congregations enjoyed many spiritual blessings, when evening church services were held, on February 19, with Bro. Lorentz and Sis. Emch of Girard, Ohio, accompanied by Bro. and Sis. Joe Winkler; on Feb. 20, Bro. Paul and Sis. Fehr, of Morris, accompanied by Bro. and Sis. Zeltwanger; and February 22, Bro. Ezra and Sis. Feller, Cissna Park, accompanied by Bro. and Sis. Tod Feller. We thank them all for coming, and hope they will return in the future.

Sis. Eileen Bahr, Paula Sue, Jeff, and Sammy spent the last week of February visiting at the home of her parents in Elgin, Illinois.

### ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY

**Reporter: Shirley Gudeman**

The evening of February 2, we had with us Brothers Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest and Roy Sauder of Peoria, Illinois. Brother Kachelmuss opened the meeting by reading and meditating on Acts 10. Bro. Sauder added a few inspiring words. Of the 51 present, 25 were students.

Brother Ed Hohulin of Goodfield was with us February 9. He chose as his text, St. John 15. Twenty-six students and 16 guests were present.

During the week end of February 12, we enjoyed having with us some of the brothers and sisters who attend school at Indiana University at Bloomington, Indiana, and Ball

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February 16, Joe Schrock selected  
 Hebrews 12 to read and meditate up-  
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 ent were students. We were happy to  
 learn that Howard Maurer of Fair-  
 bury has turned to the Lord. We  
 hope that many more will follow.

On February 23, Brother Dave  
 Kieser of Princeville and Brother Jim  
 Hoerr of Peoria were with us. Broth-  
 er Dave spoke first, and chose to read  
 from Acts 3, after which Brother Jim  
 added a few words. Twenty-six stu-  
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During the month, guests were  
 present from: Congerville, Forrest,  
 Roanoke, Fairbury, Peoria, Prince-  
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#### LATTY, OHIO

Reporter: Roberta Stoller

Feb. 12, we had as visiting minis-  
 ter, Brother Ezra Feller of Cissna  
 Park, with his wife, Sister Ollie. Oth-  
 ers with them were Bro. and Sis. Jake  
 Funk and Sisters Melba and Irene  
 Funk. Also here from Mansfield were  
 Harold and Ramona Wenninger.

Feb. 19, our visitors were Bro.  
 Lloyd and Myrna Moser of Fairbury  
 and Bro. Myron and Sister Lorine  
 Hackenjoes of Bluffton.

Visitors on Feb. 26 were Brother  
 Howard and Sister Mildred Wieland  
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 er, Sister Joel Fiechter, of Bluffton.

We are so happy the Lord is still  
 calling souls unto repentance. Our  
 friend, Jack Meyers, foster son of  
 Bro. Jess and Sister Mary Gerber, has  
 answered His call. We pray the Lord  
 will ever be with him, and grant un-  
 to him His wonderful grace and

strength.

A daughter, Crystal Kay, was born  
 to Bro. Gary and Sister Diann (Ring-  
 ger) Eisenmann on February 18.

Sister Rosie Guingrich is recuper-  
 ating at her daughter's, Lucille Lauk-  
 hufs, after being hospitalized, due to  
 a fall on the ice.

Brother Dan Stoller is improving,  
 after being hospitalized for two  
 weeks in Hot Springs, Ark., with sci-  
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Sister Minnie Stoller of here is con-  
 fined to the hospital in Eureka, Ill.,  
 at this writing. We hope she is stead-  
 ily improving.

Brother Andrew Dotterer, Brother  
 Henry Manz, and a number of others  
 from the Junction congregation were  
 with us Wednesday evening, March  
 1, for services. We are always glad  
 when they assemble with us.

#### LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Reporter: Albert J. Bucher

On Saturday evening, Jan. 14,  
 three of our friends were proved.

On Sunday afternoon, Jan. 15, they  
 were baptized and taken into the  
 fold. On the evening of Jan. 15, we  
 had communion services. Bro. Joe  
 Waibel of Bay City assisted Bro.  
 George Yergler.

We are happy to announce we  
 have two new converts. They are  
 Sherry and Harold Fritz. We wish  
 them God's richest blessings.

On Feb. 19, a reception was given  
 by Bro. and Sister Vernon Bucher,  
 in honor of Bro. Garry and Sister  
 Lois Bucher, who were recently mar-  
 ried.

Bro. Harry Bucher, who has un-  
 dergone surgery, was able to assem-  
 ble with us again this afternoon.

#### LEO, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder

A bridal shower was given at the  
 home of David Bertsch, February 17,  
 for Jane Bertsch, youngest daughter  
 of Otto and Francis Bertsch. On Feb.  
 25, she was married to Paul Thiel  
 of Auburn, Indiana. The young cou-

ple is at home with the bride's parents, at the present time.

The adult class of the Latty Sunday School, accompanied by Kenneth and Esther Stoller and David Stoller, were guests of our Sunday School on February 19. Other guests from Mansfield were also present. An enjoyable time was reported. Dinner was served to all.

Services were held at the Butler Nursing home Feb. 19. Since then, Nellie Mershon passed away. She was principal of our Leo School for many years, and well liked by many. Nellie recently passed her 90th year.

It is nice to have Rose, Diane, and Adella Conrad, Marilyn, Ephraim and their little daughter, Ricki, back with us again.

Mrs. Amanda Virkler & son, Raymond, her daughter and son-in-law, the Leon Schultzs, spent Sunday, March 5, in our congregation.

Jesse and Mary Gerber, Jackie and Collen, and Susie Lanz visited with the Elias Souder family Sunday, Mar. 5.

#### LESTER, IOWA

**Reporter: Emelie M. Knobloch**

Visitors: Bro. and Sister Lou Baumann, Goodfield; Bro. and Sister Vernon Blunier, Eureka; John and Ella Martens and daughter and Mrs. Kate Dietrich, Elgin, Ill.; and Bro. and Sister Will Luthi and Don of Morris.

Births: To Bro. and Sister Howard Mogler, twins, a son, Brian Lee, and a daughter, Beth Loree, born Feb. 10.

#### MANSFIELD, OHIO

**Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder**

Our brother, Jacob Wittmer, aged 78 years, died Feb. 9. Attending the funeral were Sister Edith Schrenk and her daughter, Martha, of Chicago and Brother and Sister Elmer Schrenk of Alto.

Sunday, Feb. 12, Brother Schrenk and Brother Elmer Zollinger of Rittman held services. We enjoyed their visit very much, and invite them

back again.

Brother and Sister Richard Banks were in Bluffton, Sunday, Feb. 12, for the proving and baptism of their daughter, Janice Moser, and her husband. Many of her friends and relatives also attended.

Frank and Alice Grazi, Lucille Groh and Carolyn Manz left Feb. 14 for a trip through Alabama, Florida, Arizona and California.

Alvin Beer, son of Brother and Sister Robert Beer, and Patricia Rice were married Sunday, March 5. The choir and Bro. and Sis. Elmer Hartter from the Milford church visited us. Brother Hartter had the service, which we enjoyed very much.

After the afternoon services, we had a program at Prospect Park, which was opened by prayer, led by Bro. Elton Beer. After this, a number of songs were sung by all present. This was followed by the Milford choir singing. Then the Vesper choir sang, and to close, both choirs sang, "How Great Thou Art" and "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." We had a very blessed day, and invite all to come again.

Brother Ezra Sauder was able to attend services Sunday, March 5, after being confined to his home for several months. We welcome him back.

#### MILFORD, INDIANA

**Reporter: Irma Haab**

A son, Douglas Lynn, was born to Bob and Wilma Ruch. Douglas is the grandson of Sis. Freda Ruch.

A singspiration was held Sunday evening, February 12. Many from Bremen were with us and took part in the program. It was enjoyed by all, especially the songs in German.

Election of officers was held Feb. 8. Bro. Andy Kammerer was elected as trustee and the Aid brothers were Bro. Luther Steffen and Bro. Otto Beer Junior. Sis. Evie Beer was elected secretary.

A daughter, Cynthia Lee, was born to Earl and Bonnie Kammerer. Earl

is with the armed forces in Korea.  
Those in college are as follows:  
James W. Pfister  
821 E. 10th  
Bloomington, Ind.  
c/o Miss Atha A. Pennick

Lowell Beer  
1203 W. Berry St.  
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Glen Kammerer  
R. 2, Leesburg, Ind.

Ray Zimmerman  
515 Jennison St.  
Crawfordsville, Ind.

Mary Helen Rassi  
YWCA Box 331  
325 W. Wayne St.  
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan E. Beer  
3023 N. Morris Ave.  
Box 56  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Paul Haab  
1232 Fairfield Ave.  
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Those in the hospital at this writing are Bro. Andy Rapp and Doris Armbruster. We wish them a speedy recovery.

**MORRIS, MINNESOTA**

**Reporter: Mrs. Louie Messner**

Visitors during February were: Feb. 12, Bro. and Sister Ezra Knobloch, Bro. and Sister Carl Knobloch, Miss Clarice Knobloch of Lester; Feb. 26, Bro. and Sister Emil Knobloch, Bro. and Sister Silas Knobloch, Bro. and Sister Gilbert Knobloch and children, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Knobloch and girl, all of Lester.

Sunday, Feb. 5, Sister Esther Koehl and Brothers Alpha Moser and Wayne Schmidgall were elected as new Sunday school teachers, Sister Stella Schmidgall, Bros. John Zeltwanger and Albert Koehl as substi-

tute teachers.

A farewell supper and hymn-sing was held at church, Feb. 22, for Bro. Howard and Sister Vi Greiner and girls, as they are moving to Cissna Park.

The engagement of Bro. Jake Koehl to Sister Mary Kaiser of Morton, was announced Sunday, Feb. 26.

Sister Clara Moser underwent surgery for gallstones, Feb. 27, and is getting along fine.

Our mother, Sister Ricka Messner, is up and around, and we trust she can soon worship with us again.

Sister Rebecca Sommers, 80 years of age, was laid to rest March 3. She was hospitalized since Feb. 18, when she fell and broke her hip.

Sister Sadie Metzger of Elgin, Ill., will be visiting awhile with the Bro. John Schaefer and Bro. Lawrence Nohl families.

Sister Tillie Kaiser and Sister Mary Kaiser of Morton, spent the week end of March 5 with relatives and friends.

Bro. Bob Greiner of Elgin, Illinois, Bro. Glen Egolf, Bro. Ed Alt, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Hamerick and Steven of Cissna Park were here a few days to help Bro. and Sister Howard Greiner and girls, as they moved on March 7 to Cissna Park.

**MORTON, ILLINOIS**

**Reporter this month:**

**Mrs. Henry Rapp**

**Visitors and Visiting:**

Our elder, Bro. Joe A. Getz, and Sister Elizabeth left the latter part of January, for several weeks vacation in Florida, returning February 10.

Bro. and Sis. B. E. Getzs left Feb. 11 for an extended trip to Texas, Arizona and California, expecting to return on March 6.

On Feb. 12, Bro. and Sis. Robert Fflederer and Benny of Chicago spent the week end with home folks.

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Bro. and Sis. Noah Zobrists returned from Florida Feb. 19, after a seven-week vacation.

Bro. and Sis. Frank Baumans are spending several months in Florida, for his health.

Bro. and Sis. Clarence Schmidgalls, Friend Sam Grimm and Sis. Clara Grimm returned recently from Florida.

Bro. Carl Zeltwanger of Bremen visited here on a week end, and his wife, Sister Minnie, returned home with him, after spending several weeks with her daughter, Sis. Mary Ann Witzig.

Bro. and Sis. John and Emma Greiner of Sabetha visited with Bro. and Sis. Will and Katherine Roecker on Sunday, the 26th.

Bro. and Sis. Emil Schlipfs and Bro. and Sis. Clarence Stollers were visitors at church on Sunday, Feb. 26.

Bro. and Sister Virgil Stoller and family, and Sis. Stoller's mother, Sis. Sophia Witzig, attended services here on Sunday, the 26th.

#### On the Sick List

Sis. Ricka Waldbeser, who had major surgery, is now home convalescing.

Bro. Jake Getz and Bro. Joe Hauter Sr. returned home from the hospital, and are much improved.

Bro. William Hauter has been hospitalized since February 10, and is now improving.

Bro. Samuel Ackerman Jr. was a patient in the hospital, but is back to work.

Sis. Shirley Grimm returned from the hospital Feb. 28.

Sis. Esther Aupperle is hospitalized, following an auto accident recently.

#### Baptismal Services, February 26.

Bro. and Sis. Albert Hunzikers Jr., Sis. Mary Dominick, and Sis. Lucy Hohenstreiter gave their testimonies

on Wednesday evening, Feb. 22. Elder Bro. Frank Woertz of Goodfield assisted our elder, Bro. Joe A. Getz. On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 26, they were all baptized in the presence of their many relatives and friends. Our visiting minister, Bro. Roy Sauder and wife, Sister Gertrude, from Peoria, were with us. Bro. and Sis. Albert Hunzikers Sr. and Bro. and Sis. Dan Hoerrs, all of Peoria, were here for the day.

Sunday, February 26, we served lunch for the first time, in the newly remodeled dining room, and in the evening, dinner was served to guests and relatives of the new converts.

#### Announcements of Engagements:

On Sunday, Feb. 26, two engagements were announced in church: Bro. Robert Moser of Morton to Sis. Barbara Rowell of Oakville and Bro. Jake Koehl of Morris, to Sis. Mary Kaiser of Morton.

February 12, we had our usual singing, held the second Sunday of the month. The Eighth Grade children sang two songs.

#### NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

##### Reporter: Mrs. Gus Weltz

Mrs. Chris Berger, who has been quite ill for some time, is a patient in the Wetzel County Hospital, suffering from a fractured hip she received in a fall in her home two weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Graf of Akron, O., visited with friends here on February 19, and attended services at the Monroe Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Durig and son, Keith, of Girard, spent Saturday, February 25, here with relatives.

Mrs. Will Berger of St. Marys, W. Va., attended services at the Monroe Church on February 19, and spent a few hours visiting with relatives in New Martinsville.

Gus Weltz was a medical patient in the local hospital for several days, but has recovered nicely, and is back at work again.

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ited with the Barth families here  
over the week end of February 11.

Mrs. Fred Durig, Mrs. Lydia  
Kloetze and Marion, and Mr. and Mrs.  
Carl Gasser of Girard spent Sunday,  
March 5, here with their sister, Mrs.  
Emma Berger, and other relatives.

Mrs. Emma Riggenbach attended  
services at the Monroe Church on  
Sunday, March 5.

### OAKVILLE, IOWA

**Reporter: John L. Steiner**

The engagement of Sister Barbara  
Rowell, daughter of Bro. Floyd and  
Sis. Louise Rowell, to Bro. Robert  
Moser of Morton was announced Feb-  
ruary 26.

Bros. Earl Kilgus of Remington  
and James Hoerr of Peoria minister-  
ed to our congregation on March 5.

Friends Larry and Dorothy Hol-  
steen are parents of a girl, born Feb-  
ruary 16. Maternal grandparents are  
Bro. Ernest and Sis. Bernice Frank.

The complete interior of our  
church building was painted during  
the past month. It is a refreshing and  
welcome improvement.

### PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Bro. Jacob Schaer passed away  
Sunday morning, Feb. 5, at the Pro-  
ctor Hospital. He has not been at-  
tending church for some time, due  
to ill health. His funeral was held  
Wednesday, Feb. 18. Bro. Michael  
Weyeneth officiated.

Our monthly hymn-sing was held  
Sunday evening, Feb. 5, with a large  
attendance. Morton and Princeville  
took part in the program. Bro. Dave  
Kieser of Princeville and Bro. Henry  
Grimm of Morton were visiting min-  
isters.

Bro. Jim Hohulin and his wife and  
son of Portland, Oregon, are here  
visiting his parents, Bro. and Sis.  
Silas Hohulin.

Bro. and Sis. Jonathan Schumacher  
spent some time in Alabama, staying  
at the Bro. John Wagler home, and  
from there went to Florida.

Bro. Tim Hohulin was 90 years old

Feb. 16. Many friends and relatives  
visited him on that day, and wished  
him well. Sis. Kathryn Schurch was  
90 years old Feb. 14. She has not  
been able to attend church for some  
time. Many of her friends and rela-  
tives also visited her on that day.

Bro. and Sis. Michael Weyeneth  
visited in Burlington, Oklahoma.

Sis. Martha and Emma Schneider,  
Bro. Toby Schneider, and Bro. and  
Sis. Ernie Schneider attended the  
wedding of their nephew, Bro. Ken-  
neth Schneider to Loretta Beckley,  
at Remington, on Sunday, Feb. 12.

Bro. and Sis. Joe Heinsman attend-  
ed the funeral of Mrs. Heinsman's  
sister, Sis. Laura Luthy, at Lamont,  
Kansas, on Sunday, Feb. 19.

Bro. and Sis. Marshall Heinold are  
the parents of a baby girl, born Feb.  
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### PHOENIX, ARIZONA

**Reporter: Alice Heiniger**

"Except the LORD build the house,  
they labour in vain that build it:"—  
From Psalm 127:1.

The Phoenix Church held its dedi-  
cation services, February 5.

Those attending dedication serv-  
ices from out-of-town were: Bro. Carl  
and Sis. Margaret Kinsinger and  
their children, La Vonne and Doug-  
las, and Sis. Betty Baker, Altadena;  
Bro. Pete and Sis. Katie Fankhauser,  
Madison, Kansas; Bro. Henry and  
Sis. Mogler, Lester; Bro. Noah  
Schrock, Oakville; Bro. Ben and Sis.  
Lorene Maibach, Detroit; Bro. Jesse  
and Sis. Lillian Schrock, Bro. and Sis.  
Tillie Sauder, Sis. Wilma Sauder, Bro.  
Stanley Vogel, Congerville; Bro. Sam  
and Sis. Rose Schupbach, Kiowa,  
Kans.; Bro. Walter and Sis. Clara  
Vogel, Cissna Park; Bro. Henry and  
Sis. Emma Schmidgall, Minnesota;  
Bro. Wm. and Sis. Anne Leman, Bre-  
men; Sis. Hulda Dubach, Bluffton;  
Sis. Helen Sorg, New Paris, Ind.; Bro.  
Amos and Sis. Mary Steffen, Milford;  
Sis. Marie Schieler, Bro. Geo. and Sis.  
Anna Waibel, David Bahler, Gene  
Waibel, Remington; Bro. Jay

Bertsch, Tucson, Ariz.; Wayne Locher, Calif.; Bro. Ed. and Sis. Minnie Friedinger, Bay City; Bro. Eli and Sis. Bertha Moser, Harry Klopfenstein, Fairbury; Bro. Jacob and Sis. Emma Bahler, Lowell Bahler, Allen Oberlander, Janice Bahler, Wolcott; Sis. Sarah Tanner, Sterling; Bro. Richard and Sis. Fisher, Kathryn Kempf, Roanoke; Bro. Carl and Sis. Kate Blumenschein, Mansfield; Bro. Joe Stoller, Bro. Joe and Sis. Ida Hartter, Bro. Lewis and Sis. Fanny Bahr, Sis. Katie Ott, Sabetha; Bro. Arthur and Audrey Foster, Camp Verde, Ariz.; Sis. Ruth Ludwig, Pasadena, Calif.; Bro. Ezra Beery, Sterling; Al Weigel, Lowell, Mich.; Sis. Emma Donnich, Morton.

A blessed day was had by all, and we thank God for His great love.

Those attending the rest of February were: Bro. Phil and Sis. Mogler, Lester; Bro. Edward and Sis. Minnie Bittner, Bro. Geo. and Sis. Ruth Martin, Eureka; Sis. Leah Bauman, Oneida, Kans.; Bro. Daryle and Sis. Edith Wieland, Sis. Lydia Freidinger, Bay City; Bro. Joe and Sis. Anna Zimmerman, Bro. Dave and Sis. Anna Hodel, Roanoke; Bro. Michael and Sis. Emma Weyeneth, Peoria; Bro. Ben and Sis. Rose Getz, Morton; Fred and Kathryn Enz, Cissna Park; Bro. Robert and Sis. Hoerr, Taylor; Bro. John and Sis. Koehl, Fairbury; Emma Welk, Chicago; Bro. John and Sis. Ida Schrock, Kiowa.

Birth announcement: a daughter, Charyl Denise, was born to Robert and Janet Farney.

#### PORTLAND, OREGON

Reporter: Mrs. Robert Miller

We were privileged to have our Elder Brother, Noah Schrock, with us Feb. 11 through the 15. February 12, we enjoyed a blessed day.

Holy Communion was shared on Feb. 12.

Brother Jess and Sister Lillian Schrock from Congerville, arrived Tuesday, February 14. Tuesday evening, services were held at Silverton

by Bros. Noah and Jess Schrock. This was a very inspiring evening—listening to God's Precious Word!

February 15, Bro. Jess and Sister Minnie Sauder arrived at Silverton, visiting the brethren and friends there, and they visited the Portland congregation on Feb. 19.

Bro. and Sis. Albert Kaisner from Maywood visited the Portland church on February 19, as well as Bro. Jess and Sister Lillian Schrock. We appreciate the visit of these brethren, to minister the Word of God to us. Bro. Jess and Bro. Albert also ministered at Silverton on February 26.

Our father, Bro. Guy Miller, suffered another stroke February 14, and was taken back to the Portland General Hospital. He is showing some improvement.

On Feb. 20, Bro. Mel and Sister Shirley Hohulin and son, Joey, formerly of Roanoke, returned, after a three weeks' vacation in Illinois, visiting some of the churches there. We are happy to have them in our midst again.

In February, our sister, Anna Cooper, underwent a major operation. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Arriving from Elgin, Ill., on Feb. 22 were Bro. Theo and Sister Mabel Steffen. (Bro. Theo is a brother to Sister Rose Miller.) They visited the Portland church, Sunday A.M., Feb. 26, and the Silverton church in the afternoon and evening.

Our dear sister, Barbara Reutter, is very low at this writing. May the Lord make all bearable for her, to a blessed end.

Sister Clara Kaufman was in Silverton church a half day, Feb. 26, in her wheelchair, for the first time since her stroke on Dec. 18.

#### PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

We were happy to have Brother Albert and Sister Elizabeth Wuthrich of Pulaski in our community for a few days. Brother Albert served in the ministry Sunday, Feb. 19, and

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We extend our sympathy to Broth-  
er Bernard Schaer and family, due to  
the loss of his father, Brother Jacob  
Schaer, and also to the George Hekel  
family, whose father, Karl Hekel, also  
passed from this life.

The Bernard Schaer family moved  
March 2 for their new home near Tip-  
ton, Iowa. We wish them God's bless-  
ings in their new home and commu-  
nity. A large number gathered to-  
gether February 24, as a farewell for  
them.

Sister Edith Stahl returned to her  
home, after being in the hospital for  
five weeks, receiving treatments.  
Even though she is still quite ill, she  
is very courageous and cheerful.

Sister Emma Ehnle is slowly re-  
covering in her home, after a three-  
week stay in the hospital, following  
major surgery.

Sister Mary Streitmatter is seri-  
ously ill, and must return to the hos-  
pital for further treatment.

Sister Lydia Seidel was stricken  
with a coronary thrombosis March 4,  
and is very seriously ill in the hospi-  
tal.

Brother Jeff Streitmatter, who has  
been confined to his home the past  
two months, worshipped with us the  
morning of March 5. We wish him  
continued strength, so he may con-  
tinue to be with us.

Our prayers go out to these sick,  
as well as to their families, that God  
will grant them sufficient grace for  
each day, to bear what is laid before  
them.

**REMINGTON, INDIANA**

**Reporter: Emily Kilgus**

A son, Tim Anthony, was born to  
Bro. Elmer & Sis. Marilyn Bahler on  
Feb. 5. He is welcomed by two broth-  
ers and a sister.

On Feb. 12, Sis. Loretta Beckley  
and Bro. Ken Schneider of Forrest  
were united in holy matrimony by

Bro. Irvin Lehman. Bro. Elmer Wit-  
zig and Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss  
were our visiting ministers, among  
other guests from various places.

Bro. and Sis. Fred Knochel of Bay  
City spent several days visiting their  
family in this community.

Sister Emma Beckley of Rockville,  
Conn., came here for the wedding of  
her niece, Loretta Beckley, and spent  
some time visiting her family and  
friends.

**RITTMAN, OHIO**

**Reporter: Lucille Hartzler**

Bro. and Sis. Joe Bauman and son,  
Max, and his wife of Bremen visited  
our congregation on Feb. 19. Bro. and  
Sis. Elmer Riggenbach of Latty and  
Bro. and Sis. Ramon Steffen of Bluff-  
ton visited us March 5.

On the week end of Feb. 26, a  
number of our young brothers and  
sisters visited the Bluffton congrega-  
tion, where we enjoyed a blessed fel-  
lowship.

Sis. Jean Bauman is in the hospi-  
tal with virus pneumonia at this  
writing. We wish her a speedy recov-  
ery.

Those of our shut-ins who have  
been able to attend services again are  
Sis. Emma Maibach, Bro. Carl Stol-  
ler, and Bro. Alvin Steiner. We re-  
joice that they are able to worship  
with us again.

**ROANOKE, ILLINOIS**

**Reporter: Sara Aeschleman**

Bro. and Sis. James Hodel are the  
parents of a new son, Curtis Phillip,  
born Feb. 27.

The Bible class was host to 50 vis-  
iting Bible class members from the  
Congerville and Gridley churches,  
Sunday, March 5.

Sis. Tillie Fehr, who after having  
received injuries in a fall, had to  
spend some time in the hospital, and  
is now convalescing at her home.

**SABETHA, KANSAS**

**Reporter: Ed. H. Steiner**

February 7: Today, little five-year-

old Nancy was buried. She was the daughter of our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wenger. She was sick only a short time, and died suddenly, after having the flu. Autopsy showed that the virus got into the blood stream, which stopped her heart. We sympathize with them, and hope God can comfort them with the thought that they have a little angel in heaven which they can meet again. Bro. and Sister Sol Wenger and Aaron Moser and his wife are the grandparents.

February 12, Bro. and Sis. Silas Banwart, Bro. and Sis. Ray Anliker and Bro. and Sis. Eli Grimm, from West Bend, were Sunday visitors at the Sabetha church.

February 9, Sis. Lydia Hohulin and Sis. Ellen Siebenthal of Peoria and Roanoke (daughters of Bro. Menno Steiner); Bro. and Sis. Melvin Hohulin of Portland, Ore.; Bro. and Sister Martin Hohulin of Fort Scott; and Bro. and Sis. Silas Knobloch of Larchwood, Iowa, all arrived at the home of Bro. Menno and Sis. Albertina Steiners', Wednesday evening, and will visit relatives until Friday, when they all expect to return to their own homes. Bros. Martin and Melvin and Sis. Edith are children of Bro. and Sis. Silas Hohulin of Peoria.

Feb. 9: The Old Folk's Home now has ten patients, all from this community. Others are expected to enter soon.

Bro. Joel Meyer died on February 20. The funeral was held Thursday at 10 A.M., at the Sabetha church. Burial was in the Sabetha cemetery. Bro. Carl and Sis. Velma Kipfer and Sister Frances Kipfer of the Bluffton church and Bro. Albert Kipfer of Ft. Wayne attended the funeral of their uncle.

We rejoice with Bro. Richard Aberle, son of Bro. and Sis. Joe Aberle, and Bro. James Metzger, son of Bro. and Sis. Phil Metzger, who were proved and baptized Saturday evening, Feb. 18. Bros. Sam Anliker and Lester Hartter attended the proving and baptism.

Eldon Metzger and Harlan Meyer and his wife, Florence, have peace with God, and hope to be proved and baptized soon.

Feb. 19: Among the visitors with us over the week end were: Bros. Dan Steiner and his son, Joe, from Tremont; Sisters Gloria Stoller, Princeville, and Charlotte Steiner, Peoria; Mary (Simon) Wiegand, Deer Creek, Illinois; Charlene Wiegand, Eureka; Christine Leman, Judy Aeschleman, Roanoke; Sis. Gottfried Miller, Eldora, Kansas; Bro. and Sis. Jeff Frieden, Sis. Ullyses Farney, Bro. and Sis. Huber Farney, Sis. Aleta Farney, Bro. and Sis. Fred Michel, Pete and Sis. Farney, Bro. and Sis. Guthrie, all of Kiowa; Bro. and Sis. Emil Fritz, and Mary Martha and Miriam, of Morton.

Feb. 19: Bro. and Sis. Paul Fehr and Bro. and Sis. Will Zeltwanger of Hancock spent Sunday with us, and then continued on to San Antonio, Texas, where they are to spend Sunday, Feb. 26.

Feb. 26: Bro. Dan Steiner was with us in church today. They live in Bern, but Bro. Dan always attended the Sabetha church, where he was united with our brotherhood. We are sorry to learn that his eyesight is failing, and he is hardly able to drive on the highway safely.

Feb. 24, Sis. Katie Ott returned home from Phoenix by rail, after a few weeks visit with her daughter, Sis. Ora Schrenk, and Ora's husband, Bro. Henry.

### SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Reporter: Velta Laukhuf

Our gatherings in the house of worship this past month were well blessed, with comforting words by our visiting and local ministers. They were as follows: Bro. Dave Mangold, Bro. John Bahler, Bro. Joe A. Getz, Bro. Sam Aeschliman, Bro. Godfrey Schlatter, Bro. Philip Wingier, Bro. Herman Kellenberger.

The following visitors signed our church registration book since the

last issue of the Silver Lining:

**West Bend:** Mr. and Mrs. George Breullman, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Traub; **Fairbury:** Mr. and Mrs. Fred Feldman, Mr. and Mrs. John Wiedman;

**Morton:** Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schmidgall, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gunther, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Kahler and daughters, Marica and Lisa, Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Getz, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Zobrist and son and grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bauman, Mrs. Ken Roeschley and daughter, Sheri, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bauman; **Peoria:** Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hoerr, Mr. and Mrs. William Herbst, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rieman, Julia Honegger, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Schumacher, Mr. Fred Aupperle, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Fehr and their three children, Katherine Fehr, Mr. and Mrs. Alph Altorfer, Mr. and Mrs. John Steitmatter; **Roanoke:** Mr. and Mrs. Dave Sauder, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sauder, Mrs. Sam Martin, Mrs. Frank Sauder, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Mangold, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Hodel; **Eureka:** Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sauder; **Princeville:** Mr. and Mrs. George Seidel, Mr. and Mrs. John Joos; **Forrest:** Kathryn Honegger, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Honegger, Forrest Honegger;

**Elgin:** Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kellenberger, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Kellenberger; **Gridley:** Arthur J. Kerenth, Pete L. Meiss; **Tremont:** Mr. and Mrs. Bill Largent and sons; **Chicago:** Margaret Rudin;

**Remington:** Mr. and Mrs. Gus Knochel; **La Crosse:** Victor Heinold, Mr. and Mrs. John Heinold; **Francesville:** Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Von Tobel, Angela Von Tobel, Barbara Koch, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Pelsy; **Fort Wayne:** Marty Moser, Laura Gerber, Matty Clauss; **Bluffton:** Mr. and Mrs. Sam Aeschliman, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Maller, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moser, Rosetta and Carolyn Gerber;

**Bay City:** Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rueggger, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Wackerle, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Meyham, Mr. and Mrs. John Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Freidinger; **Watertown,**

**New York:** Mr. and Mrs. John Karcher; **Rockville:** Mr. and Mrs. John Bahler, Olga Bahler, Mr. and Mrs. Werner Kupferschmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Luginbuhl, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lanz;

**Mansfield:** Lucille Groh, Mrs. Gladys Kissel, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grazi, Mr. and Mrs. John Young, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cordrey; **Youngstown:** Mr. and Mrs. Frank Emch; **Pauldine:** Carolyn Manz; **Convey:** Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sinn;

**Sarasota:** Mr. and Mrs. Chris Knochel, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maibach Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wingeier, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Laukhuf, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huber, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Virkler, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sauder, Mr. and Mrs. John Fuhrer, Mr. and Mrs. George Yentes, Mr. Godfrey Schlatter, Mrs. Clara Klopfenstein, Mr. and Mrs. George Sauder, Alice Heinold; **Minneola, Fla.:** Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Klopfenstein; **Punta Gorda, Fla.:** Mr. Ray Moser; **Deland, Fla.:** Mr. and Mrs. John Herman.

During the month, a picnic was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Laukhuf. The day was enjoyed by all of the local Sarasota Church and visitors.

On February 26, Mrs. George Sauder was admitted to the Sarasota Hospital for surgery. The Sarasota congregation wishes Fannie a speedy recovery.

On February 24, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maibach Sr. had the church group in for a farewell supper for the Laukhufs, as this was their last week in Sarasota.

### TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter

Our Elder Bro. Fred Grimm, who had surgery several weeks ago, is now at Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he is taking some treatments at a clinic, which we hope and pray will be a benefit to him. He and his wife, Sis. Louise, left home on Feb. 10, and will be there for at least six

weeks, and possibly longer. Their son, Bro. Roy, and family spent several days with them. Their address is

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grimm  
Mt. Vernon Motel Apt. I  
4950 No. Nevada Ave.  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Sis. Kathy Grimm was a medical patient at the hospital for several days the past month. We are glad to report that she seems to have fully recovered.

Correction on last month's news item: Bro. Clarence Kolthoff succeeds Bro. Eli Sutter as trustee, instead of Bro. Clarence Yackley, as stated.

### TOLEDO, OHIO

**Reporter: Emily Frautschi**

Recently, some of the Wuethrich family from Francesville visited their relatives, the Jack Stewart family, in Toledo. The visitors were Brother Bob, his wife, Sister Phyllis, and their children; Brother Dave and his wife, Sister Barbara, and some of their family; and their parents, Brother and Sister Wuethrich.

Dean Laukhuf from Detroit visited us on February 26.

On March 5, Brother Jim Barton, his wife, Sister Vi, and their children visited us from Detroit.

We are happy to report that Larry Schlatter has recuperated from his recent appendectomy.

Mrs. John Cook (Marsha) is in the hospital, recovering from her appendectomy. John and Marsha are formerly of Bluffton. We wish them much grace and strength, as they have decided to live for the Lord.

### TREMONT, ILLINOIS

**Reporter: Mrs. William H. Beutel**

Bro. and Sis. Robert Wagenbach became parents of their third child, Karen Sue, on February 4.

February 6, funeral services were held for Miss Katie Sammet at the Ludwig Mortuary at Morton. Our ministers, Bros. Bollinger and Aberle, had the services. Burial was in

our church cemetery.

February 10, funeral services were held for Walter Lockenvitz at Bloomington, Illinois. His wife is the former Ruth Moser of Tremont, a sister to Sisters Lena Woerner and Nettie Riggs and John Moser. There are also many cousins of Ruth's, who live in and around Tremont.

On the sick list, we've had Bro. Robert Sauder, with pneumonia and complications; Sis. Katie Winzeler fell, and had to be hospitalized several days; and Bro. Herman Laidig has been having trouble with rheumatism.

Bro. and Sis. Ronald Stoller and family of New Haven, Indiana, spent several days with home folks over the week end of February 12.

February 19 was the wedding of Sis. Donna Baurer & Bro. Max Yergler of Cissna Park. Bro. Joe Getz married them. Again, we were fortunate that Bro. Roy Sauder of Peoria, uncle of the bride, spent the day with us. The newly-weds plan to make their home in Kankakee; we wish them God's rich blessings.

February 26, Bro. and Sis. John Frank of Oakville spent the day with their children, Bro. and Sis. Chris Pflederer and family. Also, Bro. and Sis. Don Gerber and family of Bluffton were home this week end.

Sis. Marge Zeltwanger of Bremen visited a week with home folks. Her husband, Bro. Harold, came for her Sunday, February 26.

February 27, Bro. and Sis. John Greiner, Morrill, Kansas, spent several days in Tremont and Morton, visiting relatives and friends.

### TSUTSUJIGA OKA and SHIODA JAPAN

**Reporter: Yoshito Inoue**

Brother Zenichi Inoue was baptized on Jan. 15 at the hospital. Many brothers and sisters attended the service.

Mr. Adam Hilderbrand from Peoria, Ill., who is now staying in Korea as a service man, visited us on

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Brother Tadao from Shioda Church came to Tokyo to receive medical treatment for a sickness he got lately. He is now at the hospital where Brother Zenichi is. He will stay there for three weeks.

We had a member meeting on Feb. 26, here at Tsutsujiga-oka church. Brother Willis gave explanations on the report of Brother Meeting, which was held on Oct. 13, 1960, at Cissna Park. We also decided at the meeting that we were going to send flowers, to console those brothers and sisters who are in bed.

Sister Atsumi, who has been a Sunday School teacher at Shioda, is now planning to come to Tokyo to help Sister Lois, who has too sensitive skin and so that can not do with the water which they have at Tsutsujiga-oka. Some chemical components of the water bother her skin.

Communion service was held at Shioda Church on Jan. 22.

A member meeting of Shioda Church was held on Feb. 19, and Brothers Willis and Takeshita gave the explanation on the report of the Brother Meeting.

## UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Reporter: Dale Eisenmann

On the evening of February 22, Bro. Emanuel Gudeman of Cissna Park held services. About 50 students and parents were present, with guests from Gridley, Morton, Roanoke, Goodfield and Cissna Park.

## WEST BEND, IOWA

Reporter: Arnold Ludwig

(from a letter)

We of the West Bend, Iowa, congregation are very happy to have seven friends starting to repent. They are Charlotte Banwart, Frances Gerber, Marilyn Schneider, Dianne Grimm, Marcella Gerber and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fehr. May God ever be with them, watch over them and grant them grace that they may soon be with our fold.

## WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Reporter: Arles Kropf

Bro. and Sis. Art Gudeman and children of La Crosse and Kenneth and Phyllis Baird and children of Indianapolis were our visitors on Feb. 12.

New arrivals this last month are Gregory Irvin, born to Bro. and Sis. Gene Lehman, on Feb. 15, and Lowell Dean, born to LeRoy and Frances Farney, on March 4.

Visitors on Feb. 19 were Bros. Irvin and Gale Stoller and Bro. and Sis. Wayne Stoller and family of Latty.

On Feb. 26, due to our bad snow storm, not many of our congregation were able to attend services, but since Remington could not get to their church, a number of them gathered with us, including ministering Brothers Sam and Earl Kilgus.

Gene and Sis. Velma Schladenhauffen and children have moved to the Forrest community. We miss them, but wish them God's blessings in their new home and the Forrest church.

Visitors on March 5 were Bro. and Sis. Herman Stahl and children of Princeville; Bro. and Sis. Ben Yergler and daughter, Sis. Joy, of Cissna Park; Bro. and Sis. Louis Knapp of Forrest; Sis. Anna Furrer of Chicago; Keith and Pauline Roth and children and Ida Nussbaum of Bloomington, Ill.; Henry Steffen and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Steffen of Fairbury.

We are happy to have Bro. Alfred Detweiler able to be back with us, after his recent surgery.

News is interesting, encouraging, helpful. It is good to think about good things . . . to learn to know each other better . . . to strengthen the ties of eternity's friendships . . . and to try to keep near our circle those close and still outside.

With help from our elder brothers, the Silver Lining workers endeavor to bring a good, rich, colorful view of events concerning the churches.

A recent consideration and move-

ment is toward reporting only those visiting a local church. This is a step in bettering the news.

Ed Souder has been doing a good job as news correspondent, keeping in contact with those reporting.

The news is a real challenge. We want to hold to the valuable, and, step by step, add gems that will enrich and interest.

It is the true picture of how His church and those we love live . . . of the joys and the sorrows of each other. It pictures the wonders of the works of God, and portrays the kindnesses and friendships of love. It gives intimate sights into interesting happenings.

We would urge you to remember us in prayer.

the editor.

#### SOJOURNS TO ALABAMA

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August 30 to Sept. 5, 1940, by Elder Bro. Sam Aeschliman, Elder Bro. Phil Beyer and Bro. Jonas Virkler of Castorland and Croghan, New York.

From Nov. 11 to Nov. 18, 1940, Elder Bro. Noah Schrock, Bro. Fred Gutwein and Bro. Henry Beer, with a number of others, visited Alabama.

As the group of believers grew, and many friends and children gathered, it made too many to have the services at Bro. Stricklin's home, so the brothers began planning what could be done about building a church. Mr. Graham, a plantation owner for which Bro. Stricklin worked a long time, offered to donate a piece of ground on which to build.

In 1940, a small church house was built on the Graham land near Hillsboro by brothers from Rittman, Ohio. Bro. Amos Hartzler was the leading carpenter.

They enjoyed this new church for a short time, but it soon burned down; again services had to be held in homes, school houses, or churches that were not in use.

Later, in 1942, a roof was built over the basement foundation, which is

now again their church. This was built by a group of brothers from Rittman and Bluffton.

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#### GEMS THAT GLOW

Joe Waibel spoke about the church being the garden of God . . . and about every tick of the clock on the wall being a step toward eternity.

Carl Kipfer taught from the pulpit, We can not walk alone. If He is beside us, we can make it.

Joel Souder encouraged that eventually, when once that last will is opened, we will fall heir to that greatest of all estates.

Jack Bollier told that if we read the Bible, close it up, and leave it there, it does not help . . . but using it, it is a Living Word.

Perhaps at first they talked of little things

At supper-time that evening in the spring—

The upper room was dim with candle-shine

As Jesus sat with twelve, remembering.

Soon quietly He said, There is one here

Whose kiss will bring betrayal by and by.

They did not look at Judas curiously, But each man murmured, "Master, is it I?"

Each one looked inward, frightened lest he find

A shoddy place where he had dreamed of steel.

None placed the guilt on any other guest

Who had partaken of that gracious meal . . .

When there are hungry on my little street,

When I see tears or hear a heart's hurt cry

Because some one has failed to keep high faith,

May I, too, murmur, "Master, is it I?"