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Reflections

(I enclose herewith a statement from Bro. Willis Ehnle, that he wishes to be published. I have cleared this with Bro. Mangold, and we can both endorse the statement. . . . Noah Schrock).

It has been my experience in working with our brotherhood in attempting to establish churches in Japan over the past few years, that our elders are not opposed to starting Sunday Schools, sharing the gospel with others, nor helping others with physical, as well as spiritual needs. It is apparent, however, that in order to work with our brotherhood in such undertakings, any brother would be expected to work separately from other groups, cooperate with the elder brethren and the brotherhood in a spirit of love, and not teach any doctrine which is not upheld by the brotherhood as a whole.

Such stipulations are not strange. Other groups also have their requirements; in some cases,

very stringent qualifications must be met.

OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

"I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."

"The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever."

The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide."

"Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace."

From Psalm 37

Judging from my experience, I would say that the leadership re-

sponsibility of keeping order in God's household is a task from which most of us would like very much to be excused, if it were suddenly thrust upon us. This should be remembered in our attitude toward our elder brethren. Just to teach the gospel is comparatively easy.

Lois and I are returning to the United States, because I feel I should spend more time near my parents and family, but if it is God's will, we hope to return to our home in Japan in about a year, and continue to work together with our brotherhood, for the glory of God and in compliance with the teachings of the Holy Scriptures. To get out of the battle would leave an empty void in our lives.

My purpose in writing this is to encourage anyone who has a conviction to be more active in helping others, to cooperate with our elder brethren in carrying out such work, before a barrier is built up which makes it almost impossible to work together.

Courage!

Henry Souder Jr.

There is absolutely nothing like the continuous warmth in which love lives.

The best is God's house, with beautiful, cheery atmosphere. The

fire glows. The dream of the gleam carries soft-spoken hope, unspeakable joy.

Joyful is the merriment of the members' circle.

Dismal is outside . . . dusk and gathering darkness . . . but inside is so nice to be home to.

The picture out the window . . . is strikingly similar to the end-

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time picture of sacred Scripture. Yet, the shadows must lengthen a little more.

"And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all."

This day, Herculean dynamite frowns fear in many a heart. The humble child knows what a fever-racked nightmare awaits the gloom-ridden sinner.

There's an open grave today.

Solemnly, the music of this age's last overture sounds. The closed coffin sits on tightened straps. If more would only realize the throes of sorrow ahead.

Let us help while we can . . . for sands are falling. . .

"Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all."

The gallant Zion's Harp hymn says,

"Trumpets for the conflict sound;
Up, ye valiant, stand your
ground!"

We can win . . . but our last ounce of strength must find mighty overcoming in heaven's unconquerable might!

The thread of the tread will not wear through.

The nations gather together in the tower. Distant Babylon carelessly dances away her cares. Men in red domain mingle, but do not cleave, "even as iron is not mixed with clay."

Stars of man's hand circle the globe. The battlefield of Daniel 11, the end-time, is very nearly the world power of the political hour. Do not the drums seem sounding

for the dark man of sin to assume his power?

But the meek shall never be moved.

"Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."

For God's Christmas own, joy untold is just around the corner. Today must be the fight with the night . . . the labor . . . the rally, when so much may seem lost. . . Today, we meet the mistakes and carry the cross . . . we push into our problems, and find He answers.

His own find warm comfort in reminiscing the memory of God's old-fashioned Christmas. For a while the mile has parted. But we shall in truth enter the joys.

The meeting will be soon. Jesus has set aside a place. His promise plainly shows, He will bring His own into warm shelter, before wrath is showered on the earth.

"And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together."

On that day, the best earth offers will seem as, and be, vacant houses and empty lots. It seems the Lord has set aside a time, just for the jubilation for that joy-filled gathering in the air.

That is the season to be jolly!

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Where Will You Spend Eternity?

Elias Souder

This is the most important question of any that confronts every soul today. Tonight, this very question may be settled for . . . possibly a million souls.

My father, who was a minister and elder of our church many years, in his sermons 40 years ago spoke on this subject . . . made it so important to his listeners that many were in tears. Here is one of the illustrations he gave about ETERNITY—

If a bird would come and take a bill of water out of the ocean, once in a 100 years, finally, the ocean would get dry—but eternity never ends.

Where do we stand? There are

only two places. It will be either heaven or hell.

Let every reader think very carefully over Christ's own words, Luke 16:19-30. If Christ meant this to be a parable, he did not say so. Usually, when he spoke a parable, he said so, but here he says there was. It should be an awakening for every soul.

Let us briefly talk about these two characters. We have not the name of the one. Just what was so wrong, what the rich man did? What was the greatest sin he committed? It was not wrong to be rich. Job, Solomon, and many others were very rich. Nor does it say he got his wealth by fraud. Was it his dress? It is true, eating good

meat and wearing good clothes (modest) were lawful. But it is just as true, they often become the food of pride and luxury, and forgetting the distresses of the poor and the afflicted.

The sin of the rich man was not so much his dress and his diet, but he cared only for himself, providing for himself only, paying no attention to God's poor and needy.

Lazareth only begged for crumbs, so he could live. He was a poor, poor beggar, but he was God's own. It concerns both rich and poor to prepare for death, for it waits for all.

With equal pace, impartial fate
Knocks at palace or cottage door.

Pleasures are a very dangerous, and to many, a fatal temptation, to luxury and forgetfulness of God and another world.

Now, Christ draws back the eternal curtain, giving you and me a glimpse of life's other side, and what our state will be. When this life is over, for sure it will be one of two places. Soon we, too, may be there.

WHERE WILL YOU SPEND ETERNITY?

This sets before all, the wrath to come, for those that neglect God's bidding, and is designed for our awakening. Very fast asleep are those in sin that will not be awakened by it.

We read the rich man died and was buried . . . possibly in pomp. The starving and suffering Lazarus also died . . . nothing said about his burial.

Carefully notice, what a sad picture we now behold. Ask yourself, Where will I be, if I shall see no more sunrise? You may be rich or you may be poor, yet be lost. Jesus is calling you. Why not turn around, repent, and say good-bye to the world and worldly pleasures! You may stand at the threshold of eternity . . . tonight.

The rich man awoke in hell (Hades) now in terrible torment, looking afar off, seeing Lazarus, begging for a drop of water to cool his tongue. Too late . . . TOO LATE . . . every request was denied. He knew he was in hell for ever. He knew it was useless to ask to get out. Every one should pray now, before it is too late. O what a terrible sight it must be to know you are lost!

Look at this! Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the prophets, possibly many of your dear friends, even some of your own family, in the kingdom of God . . . and yourself thrust out. What a hell that must be, to get a glimpse of heaven, and friends in heaven.

You can move the very heavens, if you will receive Jesus now. Notice, there is rejoicing in the very presence of the angels over one sinner who repents. The angels rejoice. Jesus rejoices. The Father rejoices. And who are those in the presence of the angels? Could it be some of your dear ones gone over there?

Abraham put him in mind, what had been both his and Lazarus' con-

dition in this life. "Son, remember" . . . This is a very cutting word. Now sinners are called upon to remember.

Now, read what awaits you if righteous, Revelation 21 and 22. What a beautiful picture. Were there a city here on earth like that, no death, no sorrow or tears, no partings, every human being, rich or poor, would go there.

You can have your mansion ready for you, if you want it . . . and live there for ever and ever.

How do you know there is a Chicago, a New York, a London, if you have never been there? You know it's there. Some one told you, or you read it. So, some one has told you about heaven, and, best of all, worth everything, and it's free.

There, you will meet God and His Son, Jesus, all the saints, and our dear ones. O what must it be to be there! No wonder Paul said he would rather be there than here. If we would see what Paul did, not one of us could hardly wait till this life is over.

Tomorrow, it may be too late.

A young man, the only son of God-fearing parents, left his parents, and went to college. There, he got acquainted with a partner who was a very strong infidel. He came home to see his parents. Because his kind-hearted parents had assayed to give him a few words of kind admonition (which proved to be the last), he completely denounced the Bible. The son went so far and told his parents never again to approach him on that subject.

Soon, it was train time. The fond parents looked after him. Little did the son think of the One who said, Honor thy father and mother, and, He that hardeneth his heart, and stiffeneth his neck shall suddenly be destroyed.

A short distance, the train had a wreck, which derailed some cars. Just at this moment, the son was going from one car to another, was thrown between two, mangling him, cutting both legs off, near the body.

The boy was not dead, and was taken back to his parents. His first words were, "Mother, I'm lost! lost! lost! damned forever." Then followed a scene from which the strongest fled with horror.

He would not suffer his parents to be away a moment, calling, O

mother, mother, get me some water to quench this fire that is burning me to death. O mother, save me. O mother, take me in your arms and don't let them have me. As his mother drew near, he buried his face in that fond bosom, and, with a mighty voice, he shrieked, Father! mother, save me . . . and fell back upon his bed, a corpse.

Jesus has done everything he could for you. What more could he do, after suffering everything for you and me. How beautiful are these words, "I go to prepare a place for you."

The world is in a critical condition. It may be much later than what you think. Christ may appear any moment.

What can you gain by living for Jesus!

Adam Schlatter, a Sunday School teacher the same time the writer was teaching, entered the gate, shortly after this:

"I was over there, but I am back.

I saw the Lord. He tried to open the gates for me . . . but they were closed too tight. He told me to come back, there was work for me, and when I see all my brothers and friends, I know why he wouldn't let me in. My course was not finished.

I crossed the pond.

I was just ready to get off the boat, but he wouldn't let me. He told me to come back, and here I am. I saw everything so plain, and I thought I was going Home to rest, but, no, I came back to you. I know there has been many a friend on their knees these past two nights.

I have felt it.

You might think I am preaching, but I am not. When one goes through and sees what I saw, it would almost make a preacher out of him.

Oh, how I am suffering! but nothing compared to what Christ suffered for us.

But oh those gates! how beautiful it was! Words cannot describe it, but I couldn't go. It wasn't time, but I'll get rest later. I'll rest."

Are you ready to meet your God without fear?

CORRECTION

In the last issue, the time for church services for Wolcott was stated as Central Standard Time. It should be C.D.T.

NEWS

AKRON, OHIO

Reporter: Ruth Taylor

Monday, October 23, Sisters Shirley Knapp, Cissna Park; Elly Schrock and Bertha Lee Wagenbach, Oakville; Shirley Feucht and Martha Jane Siebenthal, Princeville, spent the day in Akron, visiting us.

Bro. Robert Indermuhle, who is attending Kent State, has attended services with us several Sundays this month.

Know Each Other Better

Mary Ammann was born March 7, 1877, in Switzerland, to Christian and Anna Ammann. She had one brother, Fred. In June, 1881, the family came to America and settled in Sardis, Ohio, near their mother's family, the Schubachs, Maibachs and Grossenbachers. Mary's parents heard the true gospel here and were both converted. Mary's mother passed away in 1882, and Mary was placed in a home without children, near the Ohio River, staying there until she was 17 years old.

She came to Girard in 1896, and was among the members there. The people there seemed to have something others didn't have, and it was here Mary started her repentance. You would have to hear her tell this in her own words, to know of the warmth she could feel while with them. She was baptized in December, 1906, by Bro. Joe Ingold.

Mary has done housework in many homes, and has spent much of her life serving others. In 1951, while working in a private home, she was burned, and, when she left the hospital, she went to the Apostolic Church Home in Mansfield, and was there 5 years. She recovered from her burns, and was able to care for her brother, Fred, for the last two years of his life. She had corresponded for him when his vision failed him, and is still in touch with many, all over the country.

She has written poetry, and some has been published in the **Silver Lining**. She has a gift of making a story of her poetry.

She now lives at 495 Perkins St., Akron 4, Ohio, where she spends her time reading and caring for herself. She has very good health for her 84 years.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: Doris Graf

Visiting this month were: Bro. and Sis. Fred Marti, Lamar; Bro. and Sis. Jerry Steffen, Goodfield.

A son, Joey, was born to Bro. John and Sis. Lois Klotzle. Awaiting him at home were Tommy and Kathy, 6, and Heidi, 3. Lois' parents, Bro. and Sis. Alfred Hoffman, from Rockville, Conn., are visiting them and hope to stay awhile.

Sis. Caroline Meyer, who has been very sick these past months with ulcerated sores on one of her legs, flew to Chicago on Nov. 3, for treatments there. Her daughter, Mrs. Louise Wreath, a nurse, has been here the past month to care for her, and accompanied her to Chicago. We hope that God can restore her to good health again.

Know Each Other Better

It seems most appropriate to write about Sis. Rose Langjahr, one of our older and most faithful members in Altadena.

Sis. Rose is 76 years old. She was born in Wickenburg, Germany, on Feb. 10, 1885, to the Christ Schicks, the youngest of their children. She lived in Germany until she was 19 years old, and, in 1904, she came to America, where she lived in Peoria, Illinois. There, she met Herman Langjahr and was married in 1906.

She was married and had four children at the time she repented, and was baptized in 1912. Altogether, Herman and Rose had seven children, Clara, Herman, Ernest, Ben, Lydia, Annie, and Billy. The oldest four are now living in the East, and the youngest three are in California. She has 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. She lost her dear husband, who was converted before his death, in 1939.

She moved to Altadena permanently in 1946, and has been living here and attending church for 15

years, hardly ever missing a Thursday evening or Sunday service. She looks and acts much younger than she is, still having her dark brown hair, and pleasing personality. She is truly an inspiration, and is well loved by all who know her.

ATHENS, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Oct. 7, Bro. Otto Norr, Bro. and Sis. Herman Norr and Sis. Louise Schlatter of Leo visited Bro. and Sis. Junior Hale, Bro. and Sis. Henry Stricklin, and all enjoyed a supper at Sis. Bertha Harville's and Sun. Services at all three churches. Also, Bro. Otto held services at Lester, Ala., in the home of Bro. Wesley Long.

Wednesday, Oct. 11, worship services were held in the home of Bro. and Sis. George Kelly, for all in the Prospect area.

Oct. 8, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vibbert. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Henry Perry.

BERN, KANSAS

Reporter: Leland Plattner

Know Each Other Better

William C. Strahm, son of Christ Strahm and Katherine Gerber, was born at Orville, Ohio, on October 2, 1864. When Will was a child, his family moved from Ohio to Bluffton, Indiana, to Blue Springs, Nebraska, and from there to Bern, Kansas.

At Bern, Will met and married Amelia Leuthold. Fifteen children, ten sons and five daughters, were born to them. Their names are as follows: Katie Wuthrich, who passed away in 1949; Chris, Andy, Julia Kinsinger, Lillian Wittenbach, William, Oreon, Julius, Rachel Kraft, Leah Kinsinger; Herman, who passed away in 1959; Reuben, Emil, Roy, and Raymond.

Will and his wife repented and were baptized early in their married life. Will is still mindful of the Lord's many blessings.

He was a farmer most of his life. He also took care of the cemetery for twenty years.

Will and Amelia had been married for seventy years in 1959.

Amelia passed away on November 30 of the same year.

At the beginning of this year, Will went to the Apostolic Christian Home to live. He now spends much of his time singing and playing his harp. Although he is hard of hearing, he enjoys company.

Quite a large group conducted services at both the Kellenberger Rest Home and our own Apostolic Home for the Aged, in Sabetha, on Oct. 22.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Frieda Kipfer

Bros. Forrest Ritzman of Akron and Harry Bucher of La Crosse visited our congregation on Oct. 8; Bros. Jonas Virkler of Croghan and Leland Hirschey of Naumberg on Oct. 13; Bros. Leroy Hartman of Peoria and Eugene Bertschi of Roanoke on Oct. 22.

Our annual Sunday School supper was held in the church dining room on Oct. 15. The evening was spent in singing.

Bro. Wilmar Steffen has been discharged from the Irene Byron Sanatorium. Sis. Leah Rauch was hospitalized recently for surgery, Sis. Martha Heyerly for a heart attack, and Bro. Everett Geisel for spinal surgery. All have returned to their homes.

Bro. Norman Steffen, 48, passed away at his home, near Decatur, on Nov. 1. Survivors are his wife, Sis. Lucille; his mother, Sis. John (Lydia) Steffen; one daughter and two sons, four brothers and three sisters.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Charles Kaehr, a daughter, on Oct. 14; to Bro. and Sis. John Kipfer, a son, on Oct. 20.

Know Each Other Better

Joseph Gerber, our oldest member, was born in Wells County, Indiana, on Nov. 5, 1871, to Ulrich and Katy Matthias Gerber.

He was married to Mary Kaehr in 1898, and they were converted some time later.

Seven sons were born to them, Bros. Lewis and Roy of Bluffton; Bro. Henry of Route 4, Bluffton; Bro. Fred of Latty, Ohio; John, Lawrence and Norman, all of near Bluffton. He has thirty grandchildren and twenty-seven great-grandchildren.

He was a farmer until retirement, and also operated a dairy at

Ossian for several years, with his farming.

Sis. Mary died in 1950.

His second marriage was to Sis. Bertha Reimschiel, in 1951. She was a sister to Mary, and the widow of Henry Reimschisel. She died in 1952.

He is still able to attend church, almost every Sunday.

After retirement, he moved to Bluffton, where he resides at 404 E. Central Avenue.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Reporter: Lydia Heuberger

Know Each Other Better

The oldest member of the Bremen congregation is Sis. Catherine VonBergen. She is the widow of Carl VonBergen. Katie, as she is known to our congregation, was born Oct. 26, 1879, in Budapest, Hungary. She came to this country at the age of 15, resided at Chicago and then at Elgin (Ill.). In 1903, she moved to Wolcott, and in 1914, she and her husband moved to Bremen.

Katie has one daughter, Mrs. Wm. Baxter, and one son, Carl (Jr.) There are four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Katie was converted at the age of 16 and was baptized by Bro. Rudolph Witzig, assisted by Bro. Chris Gerber, at the Elgin church. She is faithful in attending services, and is enjoying good health, living alone, doing her own housework, plus maintaining a nice lawn and many flowers. She is very active with knitting and crocheting.

Birth: On Oct. 23, a son, Todd Allen, to Bro. and Sis. Harold Zeltwanger.

On Oct. 15, we had the pleasure of having Bro. Emanuel Gudeman of Cissna Park as guest minister.

Sis. Mae Zimmer was hospitalized for a fractured leg. She is making satisfactory progress in her recovery.

Sis. Phyllis (Herbert) Hueni injured her back, following a fall. She is making slow, but satisfactory, improvement.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. Ernie Anliker
Location: Corner of South and Garfield

We have had word of some folks who have stopped on their way through Burlington, to assemble with us, but could not find the lo-

cation of our church. We are very sorry, and wish to extend a welcome to all. We shall be very happy to have you as our guests.

Oct. 15, Bro. John Wagenbach ministered for us in Bro. Uriel's absence. We thank Bro. John for sharing with us.

Sunday, Oct. 22, Bro. Noah and Sis. Hattie Schrock spent this day with us. It was a blessed day.

Bro. Edw. Owens was called back into the service of our country. We will miss his assembling with us.

Sis. Grace Kuntz of Burlington passed away Oct. 19. Her services and burial were at Oakville. She had been an invalid for many years, and her passing on was a blessing.

Know Each Other Better

Our dear sister, Mary Wagler, is the eldest attending our services, and, because of her health, her attendance is rare. Those times when she can attend are very precious to her.

Mary Huber (her maiden name), daughter of Bro. and Sis. Joseph Huber, was born March 29, 1874, in Germany, coming to America with her parents when she was two years old. Her mother died when she was 12 years old. There were 5 children, Sis. Mary being the oldest. An aunt, Sis. Katie Huber, came in and cared for the family of her brother.

When Sister Mary was 13, she became very ill with typhoid pneumonia. She could neither talk nor walk any more. She then made a promise, if God would permit her to get well again, she would turn to the Lord and live for Him. She repented and became converted, was proved and baptized by her father, Elder Brother Joseph Huber, when she was 17 years old. This took place in a country church between Burlington and Gridley, Kansas. She was baptized Jan. 4, 1891, in a water pond in a near-by field. The ice had to be broken and removed before they could proceed with the baptism.

Sis. Mary was married on April 15, 1894, to Bro. Christian T. Wagler, who passed away Oct. 25, 1956. Twelve children were born to them, five preceding their father in death. The living are: Joseph, Bro. Ben, Sis. Matilda Frank, Mike, Bro. Paul, Ulysses and Robert, living in Burlington, Iowa, and Sis. Matil-

da Frank, who lives near Salem, Iowa.

Sis. Mary lives with her son, Bro. Paul, who looks after her needs of this life. We know that she is very grateful to have Bro. Paul. She has been a very good example to us younger generation, with her many virtues, and we may do well to look upon her life as a good Christian example. Sis. Mary makes many beautiful rugs on a hand-made frame, doing the weaving all by hand. She also manages to do many household duties. She is now 87 years old. Her sister, of Ft. Scott, Kans., Sis. Annie Pfister, is the only other survivor of this family. May God grant many blessings to our dear Sis. Mary in her sunset days of life.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth

After a number of weeks of dry, warm, and windy weather and days of blowing dust, we were blest with a good rain Sunday morning, Oct. 29. But with the rain, a number in Burlington suffered damage from storm, the southwest and north part of town receiving the most damage.

Those of our brothers and sisters receiving damage were, Bro. M. A. Kislings, Bro. Wayne Kirchers, Sis. Elizabeth Otti, Sis. Anna Miller and Bro. Claude Springers. Part of the roof was blown from the Springer home. Brothers and friends of the Burlington community helped put on a temporary roof, Sunday afternoon and evening, finished it a short time before it started to rain again.

Hospital patients this past month were: Bro. John Huffman had surgery again at Halstead, Kans., Oct. 18; David Frieden, son of Sis. and Joe Frieden, who broke his right leg in a motorscooter accident; and Bro. Ike Diel underwent eye surgery, for removal of a cataract, Oct. 31, at St. Mary's Hospital, Enid, Oklahoma.

A group sang hymns in homes of several shut-ins, Sis. Fredericka Schif, who is staying at present with her sister, Sis. Minnie Schupbach in Burlington, and also your reporter, the evening of Oct. 25. It has been decided to sing for shut-ins every two weeks on Wednesday evenings. Matthew 25:40—" . . . Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the

least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Jeff Young

Know Each Other Better

The oldest member in our congregation is Sis. Emma Kuebler of Cissna Park, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Emma Burkhart, Staub, Baumgartner with whom she, and 5 other brothers and sisters, Caroline, Bertha, John, Emil, Lydia, and the grandmother immigrated from Switzerland in 1870. They previously lived at Peoria, before moving to Cissna Park.

Mary, Wm., Anna, Rose, and Minnie were born in America.

She became a member of the Apostolic Christian Church at the age of 16 years, was baptized by Elder Bro. John Eisenman. She was taught this faith from childhood.

In 1880 she was united in marriage to Brother Carl Kuebler, by Bro. Rudolph Leuthold. To this union were born twelve children, Tylla Geyer, Sarah Anliker of Francesville, Anna Rapp of Morton, Carl of Peoria, Nettie, Lydia, Marie, Helen, George, Louis, Emil and Lawrence of Cissna Park, with the exception of two sons and two daughters deceased. There are 17 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

Her dear husband passed away Dec. 30, 1935. One daughter and one son are living at home with her, where she has resided for over six decades. She has always lived on a farm, and has been blessed with moderate health. A number of years ago, she was in failing health, but likes to continue helping in housework and garden whenever able, and attends church services whenever health permits. Sis. Emma is now 95 years of age, and has been a faithful member in the church, beloved by all.

Oct. 8, our guest minister was Bro. Edwin Bahler. His wife and children accompanied him.

We are happy to announce, our friend, Esther Steiner, has turned to the Lord. Esther is a daughter of Bro. and Sis. Will Farney.

Births — Douglas Howard was born to Bro. Howard and Sis. Viola Griner on Oct. 10; Annette Kay was born to Wm. and Sis. Anna Marie Reutter on Oct. 11.

Bros. Dave Mangold and Leroy

Huber visited our congregation on Oct. 19.

Holy Communion was held in our congregation on Oct. 22, with Bros. Frank Woertz and Henry Kilgus here, assisted by Bro. Dave Mangold.

Oct. 29, the engagement of Sis. Eliza Honegger and Bro. Emil Schmitt was announced.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marjorie Knapp

Sister Lena Engel Schieber, wife of the late Bro. John Schieber, is the oldest member of our Congerville congregation. Lena, now 81, related that she has attended the Congerville church since her youth, and can remember walking 5 miles to church on Sundays.

When asked how she came to the Lord, Sis. Lena said, "It was just my time. I always went to church and heard the sermons, and that Sunday the sermon by Bro. Carl Hecker struck me. I went home feeling very disturbed, and that evening is when I started my repentance. I had peace in one week. I was scrubbing floors when all at once the song "Mercy Given" came to my mind, and I began to sing it. That evening, I told my husband that I had received peace from God. My husband and I repented at the same time."

On July 10, 1910, she was baptized by Bro. Andrew Rapp, Morton, in the Mackinaw River.

Sis. Lena has retained good health and enjoys her family, Bro. Victor, Bro. Carl, Sis. Emma, Esther Troike, Bro. Harvey, and Bro. Harold Schieber. She is able to do her own housework and likes to do some gardening.

The close Christian fellowship we experience with our older members is a spiritual blessing to our whole congregation.

Bro. Jake Miller, 83 years old, passed away October 28. We are saddened by his absence in our congregation, but we rejoice that he lived a life dedicated to the Lord.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Reporter: Mrs. Clayton Virkler

Sis. Pernal Virkler, wife of Bro. Howard, has just returned from the hospital, where she has been under traction for treatment of a back injury.

Mrs. Leon Virkler has also just

returned from the hospital, after having had a heart spell.

Bro. Robert and Sis. Edna Beyer and Bro. Theodore and Sis. Ameliable Virkler recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversaries. We all wish them God's richest blessings, and many more years of happiness together, the Lord willing.

The Naumberg church resumed their afternoon services on Oct. 15, as the extensive repairs they've made to their basement & kitchen neared completion. They have also moved their baptistry upstairs, behind the pulpit. We all feel the Lord will greatly bless their efforts.

Much pleasure was afforded us by the visit of Bro. Ernest Graf Sr., who ministered to us the Sunday of Oct. 29th. Services were held at Naumberg, with a dinner following the afternoon worship period. At night, we congregated at Croghan.

Know Each Other Better

From the oldest church of our faith in America, we would like to bring you a few highlights from the life of our oldest member. Sister Mary Kieffer Rauhe Yousey will be 96 years old the 20th of May—born in 1866—and has been a member for 80 years.

Sister Mary had the following children by her first husband, Daniel Rauhe: Fred, Louise, Clinton, Johanna, Ada J. (who died at three years), Earnest F. (who died at 11 mos.) and Leland (who was killed on a motorcycle at 23 years of age).

Sis. Mary's husband, Daniel, died Dec. 17, 1911, about a week after being kicked in the face by a horse.

After her children were grown, she married Bro. Christian Yousey, who died a natural death at an old age. After his death and since her health has begun to fail, she's made her home alternately with her daughters, Johanna and Louise.

Before her marriage, Sis. Mary did housework, which included milking cows and helping in the barn. After her first husband died and her children were small, she took in washings, and found work wherever and whenever she could. She was a good seamstress and made her family's clothes. At one time, she bought out and worked in a laundry in Lowville.

Sister Mary taught Sunday School a number of years in Naumberg. She reported, she had to teach in German and had a very difficult time to make the children understand what she was trying to get across to them. She taught our former elder brother, Philip Beyer, and even as a boy, he held a special place in her affections.

In the year of 1881, there was a great influx in our church membership. In fact, 140 were added to our fold. At that time, Mary was 15 years old, and had just started earning her own money (the great sum of \$1.50 a week, for doing housework all day and milking by hand 5 cows night and morning). In her own words, she felt pretty "swell", and bought a frilly dress and a new hat, bedecked with ribbons. That in itself was a drawback, when she felt the call of the Lord on a certain Sunday. That Sunday, the 3rd of July, 24 people were baptized, among them her brother. That Sunday had such a profound effect on her that she answered the Lord's calling, and was baptized at Croghan, in Black Creek, by Elder Brother Peter Virkler, on August the 14th.

Every day, Sis. Mary writes in her diary, and answers on the average a letter a day and avidly reads the Bible.

Her mail reaches her in care of Ray Camp, R. D. 1, Manlius, N. Y., or Walter Stafford, 25 White St., Clark Mills, New York.

Sister Mary has remained true and faithful to her Lord through a long lifetime and through much hardship, toiling and suffering. Her faith has always been strong, and she is a great inspiration to all our members.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Reporter: Dorothy Knochel

Our visitors for the month of October were, Sisters Edith Graf and Esther Dockus from Akron, Bros. Jonas Virkler and Leland Hershey and their wives from New York, Bro. Joe Waibel and family, John Mayer and family. On Oct. 22, three cars of young folks from Roanoke and Eureka were with us, also Sisters Florence Wieland, Rhoda Wieland and Myrna Pashak from Bay City. On Oct. 29, we had Bros. Edwin Bahler and family from Remington, Ben Kaufman and family from Ft. Wayne, Elmer Steffen and family from Milford,

Clem Wieland and family from Laty, Andy Virkler and family from Bay City, and Oscar Bertsch and family from Bluffton.

Sis. Esther Wagner is to come home from the hospital tomorrow, after an operation . . . hope and pray she can enjoy better health now.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Louise Steffen

Oct. 22, Bro. Christian H. Kropf passed away, age 91. He would have been 92, Dec. 8. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 24, 1:30 p.m., at the church. Bro. Will Stettner had the service.

Visitors on Oct. 22 were Bro. Jim Hoerr of Peoria and Bro. John Wagenbach of Oakville.

Sis. Rosie Santchi fell and broke her hip. She's at the Bowes Rest Home.

Know Each Other Better

Bro. Fred Grimm is the oldest member of our congregation.

He was born Jan. 9, 1870, in Albriga, Switzerland. His father was Alexander Grimm and his mother's name was Elizabeth Jonner. They had three boys, Alexander Jr., Fred and Charles Grimm.

He was married to Anna Pfeuti, April 10, 1897, in Freeport, Illinois. His wife, Sister Anna, was born Aug. 6, 1873, at Guggisberg, Switzerland. Bro. Fred and his wife had five children, Frank of Wolverine, Michigan; Martha of Cleveland, Ohio; Sister Kosa (Henry) Priess of Elgin; Emma of Chicago; and Olga of Hartford, Connecticut. They have 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

He gave his testimony and was baptized in 1958.

Bro. Fred came to America in 1895, and settled in Monroe, Wisconsin, continuing his occupation of making Swiss cheese. In 1900 he came to Illinois to start farming, and farmed until 1924. They then moved to town (Elgin), where Bro. Grimm was engineer of the Hubbard Building.

He always enjoyed good health, and retired at 85. If God so wills, he will be 92 Jan. 9, 1962, his wife 89, Aug. 6, 1962.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein

Know Each Other Better

John L. Rocke was born March 28, 1876. On February 12, 1899, he

was united in marriage to Mary Minger, in the Apostolic Christian Church near Roanoke, Illinois, by Elder Rudy Witzig from Gridley, Illinois. To them were born 13 children, Edward, Lawrence, Milton, Wilbur, Walton, Lester, Richard, Parnell, Nettie, Ruth, Clara, Helen, and Wilma. There are 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

He repented at the age of about 20 years, and was baptized by Elder Rudy Witzig at the Apostolic Christian church in Roanoke township.

His occupation was farming. They lived on a farm in Metamora township (Woodford County) until 22 years ago. They moved to Eureka, where they now reside at 403 N. Main Street. He spends some of his time in the garden during the summer, but otherwise, he is retired.

He and his wife were regular attenders in the Roanoke church until in 1957, when the Eureka church was finished. Now, they assemble every Sunday in the house of worship. They are both in good health for folks of their age. May God bless Bro. John & Sis. Mary and be with them further on this path of life, which has taken them so many years together. If it is God's will, they will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary next February.

Visiting ministers the past month have been as follows: Bro. Frank Woertz from Goodfield, Bro. Harry Bucher from La Crosse; Bro. Ezra Feller from Cissna Park; Bros. David Mangold, Joe Hodel and Eugene Bertschi from Roanoke.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS Reporter: Joyce Huber

Thanksgiving

Lord, witness this confession,
That by Thy great compassion
We can have full redemption.
All we have, what'ere it be,
Lord, we know it came from Thee!

Oct. 8, we had many visitors from Eureka, Remington, and Wolcott, including Bros. Alfred Bahler and Earl Kilgus. Bro. Bahler ministered unto us, that if we love God, then keep His commandments to love one another; and since none of us are perfect, we ought to have that love that will cover all of other's faults. Bro. Kil-

gus encouraged each to have more strength in the Lord, but that it takes an effort in order to grow spiritually.

We were happy to have Leo young people spend Oct. 14 and 15 with us, making our week end most enjoyable.

We thank Bro. and Sis. Irvin Lehman and their family of Wolcott for visiting us Oct. 22. Bro. Lehman advised us that we should study Israel's history, and be willing to become wise. He read Deut. 11, repeating verses 19 and 20; and said we each have a part to do in spreading the Gospel. Sis. Emma Huette served them supper at the church.

Know Each Other Better

Our Oldest Sister

Sis. Lydia (Von Tobel) Bach has lived in the same block since she was born in 1874, but has traveled extensively to our churches and in the States; and in 1934, she and her husband, the late J. N. Bach, took 3 sons and their car to spend 4 months in Europe, including the birthplace in France of Bro. "Nick".

Sis. Lydia is the great-grandmother to 21, grandmother to 24, and mother to Alfred, Clara, Kathryn, Harry, Caroline, twins Edmund and Edward, J. N., and Robert, who was killed in Belgium in World War II. One of her greatest joys was to have Clara accept the Saviour's calling for everlasting life with Christ.

The Bachs were known for much church and charity work, including paying others doctor's bills, and taking visitors to shut-ins, instead of to their own business, which the Lord had caused to grow considerably for them.

Widowed in 1951, she still travels many places, including seeing her daughter, Clara, in Oregon; her sister, Louise Callister, in California; her brother, Ed VonTobel, in Las Vegas, Nev.; daughter, Kathryn, in Mobile, Ala.; and son, Alfred, in Florida. She enjoys handwork, making baby outfits for donation to the hospital or for other people.

FORREST, ILLINOIS Reporter: Christian Metz

Our visiting ministers for the month of October were Bro. Joe Schrock from Congerville on the

8th and Bro. Ezra Feller from Cissna Park on the 15th.

On the 8th of October, announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Ethel Waibel of Phoenix to Bro. Dave Wiegand of Forrest. We wish them the blessing of God in this undertaking.

Failed to report last month, on Sept. 5, a girl was born to Sis. Joyce and Bro. Ted Kupferschmid. Her name is Amy Sue.

Know Each Other Better

Sis. Rosa (Hari) Roth was born at Bern, Switzerland, on April 15, 1871, and came to America in 1882. She repented and was baptized on Feb. 16, 1890, by Elder Bro. Christ Gerber. When asked how she came to the Lord, she replied that she was raised in a Christian home, and, as she grew up, she found the need of repentance and peace with God, and so turned to the Lord. She was married to Bro. Samuel L. Roth in 1897. He passed away on August 12, 1927. She raised five children, Nettie, now deceased; Joe, Ben, John, and Bro. Harry. She also raised five step-children, three now living, Bro. Sam, Morton; Sis. Anna, and Sis. Catherine, Fairbury. She lived on a farm near Cropsey, Ill., until she moved to Fairbury in 1936. She now resides with her son, Bro. Harry, south of Forrest. Because of her age and a heart condition, she has been unable to attend church the past two months. She is the last living member of her family.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS Reporter: Kenneth E. Steffen

On October 8, we were privileged to have a visiting minister with us. Bro. Ed Hohulin from Goodfield delivered to us an inspiring sermon. Bro. Ben Metz from Forrest, Ill., and stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, visited with us during the week end. On October 7, Donnie Steffen's wife, Carolyn, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Croy, from Vera Cruz, Ind., arrived here to spend the week end. Carolyn will remain here with her husband.

Bro. Wayne L. Gerber, Lester, Iowa; Bro. Paul E. Gerber, Bluffton; and Lloyd Massner, from Oakville, Iowa, have started basic training this month. Their addresses are:

Pvt. E-1 Wayne L. Gerber
US 55727392, Class 5-B

Pvt. E-1 Paul E. Gerber
US 55712059, Class 5-B
Pvt. E-1 Lloyd Massner
US 557 20390, Class 5-B

The rest of the address for the above is D-3, USAMTC, BAMC, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

Although many miles separate us and our loved ones, we still need and feel the prayers of those we love.

Although we may live far apart,
Upon this spacious land,
And seldom see your pleasant face,
Or press your welcome hand.

Oh let us thank our Saviour dear,
As long as life is given,
For He has promised to prepare,
For us, a home in heaven.

But don't forget each day anew,
That we must watch and pray,
For Satan's host will try its best
To draw our heart away.

But trust the Lord and ask His help,
He'll gladly help you through.
He won't forsake His children dear;
He's loving, kind, and true.

How shall it be, when He can call,
Come hither now ye blest.
Receive the crown that you have won,
An everlasting rest!

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Reporter: Marie Zaugg

October 15, Bro. and Sis. Raymond Braker and family, Lamar, spent the day and worshiped with us.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kraft and family, Gridley, Kansas, were visiting here October 22 with Bro. and Sis. Harold Kraft and family.

We wish to thank Bro. Al Scheitlin for ministering to us on October 29. I'm sure everyone received a blessing this day. With Bro. Scheitlin were his wife, Sis. Ann Scheitlin, and daughter, Carol. Other visitors were: Bro. and Sis. Dean Marti and Sis. Olive Marti, Lamar.

Know Each Other Better

Sis. Elizabeth Cordill is now 94 years old, is living with her daughter (Ella) and son-in-law, Bro. and Sis. Joe Banwart.

She was born at Bluffton, Ind., January 7, 1867, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Meyer.

Sis. Cordill was united in marriage Nov. 13, 1890, to John William Cordill. They had 9 children (one deceased).

She was widowed in 1908, left with 9 children to raise, the youngest an infant at the time.

In 1912, she turned to the Lord and found peace with God and man, was baptized by Elder Bro. John Plattner.

Her life-time was spent as a housewife and caring for her family.

Sister Cordill's health is fairly good, her mind keen and alert.

She spends her time living among her children, still pieces, and sews quilts.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

Know Each Other Better

Bro. Henry Brenkman, who is 92 years old, is the oldest member of our congregation. He was born Feb. 23, 1869, at Montpelier, Ohio, and was the son of George and Verona Brenkman. His parents were born in Germany, came to this country and settled on a farm in Defiance County, Ohio. They became members of the Junction Church.

Henry had two brothers, William and John, and one sister, Lydia, who married a Wittmer. William and Lydia were members of the church.

Henry was married to Louise Emmert, and to this union was born two daughters, Edna (Floering) and Ruth (Roeger). Edna died at the age of 45 years. They also raised Emily DeSelm from the age of 3, but did not adopt her.

Henry attended the Junction Church when a boy, and as he grew up, he made carpenter work his life's trade. He helped to remodel the Junction Church in the early twenties. He had gotten away from attending church, but when mid-week services were held here in Ft. Wayne at the Wayne Hotel, Henry started to attend them. Then on Sundays, he went with Bro. Elmore Schlatter to the Leo church services, and, through hearing the word and the kindness of Bro. Joel Souder, who visited with him personally, he repented and was baptized. Bros. Sam Aeschliman and George Sinn officiated at this rite. This was about 10 years ago.

Bro. Henry is now retired, and

is residing with his daughter, Ruth Roeger, at 1509 Edgewater, Fort Wayne. He has six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He is in fairly good health for his age, and has been attending the Ft. Wayne church regularly.

Birth: A daughter, Shelley Ann, was born to Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Zimmerman on Oct. 7, at the Parkview Hospital. Sis. Zimmerman was formerly Mona Lou Bertsch.

The ministering brothers who served us during the past month were: James Hoerr of Peoria, Oct. 8; Harry Bucher of La Crosse, Oct. 15; Sam Kilgus of Remington and Clarence Kachelmuss, Oct. 22; Otto Norr of Leo, Oct. 29.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elmer Bucher

Know Each Other Better

Sister Catherine (Leman) Pelsy had her 100th birthday, February 19, 1961, a goal not achieved by many. She is the oldest child of the late Joseph and Catherine (Smith) Leman.

She was married to Joseph Pelsy on February 19, 1879, who died in July, 1930, in Francesville, Indiana, where she now lives. To this union were born twelve children, of whom seven survive: Sister Mary E. Wuethrich, Sis. Barbara Wuethrich, Sis. Martha Pelsy, and Louise Pelsy at home; Bro. Emil Pelsy, John Pelsy, all of Francesville, Indiana, and Paul Pelsy of Rensselaer, Indiana. Bro. Joseph Pelsy passed away in November, 1960.

Sister Pelsy repented at the age of 19, one year after she was married, at Roanoke, Illinois. She was baptized in a creek near the Prairie Church at Roanoke, by Bro. Benedict Weyeneth.

Grandma Pelsy has 30 living grandchildren, 119 great-grandchildren, and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

All during her life-time, she was a person very willing to help and serve where help was needed. She is a bright flame of courage, and has nearly always been able to attend church services, until recently, when she had to have an eye removed. Partial blindness came to her in the last years.

This dear sister enjoys company, and would heartily invite all who can and care, to visit her.

We are thankful to God that He

has provided Bro. Lester Huber to serve us in the ministry here. We pray that God will richly bless him, and grant him much grace, wisdom and faith in this undertaking.

GIRARD, OHIO

Reporter: Jesse C. Emch

Know Each Other Better

On Jan. 18, 1873, there was born a dear little baby girl to the union of Bro. Jacob and Sis. Minnie Bollinger. This little girl was given the name of "Sadie."

At the time of her birth, the family lived in Niles, Ohio. She had four sisters and two brothers: Millie Engelhardt, Clara Hartzler, Myrtle Bollinger, Inez Brown, Gausi Bollinger, and Arthur Bollinger.

Sadie's father was one of the first ministers of the Apostolic Christian Church here in Girard.

If Sadie, who is now Sis. Sadie Schladen, lives until Jan. 18, 1962, she will be 89 years of age.

She was united in marriage to Bro. Samuel Schladen, or better known as "Schladen haufen". They live at 107 East Second St., Girard, Ohio. To this union were born six children: Carl J., George F., Paul E., David R., Mary W. Lauer, and Myrtle M. Carson. There are seven grandchildren.

As a little child being brought up in a Christian home, she had in her heart that she would wish sometime to be a member of the church to which her parents belonged. This desire was accomplished, when at the age of 22 years, in the year 1895, the Lord permitted her to come to the knowledge of the truth. She became a child of God 66 years ago. She was baptized by Bro. Schwere of Mansfield, Ohio, in the Mahoning River, at midnight, along with two other souls.

Prior to her marriage, she was a seamstress for custom-tailors, and did work for individuals.

Sis. Sadie and Bro. Sam spent their time together at home. She had a broken collarbone about a year ago, but that is all right now. However, she does have difficulty in walking. Otherwise, her health is very good for her years.

With the ever-ready smile, Sis. Sadie has been a good wife to her husband, a good mother to her children, and a light to all of us.

I am sure one of her greatest

concerns and joys would be to see her children follow her footsteps. This we leave to the Lord.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marian Wiegand

Know Each Other Better

Emma Helderle, our dear oldest sister in our Goodfield congregation, is nearing her 88th birthday. She was born January 27, 1874, on a farm near Eureka. Her parents were Magnus and Magdalena (Zehr) Helderle. She had one brother and five sisters.

She attended the Mackinaw Dells church with her parents, sisters, and brother. In those days, the road leading to the church from their home was long, steep and winding, as they traveled by horse and buggy. Many times when the road was impassable, the shortest route by foot was along the railroad tracks.

When Emma was about 24 years old, or in approximately 1898, she was called unto repentance, and was baptized, along with many of her friends, in the Mackinaw River by Elder Michael Zimmerman.

When her parents retired from farming, they moved to Goodfield, where she and her sister are still residing. In 1918, a new church was erected in Goodfield. This no longer necessitated the long ride to church on Sunday mornings. To the writer, this long ride to church is hard to visualize, since in our present day, our visiting the Dells congregation is only a matter of a few minutes drive in our automobiles.

Emma, who was always known as a kind and helpful sister, spent much of her life aiding her family wherever needed. She and her sister, Hulda, took care of their aged parents, their sister, Mary Suttor, and their sister, Lydia, during her long illness. All of her family, excepting Hulda, have gone to sleep in the Lord. And now Hulda is caring for Emma at their home in Goodfield. Emma is enjoying good physical health, is active, and able to attend church services.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marilyn Schieler

Sister Elizabeth Kiefer passed away on Friday, Oct. 27, at the Remmart Nursing Home in Roanoke. Her funeral was held Sunday afternoon, with Bro. Joe Zimmerman officiating. Sis. Elizabeth was

afflicted with crippling arthritis for many years, and was not able to attend church very often, but we shall all miss her deeply.

A son, Dennis Edward, was born on October 26 to Bro. and Sis. Roy Hodel. At home to welcome their new brother were Vicki, Cindy, Colleen, and Daryl.

Bro. and Sis. Allan Freed are the parents of a son, Stephen Leroy, who was born on October 14. Stephen has two sisters, Alana and Nancy, and a brother, Tommy.

Visiting ministers since the last writing were Bro. Art Gudeman of La Crosse and Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield. We wish to thank them for their visit.

Dan Kauffman, son of Bro. and Sis. Daniel Kauffman, is in the hospital, due to injuries received in an accident. For some reason, the wheels of the truck he was driving locked, causing him to lose control of the vehicle. His condition is considered serious at the time of this writing.

Know Each Other Better

One of our older members is Sis. Dora Yergler, who was born on May 15, 1879 at Cissna Park, Ill. She was the daughter of Sis. Lydia and Jacob Landes. Dora repented at the age of 15, and was baptized at Cissna Park by old Bro. Zimmerman. On Feb. 5, 1900, she was married to Bro. Joseph Yergler of Gridley. They farmed near Gridley for many years, and then moved to town about 20 years ago. Bro. Joseph passed away in Jan., 1960. Seven children were born to them, and Sis. Dora now has 14 grandchildren. One of her daughters, Lillian, lives with her mother. Her health does not permit her to attend church all day any more, but she is able to come for half a day, usually.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr

October 8, we enjoyed a Sunday School-Church picnic and singing at the Kelly Hall in Burlington. We were glad to have several families of the Lamont congregation join us.

On Sunday, October 29, we were happy to hear that friend Wilma Young (daughter - in - law of Brother Andrew and Sister Lydia Young) has found peace with the Saviour. We wish her much grace and strength, and pray

that many more will turn to the Lord.

Know Each Other Better

The oldest member of our congregation, Ida Esslinger, will be 88 years old on November 23. She was born in 1873 at Monroe, Ohio, daughter of John Frankhauser and Rosa Wittmer, and the family moved to a farm near Madison, Kansas, when she was small. Living in a Christian home, they all went to the Lamont Church, and upon returning home one Sunday, two cousins who were following them down the road were drowned when their buggy overturned in a ford. Ida repented then, at age sixteen, and Elder Joseph Huber baptized her, along with three others. Several followed later.

On May 14, 1893, she was married to Martin Esslinger, and they farmed. Around 1912, he was made a minister. They retired from farming in 1930 and moved to Sabetha, where Martin passed away on February 28, 1931. Ida and her daughter, Katie, of home remained there several years, then moved back to her youngest son's farm near Madison. Three years later, they moved to her present home in Gridley. (Gridley and Lamont churches are 8 miles apart.)

She has nine children: Mrs. Rosa Bahr, Mrs. Sam (Esther) Kraft, Katie, Gridley; Pete, Sabetha; Charles, Madison; Mrs. Mary Wohlschlegel and Reuben, Wichita; Harry, Virgil, and Lester, Frankfort. An infant son is deceased. Katie, Rosa, Esther, and Pete are members. She has 32 grandchildren, and 66 great-grandchildren, of which one great-grandson was recently born in England.

She can read with the help of a reading glass, but her eyes are poor, and she rests considerably. A wheel-chair enables her to get around the home, as she doesn't have any strength in her legs. Your reporter enjoyed this "visit" very much.

The three small classes of Sunday School went to Sis. Ida Esslinger's home during class-time, on Oct. 29. Sis. Bertha Beyer gave her class lesson, and they all sang songs.

HILLSBORO, ALABAMA Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Sis. Pearl Stricklin is slowly improving, after having been in the

hospital for several days.

October 13, Bro. and Sis. Lester Plattner of Goodfield, Bro. and Sis. Richard Plattner of Peoria, and Bro. & Sis. John Oberlander spent Saturday working in the churches, and Sunday visiting all the churches.

ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY Reporter: Nancy Tanner

On October 5, we had Bro. Joe Schrock with us. He selected as his text, Matthew 22. We had guests in attendance from Morton, Gridley, Tremont, Fairbury, Roanoke, and Congerville.

We were happy to have Bro. Ezra Feller from Cissna Park with us on October 12. He read and meditated upon St. Luke 17. Many guests attended from Cissna Park.

On Oct. 19, we welcomed Bro. Clarence Kachelmus from Forrest. He read and meditated from St. Luke 16. Guests were here from Tremont, Roanoke, and Forrest.

Brother Russ Rapp from Morton was with us on October 26. He read from Matthew 18, and then meditated thereon.

JUNCTION, OHIO Reporter: Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

Sis. Lena Manz has been very ill this past month. She is our ministering Bro. Henry Manz's wife.

Our visiting minister this month was Bro. Carl Kipfer of Bluffton, on October 15, whose soul-searching message was enjoyed by all.

Know Each Other Better

The oldest member of our church in Junction is Sis. Martha Rehkla, daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Elizabeth (Inthurn) Rehkla, who resided in Archbold, O.

Sis. Martha was born on July 1, 1874. She spent her early years working out in homes. She repented and was baptized in Toledo, Ohio. She now lives in Paulding, Ohio, with her three sisters, Priscilla, Naomi and Lydia, and, because of her health, is unable to enjoy services with us only occasionally in the summer months. Sis. Martha Rehkla is now 87 years of age.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA Reporter: Albert J. Bucher

Know Each Other Better

Our oldest member is Sis. Emma Wittmer, daughter of John and

Anna (Ackerman) Wittmer: she was born on a farm northeast of Morton, Ill., Nov. 18, 1877.

She lived in Morton until 1912; in Cissna Park, Ill. until 1915, when she made her home in La Crosse, Indiana. After 1923 she was employed as a practical nurse, etc., in Gary, Valparaiso, Indiana; and Chicago, Illinois; until the age of 70 years. Since then she made her home with her sister and brother-in-law, Ida and George Yergler.

She was deeply impressed when she heard her parents talk about the end of the world. She prayed to God to not leave her any rest until she repented.

She was baptized at the age of 17 years. She was one of the first three to be baptized by Andrew Rapp, after he was ordained elder.

Sister Emma is 83 years old. At the present time, she is visiting with her brother, John, and family at Eureka, Ill., and other relatives in Morton, Illinois.

LAMONT, KANSAS Reporter: Mrs. Bernie Emch

Let us always be mindful, in our prayers, of our shut-ins and the old that aren't able to assemble in God's house, and that we commit them unto Him and let His will be done.

We that are able to assemble, do we appreciate it enough and thank Him for this precious privilege?

Brother G. Gruber, age 94, has not been able to attend church for a number of years, due to his old age. He lives with his daughter, Sis. Hulda Jacobs, in Emporia, Kansas.

Sister Mary Emch, age 93, is bedfast and remains about the same, hasn't been able to be in church for over two years. She lives with her daughters, Sisters Matilda and Eva Emch in Emporia.

Brother Sam Ott, age 86, suffered a stroke over seven years ago, and it left him an invalid, and at this writing he is having complications. He is being cared for in the Meadows Nursing Home in Emporia, now for over a year.

Sisters Amelia Young, age 83, her health has improved some, and she, too, isn't able to assemble with us, and is being cared for at home by her husband, Bro. Feldor, and the children that live near them.

Dena Ott hasn't been so well again, and we miss her, too, not being in our assembly.

LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Mrs. Tick McCagdren has been very sick in the Lawrence County Hospital at Moulton, Alabama.

Sis. Carrie Borden had been in the hospital for several days, is again at home, and able to attend services.

Friday evening worship service was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Frost, for young and old.

LATTY, OHIO

Reporter: Roberta Stoller

October 8 was the Wedding Day of Bro. William Laukhuf and Sis. Janice Stoller, both of here. We had, as visiting minister, Bro. William Fiechter of Bluffton, uncle of Sis. Janice. We wish to thank him for the messages he brought us, and hope he will visit us again.

On Oct. 15, our visiting minister was Bro. Andrew Dotterer of the Junction church, and for Wed. Evening services, Oct. 18, Bro. Ben Schlatter of Junction was with us. We are always thankful for the messages our brothers bring unto us, and invite others to also visit us.

Our congregation was deeply saddened over the tragedy that recently took the lives of two of our loved ones. On Oct. 20, Bro. Gary Eisenmann, his wife, Sis. Diann, their 8-month-old daughter, Crystal, and his mother, Sis. Cora Eisenmann, were going to visit relatives in Gridley, Illinois. When their car was involved in a terrible accident just west of Fairbury, Sis. Diann was killed instantly, and Sis. Cora died the next morning. Bro. Gary and Crystal were also injured and hospitalized several days, but are improving now. Sis. Diann is survived by her husband and daughter, her parents, Bro. and Sis. Orville Ringger of Bluffton, her sister, Dixie, and brother, Kent. Sis. Cora is survived by her husband, Bro. William; three sons, Gary, Ronnie and Roger; her granddaughter; her father, Bro. Frank Martin of Gridley; two sisters and four brothers. Services were held Oct. 25, with Bros. Sam Aeschliman, Theo Beer and Noah Bauman taking part.

As of Nov. 26, we are having

Sunday School both in the morning and afternoon, due to the crowded condition of our classrooms. The Bible Class and the three small classes are in the morning, with the balance of classes being held after lunch.

Know Each Other Better

Carl G. Zeltwanger is 90 years old, was born January 2, 1871 in Wuerttemberg, Germany. He came to America at the age of 16.

On March 6, 1894, he married Marie Spahr at Tremont, Illinois. They had ten children: Martha, William, Carl R., Fred, Clara, Minnie, Albert, Marian, and Chris, who died in infancy. He has 22 grandchildren and 51 great-grandchildren.

Carl farmed at Princeville, Elgin, and Tremont, Illinois; Euclid, Minnesota; and Latty, Ohio. He presently lives in Paulding, Ohio, with his two daughters, Martha and Marian, where he retired after the death of his wife in 1950.

Carl was very active in helping on the farm, caring for the garden and yard until the age of 88. He had a stroke in August of 1959, and has been bedfast since that time.

He was baptized at Latty, Ohio, by Elder Bros. Shubert and Eli Dotterer on May 17, 1936, along with his wife, Marie, his two children, Albert and Nellie, and five others.

LEO, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder

Otto Norr of near Grabill, Indiana, was born in Berne, Indiana, Feb. 28, 1882. His mother's name was Anna Marie Schlattenhauf, before she was married to Gottlieb Norr. Otto has three brothers and one sister. His youngest brother, William, is still living in Berne, and his sister, Minnie Amstutz, is living in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Otto was raised in the Lutheran doctrine. When yet a young man, he came to Ft. Wayne and met members of the Apostolic faith. Soon after attending church services, he became a member of the church. He was baptized by Elder Henry Souder of the Leo church.

Aug. 31, 1904, he was married to Bertha Conrad. They raised a family of seven children, three boys—Herman, Robert and Albert, and four girls—Kathryn, Marie Bertsch and Velma Bollier — all

who live near or with him—and Lauretta Wuethrich, who lives near Francesville. There are nineteen grandchildren. His wife, Bertha, passed away May 14, 1959.

Otto has ministered to the Leo church for 46 years. He is still active in some printing work, and drives his own car. He has now reached the age of 79.

So it is as we read in Proverbs, "The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness."

November 5, services were held at the Butler Nursing Home.

Dennis Klopfenstein left Saturday night, Nov. 4, for overseas Air National Guard Service in France.

LESTER, IOWA

Reporter: Emelie Knobloch

Know Each Other Better

Our oldest member is Sis. Pauline Knobloch Feucht. She was born in Germany (Frankenbach), May 23, 1881, to Wilhelm and Sister Friederika Nester Knobloch. She came to this country with her parents, three brothers and three sisters, in 1890. They came to Rock Valley, Iowa, as her mother's brother lived near there.

Sis. Pauline's family were Lutherans when they came to this country, and there was no church of our faith here. There were only 4 members, one was Sister Pauline's uncle, and they met in their homes. Her uncle told Pauline's mother, she would have to live more like the Bible, or she would not have any promise of eternity. But her mother felt she was doing that until she attended services for awhile, and then she knew she was living far from the word of God. A year or so after coming here, she repented and was converted. Sis. Pauline thought she had a calling the same time as her mother, but was quite young, so waited till she was 16. She told me the reason she repented was she felt convicted of her sins and knew she had to make all things right or she would be lost. Elder Brother Gottlieb Maibach, Pulaski, baptized her.

Her older sister, Sister Emma, was married to Brother Carl Feucht in 1904. In 1907, Sister Emma passed away, leaving two small sons, Ernest and Ben, so Sis. Pauline went to care for them, and in 1908 she was married to Bro. Carl Feucht. Bro. Carl was born April

10, 1881, to John and Jacobena Feucht. To this union, eight sons and five daughters were born. All 15 children are still living. The ten children living in this community are Ernest, Ben, Emil, Sister Emma (Mrs. Theodore Gerber), Paul, Bro. August, Sister Lydia (Mrs. Phillip Mogler), Brothers Carl Jr., Alfred and Raymond. John and Bro. Samuel live at Elgin, Ill., Sister Martha (Mrs. Lester Wagonbach), Peoria, Sister Pauline (Mrs. John Schick, Jr.) Morton, Sister Amelia (Mrs. Ervin Banwart) West Bend.

Bro. Carl went to meet his Maker July 11, 1949.

Sister Pauline has been in reasonably good health and able to go about and do her work.

Sorry, I forgot our church time. Morning services at 10:30 A.M., afternoon services at 1:00 P.M., every first and third Sunday we have a singing hour, from 7:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Our Sunday School Classes are all held during morning hour services.

Birth: To Bro. and Sis. Herman Stickling, a boy, born Oct. 1, Perry Lee.

Carolyn Meyer, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Alvia Meyer, announces her engagement to Bob Banwart, son of Bro. Paul Banwart, West Bend.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder

Visiting ministers: Oct. 8, Bro. Ben Schlatter of Junction; Oct. 29, Bro. John Bollier of Leo. We enjoyed their services very much, and heartily invite them back again.

Sunday, Oct. 15, Sis. Loretta Bocka was united in marriage with Bro. Aaron Steffen Jr. of Alto, with our Elder Bro. Rudolf Graf performing the wedding. We wish them many blessings together in the Lord.

On Sunday, Oct. 15, the Vesper choir had a program at Liberty Park, and then a potluck supper. We had visitors from Bremen, Toledo, Rittman. All are welcome to visit us again.

Deaths: Sunday, Oct. 8, Mrs. (Evelyn) Levy, wife of George Levy, died quite unexpectedly. Tuesday, Oct. 31, Mrs. Victor Witchi passed away, after a long illness.

Know Each Other Better

Bro. Joel Beer was born at Mans-

field, Oct. 9, 1874. He was the son of Simon Beer Sr. and Ursula (Meyer) Beer. He was a farmer all his life. In 1892, he went to Cissna Park, Ill., to work for his uncle, Uhlrich Beer.

He remained in Cissna about ten years. He repented there, and was baptized by Elder Christ Gerber, August 26, 1894.

He returned to Mansfield, and was united in marriage with Sis. Josephine Gottas, to whom were born 8 children: three daughters, Francelia, Hermine and Alma and five sons, Frank of Milford, Ind., Robert, Edwin, Ben, and David, all of Mansfield.

His wife died August 19, 1954.

Bro. Joel is still in fair health, and is still able to attend church services, which he enjoys very much. He was a trustee in the church for many years.

We wish him many more days of joy in the Lord.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: Dora Sauder

Know Each Other Better

Sister Rose Eigner was born in Vienna, Austria, Feb. 16, 1880, daughter of Franc and Sis. Anna Felber Eigner. She came to this country as a young woman in 1906, and joined herself to people of our faith, becoming converted, and joining the church in Toledo, Ohio, in 1907. She came to California to work and make her home in 1935. She has been a faithful attender of the church. She now lives alone in a cheerful apartment at 2327 So. Budlong. Her faith and courage should be an inspiration to all of us!

Visitors for the past month: Bro. Alfred and Sis. Emma Hoffman from Rockville, Conn., Bro. and Sis. J. R. Steffen, Goodfield, Ill., and Bro. and Sis. Fred Marti from Lamar, Missouri. Bro. Fred ministered unto us, in place of our usual song service, Oct. 15. We thank him and ask him to return again.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Reporter: Arthur Haab

Know Each Other Better

The oldest member of our church is Sis. Eliza Haab, who was born Eliza Sutter, at Metamora, Illinois. She was 89 years old this past June. On Jan. 3, 1894, she was married to Theodore Haab, and in

1907, they moved from Cissna Park to Milford. Her husband and three children have preceded her in death, but she has over 100 living descendants. Most of her life was spent on the farm, until the early 1940s, when she moved to town. At present, she is only in moderate health, due to a heart condition, and has been living with her children. To pass her time, she does fancy work, making dogs, cats, monkeys, pillows, and pin-cushions out of yarn, velvet, and beads.

Recently, when the street south of the church was blacktopped, the parking area along the street was also blacktopped, improving this parking area.

Bro. Victor Beer has accepted the position of choir director, replacing Bro. Bob Hoerr.

Sis. Tena Lehman had an operation. Sis. Barbara Beer is confined to her home with a blood clot in her leg. Bro. William Hartter is in serious condition in Goshen Hospital, as a result of an auto accident on his way to church.

Bro. Daniel Getz died on Oct. 17, after an extended illness. Elders Sam Aeschliman and Theo Beer conducted the funeral services.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Mrs. Louie Messner

Know Each Other Better

Our oldest member is 87 years old, Sophie Steiner Luthi, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth Allig Steiner. One of nine children, she was born Sept. 2, 1874 in Bern, Switzerland. She came to America March, 1893. Her family settled at Roanoke, Illinois, where she repented in 1895 and was baptized by Bro. Fehr at Roanoke Prairie.

She did housework for church people, and being around them, she didn't feel right in her heart, and felt this was the church to go to, so this brought her to the Lord in repentance.

She came to Morris Jan. 1, 1906, doing housework, until her marriage to John Luthi, Aug. 1, 1909. He was born Aug. 30, 1879 and repented in 1907. They have four children, George, Alfred, Anna (Mrs. Paul Fehr), Emma (Mrs. Joe Feuchtenberger); 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Anna and her daughter, Ruby, are the only members of our

faith. Paul (Anna's husband) is one of our ministers.

They farmed until 11 years ago, when they retired and moved to town. John passed away Dec. 8, 1956. Since his death, their son, Alfred, made his home with his mother.

In April, 1959, she suffered a stroke, leaving her right side partly paralyzed, but she can get around with a "walker". Until her stroke, she did her own housework, gardening, and spent time knitting. Since the first of this year, she changes off staying with her three married children.

She taught Sunday School a number of years when it was still German. Living across from the church they had much company and attended to the church furnace for many years. John was trustee and held other positions in church. In spite of her handicap, she was able to attend the Steiner reunion in Peoria, Ill., this summer, and enjoyed the trip and visit very much.

Bro. Henry Nohl Sr. and daughter, Sis. Nettie, had the Sunday School children, parents and families and others for supper and hymn-sing, Sunday, Oct. 8.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz

Bro. Albert Scheitlin and Bro. Ed Gudeman of Elgin (Ill.), Bro. Dave Mangold of Roanoke and Bro. Silas Leuthold of Princeville were our visiting ministers Oct. 15.

One hundred and twenty-two Bible Class students from Oakville and Peoria attended Sunday School here, Oct. 22.

Bro. Solomon Rapp is a patient at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

Know Each Other Better

Sis. Ida Schick was born in Summerville, Ohio, in 1873, a daughter of Lucas and Verena Zimmerman. She moved to Morton with her mother and three sisters when a young girl, her father having drowned before her birth.

Before her marriage to Wm. Carl Schick in 1903, she cleaned the church, to help support the family. Her husband died of typhoid fever a year after marriage, leaving her with a 12-week-old baby son, Wm. Jr.

Wm. Jr. was a draftsman at the Caterpillar Tractor Co. He had never married, and was a constant companion of his mother, until his death at the age of forty.

Sis. Ida was the first of a group of 124 to repent, 66 years ago. Bro. George Welk baptized them. She has kept herself busy by quilting 137 quilts, and in later years knitted 126 baby outfits. At present, she is crocheting afghans.

Ida has been unable to attend church services for three years, and at present is at the Restmor Nursing Home.

She has constant pain in her mouth and throat, but enjoys company very much.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Reporter: Mrs. Gus Weltz

We are sorry to report that the strike is still on, as of November 3. It has been 143 days. Meetings were held last week and this week with federal negotiators, but no settlement could be reached. On Monday, November 6, a meeting is scheduled in Philadelphia, Pa., between management and labor and with federal negotiators, and we sincerely hope that a settlement will be reached. After twenty weeks without a pay check, most families are getting down to a last dollar, and with winter coming on, it will mean hardships for many.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Indermuhle are the parents of a baby boy, born to them on October 13 in the Wetzel County Hospital in New Martinsville. He has been named Allen Dean. He has two brothers and two sisters who are delighted with him.

Mrs. R. D. Williams and grandson, Greg Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Don Brandle of Akron, O., visited with the Barth families on October 14.

Mrs. Elizabeth Games of Girard is spending several weeks here with her sister, Mrs. J. G. Burgess.

Mrs. Charles Frayer was able to return home, after several days as a medical patient in the local hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Durig and son, Keith, of Girard, O., spent Oct. 21 here with the Barth families.

Chauncey O. Wade is able to be on foot again, after suffering from injuries received several weeks ago, when his foot became entangled in a power mower.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wade were Wheeling visitors on November 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Elza Ritz were Wheeling visitors on November 1.

The West Virginia Hills are beautiful at this time, with all the varied colors of leaves in the woodlands. Nature paints a lovely picture, if we but see the beauty. We have been blessed with a lovely fall season, and, now that winter is upon us, can look back on many pleasant memories of the summer and fall weather.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Reporter: John L. Steiner

The funeral for Sis. Grace Kuntz was held on October 21. She had been bedfast for several years, her death was the conclusion of much suffering. In the past years, the young members had the pleasure of singing for her, and were always greeted by a cheerful smile.

Friend Lloyd Massner left recently for service in the Army and is now stationed at Ft. Sam Houston. He is the youngest son of Bro. Adolph and Sis. Rose Massner, and the last of their eleven sons to enter the Service. All but one or two of their sons have served.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Sis. Elizabeth Herbst had the misfortune to fall and fracture her leg. She is a patient at Methodist Hospital.

Bro. Emil Hoerr was able to come home from the hospital, but is still confined to bed. Bro. Kenneth Schafer and Henry Schmidtgall are also in the hospital.

Know Each Other Better

On April 29, 1882, in Stuttgart, Germany, Emma Gerst (Binkele) was born to Katherine and Henry Gerst, one of a family of 13 children. She came to America with her parents, brothers and sisters at the age of 11 years, and settled at Roanoke, Illinois, where her Aunt and Uncle Andrew Freidinger lived. There they learned to know of the Apostolic Christian Church.

At the age of 17, she came to Peoria to work. She was married there on Nov. 9, 1902, to Henry A. Binkele, and later moved to Oakville, Iowa, on a farm. It was here that she found the need of a Saviour, repented, found peace with her God, and was baptized by Bro. Andrew Rapp in 1904. After

some years here, they moved to Roanoke, Illinois, and later to Peoria, where her home now is. They were the parents of 14 children, the last two of whom are twins. There are six boys, Henry, Otto, Rudy, Elmer, Richard, and Robert, and eight girls, Mrs. Emil (Frieda) Hoerr, Mrs. Edward (Esther) Hoerr, Mrs. Otha (Emma) Eshelman, Mrs. Ernie (Vera) Klaus, Mrs. Si (Pauline) Laidig, Mrs. Roy (Matilda) Beaver, Mrs. Ernie (Dorothy) Haefli, and Bette Binkele. Most of them live in the Peoria area, with the exception of Pauline Laidig of Bremen, Indiana; Matilda Beaver of Springfield, Missouri; and Otto, who lives in Minooka, Illinois.

On July 18, 1930, when her twins, Bob and Bette, the youngest of the family, were almost five years old, her husband was suddenly taken from this life, leaving her with 12 children at home (two having been married a few years previous to this time). I Tim. 5:5 "Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day." Truly, the Lord heard and answered her fervent prayers to carry her through this trying time. By this time, her older children were able to, and did help lighten the burden which had fallen upon her. When her children were small, much time was spent in abundant gardening, canning, baking, cooking and sewing.

Her prayers constantly included pleas for the salvation of her children, and most of them so far have been converted. Her children are very thankful for her continued prayers for them.

In the past years, she has done a great deal of knitting and has made a number of beautiful afghans, sweaters, dresses, baby outfits, etc. She enjoys the weekly meetings with the ladies from our church, who do sewing, quilting and making cancer dressings for the American Cancer Society. In this project, she is a very faithful worker. Sunday noon hours at church will find her wiping dishes, until the last dish is put away. If she is not at this post, it is only because she is not feeling quite up to par.

Sis. Emma will be 80 years of age next April, and is enjoying reasonably good health. She does

find much pleasure in her 38 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

We are instructed in I Thess. 5:17 to "Pray without ceasing", and that is how much of her time is spent.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Reporter: Mrs. Robert Miller
Know Each Other Better

The oldest member in our Portland congregation is Sis. Rose (Feucht) Knapp. She lives at 3265 S. E. Stephens St., Portland. She just had her 83rd birthday October 24.

She repented in January, 1895, in Elgin, Illinois, and was proved and baptized by Bro. Chris Gerber from Fairbury, Illinois. She came to this country from Wierttenberg, Germany, when she was 15½ years old. Repentance was in her mind when she was still in Germany.

It was on a Sunday in Elgin, Illinois, as she was in repentance, after church, when she was home (the place where she was employed), she had her mind heavenward, and was praying for peace with God, and then it was just as if a voice spoke into her ear, the words in the Zion's Harp, Hymn 187, the second verse, the last three lines, "How all wickedness will vanish; For if God possess the heart Sin and evil must depart."

Then she knew and believed the Lord heard her prayer, and, from there on, she was able to be firm, and prayed more sincerely day and night, but yet Satan would try to rob her of what she was receiving, until she went to the cellar of the place where she was working, alone to pray. Then, she received peace and joy in her heart, as the beautiful hymn "Boundless Mercy", No. 220, Zion's Harp, came to her mind. How happy she was!

Satan would still try to discourage her but she told him boldly, she would never give up. That night, she got up and opened the Bible, and her eyes fell on the words in Mark, chapter 9, verses 23-24. The Lord showed her the way plainly but still she didn't feel the way she wanted to, until the next day when she was alone and knelt in prayer. She experienced the same joy and peace she had in the cellar the day before. This was the real peace of God she was longing for.

On April 8, 1911, she visited

Portland, and worked here for six months, then returned to Peoria, Ill., for two years, later returning to Portland in 1913, making this her home. As she said, what an impression Portland made upon her with its beauty, the green lawns, trees, flowers, mountains, etc.

May 5, 1918, she was married to Adam Knapp, also formerly of Peoria, Illinois.

Sis. Rose is enjoying good health.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Ricketts
Know Each Other Better

One of our older brothers, William Elsasser, was born November 9, 1877 in Unter-Brettach, Germany. He came to this country with his parents, arriving here February 15, 1892. They migrated to Morton, Illinois, where he worked for Chris Belsley for eight months, for \$15.00 a month. He worked four years for John Huette, for \$17.00 a month, and because hard times came, he looked for work elsewhere. He went to Roanoke and worked two years for Jacob Schliff for \$20.00 a month. For four years, he worked for Peter Hodel in Metamora for \$25 a month, and, while here, turned to the Lord in repentance, and was baptized by Elder Brother Fehr in Roanoke, in 1901. While in Germany, he was privileged only twice to attend the church of our faith, but in this country had the opportunity to learn more of it. He worked one year for Ernest Feldman, and came to Speer, Illinois, to do some fall work, while there had a chance to rent a farm for himself.

On December 2, 1903, he married Sis. Marie Hoerr, in the old church on Streitmatter Prairie near Princeville, Illinois. Their honeymoon was spent at Pulaski, Iowa.

There were nine children born to them, Ernest, Chris, Lena Rumbold, Anna Streitmatter, Phillip, William Jr., Emma Knobloch, John and Marie Seidel. All but one have been converted and attend church at Princeville, with the exception of Ernest, who lives in Peoria. Their mother died February 20, 1946.

There are thirty-seven grandchildren, eleven of them converted, and eleven great-grandchildren. They all attend Princeville church but one granddaughter, Sis. Marie

Rumbold Knobloch, who lives at Lester, Iowa.

When Bro. William was seventy-nine years old, he went by air to Germany and Switzerland, accompanied by Bro. Peter Weber and Bro. Emil Hoerr and wife of Peoria. While there, he visited with cousins, old schoolmates and friends, and wherever he went, he spread good will by doing his share of charity.

At eighty-four, he is hale and hearty, and his greatest pleasure is doing good for the poor in sincere love and humility. He says that God has been good to him, and he has been greatly blessed spiritually, as well as financially and materially. He is a landowner, so feels it is his duty to share with the less fortunate.

He makes his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Sis. Marie and Bro. Richard Seidel, and family near Wyoming, Illinois, but where there is work among his children, he is there, for to do for others makes him happy and he enjoys being busy.

He is a great asset to our church, and loved by everyone.

PULASKI, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. Harry Wagler

Visitors to our congregation during the months of September and October were Brother Henry Wackerle and Sister Ida of Bay City, Michigan; Bro. Albert Aberle and his wife of Tremont; and Bro. Joe Shrock and his wife of Congerville. Their visits were greatly appreciated.

Sister Ella Wagler is ill at the home of her son, Bro. Harry Wagler. To everyone who wishes to send her a card, her address is R. R. 2, Bloomfield, Iowa.

Know Each Other Better

The oldest member in our congregation here at Pulaski is Sis. Lydia Wuthrich, who is 85 years of age. She was born January 18, 1876, in a little village near Berne, Switzerland. Her father was a farmer and Lydia was one of ten children—six sisters and four brothers. At the time Lydia's parents came to America with their family, Lydia was 13 years old, and had received her schooling in the country of her birth. She learned the American language just from hearing others talk. She had very

little education after she came to this country.

She turned to the Lord in her youth. In her words, "When you know what the word of God says, you know what you must do." She was baptized by Bro. Bartel Rapp. She has been faithful to the Lord, and a good Christian example to all who know her.

She lived on the farm till the year of 1926, when she moved to the comfortable home in town she now occupies, along with her sister, Minnie Getz, and Bro. Felix Wuthrich, the only three remaining of the large family. She spends her time largely at her home, and enjoys a big garden and lots of flowers, of which they take complete care. Also, they put up lots of their own food. They have much company and enjoy traveling. Lydia has been a great help in the church in all the years gone by, both financially and physically. She still enjoys fairly good health for one her age. She is a dear sister and loved by us all.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Emily Kilgus

On Sunday, Oct. 15, the La Crosse Sunday school visited us.

Our visiting ministers this past month have been Bros. Walter Koehl and Bob Hueni.

We are remaining on Daylight Time, so our services will still begin at 10:00 and at 12:15, Wednesday evening at 7:30, alternating with Wolcott.

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**Autobiography of
Andrew Nussbaum**

I was born at Fairbury, Illinois, April 22, 1885. At the age of fifteen, I came with my parents to Remington, and have resided here ever since. In my eighteenth year by the Grace of God, I saw myself a lost sinner, and my only hope lay in the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His Mercy. After a period of repentance and earnest prayer, I received the answer of a good conscience and that peace which goeth over all understanding. In the fall of 1906, I was baptized by Bro. Chris Gerber, into the membership of Jesus Christ.

After six years of converted life, I was united in marriage to Emma Troxel of Wolcott. Our union was blessed with four children, Ed-

ward born in 1913, Marvin in 1915, Robert in 1916 and Esther in 1918. In the summer of 1919, the grim Reaper whose name is death entered our home and carried away my beloved wife.

After a period of thirteen years, I was again united in marriage to Mary Bahler of Remington, in the fall of 1933. This union was blessed with one son, John Lee, born November, 1935.

I cannot recall when I began to help in the Sunday School, but it was at least a period of twenty-five years. In the beginning of 1937, I was called into the ministry and continued there till the summer of 1959, when I asked to be released from this office, which was granted.

During the spring of 1958, our home was again visited by the death angel, who claimed the life of my wife, Mary.

Today, in my 77th year, as I look back to the time we first came to Remington, we were the first family of the Apostolic Christian Faith to locate here. Many changes have taken place. I have seen this congregation grow to its present size. We have enjoyed many blessings, as well as sorrows and heartaches, but the Lord has at all times been our support and an ever ready helper.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Reporter: Lucille Hartzler

Sunday School: 9:30

Morning Worship: 10:30

Afternoon Worship: 1:00

Wednesday Evening Worship:
8:00

Hymn singing, the second and fourth Sunday of each month, 8:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time)

On Sunday, Oct. 29, announcement was made of the approaching marriage of Sis. Marjorie Zollinger and Bro. Robert Boltz, both of Rittman.

Three more of our friends have been announced for proving, at a later date. They are Ben Blough, Alvin Zollinger, and Janette Hartzler. We also rejoice that another soul, Alton Maibach, has given his heart to the Lord.

On Sunday, Oct. 29, Brothers Noah Schrock of Oakville, Lorentz Emch of Girard, and Forest Ritzman of Akron were with us. We enjoyed a blessed day of worship.

Bro. John Riggenbach left for

the Service on Oct. 25. Everett Beery was called back into the Service, and is stationed for the present time at Fort Knox, Kentucky. We wish them God's protection wherever they may go.

Bro. Ben Hartzler has been laid up with back trouble. We hope he will soon be well again.

Know Each Other Better

The oldest member of our congregation is Sis. Lena (Stauffer) Blatter, 92 years old, who was born May 6, 1869, at Monroe County, Ohio. She was married to William Blatter on Oct. 21, 1891. It was through her husband's family that she became acquainted with our church at Sardis. As their family lived a number of miles from the church, services were sometimes held in her husband's folks' home. In due time, she accepted God's call to follow Him, and was then baptized in the Sardis church by Elder Bro. Joe Ingold.

Of her five children—Oscar, Bro. Homer, Sis. Adena Rock, Lula, and Bro. Wilford, two of them are yet living, Sis. Adena and Bro. Wilford.

Their family moved to the Rittman area in 1905, where her husband was a farmer. Since her husband's death some twenty years ago, she has made her home with her daughter, Adena, in Rittman.

In recent years, her eyesight has been failing, but she is thankful that God has yet given her strength and health that she is able to worship with us almost every Sunday.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Sara Aeschleman

Bro. and Sis. Dave Fischer are the parents of a new daughter, Ruth Ann. Also, Bro. and Sis. Richard Bowald have a new daughter, Beverly Jean.

Bro. Frank Woertz visited our congregation, Sunday, Oct. 29.

Bro. Andy Unsicker injured his foot in a corn-picker, Oct. 21.

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The oldest member of our Roanoke congregation is Sis. Lina Schaffer, daughter of Fred Schaffer and Mary Niedehausen Schlupp. Sis. Lina will be 92 years old Dec. 2. She was born in Switzerland, Dec. 2, 1869, and came to the United States in 1884, at the age of 15 years. She is the only person in her family still living.

While living in Switzerland, Sis. Lina, along with several other folks, used to walk three miles to church the first Sunday, six miles the second Sunday and nine miles the third Sunday because there was only one minister to serve all three towns.

After coming over here, she repented at the age of 18 years, and was baptized by Elder Bro. Fehr, grandfather of B. J. Fehr. She worked on a farm as a hired girl for 50c a week, later worked in Peoria for three years.

Sis. Lina was married to Bro. Wm. Schaffer, Jan. 7, 1895, by Bro. J. A. Reeb, in the old Apostolic Church, located in Roanoke at that time. To this marriage, there were 13 children born. Those still living are Lydia, Minnie, Carolyn, Frieda, Jacob, Marie, and Emma. Those who preceded her in death are: Frederick, John, Benjamin, Rosie, Edward, and William.

Also, she has six grandchildren.

After her husband died in 1941, she spent much of her time, during World War II, knitting for the Red Cross. Her hobby was sending birthday and get-well cards to friends and relatives. Three years ago, she suffered a stroke, and since then has been bed-fast. She now is waiting and longing for the time when the Lord will call her home. When the time came to leave, one could hear her singing in German the hymn from the Zion's Harp, "Jesus Will His Promise Keep."

SABETHA, KANSAS

Reporter: Ed. H. Steiner

Sept. 15, Alberta and Mrs. Philip Kraft of Gridley, Kans., came to see their father, Bro. Conrad Kraft, who is at home at the Apostolic Old Folks' Home.

Mary Norris of Topeka visited with Sabetha members over the week end.

Sisters Ann Sorg and Emma Klaus of Eureka spent Sunday with us.

Bro. Joe and Sisters Leah and Deana Fechter of Emporia spent the week end with their cousins, the Dorneses, and members at Sabetha.

Oct. 22, Bro. and Sis. Fred Michel of Kiowa, Kansas, spent the week end with their daughter, Sis. Emma Greiner, and husband, Bro. John Greiner, and children . . .

spending Sunday with the members at Sabetha.

Bro. and Sis. Willis Sauder of Tremont spent the week end with their son, Charles Sauder of Manhattan, and the members at Sabetha. Sis. Marie Woerner of Morton came with the Sauders.

Bro. Joe Hartter submitted to surgery, Oct. 19. He returned home from the hospital much improved.

Oct. 29, Bro. and Sis. Milton Bowers and daughter, Sis. Cecily, of Wichita spent Sunday at Sabetha.

Bro. and Sis. Fred Siebenthal of Roanoke and Sis. Louise (Ben) Stickling and Sis. Ruth Hohulin of Peoria spent the week end with their parents and grandpa, Bro. Menno Steiner, and the Steiner families and members at Sabetha, and to witness the proving and baptismal service of Carol Metzger, who has become a dear sister in faith, over whose salvation we all rejoice. Sis. Carol is a daughter of Bro. and Sis. Phil Metzger.

Elder Sam Anliker of Lamont served our congregation with very inspiring words, and conducted the baptismal services. We are always glad to have Bro. Sam with us. May God grant that he can soon be with us again.

Bro. and Sis. Strader of Lamont visited with us and attended the baptismal services.

Oct. 29, Bro. and Sis. Eli Anliker and children, Wendel and Marilyn, of Francesville spent the week end with the Bro. Menno Steiner families and other relatives and members.

Bro. and Sis. Silas Knobloch of Alvord, Iowa, spent Sunday with us.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Reporter: Velta Laukhuf

Plans are being made to hold church services once again during the winter months, starting January 1, at the Women's Club Building, corner of Park and Palm Avenue.

Time of Service: Sundays, starting at 1 P.M.

If you are planning a trip to Florida, plan on having fellowship with us during our service.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter

Bob Frieden, Taylor, and Marilyn Reinold, Quincy, Ill., were unit-

ed in marriage on Sat., Oct. 21, at the home of Bro. Fred Grimm, who officiated. A reception was held in their honor at Bro. Eli Sutters' on Sun. afternoon. Bob has made his home at Sutters for many years. They are living in Quincy, where they are both employed.

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Sis. Rose Frieden, daughter of John and Anna Elizabeth Grimm, was born at Elgin, Iowa, on July 4, 1880, and is now 81 years old. On April 26, 1902, she was married to Bro. Fred Frieden. Thirteen children were born to them, John, Lena, Marie, Betty, Rose, Fred, Albert, Ben, Dan, Leslie, Robert, Herman and Dorothy. Marie died at the age of three yrs.; Herman died during World War II and is buried in France. Ben passed away on Sept. 25 of this year. She has thirty-four grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

They lived at Elgin, Iowa, until Jan, 1927, when they moved to La Grange, Missouri. They farmed until her husband passed away in 1933. She lives alone, is able to do her work and is in fairly good health.

She repented 67 years ago, at the age of 14 years, and was baptized by Elder Zimmerman of Illinois. There were eight baptized at that time, but the rest have all passed away.

It was a cold day in Nov., 1894, when they were baptized in the Turkey River at Elgin. The ice in the river was frozen several inches thick, making it necessary to cut an opening in the ice to baptize them. Their clothes were frozen by the time they were taken to the nearest farm home, about a quarter of a mile from the river, by horse and buggy.

Sis. Rose is a sister of the late Bro. Edward Grimm, who will be remembered by many.

TOLEDO, OHIO

Reporter: **Emily Frautschi**

We had a blessed week end Oct. 28-29. Three of our converts gave their testimony on Saturday evening, and were baptized on Sunday afternoon, Elder Brothers Rudolph Graf and George Sinn officiating. The converts were Colette Fetter Harmon, Emanuel Fetter and Eugene Fetter. There were other

visitors from Latty, Detroit and Bremen.

We are happy to report that Janice Frautschi has turned to the Lord in repentance. She is attending Toledo University, but her home is in Bloomington, Illinois (Morton Church). We are happy for her, and wish her the needed grace to live for the Lord.

We are all saddened by the death of Bro. Godfrey Schlatter. He died on Nov. 2, 1961, at the age of 89 years. He was born in Schaffhausen, Switzerland, lived in Archbold, Ohio, as a child, and has lived in Toledo since 1881. He turned to live for the Lord at the youthful age of 18, and served Him faithfully unto his death. He was married to Sis. Frances Schrenk at Junction, Ohio, in Sept., 1902. They had four sons and one daughter. Sis. Frances died Feb. 17, 1950. Bro. Godfrey served as a minister to our Toledo congregation for 50 years. Most of these years, he also served as a trustee and as the Treasurer of our church.

Besides being active in the Apostolic Christian Church Home at Mansfield, Ohio, he was active in the two churches in Florida. In these latter years, he spent the winters in Florida, as his health would not permit his staying up North during the cold weather.

Bro. Godfrey enjoyed reasonably good health until Oct. 26, when he suffered a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. He suffered a stroke a few days later, and was unconscious most of the time until his death. He will be keenly missed by all who knew him, but we are confident that he is at rest, waiting with those who have gone on before, for the Day when the Lord shall return.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

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

We are thankful that our ministering brother, August Bolliger, is able to resume his duties.

Visiting ministers the past month were Bro. Joe A. Getz on October 8 and Bro. Francis Rother on October 15.

An older Sister, Ida Unsicker, is in the hospital with a broken leg. Annette, 9-year-old daughter of Bro. and Sis. Carl Musselman, had an appendectomy. She got along fine. Bro. Chris Schweigert has a broken bone in his ankle. Sisters Leah Schurter and Sophia Sauder

both had surgery in October. Both are doing well now. Little Debbie Pflederer has been home a few weeks. She spent 5 weeks in the hospital, but is all right now.

The Harry Yerglers have a new baby girl.

On Oct. 20, the Sunday School Bible Class and Jr. Bible Class were entertained by their teachers. A weiner roast and nice evening was enjoyed by all. This was held at the home of Bro. and Sis. Arnold Rassi.

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In my talk with Bro. Ernest Musselman, we learn he was born in Bavaria, Germany, September 13, 1878, a son of John and Anna Bahr Musselman. Soon after his birth, his father died, leaving a widow and eight children. Her mother and father, the Mike Bahrs, were in this country living with a daughter, Valentine and Helena Wick, near Dillon. The rest of her brothers and sisters were also in this country. They helped bring this widow and her children to America. They were on the ship for three weeks, and finally arrived in Tremont in September of 1879. An older son, Henry, was here working for Peter Getz. He got them off the train and took them to the Getz home in a three-seated carriage.

Soon the family was settled in a home near Dillon, and were again able to provide for themselves. After growing up, most of the family settled around in this area.

Ernest was baptized on May 30, 1894, at Morton by Bro. Rudolph Witzig. At that time, there were about 140 baptized. Ernest was a young lad of 15.

On March 29, 1908, he was married to Anna Kuerth, at Gridley, Illinois, by Bro. Witzig. Anna was born in Eureka on Aug. 16, 1881, a daughter of Chris and Elizabeth Steiner Kuerth. She was also baptized by Bro. Witzig in March of 1902.

After their marriage, they went to housekeeping on a farm 1½ miles southeast of Tremont, where they lived until 1940. They then moved to a home in the town of Tremont. They have three children, Carl, who lives on their farm; Howard, Peoria; and Ida, at home. They also have 7 grandchildren.

Brother Ernest was a Sunday

School teacher, a trustee for 15 years, and also was on the Aid Committees. He has always been very active, and even now yet goes to the farm every day to help his son.

TSUTSUJIGA OKA and SHIODA JAPAN

Reporter: Yoshito Inoue

Communion services were held on Sept. 2 at Tamahata, on Sept. 3 at Shioda and on Sept. 10 at Tsutsujigaoka.

Bro. John and Sis. Betty Klaus and their baby arrived in Haneda Air Port, in the early morning of Sept. 24. They had been expected to reach there at midnight when no transportation was available to come back to home, so only Bro. Willis went to see them at the airport. They are expected to stay with us for a year from next December, while Bro. Willis and his family will be visiting in the U.S.A.

Bro. Takeshita came to Tokyo on Sept. 23rd to discuss the plan of building a new church house at Tamahata, which will be built if the approval and the support of the brethren in the U.S.A. is given.

We had a church outing on Oct. 15, by the lake of Yamanaka, on the foot of Mt. Fuji. Many brethren and friends from both churches and Tamahata gathered together, having worship service and nice fellowship.

Our Sunday School at Tsutsujigaoka church had a small number of children since about a year ago, for some reason or other. Therefore, we had a special meeting for children on Oct. 28, to invite more in the neighbor to our Sunday School. There came three times as many children as usual. We pray that those children, who hardly have any chance to learn about their Creator other than at Sunday School, having non-Christian parents, may continue to come and may come to know a good deal about Him.

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The oldest member is Sister Kiyo Asakawa, 70 years old. She has a son and a daughter. She was baptized Aug. 17, 1958 by Brothers Schrock and Mangold. She is now serving to our church as a housekeeper of Shioda church during a week. Shioda Ichimiya-cho Higash-

iyatsushiro-gun Yamanashi-ken Japan. Young people like to call her "Aunt Asakawa", because she has nice personality, like a well understanding mother.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Reporter: August Mueller

On Sunday, Oct. 16, from Girard, Bro. Robert Stoll ministered morning and afternoon. He is a very gifted brother in preaching, singing and leading.

Oct. 22: This morning we had Bro. Art Herzig and his wife, Betty, from Castorland with us. We invite all to come and visit us again.

Our church is located on West St., Union City, between 24th and 25th Street. Morning service starts at 10:00, afternoon at 12:30.

At the present time, we have 23 members. The oldest one is Sis. Metz, 92. She is a widow for the past 27 years, has no children, but God kept His promise that He would take care of widows and orphans. Soon after Bro. Metz passed away, Sis. Ann Tschuden moved in with her, and is living with her ever since. She takes care of her, as a loving daughter would take care of her mother. We were glad to have her with us this afternoon.

I am sorry to report that Sis. Flo Kaiser was admitted to the hospital in very weak condition. We wish her a speedy recovery.

As for Sunday School, we have no children. We have a number of friends, some of them up in years.

We pray day and night for them, including our children, that the Lord would open their eyes, so that they can see that the ground they are standing on, is slippery ground, and turn to the Lord in this time of grace. How sad it would be if the Lord would call one or the other from this life into eternity, unprepared.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Reporter: Anna M. Schmidt

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The oldest one in our congregation is Bro. Christian Luthi, West Bend, Iowa. He was born June 22, 1877. He married Theresa M. Moller, Sept. 20, 1904. They were baptized in Morris, Minn., by the Bro. Will Feuchtenberger place, Dec. 16, 1907. John Plattner from Sabetha baptized them.

Sis. Theresa passed away Dec. 27, 1931, age 49.

Bro. Chris married Emma Fehr on Dec. 31, 1933, at West Bend. They lived in Morris till the spring of 1935, they then moved to Fenton, Iowa. The West Bend church was their place of worship. He was a farmer from his youth, and in the fall of 1937, in Dec. they moved to West Bend. His health was failing, so they retired.

Bro. Chris is looking after his farm interests at the present time.

Bro. Chris was the sector about 12 years at the Morris church, that was to take care of the grave yard there. He was afflicted with heart trouble, but is improved quite a bit on that. Bro. Chris has always been able to attend church, but his eyesight has been failing.

Sis. Minnie Bruellman has been on the sick list. Also, Raymond Wilson has been on the sick list, went to the hospital to have X rays taken.

Richard and Dorothy Zaugg had a son, Sept. 9, and named him Thomas Dean.

Bro. Robert Mogler is home from the hospital. He is getting along fairly good . . . hope he will soon recover from his siege of rheumatic fever.

Melvin Fehr, son of Nima Fehr, had an accident in the silo blower, and his index finger was taken off. He was in the hospital for a week, but is getting along all right at the time of this writing.

ELGIN, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. George Butikofer

Bro. George Metzger, 74, passed away at the West Union Hospital Nov. 2. His health had been failing for about two years, and he was seriously ill for about four days. Surviving are the wife, Sis. Louisa; four sons, Eli, Bro. Ervin, Noah, and John; two daughters, Sis. Orville Moore and Sis. Katie Grimm and sixteen grandchildren. Bro. Uriel Gehring and Bro. Paul Banwart officiated at the funeral. Relatives from Morris and Anoka, Minn.; West Bend & Lester, Iowa; Bern and Sabetha, Kansas; and Elgin, Illinois, were in attendance.

Bro. Albert Butikofer is quite ill and is at the West Union Hospital.

Visitors here have been Sister Emma Strahm from Sabetha; Sis. Emma Wackerle, Bro. and Sis. Henry Meylen & daughter, Cindy,

Sis. Adelle Ammann, from Bay City; Bro. and Sis. Paul Butikofer and son, Timmy, from Taylor; Bro. Wm. and Sis. Phyllis Massner & daughter, Cindy, from Wapello; Bro. Uriel and Sis. Judy Gehring and son, Bradley, from Burlington, Ia.; Bro. and Sis. Wm. Butikofer and children and Sis. Lena Pulfer from Davenport, Iowa; and Sis. Anna Schmidt from West Bend.

COURAGE!—

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Dear smiles will glow in everlasting ecstasy. Little ones we may catch and kiss, hug and hold, and love for evermore. Here will be one that means so much. Here comes one who reaches and meets, and we are so happy. And here comes another.

Dreams do come true, and we will be overwhelmingly satisfied.

"And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;"

Men may talk about the north pole and workshop, about stockings and gifts coming, but, our Father's giving far outshines all this.

His presents bring joy and peace. They bring contentment. There is bliss, even at end of day. His gifts endure for ever. They become more precious as time goes by. His morning is an eternal always.

Soon the battle we will cease. Now we must hold. Our biggest favor for one who slips is, to dig in, and hold.

Far down the slippery slide, perhaps the rope will be grasped.

Soon, Jesus will pull us over the summit. Down is death. Men and women are being lost simply by slipping into the pseudo-teachings of these times.

Let them go, but leave thou **not**.

We catch new joy, for the stockings are stuffed with all we need. And in the morning is that memorable meeting.

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Sis. Elva Unsicker has handed this poem to Mrs. Robert Miller.

Trust

Until I learned to trust,
I never learned to pray,
And I did not learn to fully trust
Till sorrow came my way.

Until I felt my weakness,
His strength I never knew,
Nor dreamed till I was stricken
That He could see me through.

He sends the storms so He Himself
Can be our abiding place.
His heart that seeks our highest
good
Knows well when things annoy.

We could not long for Heaven
If earth had only joy.

While you wait for trains and buses,

While you wait for plane or ship,
When returning from a journey,
Or when going on a trip,
Cary something well worth reading,

Something wholesome, clean and fine,

Nothing better than the Bible
For its Author is divine.

STAIRWAY OF HANDICAP

Success and vict'ry are not
Stopped of our handicap,
But, rather, our climbing steps,
Signs on eternal map.

Sickness and injury come.
But do be brave at heart—
Climb stairways of each step made;
Discouragement will part.

Strike the keynote of the day
With chords you have at hand.
You will find a song unsung,
Save to God's hero band.

No matter what handicap or infirmity may befall us . . . we may sing,

"If Christ His love still leave me,
I freely give the rest."

So, in reading the following, let us count our blessings, rather than our missings. the editor

Today, upon a bus I saw a lovely girl with golden hair;
I envied her—she seemed so gay—and wished I were as fair.

When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle;
She had one foot and used a crutch, but as she passed, gave me a smile—

O God, forgive me when I whine, I have two feet—so much is mine.

And then I stopped to buy some sweets. The lad who sold them had such charm.

I talked with him—he said to me, "It's nice to talk with folks like you.

You see", he said, "I'm blind." O God, forgive me when I whine—I have two eyes; so much is mine.

Walking down the street, I saw a child with eyes so blue.

He stood and watched the others play. It seemed he knew not what to do.

"Why don't you join the others dear?"

He looked ahead without a word, and then I knew; he could not hear.

O God, forgive me when I whine—I have two ears— so much is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go
With eyes to see the sunset's glow,

With ears to hear what I would know, O God, forgive me when I whine.

I'm blessed, indeed; so much is mine.

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The Editor.