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DESCRIPTION OF JESUS CHRIST

(I am also enclosing one more page. Our Elder Bro. Bahler handed it to me, after checking all personalities mentioned in it. He thought it might be something good, for to publish.

Carlton Lanz.)

There is in existence a very remarkable and detailed description of Jesus of Nazareth, obtained by Napoleon Bonaparte when in the city of Rome; one that is not perhaps familiar to many people. It is contained in a letter written by one Publius Lentulus, the Roman Governor of Judea to the Roman Senate and in the days when Tiberius Caesar ruled the Roman world. It was the invariable custom of Roman Governors to supply the Roman Senate every possible item of news and information which might be of use or interest to the Senate.

When the Christ was preaching in Judea and working his good works, there was keen interest in Rome and much curiosity about his sayings and doing, and naturally in what he looked like. So Publius Lentulus took his stylus

in hand and wrote down all that he had seen or heard. Coming from a Roman official, I think it is a remarkable letter. Here is what he wrote:

"There appeared in these days a man of great virtue, named Jesus Christ, who is yet living among us, and of the Gentiles is accepted for a prophet of truth, but his own disciples call him the Son of God.

WHEN CHRISTMAS CHIMES RING

"Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Charity never faileth:"

From I Corinthians 13

He raiseth the dead and cureth all manner of diseases. A man of stature somewhat tall and comely, with very reverent countenance, such as the beholders may both love and fear. His hair, the color of chestnuts, full ripe, plain to his ears, when downward it is of more orient and curling, waving about his shoulders. In the midst of his head is a seam or partition of his hair, after the manner of the Nazarenes; his forehead, plain and very delicate; his face without spot or wrinkle, beautiful with a lovely red; his nose and mouth are formed so nothing can be reprehended; his beard thickish, in color like his hair, not very long, but forked; his look, innocent and mature; his eye, grey, clear and quick. In reproving, he is terrible; in admonishing, courteous, plain spoken. Pleasant in conversation, modest with gravity. It cannot be remembered that any have seen him laugh, but many have seen him weep. In proportion of body, most delicate to behold; in speaking, very temperate, modest and wise. A man, for his singular beauty, surpassing the children of man."

"We Believe"

SERVICE IN THE CHURCH

Submitted by Will Stettner

We believe the church cannot exist without order and service, which Christ ordained among His disciples. Jesus told them that no one should exalt himself over the

other (Mark 10:42-45). He who wishes to be the greatest should be servant to all.

The apostles followed this teaching and served faithfully until their

death. As we find recorded in I Peter 5:2-4: "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy

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lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

Jesus taught His disciples, "... freely ye have received, freely give." (Matthew 10) Our ministers do not receive any pay for their services.

Our ministers and elders should be ensamples to the members in their walk of life, according to the words of the apostles (I Timothy 3:1-13). They should rule their own house well, and have an honest vocation, so as not to be an offense to any man.

The elders have the oversight of the church, to lead the flock and keep watch, with faithful and true heart, with prayer and supplication to God, that peace and order may prevail among the members of the church.

They should serve the Lord's Supper, the Holy Communion, as ordained by our Lord and Saviour, perform the holy act of baptism according to Christ's teachings. They must take notice of true and faithful servants who labor with the word of God when they are to be found, true brothers who are capable to teach others, to be ordained as elders, with prayer and the laying on of hands in the name of the Lord.

We also have the order of deacons, who are ordained, according to the Word of the apostles (The Acts 6:3), to look after the poor and

needy members, so that no want shall exist among the members. There should be no beggar in our church.

WATCHMAN!

Dear brother, know ye not that
All sweet notes come from God?
That, now, you must strive to be
Example while you trod!

For stray leading, sad but true,
Takes sin by hurting hand.
What we see in open scene
Was led to erring stand.

Silvered greens, enamoured nets,
Of tattered winds are swept,
And idol's temple, entered,
Brings scene of others wept.

Then preach, and remember this,
Of another's conscience seen,
Of this He will ask you,
In judgment, clear and keen.

Live then, calls the Zion's Harp,
As you will once desire,
When your short course expirest,
When time . . . no . . . more . . .
you're buy'r!

the editor

Christmas Memory Lane

Henry Souder Jr.

It is the sweetest thing to go to memory's lane of old-fashioned Christmas . . . of the enduring life that lives for ever.

Snow's a wonderful thing . . . when the country is white all around . . . the trees are laced with delightful trim . . . and from the church window is the gleam from inside.

There's a gentle joy in well-rounded fellowship the world knows not. Just one moment's special goodness where love reigns . . . is more than all the proud titles of earthly pomp.

We are together . . .

"And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life."

Remember the time you came to the Lord?

Then, He gave you His peace, Christmas peace . . . what the angels chorused. His own Son came

to your lowly heart to live. The elder laid his hands on the cleansed one and prayed.

We were received into the mansioned life of happiness. Across the snow-bound hills of His happiness, shut in to His love, drift the carolers song of joy.

Our Lamp-lighter has touched with flame of joys uncountable, burning with delight of thousand welcome gifts.

"Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand."

We will be happy in moderation, rather than too exacting of another.

We are unhappy at times because we fail in some way of the love of heavenly Christmas.

The memory lane of good old-fashioned Christmas is one of kind feeling. Hearts are warm. We are sped to ways of gentleness.

And there is no better way to sleigh through the whitened ways of His righteousness than listening and doing . . . for this moment. We

shop windows of joy when we meet in this jolly tone of forbearance.

Ah, our Father's old-fashioned Christmas! When He is present, the gentle curbs of human kindness make for merry hearts. We gather in common, and find the feeling transfigured in the glow of His light.

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Natural moods were not brought up this way. There are beautiful habits of God's house that bring the Christmas atmosphere of for ever.

God asks for push in prayer. He loves the fervent, earnest breathing of His children's lists. We must prod ourselves . . . but the enthusiasm of the forever is catchy . . . and joy thrives in it.

Morning . . . noon if we can . . . evening are these colorful, price-less meetings. Then, we should listen for the coming of His giving. We should recognize and delight in true worth.

When Christmas day wanes away, His peace shines . . . a continual Christmas!

For peace, we must do our part, and grasp it. We so often forget, and pile the cares . . . and try to balance the high piles of tettered, frittered worry. But peace is beautiful, kept by concentrating on the need at hand . . . and filing the rest with the Lord.

“ . . . I have learned, in whatso-

ever state I am, therewith to be content.”

Everyday can be a happy Christmas in His contentment.

There is no sickness, infirmity, meagre livelihood or feeling of inability that can get in the way of His giving . . . if we have learned.

The Father's bright mansion awaits the exploring of our wonder . . . now . . . in hope, in faith, in love.

Away from the world, in the heavenlies, it spreads in bright flow of love. Ah, here is contentment. Dream long of its Christmas beauty.

Here, soft carols rest as we sleep. Bright morning awakes as sweet hymns waft a new day. Joyful halls lead to endless fellowship. Circles of delight caress us in the soft glow of His glory.

About and above, all around, is the beautiful white, more lovely than snow. It is the wonder of His righteousness.

In the Father's house in the morning, we shall be dressed in snow-white clothes, that out-shine the best here. The lovely beauty shall not melt nor fade away.

How wonderful must it be to gaze and drink in this real white Christmas!

NEWS

AKRON, OHIO

Reporter: Ruth Taylor

There will be an empty spot in our hearts, with the loss of Sis. Mary Graf, who passed away Nov. 10, 1961, at the age of 84 years. She was born in Wayne County, Ohio, Aug. 1, 1877, daughter of Christ VonGunten. At the age of 15½, she was converted and baptized. In 1897, she became the wife of Ernest Graf, and lived a dedicated life, assisting her husband in his church work. They had nine sons and three daughters. Helen Klotzle, Clarence and Walter Graf came from California to attend their mother's funeral. Elder brothers Mangold, Bahler and Waibel held the service.

We have two sisters recuperating in the hospital, following surgery. They are Susie Palmer and Bethie Graf. Herman VonGunten is also in the hospital because of his heart trouble.

Sunday, Nov. 24, the Henry Sabos, their daughter, Dorothy, and granddaughters, Carolyn Domka and Barbara Zimmer, visited us.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: Doris Graf

Visiting this month were Bro. Eddie Dotterer from Phoenix; Larry Eberle from Speer, Ill.; and Walter and Lois Graf and girls from Bishop, California.

Bro. Clarence Graf, Sis. Helen

Klotzle, and Walter Graf traveled to Akron for the funeral of their mother, Sis. Mary Graf, who lived to be 84 years old.

Also returning at the same time to Girard were Sis. Lydia and Sis. Marian Klotzle, who have been staying in California for the last few months. We sincerely enjoyed their visit and stay with us.

Also, Bro. and Sis. Alfred Hoffman returned to Rockville, after an extended visit with their daughter's family—Bro. John and Sis. Lois Klotzle and children.

ATHENS, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Sisters Carol Weisser and Edna Lehman of Milford spent Sun., Oct. 19, with us at the Athens church.

Sis. Lois Goode had been very sick in the hospital, but is at her home, able to be out again.

Sis. Ora Kelly of Prospect, Tenn., has been very ill with pneumonia, and is very slowly gaining back her strength at this writing.

Sis. Retha Chambers had open house for worship services, Thurs. eve., Nov. 30.

A son was born to Woodrow and Sis. Eva Wil Haggemaker, Nov. 19. She is the daughter of Sis. Retha Chambers.

Sis. Zelma Young has been sick this month, but is now able to attend services again.

Bro. and Sis. Wilbert Funk and daughter and Bro. and Sis. Ralph

Klopfenstein and daughter of Gridley spent the week end visiting the churches.

BERN, KANSAS

Reporter: Leonard Baumgartner

Bro. Leroy Huber was our visiting minister November 5. Other visitors that Sunday were Sis. Leroy Huber, Bro. and Sis. Harry Rocke Bro. and Sis. Vernon Blunier, all of Eureka. Also with us that day were Bro. and Sis. Arnold Ludwig and family of West Bend.

On Thanksgiving Day, the Bern and Sabetha churches assembled together in the morning at Sabetha.

After a long absence, Sis. Rose is again able to attend service. Also, we are glad to have Sis. Leah Bauman back with us. She has regained her health, is again in her own home, and able to drive her car.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Frieda Kipfer

Rebecca Ann, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Clifford Gerber, and David Booker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Booker of Ossian, RR 2, were united in marriage by Bro. Sam Aeschliman, on Oct. 14, at the home of the bride's parents.

Sis. Lillie Fiesley Schladenhaufen, 77, passed away on Nov. 3, after a long illness. Surviving are three daughters, Sisters Esther Reineck, Edith Stultz, and Clara Fiechter; five sons, Amos of New

Haven, Samuel and Warren of Ft. Wayne and Bros. Harold and Everett of Bluffton; seventeen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Bros. John Yergler, Theo Beer and Otto Norr officiated at the funeral. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Alvin Kipfer and Bro. Paul Gerber have been inducted into the Service, and are stationed at Ft. Sam Houston. Sis. Mary Jo Gerber has joined her husband there.

The engagement of Sis. Rosetta Gerber and Gary Ringger was announced on Nov. 19. Bro. Gary is stationed at Ft. Sam Houston.

Sis. Goldie Kehrns has suffered a stroke in the past month, and is confined to her home; Sis. Cordelia (Harry) Aschliman, who was very ill, has returned to her home; Sis. Josephine (Edward) Schwartz and Bro. Joe R. Isch are still in the Clinic Hospital at this writing.

Visiting ministers here on Thanksgiving Day were Bros. Arthur Gudeman of La Crosse and Alfred Bahler of Wolcott. Their wives and families were also present.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Glen Moser, a son, on Nov. 3; to Dewayne and Mary Ann Moser, a son, on Nov. 5; to Bro. and Sis. Robert Maller, a son, on Nov. 9; to Kent and Lillian Sprunger, a son, on Nov. 14; and to Bro. and Sis. Dwight Gerber, a daughter, on Nov. 25.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Reporter: Lydia Heuberger

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 8, we had proving and baptism for Nelson and Alice Zimmer (husband and wife). Nelson is the son of Sis. Mae and deceased Bro. Clarence Zimmer. We praise the Lord for these precious souls being added to our congregation. Bros. Theo. Beer, Sam Aeschliman and Geo. Yergler performed the services.

Bro. Donald Klopfenstein, son of Bro. and Sis. Robert Klopfenstein, was injured in an auto accident, and is now being treated for a hip injury in the St. Joseph Hospital, Mishawaka, Indiana. The car he was driving was a total loss, and for this reason we are thankful God's protecting hand spared Don's life.

Our Thanksgiving program was presented on Wednesday evening, the 22nd. Many inspiring messages

were given in song and in words.

Our visitors for the month included: Nov. 12, Bro. Andy Nussbaum, Sis. Gus Knochel, both of Remington, and Sis. Martha Farney from Cissna Park. Bro. Nussbaum delivered one of the messages for us, in the absence of our two young ministers. Bro. Nussbaum, even though retired from the ministry, willingly shared with us a message, which was appreciated by all those present. Also visiting were Sis. Lydia Rinkenberger of Cissna Park and Bro. and Sis. Pauline Kaehr and family of Bluffton. Nov. 26, we enjoyed having visitors from Mansfield, Leo, Milford, and Indianapolis. Dec. 3, Bro. Otto Norr was our guest minister for this day. With Bro. Norr were his son, Bro. Herman and his wife, Sis. Helen, Sis. Elaine and Sis. Katherine, plus a group of young sisters from Ft. Wayne, who were guests with Sis. Juanita Laidig of Ft. Wayne.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. Ernest Anliker

Sis. Carolyn Gerber, Sis. Doris Fehr, Sis. Lela Banwart, Sis. Hazel Anliker and Miss Esty Wilson of West Bend visited with us Nov. 12. Sis. Anliker and Esty Wilson are nieces of Bro. and Sis. Ernest Anliker and sisters of Danny Anliker, who stays at the Anliker home.

Sis. Ruth Kuntz had been a patient at the Ottawa, Ill., arthritis hospital . . . but is much improved. We are happy to have Sis. Ruth back home again.

Bro. Edw. Owens spent a couple of weekends with his mother and attended services with us, which is a blessed privilege for him. His address:

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Sun., Nov. 26, Bro. and Sis. Paul Butikofer and son from Taylor, also Mr. and Mrs. Willie Favrhov of Quincy, Ill., visited. It was nice having them with us.

Bro. Otto Rauhaus, who had surgery at Burlington Hospital, is getting along nicely. We hope he will soon be able to assemble with us again.

Bro. Clarence Graf of Altadena was with us for Wednesday evening services. It was nice meeting him.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth

We are now having mid-week services every Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Practice has started on the annual Sunday School Christmas Program, which will be presented the evening of December 17.

Recent visitors here were Bro. and Sis. Donald Herman and family of Morton; Sis. Minnie Schrock, Sabetha; Sis. Gene Blue, Lubbock, Texas; and Bro. Dale Schurter, Elgin, Illinois.

Bro. Tim Farney has been in the hospital for heart trouble. Other shut-ins are Sis. John Schupbach, Sis. M. A. Kisling and Sis. Fredricka Schif.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Jeff Young

We welcome the Bro. Glen Banwarts and family, who moved here from Pulaski recently, into our midst.

Our elderly sisters, Lydia Knapp, and Rose Stoller have not been able to assemble in the house of worship for some time. They always enjoy visitors. May God bless them in their loneliness.

Hospitalized this past month were Bro. Henry Knapp and Bro. Glen Knapp. They are now improved.

Nov. 19, twelve couples of the Gridley congregation visited here. We invite them all back.

Births: Nov. 21, Edward Dean was born to Bro. Lester and Sis. Arleen Stock. Nov. 22, Kenneth Lynn was born to Bro. Dan and Sis. Laure Kuperschmid. Nov. 23, Tad Alan was born to Don and Joyce Whitten. Joyce is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Art Bauer. Nov. 26, Shelly Ann was born to Bro. Wm. and Sis. Twylla Beer.

Dec. 22 is the date set for the wedding of Bro. Emil Schmidt and Sis. Eliza Honegger.

The Sunday School has planned the Christmas program for Dec. 17.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Reporter: Mrs. Clayton Virkler

Bro. Leon Virkler and his wife, Lydia, left for their winter home in Florida, and word has been received that they reached there safely.

Sammy Virkler, son of Bro. Clifton and Sis. Charlotte Virkler, has been a hospital patient. Sammy has

undergone numerous tests and is now back home, recuperating. On November 8, he and his brothers and sisters were presented with a baby brother, named Rudolph Joel.

Niles and Polly Farney were blessed with a baby boy, Thomas Eugene, on November 9. They have two other children, Niles Jr. and John.

Robert and Janice Widrick are the parents of a boy, Timothy Robert, born October 29. They have one other child, Terri.

Our November visitors were as follows: Bro. and Sis. Ernest and Aline Ballasy and Bro. and Sis. Eddie and Alma Luginbuhl, of Rockville, the week end of November 5; Bro. and Sis. Richard and Janice Schrenk, November 12; Bro. and Sis. Kenneth and Christine Virkler and children and Susan Gottier of Rockville, the week end of Nov. 19; Bros. Edward Teubel of Morton, Joe Steiner of Tremont and Emmanuel Gerber of Bluffton, over the Thanksgiving holiday; James and Lois Beres of Rittman, November 27; Bros. Amos, Reuben and Vernon Hartzler and Bro. Elmer Zollinger of Rittman, November 27. Bro. Amos Hartzler and Bro. Elmer Zollinger conducted evening services at Naumberg on that evening.

Jess Karcher's wife, Ethel, is recuperating from an operation.

Wayne Virkler, son of Bro. and Sis. Bernard and Caroline, has entered the Air Force, and is stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, for his basic training.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Louise Steffen

Our church has been remodeled, and we have a new Sunday School. All is finished but the new tables and benches for the classes. We moved in Nov. 5.

Those who were hospitalized recently were: Sisters Emma Gudeman, Sadie Metzger, Elizabeth Metzger, and Hattie Rein, Bro. Joe Anliker, and Mary Spohr. We wish for them all, God's help in their time of need.

On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, Bro. Leo Moser of Lester and Bro. Earl Zeltwanger of Bremen were with us, a wonderful Thanksgiving Day.

Nov. 26, Bro. Leo Moser and family stayed over, for which we were thankful. We all heard very

inspiring messages for everyone.

We are glad to have ministering brothers with us.

November 12, Bro. Sam Aeschli-man and his wife, Sis. Minnie, Sis. Mary Isch, Bro. Dan and Sis. Priscilla Steffen, of Bluffton, were with us. We enjoyed Bro. Sam's sermons very much.

Dec. 3, Bro. Harvey Heiniger and his wife of Oakville, also visitors from Bay City and Tremont were with us.

We rejoice in the Lord with our three friends who have turned to the Lord: Keith Kellenberger, Joyce and Paul Weiss.

Dec. 4, a son was born to Bro. Elmer and Sis. Eleanor Steffen. His name is Gordon Lynn.

Bro. and Sis. Nathan and Minnie Kellenberger and family are moving from Hampshire, Ill., to 520 McClure Ave., Elgin.

Bro. and Sis. Charles and Martha Rinckenberger and family are moving to La Crosse, Dec. 9. We certainly wish them God's grace and blessings in their new undertaking.

ELGIN, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. George Butikofer

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:10, 11

Our Sunday School pupils are beginning to work on their assignments for the Christmas program, which will be given Dec. 17 at the church, after the regular afternoon services.

We miss Sis. Ida Pulfer. She has gone to care for an elderly lady in Pekin, Ill.

Bro. Albert Butikofer, 73, passed away at his home Nov. 13, after an illness of over two years. Relatives coming from a distance to attend the funeral were from Quincy, Ill.; Taylor, Mo.; and Davenport, Iowa. Bro. Uriel Gehring from Burlington officiated, assisted by Bro. Harvey Heiniger from Oakville.

Sis. Ruth Schupbach has returned to her home, after working at Park Ridge, Ill., for a period of five years.

Isaac Gehring is not feeling well at the time of this writing, but we trust that he might soon be feeling more comfortable.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein

These are some births held over from last month—and some from this month: Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hartter—a son, Billy Joe, Oct. 1; Bro. and Sis. Robert Wiegand—a daughter, Janet Sue, Oct. 10; Bro. and Sis. Earl Zimmerman—a daughter, Elaine Marie, Oct. 24; Bro. and Sis. Roland Martin—a daughter, Lois Jean, Oct. 27; Bro. and Sis. Louis Martin—a son, Brian Keith, Nov. 15; and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Schumacher—a daughter, Gail Lynne, Nov. 25.

In October, Bro. and Sis. Jack Prather adopted a little baby girl. She has been named Susan Kay.

Nov. 12, Christian Endeavor was held at the church. Ten Sunday Schools took part in the singing of the beautiful hymns. A large crowd was in attendance.

Our visiting ministers the past month have been—Bro. Russell Rapp from Morton, Bro. Edmund Kloter from Fairbury, Bro. Ervin Stoller from Latty, Bro. Merle Kaisner from Fairbury, and Bro. John Rokey from Goodfield.

Our Church suffered a great loss, with the sudden passing away following an accident, of Bro. Joe Rocke. Also, his family were shocked with grief and sadness. This happened November 21. His funeral was held Nov. 24, with Bros. J. A. Getz and Dave Mangold in charge of the services. A very large crowd attended. He had served in the ministry for 22 years. May God comfort the bereaved family with the thought of meeting again in that beautiful home above.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Joyce Huber

We were honored to have Bro. Dave Kieser and others from Princeville for Sun., Nov. 12, and they were dinner guests of Bro. and Sis. Edw. Huber. Bro. Kieser explained that since God could not accept Cain's non-bloodshed offering, Cain became jealous of his brother, and Cain got rid of Abel. His present-day comparison is, that we need not put something out of our way, but perhaps our own walk needs to be changed that we also can be acceptable to God.

Just nine days before the sad news that Bro. Joe Rocke of Eureka was killed, we enjoyed his message at our church. So we have pleasant memories of his last visit

here, when some of his family accompanied him and were dinner guests of Bro. and Sis. Sam Steffen.

We thank all of our visitors at the time of the elder meeting, including Bro. Henry Koehl of Minnesota and his relatives.

Nettie Kohler testified of her repentance and accepting the grace of a patient Saviour, and was baptized Nov. 19. Nettie's relatives were here, and her brother-in-law, Bro. Silas Leuthold, helped in the occasion. He said we all have our faults, but God does the correcting, for it is written: "Vengeance is mine; I will repay".

On Thanksgiving Day, Diane Kay was born, making a thankful day for Bro and Sis. Don Broquard. Thankful for baby sister are Sammy, Nancy, and Jane.

Also thankful are Bro. and Sis. Dave Steffen, for Brian, born Nov. 25. Welcoming the baby brother are Vicki, Alan, and Mark.

We are sorry to see Bro. Richard Steffen leave, as he was called into the Army, but know that God will care for him.

Francesville, Ft. Wayne, and Morton young people visited us the weekend of Nov. 25 and 26 and were guests of Sis. Dorothy Steffen and myself.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Christian Metz

On the 5th of November, our visiting minister was Bro. Harvey Heiniger, of Oakville. On the 19th, we had Bro. Henry Koehl, Morris; Bro. Ernest Gerber, Rockville; Bro. Chris Koehl, Peoria; and Bro. Walter Koehl, Fairbury, as our guest ministers. On the 26th, our visiting ministers were Bro. Roy Sauder, Peoria, and Bro. Dave Kieser of Princeville.

As the Elder Meeting was held here on the 16th and 17th, we had many of them with us for Wednesday evening services on the 15th. Those in attendance Wednesday evening were Bro. Joe Waibel, Bay City; Bro. Noah Bauman, Rittman; Bro. John Bahler, Rockville; Bro. Henry Koehl, Morris; Bro. Sam Anliker, Lamont; Bro. Rudy Graf, Akron; Bro. George Sinn, Latty; Bro. Sam Aeschliman, Bluffton; Bro. Paul Banwart, West Bend; Bro. Silas Leuthold, Princeville; and Bro. Joshua Broquard, Fairbury.

Then on Friday evening, the 17th, we had services again, with

some of the above mentioned Elders and Bro. Ernest Gerber present.

On the 3rd of November, a girl was born to Bro. Allen and Carolyn Zimmerman. She was named Cindy Louise.

On the 13th, Bro. Ben Metz, who is stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, left for there, after spending a two-week leave with us.

I have asked Sis. Nancy Honegger of Forrest to be your reporter from here, and she will report the December news.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Reporter: Mrs. Robert Huber

Our visitors during October were Ann Pace and Opal Swihart, who live in the neighborhood near the church; Sisters Corda and Emma Lehman, Peoria; Bros. Jim Winzeler, Walter Aeschliman, and Bill Moser, Bluffton.

We were happy to have Bro. and Sis. Al Fisher from Chicago with us several Sundays during November. We thank them for their visit and for the blessings received through his ministry.

Other visitors were Bro. and Sis. Carl Lehman, Chicago; Sisters Aldine Wackerle and Laura Wenger, Forrest; Sis. Ezra Reinhard, Betty Reinhard, Bro. and Sis. Gene Moser, Bro. Bill Moser, Sis. Elizabeth Kaehr, Mrs. Elmer Heyerly, Mrs. Peggy Sturgis, Bluffton; Sisters Carol Weisser and Edna Lehman, Milford; Bro. and Sis. Jack Stieglitz, Morton.

Bro. Will and Sis. Mame Erkert, Peoria, have returned to their home here for a few months. We are glad to have them with us again.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Reporter: Marie Zaugg

On November 2, Bro. and Sis. William Cordill and Le Roy of Oakville were visiting here a few days with relatives.

A daughter, Beth Ann, was born on November 5 to Lester and Shirley Sinn.

Friends Kenneth Sinn and Janice Graham were united in marriage. Kenneth is a son of George and Sophia Sinn.

Bro. and Sis. Jeff Frieden and daughter, Sis. Marilyn, of Howard, Kansas, worshiped with us on November 12.

Bro. and Sis. Victor Banwart and family of West Bend spent

Thanksgiving with their grandparents, Bro. and Sis. Jake Pfister, and other relatives.

November 26, Sis. Julie Grimm of Oakville came to spend a few days with relatives.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

Our Thanksgiving Program was held Sunday evening, Nov. 19, with Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Zimmerman, Sis. Mary Pulver and friend Leroy Swihart sponsoring it. This was a very enjoyable program.

Sis. Mary Pulver, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Lester Pulver had a singing in her home Saturday evening, Nov. 11. Guests were from Congerville, Milford, Latty and Leo.

Sis. Elizabeth Poe spent several days in the Lutheran Hospital. She is better, and is able to be back in our midst again.

Church services were held Wednesday evening, Nov. 15, in the home of Bro. and Sis. Fred Drayer, with Bro. Joel Souder conducting the services. Bro. and Sis. Drayer are on the mend, and we trust they soon will be able to attend Sunday church services.

The Phil. Clauss' are grandpa and grandma again in double measure this month. A son, Phillip Charles, was born Nov. 16 at the Lutheran Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Dick) Clauss, and a daughter, Bethany Lynn, was born Nov. 29, at the same hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Plank, the former Carol Clauss. Congratulations to all of you.

The visiting ministers for the month of November were: Bro. Ben Schlatter of Junction, Nov. 5; Bro. Earl Kilgus of Remington, Nov. 12; Bro. John Yergler of Bluffton, Nov. 19; Bro. Robert Hueni of Bremen, Nov. 26.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elmer Bucher

On Nov. 19, we had our young people's program, the theme being "Count Your Blessings". It was a very inspiring program, and it is a good thing to remember to always count our blessings and be thankful for what we have. Our visitors for the evening and the day were Bro. and Sis. Harry Bucher from LaCrosse and Bro. Kaisner and his wife and other visitors, from Forrest.

On Nov. 12, Bro. and Sis. Jess

Schrock from Congerville and Bro. and Sis. Sam Kilgus from Remington were our visitors. There were other visitors from Remington and Fort Wayne. On Dec. 3, Brothers Irvin Lehman and Dave Mangold were our visiting ministers.

We are glad to have Bro. Lewie Huber back with us, after being confined to his home for several months. Sis. Marlene Erb has been in a hospital in Pennsylvania for several weeks, undergoing treatment. Let us remember her, as well as all our shut-ins, in our prayers. Bro. Romey is still ill at his home.

Bro. Ken Gutwein and Sis. Leann Musselman were married on Nov. 24 at Peoria. We wish them the Lord's blessings.

With the Christmas season coming on, let us remember those less fortunate and also remember the real meaning of Christmas.

Karl and Mary Lou (Gutwein) Westfall were blest with their fourth boy on Nov. 6.

A CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

Jesus Christ was born in the lowliest of circumstances, but the air above was filled with the hallelujahs of the heavenly host. His lodging was a cattle pen, but a star drew distinguished visitants from afar to do Him homage.

His birth was contrary to the laws of life. His death was contrary to the laws of death. No miracle is so inexplicable as His life and teaching.

He had no cornfields or fisheries, but He could spread a table for five thousand, and have bread and fish to spare. He walked on the waters and they supported Him.

His crucifixion was the crime of crimes, but, on God's side, no lower price than His infinite agony could have made possible our redemption. When He died, few men mourned, but a black crepe was hung over the sun. Though men trembled not for their sins, the earth beneath shook under the load. All nature honoured Him; sinners alone rejected Him.

Three years, He preached His Gospel. He wrote no book, built no church building, had no money back of Him. After nineteen hundred years, He is the one central character of human history, the perpetual theme of all preachings, the pivot around which the events of the age revolve, the only Regenerator of the human race.

GIRARD, OHIO

Reporter: Jesse C. Emch

Oct. 29, visitors, the Don Emch family of Rittman; Nov. 12, Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Calvert, Mr. and Mrs. John Froelich, New Martinsville, Mrs. F. C. Berthel, Wheeling, W. Va.; Wednesday evening, Nov. 15, Irene S. Bernice, Youngstown, Ohio, Sisters Esther Dockus, Edith Graf, Anna Rupp, Akron; Sis. Helen Klotzle, Bro. Clarence Graf, Altadena, Rosa Kislig, Girard.

We are very happy to welcome Sisters Lydia and Marion Klotzle home from their California visit, also to have Sis. Elizabeth Games home from her stay in New Martinsville, W. Va.

At this writing, Oscar Emch is in the St. Elizabeth Hospital, where he underwent surgery on Nov. 27.

Tributes to the Bible

This Book contains
The mind of God,
The way of salvation,
The doom of sinners,
And the happiness of believers.

Its doctrine is holy;
Its precepts are binding.
Its histories are true,
And its decisions immutable.

Read it to be wise,
Believe it to be safe;
Practice it to be holy.
It contains light to direct you,
Food to support you,
And comfort to cheer you.

It is the traveller's map,
The pilgrim's staff,
The pilot's compass,
The victor's sword,
And the Christian's character.

Here Heaven is opened,
The gates of hell disclosed.

Christ is its subject,
Our good its design,
The glory of God its end.

It should fill the memory,
Rule the heart
And guide the feet.

Read it slowly,
Frequently, Prayerfully.

It is a mine of wealth,
And a river of pleasure.

It is given to you here in this life,
Will be used at the Judgment,
And is established for ever.

It involves the highest responsibility,

Will reward the greatest labor,
And condemns all who trifle with
its sacred contents.

Author Unknown

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marian Wiegand

We are happy to report that the remodeling of our church has progressed far enough that we are now able to use the new assembly room and dining room. Afternoon services will start at 12:30 P.M., rather than 11:30, as reported in the October issue.

Richard and Janet Knecht are the parents of a baby boy, born October 13. He has been named Richard Samuel Jr.

A little girl, Cynthia Kay, was born November 27 to Kenneth and Phyllis Rokey. Her grandparents are Bro. and Sis. John Rokey and Bro. and Sis. Adolph Tanner of Goodfield.

A baby girl, Susan Lynn, arrived November 12 at the home of Richard and Edith Franks.

Bros. Edwin Bahler and Edmund Kloter brought inspiring messages when they visited our congregation, with their families, November 26.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marilyn Schieler

On November 12, we were pleased to have Bro. Carl Kipfer from Bluffton as guest minister.

Plans are in the making for the annual Christmas Program. It will be held on Wednesday evening, December 20.

Perry Klopfenstein, son of Sis. Anna Klopfenstein, and Marvin and Harold Kaupp, sons of Bro. and Sis. Walter Kaupp, entered the armed services on November 13.

Know Each Other Better

Our oldest member is Bro. Diebold Kiefer, who is 92 years old. He was born on July 14, 1869, in Germany, the son of Margaret and Mike Kiefer. He came to this country with his parents, at the age of four. They settled in this vicinity and farmed east of Gridley. Diebold's father, Mike, was minister in the Gridley congregation until his death.

Diebold repented at the age of 21 and was baptized here by Bro. Witzig. On February 16, 1896, he married Sis. Kathryn Hartman of Morton. Seven children were born to this union, and he now has 13

grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. One son, Henry, passed away in 1957.

Bro. Diebold was a farmer until December 20, 1931, when he retired, and they moved to town. Sis. Kathryn passed away in September, 1956. A daughter, Sis. Gertie, now lives with her father. He broke his hip when he was 88 years old, but he recovered and was able to attend church again. When he was 90, he again broke his hip, and has not been able to attend church since then.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr

Visitors Nov. 5, Bro. Roy Yackley and Andy, Wichita; Bro. and Sis. Godfrey Miller and Chris, Eldorado; Bro. and Sis. Roy Wernli and family, Lamont. We deeply enjoyed the messages of Bro Roy Wernli.

Sunday, November 12, was a most blessed and inspiring day for our congregation. Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, Bro. Joe Aberle, Sabetha; Bro. Wayne Miller, Ft. Scott; and Bro. Robert Young, Wichita, were here with their families for the proving and baptism of Wilma Young. May God be with her, and we pray that many more may be added to the fold. Other visitors for the day were: Bro. and Sis. Dan Sinn, Charles and Ruby, Sis. Mary Reber, Bro. and Sis. Dave Massner, Ft. Scott; Sis. Anna Marie Warner and family, Mrs. Gwen Miller, Arlington; Bro. and Sis. Alpha Aberle, Roger and Janie, Sabetha; Sis. Diana Farney, Bro. Charles Sauder, Manhattan; Bro. and Sis. Harvey Smith and family, Bro. and Sis. Al Langhofer and family, Bro. and Sis. Bruce Dopps and family, and Bro. Art Wollschleger and Sally, Wichita. Thanksgiving evening services were held, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sauder, Chappel, Nebraska, visited with us. Other visitors during the month were: Ungela Strahm, Wichita; Matt Strahm, Kansas City, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Peare and family, Wichita; Mr. and Mrs. Buck Caudell and family, Neosho, Missouri.

HILLSBORO, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

A daughter, Mary Kathryn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Burt Knight. She was Erlene Stricklin, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Henry Stricklin.

Sis. Pearl Stricklin is able to be up and around in her home again.

ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Reporter: Nancy Tanner

On November 2, we had Bro. Joe Schrock with us. He selected as his text, Matthew 23. Guests were present from Forrest, Gridley, and Cissna Park.

We were happy to have Bro. Edwin Ringger from Gridley with us on November 9. Visitors for the evening came from Gridley and Roanoke.

For our meeting on November 16, we welcomed Bro. Philip Sauder from Cissna Park. He read from Acts 16. The guests for the evening came from Cissna Park, Morton, Princeville, Tremont, Elgin, Taylor, Gridley, and Peoria.

Bro. LeRoy Huber from Eureka was our guest on November 30. He read and meditated from Romans 8:1-13. We also welcomed other guests from Eureka, Forrest, Princeville, Roanoke, Cissna Park, and Fairbury.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Reporter: Albert J. Bucher

Births: On Oct. 28, a daughter, to Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Bucher. They named her Leanne Beth. On Nov. 5, a son, to Bro. and Sis. Gene Nuest. His name is Donald Lynn.

Bro. Elvin Nuest has been called to Service; he leaves on Dec. 5. We will miss him and his wife, Sis. Janet. May God be with them always.

Nov. 19, the Bremen Bible School class visited here.

LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Mrs. Audrey McCagdren is slowly recovering of her illness at home, after being in the hospital many weeks.

Mrs. Annie Sandlin of Grayson, Ala., a sister of Audrey McCagren, had undergone surgery, but is now home again.

A large group gathered at the home of Bro. and Sis. Chester Simons for worship services Nov. 17.

Worship services were held in the home of Lester and Sis. Bessie Drake, Nov. 24, for young and old.

LATTY, OHIO

Reporter: Roberta Stoller

November 5 visitors included a number of folks from the Wolcott

congregation. We were happy to have Bro. Alfred Bahler come with them. We thank them all for coming and Bro. Bahler for the messages he brought.

On Nov. 12, Bro. Ezra and Sis. Martha Stoller of Gridley and Bro. Dick and Sis. Gladys Binkele and family of Peoria, also Bro. and Sis. Jake Funk and Sis. Melba Funk of Cissna Park were here.

On Thursday evening, Nov. 16, services were held, with Bro. Ernest Gerber of Rockville as visiting minister. With him were his wife and Bro. and Sis. Paul Lanz.

Our visitors on Nov. 19 were: Bro. and Sis. Jim Reinhard of Bluffton, Bro. and Sis. Emil Fisher and their son, Eli, and his wife of Roanoke, Bro. and Sis. Eldon Steffen of Cissna Park, and Bro. and Sis. George Laidig and family of Toledo.

On Nov. 26, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fetter of Toledo were with us for services.

Jerry Glass, son of Bro. Harold and Dorothy Glass, suffered serious injuries when he was in a motor scooter accident. He is in the Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Sis. Dorothy Sinn had the misfortune of breaking her arm. She is getting along quite well at this writing.

Sis. (Tootie) Bertha Sinn is now home recuperating, after having surgery.

Bro. Gary Stoller, who had to report for active duty with the Air Force last month, left for overseas the 6th of November. He is now stationed in France. His address is:

AIC Gary Stoller AF 22966297

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New York, N. Y.

Bro. Bill Lauhuf left for the Services Nov. 7. He is stationed at Fort Sam Houston. His wife, Sis. Janice, hopes to be able to join him in the near future.

Dale Gerber, son of Bro. and Sis. Fred Gerber, was home on a furlough over Thanksgiving. He is also stationed at Fort Sam Houston.

Bro. and Sis. Alvin Laukhuf and family of Rittman were visitors on Dec. 3.

LEO, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder

The Sunday School children presented a Thanksgiving program at the church, Sunday evening, Nov. 19.

Thanksgiving Day services were held Thursday forenoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Lantz are still at Patuxent Maryland, where he is in the U. S. Navy. They plan on spending their Christmas here at home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Lantz. Dennis Klopfenstein, who is in France with the Air Force, writes he is well and kept busy. He took a trip into Germany and found the scenery beautiful. Also, he found the prices are higher in Germany than France.

The Sunday School and church have been given a generous gift by Bro. Aaron and Sis. Sarah Schwartz. The gift is a beautiful plot of ground facing the Cedarville river-lake, with a building on it. The endeavor now is to plan in what way it would be most useful to the Sunday School and church.

Maude Greuter and Lydia Souder have been in and out of hospitals since the last issue of the Silver Lining. Both are able to attend church services again.

Keith Hall is at the present time in the hospital, for surgery.

LESTER, IOWA

Reporter: Emelie Knobloch

We are happy to report that we have a friend who has found a need for a Saviour and so has turned his heart to the Lord, William Gerber, son of Bro. and Sis. Ted Gerber.

The Bible Class Singing Group from here spent Nov. 26 at Morris. Several cars of young couples were at Morris Nov. 19.

Dale Metzger is able to attend church again, following back surgery a couple months ago. Alberta Sandau is recuperating from a seige of pneumonia. Betty Wulf has injured her leg and is on crutches.

Visitors: Bro. and Sis. Harold Graham and family, Bro. and Sis. Paul Fehr and family, Bro. and Sis. Harold Meiss, Bro. and Sis. Will Luthi, Mr. and Mrs. Don Luthi, Morris; Bro. and Sis. Boyd Metzger and Beth, Chicago; Bro. and Sis. Ray Anliker and family, Mrs. Dick Schmidt, Bob and Richard Banwart, Leonard Anliker, and Calvin Mogler, West Bend; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knobloch and sons, Woodward, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. John Tolvstad and family, Mrs. Kate Dietrich, Elgin, Ill.; Joyce, Marlene, and Sis. Lena Rumbolt, Butch

Knobloch and Gene Metz, Princeville; Bro. and Sis. Ira Rokey and Merna of Goodfield; Bro. and Sis. Vern Hohulin and family and Sis. Emma Staub, Peoria.

Know Each Other Better

Sis. Pauline Maurer Moser was born in Roegheim, Germany, May 14, 1882, to Martin and Sis. Christina Maurer. Her brother, William, and sister, Anna, came to this country in 1889 and lived at Lester with relatives. In 1891, her parents, herself, two brothers, Carl and August, and a sister, Emma Knobloch, came to Philadelphia, where they lived a year. Then, they came to Rock Rapids, excepting Carl, who stayed at Philadelphia. Her two oldest sisters stayed in Germany, beings they were married and had families. Sis. Pauline was the youngest of the family, and is now the only living one.

Sis. Pauline was married to Samuel Moser in 1901. Samuel was born Dec. 15, 1877, to Bro. Christ and Sis. Mary Luthi Moser, at West Bend. His parents came to Elgin, Ia., from Switzerland and later moved to West Bend, by oxen, where they homesteaded.

Her parents were Lutherans, but after her mother lived among folks of our faith, she knew this was the way, so turned to the Lord and was converted a year or so later.

In 1906, Sis. Pauline turned to the Lord, found peace with God, and was baptized by Elder Bro. John Plattner, Sabetha. She said she was brought to repentance by the same reason as we all, as we know it is the only way to eternity. She realized she should have done it sooner. They had eleven children, of whom all are living: William; Mrs. (Christina) Glenn Benson; Otto; Samuel Jr.; Martin; Carl; Mrs. (Louise) John Tolvstsd; Adolph; Lou; and Kenneth. They all live in the community but Louise, who lives at Elgin (Ill.).

She often prays and pleas for her children's salvation and hopes God will grant her such a blessing.

Sis. Pauline's husband passed away during World War II. They had two sons in service at the time, Adolph and Lou. Adolph was in France and was unable to be here. Sis. Pauline spent all her life on a farm. Her sons took care of her farm until her retirement in 1948 to Rock Rapids. She felt it more convenient to live in Lester, beings

the church was there, so she moved in 1956, where she still lives. She was busy doing hand sewing for her children for Christmas, when we called on her. She told me she was so thankful she has enjoyed reasonably good health, as she can only recall twice that she was seriously ill, with scarlet fever and pleurisy. She has lived alone now for 14 years, and is able to care for herself and her home.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Reporter: Arthur Haab

Sis. Grace Wuthrich died Nov. 11, after a long illness. Bro. Theo Beer had the funeral services.

Sis. Ruby Zimmerman is recovering nicely from her operation. Bro. William Hartter continues to be extremely critical.

On Nov. 12, we were thankful that Bros. Bob Heuni and Earl Zeltwanger ministered to us and brought us very inspiring messages from God's word. Also, on this week end, several couples from Forrest and Fairbury visited us.

Our Thanksgiving program was held on Sunday evening, Nov. 19, and it was enjoyed by those attending and participating.

Bro. Alan and Sis. Dorothy Beer are returning from Nigeria, Africa, after a three-month stay. Bro. Allan studied there under a medical scholarship grant, and Sis. Dorothy worked in the hospital as a nurse.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Mrs. Louie Messner

We enjoyed the sermons of Bro. Leo Moser of Lester, Sun., Nov. 19. Thirteen couples came, and supper was served at church.

On Sunday, Nov. 26, Bro. Carl Feucht Jr. of Lester was our visiting minister. He was accompanied by his wife, Bro. and Sis. Andy Mogler and the Lester Bible Class. Supper was served on Saturday evening at the Charles Koehl home, and Sunday at Bro. Floyd Schmidgalls, for company and our Bible Class members.

Kathy Jean was born Nov. 30 to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nohl.

Robert Nohl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Nohl, entered the Service November 15. His address is

Robert J. Nohl US 55698671
Class 6-B Co. D-3D, BN,
USAMTC, BAMC
Ft. Sam Houston, Texas

MORTON, ILLINOIS**Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz**

Funeral services for Sis. Kate Strunk, age 74, were held November 15. Bro. Joe A. Getz officiated.

Wm. and Janice Kilgus Dorris were baptized November 19.

Bro. Carl Kinsinger of Altadena spent Sunday morning, Nov. 19, with us.

A group from Peoria sang several numbers at our regular Sunday evening singing on the 12th.

A daughter was born October 6 to Bro. and Sis. Al Hunziker. A son was born October 11 to Bro. and Sis. Harry Kaiser.

Sis. Hilda Roth entered the Methodist Hospital in Peoria for observation.

Sis. Matilda Hauter is a patient at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Sis. Eloise Stout is very sick at the A. C. Home.

Sis. Lydia Kaufman and Sis. Bertha Domnick are confined to their homes because of illness.

We were pleased to have the three Tremont ministers with us Wednesday evening, November 29—Bro. August Bollinger, Bro. Simon Wagenbach and Bro. Albert Aberle.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.**Reporter: Mrs. Gus Weltz**

We are very happy to report that the strike at the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company was settled here on Nov. 11, with many of the men reporting back to work on November 13, others were called later in the week, and many were not called back at all, due to the fact that many changes were made with the signing of the new work contract.

Weather here has been very lovely for this season; we hope it continues for a longer period of time.

Mrs. Emma Berger returned to the home of her daughter, on Sunday, December 3, after spending several weeks here with her son, C. W. Berger and wife.

Mrs. Emma Berger and daughter-in-law, Mrs. C. W. Berger, attended services at the Monroe Church on November 19.

By the time this paper is received by many of us, it will be very near the Christmas season, so we will wish for one and all, a very Merry Christmas and a bright New

Year. This wish comes from the members of the family of Mrs. Emma Barth.

Know Each Other Better

The only living member of the New Martinsville Church is Mrs. Emma Berger, who enjoyed her 88th birthday on November 6, while spending several weeks here with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Berger. She was born on Limestone Ridge, on November 6, 1873, a daughter of George and Virginia Lohr, and spent her entire life on Limestone Ridge, until ill health forced her and her husband to move to St. Marys, W. Va., in 1952, where they made their home with their only daughter, Mrs. B. B. Glover. She was married to William Berger on February 13, 1893, and to this union were born five children, one daughter and four sons (one son was seriously injured in an accident in 1958 and died within a few hours), also one foster daughter, 13 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren, also one sister still living, one sister and one brother having passed away.

She repented and was baptized on February 6, 1898, by the late Joseph Ingold. Her husband was always a strong supporter of the church, but did not seek repentance until 1946, and he was baptized by Elder Elias Dotterer. He passed away in 1952, at the age of 85 years. Since his death, Mrs. Berger has made her home with her children, and while she gets around very well for one her age, she is handicapped with poor eyesight. She is very cheerful, is always happy to have visitors, and always ready to spend a day with friends. She has been the guest of this reporter many times, and the days pass all too quickly when she makes her visits.

She has always enjoyed piecing and quilting quilts, crocheting rugs, and sewing of all kinds. She has taken care of many of her family during their illness. Her parents were both quite aged and ill for many years before they passed on, and she cared for them both. Of her life, we would say she was a good daughter, a dutiful wife, a kind and loving mother, and a real Christian. We wish for her many more years of life, with as much good health as possible.

PORTLAND, OREGON**Reporter: Mrs. Robert Miller**

We were happy to have Bro. Ray and Sis. Anna Cooper from Powers, Oregon, with us during the Thanksgiving week end. They do well in getting up to Portland as often as they do, living over 300 miles from us. They hope to be here over Christmas, also.

Our sister, Golda Ditch, from Medford, Oregon, visited last month also. It is always a blessing to have these dear ones among us.

Friends John and Betty (Hari) Kaufman are the parents of their first baby girl, Dora Maria, born November 29. She joins brothers Curtis and Keith. Bro. Gottlieb and Sister Dorothy Hari, parents to Betty, from Morton, are visiting at Silverton at this time, for several weeks.

"No Room in the Inn"

No beautiful chamber,
No soft cradle bed,
No place but a manger,
Nowhere for His head;
No praises of gladness,
No tho't of their sin,
No glory, but sadness,
No room in the inn.

No sweet consecration,
No seeking His part,
No humiliation,
No place in the heart;
No tho't of the Saviour,
No sorrow for sin,
No prayer for His favor,
No room in the inn.

No one to receive Him,
No welcome while here,
No balm to relieve Him,
No staff, but a spear;
No seeking His treasure,
No weeping for sin,
No doing His pleasure,
No room in the inn.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS**Reporter: Ruth Ricketts**

We were thankful for a visit with several from LaCrosse, Sunday, October 29, especially for our ministering brother, Arthur Gude-man.

Bro. Albert Aberle of Tremont ministered to us on December 3.

Sister Verla Stahl and Bro. Alfred Haussmann were united in marriage November 19 by Bro. Frank Woertz.

Services were held Thanksgiving morning and a capacity crowd was in attendance, to give thanks

for all the blessings received in the past year.

Bro. Ellsworth and Sis. Donna Martin are the parents of a daughter, born November 24. She has a little sister to welcome her home. December 1, Bro. Vernon and Sis. Bernice Stoller had a daughter born to them. She has three sisters awaiting her at home.

Wayne Guingrich, son of Bro. Ed and Sis. Doris, was inducted into the Army a few weeks ago and is stationed at Ft. Sam Houston.

We are sorry to report that Sis. Marie Stahl is seriously ill in a Peoria hospital, and pray she may soon recover.

We were happy to have Bro. Richard Seidel with us in Sunday School, December 1, after an absence of several weeks, due to a serious accident.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Emily Kilgus

On November 5, Bro. John Bollier of Leo was our visiting minister. He was accompanied by his family and several couples from Leo.

On November 19, we were partakers of the Lord's supper. Bros. Irvin Lehman and Joe Waibel served us.

On Thanksgiving Day, we were thankful for a large attendance. The Wolcott congregation gathered with us, as did visitors from various places. Bros. Irvin Stoller and Henry Kilgus were our visiting ministers.

Percy Clauss is making satisfactory improvement, after undergoing surgery.

Bro. Harold and Sis. Arleeta Maibel are the parents of a son, Bruce Allen, born November 26. Sis. Lena Strahm of Sabetha is here helping care for her new grandson.

On Sunday, Nov. 12, Bro. Vernon Schwab and family of Wolcott visited us, for which we were thankful.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Reporter: Lucille Hartzler

We had many visiting ministers in the past month. On Nov. 5, Bro. Henry Wackerle of Bay City was here. Bro. Andrew Dotterer of Junction and Bro. Joe Waibel of Bay City ministered to us on Nov. 12. On the evening of Nov. 13, we had with us Bros. John Bahler of Rockville and Dave Mangold of Roanoke.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, proving, and Sunday, Nov. 19, baptism, was conducted. Our new sisters and brothers-in-faith are Bro. and Sis. Ed Zollinger, Bro. and Sis. Dean Marty, Sis. Delores Bauman, Sis. Janette Hartzler, Bro. Ben Blough, and Bro. Alvin Zollinger. We wish them God's richest blessings in their new-found faith. Elder Bro. Rudolph Graf of Akron assisted our Elder Bro. Noah Bauman in this work. Other ministers here were Bro. Ernest Graf of Akron and Bro. Lorentz Emch of Girard.

On Saturday evening, Sunday School song-service was held, with visiting minister, Bro. Loren Stoller, of Latty giving an inspiring message to our Sunday School. Bro. Loren also ministered to us on Sunday, Nov. 26.

Our friends, Jean and Harlan Stoller, have given their hearts to the Lord. Jean is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. John Widmer, and Harlan the son of Bro. and Sis. Lawrence Stoller.

Announcement was made on Sunday, Nov. 26, of the approaching marriage of Sis. Carole Beery and Bro. Dave Steiner, both of Rittman.

On Sunday, Dec. 3, Bro. Robert Boltz and Sis. Marjorie Zollinger were united in holy matrimony.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Sara Aeschleman

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family of our Bro. Joe Rocke, in their hour of sorrow. We, too, feel the loss of one who has served us for many years.

Our friend, Marvin Leman, was proved and baptized Sunday, Nov. 26. May God bless him in his new walk of life.

Bro. and Sis. Joe Aeschleman are the parents of a new daughter, born Nov. 11.

Visiting ministers this month were Bros. Michael Weyeneth, Roy Sauder, Lester Hartter, John Bahler, Carl Kinsinger, Joe Getz and Alfred Wuthrich.

Sis. Pauline Schneider of Rockville, who had been confined to the home of Bro. and Sis. Clarence Mangold because of illness, has returned to Rockville with her sister, Frieda Reutter.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Reporter: Carlton J. Lanz

This edition of the Silver Lining, whereas, it being our first in which

to report to you from here—let us take this occasion to extend our greetings to all who read these columns.

We especially think of our brethren and friends in Service. Any opening or opportunity they may have to come here, we would welcome them to unite in worship with us.

Whatever we contribute here, be it little or much, we hope it can be of interest or benefit to someone — somewhere.

Early in the month, we had as visitors: Bro. James Farney and wife; Sis. Isabelle Virkler of New Bremen and Castorland, N. Y., respectively, also Bro. Robert Bauman and wife, of Rittman.

The passing of our dear sister, Mary Graf, 84, of Akron, whose funeral services were held there on Nov. 13, brought together many persons from various and distant churches. Among those from Rockville were: Elder John Bahler and his wife, Olga Bahler and Lydia Luginbuhl, Bro. Ernest Luginbuhl and his wife, Bro. Werner Kupferschmid and his wife, Bro. Harold Lanz and his wife, Bro. Chris Luginbuhl and your reporter.

Our Thanksgiving Day services were held at the church, as usual. The message was most fitting—solemn, however.

Bros. Amos Hartzler, 89, his two sons, Reuben and Vernon and Bro. Elmer Zollinger, all of Rittman spent Sunday here. We truly enjoyed having them with us. Especially were we glad to have Bro. Amos, at his advanced age, yet to minister unto us. Our fellowship was warm and close.

Services here on Sunday begin at 10:15, with singing; general services at 10:30; Lunch is served in the dining room, following the morning service. Afternoon services are at 1:00 P.M., Wednesday evening 7:30.

Stationed at West Point, N. Y., Bro. Frederick Pohl comes here each week-end, to join with us in worship—a distance of approximately 260 miles, to and from. His home is in Burlington, Iowa.

With prayer and carols, gifts and feastings, we keep the Day. All is intended to symbolize our faith in, and hope and love for one another. Only then do we realize the true significance of our celebration of Christmas.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Reporter: Ed. H. Steiner

November 5, Bro. and Sis. Le Roy Huber of Eureka were with us. We enjoyed Bro. Huber's sermon and admonition, which were very inspiring. We hope he can visit us soon again. Bro. Vernon Blunier, Bro. Rocke, and their wives, from Eureka, were also here.

November 12, among our visitors were Bro. and Sis. Andy Mogler, Bro. and Sis. Russell Wuthrich of Pulaski; Fred Metzger and his wife, Bro. and Sis. Elmer Metzger, Edward and Barbara Metzger, of the Lester community; and Wayne Locher of Imperial (Altadena church). Bro. and Sis. Ted Locker are Wayne's parents. Bro. and Sis. James Ramseyer came up from Ft. Riley, Kans., where he is in Service; their home is Bay City.

November 23, Robert Locher of Waterloo, Ia., (where he is employed) came to spend Thanksgiving with his folks and friends.

Bro. Fred Luthi of Lamont came to visit his son and family, Bro. and Sis. Glen Luthi, and members of our community over Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Domnick of Morton were home to visit Mrs. Domnick's mother, Sis. Lea Bauman, and her family, over Thanksgiving. We were glad to meet Sis. Lea in church again, after a long time, since her confinement for surgery.

Sis. Tillie Heiniger and daughter, Sis. Alice, of Morton spent Thanksgiving with Sis. Anna Strahm and family and members.

November 27, Bro. and Sis. Dan Steiner, Velma and Carol, Sis. Glenna Pflederer and Annette Beutel of Tremont made a short visit and had dinner with Bro. Dan's parents, Bro. and Sis. Ed. Steiner.

Bro. Joe Stoller spent a few days in the hospital, but we are glad to meet and see him in our midst again, much better.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Reporter: Velta Laukhuf

Time of Service: Starting the Sunday of January 7, 1962 at 1:00 P.M. at the Women's Club Building—Corner of Park and Palm Avenue. Check the Sarasota Herald Tribune Church Directory, if in the

area, for any changes in the hour of service.

Sarasota is located on the Gulf Coast of the Sunshine State, about 35 miles south of St. Petersburg. It is a city of approximately 20,000 population.

Mr. and Mrs. August Laukhuf of Latty are staying in the Sarasota area, along with Roy Sinn of Convoy, Ohio.

We are expecting our minister, Bro. Phil and Sister Fern Wingeier, of Alto to be with us again this year.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. William H. Beutel

Visiting ministers for November 5 were Bro. Edwin Kloter, with his wife and children, Fairbury, and Bro. Lowell Stoller, with his wife and children, Princeville.

November 6—Funeral services were held for Sis. Bertha Lusher, who was 88 years of age. She was one of our shut-ins.

On November 19, Herbert Suchert was buried. His funeral services were held at the Funeral Home.

Sis. Ida Unsicker is back home, after several weeks in the hospital; and Sis. Lenora Kahler also is home, after a week in the hospital, following a car accident.

Bro. and Sis. Arnold Rassi had as their guests on November 5 the Stoller and Kloter families and also Mother Stoller, Sis. Edith Martin, and Bro. and Sis. John Endress of Princeville. Also, on November 5, Bro. and Sis. Dale Sauder had as their guests, Bros. and Sis's Jerry Kiesers and Ellsworth Martins, Princeville; Bros. and Sis's. Dick Klopfensteins and Amy, Frank Schock, Ed Haas, Elmer Getz, Merle and Sis. Madeline Tobler, Vicki and Julie, from Elgin, Ill.

Sunday, November 26 - Bros. Joe A. Getz and Frank Woertz and their wives were with us. The elders served Communion. How thankful we can be to have this service. They also held Communion at the homes of Bro. Edwin Kahler and Sis. Mary Woerner, two of our shut-ins.

We are very thankful that Richard Steiner, son of Bro. and Sis. Dan Steiner, could turn unto the Lord and give up these worldly things. His parents were to visit him over Thanksgiving at Ft. Sam Houston. He has his orders to go to Germany, December 1.

Bro. and Sis. Ed Schupbach had as their guests on Sunday, November 26, his family for Thanksgiving dinner — Mother, Sis. Marie Schupbach and daughter Sis. Frieda, Bros. and Sis's. John Kaufman and family, Dale Reutter and family, Will Gudeman and family and George Schupbach and family of Cissna Park and Bro. and Sis. Emanuel Steffen and family of Fairbury.

TSUTSUJIGA OKA and SHIODA JAPAN

Reporter: Yoshito Inoue

We held a special Sunday School on Oct. 19 at Shioda, to invite more children to our Sunday School. There was a big crowd, among whom some were new students and some had been absent for a long time. Since that time, we have much more students in the Sunday School than ever.

We, from Tsutsujigaoka, visited an orphanage, Futaba-gakuen, on Thangsgiving Day. There were 55 parentless children, whose ages are from 6 to 18. We were surprised to hear them sing hymns very well, which they learned at their own Sunday School. We sang them hymns. One of the teachers at the orphanage said they wanted to teach children to sing hymns in four parts as we did.

Brother Willis Ehnle and his family are leaving Japan to spend a year with his parents in the U.S.A., on Nov. 16, from Yokohama. So people are required to send letters, if there are any, to his parents' address in Illinois, from now on.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Reporter: August Mueller

Today, our visitors were Bro. and Sis. Raymond Heinn, from Rockville. We were glad to have them. Sis. Flo Kaiser was with us again today; we were very glad to see her again in our midst.

Know Each Other Better

A few words about our minister, Brother Charles Krotzner, who never goes anywhere unless he is compelled to go. He has a very responsible position, but his main concern is the church. It should be every member's main concern.

Last winter, we had mountains of snow. Over Sunday, many churches were closed, but he, with his brother, Arthur, came through

somehow, and church was held as usual, with about five or six attending, including two brothers from Washington (Servicemen). I was snowed in. After the winter was over, he had the shingles. That kept him home one Sunday, but after that, he was at his post every Sunday, preaching and singing (We sing every Sunday from 12 to 12:30).

Also, Bro. John Diggelman is laboring hard in the vineyard of the Lord, proclaiming His word and inviting the souls to come to the Lord while the door of grace is open yet. We are indeed fortunate to have ministers who are so concerned over the church, the members, and the friends . . . Brother Charles Krotzner and Brother John Diggelman. God bless them.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Reporter: Anna M. Schmidt

Visitors for the month of November: The weekend of Nov. 5, Bro. and Sis. Paul and Helen Strahm and sons, Donnie and Delwin; Sis. Emily Lorscher from Sabetha. The week end of Nov. 12, Bro. and Sis. Leo and Leona Moser, their son Wesley and daughter, Myra, and Bro. and Sis. Silas and Edith Knobloch and their two daughters from Lester. We enjoyed having Bro. Leo; he gave some very inspiring messages.

On Tuesday evening, Nov. 14, Bro. Henry Koehl and Bro. and Sis. Henry and Emma Schmidgall were here (from Morris). We also had church services that evening.

Bro. and Sis. Henry and Elaine Kellenberger and family were here over Thanksgiving. Bro. and Sis. Reuben and Chrystal Luthi and their son Jeffrey were here the week end of Nov. 26.

Sis. Elizabeth Marti from Sabetha came for an extended visit. She has two daughters living here.

We rejoice that Verner Wirtz and his wife, Beverly, have turned to the Lord in repentance. We wish them God's rich blessing and His grace.

Bro. Ernst Fehr went to the hospital for x rays and tests.

Born to James and Melva Bargman, a son, Jay Lee, on Oct. 29; born to Benjamin Lee and Betty Jane Banwart, a son, Jeffrey Paul, Nov. 9.

Sisters Bertha Keller and Martha Frieden are both at the Good Samaritan Home in Algona, Iowa.

WICHITA, KANSAS

Reporter: Dave Hangartner

On the 22nd of Oct., our beloved friend, Jackie Bowers, who repented and found peace with the Lord, was taken into the fold. We all rejoice for another soul that has been saved.

On Nov. 26, we held Holy Communion here. It truly was a blessed day. Bro. Sam Anliker came down from Lamont to conduct Communion services for us.

Our beloved sister, Mae Aeschleman, has undergone surgery. We all wish her a speedy recovery and the Lord's blessings.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Marguerite Messner

Know Each Other Better

Our dear sister, Ida Miller, age 88, is our oldest member in the Winthrop congregation attending our services.

She was born in Switzerland Nov. 18, 1873. She came to America at the age of 6 with her parents, one half-sister, one sister and two brothers. They settled in Elgin, Ia., later moved to Postville, Ia., where her parents, brothers and sister all passed away.

She became a member in faith at the age of 17, through help and effort of her half-sister, Sis. Mary, neither parent being members or even attending the church.

Sister Ida was married to Bro. Mike Miller on Oct. 18, 1897, in Pulaski, by Elder Bro. Miebach. They had 10 children, of whom seven are living. Those living are Sister Carrie Messner, Sister Esther Messner, Florence Messner, Richard, Bro. Carl, Bro. Noah, and Sister Pearl Lieneman.

They moved to the Winthrop community in 1924, where they lived until the death of her husband, Bro. Mike, a minister in faith. He passed away in 1957. She is now making her home with her children, who are of the Winthrop congregation. She is able to attend church services about every Sunday and seldom misses.

She has 42 grandchildren, 71 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Our visitors were Elder Brother Herman Kellenberger, his wife, Sister Della, and Bro. Ed Haas and his wife, Carolyn, and Barbie of Elgin, Illinois. We had evening services, which were enjoyed by

all.

On Nov. 19, Sister Karen Metzger, Sister Marcella Gerber, Duane Metzger, Arthur Mogler and Wayne Fehr of West Bend visited us. Sisters Frances Gerber and Marilyn Schneider of West Bend, who attended college in Mankato, Minn., have finished school and returned home. We wish them success in their new undertakings.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller, Larry, Ronald and his wife of Minneapolis visited his mother and family here.

Bro. and Sis. Richard Schmidt and family of West Bend visited his mother, Sis. Emma Schmidt, and family here Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Messner of Twin Falls, Idaho, visited Sis. Marguerite Messner and relatives.

Miss Kay Witzig, Terry and Beverly Miller and son of Gridley, Ill., visited Beverly's parents, Bro. Elmer and Hazel Schmidt and family, over the holiday.

Sis. Carolyn and Robert Pfister, of Fort Wayne visited their parents, Bro. and Sis. Levi Pfister and relatives.

Nov. 25, Bro. Noah Miller, Sis. Esther Messner and their mother, Sis. Ida Miller, visited Sis. Mattie (Miller) Olson of Worthington, Minnesota. She was 90 years old last May. She is able to be up a short time each day, and is longing for the dear Lord to call her home. She loves to have visitors. Her address is 1315 Grand Ave., Worthington, Minnesota.

We have discontinued Wed. evening services for the winter months.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Reporter: Arles Kropf

We enjoyed having Bro. Joe Waibel of Bay City with us for evening services on Nov. 19.

Other visitors during the past month have been Sis. Leona Nussbaum and daughters, Sister Leona, Carol, and Janice of Fairbury; Sis. Anna Furrer of Chicago; Bro. and Sis. Ed Gramm, Bro. and Sis. Herb Gramm, Bro. and Sis. Ray Zimmerman, Paul and Wilma Zehr and children of Gridley; Sis. Velma Schladenhauffen and children of Forrest; Bro. Richard Steffen, Carlos and Marion Meiss, and Henry Steffen of Fairbury; Sis. Estella Lehman of Chicago; Herman and Mary Baumgartner and children

of Bluffton.

Bro. Elmer Stoller had the misfortune of becoming caught in an elevator tumbling-rod, injuring his leg. We are thankful he was not hurt more seriously and is able to be about again.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marjorie Knapp

Our visiting ministers the past month were Bros. Fred Grimm, Noah Schrock, LeRoy Hartman, Joe A. Getz and Ed. Hohulin. We thank them for ministering to us.

Bro. Duane and Sis. Lois Stephen are the parents of a baby girl. A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baer.

Bro. Al and Sis. Gerry Neukomm and family moved to Morton this past month. Both young and old will miss them in our weekly fellowship. Bro. Al was Sunday School superintendent, and Bro. Frederick Knapp was elected to fill the vacancy left by him.

Sat., Nov. 4, our friends, Harold and Alma Schieber, gave their testimonies of repentance, and on Sunday were baptized by Bros. Frank Woertz and Joe A. Getz. We rejoice that they have found a new life in the Lord.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

Our Wednesday evening services will be terminated this month until warm weather.

The Jacob Manz reunion was held for the first time on Oct. 29, 1961, at the Broughton Fox Club Building, near Paulding. Those attending from other churches were: Bro. Ellsworth and Sis. Evelyn Stoller and family of Kewanee, Ill.; Bro. John and Sis. Kathryn Oesch and family of Mansfield, M. G. and Sis. Lena Stoller, Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Esther Stoller, Bro. Rex and Sis. Anna Marie Plummer and family, Sis. Josephine Stoller, and Harlan and Deloris Riggenbach, all of the Latty congregation. An after-dinner singing was enjoyed by all, and the reading of a history of the Manz family was given by Bro. Henry Manz.

Nov. 19, we were favored with Bro. Homer Reineck of Toledo, who ministered to us. With Brother Reineck were his wife, Sis. Josephine, and family. Also visiting us were Bro. Sam and Sis. Katie Maller, Sis. Aldula Steffen, Bro. Leonard and Sis. Wava Bertsch, all of

Bluffton, Bud and Beulah Sauder and family of Mansfield.

There were several of our number on the sick list this month with colds and flu, but are back with us now. Sis. Lena Manz is improved at this writing, but still unable to attend services.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Bro. Carl Kinsinger of California held services here Sunday, Nov. 19. Bro. Eugene Bertschi of Roanoke was here Sunday, Nov. 26. We enjoyed their messages very much, and hope they come again.

We know Bro. Pete Martin, Bellwood Home, Peoria, Ill., would enjoy mail. He is a patient there, and confined to his bed. Bro. Joe Plattner is a patient at St. Francis Hospital. Sis. Louise Genzel has not been so well. Let us try to remember the sick, the aged, and the lonely.

Baptismal services were held for Henry Schmidtgal, Friday, Nov. 17. His wife, Marie, has been announced for proving.

We were all saddened the past few weeks by the deaths of three dear souls, Sis. Minnie Haecker, Bro. Henry Schmidtgal and Bro. Emil Hoerr. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved families. Time goes swiftly by, and one by one we are all nearing the approach of eternity. May we all say of the Lord, He is our refuge and our fortress; in Him will we trust. Preserve us until Thou will also call us Home.

Our Singing Group sang for the aged at the Buehler Home, Monday evening, Nov. 6. Quite a few of our sisters and Bro. Andy Herman make their home there.

We welcome Bro. and Sis. Dan Stohl of Princeville, who have moved here.

The Morton men's group sang at our Hymn-sing, Sunday evening, Dec. 3.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Reporter: Alice Heiniger

The wedding of Sis. Connie Schupbach and Bro. Joe Beer was performed by Bro. Roy Farney on Oct. 29. Out-of-town visitors were: Bro. and Sis. Ronald Nelson, Sis. Rose Schupbach of Kiowa, Kansas; Sis. Doris Graf and her two sisters, Lucy and Judy, Sis. Jeri Minger and Wayne Locher, all of California; Bro. Ervin and Sis. Ione Rokey of Congerville. Bro. Joe and Sis.

Connie are stationed at Fort Sam Houston.

Sis. Christine Dubach of Bluffton is visiting at the home of her parents, Bro. Joe and Sis. Hulda Heinold.

Visitors November 26 were Bro. John Dapper and daughter, Sis. Julia Ann, of Maywood, Bro. John and Sis. Lois Klotzle of Altadena, with them were Sis. Lois' parents, the Hoffmans, from Rockville. A Church supper was held Sunday afternoon, and evening services followed. A blessed week end of fellowship was had by all.

Birth announcement: Bro. Richard and Sis. Marie Beery are the parents of a baby girl, Deonne Louise, born November 1. She has a brother, Roby Dale, to welcome her at home.

Our Elder Bro. Roy Farney is under observation at the hospital this week. We pray that God may hear and answer our prayers, and restore a new measure of health for our brother.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Reporter: Kenneth E. Steffen

We had many visitors last month. Sis. Katie Gerber and Sis. Kathleen Gerber from Bluffton visited us for a week. Sis. Mary Jo Gerber came with them to join her husband, Bro. Paul Gerber.

Bro. Billy Joe and Sis. Connie Beer returned from their wedding trip. Their address here is 330 Queen Anne Ct., San Antonio 9, Texas.

On Nov. 8, Doran and Joan Wallace from Indianapolis visited Duane and Juanita Schneider. On Nov. 12, Sis. Esther and Bro. Cleo Rinkenberger and family, Carol, Sonia, and Ronald from Bloomfield, Iowa, visited us here at Ft. Sam. Bro. Cleo delivered us a wonderful message on Sunday afternoon and evening. May God bless his efforts. Also on the 26th, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Roth from Fairbury and Bro. and Sis. William Zbinden from Oak Park, Ill., visited Bro. and Sis. Billy Joe Beer.

Bro. Dan and Sis. Sophia Steiner and Carol visited their son, Richard, who has received his overseas orders. Sis. Glenna Pflederer and Annette Beutel from Tremont came with them. We wish Richard the Lord's blessings in his new walk of life, and pray that he receives peace. His new address will be:

PVT. E-2 RICHARD L. STEINER
55702631

12th Medical Holding Company
APO 34, New York, New York

Bro. Gary Ringger from Bluffton was announced for marriage to Rosetta Gerber. They plan to be wed on December 17.

On Nov. 12, a son, Jeffrey Wayne, was born to Kenneth and Roberta Steffen.

The increase in the draft call has brought many new friends and brothers to Ft. Sam. Wayne L. Guingrich, Edelstein, Ill.; Duane E. Broquard, Fairbury; Perry A. Klopfenstein & Marvin W. Kaupp, Gridley; Robert J. Nohl, Morris; Bro. Alan R. Wuthrich, Milford; Alvin B. Kipfer, Bluffton; Bro. Norman L. Haerr, Taylor; and Bro. William H. Laukhuf, Latty, have all arrived here to start their basic training. Their addresses are:

PVT. WAYNE L. GUINGRICH
55722808 Class 5-B

PVT. DUANE E. BROQUARD
55722972 Class 5-B

PVT. PERRY A. KLOPFENSTEIN
55723509 Class 6-B

PVT. MARVIN W. KAUPP
55723482 Class 6-B

PVT. ROBERT J. NOHL
55698671 Class 6-B

PVT. ALVIN B. KIPFER
55712229 Class 6-B

PVT. ALAN R. WUTHRICH
55712302 Class 7-B

PVT. NORMAN L. HAERR
55716852 Class 7-B

PVT. WILLIAM H. LAUKHUF
52540510 Class 7-B

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

LAMONT, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Bernie Emch

Bro. Joe Wittmer ministered to our congregation Nov. 5. His wife, Sis. Emma, accompanied him.

Bro. Joe Aberle was our guest minister, the morning of Nov. 12; also with him were his wife, Sis. Mary, Bro. Richard and Jane, Bro. and Sis. Alpha Aberle, Bro. Royer and Judy, Sis. Janice Aberle, Sis. Diane Farney, Bro. Charles Sauder, of the Sabetha Church, Sis. Glenn Luthi and Lauria of Bern.

Visitors Dec. 3 were Bro. Joe Stoller, Sabetha, Bro. and Sis. Mathias Strahm, Matt and Ungela, Gridley, Ks., Church, Ida Nussbaum of Bloomington, Illinois.

Bro. Feldar and Sis. Amelia Young observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary Nov. 19 in their home. Due to the poor health of Sis. Amelia, their children living near here had a dinner with them, and a few of their near relatives called on them extending congratulations.

Sis. Emma Wernli is improving in health, following surgery and being hospitalized for ten days.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Reporter: John L. Steiner

On November 12, several cars of Eureka and Tremont young members visited us.

Tuesday evening, November 14, we were privileged to have Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger of Altadena in our midst.

We were blessed with the visit of Elder Bro. John Bahler and his wife, Sis. Julia, of Rockville, on November 19. That same evening, Elder Bro. Fred Grimm of Taylor was also with us, when we were again fed with spiritual manna.

We were happy to have Elder Bro. Henry Koehl of Morris visit us, and minister to us, Monday evening, November 20.

The betrothal of Sis. Marjorie Frank to Bro. Ernest Siegle, both of Oakville, was made known on November 12.

Friend Harold Massner, son of Bro. Adolph and Sis. Rose Massner, was recently called back into the Service.

A son was born this past month to Friends Jim and Linda Gerst. Her parents are Bro. Floyd and Sis. Louise Rowell, and her grandparents are Bro. John and Sis. Lena Wegman, all of the Oakville church.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter

Visiting ministers the past month were Bro. Sam Huber, Gridley, Kans., on Nov. 5. He was accompanied by his wife, Sis. Mary, and children. Bro. Albert Wuthrich, Pulaski, and his wife, Sis. Elizabeth, were with us Sun. evening, Nov. 18. Bro. Uriel Gehring spent Tues. evening, Dec. 5, with us. With him were his wife, Sis. Judy, and son, Bradley, and Bro. and Sis. Chris Rinkenberger, all of Burlington.

Bro. and Sis. Dave Massner, Fort Scott, visited their daughters, Sis-

ters Emma and Ruth Hoerr, over the Thanksgiving week end, and assembled with us on Thanksgiving and the following Sunday also Bro. and Sis. Bob Pohl and daughters, Sis. Nancy Hodel and Sis. Loretta Hoerr, spent the week end with home folks.

Bro. Norman Hoerr left for Service in the Army on Nov. 20. He is stationed at Fort Sam Houston.

The Sunday School pupils and teachers are practicing for the Christmas program, which is to be given on Sun., Dec. 17.

Bro. Bill Heimer received an injury to his back on Nov. 11, and was taken to Blessing Hospital in Quincy. After two weeks of much suffering, he was taken to Barnes Hospital in St. Louis for tests and X-rays. It was decided not to operate, and he returned home. He has considerable pain, and recovery is slow, but we are glad he has made some improvement.

Sis. Donna Grimm, wife of Bro. Roy Grimm, submitted to surgery on Nov. 27. After a stay of several days, she was able to return home, and is making a satisfactory recovery.

A son, Timothy Eli, was born to Bro. Gerald and Sis. Marjorie Sutter on Nov. 8. They now have four boys and one girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Frieden are leaving on Dec. 9 for Anaheim, Calif., where they plan to make their home. They will be missed by all of us, but we wish them the best in their undertaking.

FAIRVIEW HAVEN FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

The building committee of Fairview Haven at Fairbury, Illinois, wishes to state that our new building, which is being built for the use of our "Senior Citizens", is well underway.

We have four churches who are sponsors, namely, Cissna Park, Gridley, Forrest, and Fairbury. However, anyone who might be interested in contributing to this worthy cause should contact any of the following: Eli Moser, Alex Stoller, John Wiedman, Alden Nussbaum, George Broquard, all of Fairbury; Harry Roth, Roy Metz, Emil Anliker, Frank Honegger, all of Forrest; Emil Schlipf, Albert Grusy, Alf Witzig, Wm. Gramm, all of Gridley; Ernest Bauer, Joe Waldbeser, Sol Farney,

Fred Knapp, all of Cissna Park.

We are also selling Debenture Bonds at 4% interest. Either bonds or contributions are deeply appreciated. We are a non-profit corporation; consequently, the more of this type of financial aid we receive, the more it shall lower the tuition for our residents.

DID I?

As I look back, back through
the years
That have so quickly flown,
I wonder did I take the time
To let my thanks be known

To those who helped me on
life's road
In ev'ry way they could,
Did I appreciate those friends
The way I really should?

O, I've been heedless; this I know,
I've been mistaken, too;
Always, it seems, I've done things
The things I wouldn't do.

Yet through it all, through thick
and thin,
By me someone has stood;
Did I appreciate such love
The way I really should?

And did I give my wreath
of flow'rs
To those who see and know?
Did I take time to shake a hand,
A ray of kindness show?

Did I o'erlook another's faults
And search for spots of good?
Did I refrain from casting stones
The way I really should?

—T. R. W.

A Little Extra

A little extra thought,
With an extra smile,
To bring a bit of cheer,
Really proves worth while.

A little extra give
Helps someone in need,
You'll not regret you did
Kind or loving deeds.

We have our work to do;
May we willing be
To add that extra bit
To someone we see.

Cast Thy Burden on the Lord

Christian, when the way seems
darkest,
And thine eyes with tears are
dim,
Straight to God, thy Father hast-
ening,
Tell thy sorrows unto him.
Not to human ear confiding
Thy sad tale of grief and care,
But before thy Father, kneeling,
Pour out all thy sorrows there.

Sympathy of friends may cheer
thee
When the fierce, wild storm is
past,
But God alone can console thee,
When it breaks upon you fast.
Go with words, or tears, or silence,
Only lay them at his feet;
Thou shalt prove how great his
pity,
And his tenderness, how sweet!

Think how thy divine Redeemer
Knew, as thou canst never know,
All the deepest grief and suffering,
All the weight of human woe;
And, although now in glory seated,
He can hear thy feeblest cry,
Even hear the stifled sighing
Of the heart's dumb agony.

All thy griefs by him permitted,
Needful is each one for thee,
All the tears by Him are counted;
One too much there cannot be;
All of whilst they fall so quickly,
Thou canst know His way is
right.

Then, each bitter tear of anguish,
Precious is, in Jesus' sight!

Far too well thy Saviour loves thee
To allow thy life to be
One long, calm, unbroken summer,
One unruffled, stormless sea.
He would have thee fondly nestle
Closer to His loving breast.
He would have the world seem
brighter
Where alone is perfect rest!

Through His wise and loving
purpose
Clearly now thou canst not see.
Still believe, with faith unshaken,
All shall work for good to thee.
Therefore, when the way seems
darkest

And thy eyes with tears are dim,
Straight to God thy Father hast-
ening,
Tell thy sorrows unto Him!

FOR MEDITATION

Submitted by the reporter from
Maywood or her husband,
Dora Sauder

Some years ago an unknown author, marvelling at the influence of Jesus Christ through nineteen centuries, wrote the following:

"Here is a man who, born in an obscure village, worked as a carpenter for several years. For three years he was a preacher. He never wrote a book, never held an office never owned a home, never had a family, never went to college. While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away; one betrayed Him. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. His executors gambled for a piece of property He had on earth, His seamless robe. He was laid in a borrowed grave through the love of a friend.

I am well within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that were ever built, all the parliaments that have ever sat, and all the kings that ever ruled, put together have not affected the life of man upon this earth like this one solitary personality. All time dates from his birth, and it is impossible to understand the progress of civilization apart from His influence.

... the greatest necessity in the world is not water, iron, gold, food, clothing, but rather Christ enshrined in human hearts."

DUTY

The editor must work,
If he would conscience find,
Free of wrongly doing,
But right with Father's mind.

In any work, large or small,
Duty demands to take
Away or add the notes,
And sweet the song to make.

The path before is short;
The work yet left is great.
All must be of Scripture,
If it would love create.

the editor

This was in a Christmas greeting someone sent in:

May the joy and peace He gives
Make glad your Christmas Day,
For Jesus is God's gift of love
That came to light our way.