



# THE SILVER LINING

GRABILL, INDIANA

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## OUT OF COMMUNION AND FELLOWSHIP

Elias Souder

Was this possible in Christ's time? Is it possible today?

Let us check a few of Christ's own disciples. Even though Christ had not ascended into heaven yet, but knowing Christ, walked with Him, had many conversations with him, yet how they faltered and failed.

Let us just look briefly at two of his own disciples.

When the disciples were assembled together, all but Thomas, Christ appeared to them, saying, "Peace be unto you", where was Thomas? Was he out of communion with Christ, and was he out of fellowship with the disciples? At least he was not there. He possibly was somewhere thinking things over by himself.

After he again got in fellowship with the rest of the disciples, they told him, We have seen Christ. What was his reaction? I don't believe it.

Remember this, followers of Christ and friends, Christ knows every move you make in thought and deed.

Notice, Christ did not appear to Thomas till he found him in fellowship with His disciples. Why didn't Christ commune with Thomas while he was absent and out of communion with the rest? He knew all about Thomas . . . his very thinking, yet he waited to rebuke him, till they met together—with Thomas present. Christ did

not appear to Thomas, till he found him with the rest of the disciples. There, Christ appeared.

How mildly did He rebuke Thomas . . . Come, Thomas. You doubted the words of the other dis-

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### NO SECRET SIN NOT SEEN BY GOD!

Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do."

From Hebrews 4

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ciples. Reach hither thy fingers, and behold my hands . . . see the print of the nails . . . thrust thy hand into my side. Christ answered him word for word, what Thomas told the rest of the disciples.

To every reader, believers and friends . . . How much more blessed are we if we believe, not seeing, than those that saw Christ and failed to believe. Reach hither thy hand to Him, whoever you are. He will reach forth his, helping, inviting, giving hand to thee. Again, He will not break the bruised reed, but as a good shepherd, gather that which was driven away, Ezekiel 34:16, or went out of communion or fellowship on their own accord.

If there are any who have left the fold, Christ may talk to you when you return again. His words are tender. Won't you return, the same as Thomas? He was very happy thereafter, and was satisfied, even though he may have never checked the prints of the nails in his hands or thrust his hand into his side. After seeing, that was sufficient.

Our next disciple that was out of communion with Christ and out of fellowship with His followers . . . "and Peter".

At this state of Peter's life, there was something wrong with him. He became self-confident. The second trouble was, he followed Christ afar off. That may be the trouble with many. The third, Peter got into bad company.

There are only a few words in the Bible for anyone out of communion with Christ and his follow-

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## "WE BELIEVE"

(Written in 1878)

Christian Schlipf

Submitted by Will Stettner

The church of God and the fellowship of the saints: We believe and confess that there is one church of God. Christ purchased with His own blood, and did wash and cleanse from sins with His blood. He did offer Himself for her, that He might sanctify and purify her through the washing of water by the word and present to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, but that it be holy and without blemish. (Ephesians 5:26, 27)

Which church we believe consists of people here on earth who, through faith in Jesus Christ and obedience to the holy gospel, went out from the world and her sins, deny and humble themselves, and live in fellowship with God and His Son, Jesus Christ, their head and Saviour, and all those who believe, even if they are scattered in different parts of the earth.

These are all members of the body of Christ. He as their head

does reign and lead them. He purchased them from the world, led them out of the world. They are His own people. They have obeyed the gospel call. (II Corinthians 6:17,18)

Regarding God's people here on earth, no record can be delivered, that is, the exact number how many there are. God alone knows how many there are who will stay true and endure until the end, how many will keep faith and love to their Saviour. But their names are written in the book of life in heaven. (Luke 10:20, Revelation 13:8)

This church on earth is the one of which Christ said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you". (John 15:16,17) Therefore, ye will be hated by the world, for if you were of the world, the world would love its own.

We believe and confess, to have order, discipline and chastisement is used in the church, according to the teachings of the gospel, which purpose is not to destroy or to

harm, but for edification and so that the impure may be separated from the pure.

Should someone who was once enlightened and had accepted the knowledge of the truth, had been incorporated into the fellowship of the saints, afterwards either willfully or presumptuously sins towards God, or commits any other sin which leads him unto unfruitful works of darkness, which would again separate him from God, and after such evil deeds have been revealed and proven and made known to the congregation, such a person cannot be tolerated in the church. (Psalm 1:5, I Corinthians 5:13)

Such a one must be excommunicated from the church in the presence of all the members, as an example to all (and such an act should create hate for all evil) and, if possible, the one who sinned might be brought to the knowledge of his guilt, for his own benefit.

(To be continued)

## PIONEER VILLAGE

Henry Souder Jr.

What is that mysterious atmosphere of cheer and warmth . . . that means home?

What is the sum of happiness, the untold, uncountable joy, found in the way of satisfaction?

What is the real, reaching beyond the gate, undiluted of the meaningless?

There is a path of grandeur, constantly bathed with the light of perfect day.

"I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father."

Pioneer village is on the constant move, heavenward, with far away

view. On bended knee, they receive bountiful surprises. New heights breathe of new dawn. Hope glows in lustre light of glorious color.

Heavenward Ho! Man's poor plaster-feigned philosophy, falls in the archaic heap of falsehood. The glorious prism of truth proves the shattered shambles of man's mere measures.

Heavenward Ho! New beauty of the triumph unfolds new magnitudes of the spiritual.

"And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another."

The challenge of the spiritual is charted of heavenly compass. There are scenic wonders we yet little dream of . . . unexcelled marvels, beyond the impossible, that are to be wrought. These exist . . . are real . . . awaiting the gaze of our wondering faith, if we will go!

The narrow path climbs up, up. The healthful air is refreshing, invigorating. Likewise, can its tonic work body-miracles. It climbs above the weary-worn wrestings, sees how God lights the clouds. It sums up all the best and beautiful, and gathers it in home.

We may place text-book on text-book, but the Bible is beautiful in

its matchless multiplication. It gives answers in God's way of life. It feels and fills with the filling of the life of for ever and ever.

"And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it."

The truth is not in any fancied flying of irresponsible false fanaticism.

There is drama and heroism that the world will never know. Love helps where and when it matters most. The true prize-winner of life-saving engages all hands in common effort.

What though the seas roar and roll! The skies, dark, and the massive black ominous! It is sweet to see the Master's preserver sent sailing into the peril. Look, a soul grasps.

Men, outside of Christ, will never know the sweet clearing of skies called peace.

Love is the deck hands of eternity laboring in unison. The picture drawn of God in His word calls for direction. A winning team has its best plays when coached by a winner. God has given our elder to direct the heroism of love.

"Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward."

It is possible to fail entirely, and

it is possible to be saved, but waste the precious savings. Don't wait till too late to lock the door!

It would be the right thing to expect from God that He would warn of danger. Love prompts, to guide the children to the best, and warn the losers.

Gold in gold will be highest honors, to those who have studied to be obedient. They were wise to resist the talkers of pressurized sin. They stayed afar off from religious practices that were only skin-deep. The glib talkers baited ineffectively the trap for them.

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son."

The deceptive demagogue of dark gloom deceptively paints his costume in the make-believe of truth. The devil sets his stage, and his cage, where he may catch the stubborn. Men blunder, steel jaws crush shut, and they know not the tragedy.

God's voice is heard in the quiet, not in streets. If we heed not the voice that speaks through the deputized one, we cannot expect some spectacular sign showered from heaven.

God breathes His picture as a whole. The New Testament is life. As the outline of the verses fit into their places, pioneer village is seen

... busy with activity for eternity. There is a place for each, a duty assigned of God, with His authority accompanying.

"If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."

Pioneer village . . . be resplendent in eternal beauty!

A certain artist . . . that had eyes sensitive to beauty, caught the light as it shone on a common object in a field. He took note how the light was radiantly different, at different times of the day. Then, the touch of that artist's talent touched it beautifully into paintings. He became world-renowned.

Even thus it is of eternal light. There is such marvellous, many-splendored, manifold grace with God. It is just beautiful, the color and vast beauty of this Master.

Member of pioneer village . . . you are called to his kingdom and glory. Live worthily, so you may join in the great and glorious family's for ever Home.

The apostle concludes, "Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with paper and ink: but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full. The children of thy elect sister greet thee. Amen."

The joy of the eternally-renowned!

#### OUT OF COMMUNION . . .

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ers, and that is, Come back . . . Come back. Thomas did. Peter did. Will you?

If there is ever a time when anyone needs the word of sympathy, when he needs the warm clasp of the hand, it is when he steps out of communion with his Lord, his disciples and church.

Now notice. The women were over at Christ's tomb. They had been listening to angels. They received the greatest message of all times. He is risen, and he goeth over into Galilee . . . and sent word for his disciples to meet there.

Where was Peter? He must of felt, Oh, wretched man that I am. Don't forget, the Lord didn't forget Peter. He had his eye on him every minute, and then the word came, just as the angels had given

it, and as the Lord gave it to the angels. Go and tell His disciples . . . now notice, a very special invitation was given to Peter. Where was Peter?—why a special message?—AND PETER . . . the only one that his name was mentioned. And Peter.

The Lord didn't forget Peter. Oh, no, never. He will surely call to everyone that is out of communion, come back, come back, by name even.

Thomas and Peter were both reinstated by Christ himself, never again to get out of communion with God or the disciples.

There is a true story about a girl that left home, as the prodigal son did. Her mother lost track of her. She went to someone for help, to see if they couldn't find her girl. Yes, this one said he could; give me all her pictures you have, and I will find her for you. He wrote

**Come Home** on the bottom of every picture. He placed the pictures here and there, where he thought the girl might see them.

It wasn't long, the daughter saw her picture. The tears ran down her face so at first she could not see the words below. She brushed the tears away, and then she saw what was written on the bottom. **COME BACK.**

She went to her home, put her hand on the latch. The door was open. When she stepped in, her mother, with her arms about her, said, My dear child, the door has never been fastened since you went away.

This is true for you with God and His followers. Come back . . . Come back. The door has never been closed since you went away . . . it is wide open.

Dear children, the door is never locked. Come Home.

Won't you return, come back, be-  
fore the door will be closed for  
ever?

While life prolongs its precious  
light,  
Mercy is found, and peace is given;

But soon, ah, soon, approaching  
night  
Shall blot out ev'ry hope of heaven.

In that lone land of deep despair,  
No Sabbath's heavenly light shall  
rise—  
No God regard your bitter prayer,

No Saviour call you to the skies.

Now God invites; how blest the  
day!  
How sweet the gospel's charming  
sound!  
Come, sinners, haste, O haste  
away,  
While yet a pard'ning God is found.



## NEWS



### AKRON, OHIO Reporter: Ruth Taylor

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dockus of Morton attended services with us July 30, having spent the week end with Ed's parents and family.

July 9, Brothers and Sisters Ned and Mary Baumgardner, Rudy and Betty Graf were in Toledo for the baptism of Mary Ann Newman.

Richard Messner Sr. was welcomed home, after spending five months in Germany at Simbach A. F. Base for Goodyear.

Sis. Marie Dakovich left by boat from Montreal, going down the St. Lawrence Seaway, and then down the coast to North Carolina.

Sis. Margaret Dockus and Sis. Wilma Steiner and sons spent July 16 in Mansfield, going on to Lake Wawasee, Indiana, for the following week, visiting many in Milford.

The Nate Guteweins of Francesville spent the week end of July 30 with Adeline's parents.

Brothers and Sisters Andy and Leona Dotterer and Elmer and Juliet Graf took a trip July 16, visiting friends and relatives, and attended services in Peoria, Morton, Tremont, Roanoke, Gridley and Junction.

Dianne Graf is spending the week of July 30 with her cousins in the Merrill Laukhuf home. Jeff Graf spent part of the same week in the Alvin Steiner home.

Pam Walker, Becky and Kathy Graf were advanced to the Junior High class.

July 9, Bro. Forrest, and Sis. Marie Ritzman and sons, Jerry and Eric, Eva Wenhardt, Margaret Graf, Russell and Maude Kaufman attended a special service in the New Martinsville church. The meeting in the beautiful hills was very inspiring.

Robert Indermuhle of Sardis spent the week end of July 30 with Bro. Arthur Graf, attending services with us that day.

July 9, Sisters Louise Kay and Mary Ann Graf went with Carl Stollers to Gridley, attending services there.

The week end of July 4, the Gordon Greenbank family left for a vacation at Port Sanilac, combining business with their trip. They attended services at Bay City and Detroit.

The Primary class held its Sunday School picnic August 5 at Hardesty park.

### ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA Reporter: Doris Graf

Those visiting us in July were: Bro. and Sis. Herbert Erkert of Peoria on July 9; and Bro. and Sis. Conrad Gutwein, Francesville, Bro. and Sis. Andrew Hackenjios, and their daughter, Dema, from Bluffton, on Sunday, July 23. Bro. Gutwein held the services in both Maywood and Altadena churches that day.

A baby girl, Janet Leah, was born to Earle and Sis. Lois (Klotzle) MacDonald on July 28. Awaiting her arrival were her brothers and sisters, Gary, Bobby, Laurie and Carol.

We hope that Sis. Caroline Meyer, who is staying with her daughter, Sis. Naomi Schwarz, and Bro. Joe Lorenz of Altadena, who is recovering from a broken hip, can be with our congregations again soon. They have been convalescing this past month. We are happy that Sis. Elizabeth Kaisner of Maywood is well and with us again, after having had head surgery performed lately.

On Sunday, July 30, a surprise

"Housewarming" was held for Richard and Marian (Schwarz) Hecker, at their new home in Costa Mesa. Most of the Altadena congregation attended, and a "potluck" dinner was held also at their home.

### ATHENS, ALABAMA Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Born to Carolyn and David Moss, a son, Ricky David, July 2, at Prospect (Tenn.).

July 2, Bro. and Sis. Aaron Bauer, Cissna Park; Eloise Wagler, Pulaski; and Eldora Schini, Rankin (Ill.) spent several days helping with the work of Vacation Bible School.

Vacation Bible School at Athens was a real blessing to young and old, every night from July 3-7. Much effort was made by all the children and grown-ups to attend every night, after a hard day's work in the fields, chopping cotton. The attendance was around 180.

July 9, Bro. and Sis. Ben Hodel and children of Roanoke spent the day visiting the Alabama churches.

Wednesday, July 12, worship service was held at the home of Bro. and Sis. George Kelly, for all in the Prospect area.

July 16, Bro. and Sis. Bob Hueni and Bro. and Sis. Earl Zeltwanger and children of Bremen spent several days in Alabama.

Our visitors for July 18 were Bro. and Sis. Weyeneth and children, Bill Meirs, Joyce Hoerr, Bro. and Sis. Dick Aeschleman and children, Bro. and Sis. Paul Meister and children and Bro. and Sis. Ed. Meister and children of Peoria.

July 24, Bro. & Sis. Lloyd Schumacher of Eureka spent several days helping with Vacation Bible School work.

Church services were held at the home of Bro. Wesley Long for all the folks in the Lester (Ala.) area.

### BERN, KANSAS

**Reporter: Leonard Baumgartner**

On Saturday evening, July 1, our friends, Julia Plattner and Janette Strahm, gave their testimony before the church, and were baptized on Sunday, July 2, by Bro. Lester Hartter. Ministering Bro. Fred Marti came, from Lamar. There were several cars came from Lester, as Julia formerly lived at Lester. There were also visitors here from Elgin (Ill.), Tremont, Peoria, Roanoke, and West Bend.

Visitors on July 9: Frieda Kipfer, Marie Kipfer, Anne Kipfer and Carolyn Kuck from Peoria; Bro. and Sis. Ellsworth Graf and family from Akron, Bro. and Sis. Jay Bolliger from Tremont and Bro. and Sis. Ernie Kellenberger from West Bend.

On Sunday, July 23, the Sabetha and Bern churches were host to the Youth Fellowship gathering of several churches, including Taylor, Lamar, Burlington, Ft. Scott, Lamont, Gridley and Wichita. There were around 150 present.

On Saturday evening, the group was served dinner at the Sabetha grade school auditorium by the Bern sisters. After registration and dinner, there was hymn singing and a question-and-answer period. Bro. Fred Grimm showed slides of Japan that were enjoyed by everyone.

On Sunday, the young folks all met at the Sabetha church, and the older folks met at the Bern church. After regular services, there was a program of hymn singing by the Sunday School groups.

At 4:30 dinner was served at the church by the Sabetha sisters.

The evening program consisted of several numbers by a massed chorus, directed by Bro. John Somerhalder of Burlington.

There were many visitors with us on this day, including Bros. Fred Grimm, Taylor; Roy Farney, Phoenix; Loren Strahm, Gridley; Ronnie Nelson, Burlington; Jim Bahr, Ft. Scott; George Lambert, Wichita. Also with us on that day were Bro. and Sis. Walter Rehkla and family of Toledo and several from Oakville.

On Sunday, July 16, Bro. Albert Herrmann passed away at the Apostolic Christian Home for the

aged. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 18, at the Bern church, conducted by Bros. Lester Hartter and Harvey Grimm. There were many visitors here for the funeral from Burlington, Peoria, Princeville, Eureka and Morton.

Our Sunday School is having a month's vacation, and will resume again the first Sunday in September.

### BLUFFTON, INDIANA

**Reporter: Frieda Kipfer**

Bro. and Sis. Henry Beer of Milford visited us on July 16. Other visitors were from West Bend, Fairbury and Bremen.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Sis. Hulda Dubach and Bro. Joe Heinold of Phoenix.

Bro. and Sis. Simon Wagenbach, who visited their daughter and son-in-law, Bro. and Sis. Donald Gerber, were here for mid-week service on the 19th.

Bro. and Sis. John Diggelman and son of the Union City church spent about a week in our vicinity, visiting her mother, Sis. Emma (Fred) Isch, and other relatives. They were here for services on the 23rd and the 26th. Bro. & Sis. Forrest Ritzman of Akron were also present on the 26th.

Bro. and Sis. Roy Farney of Phoenix and Bro. and Sis. Earl Kilgus of Remington and many others from Remington, Phoenix, Princeville and Oakville visited us on the 30th. Bro. Farney remained for evening services.

Bro. Jeff Heyerly, 75, who had been ill for six months, passed away on July 29. Surviving are the wife, Della; two daughters and a son; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Bro. Aeschliman officiated, and burial was in the church cemetery.

Bro. Cornelius Steffen, who suffered a stroke recently, is now convalescing at his home in Bluffton.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Carl Kipfer, a daughter, on July 28; to Robert and Virginia Steffen Zaugg, a son, on July 30; to Bro. and Sis. Thomas Moser, a son, on Aug. 3.

### BREMEN, INDIANA

**Reporter: Lydia Heuberger**

Visitors: July 2: Bro. and Sis. Urb Bauer and family of Cissna Park, Bro. and Sis. Gene Witzig and family of Morton; July 9: Bro.

and Sis. Dan Sinn and their daughter, Sis. Paula, and son, Danny, from Latty; Bro. and Sis. Walt Aeschliman, Bluffton; Dave Getz, Mansfield; July 16: Sisters Anna, Mary, Tillie and Kathryn Steffen, Fairbury; Bro. and Sis. Sam Maier, Mrs. Marjorie Kuntz, Thelma Maier and son, Vernon, Paul Koehl, Forrest; Sis. Pauline Clauss and Sis. Annie Leonhardt of Peoria. (They are visiting the Meister family here for a few weeks.); Bro. and Sis. Louis Stoller and family, Latty; July 23: Bro. and Sis. Levi Beer and family, Sis. Emma Clayton, Milford; July 30, Bro. and Sis. Eli Pfister and family of Milford church, Dan Plattner, Goodfield church.

Announcement has been made that Dwight Laidig and his wife, Sandra, have found peace with the Lord, and desire to become members of our congregation. Dwight is the son of Bro. and Sis. John Laidig.

On July 14, funeral services were held at the church for Gottlieb Yackley, age 93, the father of Sis. Elizabeth Yackley, with whom he has been making his home for many years. He is also survived by a daughter, Martha Von Berger, and a son, Raymond, both of South Bend. Services were conducted by Bro. Theo Beer of Milford and our Bro. Henry Souder.

On July 21, Bro. and Sis. Silas Laidig attended commencement exercises at Fort Wayne for their daughter, Sis. Juanita, who has completed her nurse's training, and received her R.N. degree with honors. We rejoice with the parents and Juanita, and wish for her God's blessings in her future duties as a Christian nurse, administering to the body and soul of her assigned patients. Bro. and Sis. Robert Klopfenstein also attended the exercises.

### BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

**Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth**

Sis. Alberta Rassi and daughters of Goodfield, who were here visiting her parents, Bro. and Sis. Eli Somerhalder and Bro. Ben Metz stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, attended services here July 9.

Visitors here July 16 were Bro. and Sis. Will Minger of Maywood; Bro. and Sis. Jeff Frieden, Howard, (Kans.); Bro. and Sis. Harve Farney and family, Sis. Karlene Wheeler and sons and Sis. Marilyn

Frieden of Wichita; Mr. and Mrs. Galatin of Emporia (Kans.); Sis. Ilene and Butch Keller of Morton; and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jr. Miller and daughters of Blackwell (Oklahoma).

Kent Kisling, son of Bro. and Mrs. Frank Kisling, had the misfortune of breaking a bone in his foot on a hay-rake, and Bradley Ott, 10-year-old twin son of Bro. and Sis. Marvin Ott, sustained an injury to his left foot, having been caught in a power lawn mower. It required over thirty stitches on his toe and heel.

Those who visited our congregation July 23 were Bro. and Sis. Bernard Ziegenhorn and Roger of Peoria and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Herd of Kansas City.

The evening of July 25, Bro. Fred Grimm of Taylor, showed slides of his trip to Japan. Bro. Grimm was accompanied by his wife, Sis. Grimm.

Sis. Lydia Bahr of Gridley, Kansas, has been here the past month, helping in the home of her son, Bro. Lester Bahr, while Sis. Bahr is ill.

Visitors here July 30 were Fred and Sis. Schaefer and children of Princeville; Geneva Guthrie of Morton; and Bro. Joe Beer and Richard Schertz of Phoenix.

Hospital patients this past month have been Sis. Lester Bahr, Bro. Eli Somerhalder and Bro. John Huffman.

#### CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Jeff Young

We had two weddings this month, on July 9, Sis. Edna Drayer and Bro. Ray Martin, performed by Bro. Dave Mangold and on July 16, Sis. Carol Bauer and Bro. John Waldbeser, performed by Bro. George Yergler.

Other visiting ministers the past month were Bro. Roy Sauder, Bro. Joe Rocke, Bro. Henry Wackerle, Bro. Art Gudeman, Bro. Harry Bucher, Bro. Joe Schrock and many other visitors were from the La Crosse and Congerville congregations, which we greatly appreciated.

On July 30, our Sunday School had a visitor, Bro. Alvin Schrock from Congerville. We welcome him back.

Bro. Joe Swing was hospitalized a few weeks and still remains seriously ill. Sis. Anna Hodel and Sis. Marie Kaufman, who has been ab-

sent a long time, assembled with us again Sunday, for which we are very thankful. Others of our congregation who have been hospitalized a few days are Bro. Richard Knapp, Bro. Ed Feller and Bro. Fred Knapp. They all are now at home.

A daughter was born to Bro. and Sis. Sam Bauer on July 19. They named her Lisa Lynn. On July 24, a daughter, Geyle Ann, was born to Dean and Karan Yergler.

#### CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marjorie Knapp

On July 16, the Fairbury and Roanoke High School Bible Classes and their teachers were guests of the Congerville Bible Class. Following the services, the group spent the afternoon together, and concluded the day with a hamburger-fry at Zobrists' cabin. Their visit was enjoyed by the entire congregation.

We were blessed with the services of Bro. Edmund Kloter from Fairbury on Sunday, July 16, and Bro. Ed Hohulin from Goodfield on the 24th.

Our congregation had the opportunity to fellowship with Bro. and Sis. John Frank from Oakville, who visited us on July 24.

Linda Reeser, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Bill Reeser, was united in marriage with Bob Waller of Carlock.

We rejoice that Harold and Alma Schieber have turned to the Lord in repentance.

Jerry Schieber, son of Bro. and Sis. Carl Schieber, left for London, where he will study for a month. He will then go on to Narobie in Africa, where he will do further work at McKererie College. After January 1, he will be assigned to a two-year teaching position in secondary mathematics in an African school.

The Sunday school teachers and their wives and husbands were entertained for dinner by Bro. and Sis. Ervin Rokey.

#### EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein

Visiting ministers the past month have been, Bro. Joe Zimmerman of Roanoke and Bro. Frank Woertz of Goodfield. We always appreciate having guests visit us.

Births — To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wiegand, a son, Douglas

Robert, born July 18, and to Bro. Lewis and Sis. Clara (Schmidgal) Blunier, a son, David Eric, born July 14.

Funeral services were held July 24 for Sis. Mary Hartter who passed away at the Apostolic Christian Home in Peoria, where she had lived the past 20 years. She was 77 years old. She formerly was a resident of Eureka. Bro. Michael Weyeneth of Peoria conducted the services. Burial was in the Roanoke Cemetery.

Our mid-week services have been discontinued for the month of August.

#### FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Joyce Huber

We praise God that Nancy Roth, daughter of John Roth, gave her testimony, was baptized, and became a child of God. May God grant Nancy grace to be a witness in living for the Lord.

Bro. Ernie Gerber of Conn.; Bro. Albert Wuethrich, Pulaski; and Bro. Silas Leuthold of Princeville were guest ministers July 9. Also, that Sunday, other guests were Bro. and Sis. Robert Bauman, Rittman; Bro. and Sis. Ben Knapp, Sis. Marge and Sis. Doris Knapp, Congerville; Bro. and Sis. Sam Roth, Morton; Bro. and Sis. Mel Plattner, Peoria; Bro. and Sis. Gene Koch, Tremont, and several Princeville sisters.

Sis. Carol Broquard and Bro. Clifford Weiland, Bay City, repeated marriage vows July 23. We were happy to have visiting ministers: Bro. Joe Schrock, Congerville; Bro. Joe Hodel, Roanoke; Bro. Maurice Frank, Chicago; and Bro. Roy Sauder, Peoria. We also enjoyed having many other guests from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois for the occasion.

Funeral services for John Kohler were held July 29. We praise God that he sought the Saviour in his lingering illness and rejoiced to have peace with God.

Bro. and Sis. Sam Blunier, Bro. and Sis. Vernon Blunier of Eureka and Bro. and Sis. Ray Gerber of Bluffton visited here July 30.

#### FORREST, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Christian Metz

On the 2nd of July, we enjoyed the visit and sermons of Bro. Vernon Schwab of Wolcott and Bros. Earl Kilgus and Edwin Bahler of Remington.

On the 9th of July, we were again blessed with visiting ministers, Bro. Ernest Gerber of Rockville and Bro. Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski. We thank them for their visit and sermons brought us.

Sis. Martha Metz is recuperating from surgery, and we hope she will soon be with us again.

#### FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA Reporter: Florence Sutter

Many of our members and friends are on vacation. However, we still enjoy our all day services and the fellowship we have together.

A picnic was held Sunday, July 23. Our guests at this occasion were Bro. Roger Isch, Sis. Vi, their two daughters, Sis. Phyllis and Gill, and Sis. Mary Kay Gerber, who came with them.

Other visitors for this month were Irwin Bahler and sons, Bro. Edwin and Bro. Walter, of Remington. Sunday, July 30, Mr. Paul Oschle of Elgin (Ill.) visited our congregation.

#### FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS Reporter: Kenneth E. Steffen

During the month of July, our group here at Fort Sam Houston was blessed with quite a bit of company. It brightens our days in the Army, and may God bless each and every one of you that make an attempt to visit us here.

On July 9, Bro Sam and Sis Elsie Kilgus from Remington visited us. Bro Sam brought to us God's words and teachings. Those who also visited us on the 9th were Sis Irene Hodel and Sis Norene Herbst from Roanoke and Pamela K Snyder and her grandmother, Sis Esther Klaus from Eureka. They stopped in to worship with us, while they were on a trip through the southern states. Mrs Ray Frank Sr and Donna Frank, mother and sister of Bro Robert Frank from Morton, were here with us for a week. Bro Robert was recently discharged from the Army. We wish him God's blessings. Sis Martha Schneider, Sis Emma Schneider, and Bro Toby Schneider of Peoria and Larry and Sis Viola Leman of Fairbury and Mary Schneider and Russell Schneider of Strawn (Ill.), all relation of Jaunita and Duane Schneider, visited here for a week. During the same week, Kay Fulkerson of Fort

Holloway, and Linda Holloway of Bluffton, and Ruth Ann McAlhane of Berne (Ind), all related to Kenneth and Roberta Steffen, visited here with the group.

On July 16, Richard and Zura Streitmatter and Sis Edith Streitmatter of Rensselaer (Ind) and Sis Joan Streitmatter of Milford stopped in to worship with us on their vacation.

Bro Roy and Sis Jean Hodel and daughters, Vicki and Cindy Hodel, from El Paso (Ill) were with us on July 23. Bro Edwin, and Sis Pat Ringger and children, Earl, Brenda and Gary, were with us for our worship service. Bro Edwin brought teachings that we could all take to heart.

Richard Steiner from Tremont started his basic training here this month. His address is:

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Fort Sam Houston, Texas

It is the wish of the group here at Fort Sam, that every one pray for the soldiers who are in the service of our country. Not for ourselves, but for those who have been assigned overseas, and in the troubled parts of the world. May God bless and strengthen them.

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

Bro. Eli Somerhalder ministered to us on July 13. With him were his wife, Sis. Mary Somerhalder, and Sis. Roberta Rassi and family of Goodfield.

Ministering Bro. Ed Ringger had the services on July 16. With him were his wife, Sis. Pat Ringger, and family and Bro. and Sis. Roy Hodel and family, Gridley, (Ill.). Other visitors this day were Bro. and Sis. Raymond Kuntz, Sis. Rosella Kuntz, Gridley, (Ill.); Sis. Marie and Pearl Banwart, Bro. Alfred Banwart, Bro. and Sis. Fred Lantz, Lamar; Bro. and Sis. Rudy Bahr, Gridley, (Kan.); Bro. and Sis. Harvey Smith and family, Bro. Dave Hangartner, Wichita.

Sis. Ruth Hodel and daughter, Judy, of Oakville came on July 21, and visited a few days with relatives.

Sis. Carrie Massner was in surgery July 26. She is still in the hospital at this writing, and is getting along fine.

On July 28, Bro. Fred Grimm, Taylor, held a short service, then

showed his slides that were taken in Japan. We all enjoyed them. His wife, Sis. Grimm, was with him.

Visiting here several days, over July 30, were Sis. Doris Mangold, Roanoke; and Carol Scheitlin, Elgin, (Ill.), at the home of Bro. and Sis. Gus Sinn and family; Susan Bryant and Diana Steffner, Elgin, (Ill.), with Sis. Mary Reber; Susan Wittmer, Sabetha, at the home of Bro. and Sis. Jim Bahr and family.

#### FORT WAYNE, INDIANA Reporter: Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

On July 2, Bro. and Sis. John V. Fehr of Forrest was in our midst. Bro. Fehr conducted services for the day. Also, Bro. and Sis. E. G. Gerber and family of LaSalle (Ill.), who attend the Princeville church, were with us.

Bro. Jake Unsicker spent ten days in Parkview Memorial Hospital. He had a light heart attack, but is now back again in our midst.

On July 9, Bros. Will Feichter and Carl Kipfer of Bluffton served us. Bro. and Sis. Herbert Bauman and family and Bro. and Sis. Carl Berry of Rittman spent the day with us. Also, there were guests from the Bluffton church present.

Bro. and Sis. Ed. Gudeman spent two weeks with his sisters in California. They have returned safely, for which we are thankful.

Bro. Joe Hodel ministered to us on July 16. His wife, Katie, accompanied him. Also, Bro. and Sis. Joe Dotterer of Phoenix, formerly, of Bluffton, visited us. Other guest were Carrie Hodel and daughter, Irene, and Louis and Norma Bauman of Eureka; Jeff and Mary Young, Mamie Farney and Katie Steiner, and Mary Heuberger of Cissna Park. In the afternoon, the majority of the church went to Latty, to attend the funeral of Sis. Eliza Eisenmann.

Bro. Fred Drayer was taken to the Parkview Memorial Hospital on July 17. He was removed home on Tuesday, August 1, and is slowly improving. We wish him a speedy recovery.

On July 23, Bro. Zollinger of Rittman served us. He was accompanied by his wife, daughter, and son.

July 30, Bro. Ezra Feller of Cissna Park ministered to us. His wife, Ollie, accompanied him. Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Bauer came along with Bro. and Sis. Feller. Also,

Bro. and Sis. Jake Meyer and Bro. and Sis. Robert Meyer of Bluffton visited us on this day.

We were happy to see Sis. Katie Stoller back in our midst again, after being confined to her home and the hospital since June 26.

A member meeting was held at the church on Monday evening, July 31, with the following elder brothers present: Noah Schrock, John Bahler, Dave Mangold, George Sinn, Theo. Beer and Sam Aeschliman. Ministers from Leo, Milford and Bluffton were also present. Services were conducted by Bro. Schrock and Bro. Bahler.

#### FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA Reporter: Mrs. Elmer Bucher

Two of our friends have been called out of our midst since our last writing, Sam Getz and Tudy Erb. Our hearts go out to Sis. Ann Getz and her family and Max Erb and his children. May they feel the Lord's nearness in their hour of sorrow.

Births: To Dwayne and Bonnie Swing, a son, Kurt Alan, born July 16, and to Bro. and Sis. Virgil Von Tobel, a daughter, Verene, on July 29.

Visiting us on July 16 was Bro. Edwin Bahler and family; Bro. Al Knochel and family and Bro. Dean Bahler and family from Remington. On July 30, Bro. Harry Bucher, his wife and Bro. and Sis. Bert Bucher from La Crosse were with us. Also Art, Laura and Steve Getz from Elgin.

Sisters Adeline Gutwein, Mary Bertha Wuethrich and Twyla Von Tobel are back with us, having spent the past few months in South America.

#### GIRARD, OHIO

Reporter: Jesse C. Emch

Sunday, July 9, we had with us Peter Fisher from Northern Germany. He was an exchange student, and spent the week end with the Harold Emchs.

Our guests on Sunday, Aug. 6, were: Jim and Clara Cummings and family from Waukegan (Ill.); Bro. and Sis. Harold Schladenhausen and family and Sis. Kipfer of Bluffton; Bro. and Sis. Clara Hartzler and family; Bro. Ezra Beery, Bro. Elmer and Sis. Lorene Blough and family; Sisters Ida and Ruth Ingold, Bro. John and Sis. Wilma Steiner and family, Bro. Chas. and Sis. Delphine Neiman

and family, all of Rittman.

Sis. Anna Durig is home again, after spending several weeks in the hospital, for X rays and observation. She has not been able to attend church service for several Sundays.

Bro. Joe and Sis. Alma Emch left Sunday, July 30, by jet plane from Cleveland, to vacation in California and visit their son, Ralph, and family.

Sis. Lena and friend Clara Deislinger have returned home from a vacation trip to California. Mrs. George Deislinger came home with them, and is spending some time here in Girard.

Sis. Esther Saylor and husband were in New York State, visiting their son, Robert, and family.

Sis. Esther Saylor and daughter, Sister Doris Riehl, and family were visiting her sister near Indianapolis, the week of July 23.

Paul Emch and family of Spring Valley, New York, came home to visit his parents and sister, the Jess Emchs and the Wm. G. Bells.

#### GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS Reporter: Marilyn Schieler

A son, Troy Elmer, was born on August 4 to Ned and Beverly Umland. Troy has two brothers, Greg and Scott.

A son, Russell Dean, was born to Bro. and Sis. Clyde Kuntz on August 2. Welcoming their new brother were Richard, Soni, Sara and Donna.

Terry and Beverly Miller are the parents of their first child, Jeffrey Dean, who was born on July 17.

Bro. and Sis. Edwin Ringger and family, and Bro. and Sis. Roy Hodel, Vicki and Cindy, returned home recently.

Visitors from Portland on Sunday, July 16, were Bro. and Sis. Eddie Unsicker. A potluck supper was held in the church dining room for many relatives and friends.

We were happy to have with us on August 6, visiting minister, Bro. Cleo Rinckenberger, and his family.

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

On July 13, the Junior class from Bible School took a trip to visit the Institute of Logopedics at Wichita. They gave the picture-cards, that they had made as a class project. Those making the trip were Steve and Larry Beyer,

Ilene Grimm, Debbie and Janet Bahr, Marilyn Young, Sarah, Randy, and Sammy Somerhalder, Karesa Bahr, Norma Beyer, Doug Kraft, Marsha Beyer, RoseAnn, Marajeau, and Kerry Jo Strahm, Mrs. Helen (Sylvan) Bahr, and Sisters Lizateen Strahm, Ada Beyer, Bertha Beyer, Mary Louise Beyer and Eileen Bahr.

Visitors the past month: Mrs. Doris Norman and son, St. Joseph (Mo.); Bro. Charles Marti, Lamar; Matt Strahm, Kansas City; David Donohue, Burlington (Kans.); Bro. and Sis. Dan Sinn and Ruby, Ft. Scott; Mr. and Mrs. Eli Kellenberger, LeRoy; Bro. and Sis. Art Kellenberger, Sabetha.

Wednesday evening, July 26, the Lamont and Gridley congregations enjoyed the visit of Bro. Fred Grimm of Taylor, who held short services with us, and then showed his pictures of Japan.

On July 30, Bro. and Sis. Loren Strahm opened their home to the congregation for a farewell singing, in honor of Bro. and Sis. Jake Beck, who are going to make their home at the Old People's Home at Sabetha. Bro. and Sis. Carl Engle of Lamar came for the evening.

#### HILLSBORO, ALABAMA Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Sis. Martha Evans has been very sick with high blood pressure, and is slowly improving at this time.

Sis. Julia Hale of Paulding (Ohio) and her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Warner and son, spent several days visiting at the home of Elmer and Sis. Martha Evans.

#### ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY Reporter: Nancy Tanner

On July 6, we had Bro. Edwin Ringger from Gridley with us. He read and meditated from I Peter 4. Guests were present from Cissna Park, Gridley and Morton.

July 13, we had Bro. Emanuel Gudeman from Cissna Park as our speaker. He read from St. John 10. A large group was in attendance, with guests from Fairbury, Forrest, Gridley, Roanoke, Eureka, Tremont, Peoria, Cissna Park and Congerville.

Bible Study for July 21 was held on the second floor of the University Union. Bro. Dave Kieser from Princeville was with us. He read from St. John 4. In attendance



were guests from Princeville, Roanoke, Morton, and Gridley.

On July 27, we had a picnic out at Oberlander's cabin on Lake Bloomington. The evening was spent in fellowship and in singing hymns. Guests were present from Bay City, Congerville, Roanoke, Gridley, Cissna Park, Champaign, Taylor and Morton.

### JUNCTION, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

Bro. Henry and Sis. Martha Dotterer and children were with us July 9 for services. A number of our congregation gathered with them for singing, at Bro. Richard and Sis. Juliet Schlatters home in the evening.

Sister Lena Manz has been on the sick list, but is now again back with us.

Several of our brothers and sisters were with Bro. Obed Steffen of Bluffton, at his home for fellowship and singing on July 14.

Bro. Emmanuel and Sis. Ruth Manz and family visited in Bay City for services, Sunday, July 16.

Bro. and Sis. Graf were visitors with us on Sunday, July 23, after returning from the West. Visiting also were Doris Stoller, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ezra Stoller of Gridley (Illinois), and Bro. and Sis. Bill Klopfenstein's children of Leo, who also spent the week at the Sis. Della Manz home.

Sisters Madeline, Henrietta, and Anna Manz were visitors with the Akron church, Sunday, July 23. They stopped in Akron, while on a vacation trip to the Great Lakes.

Sis. Martha Rehklau has been able to enjoy the services with us the past two Sundays.

Wednesday night, July 26, we were favored with a visiting minister, Bro. Henry Sabo, whose message we all enjoyed. With him were his wife, Sis. Louise Sabo, and Bro. Joe and Sis. Esther Sabo of Mansfield. Visiting also were Mike and Sis. Magdalena Stoller of Latty; Marvin and Keith, sons of Bro. John and Sis. Betty Dotterer; and Bobby, son of Bro. Henry and Sis. Martha Dotterer of Rittman. The Dotterer children also spent the preceding week with numerous relatives here.

Sis. Elizabeth Poe of Fort Wayne spent July 21 and 22 with Sis. Della Manz and family.

Bro. and Sis. Betty Dotterer of Rittman were in our midst for

services Sunday, July 30.

Sis. Aldula Steffen and son, Lester, of Bluffton, are spending a few days of their vacation with Sis. Aldula's daughter, Bro. Ben and Sis. Carolyn Manz.

### LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Reporter: Albert J. Bucher

Bro. Clarence Yackley of Phoenix was our visiting minister on July 5. His wife and son accompanied him. Quite a number of Francesville brethren were also here for the evening services.

On July 9, the Remington Sunday School Bible class visited our Sunday School. After church, they were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dehaven, and in the evening at the home of Bro. and Sis. Ray Heinold at Valparaiso.

Our Sunday School had their annual picnic on July 30. Sunday School classes were dismissed during the month of August.

Mrs. Ernest Mueller, who has been on the sick list for quite some time, is now in Holy Family Hospital in La Porte, Ind., awaiting surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

### LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Mrs. Ed Harville has undergone surgery, and is now home, improving slowly at this time.

July 10, Sis. Bessie Drake was taken to the T. B. Sanatorium, District No. 1, Decatur (Ala.) and requests your prayers for her. Her husband, Lester, is sick with multiple sclerosis.

Friday evening, July 14, worship services were held at the home of Carl Nailer.

A good attendance of young and old came every night to Vacation Bible School at Landersville, July 17-21. It was a blessing to have Bro. Bob Hueni and Bro. Earl Zeltwanger help in the work.

### LATTY, OHIO

Reporter: Roberta Stoller

Sis. Eliza Eisenmann passed away on July 14, after being hospitalized a month, following a stroke. Her funeral was held Sunday, July 16, with many relatives and friends attending. She leaves to mourn, five daughters and three sons. Ministering brothers attending were Joe Hodel of Roanoke, Orville Ringger of Bluffton, Ben

Schlatter and Henry Manz of Junction.

Visitors on July 23 were Bro. and Sis. Henry Stoller and Bro. and Sis. Raymond Stoller and family of Bluffton.

On July 30, we had as visiting minister Bro. Ernest Graf of Akron. Accompanying him were his wife, Sis. Louise, and their family. Other visitors were: Bro. Elmer and Sis. Juliet Graf, also of Akron; Bro. and Sis. Marvin Stieglitz and family, Bro. and Sis. Ephraim Kipfer and daughter, and Bro. and Sis. Ernest Stoller and family of Leo, Bro. and Sis. Carl Stoller and family, Bro. and Sis. Donald Stoller and family, Bro. and Sis. Bert Gasser and family and Bro. and Sis. Henry Dotterer and family of Rittman; Bro. and Sis. Ezra Stoller and daughter, Doris, Bros. Herb and Don Stoller, Pete Meiss, and Dale Wiegand, Bro. and Sis. Floyd Miess and family, and little Beverly Ringger, all of Gridley (Ill.); and Bro. and Sis. James Reinhard of Bluffton.

Sis. Lavern Kaufman and her father, Albert, of Cissna Park and Bro. and Sis. Harry Rocke and family of Eureka visited in the Carl Sinn home.

Bro. and Sis. Albert Sauder of Morton visited relatives around here this past week.

Sis. Emma Rocke of Morton, Bro. and Sis. Ray Rocke, Bro. and Sis. Virgil Rocke and family of Eureka, visited with relatives, August 4 and 5.

Births: A son, Bryan Scott, was born to Ralph and Ruth Stoller. He is welcomed by his sister and four brothers; a son, Larry, was born to Bro. and Sis. Eugene Stoller; a daughter, Jodi Lynn, to Robert and Sis. Janet Williamson. This is their first child.

### LEO, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder

It was nice to have the Toledo Sunday School children and others visiting our congregation and Sunday School, July 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Klopfenstein of Florida visited with friends and relatives here.

A wedding shower honoring Roberta Norr was given at the home of Marie and James Winzeler. Roberta will be a graduate nurse in September. She is the daughter of Dorothy and Robert Norr.

Mary Johnson is recuperating at

her home, after spending a number of days at the Parkview Hospital, also undergoing surgery.

Elias Souder spent thirteen days at the Lutheran Hospital and is convalescing at his home now. Sam and Minnie Aeschliman, Ray and Ida Gerber of Bluffton, visited with him July 27. John and Mary Baumgartner, Rose and Elias Gerber also visited him Aug. 6.

Conrad Getz, son of Louis and Bernice Getz, was announced for baptism.

Aug. 3, on Thursday evening, Sam and Minnie Aeschliman and their daughter and son-in-law, the Sylvan Ringgers, visited the Leo church. Services were held by Sam Aeschliman.

Duane Stavenik of Mansfield was our visitor on Sunday, Aug. 6.

Services were held at the Butler Nursing Home Aug. 6. Joel Souder's meditation was on the 46th Psalm.

#### Know Each Other Better

The oldest member in our Leo congregation is Joseph Conrad, son of Joseph Conrad Sr. and grandson of Jacob Conrad, who was one of our earliest members at Leo.

Joseph Conrad Sr. served as pastor in the church after it was organized.

Joseph Conrad was born July 27, 1876. His mother's name was Verinas Steiner. He had four brothers and two sisters. His wife is the former Leah Yoder, and was raised in the Menmonite teaching. After her marriage to Joseph, she became a member of the Leo church, before he became a member. In 1950, he also became a member of this faith.

They have three daughters, Mrs. Philip Schlatter, Mrs. Richard Winzeler and Mrs. Louis Getz (are all members of this church), seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Joseph is now 85 years old. He has always enjoyed good health, and is still active, driving his own car and going about his duties.

#### LESTER, IOWA

Reporter: Emelie Knobloch

Visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Moser, Bro. and Sis. Jack Wysong and family, Sabetha; Bro. and Sis. Samuel Feucht and family, Elgin (Ill.); Bro. and Sis. Ed Staub, Sis. Ruth Hohulin, Peoria; Bro. and Sis. Jim Knobloch and Donald, Princeville; Bro. and Sis. Cornelius

Messerli, Bro. and Sis. Roy Howk, Bro. and Sis. Leo Messner, Winthrop; Mr. and Mrs. Jake Ott, Goodfield; Bro. and Sis. Gene Schmidt and Verle, Bro. and Sis. Donald Miller and son, Winthrop; Ione, Sharon, Marlene, Ellen Metzger, Calvin Mogler, Kay Banwart, West Bend; Jack Knobloch, Marion Knobloch, Larry Eberlee, Emery Minger, Princeville; Verne and Sis. Libbie Den Hartg and family, Salt Lake City; Bros. Eldon, Ronnie, James Metzger and Leland Plattner and Sheryl and Carol Metzger, Sabetha.

Among the ill: Garry Metzger, son of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Metzger, is recovering from eye surgery. Bro. Wilhelm Nester has been laid up with rheumatism.

Bro. William Knobloch, son of Bro. and Sis. Emil Knobloch, left for the Service Aug. 2. We wish him God's blessing during his tour of duty.

Grave-side services were held Monday morning, July 24, for baby Alvin Lee Knobloch, son of Bro. and Sis. Earl Knobloch, who passed away July 21, twenty-four hours after birth.

Bro. and Sis. Joe Wackerle and sisters of Bay City spent July 16 with us.

#### MANSFIELD, OHIO

Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder

Visiting in Mansfield on July 11 and 12 were Bro. Roy and Sister Evelyn Wysong, their son, Bro. Ben, and daughter, Sis. Sally, from Kansas, and Sis. Louise Stavenik of Indiana.

The engagement of Sis. Loretta Bocka to Bro. Aaron Steffen Jr. of Alto was announced Sunday, July 16. Loretta is the daughter of Bro. Emil and Sis. Leora Bocka.

We enjoyed the services of Bro. John Diggelman of Union City, on Sunday, July 16. He was accompanied by his wife, Sis. Mary, and their son. We invite them to visit us soon again.

Our Elder Bro. Rudolf Graf of Akron was accompanied by the following elders on Sunday, July 23: Bros. Noah Bauman of Rittman, John Bahler of Rockville, Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton, Dave Mangold of Roanoke, and Noah Schrock of Oakville. Bros. Kenneth Sauder and Ben Stavenik were appointed to serve in the ministry of our congregation. We wish them the blessings of the Lord in preaching His

wonderful gospel of salvation to the flock here. Visitors also included Bro. and Sis. Polk of Burlington (Iowa), Bro. and Sis. Lantz of Oakville, Bro. and Sis. Albert Kipper of Ft. Wayne, and several young brothers from Rittman. Services were also held in the evening, while the visiting elder brothers were with us.

Sunday, July 30, marked the 50th wedding anniversary of Bro. Aaron and Sis. Katharine (Schneider) Sauder, who were married by our Elder Brother Samuel Engwiller (now at Rest). Our visitors from out of town were Bro. Eugene and Sis. Katherine Sauder and children, Bro. Amos and Sis. Mary Steffen, Bro. Oscar and Sis. Hulda Graff, all of Milford; Bro. Albert and Sis. Frances Sauder from Morton, and Mrs. Anna Foydl of Des Plaines, Illinois.

Funeral services for Bro. Ernest Tanner were held Aug. 4. Bro. Tanner had been in poor health for quite a while, and was 84 years old at the time of his death.

Our out-of-town visitors on Sunday, August 6, included Bro. and Sis. Sam Zimmerman and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Steffen from Forrest. Bro. Karl and Sis. Tillie Oesch have enjoyed the visit of their daughter, Sis. Ann Farney, and her family from Wichita, Kansas. She was accompanied by her husband, Bro. Harvey, and their three daughters, Sis. Karlene Wheeler and her four small sons, Sis. Roberta and Judy, and their son, Terry.

Births this month: A son, Wesley, to Bernie and Beverly Dolce Washington on July 13; a son, Richard, to Richard and Evelyn Durkin on July 14; A daughter, Elise, to Bro. Emil and Sis. Leora Bocka on July 22.

#### MILFORD, INDIANA

Reporter: Irma Haab

Earl Kammerer received his discharge from the Army, and arrived home July 4 from Korea.

Bro. Bert Krauter was admitted to St. Joe Hospital in South Bend. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Joyce Rassi and Tom Morehouse were united in marriage. Joyce is the daughter of Elmer and Georgia Rassi.

Don Haab was admitted to Goshen Hospital, for removal of part of his forefinger. He cut it badly on the hay baler.

Visiting ministers Sunday, July

30, were: Bro. Ben Maibach from Detroit, Bro. Robert Beer from Mansfield and Bro. Forrest Ritzman from Akron. Their wives accompanied them. We enjoyed their visit and invited them back again.

Becky Hoerr was admitted to Goshen Hospital. She is home, and is somewhat improved at this writing.

Fourteen married couples from Roanoke visited us July 29 and 30. We enjoyed their visit.

### MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Mrs. Louie Messner

A wedding reception was given for Mr. and Mrs. Donald Luthi, July 18, at the home of his parents, Bro. and Sis. William Luthi.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Spohr have a son, Wayne Wilburt, born July 25. A son, James Jacob, was born Aug. 4 to Bro. and Sis. Leonard Wulf.

Bro. and Sis. Richard Messner and Patsy and Garry of Phoenix came Aug. 6, to spend their vacation with his mother, Sis. Ricka Messner, and family.

Mrs. Rose Jensen and Earl of Santa Barbara (Calif.) is visiting her relation for several weeks.

Seventy-one relatives attended the Habeger reunion, Aug. 6, here in Morris.

Sunday, Aug. 6, we enjoyed the sermon by Bro. Dave Mangold. He was accompanied by his wife and Bro. and Sis. Lee Scherer of Roanoke. They were entertained at the homes of Bro. Harold Gramm and Bro. Paul Fehr.

Again, we welcome visitors, and those with us this past month were: Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Schlupp and Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Schlupp and Connie, Lamar; Mrs. D. Hinton, Joy and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Knapp, Joplin (Mo.); Bro. and Sis. Alvin Strahm, Bern; Sis. Martha Wiess, Bro. and Sis. Chris Kellenberger, Sisters Viola and Salome Kellenberger, Bro. and Sis. Andy Mogler and children, Bro. and Sis. Fred Metzger, Lester; Bro. and Sis. Russell Wuthrich, Pulaski; Sis. Ruth Hohulin, Goodfield; Sis. Emma Blume, Wolcott; Sisters Lena Knochel, Louise Waibel, Remington; Bro. and Sis. Ray Ringger and children, Gridley (Ill.); Bro. and Sis. Ray Martin, Tremont; Mrs. Carl Davis, Sis. Rose Gall, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Batt and Tom, Mrs. Emil Nessler, Elgin (Ill.); Mr. and Mrs. Chris

Koehl, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fritz, Morton; Bro. and Sis. Joe Hermann, Bro. and Sis. Walter Hess, Peoria; Miss Marie Feuchtenberger, Pasadena, California.

### MORTON, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz

Bro. Joe Aberle of Sabetha was our visiting minister, Sunday morning, July 9.

Bro. Silas Leuthold of Princeville assisted Bro. Joe A. Getz with the proving and baptism, July 12, of Edward and David Teubel, David Wiegand and William Uhlman.

Bro. an Sis. Andrew Dotterer of Paulding (Ohio) and Bro. and Sis. Elmer Graf visited our congregation July 17. Other visiting ministers were Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield and Bro. Albert Aberle of Tremont.

Bro. Theo. Beer of Milford and Bro. Leroy Huber of Eureka assisted Bro. Joe A. Getz with the giving of Holy Communion, Sunday July 23.

Our Sunday School will not have classes during the month of August.

The fifth grade Sunday School girls, with their teacher, Sis. Berniece Plattner, and Sis. Mary Winnings and Sis. Irene Muselman went to the Restmor Nursing Home to sing for the shut-ins.

### Know Each Other Better

Benjamin J. Pflederer, son of Carl Pflederer and Rosina Schlupp, is 83 years old, was born Dec. 6, 1877. On March 16, 1902, he married Lydia Rapp, daughter of Elder Andrew Rapp and Katherine Welk. Lydia was born April 10, 1881.

Ten children were born to them, Priscilla, Nathalia, Samuel, Kathryn, Andrew, Lorana, Alice, Alma, Lena, Eloise and Raymond. Andrew and Raymond are deceased. They have nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren one of whom is carrying on his name.

Benjamin farmed in Morton, Goodfield and Cropsey until 1929. He was employed as janitor of Morton Grade School until 1941, then as night watchman at Morton Pottery Company until October, 1959. At present, he is in good health, except for arthritis in his hips and legs, but is doing gardening, raising vegetables and flowers for all his family.

He was baptized in Morton by Elder George Welk, May 9, 1894,

along with about 140 that same spring.

### NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Reporter: Mrs. Gus Weltz

We are sorry to report that the strike of the chemical workers of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company is still on; after seven weeks, everyone is hoping that it will soon be settled.

D. S. Witschey is able to be up and around again, after being a patient in the local hospital for several days.

Mrs. Elizabeth Games of Girard has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. G. Burgess, for several weeks. They have returned from a few days visit with Mrs. Burgess's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Partlow, in Monroe Heights (Pa.).

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Ritzman and sons, Miss Margaret Graf and a guest from Akron and Barberton, O., visited the country church on July 9 for the afternoon service. Mr. Ritzman was in charge of the services.

Maude and Russell Kauffman of Akron also attended the services at the country church on July 9.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Durig and son, Keith, of Girard attended the Barth reunion at City Park here, on July 16.

William F. Widmer, a former resident of this city and the brother of Mrs. John Shackelford and Mrs. Charles Frayer, died at Wadsworth, O., on July 25, after a lengthy illness. Services were held there on July 27, and the remains were taken back to Phoenix for additional services and interment. They had resided in Phoenix the past several years.

Mrs. C. O. Wade, Mrs. Elza Ritz, Mrs. Gus Weltz, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Barth, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hanna attended a birthday dinner on July 19, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Barth in Vienna, W. Va., in honor of Mr. Barth's birthday.

Mrs. John Shackelford and Mrs. Charles Frayer attended the funeral services for their brother, W. F. Widmer, in Wadsworth, O., on July 27.

Mrs. Emma Berger of St. Marys visited with friends in town during the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich visited recently with friends in Wheeling.

Miss Ada Coe of Parkersburg was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Froelich and Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Calvert.

The annual Berger reunion was held here at City Park on August 13, and was well attended.

Miss Della Witschey spent several days, over the week end of July 30, with relatives in Washington (Pa.).

Mrs. Albert Durig and Mrs. Dean Dravis and daughter, Dorene, of Girard and Mrs. Steve Ference of Port Clinton (Ohio) spent July 11 here with the Barth families.

### OAKVILLE, IOWA

Reporter: John L. Steiner

Bro. Ellsworth and Sis. Esther Graf and children of Akron visited here July 12, and attended evening services at Burlington.

Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville conducted services Wednesday evening, July 19, at Burlington.

Mildred Heiniger Sullivan of Omaha, Nebr., youngest daughter of Sis. Rose Heiniger of here, died suddenly of a brain hemorrhage the week of July 16. She is survived by her husband and son.

Elder Bro. Roy and Sis. Minnie Farney of Phoenix arrived here July 24, for an approximately two-week visit with their daughter and son-in-law, Bro. Conrad and Sis. Roletta Gerst.

A son was born this past month to Bro. David and Sis. Kay Eisenmann of Burlington.

On July 16, the Elgin (Iowa) and Oakville Bible classes visited the Burlington Sunday School. Bros. Reuben Butikofer, Ira Farney, and Bert Butikofer of Elgin accompanied their class.

Failed to be reported in the last issue was the birth of a daughter, to Myron and Sis. Dorothy Wagenbach Schulz.

### PEORIA, ILLINOIS

A large gathering was held at the park for relatives and friends of Bro. and Sis. Edward Unsicker and family of Portland, who are visiting here.

The Kipfer sisters, Anna, Freda, Carolyn, and Marie, have been spending some time in Denver.

Visiting ministers the past month were Bros. Andrew Dotterer of Junction and Fred Grimm of Taylor. We enjoyed their messages very much. They were accompanied by their wives.

Two of our dear sisters, who had been ill for a long time, passed away this past month. Sis. Mary Hartter of the Apostolic Christian Home passed away July 21. Her funeral was held in Eureka, Friday, July 21. Sis. Margaretha Sauer passed away Monday, July 31. Her funeral was held Thursday, August 3, from Wilton Mortuary.

Bro. and Sis. Elmer Graf of Ohio have been visiting here with Bro. and Sis. Sam Stoller.

Bro. and Sis. Henry Schrenk and sons, Loren and Wayne, of Phoenix, visited friends and relatives here.

Holy Communion was held for three shut-ins, Sunday, July 9. They were Sisters Lydia Pfister, Louise Genzel and Julia Fredericks.

Bros. Chris Koehl, LeRoy Hartman, and Michael Weyeneth attended the funeral of Sis. Mary Hartter in Eureka, Friday, July 21.

Bro. and Sis. Wm. Herbst and Bro. and Sis. Chris Sauder visited relatives in Kansas, and also spent some time in Colorado.

Sisters Mattie Fisher and Connie Woerner are taking a 25-day tour of Europe. They left Monday, July 17, and will be gone three weeks.

Those in the hospital at this writing are Sisters Lena Reber, Emma Schafer and Lena Schafer and Bro. Emil Hoerr. We wish them a speedy recovery.

On Sunday, July 9, we enjoyed having with us from Taylor, Bros. Wm. Butikofer, John Hoerr, Geo. Hoerr, Fred Grimm, Clarence Kolt-off, their wives, and Wm. Hoerr, son of Geo. Hoerr of Taylor. They were supper guests of Dan Hoerr.

Bro. and Sis. John Schrock of Burlington (Oklahoma) spent some time here, visiting relatives, and they also attended the funeral of Sis. Margaretha Sauer.

### PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Reporter: Alice Heiniger

Those who visited us in July were: Bro. Lynn and Sis. Mary Ann Feller and daughter, Mary Lynn, in the home of Bro. Joe Heinold; Bro. Schmidgall and his son, Al, and Kathryn of Elgin, Illinois.

Sis. Connie Schupbach is home convalescing from major surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Bro. Joe Beer was called to the Service of our country, and left here July 28 for Cissna Park, where he will spend a few days

with his family, before leaving.

Bro. Joe Heinold announced his engagement here to Sis. Huldah Dubach of Bluffton. We wish them God's blessings.

### PORTLAND, OREGON

Reporter: Mrs. Robert Miller

Bro. Conrad and Sis. Lena Gutwein and their children, Mel and Arlene, and grandchildren arrived here on July 7, spending a few days visiting the Portland church. We were inspired by the sermons delivered by Bro. Conrad. They left July 12, to visit the churches in California.

We were also privileged to have Bro. Ezra and Sis. Rose Steffen and their granddaughter, Stephanie, visit our Portland congregation July 9 and 16. Their son, Bro. Garth, and his wife, Sis. Connie, and their children live here.

Visitors are always welcome, and at this time Bro. Andrew and Sis. Sylvia Hackenjos and daughter, Dema, from Bluffton are visiting. They arrived by train, Wednesday, July 26, for three weeks, visiting the Portland and Silverton churches and their children, Nilah Fischer and Bro. Glenn Hackenjos.

Friend Les Pfister from Roanoke visited with us on Thursday evening, July 27. We are always happy to have him come to see us.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Steitmatter and their daughters, Sis. Edith and Sis. Joan, from Rensselaer, Ind., visited the Portland church July 30.

### PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

Bro. Glenn and Sis. Josephine Martin are the parents of a daughter, born July 15. Bro. Norman and Sis. Joyce (Dietz) Streitmatter are also the parents of a daughter, born July 17.

Bro. Bill and and Sister Frieda Minger and family of Altadena spent several weeks visiting relatives and friends during July.

Gary, young son of Dan and Sis. Lois Endress, is recovering, after having had bone surgery, which was performed at Mayo's Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota.

Sis. Mary (Mrs. Philip) Musselmann is recovering nicely, following surgery.

Our aged sister, Mary Begner, fell recently and dislocated her shoulder. She is getting along as

well as possible, and able to be about in a wheel chair.

Just as we were assembling for services Sunday morning, July 16, word came that Bro. Jeff Streitmatter had passed from this life, after a lingering illness. He will be greatly missed in our congregation, as he was a faithful song leader for many years. In his grave illness, the Zion's Harp was at his side, and even near the very last he still hummed to himself. Funeral services were held July 19, and the capacity crowd showed the esteem everyone held for him. Bro. Joe Getz of Morton conducted services, assisted by Bro. Frank Woertz and Bro. Joshua Broquard. He was laid to rest in the church cemetery.

Brothers Henry Kilgus, Joe Getz, and Theo Beer were present Saturday evening, July 22, and helped our Elder Brother, Silas Leuthold, prove Nancy Tanner, Joann and Wilma Baer and Donna and Edward Ehnle. Baptismal services were held on Sunday, and a large number of relatives and friends were present.

Brothers John and Simon Wagenbach conducted services Sunday, July 30. The Wagenbach families spent the afternoon with the Bro. George Wagenbach family.

Sunday, July 30, a number of young folks in the Bible Class from Gridley and Forrest were entertained by our young folks. Their teachers and some parents also accompanied them, and we all enjoyed a pleasant day.

Several farewell singings and dinners have been held recently in honor of Sis. Mildred Stichling and her three children, Pamela, Ronald and Michael. They will be moving in the near future to Burlington, Iowa. We wish them God's blessings and happiness in their new home.

#### REMINGTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Emily Kilgus

On July 16, we had many visitors from various places. Bro. Sam Anliker was our visiting minister, for which we were very grateful.

Bro. Ed and Sis. Lora Zahner and son, Craig, and also Curtis Zahner spent ten days here, visiting the Beckley and Kilgus families. Curtis stayed for an extended visit.

Emma Welk has returned to her home in Chicago, after spending

several weeks here with the Clauss families.

Our Sunday School picnic was held on July 23.

Sisters Bertha and Martha Peters of Peoria spent the week end of July 30 here, visiting friends.

#### RITTMAN, OHIO

Reporter: Lucille Hartzler

Births: a son, David Lee, to Bro. and Sis. Everett Stoller on July 13; a son, Douglas Paul, to Bro. and Sis. Harold Stoller on July 18; a son, Loren Joseph, to Bro. and Sis. Joseph Rufener on July 25.

A number from Leo visited our congregation on July 16, including Bro. and Sis. James Winzeler, Bro. and Sis. Oliver Stieglitz, Bro. and Sis. Al Frautschi, Bro. and Sis. Ed Souder, and Sis. Mary Pulver. Other visitors that day were Bro. and Sis. Lester Gerber of Bluffton, Bro. and Sis. Ben Dotterer and Bro. and Sis. Wallace Ramsier and family of Mansfield.

Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit ministered to us on Wednesday evening, July 19.

Sis. Marilyn Dotterer of Paulding visited July 23.

Sis. Lula Lude, 76, passed away on Saturday, July 15, at Detroit, where she had been making her home with her daughter and family for a number of years. Short services were held in Detroit on Monday evening, July 17. Funeral services were held here on Wednesday, July 19, with Bro. Ben Maibach of Detroit conducting the services.

Bro. Sem Bauman, 81, passed away on July 28, after being seriously ill for several months. Funeral services were held on Monday, July 31, with Bro. Joseph Ramsier conducting them. Burial was in the church cemetery. A number of relatives from Eureka attended the services.

#### ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Sara Aeschleman

Bro. and Sis. Bruce Leman are the parents of a new son, Clark, born to them July 16.

Funeral services were held Sunday, July 23, for Bro. Ed Minger. Bro. Mike Weyeneth from Peoria had the services. Also funeral services for Sis. Elsie Hangartner, who passed away quite suddenly, were held Wednesday, July 26, with Bro. Joe Zimmerman officiating.

Visiting ministers for the month of July were: Bro. Andrew Dotterer of Junction; Bro. John Diggelman, Union City; Bro. Mike Weyeneth, Peoria; Bro. Robert Miller, Portland; Bro. Joe Klopfenstein, Gridley.

#### SABETHA, KANSAS

Reporter: Ed. H. Steiner

July 9, Sisters Anna, Marcia, and Frieda Kipfer and Mrs. Henry Kuck, Peoria, visited with members and the Joel Meyer family.

Bro. and Sis. Ellsworth Graf and children of Akron visited with the members at Sabetha.

Bro. and Sis. Ernest Kellenberger and children of West Bend spent Sunday with relatives and members.

July 17, Sisters Marie Klaus and Norma Bowald of Roanoke, Wilma Huber of Eureka, and Priscilla Schmidt of Tremont made a short visit with friends and members at Sabetha.

July 17, Bro. and Sis. Henry Schrenk and boys of Phoenix visited with Sis. Katie Otto, Marcellos Ott (Ora's brother and family), and members at Sabetha. Sis. Ora made her home here with Sis. Katie, her step-mother, for many years, before her marriage. The Schrenks were very welcome visitors. They own and operated a motel in Phoenix.

July 16, Lynn Kellenberger spent a week with his parents, Bro. and Sis. Art Kellenberger; his brothers; and his grandparents, Bro. and Sis. Ed. Steiner. He works for the Martin Missile plant at Denver.

July 18, Bro. Albert Hermann was buried today. Chapel services were held in Sabetha at 9:15. Funeral services were at the Bern church. He was laid to rest beside his dear wife, who died a short time ago. They were both residents of the Apostolic Old Folk's Home. Bro. Albert died Sunday morning, the 16th.

July 23, the Youth Fellowship of the Sunday Schools from Burlington, Wichita, Ft. Scott, Gridley, Lamont, Bern, Sabetha, Lamar and Taylor gathered at the Sabetha church for their annual meeting. The program was very good, and enjoyed by everybody. The visitors were served supper at the school building, which is well provided for such occasion. A

short service was also held after supper on Saturday evening.

We also enjoyed the services of Bros. Roy Farney of Phoenix, Fred Grimm of Taylor, and Walter Rehklau of Toledo. There were also many members and friends from many places present.

A business meeting was also held, at which Bro. Elmer Strahm and Bro. Melvin Rokey were elected on the new committee. It was also decided to have next year's meeting at Sabetha.

July 29, Wm. and Frieda Minger of Baldwin Park, Calif., made a call at Sabetha. They go to the Altadena church.

Sis. Rosa Brunner is staying at Sis. Mary Maurer's Rest Home. She is nearly 90 years old, and has been staying with her daughter, Mrs. Wilbur Haxton, for many years.

James Steiner, son of Bro. Joe Steiner, left for Baltimore, where he is stationed in the Service.

#### TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Mrs. Eli Satter

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held Sunday afternoon, July 30. They will have vacation through the month of August. Visitors were Bro. Lester Hartter, his wife, Sis. Ella, daughter, Sis. Nancy and sons, Steve and Neal, from Bern; Bro. Pete and Sis. Louise Esslinger and daughter, Sis. Erma, Bro. Roy and Sis. Evelyn Wysong, their daughter, Sis. Sally and son, Ben, all of Sabetha; Bro. Robert and Sis. Delores Kiefer and children, Peoria; Sisters Imogene and Lavada Stieglitz, Bro. Herman and Sis. Helen Bertsch and son, Rodney, all of or near Grabill; Sis. Elverna Beery, Sterling; Sis. Elaine Norr, Leo; Sis. Hope Stavenik, Mansfield; and Sis. Mary Ann Plattner, Forrest.

Bill Hoerr, son of Bro. George and Sis. Betty Hoerr, who has leukemia, spent a few days at a Quincy hospital, and about a week at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. He has returned home and had made some improvement.

Bro. Don Feller submitted to an appendectomy at a Quincy hospital. He has returned home and is getting along nicely.

A baby girl, Rachelle Ruth, came to make her home with Bro. Louis and Sis. Ruth Hoerr, on July 28. She was born on July 5.

#### TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. William H. Beutel

We have had quite a few visitors the month of July.

July 9, Bro. Getz was present for afternoon services. Sis. Glenna Pfister was here, and to visit home folks. Sis. Rachel Getz is about the same.

Bro. Bolliger has not been back to church during July.

Bros. and Sis. Dennis, Lyle, Arthur, C. R. Huettes and their families, also their parents, Bro. and Sis. Chris Huette Sr., visited with us. They were guests of their sister and daughter, Bro. and Sis. Leslie Schwiegart and son.

July 16—Bro. and Sis. Wysong, their daughter, Sis. Sally, and son, Bro. Ben, of Sabetha were here. Also, Bro. and Sis. Alvin Reckemer, Oakville, Sis. Cora Reckemer, and Louisa and Anna Heinold, Morton. Bro. Henry Grimm had the services this afternoon; Sis. Katherine was with him.

On Tuesday evening, July 18, Bros. and Sis. Andrew Dotterer and Elmer Graf from Ohio were with us. Also, Bro. Ben Heiniger and others from Morton.

Thursday evening, July 22, Bros. LeRoy Huber and Joe Rocke of Eureka were with us. Several other brothers from Eureka were with them.

Sunday, July 30, we had quite a bit of company, folks coming to a Koch reunion, from Roanoke, Oakville, New Haven, and Leo. Bro. & Sis. Max Yergler, Cissna Park and Bro. & Sis. Ronnie Stoller and children, New Haven, Indiana, were also here. Sis. Joann stayed this week, to be with her mother, Sis. George Woerner, who has not been well, or able to be at church for a few Sundays, but is improving.

Bro. Elmer Getz and Sis. Ruth Ann Ramseyer, Bay City, were announced to be married soon. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. George Getz of here. He has been living in Elgin (Ill.) for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Schwiegart and son, Clark, welcomed a little girl, Cherie, into their home June 16.

Richard Steiner, son of Bro. Dan and Sis. Soph Steiner, left for the Army on July 17. He is stationed in Ft. Sam Houston.

#### TSUTSUJIGA OKA and SHIODA JAPAN

Reporter: Yoshito Inoue

Sis. Hisayo Shinkai and Sis. Tamino Inoue were baptized on July 9 at a river at Tamahata, where the third congregation in Japan is expected to build. Brothers and sisters from both churches attended this service. Tamahata is located within an hour and a half, by bus, from Shioda church.

A brother meeting was held on July 29 at Tsutsujigaoka church. We discussed many topics, including changing of by-laws according to the advices of brothers in the U.S.A., building a new church house at Tamahata, and evangelical services this summer.

All the brothers, Willis, Take-shita, Akira, Yoshio, Tadao, Shuhei, Yoshita, Akito, Tetsuhiro and Kimio, gathered at Tsutsujigaoka for the brother meeting.

#### UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Reporter: August Mueller

Our minister, John Diggelman, his wife, Mary, and his son, Richard, just returned from a two-week vacation to the West. They visited Mansfield, Morton, Roanoke and Bluffton. They say they enjoyed every minute of it, and the report Brother John gave was very heart-warming. We were all very glad to have them in our midst again and to meet and greet them.

Sister Mary Walsh returned from a trip to Switzerland, and Bro. Ed Welty and his wife Elsa, returned from California.

The children are home again. We are so glad to have them with us.

We invite members of the western congregations to visit us here in Union City.

#### WEST BEND, IOWA

Reporter: Anna M. Schmidt

Bro. and Sis. Henry and Pauline Mogler and Sis. Edna Mogler came to West Bend Thursday morning, July 27, and Sis. Anna M. Schmidt went along with them to Elgin, Fairbury and Peoria, being in Elgin on Sunday, July 30.

Bro. Harley Bruellman is in the hospital, going on July 29. At this writing he is improving. We wish a speedy recovery for him.

Bro. and Sis. Joe and Evelyn Benninger, Bro. and Sis. Walter and Esther Banwart and daughter, Janet, Bro. and Sis. Arnold and Katie Ludwig, Ruth Ann Mogler, Bro.

and Sis. Silas Banwart, Sis. Anna Benninger, Sis Lela Banwart and Bro. Paul Banwart went to Elgin, Iowa, to witness the testimony and baptism of Gloria Frieden.

Bro. and Sis. Ralph and Lillian Ramseyer of Bay City visited at Bro. and Sis. Ivan and Evelyn Schmidts. Sis. Lillian is a sister of Evelyn. Bro. and Sis. Robert and Clara Frank and family visited with relatives over the week end. They are from Oakville.

Sister Martha Frieden is at the Good Samaritan Rest Home in Algonia, Iowa. She enjoys mail.

Bro. Chris Luthi has been sick, but is up and around some again.

We are expecting Bro. Robert Miller from Oregon and will have church services this evening, Aug. 3.

### WINTHROP, MINNESOTA Reporter: Marguerite Messner

On July 10, the Winthrop congregation enjoyed the messages of Bro. Noah Schrock of Oakville, Bro. Paul Banwart of West Bend and Bro. Henry Koehl of Morris. Bro. Henry's wife, Sis. Marie, and Sis. Nettie Nohl accompanied him. Other visitors were Bro. Earl Banwart and Bro. and Sis. Arnold Metzger of West Bend, Bro. and Sis. Leo Moser and daughter Myra, Bro. Chris Kellenberger and son, Bro. Henry, and daughter, Sis. Saloma, all of Lester.

We had Holy Communion, Sunday, July 16. Visiting Elder Bro. Henry Koehl was here, also Bro. and Sis. Henry Schmidgall of Morris. Other visitors were Sis. Ruth Hohulin of Goodfield, Sis. Emma Blume of Wolcott, Sis. Lena Knochel andt Sis. Louise Waibel, both of Remington, Sis. Bernice Banwart and Sis. Darlene Metzger of West Bend.

On July 30, Sis. Gloris Koehl, Sis. Jeanette Nohl, Sis. Ruby Fehr of Hancock visited us. Sis. Mattie Olson of Worthington (Minnesota) fell, on July 18, and is confined in the Worthington Hospital. She did not break any bones, but was badly bruised. She is slowly improving. She was 90 years old in May.

On Aug. 3, Bro. and Sis. Robert Miller and family of Portland visited with relatives in Winthrop and his aunt, Sis. Mattie Olson, of Worthington. They are on their way to visit relatives.

A girl, Cheryl Ann, was born to

Bro. and Sis. LeRoy Messner, July 30.

A girl, Denise Darlene, was born to Darrel and Darlene Schmidt, July 1.

### WOLCOTT, INDIANA Reporter: Arles Kropf

Visitors on July 9 were Bro. and Sis. Ezra Steffen and family of Fairbury, Chris Gerber of Fairbury, Bro. Will Wagler of Gridley, Sis. Clara Nohl and Alice Nohl of Goodfield.

Funeral services were held on July 15 for Sis. Lena Farney, who passed away unexpectedly, following surgery. Bro. Irvin Lehman held the services.

We appreciated the visits of ministering brothers Joe Kaisner of Forrest and Bro. Merle Kaisner of Fairbury on July 16. Theri wives accompanied them. Other visitors that day were Bro. and Sis. Warren Hartman, Bro. and Sis. Homer Blunier of Fairbury, Sis. Maribeth Ebach and Sis. Lou Ida Kaisner of Forrest, Bro. Obed Gerber and wife, & Sis. Tillie Bahler of Bluffton, Sis. Anna Furrer, Sis. Estella Lehman, and Bro. and Sis. Karl Lehman of Chicago.

A daughter, Julie Ann, was born on July 12 to Larry and Judy Stoller.

Sis. Arles Kropf, accompanied by Sis. Louise Martin and daughters, Sis. Wilma, Vera, and Mary of Princeville, and Sis. Arlene Knapp of Cissna Park, visited the Bay City and Detroit churches, while touring Michigan recently.

Sis. Lynetta Furrer and Bro. Ted Hofstetter were united in holy matrimony on July 30 by Bro. Irvin Lehman. We wish them the Lord's blessings. There were many visitors here for the day from Cissna Park, Peoria, Morton, Oakville, Congerville, Forrest, Fairbury, Chicago, Francesville and Latty.

### LETTERED LINES

"Dear Brethren in faith,

Greetings in the holy name of our blessed Redeemer. Whoever it may concern, I want to let you know that I don't live any more at my dear departed brother's home. He peacefully died in the Lord on December the 21st, 1958, on a Sunday evening, just exactly a week after his oldest son, Ben, was baptized in California. Fred, my dear brother, sat by the phone, waiting

for the call from Ben. He could talk to him yet.

Then, during the week, he got more feebly. On Friday the 19th, they took him to the hospital. He was conscious till the last, quoted the verse yet, "Love Thou me, dearest Jesus, Love Thou me." It seems that the Lord wanted him to have that joy, yet to know that Ben finally could grasp faith to be baptized. He had a long struggle."

Hearty greetings to all. From your least sister in Christ, Mary Ammann.

July 28, 1961

Dear Ones in Faith:

I am writing this letter for one of our aged sisters, Sister Mary Oettinger, who is 84 years old, and it is almost impossible for her to write, so she asked me to write for her. She asked me to send this . . . and to tell you how much she gets out of the Silver Lining, both in spiritual blessings and comfort, and also how much she enjoys the news of the different churches.

. . . how she looks forward to receiving the Silver Lining. She extends greetings and best wishes to you all who do such a wonderful work on this Silver Lining. May God bless you.

My sisters and I also send our heartiest greetings in Christ, and our best wishes to you all.

A least one in Faith,  
Katie Kachelmuss  
402 N. Porter Ave.  
Elgin, Ill.

"We have finished our fourth week of Vacation Bible School—had one week in each of the three regular churches, and then went over to the church at Grayson and had one week there. The church has been closed there for some years, and no one was allowed in. When John went over this year, they said we could use it, and so on Saturday night, had a singing, and then the following week, five nights of meetings and Vacation Bible School. Then, last Sunday, we had our first regular Sunday morning service. We just pray the Lord will bless the Word as it goes forth to the saving of souls. We ask your prayers that we may be able to continue there if it is the Lord's will.

The folks have had good gardens this year and share so willingly with us. . . Have the freezer about

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full, and now canning tomatoes.  
Mrs. John Wagler."

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**LOOK TO PARADISE**

Do grasp a hopeful rose  
Midst evening azure sky —  
When tear-drops softly fall,  
Fragrance joy, mid your sigh.

When your heart is longing,  
And the grave's all adew,  
Step, then, softly, swiftly,  
To hope of dreams come true.

Glad glimpse of sweet, sweet ones,  
Living seen, without care.  
Over there! faith's skyline! . . .  
Beautiful! wondrous fair.

the editor

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**KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER**

The Lord willing, the November  
issue will have a feature under  
many or all churches.

Under Leo and Morton news this  
issue, we have two special reports,  
one of Joseph Conrad and the other  
Ben Pfleiderer.

For the November issue, the vis-  
iting news will be reduced and this  
"Know Each Other Better" will ap-  
pear.

Under this title will be glimpses  
into the lives of our members.

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**HOPE AND HOME**

Lake Michigan is a natural gem  
of masterful touch. God blazes the  
sky . . . He correlates the color.  
This constant parade of ever-  
changing beauty talks about its  
Creator.

Look out over the lake . . . there  
is a beyond. Unseen to the eye  
are color-lit harbors . . . sunrise  
goldens that touch the local coun-  
try with color. There is activity.

We cannot see, but they are  
there; somewhere, are some notes  
of friendship we know . . . real

activity, real action, real people,  
on the other side of the sea.

Even thus, we look over into a  
real horizon of hope . . . the view  
is misty today . . . but it is there.

Brother Edwin Ringger said in  
a Sunday sermon, As real as we are  
here today, so will we be in eter-  
nity.

As we think of the heavenly sea  
. . . the one told about in such won-  
drous description, what beauty  
fires our feelings, of kindled color!

But how do the harbors look?  
What awe-inspiring gaze awaits  
our marvelled grasp of surprise  
and delight? What mountain beau-  
ty grandeurs in lovely Paradise  
color?

What must it be to see our God!  
Sweet source of satisfaction! No  
human eye has seen, but when we  
do, we will know wondrous loveli-  
ness That will be the best, the most  
delightful, the matchless!

How about the sounds and activ-  
ity over there? Never is there a  
moment of loneliness. The avenues  
hum with joy and voices. There is  
something going on that fills with  
delight always.

It is a sweet Rest, where every  
moment holds some sound that life  
is complete, that loved ones are  
here.

How empty the world is in its  
pursuits . . . how junked are the  
jostle of its sounds . . .

High in the sky, we rise on wings  
of faith . . . we rise to the outlook  
God has given. Why then shall we  
beat our feet to the small sounds  
and sights of sin!

Do we realize how rich the Sky-  
line is, ahead, with things that re-  
veal in reality?

Harvest of dreams! Home of all  
that is true!

The light is rich and glows each  
sight in lustre that chords a heav-  
enly symphony.

The Father glows and loves. He  
cares. He personally sees so each  
is in enrichment of endless content-  
ment. Little ones chorus. Hearts  
we love are together in delight!  
Avenues hum with the goings of  
God.

Home has charm because it has  
love. It is happy with voices and  
faces and scenes that never die.  
Home is home, because God is  
there, our heavenly Father.

Beautiful home, bountifully fill-  
ed!

the editor

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**AT JOURNEY'S END, WHAT  
THEN?**

Toward the close of World War  
II, a soldier, who had spent more  
than three years in the South Pa-  
cific, sat in a railway coach with  
a look of joyous anticipation on  
his face! The train was speeding  
toward Chicago. "How fast are we  
traveling?" asked the soldier of  
the porter. "This is a good sec-  
tion of track and we are making  
about 105 miles an hour!" the por-  
ter answered. "How far are we  
from Chicago?" asked the soldier.  
"A little over an hundred miles,  
sir." "We can't get there too quick-  
ly, said the soldier, as he took his  
duffel bag and bundles from the  
overhead rack. "I'm going to be the  
first one off this train!"

Why was he so eager to reach  
his destination? His father, moth-  
er, brothers, sisters, friends and  
one he loved were all awaiting, to  
welcome him!

There was another serviceman in  
that same coach. His face looked  
like a blown-out lamp. He was a  
picture of gloom and dejection.  
He was in handcuffs and in charge  
of military policemen. He was not  
eager to reach his destination, for  
only judgment and punishment for  
crime awaited him there? There  
would be no friends or loved ones  
to greet him.

Do you look forward with joy to  
your home going? Will you be re-  
ceived "into everlasting habita-  
tions". and be for ever with the  
Lord and with loved ones in glory?  
Or, do you look forward with crav-  
en fear to meeting the One whose  
love you spurned, and whose merc-  
y and forgiveness you rejected?

Our eternal destination is deter-  
mined by the answer in action we  
give to this question: "What shall  
I do then with Jesus which is call-  
ed Christ?" (Matt. 27:22).

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**REMEMBER**

that what you possess  
in the world will be found  
at the day of your death  
to belong to someone else;  
but what you are,  
the time you give,  
the service you render,  
the tithe and offering  
you bring to God  
will be yours forever!