



THE SILVER LINING

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Editor Silver Lining:

I want to call to the attention of our members that there is a need of more members and friends to locate in Oregon.

The church in Portland was built new only a few years ago, and is large enough to accommodate a great many more people.

Portland is a city that is growing and affords employment for people who work in industry. The wage scale is good, and climate excellent. The fellowship among the brethren is close and precious. I would like to encourage brethren to give prayerful consideration of locating at Portland.

For those who have the urge to live on the land, I could recommend the Silverton community. The land is very productive, and a great variety of crops can be grown, especially fruit, nuts and vegetables.

We have a remodeled church
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ON WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU?

"Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet.

Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee?

Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?

So there was a division among the people because of him.

And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.

Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him?

The officers answered, Never man spake like this man."

From St. John 7

CONCERNING JAPAN

As Bro. Willis Ehnle and his wife desire to be relieved of their duties in Japan, the committee in charge of our mission work have decided to send forth Bro. John Klaus and his wife of Eureka (Ill.) to Japan, as custodian of our property and to make themselves useful among the beloved members and friends there. There are at present 28 members in Japan. We have two churches, and if God directs it, we hope to establish a third church.

We resort to these means to inform our members that Bro. and Sis. Klaus are being sent by the church. We enlist the prayers of all, beseeching God to provide for them a safe journey and to direct them in all their ways to be a good influence to a godly life.

There are at this time three brothers in the ministry of the word in Japan who are native Japanese. However, it is most
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"I'm talking now of a man named Jesus"

(Brother Henry Beer of Milford submitted the following. Bro. Phil Beer, son of our counselling elder, Theo Beer, has set down, in the form of a letter of a Roman soldier, words that can stir the heart.)

Salutations!

Many events of this past week have left me with mixed emotions. I cannot dispel the feeling, that something of a greater depth, and also of a higher plane, might have happened than ever before in history.

To begin—you know these Jews. I have often written how they chafe under our rule and seem to be counting the days when they will again be free. Be free . . . the power of our great empire against their Judaea, and they talk about a king who would set them free.

Maybe they had their king, but he didn't suit the established religion of theirs, and so they put him to death. I'm talking now of a man named Jesus. I have heard many reports of him. They say he can heal, and even has power over death. We made much sport of this, but what happened on the first day of this week makes me wonder . . .

This man Jesus . . .

I first saw him, after hearing so much of him, about a week ago. He came into Jerusalem on an ass. The people heralded his coming, and spread palm branches and garments in his way. That is, the common people. There is a great division, they say, between the ruling class and the common people. "If he is our Messiah or King," they say, "Why doesn't he proclaim himself and lead us?" "But no, he is an imposter and is trying to gain favor with the rabble, and is upsetting our way of living."

As I have said, I saw him . . . and this may sound strange . . . he saw me. He has that way about him. Everyone I talked to said the same thing, "He was looking at me," and his look was pure compassion. I believe he felt sorry for us all and loved us, too.

No, he wouldn't be the one to rule the Jews and march against us. Force would not be His way.

There is a rumor they bought out one within his circle of friends, to tell them where he stayed at night, that they might take him without fear of the people. They finally found Him and in the night brought him before authorities.

They brought him to Pontius Pilate.

This man should be put to death, they told him. We have tried him and he is guilty. Pilate told them to punish him themselves, if they have tried him. But they said, We

have no power to put him to death, and we want him crucified. Crucified! Pilate asked. Why this man has done nothing worthy of that.

But they would hear nothing of it. We want this man crucified, they shouted. Then Pilate said a strange thing. Take him and do your worst, but I wash my hands of any blame.

In front of the mob, he washed his hands in a bowl.

Our company then was placed in charge. There were three, two thieves and this Jesus, who was called the Christ.

Many of our company made light of the whole matter. They mocked him, placed on his head a crown, on him a purple robe, but the crown was thorns, and the robe was soon removed.

The man was whipped and weakened, so he could not bear his own cross, as is the custom. Our centurion stopped a Cyrenian and compelled him to do it.

This man, Jesus, took our ridicule and severe punishment with composure, yes, even with compassion, for us who beat him. It seemed almost as though he had a mission to perform . . . and this mission was to die.

I was not picked to drive the nails into his hands. I was reserved for an act yet to be performed. The nails were driven. The cross was raised. His weight bore down, then, and his great suffering. . . What a dreadful way to die, slowly, with no relief for pain!

He did cry out a few times, but not from the great pain. He uttered things, hard to be understood by us soldiers . . . as if he was asking some great power. He even asked that we soldiers would be forgiven.

"What manner of man are we crucifying?" I asked myself. I could see our centurion sweat. He must have been in torment, too.

His heart was never in this. Hard man though he was, this innocent man, dying before him, was almost too much.

I lost track of time, but it grew dark . . . and was not yet time for darkness. Finally, Jesus grew limp, and hung, after uttering one final prayer to his Father, he called him.

They broke the legs of the thieves, but Jesus, they said, was already dead.

Then, he commanded me to drive my spear into him. This I did, as a soldier, but I trembled. What if this man was what he claimed to be. I thrust my spear into his side, and out poured blood and water.

The ground shook. Many strange things reportedly happened in Jerusalem. Our centurion said, Surely this man was the Son of God. Yes, I almost believe it, too.

I am troubled to this day. As I write, many other things have happened. They say he arose from the dead, and I have reason to believe he did. The guard was bribed to say, his friends came and stole his body away. But this great truth leaked out, they did not. An unearthly being rolled away the stone, and Jesus was already risen.

What if this man was the son of God? I opened his side with a spear. Is there yet hope for me?

Some of his blood touched me. I have a feeling that if I could believe, . . . it might have cleansed and purified.

In ending, I want to say, I am going to learn more. There are others interested, also. Our centurion has his robe, and it is a terrible thing on his conscience. I, too, am in despair. We have put him to a shameful death, and it was my spear that pierced his side.

Could I, by believing, find relief for my burdened mind?

Searchingly,

When Fields Are Radiant

Henry Souder Jr.

Whether the thunder-splash of the night winds . . . or the dawn of the day. . . If the Lord is present, there is beauty.

The Sea of Galilee is a gem. How marvellous is the character of its

Maker! His thoughts were of the colorful blue, and He set it, a scenic wonder. Towering in very sight, is Hermon's height. Lovely spring-time would see its snow-crowned height telling of the majestic char-

acter of heavenly love.

Somewhere, seemingly on the northeast shore, the colorful Christ had selected a restful place.

"And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying,

This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals."

They saw Him going. In the deep cry of human misery, in the dark night of human terror, He was hope. They hastened. They poured from miserable hut and miserly mansion. They streamed from village and city.

Oh, how deep and sad are human woes, how crushing the cruelties of human heart. But in the country with the colorful Christ there could be comfort.

Along the shores they came. They filled the fields. Their cheek would be touched with the westerly breezes, bringing fresh from the west the touch of the Great Sea.

But here was Someone infinitely more lovely. To those who seek refreshment eternal, here is the source and spring of satisfaction. When all other feasting is seen to evaporate in emptiness, how beautiful becomes the Bread of Life!

"But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two

fishes. He said, Bring them hither to me."

Only the Master, the Creator of color, can make the common-places glow, to multiply divinely.

Heavenly method is in a striking manner. It strikes though red-tape to the marvellous moving. It grasps what we have, the steps at hand, and moves into the miracle, with it.

Move with the common, no matter how common may seem the fare!

In that immense crowd was a little lad with meagre fare. Andrew happened to know about it. That's the way things work with God. He told Jesus, matter-of-factly, unknowingly what God can do with humble effort. Thoroughness is good, for our contributions are God's chances!

"And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude."

Eastern feasting-time! And with the Master present.

The colorful crowd orderly arranges according to his directions.

The disciples move efficiently, continuously in this delicious adventure in tasty eating.

We should not doubt the Master's ability to satisfy. He is able to entertain each delicious moment with spiritual sustenance. Arranging our wishes according to His words, we order our lives in His love.

Then, efficiently, continuously, we feel His joy within and His glory about.

"For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world."

There is no greater tragedy than to see the soul pause a little while in sight of the Light . . . and then hasten into the gloomy blackness.

You who have supped hem-lock . . . sin is the devil's slums, slated for clearance in great judgment.

There is a Way to escape the fears and burdens of the gloomy night!

We came, and we had many chains. We saw Him. We poured out of hut and mansion. We came with our fevers and our shames. We came. We repented.

You, too, can come.

Ask one of us what we have found.

NEWS

AKRON, OHIO

Reporter: Ruth Taylor

The Sunday School groups had a picnic Aug. 15. Some of their families were along, and altogether 55 attended.

Paul Ritzman spent most of the summer with the Theo Beers in Milford. His brothers, Jerry and Eric, were there about three weeks, and all returned home Aug. 13.

On Aug. 13, we had visitors from Rittman: Noah Hiltys, Elizabeth Hilty, Bob Ramsiers, Dave Emchs, Esther and Lula Bachman, Mary and Frieda Winkler, and from Bluffton—Frieda, Irene, Frances, and Esther Kipfer and Leah Aeschliman.

Earl Fellers and Dale Eisenmans stopped for the week end, Aug. 20. They were on the way to New York and Connecticut.

We welcomed Paul and Elizabeth Gangle back, Aug. 20. They

had just returned by plane from Hungary, where they visited relatives.

We were glad to have the Merrill Laukhuf family visit us on August 20. They spent the following week in Akron, too, visiting her family, the Dan Emerys.

Philip Jr. and Emma Webber spent three days in Pennsylvania, visiting Mary Webber Balazs.

The Herman Von Guntens' visit to Colorado was cancelled, because of his illness. He has had surgery, is back home, and reported in good condition.

A daughter, Lisa Ann, was born August 26 to John and Janice Graf.

Larry and Kathryn Ries, Joe and Anna Hanla, and the Ellsworth Grafs visited Bay City on Labor Day week end.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: Doris Graf

Our regular first-Sunday-of-the-

month dinner and singing was held Sunday, Aug. 6. Visiting us on that day were: Sis. Hope Stavenik, Mansfield; Sis. Elverna Beery, Rittman; Sis. Imogene Stieglitz, Sis. Lavada Stieglitz, Sis. Elaine Norr, and Sis. Ethelyn Schlatter, from Leo; also Bro. and Sis. Joe Emch, Girard, visited us with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Emch, Santa Monica (Calif.). Many members from Maywood also attended.

On Aug. 13, Bro. and Sis. Earl Sanders and their son, Billy, from Phoenix, visited us, and on Aug. 20, Sis. Kathryn Leiser, Sabetha, and her daughter, Mrs. Rhea Schreiner, Woodlands Hills, Calif.; Bro. and Sis. Vernon Hartman and their daughter, Donna, of Fairbury, were in Maywood. Dinner and singing were held the evening of the 20th for both Maywood and Altadena congregations, in Maywood.

The young folks were happy to have Kay Maibach from Detroit with us for three weeks. She was a guest of LaVonne Kinsinger of Altadena. Bro. and Sis. Lewis Sauder of Maywood church enjoyed a visit with family and friends, on a vacation trip to Elgin, Bluffton, and Mansfield.

On Sunday, Aug. 27, Bro. Roger Aberle, Bro. Ronnie Metzger, Bro. Eldon Metzger, Bro. James Metzger, and Doug Aberle of Sabetha visited both Maywood and Altadena congregations. Returning to Sabetha and Kansas State University with the boys was Bro. Richard Aberle, who has been living and working in San Diego over the summer months. We enjoyed having him in our congregation this summer.

The Maywood Sunday School Picnic was held in Norwalk Park on Saturday, Aug. 26. It was well attended and enjoyed by the children, and a good lunch was enjoyed by all. The Altadena Sunday School Picnic will be held on Sept. 10, at Farnsworth Park in Altadena.

On Aug. 13, in Altadena, an election was held for new trustees and Sunday School teachers. Those chosen were: Bros. Bill Schwarz, Bill Minger, Bill Witzig, trustees; and the Sunday School teachers were: Sis. Viola Traub, Sis. Betty Baker, Sis. Doris Graf, Bro. Bill Witzig, Bro. John Klotzle, Bro. Bill Minger. Also, the yearly election of officers in Maywood was held and the business report read to the church on Sunday, Aug. 27.

Bro. Mike Richardt of Maywood is much improved in health, following recent surgery. We were also happy to have Bro. Joe Lorenz back in our Altadena congregation, one Sunday this month. We pray that God will provide added blessings to those who cannot gather with us each Sunday.

ATHENS, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Births: A son, Dwight Randolph, born August 8 to Monroe and Sis. Nadeen Kyle. She is the daughter of Sis. Ruth Smith; A daughter, Shelby Ann, born Aug. 12, to Oscar and Mildred Carroll. She is the daughter of Sis. Minnie Kyle.

Bro. Henry Perry has been able to attend services again, after being sick with sugar diabetes.

Aug. 20, Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein

of Leo spent several days helping with the work of the churches.

Aug. 26, Bro. and Sis. Noah Bauman, Bro. and Sis. John Bauman and daughter, Sis. Mabel Bauman, and Marjorie Zollinger of Rittman; Bro. and Sis. Henry Kilgus of Forrest and Bro. and Sis. Edwin Bahler of Remington spent the week end visiting many homes and the churches of Alabama.

BERN, KANSAS

Reporter: Leland Plattner

Our visitors for this month were:

Aug. 6, Bro. and Sis. Jim Messner and family from Winthrop; Bro. Joe Aeschliman from Bluffton; Bro. and Sis. Wm. Cordill and Doris from Oakville; Bro. and Sis. Mathias Strahm from Yates Center, Kans.; Ungela Strahm from Emporia, Kans.; Mathias Strahm Jr. from Kansas City; Bro. and Sis. John Kraft from Burlington, Oklahoma.

Aug. 13, Bro. and Sis. Leon Waibel and family from Remington; Bro. and Sis. Irvin Rokey and family from Congerville.

Aug. 20, Raymond and Sis. Braker, from Lamar; Bro. and Sis. Ira Rokey and family and Sis. Marian Wiegand from Goodfield.

Aug. 27, Bro. and Sis. Harley Bruellman and family from West Bend; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stone from Exeter, California; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ulmer from Weeping Water, Nebraska.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Frieda Kipfer

Bro. and Sis. Sam Aeschliman and Bro. and Sis. Sylvan Ringger attended the evening service held for Bro. Ben Maibach Sr. in Detroit. Bro. and Sis. Sam Kaehr and Bro. and Sis. Phil Kaehr attended the funeral on the following day.

Sis. Mary Jo Pfister and Bro. Paul Gerber were united in marriage on Aug. 13. Bro. Aeschliman officiated. Relatives and friends attending were from Ft. Wayne, Latty, Roanoke, Tremont and Oakville.

Bro. and Sis. Levi Schwartz entertained the following visitors on the 13th: Sisters Katherine Rager, Mary Stoller and Nettie Stoller; Bro. and Sis. Ulrich Kipfer and Bro. and Sis. Alvin Klopfenstein, all of Latty; Bro. and Sis. Henry Kipfer, Bro. and Sis. Ephraim Kipfer, Bro. and Sis. Wm. Klopfen-

stein and Bro. and Sis. Oliver Stieglitz of Leo.

Sis. Hulda Dubach and Bro. Joe Heinold were married on Wednesday evening, Aug. 16, by Bro. Aeschliman. Relatives and friends attending were from La Crosse, Milford, Mansfield and Rittman.

Bro. Henry Sabo of Mansfield was our only visiting minister this month. His wife, Sis. Louise, accompanied him.

Bro. Ned Kipfer has been discharged from the Service. Wm. G. and Caroline Gerber have been home. William is on leave.

Bro. Obed Steffen is able to attend church again. Bro. Harvey Frauhiger has been discharged from Parkview Hospital. Sis. Lydia Guyer has returned from Parkview Hospital, where she had been for tests and observation.

Visitors on Sept. 3 were Bro. and Sis. Ernest Knecht and children and Sis. Anna Furrer of Chicago; Bro. and Sis. Wayne Stoller of Latty; Bro. and Sis. Ben Schlatter of Toledo; Sisters Hulda, Anna and Frieda Manz of Paulding; Bro. and Sis. Gust Meiss of Cissna Park; and Bro. and Sis. Harold Meiss and family of Morris.

Ruth Ann Reinhard, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Amos Reinhard, has been announced for proving.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. John Fiechter Jr., a daughter, on Aug. 4; to Bro. and Sis. Richard Kaehr, a son, on Aug. 6; to Bro. and Sis. Roy Reinhard, a son, on Aug. 11; to Bro. and Sis. Harold Meyer, a daughter, on Aug. 13; to Bro. and Sis. Howard Baumgartner, a daughter, on Aug. 25; and to Bro. and Sis. Robert Steffen, a son, on Aug. 28.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Reporter: Lydia Heuberger

Church services were held on Monday evening, July 31. The sermon was delivered by Bro. Roy Farney, Phoenix. His message on Conversion was very inspiring. Also, visiting us on this evening were Bros. Forrest Ritzman, Akron; Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton and Theo Beer of Milford.

On Saturday evening, Aug. 5, we had proving for William and Ann Zimmer, and the following day, Sunday, the 6th, baptismal services were performed by Bros. Sam Aeschliman and Theo. Beer. We truly rejoice with these two new members.

Bro. and Sis. Will Zeltwanger and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Zeltwanger of the Morris church visited with us on Wednesday night, Aug. 30.

Birth: Aug. 4, a daughter, Michelle Renee, to Mr. and Mrs. Herman (Jack) Hueni Jr.

Brian Hueni, age 18 months, son of Bro. and Sis. Herbert Hueni, has been ill with bilateral pneumonia, but is recovering at the present time.

On Sept. 3, we had the following visitors: Bro. and Sis. Lester Plattner and children of Goodfield, Dan and Sam Plattner of Goodfield, Bro. and Sis. Dean Gudeman and family of Francesville, Sis. Clara Klopfenstein from Toledo, Bro. and Sis. Richard Klopfenstein and children from Elgin, and Bob and Joan Conrad.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. Ernest Anliker

Greetings from our little congregation of Burlington. We thank our Lord for all who assemble with us, and may God grant our congregation to grow, in number and spiritually.

Bro. and Sis. Edd Wyss of Morton were our visitors Sunday, Aug. 27. They were guests of Sis. Martha Perdelwitz. Edd is Martha's brother. We were happy to have them with us.

Also, Sis. Lavern Fisher, Sis. Bette Schlipf and her younger sister visited Bro. and Sis. Ezra Schlipf, who attend the Oakville church. The Schlipf girls are daughters of Bro. Ezra and Sis. Velda Schlipf. They are from Roanoke. A pot-luck was held at Bro. and Sis. Blaine Applegarths' home (near Gladstone, Ill.) for them and many of the Burlington congregation, which was enjoyed by all. May God's blessings be their reward.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hohulin and boys visited her parents, Bro. and Sis. Ernest Anliker, and other relatives and friends, a few days, the latter part of August.

We are looking forward to Bro. Joel Banwart assembling with us. He teaches at Keokuk, Iowa. He is from West Bend.

Our visitors Sunday, Sept. 3, were Bro. and Sis. Wm. Butikofer and children of Davenport, Ia., where Bro. Wm. is attending Palmers Chiropractic School. Sis. Lena Pulfer, who lives with them, was here also. They and several others

were dinner guests at Bro. and Sis. Kenny Scheitlins. A blessed time was had by all. May God bless Kenny and Charity for their hospitality.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth

Sis. Anna Miller is spending several months, visiting in California and Washington.

Visitors here Aug. 13 and 20 were our Elder Bro. and Sis. Roy Farney of Phoenix. Other visitors Aug. 13 were Bro. and Sis. John Greiner and family of Sabetha and Bro. Ben Metz of Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

Bro. John Somerhalder was appointed to serve in the ministry. We wish him the gift in preaching the gospel of salvation.

Bro. John Huffman is now home from the Halstead, Kansas, Hospital, after being a patient there eleven weeks.

Visitors here Sept. 3 included Bro. Sam Farney, Phoenix; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Farney, Mesa, Ariz.; Sis. Eleanor and Rita Ann Terry, Peoria; Sis. Christa Moser, Sis. Judy Aeschleman, Sis. Christine Leman and Sis. Fern Leman, all of Roanoke; Bro. and Sis. Harvey Farney, Wichita; and Sis. Lydia Farney has been with us the past several Sundays, after living the past year with her daughter, Dr. Esther Davies in Pittsburg.

Patients in the hospital this past month are Sis. Ida Tanner; Keith Kisling, son of Bro. and Mrs. Frank Kisling; and, at this writing, your reporter, Sis. Raymond Roth, who fell in her home and broke her left leg, and required surgery and metal screws to set the fracture, and will be laid up for some time.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Jeff Young

Our congregation was saddened by the passing on of our dear brother Andy Yergler. Funeral services were held Aug. 13. Ministering brothers attending were Bro. Joel Souder of Leo, Bro. Art Gudeman, Bro. Dave Mangold and many others from various churches.

Bro. Cleo Rinkenberger of Pulaske visited us on Aug. 20. His wife and family and his mother accompanied him. We invite them all back.

Bro. Wayne and Sis. Nancy Hauptli are the parents of a boy,

Duane Alan, born Aug. 11.

Robert Melvin was born Aug. 31 to Bro. Melvin and Sis. Doris Knapp.

Failed to be reported last issue—New Sunday School teachers installed were Bros. William Rinkenberger, Eldon Steffen, George Gudeman, Sisters Lorene Kaufman, Melba Funk and Lavern Kaufmann.

Bro. Johnie Somerhalder from Burlington (Okla.) served as guest teacher in our Sunday School on Aug. 27.

Engagement of Sis. Shirley Gudeman and Bro. Dan Steiner of Tremont was announced on Aug. 27.

Aug. 30, our visitors were Bro. John Wagler and family from Alabama, also, Bro. John Somerhalder and family of Burlington. After services, Bro. John showed slides of Alabama at the grade school. It is very inspiring to see of their efforts and progress.

Bro. John Walder was hospitalized, and passed away on Sept. 2. Funeral services were held Sept. 5. John is a brother of Bro. Ben Walder.

Bro. Earl and Sis. Lucelle Feller and Bro. Dale and Judy Eisenmann returned from a trip to the Eastern states, visiting relatives at Croghan and Rockville.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marjorie Knapp

Bro. and Sis. George Graff of Milford and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Graff were visiting relatives here Aug. 6. Sis. Emma Moser from Bluffton also spent that day with us.

We were happy to have Bro. Bob Miller of Portland minister to us Aug. 11.

Sis. Janet Lowery and Bro. Elvin Nuest, LaCrosse, were united in marriage Aug. 20 by Bro. Frank Woertz, Goodfield. Ministering Bro. Art Gudeman and family and other guests from LaCrosse were with us for the day.

Our Sunday School classes were announced to begin Sept. 3. Bro. Al Neukom was elected Sunday School superintendent.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Reporter: Mrs. Clayton Virkler

We are having as Sunday visitors Bro. Richard and Sis. Janice Schwenk from Alto. Bro. Schwenk is taking training in insurance work at Glens Falls.

Our churches held union services on Aug. 6, when Bro. Andrew and Sis. Maxine Virkler; his mother, Amanda Virkler; and brother, Raymond, were here from Bay City. Bro. Virkler conducted services. On that day, we also had as visitors Bro. Emmanuel and Sis. Helen Kloter and family and Bro. Robert and Sis. Pauline Luginbuhl and family, of Rockville.

Bro. John and Sis. Elizabeth Erisman of Rockville were Sunday visitors on Aug. 13.

We had union services the night of August 16, when Bro. Earl and Sis. Arlene Kilgus and daughter, Brenda, and Bro. Walter and Sis. Esther Bahler of Remington were our guests. Bro. Kilgus conducted the services. They left for Niagara Falls the following day.

On August 15, Sis. Amanda Virkler and her daughter, Esther Rauhe, and granddaughter, Betty Rauhe, were involved in a one-car accident. Sis. Amanda died from injuries within a few hours. Esther and Betty received bruises and lacerations, but are in a satisfactory condition.

Sis. Amanda's funeral was held on Aug. 19. Elder Brother John Bahler of Rockville conducted the services. Out-of-town guests present were Bro. Edward and Sis. Minnie Friedinger, Bro. George and Sis. Alice Eisenmann, Bro. Orville, Sisters Leah and Helen Ramseyer, Eula Maibach of Bay City; and Bro. Ernest and Sis. Helen Luginbuhl, Elizabeth Erisman, Bro. William and Sis. Martha and son, Bro. Roy Schneider and Sis. Dorothy Schneider of Rockville.

On Aug. 20, we were all very much pleased to accept into our fold, after having heard their testimonies the previous evening, and their having submitted to baptism the following day, Bro. George and Sis. Deborah Hoppel. Many of the visitors, attending Sister Amanda's funeral the day before, remained for Sunday services and the baptisms. We were also pleased to have with us Elder Brother David and Sis. Anna Mangold and granddaughter, Susan, and Bro. David and Sis. Anna Hodel and granddaughter, Ruth, of Roanoke. Other visitors were Douglas Moser, Dale Zahner, Ralph Zahner and Erick Kloter of Rockville.

Sis. Celia Virkler is recuperating at her home, after spending a few days in the hospital.

A daughter, Patti Jayne, was born to Donald and Sis. Rita Petzoldt on July 20.

Bro. Leland Hirschey was involved in an accident at his farm home. His arm was severely lacerated by the needle of a grain-binder. He is progressing satisfactorily.

We had a union song-service at Croghan on Aug. 24, with Bro. Earl and Sis. Lucille Feller and their daughter and son-in-law, Bro. Dale and Sis. Judy Eisenman, of Cissna Park, as guests.

Both the Croghan and the Naumburg churches held their Sunday School picnics on Aug. 26 at the Lowville Fish and Game Club and Whittaker Falls, respectively. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Union services were held Sept. 3 by Bro. Ben Hartzler. He and his wife, Sis. Clara, were visiting us, with their daughter, Sis. Lorene, and son-in-law, Elmer Blough, and infant daughter, Ruth Anne. We also had as week end visitors, Bro. Leon and Sis. Emma Herzig of Rockville, Bro. Clifford and Sis. Harriet Farney and family and John Stockburger.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Louise Steffen

Elders who were here on July 16 were: Bros. Noah Schrock, Dave Mangold, Joe Getz and Frank Woertz. Our friend, Mary Rinkenberger, gave her testimony and was baptized. Bro. Herman Kellenberger was instated as elder of the Elgin congregation. Bro. Jesse Schrock and wife visited here that same Sunday.

July 29, Jim Wewetzer and Shirley Jessee were married. Jim is the son of Bro. Al and Sis. Julie Wewetzer.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Pearl Miller and children visited here on Fri. evening, Aug. 4, then left for Roanoke on Sat. forenoon. We all enjoyed the visit and wonderful sermon Bro. Bob had on Love, I Cor. 13.

Aug. 8, we had with us Bro. Ralph Beyer and his wife of Naumburg, N.Y., and also Bro. Clayton Virkler and wife of Croghan. We are always glad to have brothers preaching here of the same mind and faith, first one from the far West, and then one from the far East. Al Schmidgal Jr. and his wife, Kay (Scheitlin) Schmidgal,

left on Sat., Aug. 12, to make their new home in Phoenix. We will miss them, but wish them many blessings.

Aug. 13, most of our Sunday School Bible Classes visited the Francesville Sunday School.

Aug. 19, Dale Steffen and Sharon Robison were married. Dale is the son of Bro. Theo and Sis. Mabel Steffen.

Sisters Louise and Lydia Shock visited in Germany. Lydia had an operation over there and had to stay, while Louise returned home. We wish a speedy recovery for Lydia. May God be with her. She is so far from home.

Those who were hospitalized recently were: Sis. Emma Wahl, who had surgery; Sis. Marie Muster, who broke her arm; and Minnie Goll, who broke her hip. Also, Fred Johnson was in the hospital.

Twins were born to Bro. Nathan and Sis. Marilyn Steffen, a boy, David Lee, and a girl, Deborah Lee.

Sept. 3, Bro. Gus Scheitlin of Burlington, Iowa, visited here.

Sept. 5, Bro. Joe Anliker and Ed Schifferer underwent surgery.

Bro. Pat Kinsinger took his sister, Emma Kinsinger, to Mayo Clinic, in Rochester, for treatments.

ELGIN, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. George Butikofer

On July 20, we enjoyed a blessed day together, as that was when Gloria Frieden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Frieden, gave her testimony, was baptized and added to the fold. Elder Paul Banwart officiated. Visitors from West Bend, Burlington and Wapello were present.

Out-of-town guests during the past month were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Marti and Karen from Bern; Bro. Will and Sis. Marie Butikofer, Quincy, Ill.; Bro. Paul and Sis. Mildred Butikofer and Timmy, Taylor; Sis. Ruth Schupbach, Bernard, Tommy and Lanette Schupbach (who are grandchildren of Sis. Anna Schupbach) from Park Ridge, Ill.; Sisters Edna and Minnie Martin, Eureka; Bro. and Sis. John Frey, Morton; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Pulfer and family, Pekin, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Pulfer, Tempe, Ariz.; Mrs. Irma Weaver and children, Washington, Ill.; Bro. Joe Marti, Sabetha, Kansas; Bro. and Sister Aaron Heinold, Peggy, Eugene,

Glen and Sis. Eula from La Crosse; Mrs. Murleine Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brown and Ronda, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Buck, Quincy, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Curtis, Bobby and Mary Beth, Minneapolis; and Bro. Wm. Cottrell, Sis. Ruth—his wife and family of Quincy, Illinois.

Bro. Wm. Butikofer, who is attending school at Davenport, Ia., has been hospitalized for a few weeks at Veterans Hospital at Iowa City, but at this writing is recovering nicely.

Norma Gehring, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Lawrence Gehring, has accepted a teaching position at Peoria, Ariz., and will reside with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Van Sickel, at Phoenix.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein

Visiting ministers the past month have been as follows—Bro. Joe Klopfenstein of Gridley; Bro. Robert Miller from Portland; Bro. Robert Heuni from Bremen, and Bro. Joe Waibel from Bay City.

Birth: A daughter, Diane Lyn, to Bro. and Sis. Eldon Rocke, born August 22.

Deaths: Sis. Dena Blunier passed away at the Eureka Hospital Aug. 24. Her funeral was on Sunday, the 27th. Bro. Joe Waibel from Bay City and Bro. Leroy Huber conducted the services.

Funeral services were held for Alpha Anliker on Monday, Aug. 28. Bro. Joe Rocke and Bro. Leroy Huber were in charge.

Sat. evening, August 26, our friends Gene and Carol Zobrist, were given the chance to give their testimony of their repentance before the congregation. Then, on Sunday afternoon, they were baptized by Bro. Joe Waibel and Bro. Leroy Huber. We welcome them into our congregation. Sis. Carol was the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Lawrence Zimmerman.

Sunday School has resumed, after a summer vacation.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Joyce Huber

We praise God for the Holy Spirit's working with the hearts of Mrs. John Kohler and Mrs. Conrad Munz, to surrender their lives to the Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We were happy to have Portland visitors, Bro. and Sis. Robert

Miller, Sun., Aug. 13; and are grateful for Bro. Robert's message on love to the Lord Jesus, love to our parents, love in our families, and there will be love in our church.

Bro. John Wenger passed away at the age of 80, and funeral services were held August 18.

Bro. and Sis. Henry Sabo and Sis. Dorothy of Mansfield were guests Sunday, Aug. 20, and we thank Bro. Henry for his loving sermon.

Bro. Wayne Nussbaum and Sis. Carol Nussbaum spent Labor Day weekend visiting the Alabama churches.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Christian Metz

On the 6th of Aug. we enjoyed the visit and sermon of Bro. Edmund Kloter of Fairbury. For Wed. evening services on the 9th, we had Bro. Ralph Beyer of Naumberg, N.Y., and Bro. Alfred Bahler of Wolcott as guest ministers. On the 13th, Bro. Walter Koehl of Fairbury had the afternoon sermon. On the 23rd and 27th, Bro. Matt Wackerle of Ft. Lauderdale was our visiting minister. We thank all of them for coming and serving us.

On the 6th, we enjoyed the visit and fellowship of some of the Princeville brothers and sisters.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Reporter: Florence Sutter

Sun., Aug. 6, we enjoyed Bro. Henry Koehl and his wife of Forrest, also their daughter and husband, Bro. and Sis. Eisenmann of Cissna Park.

The 13th of this month, Bro. Charles Sauder, Sis. Marcella and their three children were with us and also Bro. Bill Moser of Bluffton.

Aug. 10, Bro. Ken Troxel and Sis. Joyce were blessed with a baby boy. They named him Kim Robin.

Bro. Wendell Gerber and family have returned home, from vacation in Bluffton. Bro. Ed Gerbers' are expected home soon.

Bro. Matt Wackerle and Sis. Aldine are home again, after spending several months in the North.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Reporter: Kenneth E. Steffen

Richard Steiner from Tremont, Bro. William Knobloch from Lester, and Donald Steffen from

Bluffton all arrived here to start their basic training. Their addresses are:

PVT E-1 Richard L. Steiner
US 55 702 631
D-3, USAMTC, BAMC, Class 1-B
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

PVT E-1 William Knobloch
US 55 696 454
D-3, USAMTC, BAMC, Class 2-B
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

PVT E-1 Donald Steffen
US 55 711 445
D-3, USAMTC, BAMC, Class 3-B
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

A letter received from home helps bear the burden. We encourage you all to sit down and write the ones you love a note.

Bro. Eldon Plattner from Sabetha was transferred overseas last month. We all hope and pray that Eldon, and all others who are in distant lands, return home safely. His new address is:

PVT E-2 Eldon G. Plattner
US 55 695 666
225 STA HOSP APO 189
New York, New York

On Aug. 6, John and Sis. Marie Plattner and Donald visited their son and brother, before he left. Bro. and Sis. Carl Hartman, also from Sabetha, were in our midst. Bro. Carl conducted services in the afternoon and evening. Also that Sunday, Bro. Ben Metz from Strawn, Ill., and Daniel Rolands from Sharpsville, Pa., were with us. They are both stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Bro. Lee and Sis. Mary Eisenmann and Joyce and Billy, from Fort Wayne, visited Ken and Roberta Steffen for the week-end. Bro. William and Sis. Rose Beutel from Tremont came with them. Bro. Ray and Sis. Ann Sinn and Susie visited their brother, Bro. Walter Sinn. Bro. Walter was released from the Army, and returned to Latty with them.

On Aug. 15, six sisters stopped in to see the group here. They were Hope Stavenik, Mansfield; Elverna Beery, Sterling; Lavada Stiegitz, Etheyn Schlatter, and Imogene Stieglitz, all from Grabill, and Elaine Norr from Leo. We hope that they had an enjoyable trip through the western states.

On Aug. 27, Bro. Earl and Sis. Edna Banwart, with their children,

LeAnn, Dale, Kenneth and Eldon, visited the group. We heard two sermons, and received many blessings.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Reporter: Marie Zaugg

Sun., Aug. 6, we had a blessed day. Our elder brother Sam Anliker, was in our midst, when Waneta Sinn gave her testimony, was baptized, and added to the fold of Jesus Christ. We wish her blessings in the Lord.

We had visitors from Bern, Wichita, Gridley (Kansas), Elgin (Ill.), and Lamar.

Aug. 9, Bro. and Sis. William Beutel, Tremont, Bro. and Sis. Lee Eisenmann and family, Fort Wayne, were visiting relatives and friends here.

Aug. 13, visiting here a few days were Bro. and Sis. Walter Schwind and family of Roanoke and Bro. and Sis. Robert Hoerr, Taylor.

Aug. 20, Bro. and Sis. Ernie Fehr and daughter and Maruella Zaugg, West Bend, were here over the week end.

Aug. 24, Bro. and Sis. Richard Massner and family, Phoenix, Bro. and Sis. Adolph Massner, Bro. and Sis. Virgil Massner and Kathryn, Oakville, were visiting relatives here, several days.

August 30, Bro. and Sis. Lawrence Nohl and family, Hancock, were here, visiting relatives.

Bro. and Sis. Wayne Miller are the parents of a new baby boy, Kent Eugene, born Aug. 31.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

Our ministering brothers on Aug. 6 were: Elmer Witzig of Gridley and Lowell Stoller from Princeville. Their wives and families accompanied them. The Stoller Reunion was held Saturday, Aug. 5, in Ft. Wayne, so there were quite a number of visitors with us on Sunday. Our Church Guest-Book shows registrations from Eureka, Speer, Roanoke, Gridley, Morton, Princeville, the state of Iowa, Francesville, Leo and Bluffton.

On Aug. 13, Bro. Simon Wagenbach from Tremont and Walter Rehklau from Toledo served us. Their wives also accompanied them. Guests on this day were: Sisters Alma and Viola Rocke, Peoria; Bro. and Sis. Gerald Fischer, Roanoke; Bro. and Sis.

Emil Roecker and Bro. and Sis. Sam Roth of Morton; Bro. and Sis. Carl Waikel, Forrest; Bro. and Sis. Andy Lehman of Sabetha.

Walter Rager, son of Bro. and Sis. Carl Rager, was added to the fold. He was proved Saturday evening, Aug. 12, and baptized Sunday evening, Aug. 13. Bros. George Sinn and Sam Aeschliman officiated at this rite. We wish him God's rich blessings.

Bro. Rodney Bertsch, son of Bro. and Sis. Herman Bertsch, had an appendectomy operation at the Parkview Memorial Hospital on Aug. 17. He has regained his health again and is back in our midst, for which we are thankful to God for his goodness.

We were saddened to learn of the sudden death of Sis. Amanda Virkler of Croghan. We understand she was in a serious automobile accident. We extend our sympathy to her daughter, Betty, and son-in-law, Leon Schulz, who reside in Ft. Wayne, as well as to all her other children who live in other cities.

On Aug. 20, Bro. Joe Ramsier of Rittman served us. His wife, Elizabeth, accompanied him. Visitors on this day were: Bro. and Sis. Gene and Mary Ann Witzig, Morton; Herman and Rhoda Rigenbach, Sterling; Fred, Catherine and Lillian Bauman, and Herbert and Berniece Bauman of Rittman; Robert and Bonnie Gerber and Alma Kaehr of Bluffton.

Bro. Leroy Hartman ministered to us on Aug. 27. His wife, Elsa, accompanied him. Also, Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Gerber and family of Roanoke were with us on this day.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elmer Bucher

The Elgin Sunday School was with us on Aug. 13, and also two ministers, Bros. Ed Gudemen and Al Scheitlin and their wives. We enjoyed the day very much.

The engagement of Bro. Ken Gutwein from here and Sis. Leann Musselman from Peoria was announced on Aug. 13. We wish them the Lord's blessings in this undertaking.

Our aged sister, Catherine Pelsey, underwent surgery on her eye recently, and is doing nicely. Wanda Huber, five-year-old daughter of Bro. and Sis. Eugene Huber, was a very sick little girl, suffering from a ruptured appendix, but

the Lord was gracious, and she is back home again, doing nicely. Sis. Cordelia Leman is still confined to her wheel-chair at home. Also, Bro. Romey Gudeman is still confined to his home. Our hearts go out to these dear ones who must suffer so much.

Quite a few of our young people are leaving for school in different places, and we wish them the Lord's blessings and His nearness, while they are away from their families.

Our visitors on Sept. 3 were Bro. Sidney Leman and family from Forrest and Bro. and Sis. Charlie Novotny from Lakewood, Ohio.

Births: To Joe and Mary Ann (Ward) Sanders, a son, Scott Alan, on Aug. 9; to Bro. and Sis. Melvin Leman, a daughter, Sueleen Fay, on Aug. 27; to Danny and Carol Overmeyer, a son, Mark Eric, on Aug. 28; and to Bro. and Sis. Richard Wuethrich, a daughter on Sept. 3.

GIRARD, OHIO

Reporter: Jesse C. Emch

Our guests since the last news were as follows: Aug. 13, Bro. Fred and Sis. Erma Marty and daughter, also friends Lena, Charles and John Marty, all of Sterling, O.; Aug. 20, the David Emch family of Rittman; Aug. 23, Wed. evening, Mrs. Rose Davis of Wheeling, W. Va., and Sis. Emma Rigenbach of Sardis, O.; Aug. 27, Bro. Ernest and Sis. Louise Graf and family of Akron, Bros. Robt. Boltz, Ronald Gasser, David Gasser, Paul Gasser, Bro. and Sis. Walter Gasser, Sisters Dorothy Zollinger, Jeanette Imhoff, Elizabeth Rufener, Alma Gasser, Carol Kiser, Grace Gasser, and Claribel Walter, all of Rittman church; Sept. 3, Bro. Dave and Sis. Mildred Hecker of Calif. and friend Della Heinlein of Sistersville, West Virginia.

We welcome all to come again, and others also.

The Abraham Emch family held their annual reunion on Aug. 20 at Boardman Park. There were 70 present.

Sis. Ethel Hafely is home, after being in the hospital for several days, and we were glad to see both she and Sis. Anna Durig in church again on Sunday, Sept. 3.

Sis. Eva Emch is home again, after being in the hospital for several weeks. Sis. Eva's mother passed away on Sunday, Sept. 3.

Sis. Esther Saylor is in the hospital at this writing. She had surgery for gall bladder and gall stones.

Sis. Louisa Lance spent several days visiting her son, Geo. Lance, and family at East Aurora, New York. The Geo. Lances have now moved to Iowa City, Ia., where George will teach in the university.

Bro. Sam and Sis. Sadie Schladen celebrated their 56th anniversary Aug. 6. Several of the family were together for the afternoon and evening. Their son, Carl, of Opelita, Ala., was home for a few days.

The Wm. G. Bell family were vacationing in Pennsylvania with Bill's mother, and while there, he had another heart attack, was required to be in the hospital for three weeks. He is now home convalescing. He is Bro. Jesse and Sis. Marie Emch's son-in-law.

We were glad to welcome Sis. Elizabeth Games home again, after spending a good part of the summer with her sister, Mrs. Burgess, in New Martinsville.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS Reporter: Marian Wiegand

Bro. Ed Hohulin held an adult Bible class each Sunday morning during July. The lessons were about, Moses; the foundation of the Apostolic Christian Church; the Seven Dispensations; and Conversion. The class had a large attendance, and was enjoyed by all.

The wedding of Mary Hohulin, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ben Hohulin, to John Fritz was solemnized by Bro. Frank Woertz on July 9. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Emil Fritz of Morton. They will make their home near Seattle, Washington, where John is employed at the Boeing Aircraft Company.

Patty Wiegand, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Daniel Wiegand, is recuperating nicely, after breaking her leg in a fall, while attending classes at the Ill. State Normal University this summer.

Dave and Dorothy Hohulin are the parents of a baby boy, born Aug. 24. He has been named Charles Richard.

A boy, Douglas Charles, was born to Donnie and Virginia Bauman on Aug. 25. This is their second son.

Singing practice for the Bible Class has been resumed. Sunday

School classes will also be resumed, starting Sept. 3.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS Reporter: Marilyn Schieler

Sunday School classes were resumed again Sunday, Sept. 3. There are about 180 children enrolled this year. New teachers are Bro. Richard Kiefer, Bro. Marvin Wiegand, Bro. Allen Freed and Bro. Ralph Schlipf.

Bro. Eugene Funk received serious injuries to his leg on Sept. 5, when he overturned a tractor and was pinned beneath it until help arrived. At the time of this writing, he is hospitalized, but is getting along satisfactorily. Also hospitalized is Bro. Raymond Kuntz, who hurt his thumb while working with a hydraulic hose.

Our friend, Marilyn Hany, gave her testimony on Sat., evening, Aug. 26, to the approval of the congregation, and was baptized the following day.

We were privileged to have three visiting ministers with us on Sunday, Sept. 3, Bro. George Yergler of La Crosse; Bro. John Yergler of Bluffton; and Bro. Harold Messner of Winthrop. Bro. George Yergler remained for services Sunday evening.

Ross Funk, son of Bro. and Sis. Leo Funk, entered the armed services on August 14. He is stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, at the present time.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr

Visitors the past month: Sis. Meredith Ricketts, her husband, and their family of Forrest; Sharon Reber, Carthage, Mo.; Bro. and Sis. Al Inaghofer and family, Mrs. Joe Herr and sons, Bro. and Sis. George Greiner and son, Jacque Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morrison and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mentha and family, Wichita; Bro. and Sis. Howard Warner and family, Arlington; Bro. and Sis. Joe Rassi and family, Roanoke; Matt Strahm, Kansas City; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beyer, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kraft and daughter, Phoenix; Nancy, Paula, and Gary Kahler, Bartlesville; Nancy Richardson, Toms River, N. J.; Huston Beyer, Manhattan; Bro. and Sis. Harold Kraft and family, Ft. Scott; Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Caudell and family, Neosho, Mo.; and Tim and Robin Lilley.

Sis. Emma Bahr invited her Bible School class of this summer to her home for a wiener roast. Karesa Bahr assisted her grandmother. The little folks staying overnight were Patricia Beyer, Gary Beyer, Richard Beyer, Sammy Young, Robert Bahr, and Paula Sue Bahr.

On Aug. 27, church services were held at Bro. Joe and Sis. Edna Somerhalder's home, for Sis. Lydia Somerhalder, who has not been able to attend church for some time now.

HILLSBORO, ALABAMA Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Those on the sick list: Sis. Martha Evans is much improved at this time, and again able to attend services. Sis. Pearl Stricklin has suffered much of intestinal flu, but is improving at this writing. Sis. Manlie Hale has been very sick, but is able to be out again.

Bro. Junior Hale spent several days at Lafayette, Ind., visiting his brother, Bill Hale, who had been accidentally shot, and is now slowly improving.

ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY Reporter: Nancy Tanner

On Aug. 4, we held our last meeting for the Summer School session. Bros. Mike Weyeneth and Jim Hoerr from Peoria were with us. They read and meditated from Galatians 5. Guests were here from Peoria, Morton, Gridley, Cissna Park, and Phoenix.

Bro. Keith Oberlander announced that Bible Study would be held the next two weeks for the students going to post session.

Bible Study was held in Fairchild Hall on Aug. 16. Bro. Joe Shrock read the lesson from Matthew 19. A group discussion followed, after he meditated on the chapter. We had guests here from Princeville, Peoria and Gridley.

On Aug. 24, we held Bible Study in Fairchild Hall again. Bro. Joe Shrock was with us. He read and meditated from Matthew 20. We had some guests with us from Congerville and Gridley.

JUNCTION, OHIO Reporter: Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

On the sick list were: Bro. Emmanuel Manz and Sis. Betty Manz.

Visiting in our church, Sunday, Aug. 6, was Bro. Otto Norr of Leo.

He was at the Rehklau sisters for services in the evening. They have been unable to attend services for some time.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Esther Schlatter and Bro. Elias and Sis. Evelyn Manz were in Bay City, Mich., for services, Sunday, Aug. 6.

Sunday, Aug. 13, Sis. Frances Schrenk of Chicago was with us for services.

Friday, Aug. 18, Maburn Hale left for a two-week trip to California, to his brother, who is ill in a hospital in Camarello, California.

Sis. Hulda Steffen and Carma Steffen, daughter of Bro. Obed Steffen, of Bluffton were with us for services, Sunday, Aug. 20.

Bro. Alvin and Sis. Betty Manz are the parents of a new baby boy, born Aug. 23. He has been named Robert James.

Sis. Ruth Weiss and son, Jim of Mansfield, visited a few days with Bro. Elias and Sis. Evelyn Manz.

Bro. Joe Marti of Bern, Kansas, called on Bro. and Sis. Carolyn Manz, Monday, Aug. 28. In the evening, the members gathered with him at Bro. Bens', for a singing.

Sisters Anna, Hulda and Frieda Manz visited the Bluffton church Sunday, Sept. 3.

Visiting in our congregation, Sunday, Sept. 3, were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fetter of Toledo and Dick and Sis. Carolyn Sauder and family of Mansfield.

Bro. Sam and Sis. Minnie Aeschliman of Bluffton visited Labor Day with Sisters Della, Annabell, and Carolyn Manz. They also called at the Bro. Alvin Manz home, to see the new baby, and also called on Bro. George and Sis. Clara Sinn.

LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Aug. 4, Friday evening, the group of the Landersville area met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Montgomery for worship services.

Lester and Sis. Bessie Drake are slowly improving at this time, and desire the prayers of everyone.

Friday evening, Aug. 11, worship service was held in the home of Leaman and Louise LouAllen.

Bro. and Sis. Albert Wuethrich of Pulaski and Bro. and Sis. John Gramm of Gridley (Ill.) spent Sunday evening, Aug. 27, with us.

Friday evening, Aug. 25, friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Blankenship for worship services.

LATTY, OHIO

Reporter: Roberta Stoller

On Aug. 6, we had a number of visitors. Visiting ministers were Bro. Joe Rocke of Eureka and, in the evening, Bro. Lowell Stoller of Princeville, Bro. Andrew Dotterer and Bro. Henry Manz of Junction. Their wives also accompanied them. We thank the brothers for their messages, and invite them back again.

Other visitors: Sisters Alvina and Viola Rocke, Bro. and Sis. Harry Rocke and family, Bro. and Sister Virgil Rocke, Bro. and Sis. Jess Getz, all of Eureka; Bro. and Sis. John Rocke of Congerville; Bro. and Sis. Dan Huber of Fairbury; Bro. and Sis. Wayne Huber of Francesville; Bro. and Sis. Ted Hofstetter of Wolcott; Bro. and Sis. Ellsworth Graf and daughter and Sis. Eva Emery of Akron; Bro. and Sis. Artie Rocke and family of Oakville; Bro. and Sis. Myron Hackenjoes and daughter and Bro. and Sis. Levi Schwartz of Bluffton; Bro. and Sis. Joe Rocke, Bro. and Sis. Richard Stoller and Bro. and Sis. Theodore Stoller of Roanoke; Sis. Lil Zimmerman of Morton. Also, others were here for the evening from Leo, Junction and Fort Wayne.

Visitors on Aug. 13: Mable Hofer and Sis. Frances Schrenk of Chicago, Sis. Henrietta and Madeline Manz of Junction and Bro. and Sis. Carl Hanscher of Peoria. We were happy to see Susanne Wieland, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Clem Wieland, back with us again, after being sick for two months.

On Aug. 20, the engagement of Bro. Bill Laukhuf and Sis. Janice Stoller was announced.

Bro. Walter Sinn is home now, after being discharged from the Service.

Visitors on Aug. 20 were Bro. Earl and Sis. Anna Lou Grimm and son of Princeville and Bro. and Sis. Myron Hackenjoes and daughter of Bluffton.

Aug. 27, visitors here were Bro. and Sis. Robert Kaufman and family of Cissna Park; Bro. and Sis. Lawrence Stoller and Bro. and Sis. John Steiner of Rittman. A number from here attended the funeral of Elmer Greuter in Leo. He is the brother of Sis. Frieda Kipfer of here. They also used to live here.

Bros. Wayne Stoller and Dan Sinn and Phil Grant, son of Bro. and Sis. Tom Grant, have been hos-

pitalized this past month, but are recovering.

LESTER, IOWA

Reporter: Emelie Knobloch

Sis. Mary Traub of West Bend is spending a few weeks with her sister, Bro. and Sis. Jacob Knobloch.

Bro. Frank Woertz performed the wedding ceremony of Esther Knobloch, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Emil Knobloch, and Dennis Warner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Warner, Aug. 6, at the home of the bride's parents. Folks of Pulaski, Morton, Elgin (Ill.), West Bend and Morris attended.

Birth: To Bro. and Sis. Henry Kellenberger, a son, Aug. 11, Ladell Gene.

Visitors: Bro. and Sis. Frank Woertz, Sis. Silas Hohulin, Bro. and Sis. Lou Bauman, Eldora, Vermeda, Myrna, John Rokey, Glenn Joos, Steven Wiegand, Dan Plattner, Roger Ackerman, Madelyn Tanner, and Sisters Corrine Hartter, Rita Siebenthal, Helen Knecht, Josephine Schafer, Goodfield; Clyde and Charlene Knobloch, Chicago; Bob and Caroline Banwart, Leonard Anliker, Ervin and Sis. Amelia Banwart, Sisters Charlotte Banwart, Karen Metzger, Marcella Gerber, Bro. and Sis. Raymond Anliker and family, West Bend; Dorene Meyer, Sisters Martha Peters, Lena Eberlee, Emma Schumacher, Bro. and Sis. Lester Wagenbach, Peoria; Bro. and Sis. Clarence Dietrich and family, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Weiss and family, Elgin (Ill.); Bro. and Sis. Russell Wuthrich and family, Pulaski; Bro. and Sis. Carl Wyss and family, Morton; Sisters Stella and Marion Schmidgal and Sharon Olsen, Morris; Sis. Ella Schmidt and son, Winthrop; Bro. and Sis. Clarence Knobloch and family, Bro. and Sis. Dick Siedel and family, Bro. and Sis. Bill Elsasser and family, Sisters Vivian Leuthold, Clara Marie Gerber, Jean Siedel and Charlotte Elsasser, Princeville; Verne and Sis. Libbie Den Hartog and family, Bountiful, Utah; Don and Della Luthi, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kellenberger and family, Morris; Mrs. Dean Pritchard and son, Junction City, Kans.; Sisters Rose and Ida Hari, Bro. and Sis. Alex Stoller and Edna, Bro. and Sis. Clarence Koehl and Marlene, Fairbury; Bro. and Sis. Issac Stoller, Eureka; Bro. and Sis.

Willis Nussbaum and Roland and Jill, Forrest; Bro. and Sis. Phil Metzger and Carol, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Edelman and Randy, Bros. Leland Plattner, Joe Marti, Leonard Baumgartner, Sisters Nancy and Donna Hartter, and Jeanette Strahm and Steven Hartter, of Bern and Sabetha.

Bro. and Sis. Joe Getz and Bro. and Sis. Henry Grimm of Morton spent Mon. evening, Sept. 4, with us. We all enjoyed a blessed hour in the fellowship of the Lord.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder

Bro. and Sis. John Wahl of Elgin (Ill.) visited John's sisters, Katherine Fuhrer, Elizabeth and Clara Wahl.

Sis. May Zimmer of Bremen visited her son, Bro. Jim, and his family. She was accompanied by her daughter and family, Bro. and Sis. George Carmichael.

Our visitors on Sunday, Aug. 13, included Bro. Otto Norr, Bro. Herman and Sis. Helen Norr, Sisters Louise and Mamie Schlatter from the Leo church; Bro. Albert and Sis. Thelma Kipfer from the Fort Wayne church, Bro. Lewis and Sis. Lucinda Sauder from the Maywood congregation and Bro. Dan and Sis. Delores Rinehardt and Becky from Bluffton. We thank the Lord for the inspiring messages we heard from Bro. Otto, in both morning and afternoon services.

On Monday, Aug. 14, Sisters Lorene and Alene Broquard, with their niece and nephew, Bonnie and Duane Bach, of Fairbury visited with us, on their way to Niagara Falls.

We had a pleasant surprise on Thurs. evening, Aug. 17, when Bro. and Sis. Philp Gutwen, Bro. Conrad Gutwein, Bro. and Sis. Fred Gutwein and Sis. Angela Von Tobel of Francesville attended our midweek services. Philip and Conrad served us with the bread and water of life from God's Word.

As the Beer family reunion was held in Mansfield on Sun., Aug. 20, we enjoyed the visitors who joined with us for church services that day. Among our visitors were Bros. Henry and Otto Beer of Milford and Brother Ben and Sis. Salome Kipfer from Bluffton. The Lord again blessed us through the sermons of Bro. Henry Beer.

The Amos Sauder reunion was held in Mansfield, on Sunday, Aug.

27. Silas and Sis. Mabel Sauder, David and Rita and Tom Sauder from Peoria, and the Harvey Sauder family from Maryland visited with us for services.

Sis. Anna Schneider of Remington visited relatives here. She was accompanied by her daughter, Kathy, and son, Joe.

Sis. Louise Sabo is enjoying the visit of her two sisters, Sis. Lena and Sis. Clara Steffen of Fairbury.

We appreciated our visitors on Sunday, Sept. 3. They included Sis. Ethel Cox of Dayton, Ohio; Bro. Joel and Sis. Aldine Schaefer, and Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Schaefer, and son of Bluffton; Bro. and Sis. Dan Stahl and daughter, Leila, of Princeville; Sis. Mayme Streitmatter of Peoria; and Sis. Molly Perdlewitz of Forrest.

We have surely been blessed by the fellowship of our visitors this past month, and extend them all a sincere welcome to visit us again.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Reporter: Irma Haab

A son, Philip David, was born Aug. 10 to Bro. Philip and Sis. Millie Beer. The baby has four sisters and one brother.

Sis. Inez Brooks underwent surgery at the hospital. She is home and much improved at this writing.

Lowell Beer was admitted to the Columbia City Hospital this month. He is home again now and feeling much better.

Youth Day was held at Camp Mack Sun., Aug. 27. It was very well attended and a blessing to all.

Bro. Arthur Haab and Sis. Mary Ann Stieglitz were united in marriage, Sun., Aug. 20. Visitors attended the wedding from Gridley, Morton, Roanoke, Cissna Park, Latty, Francesville, Leo and Fort Wayne.

Visiting ministers during the month were Bro. Henry Sabo from Mansfield, Bro. Ralph Beyer from New York and Bro. Robert Stohl from Girard, accompanied by their wives. We enjoyed their messages, and invite them back.

A daughter was born to Don and Virginia Hartter, Aug. 28. The baby was named Sonya Kay, and has a brother, Tony, and a sister, Marla.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Mrs. Louie Messner

My parents, Bro. Jake and Paul-

ine Meier of Peoria spent fifteen days with us. We took them to Itasca State Park, where the Mississippi River begins.

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Clarence Kachelmuss, Andy Koehl, Forrest; Silas Leuthold, Princeville; Chris Koehl, Peoria; Walter Koehl, Fairbury; Joe Getz, Henry Grimm, Morton; Benjamin Zimmerman, Congerville; Jake Pfister, Ft. Scott; Noah Gerber, West Bend.

Other visitors were from Elgin, Forrest, Morton, Peoria, Princeville, Goodfield, Congerville, Gridley, Deer Creek and Fairbury; Burlington, Oakville and West Bend; Francesville and Kouts (Ind.); Ft. Scott, Bern and Lamont; Lamar; and Moorhead (Minn.).

Sis. Minnie Luthi underwent surgery, August 31, in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Robert Miller of Portland, Wed. eve. Aug. 9, and Bro. Simon Wagenbach of Tremont and Brothers George Gramm and Elmer Witzig of Gridley.

Bro. Josh Nohl of Morris spent Sun., Aug. 27, with us. Services were held Mon. evening, Aug. 28, as Bro. Jos. Waibel of Bay City was here. Also visiting were Bro. Silas Leuthold of Princeville, Bros. Leroy Huber and Joe Roche of Eureka, Bros. Mike Weyeneth and Roy Sauder of Peoria and Bros. Albert Aberle and Simon Wagenbach of Tremont.

The Morris Wittmer family of Eureka have moved to Morton.

Sunday School has started again, after a month's vacation.

Bro. Solomon Rapp, who has been quite ill, remains a patient at the Morton Restmor Nursing Home.

Sis. Lena Sauder of Tremont is there at the present time, too.

Bro. Ben Heiniger has been confined at his home because of illness.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Reporter: Mrs. Gus Weltz

The strike at the chemical plant is still on, at this date (Sept. 6), and as of September 5, the 84th day of the strike, the individual worker has lost \$1500.00 in wages and fringe benefits, a total of eight hundred thousand dollars to all employees of the plant, a pay-cut

of 75 cents per hour for the next 12 months. The real pinch is being felt in all phases of our community life, and we are hoping that, by our next letter we can report that all men have gone back to work.

Services were held at the country church on the second Sunday in August, with Bro. Delbert Indermuhle in charge. A good crowd was present, with visitors from Rittman and nearby places, also the Zimmerman family from Milford, who were visiting their son, who resides in Parkersburg (W. Va.). Several Gasser families were present. All were very welcome to the services.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams of Akron visited with the Barth families here on Sun. and Mon., Aug. 20 and 21, going on to Parkersburg for an overnight visit with relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Elza Ritz, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade enjoyed a visit through the mountains of West Virginia on August 29 and 30. Places of interest that were visited were Smoke Hole Caverns, Blackwater Falls, Mount Chateau near Morgantown and many places of real interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Froelich of Rittman visited here on Sun., Sept. 3, and attended the Homecoming at Limestone. They were accompanied by Mrs. Ola Froelich, who visited with her sister, Mrs. Mary Fankhouser, near Clarington, Ohio.

Mrs. Elizabeth Games of Girard returned to her home recently, after spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. J. G. Burgess.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Thomas of Niles, O., and Mrs. Josie Wiseman of Youngstown attended the Homecoming at Limestone on Sun., Sept. 3, and visited with relatives while here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Riggenbach, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Riggenbach and son of Canton, O., attended the Limestone Homecoming on September 3. Both men attended school there in their early youth.

Many people came from distant points to attend the Limestone Homecoming on Sun., Sept. 3. Some were pupils there, some were teachers, some were parents who sent their children to school many years ago. The school is now closed, buses bring the children to school in town, but we, who were born and raised there, still think of it as our "old school", and many

pleasant memories, as well as sad ones, will always be treasured in our memory. Many or most of the older people who once tilled the soil and sent their children to school and took them to church on that ridge have gone on, but their lives will always be cherished by those who still remain. Plans are hopeful of buying the building and making it a permanent home for the future, for those who attend each year.

There will not be another service at the country church until next April or May, but this reporter and other folks who do attend the services there hope to attend at least one service, if not more, at the Monroe Church before the weather turns bad in the fall.

The new bridge will be opened here on Saturday, Sept. 23. It will mean much to the men who work at the plants on both sides of the river. When the work is all finished, it will be a very beautiful setting at this time. Only one or two approaches to the bridge will be completed.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Reporter: John L. Steiner

Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield ministered to our congregation Aug. 13. He was accompanied by his wife, Sis. Elsie; Bro. and Sis. Sam Hohulin of Davenport, Ia.; Bro. and Sis. Bill Hohulin, Bros. Jim Hohulin and Keith Hanson of Goodfield.

Mon. evening, Aug. 14, Bro. Robert Miller of Portland conducted services. His wife and children were here, also.

On Aug. 20, Bro. Otto Norr of Leo came to Oakville for afternoon services.

Among a number of visiting brothers and sisters this past month were: Aug. 20—Alvin and Helen Gerber, Mary Kay Gerber, Katie Isch, and Phyllis Isch of Bluffton; Sept. 3—Bill Huber and Marie Neihouser of Francesville; Paul Haab, Mary Zimmerman, Irma Haab, & Evelyn Beer of Milford; and Mary Pulver, Carolyn Pfister and Mabel Bahler of Ft. Wayne. Also, Kenneth and Carol Bucher and Garry and Lois Bucher of La Crosse; and Orval and Doris Roche and family of Tremont.

On Aug. 13, Elder Bro. Noah and Sis. Hattie Schrock and Sis. Eleanor of Oakville, and Sis. May Schrock of Congerville visited 87-

year-old Sis. Aline Klopfer at Node, Wyoming, where she has lived for many years. They conducted church services, while there with Sis. Aline. On Aug. 23, Bro. Orel and Sis. Rose Steiner and this reporter stopped at Node to visit Sis. Klopfer. She very much enjoys the visits of those of like faith, and anyone traveling through Wyoming on Highway 20 should stop at Node, which is 9 miles east of Lusk.

Bro. Arthur Foster and his wife of Arizona are visiting back home.

Bro. Earl Stoller has been chosen Sunday School superintendent for this coming term.

Our clocks have been set back to standard time as of Labor Day.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

On Wed., Aug. 9, Bro. Joseph Geyer passed away at his home. His funeral was held Sat., Aug. 12, Bro. Michael Weyeneth officiating. Surviving are his wife, Clara; two sons and two daughters. There were many visitors here for the funeral from Cissna Park, Fairbury and other places.

The marriage engagement of Sis. Leann Musselman to Bro. Kenneth Gutwein of Francesville was announced Sun., Aug. 13.

Bro. Ben Reisbig, who had been ill only a few days, passed away at St. Francis Hospital, Aug. 20. His funeral was held Wed., Aug. 23. He is survived by a son, Larry Reisbig; three brothers, Henry, Conrad, and Wm. Reisbig; and three sisters, Sis. Kathryn Witzig, Sis. Mary Reisbig and Sophia Hybarger.

Sis. Betty Bittner, who had a serious operation at Mercy Hospital in Chicago, is some better at this writing. Sis. Emma Schafer has also been at the hospital, but is home now. Henry Schmidtgal also had a serious operation, but is home again. We are happy to say he and his wife are both repenting.

Bros. Silas Leuthold, Noah Schrock and Joe Getz spent Sun., Aug. 27, with us.

Sis. Lena Reber, who has been at the hospital for some time, is now staying at the home of Sis. Carrie Steigle.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Reporter: Mrs. Robert Miller

We miss Bro. Ned Kipfer, who was discharged from the Army

Aug. 12, and left for his home in Bluffton. He had been stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington, and visited Portland frequently.

Bro. Andrew and Sis. Sylvia Hackenjos and daughter, Dema, left Aug. 17 for home, after spending three weeks here.

Aug. 20, our dear Elder Brother Noah Shrock visited us. What a blessed day and evening! We were also privileged to hear him at Silverton on Monday evening, Aug. 21. He left by train on Tuesday, Aug. 22, for home. We thank him for his visit, and hope it won't be long he can visit us again.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Stoller and daughters, (Sisters) Edna and Rosa, Sis. Ida Hari from Fairbury, and Bro. Isaac Stoller from Eureka visited us Aug. 20, as well as Silverton, where they spent several days.

We wish Bro. Edward Unsicker much of God's Grace to preach the true Word of God, as he was made a minister Aug. 20.

John and Mary Fritz, formerly of Morton, now living near Tacoma, Washington, where he is employed, visited the Portland church on Aug. 20. We were very happy to meet them, and hope they will visit us often.

Mr. and Mrs. Schwarz Walder from Los Angeles visited the Silverton congregation on Sun., Aug. 27.

From La Crosse, we had Henry Germann and Bro. Sam Heiniger visit us in Portland on Aug. 27.

Vacation Bible School was held the week of Aug. 21. We are thankful to God for the number of children that came to learn of God's wonderful love.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

On August 6, some of the members of the Bible Class and the parents and teachers spent a very pleasant day in Tremont.

Brother Michael Weyeneth of Peoria was with us the afternoon of August 6, and on August 27, Bros. Ezra Feller and Phil Sauder of Cissna Park were here. Evening services were held and Bros. Joe Waibel of Bay City, Mich., Joe A. Getz of Morton and LeRoy Huber of Eureka were here. We were all thankful for the inspiring messages delivered by the ministering brothers, and hope they will return again soon.

Bro. Charles and Sis. Marian

Hemmer are the parents of a daughter, born July 17. Judy Kay has three sisters, Jean, Jane and Joan.

Bro. Vernon Streitmatter spent a few days in the hospital, suffering from polio. Thankful are we all that no paralysis resulted, due to his having had polio shots, and that he is getting along quite well.

Bro. Richard Graham was in a Peoria hospital for a few days, and is now at Mayo's Brothers Clinic, undergoing various tests. We hope nothing serious is found, and that he and his wife, Sis. Jeanette, will soon be home again.

REMINGTON, INDIANA Reporter: Walter Bahler

Bro. and Sis. Ralph Beyer and sons spent several days visiting the Schieler families and friends. They were accompanied by Bro. and Sis. Clayton Virkler, also of Castorland. On Aug. 6, Bro. Beyer conducted services here, accompanied by Bro. Henry Kilgus of Forrest. We had visitors from Sabetha, Cissna Park, Forrest, Peoria and Francesville.

Bro. and Sis. Edwin Bahler and family and Bro. and Sis. Bob Clauss and family visited the Bay City congregation.

Bro. and Sis. Ray Steffen are the parents of a girl, born Aug. 19. She is welcomed by two sisters and three brothers.

The following have been guests of Bro. and Sis. Harold Waibel the past month: Mr. and Mrs. John Scott of Louisville; Bro. and Sis. Pete Esslinger and Sis. Erma, Bro. and Sis. Andy and Irene Lehman, Bro. and Sis. Velmer and Vila Meyer and Sis. Deloris Metzger, Bro. and Sis. Alpha Strahm and family, all of the Sabetha community.

Reuben Scharlach has been absent from our assembly, due to a heart condition. We wish him a speedy recovery.

On Sept. 3, Bro. and Sis. Loren Stoller and family spent the day with us, for which we were thankful.

We regret losing Eldon Getz in our Sunday School. He has gone to Bluffton, where he will reside with the Bro. Obed Gerber family, and will attend school.

Elmer Beckley, son of Bro. and Sis. Herman Beckley, has spent several weeks in Wisconsin, where he is being treated for a back condition.

Word has been received of the death of Chris Bahler of Galveston, Indiana. Chris was 64 years old, and was the second youngest son of the late Bro. Robert Bahler. Surviving are his wife and two sons.

RITTMAN, OHIO Reporter: Lucille Hartzler

We rejoice once again that there are souls who are answering God's call to serve Him. Among them are Ed and Shirley Zollinger, son and daughter-in-law of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Zollinger; Dean and Martha Lou Marty, son of Bro. and Sis. Raymond Marty and daughter of Bro. and Sis. Forest Hartzler; DeLores Bauman, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Clarence Imhoff; Alvin Zollinger, son of Bro. and Sis. Charles Zollinger; and Ben Blough, son of Bro. and Sis. Willard Blough.

A number of brethren and friends visited our congregation this past month. We have enjoyed their visits and hope they will come again.

On Aug. 6, Bro. and Sis. Herman Wuethrich and daughter, Sis. Mary, of Francesville, Sis. Katherine Norr of Leo and a number from Mansfield visited us.

Bro. Lorentz Emch of Girard ministered to us on Sunday, August 13. His wife, Sis. Caroline, accompanied him here.

On Aug. 20, Bro. and Sis. Earl Gerber of Rockville and Sis. Dora Walder of Cissna visited.

Sis. Dora Walder and Bros. Charles Walder and Fred Waldbeser of Cissna, Larry Bauman of Goodfield, and David Weigand of Morton worshipped with us on Wednesday evening, Aug. 23. A singing was held for them at the home of Bro. and Sis. Donald Walder on Thursday evening, Aug. 24.

Bro. and Sis. Alvin Neust of La Crosse, Bro. and Sis. Charles Novotny and Sis. Albrecht of Cleveland visited on Aug. 27.

On the week end of Sept. 3, a number visited us from Rockville, Gridley, Roanoke, Latty, and Bluffton. Among them was ministering Bro. Albert Schneider of Rockville, who brought us many good teachings. On Saturday evening, Sept. 2, a singing was held for them at the home of Bro. and Sis. Orin Rufener, where a large number gathered.

At the time of this writing, Bro.

Clarence Imhoff is in the hospital, having submitted to surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.

On Sept. 2, a daughter was born to Bro. and Sis. Ed Riggenbach, and a son was born to Bro. and Sis. Robert Stoller. A daughter was born to Bro. and Sis. John Hartzler Jr. on Sept. 3.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Sara Aeschleman

Sis. Angela Rassi returned home last Saturday, Aug. 2, from Mayo Clinic at Rochester, where she had undergone surgery. Sis. Fannie Zimmerman also underwent major surgery at the Mayo Clinic, Wednesday, Aug. 30.

Bro. Joe Waibel from Bay City was our visiting minister, Tuesday, Aug. 29. Sisters Marie Marti, Lamar; Florence Wieland, Bay City; Dorothy Knochel, Detroit, and Bro. and Sis. Glenn Stoller and family from Latty visited our congregation, Sunday, Sept. 3.

Girls were born to Bro. and Sis. Richard Leman and Bro. and Sis. Marilyn Leman.

Funeral services for Sis. Olga Moser were held Monday, Aug. 21, with Bro. Eugene Bertschi officiating.

One hundred and four brothers and friends attended a reunion held here in August for those who were stationed at Ft. Sam Houston during the year 1956 through June 1961. Bro. and Sis. Bill Zimmerman and Bro. and Sis. Marilyn Blunier were host and hostess. The following were present: Bro. Jim Ramseyer, Bay City; Bro. and Sis. Walter Herrmann, Bro. and Sis. Norman Streitmatter, Bro. Florian Streitmatter, Bro. and Sis. Ed Baurer, Bro. Earl Feucht, Ronnie Rumbold, Bro. and Sis. Dave Keiser, and Bro. and Sis. Earl Grimm, all from Princeville; Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Moser, Bro. and Sis. Art Bahler, Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Bachtold, Bro. Bob Walder, from Fairbury; Bro. and Sis. Roland Getz from Mansfield; Bro. and Sis. Harry Gerber, Bro. and Sis. Ernie Isch, Bro. and Sis. Gerald Fiechter, Bro. and Sis. John Kipfer, Bro. and Sis. Gale Baumgartner, Bro. Robert Reimschisel, Bro. Roger Reimschisel, Bro. Ned Kipfer, Bro. Carl Hackenjoes, Bro. and Sis. Bill Kipfer from Bluffton; Sis. Loretta and Elton Wiegand, Ken and Phyllis Rokey, Bro. and Sis. Verna Wett-

stein, Eureka; Bro. Ralph Kuntz, Bro. and Sis. John Grusy, Bro. and Sis. Don Graham, Gridley; Bro. and Sis. Bill Martin, Bro. Bob Frank, Bro. and Sis. Norman Geyer, Bro. and Sis. Bob Moser, Morton; Bro. and Sis. Gene Nuest, La Crosse; Bro. Art Graf, Bro. Paul Gasser, Bro. Walt Sinn, Bros. Jim Pavkov.

Bro. Lee Bahler, Bro. Gerald Ludwig, Bro. Roy Schneider, Rockville; Bro. Dan Steiner, Tremont; and Sis. Shirley Gudeman, Cissna Park, Bro. and Sis. Wayne Sauder, Bro. and Sis. Ken Stuber, Bro. and Sis. Dale Sauder, Bro. and Sis. Chris Pfleder Jr., Bro. Jim Koch, Tremont; John and Ella Martin, Bro. and Sis. Carolyn Haas, Elgin; Bro. and Sis. John Waldbeser, Bro. and Sis. John Gudeman, Cissna Park; Bro. and Sis. Don Luthi, Morris; Bro. and Sis. Gary Fite, Chicago; Bro. and Sis. Ray Hoerr, Bro. and Sis. Louis Hoerr, Taylor; Bro. and Sis. Eugene Hangartner, Bro. and Sis. Paul Leman, Roanoke; Bro. Leon Kaisner, Peoria.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Reporter: Ed. H. Steiner

July 16, Bro. and Sis. Joe Aeschliman and sisters, Elva and Dora, of Bluffton visited at Sabetha.

Bro. and Sis. Chas. Marti of Lamar visited at Sabetha, Sunday, July 16.

Bro. and Sis. Will Yergler of Cissna Park spent Sunday with us.

Bro. and Sis. Jake Beck of Burlington, Kans., have sold their home, and came to live at the Apostolic Old Folks' Home.

Bro. Conrad Kraft of Gridley, Kans., came to make his home at the Old Folks' Home.

Reuben Steiner, his wife and Robert spent a few days visiting with Reuben's uncles and their families, Walter Grimm at Formoso (Kans.) and Geo. Bauman at Manzanola (Colo.). They also spent some time in the mountains. Sis. Martha Bauman was a sister to Sis. Edna Steiner.

The Strahm reunion was held at Sabetha, Aug. 5. About 250 attended, from far and near.

Aug. 8, Bro. and Sis. Lee Eisenmann of Ft. Wayne and Bro. and Sis. Will Beutel of Tremont visited relatives and members here, on their way to Gridley (Kans.), where they have other relatives.

Aug. 13, Bro. and Sis. Leuthold

of Lester visited over Sunday with relatives and members.

We are glad to hear that Carroll Metzger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Phil Metzger, has peace with God. We wish her God's rich grace and blessings.

Aug. 13, Bro. and Sis. Irvin Rokey and Sis. Wiegand spent Sunday with relatives and members in our community.

Aug. 13, Bro. and Sis. Lew Bahr, Bro. and Sis. Joe Hartter and Sis. Leona Aeschliman went to Cissna Park to attend the funeral of Bro. Andy Yergler. After a few days visiting, they went to Bay City, to spend Sunday with the members there.

Aug. 20, visitors with us over Sunday were Sisters Marian Wiegand, Bro. Simon and Sis. Mary Wiegand, Goodfield; Shirley Feucht, Verle Stahl, Mary Streitmatter, Princeville; Delores Kieser, Spar; Martha Siebenthal, Wyoming; Bro. and Sis. Ella, Sisters Emid, Elma, Sophia Schlipf, Gridley (Ill.); Sophia Nohl, Lawrence Nohl, Hancock.

Aug. 27, Bro. Sam Anliker of Lamont spent Sunday with us.

Sept. 3, Bro. and Sis. Robert Gerber of Lester spent Sunday with Sis. Nancy's parents and family, the Wysongs, and Robert's parents, the Ernest Gerbers at Oneida, and worshipped with us at Sabetha.

Sept. 3, Sisters Charlotte and Inas Steiner of Peoria and Mathilda Rassi, Merriam and Martha Ann Fritz of Morton spent Sunday with relatives, friends and members at Sabetha, over the Labor Day holiday.

Sept. 3, the Brunner reunion was held at the Sabetha Armory, with 80 present. The oldest was Will Brunner of Sabetha, who was 93 years old. Sis. Lydia Brunner of Tremont was a welcome visitor among members and friends here.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter

Visitors Aug. 6 were Bro. and Sis. Lee Eisenmann and family of Fort Wayne, Bro. and Sis. Will Beutel, Tremont, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schacherbauer and family of Phoenix.

Visiting minister on Sept. 3 was Bro. Ezra Feller of Cissna Park. He was accompanied by his wife, Sis. Ollie, and daughter, Sis. Joan.

Other visitors were Bros. Ralph Gudeman and Stan Vogel, Congerville; Bro. Marvin and Sis. Joann Wiegand, Gridley (Ill.); Bill Gudeman and Bob Reuter, Cissna Park; and Bro. Joel Banwart. Joel is from West Bend, but is teaching school at Keokuk, Iowa.

Our community was saddened by the death of Bill Hoerr, son of Bro. George and Sis. Betty Hoerr. About three months ago, it was discovered he had acute leukemia, and after much suffering, he passed away on Aug. 22. Funeral services were conducted by Bros. J. A. Getz and Fred Grimm.

Bill was born on Sept. 9, 1945 and attained the age of 15 years, 11 months and 13 days. He is survived by his parents and a sister, Sis. Joann Wiegand, of Gridley, Illinois.

In the last days of his earthly life, he turned to the Lord in repentance, testifying to his friends of the joy and peace that had come to him. Even though his time was short, he did not have to meet his Savior empty-handed, as three of his friends have turned to the Lord, and we pray there will be many more. We know Bill is resting in peace.

TOLEDO, OHIO

Reporter: Emily Frautschi

Bro. Simon Wagenbach, his wife and three of their daughters of Tremont visited us recently. We enjoyed their visit and the message Bro. Wagenbach brought us in his services that evening.

Other recent visitors were: Bro. Andrew Betz, his wife and their son, Walter, from Ft. Lauderdale, Aug. 6; Bro. Fred and Sis. Nettie Huette of Morton, Sisters Mary and Ruth Aberle of Peoria and Hannah Koch of Tremont Aug. 13; Bro. Al and Sister Marge Frautschi and son, Edward, of Grabill, Sisters Rose, Diane and Adele Conrad of Ft. Wayne, and Bro. Ralph and Sister Elsie Troxel and family of Bluffton, Aug. 20; Bro. Herman Schlatter, his wife and family, Bro. Roger Gerber, his wife and family and Bro. Tom Grant, his wife and family— all of Latty, Aug. 27.

We are happy to report we have two more converts among our Toledo congregation — both Eugene and Emanuel Fetter have turned to the Lord — we wish

them much grace and strength from our Heavenly Father.

We received the sad news that Sis. Sylvia Jewell is very ill in the hospital at VanWert, Ohio. We pray that God will heal and strengthen her.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. William H. Beutel

Visiting Ministers Brothers Joe A. Getz and Henry Grimm and their wives were with us Sun. afternoon, Aug. 13.

Aug. 6 — Our Sunday School Bible Class and their teachers had the Princeville Bible Class and their teachers here for the day. They all had supper together at the home of Bro. and Sis. Earl Sauder.

We are thankful that Bro. August Bolliger is well enough to again attend church for the afternoon service. Bro. Edwin Kahler stays about the same. It has been many months now since he has been to church. Two of our elderly sisters are in the hospital at this time, Mother Lena Sauder and Lena Burk.

Our dear Sister in Faith, Racheal Getz, passed away in her sleep. The funeral was held Aug. 14. Bro. Joe A. Getz had the services.

The engagement of Bro. Daniel Steiner and Sis. Shirley Gudeman of Cissna was announced on Aug. 27.

Births: A son, Kasper Daniel, was born to Bro. and Sis. Elmon Koch. They have a daughter, Paula, also. A daughter, Debra Lee, was born to Bro. and Sis. James Pflederer on Aug. 14. Debra is welcomed by three brothers — Stevie, Ronnie, and Craig.

Some of our visitors on Aug. 6 were Bros. and Sisters Wally Leiman and Lyle Martins, Roanoke; Ed Ehnle and sons, Elsworth Martin and Brenda, Princeville; and Dave Schmidgall and family, Forrest.

Visitors Aug. 13: Sis. Inez Steiner and Irvin and Sis. Edna Kahler, Morton; Sis. Ruth Ann Ramseyer, Bay City; and Bro. Elmer Getz, Elgin.

Visitors Aug. 20: Bros. and Sisters Richard Hartter, Goodfield; Don Gerbers and children, Bluffton; Don Bauer, Cissna Park; Jim Funk, Gridley; and Sis. Leah Bauman, Sabetha. Judy Martin, Peoria, was here with her mother, Sis. Ida Mae Sauder.

Visitors Aug. 27: Bro. and Sis. Mike Reutter from Milford and Bro. and Sis. Marvin Pfister and children, Roanoke.

TSUTSUJIGA OKA and SHIODA JAPAN

Reporter: Yoshito Inoue

We had special evangelical services at Tamahata on Aug. 13, 14 and 15. Those services were well crowded. We had one of these three services in a village where we don't hear that the Good News had ever been told. The most encouraging thing was that, in the village, they made an invitation for us to come again to talk about Jesus Christ. Many brothers and sisters went there from both the churches to participate in the services. We used Sis. Inoue's, Bro. Tadao's and believing friend Otagiri's houses for our lodging during these days.

We had a member meeting on Aug. 14 at Sis. Inoue's house. We discussed to change some articles in our by-laws according to the advice by brothers in the U.S.A., and also many other topics.

We had a summer school of our Sunday School in a big farmer's house which is located in the northern part of Yamanashi prefecture. A few students and a teacher suffered from some fever, but soon recovered. We had very blessed three days out there.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Reporter: August Mueller

Two weeks ago, Bro. Bauer was visiting us, with his wife and daughter. We enjoyed his visit very much. He is a wonderful singer and leader.

A few things happened over the week end.

Bro. Diggelman's wife took sick last night, so they could not attend church today. Also, Bro. Schoenleber and his wife had to be absent on account of sickness. We are very sorry to hear that, and wish them a speedy recovery.

Bro. Ed. Welti invited everybody from church to an outdoor supper. I hope they have a good time.

I had company. One of my daughters came home from Pennsylvania for my wife's birthday.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Reporter: Anna M. Schmidt

Sisters Diane Grimm, Janet Kieser, Janet Seidel, Delores Stol-

ler and Delores Kieser wre here the week end of July 30. They were from Princeville.

The week end of August 6, three more souls gave their testimonies and were baptized. They were Carolyn Gerber, Doris Fehr and Karen Metzger. Bro. Silas Leuthold assisted Bro. Paul Banwart. There were quite a number here from Lester, Morris, Winthrop.

We had a tragedy, Aug. 9, when Allen D. Fehr was killed from a car accident. He was the son of Nima Fehr. We all have our sympathy for the family.

Bro. John, Sis. Ruth Schrock and three girls from Oakville, and Joyce Frank were here over the week end of Aug. 13.

On Tuesday, Aug. 15, Bro. and Sis. Clarence and Laura Kachelmuss and children were visitors. We had church services Tuesday evening. They were from Fairbury.

Aug. 18, Bro. Chris Koehl from Peoria, Bro. Walter Koehl, and Sis. Mary Koehl from Fairbury were here. We had services on Friday evening. They went to Morris on Saturday.

Bro. August Knobloch Sr., Bro. and Sis. August Jr. and Florence Knobloch and family from Lester were here for the week end of the 20th of August.

Monday, August 21, Bro. and Sis. John and Rose Frank came from Burlington, and, on Tuesday, they went along with Bro. and Sis. Ivan and Evelyn Schmidt and two children up to Minnesota to the lakes. They will be in Morris, over the week end of Aug. 27.

Sis. Edna's mother, Sis. Bertha Keller, is bed-fast. Sis. Anna Schmidt will care for her while the Earl Banwarts are gone. They will be gone about nine days.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA Reporter: Marguerite Messner

We always welcome visitors. Delbert and Janet Schmidt and family of Elgin, Ill., visited with his mother, Sis. Emma Schmidt, and other relatives, the week of July 9.

Sis. Donnabelle Nelson and children of Lake Crystal, Ill., visited with her parents, Bro. and Sis. Fred Messner, the week of July 10.

On Sunday, July 20, Bro. Wayne and Sis. Pauline Gerber and Sis. Marjorie Mogler of Lester visited us. Bro. and Sis. Orel Steiner and

son, Bro. John, and daughters, Becky, Patricia and Gwen, visited over the week of Aug. 20.

On Aug. 20, we enjoyed the visit and sermons of our visiting ministers, Bro. Walter Koehl of Fairbury, Bro. Chris Koehl of Peoria, Elder Henry Koehl of Hancock. Sis. Mary Koehl of Fairbury and Bro. Henry and Sis. Emma Schmidgall of Hancock were also here.

On Sunday, Aug. 27, Bro. and Sis. Lou Zimmerman of Roanoke, also Bro. Gust and Sis. Florence Knobloch and family and Bro. Howard and Sis. Lollie Mogler and family of Lester visited us.

We started our Sunday School again, Aug. 13. There are 80 in our Sunday School.

Tuesday, Aug. 29, Bro. and Sis. Joe A. Getz and Bro. and Sis. Henry Grimm of Morton visited with us. We had a very inspiring sermon that evening in church.

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We were richly blessed with visitors during the past month. Among those visiting us were a number of ministering brothers whose visits we always enjoy.

On the evening of Aug. 6, Bro. Ralph Beyer and his wife, Sis. Nina, from New York, Bro. and Sis. Art Gudeman of LaCrosse and Bro. and Sis. Henry Kilgus of Forrest visited. Others with us that day were Bro. and Sis. Andy Lehmann and Bro. and Sis. George Lehmann of Forrest.

On Aug. 13, Bro. and Sis. Ben Schlatter and family of Junction; Bro. and Sis. Marvin Klopfenstein of Latty; Sisters Emma Huette, Martha Meier, Lydia Broquard, Gertie, LaVina and Viola Moser of Fairbury; Bro. and Sis. Ray Winzeler and Sis. Mary Troxel of Leo.

On Aug. 20, Bro. and Sis. Ed Shambach, Bro. and Sis. Charles Rinckenberger, Bro. and Sis. Clarence Dietrich of Elgin, Ill.; Sisters Martha Stoller, Josephine Zimmerman, Ruth Metz and Kathryn Honegger of Forrest; Sisters Velda and La Vina Beckley of Remington and Bro. and Sis. Phil Troxel and family of LaCrosse.

On Aug. 27, Bro. Joe Stoller and his sister, Mrs. Lydia Aberle, and Bro. and Sis. Alph Strahm Jr. and family of Sabetha; Sis. Ben Knapp of Congerville; Bro. and Sis. Harold Waibel; Bro. and Sis. George Waibel and Bro. and Sis. Elmer Bahler

of Remington; Mrs. Ida Nussbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Roth and family of Congerville; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Baumgartner and family of Bluffton and Mrs. Phyllis Baird and family of near Indianapolis.

Sam Gauger is recovering from recent surgery.

Little Suzanne, 8-month-old daughter of Bro. and Sis. Vernon Schwab, is ill in Home hospital, Lafayette.

Janna Lou, 5-year-old daughter of Bro. and Sis. Bob Schieler, was recently a patient, also at Home hospital.

LETTERED LINES

"I am home to stay. I was in the hospital 49 weeks. I would like to thank all for visiting me, and for the many cards and gifts sent to me during my long stay at the hospital. It was greatly appreciated.

With Love and Greetings to all.
Harry R. Frauhiger."

Noah Schrock Letter . . .

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building, modern in every respect, in Silverton. It is my personal desire as well as the few members at Silverton, to continue the mother church in this area.

There is at this time a need for a brother who could be entrusted to the ministry of the Word at Silverton, as well as many families to locate in this community.

I will be glad to answer any inquiries regarding any interest in locating in this part of our nation.

With sincere greetings to all readers, and best wishes for the blessed gift of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I remain humbly yours,
Noah Schrock
(2925 Sunnyside Ave.)

Concerning Japan . . .

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needful for the Japanese to see a true Christian life in act and deed and not only hear about it.

Respectfully submitted,
Noah Schrock.

Editor's note: There was not sufficient room for all the news in a sixteen-page Silver Lining. The Detroit, Pulaski and Leo news will be held over till the October issue.