

THE SILVER LINING



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THE SOUNDS OF HOME

"And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof"

"And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in

righteousness"

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

" . . . Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited."

From Zechariah 8 and 14

TELEVISION AND CRIME

(To the "Silver Lining" Editor: It is sometimes mentioned that TV is just like the many other inventions that have come into use, to which the church was at first opposed, such as the telephone, automobile, radio, and then later relented, and tolerated their necessary use.

Most of our members not having TV throughout the land are not in a position to say too much about it one way or another, only that they fear that TV will be harmful as a whole to spiritual life.

I enclose herewith and offer for publication a recent statement made by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the F. B. I., which gives his appraisal of TV in 1960, fifteen years after it was introduced, and now common in millions of homes.

I feel that his statement should compel every believer to stop and think seriously as to the harm Chief Hoover says it is doing to our youth.

It seems to me that children of God should be grateful to God that our

government is trying to discourage TV, and point out its evils. In the light of this report, it should never be said the elders of the church are too critical and are suppressing their liberty. Noah Schrock)

"Impressionable youngsters learn every type of vice and crime and brutality from television 'entertainment' corrupting their sense of morals," says FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover.

Four sneering young juveniles close in on an elderly school teacher on a dark street. One snatches off the man's glasses. Another trips him. A third kicks him in the groin. And then—before a coast-to-coast Sunday evening audience of millions—the elderly man is slowly and sadistically beaten and kicked to death.

This gruesome scene was telecast in color last July 3. The scene was one of hundreds which have turned 1960 into the year of sex, slime and sadism on TV. This is the year when you could learn how to poison your spouse, torture a beautiful girl or

murder a child—all in your living room.

David Susskind, a TV producer with a conscience, says he had no idea of the impact on children, until his four-year-old son drove the point home. After Mr. Susskind had remarked at the family dinner table about a difference of opinion with one of his fellow-workers, the lad asked: "Why don't you murder that man, Daddy?" "What?" demanded Susskind. "Why don't you murder him?" repeated the boy.

Susskind began watching the programs more closely. "Our air waves," he says, "are filled with depressing junk. Crime shows are not just bad shows, they are bad for our times, bad for our culture. What is happening on television is that programing

people are reaching out in desperation for the cheapest and most lurid attention-getting devices."

TV's tide of rape, murder and violence of all sorts has sparked demands for Congressional action to clean things up. The giant networks have scoffed at the idea that TV is corrupting youth and children. The National Congress of Parents and Teachers says: "Must we wait for statistical proof?"

J. Edgar Hoover concludes: "We are threatened by programs which flaunt indecency and applaud lawlessness. Not since the days of John Dillinger, when thousands filed past the bier of this infamous man, have we witnessed such a brazen affront to our national conscience."

SOJOURNS TO ALABAMA

Henry Kilgus
(Continued)

Now at Athens, the desiring group grew fast, with friends and children. This no longer afforded room in homes, as most houses were small. So, they rented whatever they could for Sunday services. Sometimes a country school house could be had for the day, or a church house in the country that was not in use afternoons.

For a time, we rented the Legion Hall in Athens, as long as we could have it; next, an empty store on Main Street. We had nail kegs and planks for seats, and a large store box for our pulpit. We could also experience how God gives grace to the humble.

By this time, we were able to have a minister there every Sunday.

At this time, Bro. Matt Wackerle from Bay City had a heart to spend much time in Alabama, as he had been there quite often before on visits. There was a need that a teacher

would live among the Alabama people and give them the true gospel.

Bro. Wackerle and Bro. Willis Ehnle from Princeville worked together, until Bro. Willis was called to the Army.

A little later, Bro. Melvin Huber from Francesville (and formerly Fairbury), also spent much time in Alabama, until the family went to Brazil, South America.

In 1952, the old Baptist church on North Clinton Street in Athens was bought. In Athens, we have over 20 members, and a good attendance of friends and children, which makes it interesting, to have a nice place to come together for worship and Sunday School.

Then, at Landersville, about 50 miles southwest of Athens, there were three members, with friends and children—no room for all in a small home.

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AT NIGHT, STILL JOY

Henry Souder Jr.

The day dies away. Night approaches, as slips away the sleepy edges of day. The day, with its gay-colored ambitions, its festive rejoicings, is soon done.

But He who lives in the family of God lives an ever-lovely present. The colorful church of God finds evening comes, with the distinct, distant beauty of charming carols. God's child may drift off to dreamland with choruses of far-off beauty . . . and the soft-spoken glow of company at home.

"I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, . . ."

The constant chance to rejoice and rise over our problems are beckoning hearts and pleasant feelings of fellowship.

And how shall that be when the sky is a hall-way of home and the clouds our lawn?

How shall it be? Every cloud will be counted. The great, billowing white kind that pile high in the sky . . . others of His Hand . . . They will be arranged by the Master's forethought.

The beautiful Christ will come. The glorious appearing will glow in unspeakable splendor. Fair harbors of hope will blossom in colorful scenes beyond comprehension.

The clouds will chorus with His radiance. Rainbow hues will symphony, such as we have never known. And we shall be radiantly happy.

We catch the chorus, and sing for the thrill.

"And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be

destroyed."

The blue skies are His . . . as is the art-work of golden-dawn . . . He bathed far-away, fair-circled, soft-hued places with His grandeur.

But then . . . Unmeasured will be His glory . . . unmatched His power . . . unequalled His splendor . . . uncounted, His joy. The saints will sing, glowed in an aura of complete satisfaction.

He makes Home complete with the lovely, lovely personal touch. The friendly faces will be in their places. Home would not be complete without the little ones. Each dear little face will shine.

Oh, lovely lovely theme of God, that has wrought our deep heart-ache here, to finish His unmatched splendor there! Oh sweet dream of peace, in which we may fall asleep and know it's life! Oh sweet stream of life, that carries us satisfied where cares are no more!

Home is the breath of the Almighty, flames of friendship, the favorite fires of forever.

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall the coming of the Son of man be."

The limbs of the statues of 20th century civilization are decaying. Read the ruins. A sick, sensuate civilization is hastening its downhill, degrading decline.

While space sputters man's small signals, we observe a world wretchedly revolving toward a coming climax.

Carefully, skillfully, accurately has the hurtle been predicted. Through the hour-glass, looking out into the end, we observe the course of catastrophe.

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The ocean rolls its course in feverish breakings. It cannot rest. Tumbled . . . rumbled. Groaning . . . moaning. Savaged . . . ravaged. It bristles its foamed anger. It cannot rest.

And from its dirty bottoms erupts the ruined way, mirroring the dark, sinister figure of the end-time. Satan has placarded his route with wishes of the masses.

What our Lord so beautifully refused from Satan, this tyrant will accept. This man will pose as the Santa Claus of humanity. He will wrongly multiply the materiality, and fling it to mankind. He will fling himself from dark heights of fame and coast in as courageous. He will worship Satan, and knuckle his poor subjects in the steel clutch of the beast.

"And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people."

But at evening-time, there shall be peace. And across the hours, into our hearing, we may be happy in the ever-beautiful.

At night, there is still joy. The beautiful, beautiful sounds of sweet

home resound in sacred, blissful harmony.

Jerusalem stands today scarred with the trod. The Jews are still out.

But the native of Israel has come home. Israel is there, and, round and through run the wavy currents that draw to the end.

Embattled Jerusalem has not yet seen the worst. The cleated heel will crush. Israel's valleys will echo to the shout of war. Its soil will flow blood-red.

Poor people who recognize not the snarl of the beast!

"And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand."

The world is a powder keg, and its fuse is Jerusalem.

The black skies will explode.

It is a sober hour. Now is no time to play with matches or playthings. If something has hurt you, put it aside. If something is grasping you, flee from it . . . lest it be too late.

But when we love not the world nor the things in it, how blissful is the hope at day's decline.

At evening, there is joy.

NEWS

AKRON, OHIO

Reporter: Ruth Taylor

March 12, Sister Sadie Brenner and her daughter, Mrs. Bertha Hinnant, left for Houston, Texas, by jet, to visit her son, Harold Brenner, and family. They returned home March 20. Sadie is 84 years old, and this was her first flight. She thoroughly enjoyed it.

Loren Burr has completed his three years in the U.S. Marine Corps, and he returned home Jan. 28 from Camp Le Jeune.

Eiko Ikeda and Philip Burr were united in marriage in Japan, where he is stationed in the U. S. Marine Corps. They plan to be back in Akron late summer or early fall.

Bill and Fredda Von Gunton spent four weeks in Florida, spending most of their time at Ft. Myers Beach. They attended services at Ft. Lauderdale. While on their way home, they had their 40th wedding anniversary.

Our shut-ins are: Sister Rose Pamer, who has been ill for the past

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week, but is improving; Sister Grace Schukert, in Akron City Hospital, recovering from a throat operation; Sister Anna Rupp, in Akron General Hospital recovering from surgery for cataracts on both eyes; Elaine Cerny was in Children's Hospital for a tonsillectomy. We wish them a speedy recovery.

The Primary Sunday School class has saved their pennies, and at Easter gave baskets of food to different families.

March 26: We are happy to report that Mother Fritz was back with us for services for the first time since her mishap.

March 13, Brother Peter and Sister Eva Wenhardt flew by jet to Hungary, to visit with their families. They found conditions bad there, and were happy to return to America.

March 12, Bro. Emil and Sister Margaret Pelsey visited with us, taking Margaret's mother with them.

March 19, Bro. Art Gudeman and his son, Frank, visited with us over the week end. Brother Art spoke for both morning and afternoon services, and we felt richly blessed with his message. The following brothers and sisters from Rittman attended services with us: Carl Stollers, Dale and Alma Stoller, Joe Blough, Harold Stollers, Alvin Steiners, John Dotterers, Everett Stollers, Don Stollers, and Bert Gassers.

March 31, Sis. Marie Ritzman and sons, Bob Paul, and Eric, and Ed. Greenbank went to Milford, to spend the week end with the Theo Beers.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Reporter, Doris Graf

Our ministering Bro. Joe Klotzle, his wife, Sis. Helen, and Bro. Bill Minger visited the Phoenix church on Sunday, Feb. 26.

Those visiting us on March 5 were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fautz, Peoria; Bro. and Sis. John Schrock, Kiowa; Bro. and Sis. Mike Weyeneth, Peoria; Bro. and Sis. Henry Schmitgall, Mor-

ris; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graezl and Sis. Lucille Groh, Mansfield; Sis. Carolyn Manz, Paulding, Ohio. Sis. Louise Ruff and Sis. Louise Mueller, Peoria, spent most of March with us.

On March 12, our visitors were: Bro. and Sis. George Miller, and their daughter, Sis. Kathryn, from Kiowa, Sis. Mary Schlipf and Mrs. Anna Phipps, and Mrs. Wreath and her daughter, Carolyn, who are visiting her sister, Sis. Naomi Schwarz, and family.

On March 19, we were happy to have with us Sis. Bertha Sharlock, Cissna Park; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Klotzle, Niles, Ohio; and Bro. and Sis. Glenn Hackenjoes and family from Portland. Bro. Glenn held services in both Maywood and Altadena churches. The Maywood Sunday School classes had their Easter program in the evening, with many from both churches attending.

Sis. Doris Graf visited the Phoenix church over March 19, for the wedding of Sis. Roletta Farney and Bro. Conrad Gerst of Oakville.

Those visiting on Sunday, March 26, were: Bro. and Sis. Joe Stoller, Sabetha; Bro. and Sis. Kenny Schmidgall; Bro. and Sis. Roy Farney, and Bro. and Sis. Richard Schupbach, from Phoenix; Bro. Reuben Farney, Burlington, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graf, Bishop, Calif.; and Mr. Chester Waldsmith of San Gabriel, California. Bro. Roy Farney assisted Bro. Carl Kinsinger with communion services in Maywood in the afternoon. We enjoyed hearing both Bro. Farney and Bro. Schupbach that day.

On Easter morning, April 2, we held sunrise services in the mountains, before our regular services. Those visiting us were Sis. Dorothy Fischer, Roanoke, and Rosemary Boward, from Urbana, Illinois.

We are happy that Ernie and Marcielle Dapper of Maywood church and Jeri Minger of Altadena church have turned to the Lord in repentance. We wish them God's grace always.

ATHENS, HILLSBORO, LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Brother and Sister Ray Heinold of Valparaiso, Ind., and Bro. and Sis. Urb Bauer of Cissna Park spent the week end of March 5 visiting the Alabama churches.

Friday evening, in the Landersville area, the worship and Sunday School services were held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Harville.

March 12, the Ohio Sisters, Evelyn Stoller, Lillian Stoller, Marilyn Dotterer, Roberta Stoller and Dorothy Sabo, visited the Athens and Hillsboro churches.

Wednesday evening, March 15, Brother Junior Hale was in charge of the Prospect, Tenn., worship service, at the home of Bro. and Sis. George Kelley.

Bro. and Sis. Henry Wackerle of Bay City and Bro. and Sis. Louis Zimmerman of Roanoke spent the week end of March 19 visiting the three churches.

March 26, Bro. and Sis. Lewis Gutwein, Sis. Carol, Bro. Kenny Gutwein, of Francesville, and Mrs. Orville Bucher of Valparaiso visited homes and the three churches.

Friday evening, March 31, at the home of Bro. and Sis. Chester Simmons of the Landersville area, a large crowd gathered together for worship services.

Bro. and Sis. Herman Wuethrich of Francesville visited the three Alabama churches March 26.

Bro. and Sis. Ed. Moser, Sis. Edna and Robert Moser of Goodwine, Ill., spent a few days visiting in the Athens, Hillsboro and Landersville area.

BERN, KANSAS

Reporter: Leonard Baumgartner

Visitors: March 5, Ministering Bros. Sabo from Mansfield; Manz from Junction, Ohio; Bollinger from Tremont; Getz from Morton; Mogler

from Lester; Banwart from Lamar; Anliker from Lamont, Kansas; Sommerhalder from Burlington; and many other visitors.

Visitors March 12: Bro. and Sis. Amos Steffen, Helen Sorg, Hulda Dubach from Milford and Bluffton and Bro. and Sis. Phil Mogler and family from Lester.

Saturday evening, March 25, our two friends, Frank and Ruth Hartzel, were proved, and the following Sunday were baptized. Visitors that Sunday were Bro. and Sis. Jay Bollinger from Tremont, Bro. and Sis. George Waibel and Bro. and Sis. Harold Waibel from Wolcott, and Bro. Fred Luthi from Lamont, Kansas.

We are glad to have Bro. Joy Marti back, after being absent for a couple of weeks with pneumonia.

Pauline Specht and Waymer Esslinger were united in marriage March 5 by Bro. Lester Hartter, at the home of the groom's parents.

Sis. Lydia Hermann, wife of Bro. Albert Hermann, passed away on Friday, March 24, and funeral services were held on March 27 by Bros. Harvey Grimm and Lester Hartter. Burial was in the church cemetery. There were many attending from Cissna Park, Princeville, Eureka, Tremont, and Morton.

Sister Sarah Meyer returned, after spending four weeks in the home of her nephew, Robert Hohulin in Roanoke.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Frieda Kipfer

Carolyn Frauhiger, daughter of Bro. Harry and Berniece Frauhiger, and Wm. Gerber, son of Bro. and Sis. David Gerber, were united in marriage on March 19. Bro. John Yergler officiated.

Bro. Obed Steffen, who suffered a badly fractured leg last December and was a patient in the Clinic Hospital, has been able to return to his home.

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On March 26, Paul and Mildred Schladenhauffen were announced for proving.

Announcement was made on Apr. 2 of the engagement of Sally Gerber and Charles Shively.

The Sunday School gave a program of Easter hymns. Bro. Aeschliman spoke to the children. A large number were in attendance.

Bro. Carl Hackenjoes is home on Leave, and will soon be discharged from the Service.

Those of our congregation who have been in the hospital recently, for surgery or illness, are: Sis. Martha Heyerly, Bro. Harvey Steffen, Bro. Edward Ringger, Bro. Sam Aeschliman and Bro. John Gilliom.

Others who have been confined to their homes for some time are Sis. Emma Isch, Sis. Rosie Speheger, Sis. Lizetta Beer, Sis. Elizabeth Graber, Sis. Alice Isch, Sis. Lillie Schladenhauffen, Sis. Elizabeth, Sis. Lydia Geyer, Bro. Joe Isch, and Bro. Jeff Heyerly.

Bro. and Sis. Philip Wingeier of Alto visited his sister, Sis. Hulda Fiechter, on the way home from Florida.

We have had many guests from other congregations in the past month, and hope they will visit us again.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Truman Baumgartner, a son on Feb. 9; to Bro. and Sis. Charles Neuenschwander, a daughter, on March 10; to Bro. and Sis. Daniel Reinhard, a daughter, on April 3; and to Bro. and Sis. Richard Stoller, a son, on April 5.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Reporter: Lydia Heuberger

Visitors with the Bremen congregation on March 12 were: Sister Mrs. Mildred Schlatter, her daughter, Sis. Ethelyn, and Bro. and Sis. Marvin Stieglitz and family from Leo; Bro. and Sis. Henry Frey and Sis. Lena

Knochel from Remington; Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Schumacher from Eureka; Bro. and Sis. Ben Schlatter from Toledo; Bro. and Sis. Merle Sauder from Tremont; and Friends Dean and Judy Martin from Peoria.

Births: On Mar. 11, a daughter, Renee Jean, to Bro. and Sis. Herbert Hueni of the Bremen congregation; a daughter, Sharon Lynn, to SP 4 Carl and Delores Drawert. Carl is in service in Germany. Mrs. Drawert is the former Dolores Bauman, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Joseph Bauman, of the Bremen congregation.

On March 12, we had a Singspiration in the evening. The Milford congregation were our guests, and participated in the program. A blessed hour was enjoyed by everyone.

Visitors on March 19: Bro. and Sis. Albert Schini and family of Remington and Bro. and Sis. Richard Klopfenstein and daughter of Elgin.

Visitors on April 2: Bro. and Sis. Les Plattner and children, Ken and Leslie Ann, from the Goodfield congregation; Sisters, Mrs. Archie DeLong and Mary Stoller and Miss Naomi Metzger of the Latty congregation; Bro. and Sis. Robert Haas Sr. of Elgin congregation; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haas Jr. of Morris; Bro. and Sis. Ed. Suttor Sr. and daughters, Carol and Mary Ann, of Eureka congregation.

The Sunday School presented a very inspiring Easter program, which was well attended. We also held Easter Sunrise Services at 7:00 a.m., followed by a breakfast.

Sis. Juanita Laidig, student nurse at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, spent Easter Sunday with her parents and the Bremen congregation.

Bro. and Sis. William Leman have returned from their winter vacation in Phoenix.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth

We were privileged to have three ministers this past month, Bros. Henry Sabo of Mansfield and Henry

Manz of Paulding, Ohio, the evening of March 7, and Bro. Michael Weyeneth of Peoria, Sunday, March 19.

Sister Emma Domnick, formerly from here, but who has been living in Morton the past few years, visited us March 12.

The fifty-fourth wedding anniversary of Bro. and Sis. M. A. Kisling was observed March 24 by the immediate family, at the Hardtner, Kansas, Hospital, where Sis. Kisling has been a patient for nearly a year.

Those from here attending the wedding of Bro. Conrad Gerst and Sis. Roletta Farney in Phoenix, Mar. 19, were, Bro. Reuben Farney, Sis. Lydia Ott and Bro. and Sis. Raymond Roth.

Bro. and Sis. Conard Gerst, who were married in Phoenix, March 19, visited relatives here for several days, on their way to Oakville, where they will make their home. A reception in their honor was held in the home of Bro. and Sis. Marvin Ott, the afternoon of March 26. Sis. Gerst (Roletta Farney) was formerly from this congregation.

We all enjoyed the Easter program, presented by the Sunday School pupils Easter Sunday.

A hospital patient this past month was Sis. Martha Roth.

Guests registered in our guest book this past month: March 5, Mrs. Emma Rapp, Morton; Lydia Jackson and Sara Otti, Wichita; March 7, Bro. and Sis. Henry Sabo, Mansfield; Bro. Henry Manz, Paulding; March 12, Bro. and Sis. Bert Gudeman, Francesville; March 19, Bro. and Sis. Michael Weyeneth, Peoria; March 25, Bro. and Sis. Conard Gerst, Oakville; Bro. and Sis. John Greiner and family, Sabetha; Bro. and Sis. Harvey Smith and Debra, and Marelen Spring, Wichita; April 2, Bro. David Hangartner and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Herr, Wichita; Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Hemphill, Lawrence, Kan.; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schrock and sons, Pratt, Kan.; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kraft and family, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Jeff Young

Here on March 5, were Sis. Emily Hoffman from Rockville and Sis. Mary Troxel of Leo. They visited friends and relatives.

On March 12, Bro. Alfred Bahler and Bro. Vernon Schwab and their wives were our mid-week guests. We enjoyed an inspiring message, and we invite them back again soon. Other visitors were Bro. Joe Stoller of Wolcott; Bro. and Sis. Jake Bahler and Bro. and Sis. Philip Getz of Remington.

Sis. Arvilla Yergler was in the hospital for a back surgery, but is home and getting along very nicely.

Bro. Joe Kuperschmit has been confined to his home, but is some improved at this writing.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Marvin Bauer, a daughter, Rosemary, on March 8; to Bro. and Sis. Geary Farney, a son, Randall Scott, on March 9; to Bro. and Sis. Wayne Jacob, a son, Brian Keith, on March 3.

The betrothal of Sis. Judy Feller to Bro. Dale Eisenmann was announced on March 19.

We are thankful for our friend, Fred Frank, who has given his heart to the Lord. We wish him God's grace and mercy.

Our sister, Rebecca Alt, 88 years old, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Marion Zbinden. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 25, with Bro. Ezra Feller officiating, assisted by Bro. Emanuel Gudeman.

Bro. Adam Ehman passed away March 24, after a long illness. Funeral services were held by Bro. Josh Broquard.

On Sunday, March 26, our visitors were from Latty, Roanoke, Chicago, and Tremont.

We always enjoy visitors, renewing old friendships and meeting those of like faith.

Bro. and Sis. Andy Yergler attended the funeral of Sis. Herrman, at Sabetha, March 27.

Our Sunday School recited the Easter story on Friday evening.

Easter visitors were from Elgin, Gridley, Princeville, Fairbury, Morton, Tremont, Eureka, Roanoke, Francesville, Rockville, and Bay City.

Sis. Emy Hari was hospitalized. Emy is the wife of Bro. Joe Hari. May the Lord restore her health, would be our wish and prayer.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Louise Steffen

Ministering brothers visiting here for the month of March are as follows: Bro. Al Wuthrich of Pulaski; Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield; Bros. Joe and Jesse Schrock of Congerville. We thank these brothers for their visits and inspiring messages.

Mrs. Paul Oeschle of Elgin passed away in Miami, Florida, where she and her husband made their home the past few years. The funeral was March 13.

Sister Lorna Steffen of Elgin and Bro. Don Schrock of Congerville were united in marriage March 12, by Elder Bro. Noah Schrock. Many out-of-town guests were present.

The marriage of Sister Elizabeth Lauber and Bro. Mike Schumacher, both of Elgin, was solemnized by Bro. Al Fisher of Chicago on March 26.

Our Sunday School Easter program took place April 1, at 7:00 p.m., the children taking part in singing and saying pieces. We all enjoyed it.

ELGIN, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. George Butikofer

"... let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galations 6:9.

Visitors during the month of March were Bro. and Sis. Wm. Massner and daughter, Cindy, and Bro. and Sis. Dave Miller from Mediapolis, Ia.; Bro. and Sis. Lynn Rinckenberger and daughter, Sharon, from Gridley, Ill.; Bro. and Sis. Ezra Gerst from Oakville; Bro. and Sis. Wm. Butikofer and two children and Sister Lena Pulfer from Davenport, Ia.

Dennis Butikofer has returned to his home, after serving two years in the service of his country. About 1½ years of the two-year period was spent in Italy. We are happy to see him in our midst again.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein

Visiting ministers the past month have been as follows: March 5—Bro. Silas Leuthold of Princeville; March 12—Bro. Joe Hodel of Roanoke, an afternoon guest; March 31—Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield gave a very interesting sermon for the Good Friday evening services; April 5—Bro. Gene Bertschi and Bro. Joe Hodel of Roanoke were guests at our evening services. A large crowd attended, as it was the time that the Roanoke congregation gathered with us. We enjoy having them assemble with us.

March 29—An Easter program, given by the Sunday School classes, was held this evening. The Bible Class from Roanoke also sang two Easter songs. A large crowd enjoyed hearing the beautiful singing from all the young people. It was so important to us all to be reminded again of how Jesus suffered and died on the cross, and then, the third day, He arose from the grave. What a wonderful Easter message!

Birth—A son to Bro. Robert and Sis. Verna Wettstein, March 27. He has been named Larry Dean.

Sister Bena Mae Rocke, wife of LeRoy Rocke, who has been ill for some time, is now able to come to church again.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Joyce Huber

Early on the morn of Easter Sunday, the young people caroled to many of the sick at the hospital. The young people also went Easter caroling to some of the shut-ins and aged, a couple evenings. Also, the Bible Class visited two shut-ins on Easter noon.

A large attendance witnessed the

Easter program, presented by all our Sunday School classes. It was most inspiring on the evening of Good Friday, as all the children told the story in poem and song of the crucifixion and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The blessed sacrament of Holy Communion was held March 12, with Bros. Sam Anliker, Kansas, and Bro. Henry Kilgus, Forrest, assisting Bro. Broquard in the Communion services.

Our Sunday School Bible Class participated in the Christian Endeavor at Tremont, March 19.

Bro. Walter Moser suffered a broken leg, as he was de-horning cattle on the farm.

Bro. and Sis. George Waibel, Remington, and Sis. Lena Farney, Wolcott, visited here March 12; and Bro. and Sis. Joe Miller and Sisters Anna and Mary Miller visited us April 2.

Bro. Noah Schrock, Oakville, and Bro. Silas Leuthold, Princeville, were visiting ministers March 16.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Christian Metz

On Sunday evening the 12th of March, we enjoyed the visit of Bro. Sam Anliker of Lamont, Kansas.

On the 16th, Bro. Oscar Schneider was injured in a car and jeep collision. He is in the Fairbury Hospital, suffering a fractured ankle and leg and spread pelvis. He is getting along well at this time, and we wish him a speedy recovery, if it is God's will.

On the 31st, Good Friday evening, we had Communion service. Visiting elders were Bro. Irvin Lehman of Wolcott, and Bro. Josh Broquard of Fairbury. They and our elder, Bro. Henry Kilgus, served us.

We welcome Gene and Sis. Velma Schladenhauffen to our congregation. They moved here from Wolcott.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Reporter: Florence Sutter

As winter is now past and almost all of our guests have gone home, we will soon be back to normal. We cer-

tainly enjoyed the many loved ones who were with us this season. Bro. Wendel Gerber's tiny baby had a close call with death. However, after hospital care and prayers of many, she is home and well again. Bro. Robert Huber and Sister Doris have a new son. Both mother and baby are doing fine. We also have the glad news of Robert and Marty Meister and their child moving to Ft. Lauderdale. We welcome them, and hope they will establish a permanent residence. Robert is the son of our Bro. Lester Meister and Sister Edna. Sister Dorothy Bachthold is vacationing with relatives and friends in the North.

After having moved here and building a new home at Deerfield Beach, we were so very sorry Mrs. Paul Oechsle, formerly of Elgin, Illinois, became ill, and was called from this life. Her burial was in Elgin. We hope God will comfort and give grace to her dear husband and loved ones.

We enjoyed three of our young Peoria friends recently, vacationing from their studies, David Klein, Carl De Bor and David Durdell.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Reporter: Kenneth E. Steffen

Everyone in our group at Fort Sam Houston was sorry to see Bro. Ben Metz and Bro. Harold Knapp leave. Their new addresses are:

Pvt. Ben Metz, US 55684792

Hq & Hq Det

US Army Hosp

Ft. Sill, Oklahoma

and

Pvt. Harold Knapp, US 26414300

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New York, New York

The visitors who worshiped with us at chapel No. 1 on Stanley Road on Mar. 12 were Bro. and Sis. Henry Hodel and Mrs. Sam Schrock, a sister from Kiowa, Kansas. Bro. and Sis. Louis Zimmerman from Roanoke arrived here with Bro. Henry and Sis.

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Ida Wackerle from Bay City, Michi-
gan. Bro. Henry ministered to us in
the afternoon and evening.

Our scheduled minister for this
month was from Leo, Indiana, on
March 26. Sis. Mary and Bro. Joel
Souder were here the last week end
in March, and we heard a blessed
message.

We urge those who plan to visit
Fort Sam Houston to contact one of
the brothers or friends here, so we
can meet you. We sure do enjoy vis-
itors, so include us on your vacation
trip.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Reporter: Marie Zaugg

March 5, John and Jean Kraft and
family of Gridley, Kansas, were
guests of Brother and Sister Harold
Kraft and family. March 19, Dutch
and Minnie Schlup and Larry visited
our congregation. Joe Reber of Ta-
coma, Washington, visited relatives
and friends here the week end of
March 26.

March 31, our elder Brother Sam
Anliker, was with us, and served
Holy Communion. With Brother An-
liker were his wife, Sister Kathryn
Anliker, and Brother and Sister Roy
Wernli of Lamont, Kansas.

April 2: This day was the 50th
Wedding Anniversary of Brother and
Sister Emil Banwart. They have
three sons, Arlie of West Bend; Vern
of Wichita, Kansas, and Reuben, who
lives here. Reuben and Caroline Ban-
wart served a dinner for their folks
and their brothers and sisters. Those
present from a distance were: Arlie
and Eva Banwart and family, West
Bend; Vern and Ines Banwart and
family, Wichita; Eli and Lizzie Ban-
wart, Brother and Sister Ben Ban-
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Sister Caroline Banwart, Brother and
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Jack and Florence Thieband and
Toni, all of Lamar; Brother and Sis-

ter Carl Hartman, Brother and Sister
Roy Rokey and Maretta, Sabetha;
Brother and Sister Walter Banwart
and Janet, Walter and Della Bell,
West Bend; Don and Dee Ann Holt
and family, Springfield, Missouri.
Those who came after dinner were:
Sister Pearl Banwart, Sister Bernice
Frieden, Brother and Sister Arthur
Banwart and family, Fred and Ruby
Frieden, George and Alma Frieden,
Herbert and Virginia Parkison and
Sonja, Minnie Davis, all of Lamar.

In the evening of April 2, our Sun-
day School children presented an Eas-
ter program.

Brent Duane, infant son of friends
Glen and Eileen Johnson, passed
away. He was born April 3, passed
away April 4. Maternal grandparents
are Brother and Sister Fred Sinn.

April 4, Elder Brother Noah
Schrock and Elder Brother Sam An-
liker were with us for evening serv-
ices.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

Our Easter program was held April
2, with Bro. and Sis. Raymond Pulfer,
Sis. Twila Stoller, Walter and Eileen
Rager sponsoring the program.

The adult class of the Bremen Sun-
day School were guests of our Sun-
day School on March 26. A pot-luck
supper was enjoyed at the home of
Bro. and Sis. Verlin Stoller.

We are happy to have Sis. Louise
Sinn back in our midst again, after
being confined to her home for three
weeks.

Bro. Henry Beer was over-night
guest at the home of Bro. and Sis. Al-
bert Kipfer on March 10.

Sis. Hulda Gerber has gone to Ritt-
man to be with her daughter, Sis.
Berniece Bauman, for three weeks.
Sis. Berniece underwent surgery, but
is now convalescing at her home.

Sis. Carrie Keitel and her husband
attended the funeral of their broth-
er-in-law, Clarence Anderson, at Chi-
cago, on Monday, April 3. He died of
a heart attack.

A daughter, Susan Kay, was born to Bro. and Sis. Jim Gerber on April 3, at the Parkview Hospital.

A son, Ronald Carey, was born to Ronald and Mary Ann Hamilton on April 4. Mary Ann is the daughter of Phil and Emma Clauss.

A singing was enjoyed at the home of Bro. and Sis. Lee Eisenmann on Sunday evening, March 12.

Bro. and Sis. Jim and Joann Fischer and son, Alan, of Morton, Illinois, visited our congregation on March 12.

Visitors on March 19 were Bro. and Sis. Dwight Troxel and children of Bluffton, Bro. and Sis. Lou Rassi and daughter of Milford, and Bro. and Sis. Lawrence Hartter and son of South Bend.

March 26, our visitors were Sis. Emma Levy of Bluffton and Sis. Ann Enyeart and daughter, Virginia, and granddaughters, Judy and Elaine, of Girard.

On April 2, quite a number from the Leo congregation visited us.

We want you to know we enjoy having visitors and invite you all back again.

Our visiting ministers for the past four Sundays were: Bros. Joel Souder and John Bollier, March 12; Bro. Elmer Hartter, March 19; Bros. Wm. Feichter and Henry Manz, March 26; Bros. Herman Hueni and Robert Hueni, April 2.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elmer Bucher

Steven Leman, son of Bro. and Sis. Ed Leman, underwent surgery again, due to facial burns received three years ago. Our hearts go out to this dear little boy, who has had to suffer so much in the past three years.

We had Bro. Otto Norr and his daughter, Kathryn, with us for Good Friday services on March 31.

The Willis Wuethrich family have been blest with their fourth daughter, Willa Jean, born on Easter Sunday.

Sis. Pearl Getz has been able to as-

semble with us again, after being confined to her home, with a broken leg, for many months.

Bro. and Sis. Sol Rapp from Morton, were with us on March 26. Our Easter Sunday visitors were: Sisters Clara Stoller and Anna Sinn from Fort Wayne; Bro. and Sis. Albert Schini and family, Sis. Anna Schnieder and family, Sisters Marie, Natalie and Eldora Schini, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bahler and daughters, all of Remington.

Easter Sunday afternoon, the Sunday School classes presented us with a very inspiring program.

The trials of life are meant to make us better, not bitter!

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marian Wiegand

Elaine Bauman, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Louis Bauman, was united in marriage to Lawrence Wagenbach, son of Bro. and Sis. George Wagenbach of Princeville. The wedding was performed by Frank Woertz, at the home of the bride.

We appreciated the messages brought to us March 26 by Bro. George Wagenbach of Princeville, Bro. Simon Wagenbach of Tremont and Bro. Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski.

Wednesday evening services have been discontinued for the summer, due to the remodeling of the church. We have accepted the invitation of the Dells (Congerville) congregation, and are assembling with them.

Bro. Paul Tanner is a patient at the State Hospital. He has improved, and hopes to be able to come home in a few weeks.

Bro. Harold Knapp, who has been stationed at Ft. Sam Houston, has been sent to Germany for further duty.

On April 2, Charlene Hohulin and Clyde Knobloch were united in marriage, at the home of the bride. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Chris Hohulin, and he is the son of Bro. and Sis. Emil Knobloch of Lester.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS**Reporter: Marilyn Schieler**

A daughter, Mary Lou, was born to Carl and Lola Schlipf on March 11. Other children are Richard and J.C.

A son, Karl William, was born on March 22 to Bro. and Sis. Art Gramm. He has five sisters, Becky, Susan, Sally, Holly, and Jenny.

We are happy to report that we have another convert since the last writing. He is Dale Wiegand, son of Sis. Fannie Wiegand.

Communion services were held on Sunday, March 19. Bro. LeRoy Huber of Eureka was visiting minister, and assisted in the services.

A daughter, Judith Irene, was born to Bro. and Sis. Roy Zimmerman on March 26. Other children are Jeanie, Norma, Nancy, and Mike.

Visiting ministers on Easter Sunday were Bro. Chris Koehl of Peoria and Bro. Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski.

Glenn Funk, eight-year-old son of Bro. and Sis. Wilbert Funk, has been confined to bed since the third of March, suffering from a rheumatoid type of infection. He will have to remain in bed until the first of May, at least. Glenn has a bedside teacher every morning, to keep up his school work, and it also helps pass the time for him.

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

Bro. Ephraim and Sis. Dorothy Young are the parents of a daughter, born March 1. Lanette Marie was welcomed by her sister, Sharyl.

Visitors on March 12: Bro. and Sis. Jeff Freiden, Jeffrey and Susan, and Howard, Bro. and Sis. Joe Aberle, Bro. Richard, Steven, and Judy, Sabbath; March 19—Sis. Wilma Farney and Kent, Mission; March 26—Teresa and Judy Bahr, Ft. Scott, and Mrs. Cora Kaufmann, Gridley; April 2—Bro. and Sis. Howard Warner and family, Arlington; Mrs. Gladys Botham and family, Kansas City; Ungela Strahm, Wichita; Howard Young, Kansas City; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mor-

ison and daughter, Wichita.

Visiting ministers this month were Bro. Joe Aberle; and Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, who held Communion services with us on March 26.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Sis. Mary Louise Beyer and Sis. Ella Raaf and families, in the loss of their father and brother this past week, Bro. Louie Knapp of Forrest, who was formerly of this congregation.

**ILLINOIS STATE
NORMAL UNIVERSITY****Reporter: Shirley Gudeman**

On March 12, we had Brother Joe Schrock with us. He selected as his text, Matthew 12. Of the 31 present, 19 were students.

We were happy to have Gene Bert-schi of Roanoke with us on March 9. He read and meditated upon Matthew 5:13-21. Twenty-six students and thirty-three guests were present.

Brother Lowell Stoller of Princeville was our guest on March 16. He selected Exodus 20:1-20. Singing and fellowship followed as usual. Twenty-three of the forty-four guests present were students.

For the first time since we have had Bible Study meetings here at I. S. N. U., we students gave an Easter program on the evening of March 23. Those taking part gave to us a very inspiring message in word and song. After the program, group singing was enjoyed by all. Of the one hundred guests, 26 were students.

Guests for the month were present from Fairbury, Congerville, Forrest, Peoria, Gridley, Princeville, Eureka, Morton, Roanoke, Cissna Park, and Tremont.

JUNCTION, OHIO**Reporter: Mrs. Alvin H. Manz**

Ann Hale, daughter of Sis. Julia and Maburn Hale, was home for an Easter vacation from nursing school in Boston, Massachusetts. She also attended services with us Sunday, March 26.

Bro. Henry Beer of Milford visited March 27 with Sisters Della, Annabelle and Carolyn Manz.

Sis. Aldula Steffen and son, Lester, Sister Wava Bertsch and children of Bluffton visited, Good Friday, with Bro. and Sis. Ben and Carolyn Manz, also with Bro. and Sis. Adam and Kate Manz and children and Sis. Elizabeth Steffen.

Bro. and Sis. Henry and Martha Dotterer and family of Rittman visited, Good Friday, with Bro. Henry's parents, our ministering Bro. and Sis. Andrew and Leona Dotterer. Bro. Henry and children also were with us for Good Friday services in the evening.

Sis. Madeline Manz was unable to attend services with us April 2, due to a sore throat.

April 1 visitors with our ministering Bro. and Sis. Ben and Esther Schlatter and family were Bro. and Sis. Elmer and Juliet Graf, Sis. Louise Graf and four children, all of Akron, and Bro. and Sis. Ezra and Martha Stoller and their two children of Gridley, Illinois.

Sisters Emma and Helen Schlatter and Nancy and Sandra, daughters of Bro. and Sis. Dave Schlatter of Bay City, were with us for services, April 9.

Sis. Leona Dotterer, who has been on the sick list, and unable to attend services for some time now, was back in our midst April 9. We were very happy to have her with us again.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Reporter: Albert J. Bucher

The Sunday School had their Easter program on Palm Sunday, March 26, in the evening.

On Easter Sunday, Bro. Ezra Feller, his wife, and his daughter, Joan, visited us.

A boy was born to Jim and Karen Heinold. His name is Mathew James; also, a boy, John Paul, was born to Doreen and Paul Kuehl on the same day.

LATTY, OHIO

Reporter: Roberta Stoller

Sunday, March 5, Bro. Ernest and Sister Louise Graf and four of their children of Akron were with us.

Sunday, March 19, visitors were Brother Earl Zeltwanger, his wife and family, his parents, Bro. Carl and Sister Minnie Zeltwanger of Bremen; Brother Ben Maibach Jr. and his wife, Sister Lorine, and four of their children of Detroit; Bro. John and Sis. Minnie Fetter and Mr. and Mrs. Will Fetter of Toledo; Sister Alice Groh, Sister Loretta Bocka, Hope Stavenik, Mary Kleshinski, and Karen Miller of Mansfield.

A number of visitors were with us Saturday evening and Sunday, March 26, for the provings and baptism of Janet Williamson, daughter of Carl and Louise Laukhuf, and Gloria and Kent Miller, daughter and son-in-law of Arthur and Sister Alice Stoller. Visiting ministers here were: Bro. Walter Rekhla of Toledo and Bros. Andrew Dotterer and Ben Schlatter of Junction. Other visitors were: Bro. Jerry and Sister Marge Fischer and family of Roanoke; Bro. Earl and Sister Pat Gerber, Bro. Levi and Sister Ida Schwartz, and Bro. Harold and Sister Marie Steffen and family of Bluffton; Brother Lawrence and Sister Mary Stoller, Brother John and Sister Wilma Steiner of Rittman; Sister Sylvia Jewell, Bro. Walter and Sister Freida Rekhla and family of Toledo.

Our visitors on Easter Sunday, April 2, were: Bro. and Sister Bob Steffen, Bro. and Sister Ramon Steffen of Bluffton, Harold and Ramona Wenninger of Mansfield, Bro. and Sister Ernest Stoller and family of Fort Wayne, Bro. Elmer and Sister Juliet Graff and Bill Graf of Akron. Also of Akron were Sister Louise Graf and children, Sisters Mary Ann and Louise, and Ernie and Steve Graf. Bro. Ezra and Sister Martha Stoller and Doris and Herb Stoller, of Gridley, Ill.; Bro. George and Sister Frances Laidig and family and

Sister Marie Reklau, and Joyce Reklau of Toledo; Bro. Charles and Sister Martha Ringenberger and family of Elgin, Illinois.

Bro. and Sister Robert Lemman and family of Forrest were with us Apr. 5th, for Wednesday evening services. Also here were Bro. Henry Manz, Bro. Ben and Sis. Carolyn Manz, and Sisters Della, Carolyn, and Annabell Manz of Junction.

The engagement of Bro. Gale Stoller and Sister Janet Furrer of Wolcott was made known today.

Those who have been or are on the sick list: Sister Rosie Guingrich is back in church again, after her fall on the ice. Bro. Donald Wenninger and little Joyce Klopfenstein have both been in the hospital recently, but are now up and around again. Also, Madie Laukhuf is recovering, after a lengthy illness. David Klopfenstein, son of Bro. and Sister Floren Klopfenstein, is ill at this writing.

LEO, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder

Harry Joe and Helen Stoller are the parents of a little boy, Samuel Jay, born March 13.

Irma Joy Rennecker, daughter of Samuel Steiner, has been ill with rheumatic fever.

Ted, son of John Bollier Sr., is recuperating at his home, after spending several weeks in the hospital.

A group from this congregation visited the Allen County Home on Good Friday.

Church services were held on Good Friday evening.

An Easter program was given by the Sunday School and young people on the evening of Easter. Loren Stoller was guest speaker. Others from the Latty congregation accompanied him.

Church services were held at the Butler Nursing home Easter afternoon.

Richard and Janice Schrenk of the Alto congregation visited relatives here March 19 and Easter.

Sister Emily Hoffman of Connec-

ticut visited friends and relatives here. She also lent a helping hand in putting out the last issue of the Silver Lining.

Martha Conrad has been visiting with her brother, Joseph, and other relatives in this community.

The Herman Chris Wuethrich family of Francesville visited with relatives and members here Sunday, April 9.

LESTER, IOWA

Reporter: Emelie Knobloch

Bro. and Sister Wilbert Knobloch of Chicago moved to our vicinity, to make their future home, and we wish them the Lord's blessings.

Ernest Gerber, son of Bro. and Sis. Ted Gerber, was recently discharged from the service; he is spending some time here with his parents.

Donald Metzger, son of Bro. and Sister Ernest Metzger, spent a two-week furlough here, before returning to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Sister Mary Traub of West Bend is spending several weeks with her sister and brother-in-law, Bro. and Sister Jacob Knobloch.

Several cars from here attended the wedding of Clyde Knobloch and Charlene Hohulin at Goodfield.

Our college students spent Easter Sunday with us.

Among the ill: Don Moser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Moser, had an appendectomy, but is getting along nicely.

Births: To Bro. and Sister Ernest Metzger, a boy, March 4, Harold Dean; to Bro. and Sister Robert Gerber, a boy, March 24, Steven Wayne.

Visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Metzger and son; Bern; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Spohr, Elgin, Ill.; Don Luthi and Chuck Spohr, Morris; Ervin and Sister Amelia and Charlotte, Frances, Marcella, Carolyn Gerber, Eli Jr., Diane and Lavonne Grimm, Bob Banwart, Leonard Anliker, Karen Metzger, Caroline Banwart, Marilyn Schnieder, Sisters Clara, Lela, Berniece Banwart and Darlene Metzger,

all these folks of West Bend. We had a blessed day.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder

Saturday, March 18, visiting were Bro. and Sis. Aaron Steffen and sons, Aaron Jr. and Carl, and Bro. Fred Oesch and daughter, Katherine, of Alto, and, from Bluffton: Gloria Moser, Marylin Neuenschwander, Dixie R. Ringger, Louise Fiechter, Alice Troxel, Kathy Gerber, Joan Gerber, Delutha Moser.

On Sunday, the 19th, Ft. Wayne and Bluffton visitors were Bro. and Sis. Nelson Moser and daughter, Shelia, Bro. and Sis. Louis Steffen, Bro. and Sis. Si Fulkerson, Bro. and Sis. Orville Ringger, Bro. and Sis. Sylvan Ringger and daughter, Carole, Bro. and Sis. Walter Aeschliman, and Bro. and Sis. Earl Stuckey. On Sunday, Bros. Orville Ringger and Bro. Fred had the services.

Saturday, April 8, Dorothy Gilliom, daughter of Sis. Esther Gilliom, and James Chambers were married. A number of friends and relatives from Bluffton and Junction were here.

Saturday evening, April 8, our Elder Brothers Rudolf Graf and Noah Bauman were with us, when four souls gave their testimony, and on Sunday, were baptized and added to the fold. Many members, friends and relatives from Rittman and Junction were present. Those that were baptized, Marti Kleshinska, Mary Witchi, LaVerne and Christine Dotterer. We had a most wonderful and blessed day. We are also glad to announce that we have several more souls who have made the decision to give their hearts to the Lord. We wish to thank all those who visited us, and gladly invite all back again. We also thank the brothers who ministered unto us.

When we feel the joy and blessings of meeting and greeting, in Christian fellowship, from far and near, Oh, what will it be up yonder. Let us all strive to be worthy to enter there.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Reporter: Irma Haab

Bill Graff and Kay Eisenhower were married Sunday, March 26. We wish them much happiness in their married life. Bill is the son of Bro. George and Sis. Ida Graff.

The engagement was announced of John Graff and Susie Schrock. John is the son of Bro. George and Sis. Ida Graff.

A son, Mark Lee, was born to Jim and Irene Sumpter. The little boy has two brothers, Mike and Max.

Bro. Otto Norr from Leo ministered to us Sunday, March 12. He was accompanied by Bro. and Sis. Herman Norr, also their daughter, Sis. Elaine Norr. We enjoyed their visit.

Bro. Alan Beer, a medical student at I.U., was awarded a \$2,212.00 grant, to work for three months (September through November) in mission hospitals in Nigeria. His wife, Sis. Dorothy, a nurse, will accompany him and work in the hospitals also.

Fred Wuthrich is in the hospital at this writing. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Bro. Jesse Haab was elected treasurer, to replace Bro. Howard Beer.

Ministering Bro. Joe Schrock from Congerville was with us Sunday, Mar. 26. We enjoyed his message. He was accompanied by his wife, Sis. Esther, and his daughter, Sis. Nancy and son Kenny.

Ronald Price is in the Army hospital in Germany; he has pneumonia. We wish him a fast recovery.

Sunrise services were held Easter morning, and was well attended by the Bible Class.

The Easter program was held Sunday evening, April 2. We thank Bluffton for their part in the program. It was enjoyed by all, and was very well attended.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Mrs. Louie Messner

"Dear Editor: Many visit Winthrop, Minn., church and right now

they have 16 new converts."

Visitors this past month: Mar. 19 —Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Nohl, Morton; Bro. Charlie Metzger, Bro. and Sis. Philip Metzger, Sabetha; Bro. and Sis. Knobloch of Lester. Mar. 26, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Wulf and children, Lester; Easter week end, Sister Anna Schmidt, West Bend; Bro. Fred Marti, Elgin, Iowa; Martha Allenspach, Excelsior, Minnesota.

Visiting ministers and families were Bro. and Sis. Uriel Gehring, Elgin, Iowa, and Bro. and Sis. Elmer Witzig and children, Gridley, Illinois. We enjoyed their inspiring messages, both Good Friday evening and Easter Sunday.

The Sunday School classes had an Easter program on the evening of Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Nohl of Morton came Mar. 19, to spend several weeks with his father, Bro. Jake Nohl and family.

On our shut-in list: Sister Ricka Messner is much better at this writing. Sister Lillian Zeltwanger has been in the hospital since March 8. Sharon Moser, who underwent surgery on her spine January 23, is able to be home, since she is in a cast, but must remain in bed six months. The Bible Class had a singing for her March 29. Her address is RR, Morris, Minn., c/o Erwin Moser.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz

Our community was saddened by the unexpected death of Sis. Bena Freidinger, 62, wife of Ben Freidinger. Funeral services were held March 8. Bro. Russell Rapp officiated.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Feb. 19, for Diana Nohl, 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nohl.

Funeral services were held March 31 for Fred Hohnstreiter, 52. Bro. Francis Rother officiated. He leaves his wife, Sis. Lucy Gingrich Hohnstreiter, also a son and a daughter, to mourn his loss.

Minnie Ringer, who is a resident of the Apostolic Home, 225 E. Jefferson St., will celebrate her 100th birthday, April 21, God willing. Although she is blind, she enjoys receiving cards and mail.

Bro. Earl Banwart and his wife of Lester spent Good Friday with us.

Bro. Otto Norr and daughter, Kathryn, of Leo also Chris and Loretta Wuethrich of Francesville, spent Easter Sunday with us. Other visiting ministers were Simon Wagenbach and Albert Aberle of Tremont, Chris Koehl and James Hoerr of Peoria and Jesse Schrock of Congerville.

Bro. and Sis. Floyd Rowell and family of Oakville visited the Ben Mosers, April 2.

A son was born April 1 to Bro. and Sis. Marvin Schmidgall.

Bro. and Sis. Glenn Domnick of Morris and the Eric Koehls of Peoria spent Easter with their mother, Sis. Ruth Domnick.

Bro. and Sis. Chris Gerst of Oakville were guests of their daughter and family, the Jim Zimmermans.

Sis. Mary Kaiser and Bro. Jacob Koehl of Morris were united in marriage, Sunday, March 27, by Bro. J. A. Getz. Guests attending the wedding were Bro. and Sis. E. O. Koehl, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Koehl, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Koehl of Minnesota; Chris and Elizabeth Koehl of Peoria; the Victor and James Banwards of West Bend; George and Elizabeth Stieglitz and daughters, Marvin Stieglitz and his wife of Leo, and Dr. and Mrs. Darrell Darling of Tennessee, Illinois.

Sis. Ida Koehl returned to her home in Morton, after spending some months in Minnesota.

Sis. Emma Domnick has returned from Phoenix, where she spent the winter with her daughter and family, the Richard Schupbachs.

Bro. Robert Frank is spending his vacation from Ft. Sam Houston with his parents.

Bro. Carl Bauman and Sis. Naomi

Rapp are surgical patients in the hospital.

Bro. and Sis. Fred Schmidgall celebrated their Golden Anniversary on Sunday, March 26.

Bro. and Sis. John Kaufman had their 60th Anniversary.

Sunday School News: The third Missionary collection was taken on Palm Sunday, and will be sent to Japan and Alabama.

The Morton Sunday School group sang at Tremont on Sunday evening, March 12.

Bro. Walter Fehr of Roanoke was a guest teacher at our Sunday School recently.

Bro. Howard Rapp has been assisting with the teaching in our Sunday School.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Reporter: John L. Steiner

We welcome two families into our congregation. Bro. and Sis. Bernard Schaer have moved to Tipton, Iowa, from Princeville, and are attending church here with us. Also moving here, from Morton, are Richard and Sis. Alma Belsley.

Bro. Conrad Gerst and Sis. Roletta Farney were united in holy matrimony at Phoenix, March 19. We welcome Sis. Roletta into our congregation.

Jill Renae, 2 years old, has come to make her home with her new parents and sister, Bro Robert and Sis. Edith Schrock and Debra.

Elder Bro. David Mangold of Roanoke assisted our elder in serving Holy Communion, Friday evening, March 31.

The Burlington congregation partook of Holy Communion Sunday evening, April 2.

Eugene Anliker, 35, of Primghar, Iowa, passed away the week of March 25, after a lingering illness. He is survived by his wife and children and his parents, Bro. Ernest and Sis. Rekie Anliker of Burlington.

Bro. Earl Banwart of West Bend ministered to our congregation April

2. He was accompanied by his wife, Sis. Edna, and their children.

The engagement of Bro. Edward Owens of Burlington to Sis. Marjory Hodel of Oakville was announced April 2.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Bro. Russell Rapp of Morton was our guest speaker at our Tuesday evening Bible Class, March 28.

There were two weddings the past month, Bro. Robert Binkle to Sis. Bernetta Hess and Bro. Willis Tripplett to Shirley Witzig. We wish them God's blessing.

Bro. Wm. Schlipf, who submitted to surgery at the Methodist Hospital, is now home convalescing. Bro. Joe Geyer has also been at the hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Bro. and Sis. Chris Hoerr and Bro. and Sis. Edward Hoerr are in Florida for a few weeks.

Our visiting ministers the past month were Bros. Elmer Witzig and Bro. Ringger of Gridley; Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski; Jesse Schrock of Congerville; Philip Sauder of Cissna Park; Lester Hartter of Bern; and Silas Leuthold of Princeville. Their wives accompanied them.

A large number attended the Easter program of the Sunday School, Sunday evening, April 2. May God bless all the teachers for their efforts, and may they continue in the good work.

Our ministers visiting different places the past month with their wives: Bro. LeRoy Hartman to Fairbury; Bro. Roy Sauder to Tremont and Morton; Bro. James Hoerr to Morton; Bro. Chris Koehl to Gridley and Morton; Bro. Michael Weyeneth to Ft. Sam Houston, Phoenix, Altadena, Maywood, Burlington, Oklahoma. The Weyeneths also visited Sis. Elizabeth Wenger and Henry Baer in San Diego, California. They were gone five weeks.

Sis. John Schlipf and her daughter, Anna, who spent the winter in California, returned home. Sis. Louise

Ruff and Sis. Louise Muller, who have been there also for a month, are home again.

The adult singing group sang for the sick and aged at the Proctor Home, Saturday evening, April 1.

Daylight Saving Time will start Sunday, April 30.

Sis. Dorothy Bechtal of Ft. Lauderdale is here at the bedside of her daughter, Sis. Miriam Bechtal, who submitted to surgery at the Methodist Hospital.

Sis. Mary Wyss, who lives alone, was 82 years old Tuesday, April 11. Quite a number visited her on that day, and in the evening a singing was held.

The Princeville Bible Class visited our Bible Class, Sunday, April 9. Bro. Richard Seidel accompanied them.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Reporter: Mrs. Robert Miller

Our dear sister, Barbara Reutter, age 82 years, from Silverton, passed away on March 8, and her funeral was March 11, at the Silverton church. We miss her very much, and will always remember her example of love and patience. Mrs. Bertha Miller, Eureka, Illinois; Mrs. Sue Hoffman, Pekin, Illinois; and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reutter from Anoka, Minnesota, were able to be present at their dear mother's funeral.

Not Dead, but Sleeping

Lo, she is not dead, but sleeping;
Thus, the blessed Master spake.
Why are all these tears of weeping?
We shall in His likeness wake.

Just asleep, her soul immortal,
Dwelling now beyond life's woes,
Finds, from care and pain and sorrow,

Sweet and undisturbed repose.

As a dream when one awaketh,
As a tale when it is told,
Thus, its flight the spirit taketh;
Dust returns to earthly mold.

Like the pearly drops of morning,
Soaring upward toward the sun,
Thus our spirits are returning
To their Maker, one by one.

Death no dreaded sting containeth,
For the soul, in Jesus blest;
O'er the grave a vict'ry gaineth—
He who finds this heavenly rest.

Only sleeping, sweetly sleeping,
While the angels vigil keep;
Jesus gives to His beloved
Rest, at last, in peaceful sleep.

Sister Elizabeth Dirwachter suffered a heart attack on March 8. She also underwent an operation the latter part of March. She is now staying with her daughter, Edith. We miss her in our fellowship. May God grant her sufficient health that she can assemble with us again.

Elsie, daughter of Brother Ray and Sister Margaret Banwart, was married on March 6 to Ted Dreyer from Oregon City, Oregon.

On March 24, Bro. Glenn and Sister Kathryn Hackenjoes and family returned from a two-week vacation to Maywood and Altadena, visiting the churches there. They visited Sister Golda Ditch at Medford, Oregon, on their way, and visited Sister Ida Alt and family at Las Vegas, Nevada, on returning. We are thankful they had a safe trip.

Sister Lena Kyburz from Wolcott has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Ben Scharer, at Silverton, for several days. She also visited the Silverton church on March 26.

The Easter program was held on Easter Sunday, in the afternoon. There's a blessing in listening to the songs and verses, sung and spoken by the children.

Bro. Guy Miller is still in the hospital, and has had another stroke, since our last report. May God make all bearable to the end, as in the beautiful song, "All Will Be Well," when God leads.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS**Reporter: Ruth Ricketts**

Harold Tanner, son of Brother John and Sister Margaret Tanner, left the first part of March for six months training in the Armed Service. He is presently stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

On March 10, Brother Joe Schrock of Congerville showed pictures and gave a travelogue of their recent trip to the Holy Land. A large and appreciative audience enjoyed the evening very much, and thank Brother Joe and his wife for sharing their trip with us all.

The Bible Class and their teachers enjoyed spending the evening of March 16 in Tremont.

On the morning of March 14, our dear Sister Edith Stahl closed her eyes to this world, after being afflicted with ill health for fifteen years. She carried her cross bravely and cheerfully, and until the very last days, was concerned for those around her and doing for them. She never gave up, and was an inspiration to all who knew her. She is survived by her parents, Brother Dan and Sister Elsie, two sisters and three brothers, besides many other relatives. She was laid to rest, Sunday, March 16, with our ministering Brothers Dave Kieser, Lowell Stoller, and George Wagenbach conducting the service.

Brother Robert Beer of Mansfield ministered to us Sunday morning, March 16. Brothers Joe Getz and Henry Grimm of Morton were with us for services March 22. We are always glad for visitors, and thank the brothers for their services.

Miss Elaine Bauman, daughter of Brother Louis and Sister Bauman, of near Eureka, and Lawrence Wagenbach, son of Brother George and Sister Elizabeth Wagenbach of Princeville, were united in marriage Sunday, March 26, by Brother Frank Woertz.

We rejoice to have another soul added to the fold, as on Sunday, April

2, Alfred Hausmann gave his testimony of faith and received baptism. His parents reside in Switzerland, and Brother Alfred is making his home with the Rudolph Baer family near Peoria.

Don and Mary Lou Streitmatter are the parents of a daughter, born April 2.

We have several in our congregation who remain quite ill, and for whom many prayers are uttered. Sister Emma Ehnle has been able to attend morning services the past two Sundays, and we are so thankful for her improvement. Brother Jeff Streitmatter has also attended services, but still remains quite weak. We wish him more strength, so he may continue to be with us. Sister Lydia Seidel, who remains in the hospital, suffering from a heart attack, is showing improvement, and we also wish her strength so she may again return to her home soon. Sister Mary Streitmatter is also a hospital patient, and at present shows a slight improvement, following very serious illness. We hope she, too, will soon be able to gain strength and return to her home.

REMINGTON, INDIANA**Reporter: Emily Kilgus**

Our Sunday School held their Easter program on Good Friday evening.

Bro. and Sis. Harold Schieler and daughter, Diane, and Bro. Andy Nussbaum spent Easter week end in Bay City.

Our Easter visitors were Bro. and Sis. Paul Honegger and Nancy, Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Bachtold of Forrest, and Bro. Bill and Sis. Betty Zimmerman of Roanoke.

Bro. and Sis. John Teubel and son, Edward, and Sisters Anna Rassi and Eunice Albers of Morton visited us on March 26.

RITTMAN, OHIO**Reporter: Lucille Hartzler**

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On March 12, Bro. and Sis. Lester and Bro. and Sis. Truman Gerber of Bluffton; on March 19, ministering Bro. Ernest Gerber and Sister Gerber, Sis. Betty Gerber, and Bro. and Sis. Earl Gerber of Rockville, ministering Bro. John Yergler and Sis. Gerber, Bro. and Sis. Sam Kaehr, and Bro. and Sis. Truman Gerber of Bluffton, and Bro. and Sis. Elmer Stoller, Bros. Christian and David Metz and mother of Forrest; on April 2, Elder Bro. Rudy Graf and Sis. Graf of Akron, ministering Bro. Lorentz Emch and Sis. Emch of Girard, and Bro. and Sis. James Ramsier of Bay City.

On Easter Sunday, April 2, Holy Communion was held, with Bro. Rudy Graf assisting our elder.

Our Sunday School services were resumed on March 26.

Funeral services were held for Willie Abbie on March 9. On March 21, funeral services were held for our elderly Bro. Arthur Greenbank.

Births: a boy, Garry John, to Bro. and Sis. Vernon Landis on March 21; a girl, Ruthann Ida, to Bro. and Sis. Elmer Blough on April 3.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Sara Aeschleman

Sis. Sarah Blunier passed away March 12, after a long time of ill health. Her funeral was Tuesday, March 14.

Bro. and Sis. Robert Hohulin are the parents of a new son, born March 22. He has been named Michael. Bro. and Sis. James Leman are the parents of a new son, Herbert Alan, born March 27.

The Bible Class spent Sunday evening, March 12, at a Christian Endeavor in Tremont.

Bro. Henry Wackerle of Bay City was with us for mid-week services, March 8. Bro. Homer Reineck of Toledo was with us on Easter Sunday. We enjoyed their visits very much.

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that stray-
ed away,
In the parable Jesus told,
A grown-up sheep that had gone
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From the ninety and nine in the
fold.

Out on the hill-side, out in the cold,
'Twas the sheep the good shepherd
sought;
And back to the flock, safe into the
fold,
'Twas the sheep the good shepherd
brought.

For the lambs will follow the sheep,
you know,
Wherever the sheep may stray;
When the sheep go wrong, it will not
be long,
'Til the lambs are as wrong as they.

And so with the sheep we earnestly
plead,
For the sake of the lambs today;
If the lambs are lost, what terrible
cost,
Some sheep will have to pay.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Reporter: Ed. H. Steiner

Bro. and Sis. Henry Sabo of Mansfield and Bro. Henry Manz of Paulding, O., visited with relatives and members.

March 5, Bro. Joe A. Getz delivered the dedication sermon for the Old Folks' Home. Other visitors were: Bro. and Sis. Ben Banwart, Bro. and Sis. Art Banwart, Sis. Leona Lehman, Lamar; Bro. and Sis. Jake Pfister, Bro. and Sis. Gus Sinn, Bro. and Sis. Fred Sinn, Bro. and Sis. James Bahr, Bro. and Sis. Emil Banwart, Bro. and Sis. Joe Banwart, Ft. Scott; Bros. Willis and John Sauder, August Bolliger and Arnold Rassi, Tremont; Bro. and Sis. Walter Hess and Sisters Leah and Lillie Hohulin, Peoria; Bro. Joe and Sisters Leo and Deana Fichter, Emporia; Bro. and Sis. Mathias Strahm, Yates Center; Angela Strahm, Wichita; Bro. & Sis. Robert

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March 12—visitors today—Bro. and Sis. Emil Steffen and Sis. Helen Sorg, Milford, and Sis. Hulda Dubach, Bluffton (They were on their way from Phoenix); Bro. and Sis. Phil Mogler, Lester; and Fadhil Tahir of Bagdad, Iraq, who is attending school at Manhattan. He made friendship with Bro. Roger Aberle and the other young brothers who are attending school there. He came up with our young brothers for an over-Sunday visit, and seemed to enjoy our church and members.

We wish here to apologize to those who were at the dedication of the Old Folks' Home whose names we did not get. No offence please, if we missed you.

March 19, Bro. Phil Metzger and his wife, Bertha, and Bro. Chas. Metzger spent Sunday with relatives and members at Morris.

March 26, Bro. and Sis. Joe Gerber of Lester spent the week end with Joe's parents, the Ernest Gerbers of Oneida, and members at Sabetha.

March 27, Sis. Lydia Hermann died Friday, and her funeral was held Monday forenoon. She has been in poor health for several years, and spent her last days in the Apostolic Old Folks' Home. Bro. Albert is also sick and was unable to attend the funeral. Services were conducted by Bros. Harvey Grimm and Lester Hartter. Sis. Lydia was 81 years old. Burial was in the Bern church cemetery.

Bro. and Sis. Ernest Kellenberger of Morris spent the week end of April 2 visiting at Sabetha. Sis. Kellenber-

ger is a sister to Bro. Chas. Metzger. Bro. and Sis. Fred Michel of Kiowa spent a few days with the John Greiner family and other members. Bro. and Sis. Ben Stavenik and their son and daughter, of Mansfield, spent a few days with the Wysong family and other members. Bro. and Sis. Herman Norr of Leo spent Sunday with the members and the Wysongs. Bro. Stavenik, Sis. Norr, and Sis. Wysong are brother and sisters. Bro. and Sis. Chas. Terry of Kiowa and Bro. and Sis. Elmer Tanner of Burlington, Okla., spent Sunday with the Bro. Joe Aberles and members.

Sunday evening singing hour was started on Easter at 7 P.M. at the Bern church, and will be held every other Sunday evening, alternately between the Bern and Sabetha churches, continuing during the summer months. Meanwhile, mid-week services are discontinued until fall.

April 5, Bro. Joe Stoller and Sister Leah Bauman are returning home from Phoenix this week, after an extended visit.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Reporter: Velta Laukhuf

The following visitors signed our church register-book during the month of March: From Fairbury, Clarence and Leona Goodart, Martin and Leah Maurer; Cissna Park, Ben and Esther Newkomm; Youngstown, Frank and Mina Emch; Peoria, Mrs. Harold Herman, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hunziker, Ed and Esther Hoerr; Deland, Fla., John and Martha Herman; Kouts, Ind., Virgil and Victor Heinfeld, Teresa Wadsworth, Leonard Antrim, Mrs. Bart Antrim and Mr. and Mrs. Fritz; Rockville, Conn., Chris Lugenbuhl, Ida and Rose Lugenbil; Albany, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Heaton; Elgin, Ill., Adrin and Dorothy Kellenberger.

March 21, Bill and Sister Helen Shaw from Detroit visited Bro. Ben and Sister Lucille Maibach Sr.

On Wednesday, March 23, a picnic was held at Myaka State Park. It was

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attended by all the local Sarasota church and visitors. The day was enjoyed by all.

The last gathering in the Sarasota house of worship was March the 26th. We were all thankful for the blessed place of worship that the Lord has provided for us, and have enjoyed the fellowship of all the brothers, sisters and friends that visited our house of God in Sarasota. If the good Lord is willing, it's the wish and desire of everyone to meet again next winter, especially on Sunday, to honor and worship the Almighty God, Saviour and Creator of all, as only through him and his good gifts is this made possible.

Over Easter week end, Allen and Connie Maibach of Detroit visited with their grandparents, Ben and Lucille Maibach Sr.

Mrs. Lois Newman and children, Karen, Jimmie and Kenny, of Toledo, spent Easter with their father and grandfather, Godfrey Schlatter.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter

Our Elder Bro. Fred Grimm and his wife, Sis. Louise, have returned home from Colorado Springs, Colo., where Bro. Fred has been receiving treatment for the past seven weeks. He is feeling quite well, but will not be able to return to his work for about two weeks. We are all glad to have them back, after their long absence, and are thankful to the Lord for his recovery, and that he is again able to carry on his duties in the church. He wishes to thank everyone that sent him cards and letters. They were very much appreciated.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. William H. Beutel

March 4—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Endress Jr. and their two sons, Mike and Tommy, arrived safely home, after 2½ months visiting his sister, her mother, and other relatives in Germany. We are glad to know they could go and come back safe again.

March 5—Bros. August Bolliger, Willis Sauder, Arnold Rassi, John Sauder of Tremont, and Bro. Joe A. Getz, Morton, were in Sabetha for the dedication of the new Old People's Home.

Word was received here on March 8 of the passing away of dear Sister Barbara Reuter, 83, of Silverton, Oregon. She was the wife of Bro. Martin Reuter. They lived in Tremont until 1941.

Visitors here on March 12 were Bro. John Wagenbach, his wife and others from Oakville. Forrest Sunday School was here for the day. Bro. Joe A. Getz was here in the afternoon. In the evening, we had Christian Endeavor here, with Roanoke, Goodfield-Congerville, Peoria, Morton and Forrest participating.

March 19—we again had a blessed Sunday evening, with Fairbury, Gridley, Eureka and Princeville Sunday Schools taking part in Christian Endeavor.

Visitors on March 19 were Bro. and Sis. Lou Knapp of Forrest and Bro. and Sis. Richard Wiegand and their two children of Fairbury.

Friday, March 31, a girl was born to Bro. and Sis. Chris Pflederer Jr. Saturday, April 1, a boy was born to Bro. and Sis. Elmer Kaeb.

We were happy to have the Bertsch family, Aaron and Bina Bertsch, Bro. and Sis. Gene Bertschi of Roanoke, and Bro. and Sis. David Bertsch from Leo, present for Good Friday services.

Our Bro. Glenn Dill and Sis. Marilyn Zimmerman were married at Morton, on April 2, by Bro. Joe A. Getz. Quite a number of Tremont folks attended the wedding.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Reporter: Dale Eisenmann

On the evening of March 8, a good number of students and guests from Gridley, Goodfield and Cissna Park were present, to hear the messages of Brothers Elmer Witzig and Ed Ringger of Gridley, our visiting min-

isters.

Sis. Joyce Huber and her parents of Fairbury were with us the evening of March 22. They showed us the pictures of their recent Holy Land visit, which we enjoyed very much.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Reporter: Arles Kropf

Ministering brothers visiting us this past month were Bro. John Bahler of Rockville; Edmond Kloter of Fairbury, Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest, and Art Gudeman of La Crosse.

Our friend, Nancy Christopher, has been announced for proving, and if the Lord is willing, proving and baptism will take place on April 9.

On Sunday afternoon, March 26, a large number of our Sunday School children, teachers, and parents enjoyed fellowship at the home of Bro. and Sis. Vernon Schwab. Following an outdoor supper and wiener roast, the remainder of the evening was spent in singing.

Our Sunday School children and young people presented their Easter program on Wednesday evening, March 29. We were happy to have Bro. Henry Beer with us, and also a large number from Remington.

Announcement was made on Easter Sunday of the engagement of Sister Janet Furrer and Gale Stoller of Latty. We wish them God's richest blessing.

Our sympathy goes to Bro. and Sis. Vernon Schwab and also the Knapp family of Forrest, due to the sudden passing of their father, Bro. Louis Knapp. The family had spent Easter with the Schwabs, and on their return trip to Forrest, he was fatally stricken. A large number from here attended funeral services at Forrest on April 5.

Visitors on March 26 were Bro. and Sis. Sam Steffen of Fairbury, John and Sis. Edith Mayer and family of Indianapolis, and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Farney of Cissna Park.

Those spending Easter with their

families away from here were Bro. and Sis. Bob Schieler and family and Sis. Emma Furrer, visiting in New York; Bro. and Sis. Vernon Furrer and family and Bro. and Sis. Glenn Furrer and family in Bluffton, and Bro. and Sis. Gene Lehman and family visiting in La Crosse.

SOJOURNS TO ALABAMA

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In 1953, a school house was bought by Bro. Melvin Huber, with the help of northern brothers. This was remodeled, and makes a nice place for worship, with four Sunday School rooms.

In April, 1954, Sis. Clara Heiniger from LaCrosse went down to Alabama, to be helpful in teaching, and has continued up to this time. Having her home near the Hillsboro Church makes her feel at home in Alabama.

Bro. John Wagler and family from Chicago moved to Athens in February, 1958. He was the first minister stationed there.

Junior Hale and his wife, Manily, were baptized May 25, 1958, at Hillsboro.

Bro. Junior Hale was put in the ministry Feb. 14, 1960, at Hillsboro.

Word was received that our beloved brother and minister of our church in Bremen, Herman Heuni, has passed away. His place in eternal circles is now filled.

the editor

The May issue, the Lord willing, the time of church services will be printed of many or all the churches and groups reporting.

the editor
